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ACCELERATING CHANNEL REVENUE GROWTH



Channel Research

- ✓ State of the Channel Market insights
- ✓ Competitive Benchmarking
- ✓ Partner Satisfaction Surveys
- ✓ Partner Journey Assessments
- ✓ Partner Profitability Analysis



Channel Strategy

- ✓ Program Design
- ✓ Routes-to-Market Design
- ✓ Channel Segmentation
- ✓ Partner Capacity Planning



Recruiting & Engagement

- ✓ Partner Selection & Recruiting
- ✓ Business Transformation Training
- ✓ Partner Value Proposition Communications



Program Development

- ✓ Channel Pricing & Promotions
- ✓ Training & Certification
- ✓ Incentives & Co-Op/MDF Management
- ✓ Cloud Programs



Channel Acumen

- ✓ Field Sales Teaming
- ✓ Channel Account Manager Training
- ✓ Corporate – Channel Readiness Marketing Training



Executive Programs

- ✓ Channel Leadership Forum
- ✓ Channel Masters Program
- ✓ Channel Workshops



Over 25 years of experience building technology sales, marketing, distribution and operations teams.

- Prior to joining IPED, Rauline was Oracle's senior vice president, North American alliances and channels where she led the transition from primarily direct sales to a mix of segmented markets with indirect and direct sales, streamlined operations and improved partner profitability and satisfaction.
- Prior to Oracle, Rauline served as senior vice president of worldwide alliances for BEA Systems. She began her career with fifteen years at the IBM Corporation, selling hardware, software and services ultimately rising to vice president, channel sales & marketing for the Americas Software Group.
- A native Californian, Rauline holds a B.A. in economics from the University of California, Irvine and an MBA from the University of Southern California. Rauline is an Ironman Triathlete and Kite Surfer.





Over 20 years of operational experience helping large and small companies generate greater revenue through direct and indirect channels.

- Unique experience of leading teams on the sales as well as strategic marketing side of organizations. Throughout his career, Mark has been responsible for developing channel strategies, defining channel programs as well as leading sales teams to drive revenue.
- Before his involvement with IPED, Mark was Vice President of Americas Sales at BakBone Software responsible for all revenue from the Americas.
- Prior to BakBone, Mark was Vice President of Global Field Operations and Vice President of Marketing at Vignette responsible for developing direct and indirect channel sales strategies, programs and operational management across all major geographies plus management of corporate, field and partner marketing.
- Mark also spent 11 years at IBM where he was the Director of Partner Marketing responsible for managing the global go- to-market strategies for all software brands which included developing channel readiness, partner recruitment, partner enablement, and channel marketing programs.
- Mark earned a BA in Computer Science from The University of Texas at Austin and spent his early career as a software developer and development project manager.





*Over 30 years of experience
in technology channel
strategy, sales, marketing
and operations*

- For the majority of her career, Beth has had a specialty focus on partnering economics, service delivery engagement models and field sales operational plans
 - 11+ years working at sr. management levels in commercial distribution (Merisel, Ingram Micro)
 - Started and ran Sun (MOCA) enterprise products division of Merisel (then Arrow Electronics)
 - Director of SMB Commercial Market Development – Cisco Systems
 - Sr. Director of Partner Strategy and Operations – BEA Systems
 - Vice President, Research and Consulting – PartnerPath
- Beth brings together a unique blend of skills and experience. With a combination of IT vendor, distributor and research/consulting experience, her insights are not just headquarters-based and theoretical, but grounded in practical application, operational efficiency and field experience.
- Beth is an industry-recognized speaker, analyst and BLOG'er, having written hundreds of pages of channel research publications throughout the years.



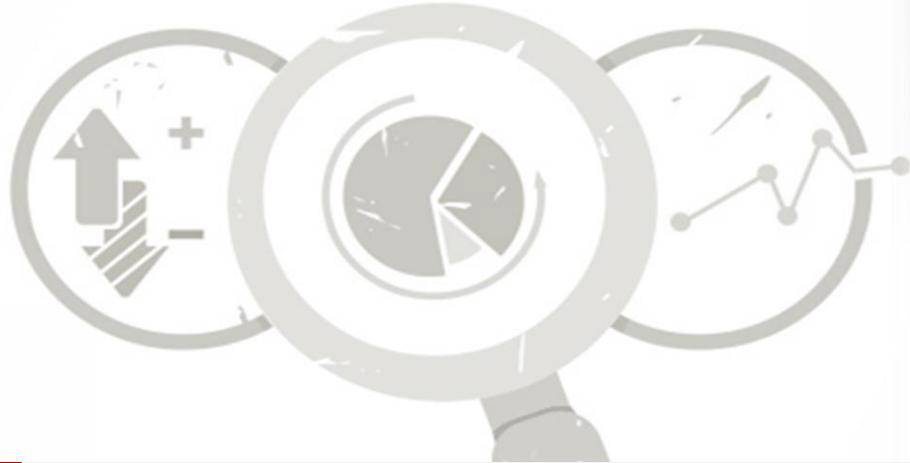


Surviving & Managing The Shift To The

STRATEGIC SERVICE PROVIDER MODEL



IPED 2016 Channel Census Overview

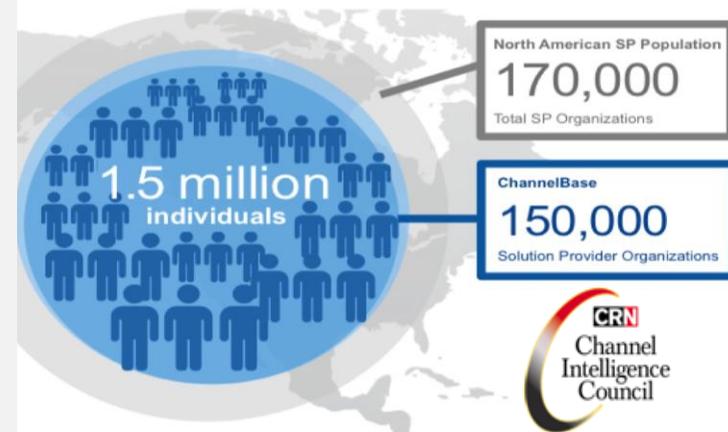


OBJECTIVES

- Broad overview of the demographics of the N. American solution provider community
- Analysis of emerging solution provider business models
- Key insights into growth strategies, barriers and support expectations of each major partner type

