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**Title: IT Transformation: Disrupt or be Disrupted**

**Abstract:**

Emerging trends like Social, Mobile, Analytics and Cloud are rapidly shifting the nature of business. IT is being asked to deliver more, faster to the business and their customers. To do that, the complexity that typifies most of today's data centers must be reduced and everything from deployment to operations to troubleshooting must be simplified and automated. Policy Architected Data Center provides the means to simplify all creation and life cycle management of all building blocks in a Data Center by bringing together people, process and technology to accelerate application deployment and better support demanding business.