METHODOLOGY

- Leverage *The Channel Company* solution provider database and the *CRN Channel Intelligence Council*
- On-line survey fielded in *January 2016*
- Approximately *600* completed responses
- Data cleansed and normalized for outliers; data represents means unless otherwise noted
- Selected *partner interviews* to clarify responses



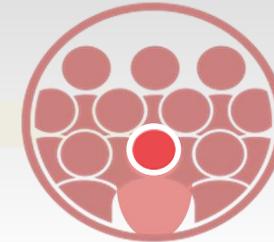
The “Solution Provider” Evolves: “Strategic Service Provider”

Reseller

VAR

Solution Provider

Strategic Service Provider



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Represents the **aspirational capabilities** of partners 3-5 years into the future

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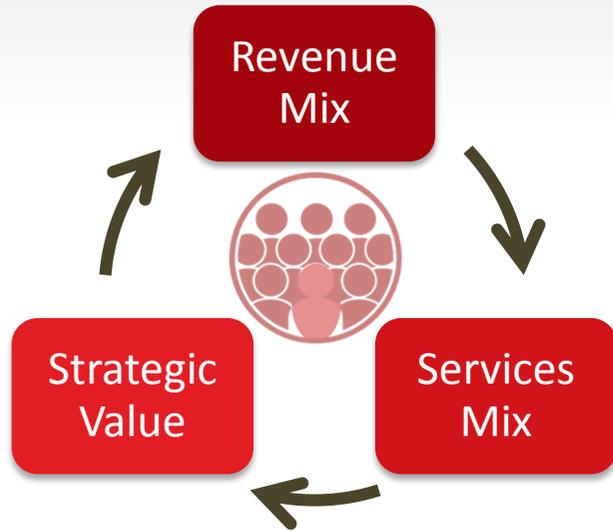
Captures the ability of the partner to be the **trusted advisor to the customer**

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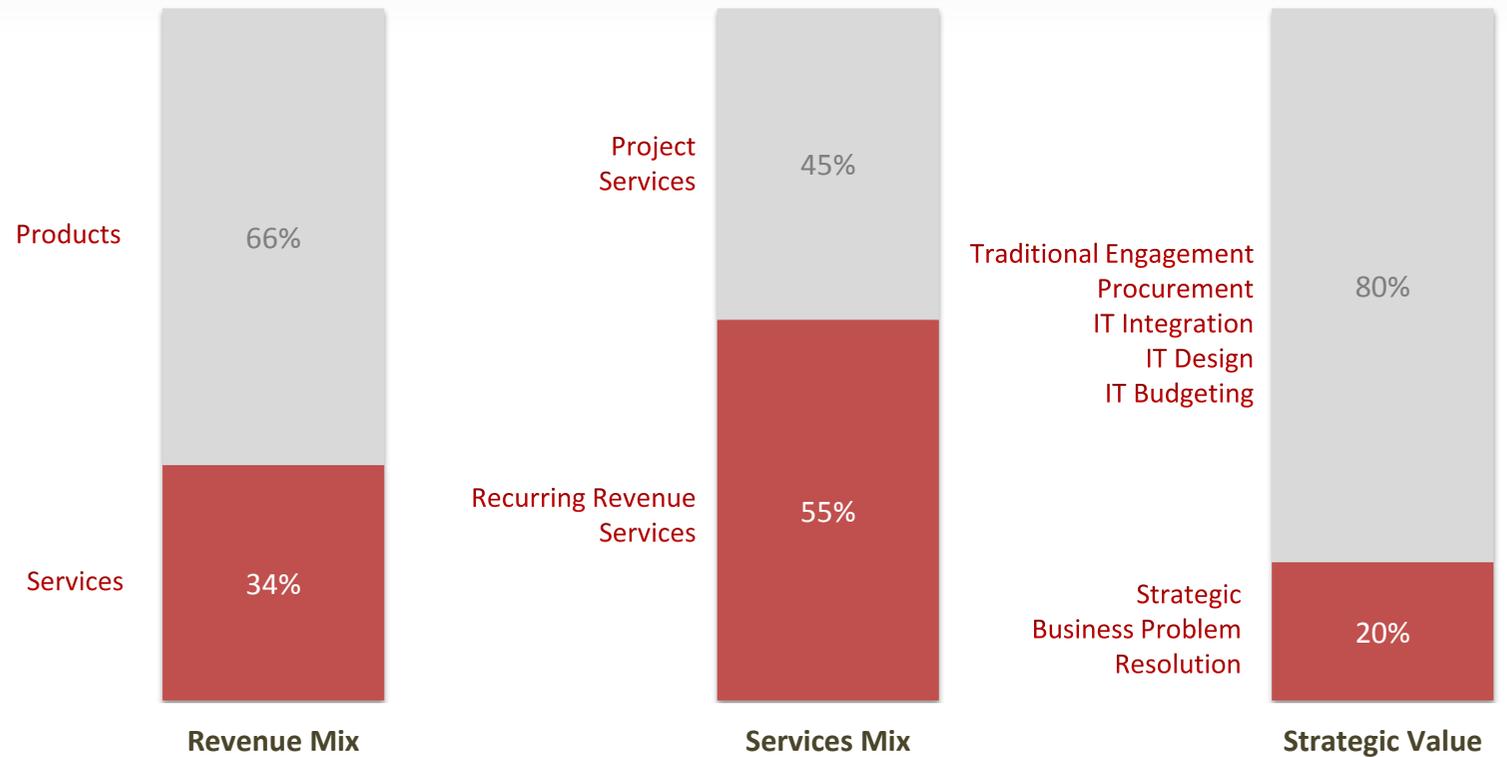
Represents **cloud brokerage** capabilities around IaaS, PaaS, SaaS, and other managed services

The term does not replace ISV, DMR, Consultant, SI or other business models; it represents Best in Class of these business models as well as the continued transformation of the **VAR heritage solution provider**

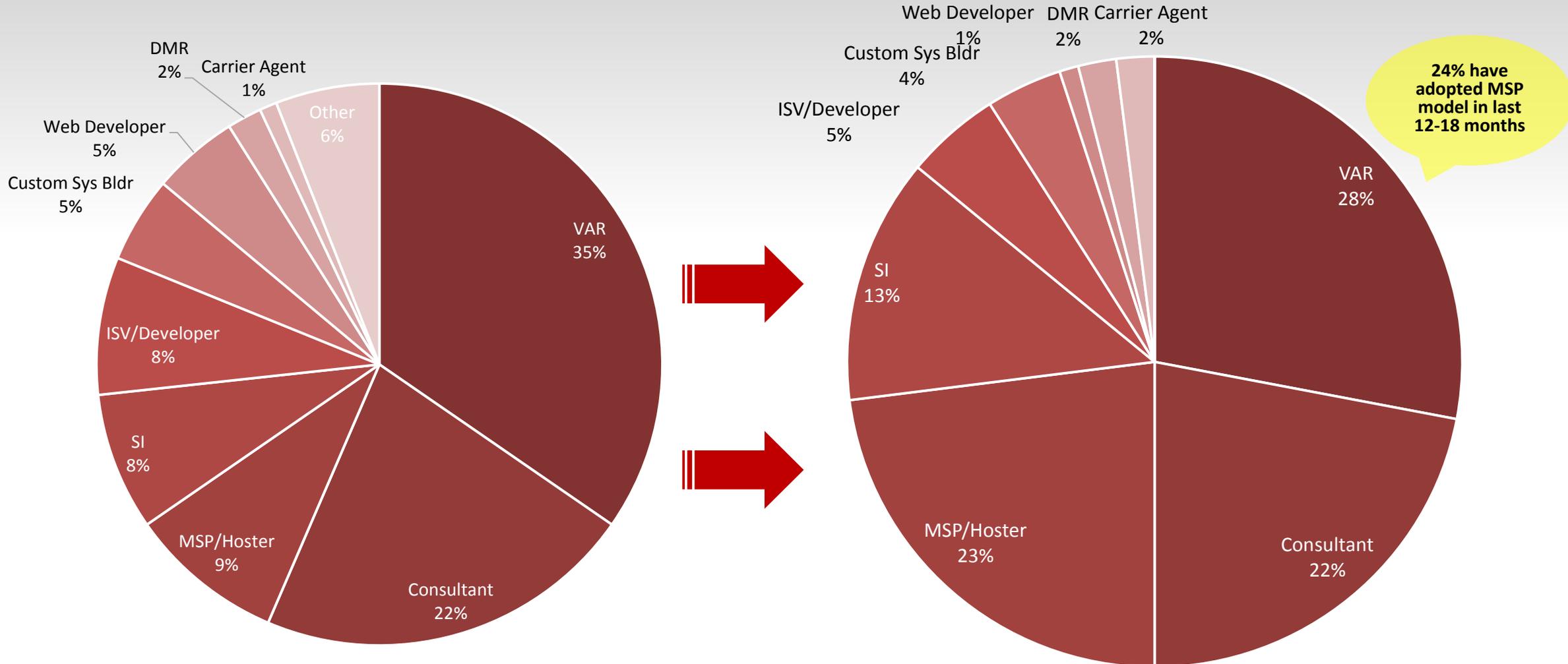
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“Strategic Service Provider” Profile



The N. American Solution Provider Universe

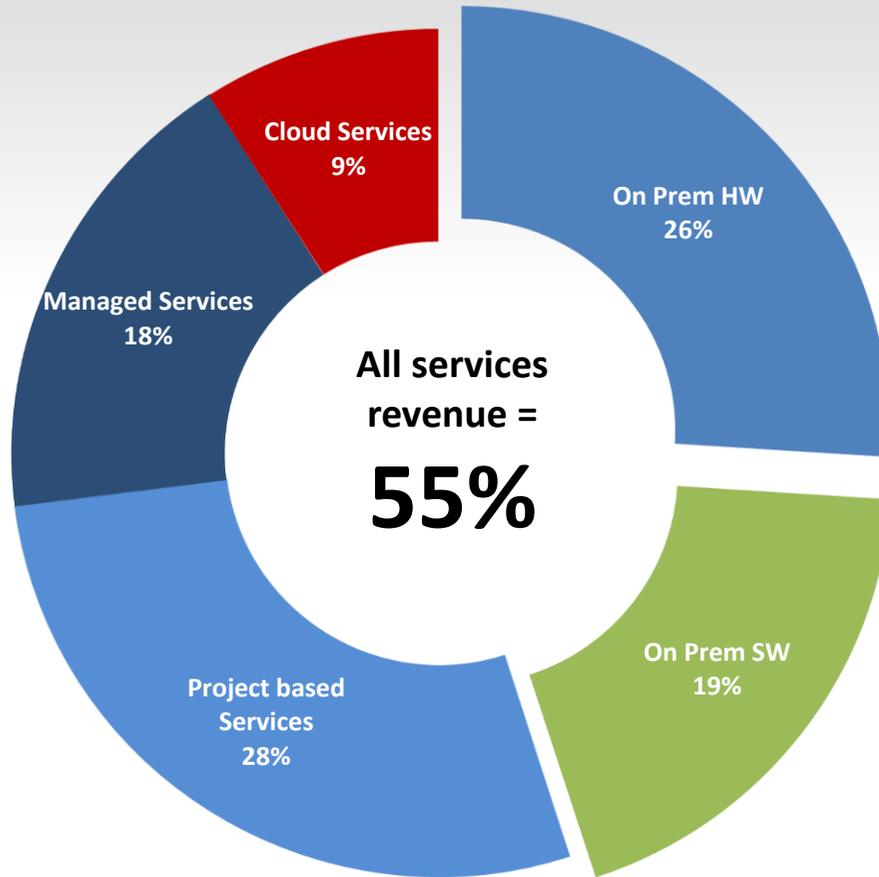


Based on selection of primary business model
2013 Data Used in 2014

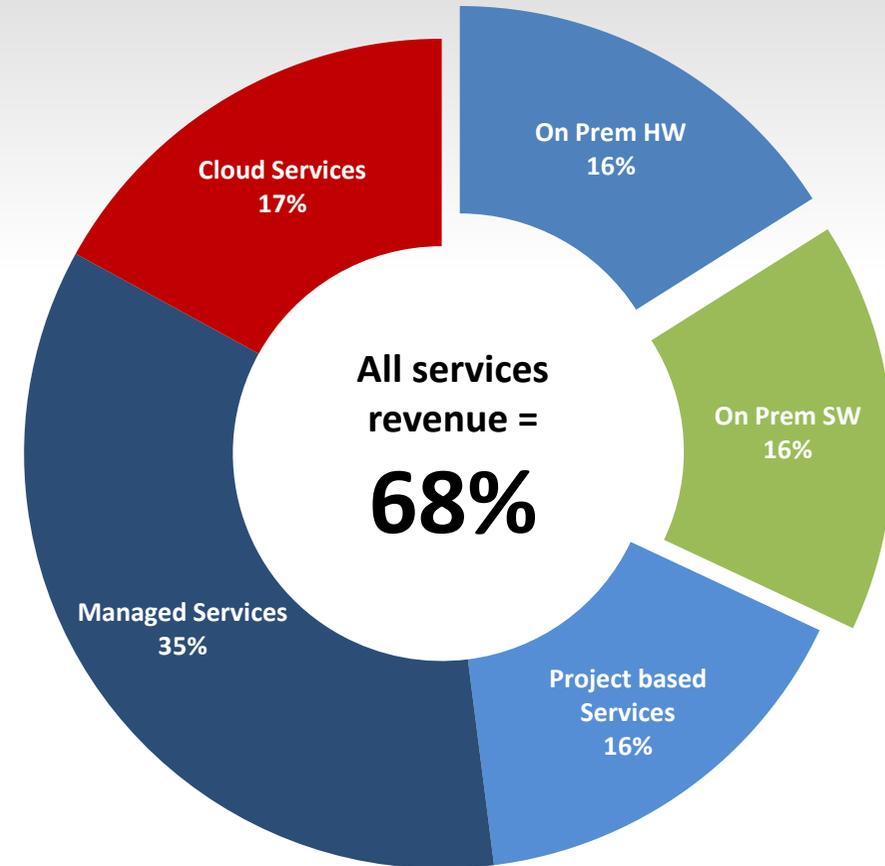
Typical Annual Revenues: \$3.4M
2016 Census



On Premise HW And SW Revenues Represent Less Than 50% Of Overall Revenues; Recurring Revenue Services Are Still Less Than 30%



2016 REVENUE MIX – ALL

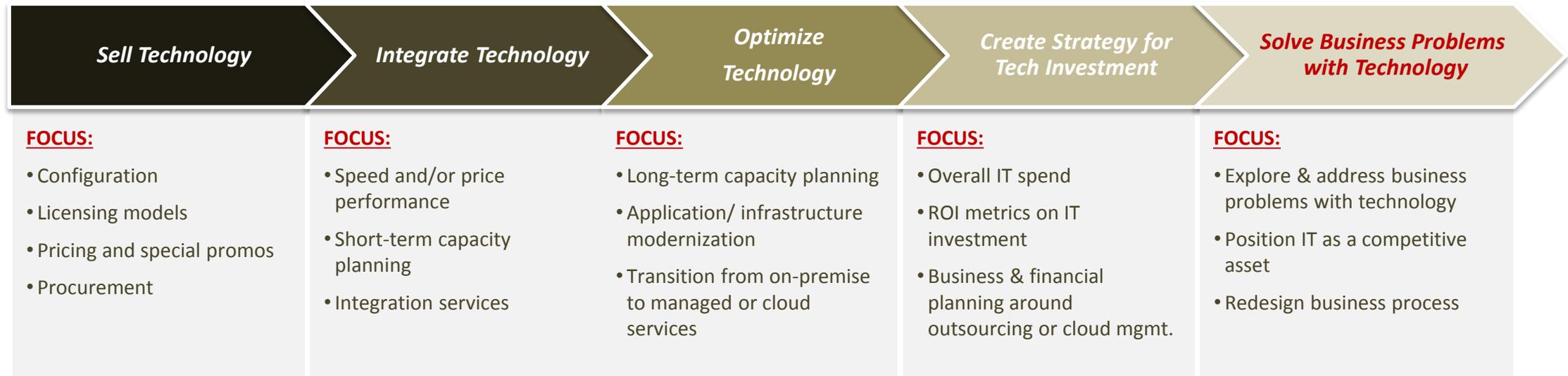
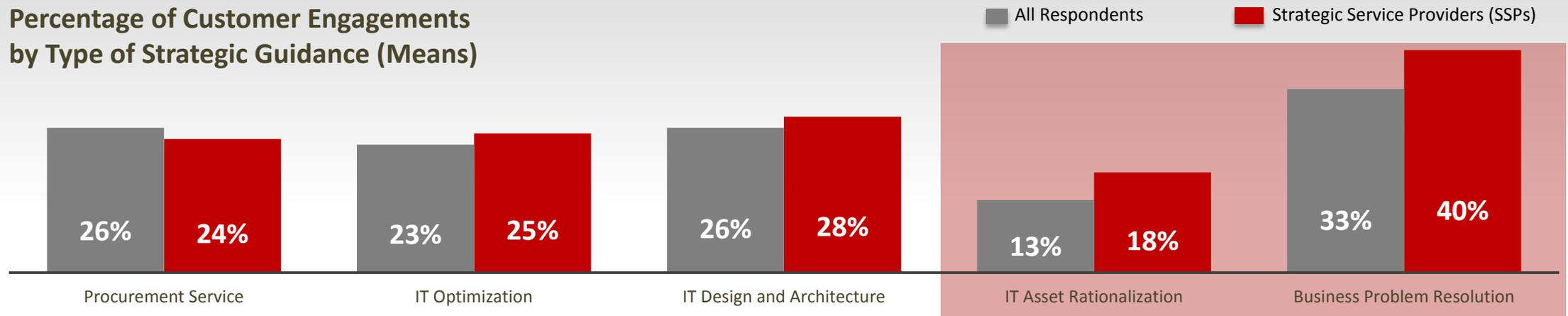


2016 REVENUE MIX - STRATEGIC SERVICE PROVIDERS

Q: What was your estimated mix of revenue in 2015, among the following major product/service categories? (n=411)

Strategic Service Providers Have A Much Higher Percentage Of Customer Engagements Coming From Business Problem Resolution

Percentage of Customer Engagements by Type of Strategic Guidance (Means)



Q: As you think about the strategic guidance your company offered to customers in 2015, to what percentage of your customer engagements did you offer each of the following types of strategic guidance? (n=597)



Managed Services Segmentation: From 2016 Channel Census



Nearly 2/3 of respondents' MSP revenue comes from pure management services of the customers' own physical gear.

21%

33%

28%

18%

Resale

- Resold another supplier or service providers' managed services

Customer Owned

- Offered managed services for a customer's physical equipment on their premise

Partner Managed

- Offered your own managed services across a variety of operating environments (*on customer premise, at someone else's datacenter or on a public cloud*)

Partner Owned & Managed

- Offered your own hosting services on your own data center and managed for a customer

“We will NEVER have our own datacenters. We don't want to compete with Microsoft and Amazon. Having your own datacenter was a great model about 10 years ago.”

- \$15m MSP

Q: Thinking specifically about your Managed Services business in 2015, what % of your total managed services revenue came from each of the following types of services? (n=207)

Managed Services Segmentation: From 2016 Channel Census



Nearly 2/3 of respondents' MSP revenue comes from pure management services of the customers' own physical gear.

21%

Resale

- Resold another supplier or service providers' managed services

61%

Partner Managed Only

- When you see the Profitability Research Webinar series, we combined these two into one category of assets that are managed by the partner BUT NOT owned by the partner

18%

Partner Owned & Managed

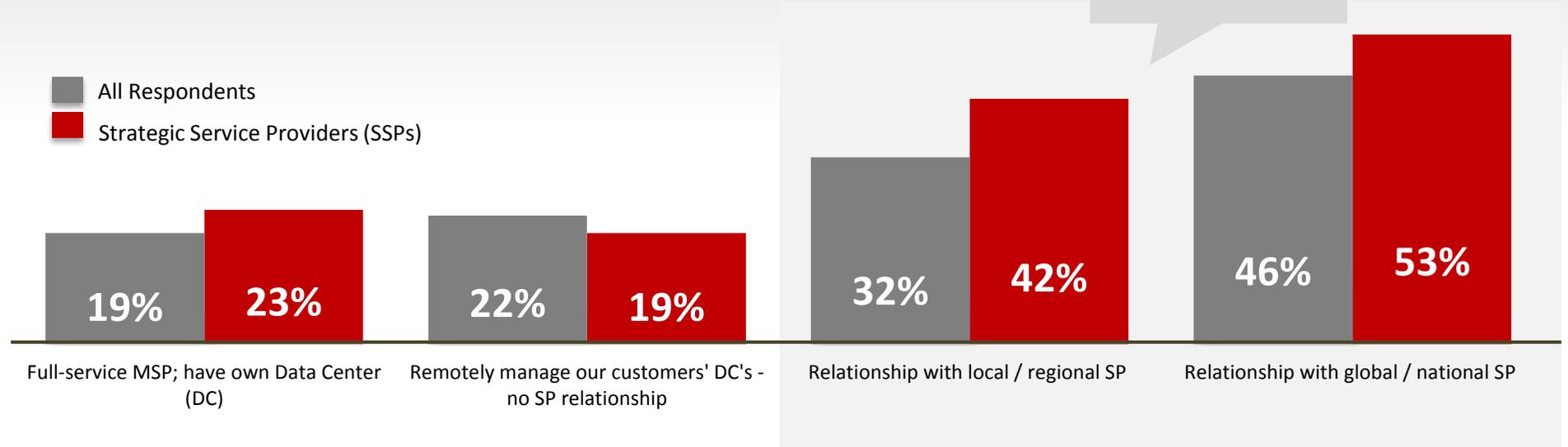
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Build versus Buy Service Provider Capabilities

- Increasingly, recurring revenue services-focused partners are not building their own datacenters
- Fewest are doing remote monitoring of their customers' DC's with no SP relationship
- Teaming with SPs size/scale varies; some want scale and price, others regional high-touch or vertical expertise

Relationship with Service Providers Regarding Access to Data Center Capabilities



SINGLEHOP

POMEROY
infrastructure. optimized.

ClearDATA
HEALTHCARE · COMPLIANT · CLOUD

MARKLEY

amazon
web services

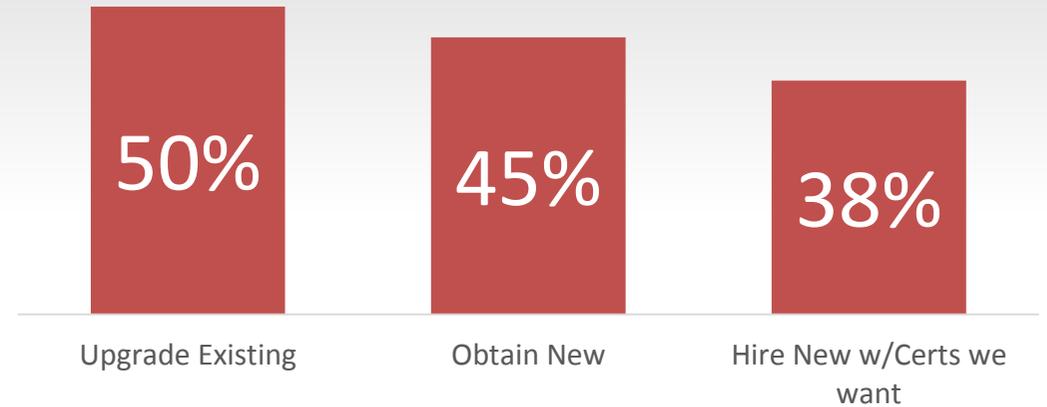
Dedalus

Q: What is your company's relationship with the major regional, national or global service providers regarding having access to data center capabilities? (n=597)



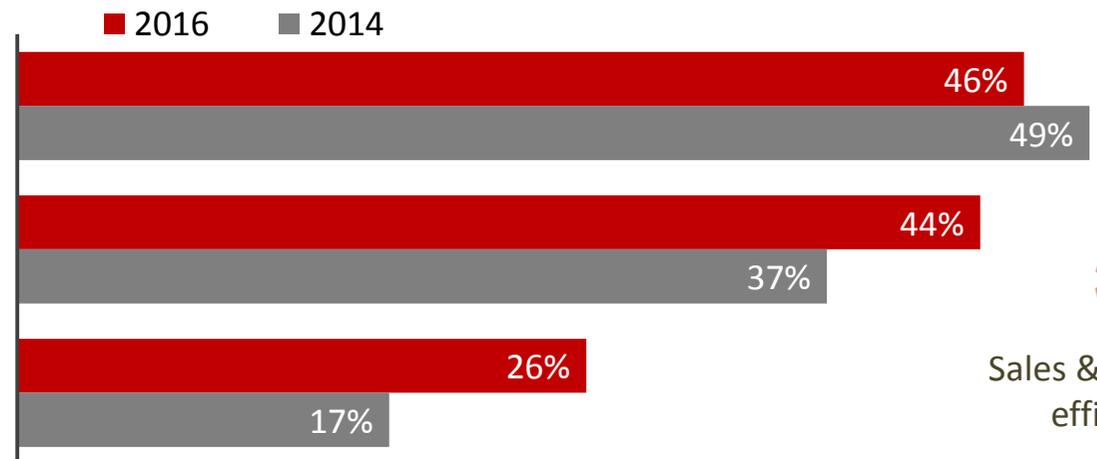
36% Need to enhance sales methodology or approach to drive top line sales growth.

Grow Tech Expertise Regarding Certifications



Plans For Profitability Growth

- Increase the overall percentage of our recurring revenue services
- Get better utilization out of our existing technical and services staff
- Charge differently or more for our solutions and services



Sales & operating efficiency top priority

Selling Services Forces Technical Roles To Diversify, Making Demands On Vendor Training and Certification Curriculum

Pre-sales Discovery & Architecture	Implementation & Integration	Data & Analytics Engineering	Systems Operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Matching business strategies to IT needs ✓ Re-design of traditional architectures, where appropriate ✓ Introduce cloud or MSP outsourcing service concepts ✓ Understand complex & diverse environments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Installation skills ✓ Integration of hardware and software into existing environment ✓ Upgrades and data migration ✓ Capacity and throughput testing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Understand use-cases and cross functional needs for the data ✓ Deep analysis skills ✓ Modeling expertise ✓ Ability to manage & analyze unstructured data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Systems management expertise ✓ Load balancing and performance testing ✓ Trouble-shooting and Help Desk diagnostic skills ✓ Predict and analyze application load, capacity and security issues



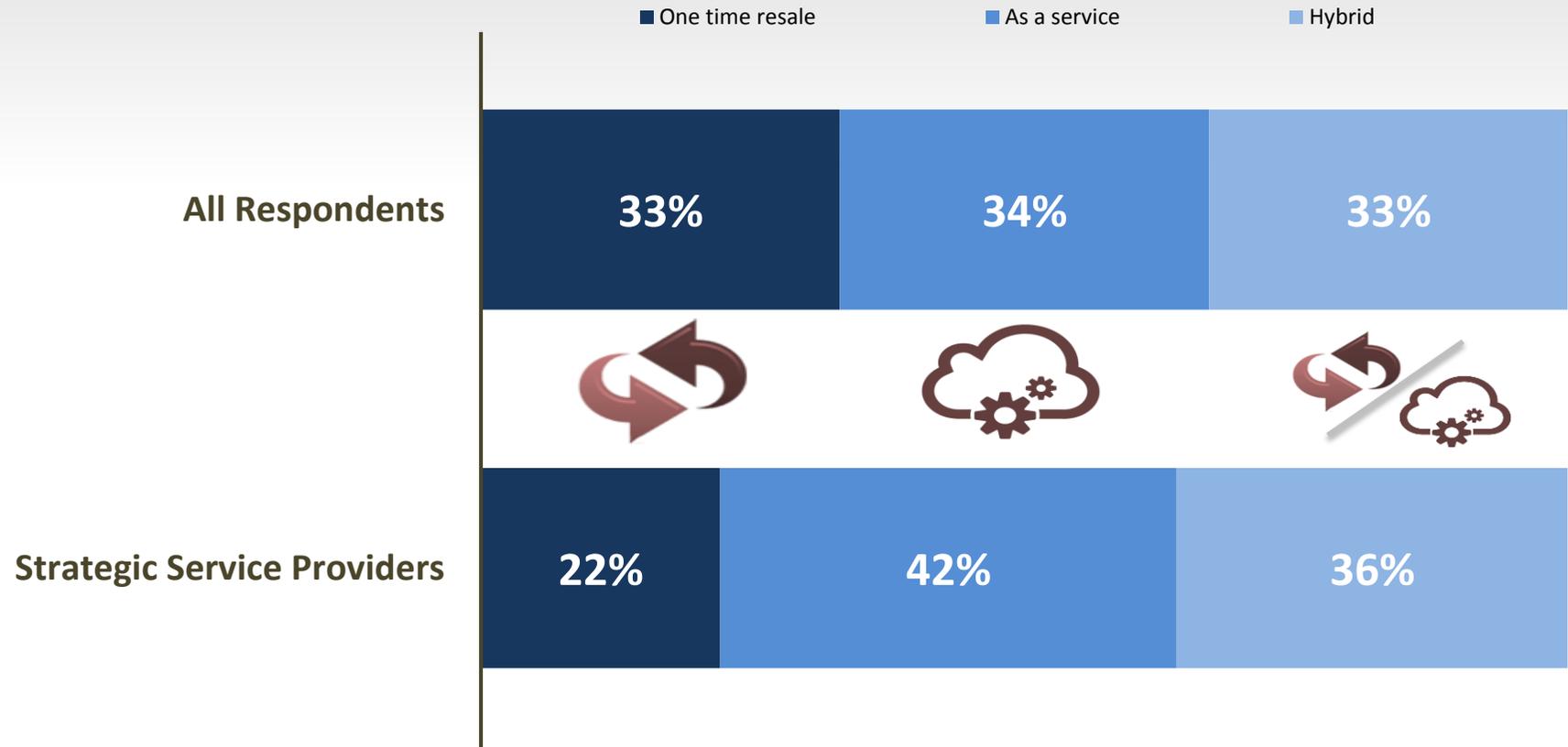
Data Scientists





Utility Based (As-a-service) Consumption Models Now Used By 34% Of Solution Providers With Leading IT Suppliers; As-a-service Model Nearly Double Resale For SSPs

- Traditional resale pricing from vendor to solution provider still dominates
- Emerging utility-based pricing models used by leading vendors; more commonly adopted by Strategic Service Providers
- In the absence of vendor utility pricing, partners forced to absorb the capital expense of licenses and gear up front



Q: What was the primary consumption model from your IT technology suppliers for each category you chose?

*Note: Low Base Size. Please use data with caution.

A Look Back to the IPED 2014 Study Shows Critical Vendors

Critical Vendor Relationships (2014)

Rank	VAR	Consultant	SI	MSP / Hoster
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

Based on top 10 mentions in general, then ratings of "critical"

The 2016 View Shows Public Service Providers Captured Minds

Help Provide Customers Strategic Guidance

Based on most rankings as #1

Rank	All	Strategic Service Provider
1	 Microsoft	 Microsoft
2	 Hewlett Packard Enterprise	 CISCO
3	 CISCO	 Hewlett Packard Enterprise
4	 DELL	 vmware
5	 vmware	 amazon web services

Q: Please identify the **top five (5)** IT Technology Suppliers that will be most important to your company's ability to provide strategic guidance to your customers' business challenges in 2016? (min. 1, max 5)

Help Grow Recurring Revenue Services

Based on most rankings as #1

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3	 Hewlett Packard Enterprise vmware	 CISCO
4	 DELL	 Hewlett Packard Enterprise
5	 amazon web services	 amazon web services

Q: Please select the **top five (5)** IT Technology Suppliers that you expect to have the largest impact on the growth of your company's managed or recurring revenue services during 2016? (choose top 5)

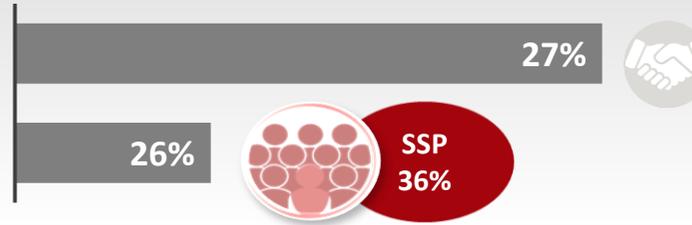
Your Transformations Are as Important as Your Partners'

Biggest Obstacles In Working with Strategic Suppliers



Direct to channel sales conflict in the field

Pricing models that support an IT-as-a-service delivery model



Successful Cloud Partners 2.0

What IT Solution Providers Need To Know To Build Profitable Cloud Practices

SureStep Profitability Benchmark Assessment Tool
Assess where you are in the journey to the cloud

Start your journey to the cloud with the SureStep Profitability Benchmark Assessment Tool.

Enter your business information into the tool:
Answer 5 questions that identify your current cloud performance.
Answer 13 questions that help predict your business's cloud potential.

The tool identifies which stage of the journey you are currently in:

START: You are starting the cloud-transformation journey. New cloud partners can build best practices into their cloud-business plans right from the beginning. Best practices focus on foundational activities to selling cloud solutions.

GROW: You are in the early stages of cloud sales, or you are starting to stabilize your cloud revenue. Early-stage partners can refresh cloud-business plans, fine-tune processes, and implement best practices to reach full cloud potential. Best practices focus on incremental activities to grow your cloud business.

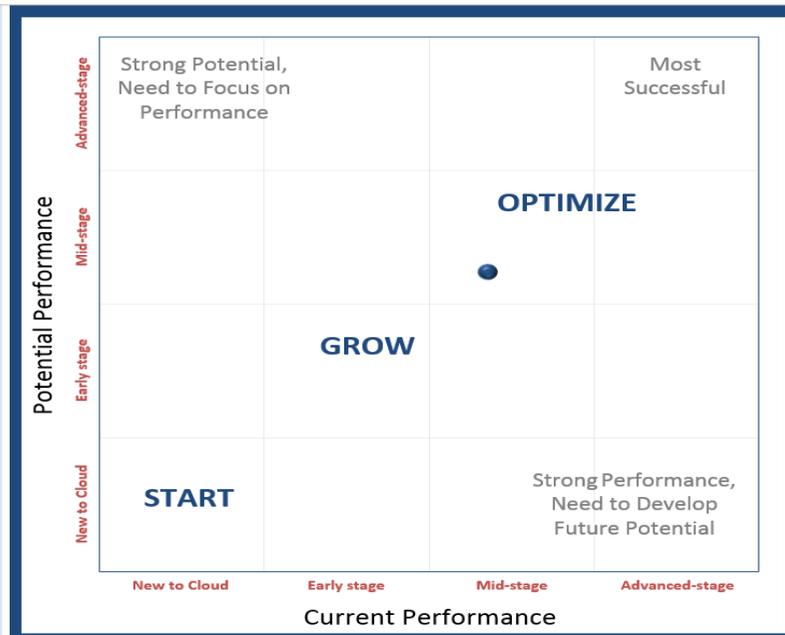
OPTIMIZE: You are successfully selling cloud solutions. Mid- and Advanced-stage partners can learn how to optimize their cloud business and better ensure long-term success, including more innovation and greater differentiation of their cloud-solutions portfolios. Best practices focus on additional, incremental activities to optimize your cloud business.

[Click here to begin your assessment](#)

Results are shown in the graph, as well as the 'Summary' sheet.

Click on the document icon for more information on best practices.

Please note this is an offline tool. Store this file securely to maintain data confidentiality.



Subscription Licenses

Windows Intune

User Subscription License (USL)
A USL is required for each user to access the services of an Online Service

Device Subscription License (DSL)
A DSL is required for each device that accesses the services of an Online Service

Partners Want Alignment With Key Vendors On Process/Urgency For Moving Customers From Products to Services; Annuity-based Licensing Models High On The List Of Most Desired RRS Support

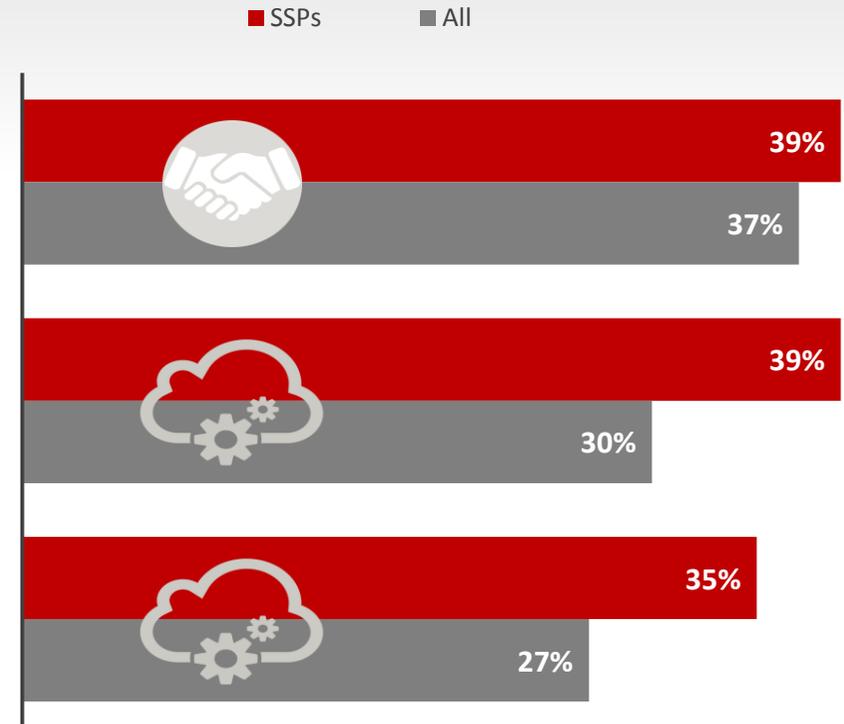
- Partners want to go through IT as a service transformation *with* their leading suppliers; focus on field synergy & teaming
- Strategic Service Providers have a greater need for annuity-based pricing models and automation
- Appetite for business model transformation help waning

Most Important Support from Strategic Suppliers For Grow of Recurring Revenue Services

Alignment with their sales teams; moving customers from products to services

Annuity-based licensing and pricing models

Automation systems (billing, contract mgmt and provisioning)





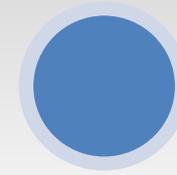
Identify

Strategic Service Provider Model — Evangelize and profile for the 3 dimensions



Enable

Provide Strategic Consulting Guidance — Actively package and share business-outcome based consulting methodologies unique to your solutions



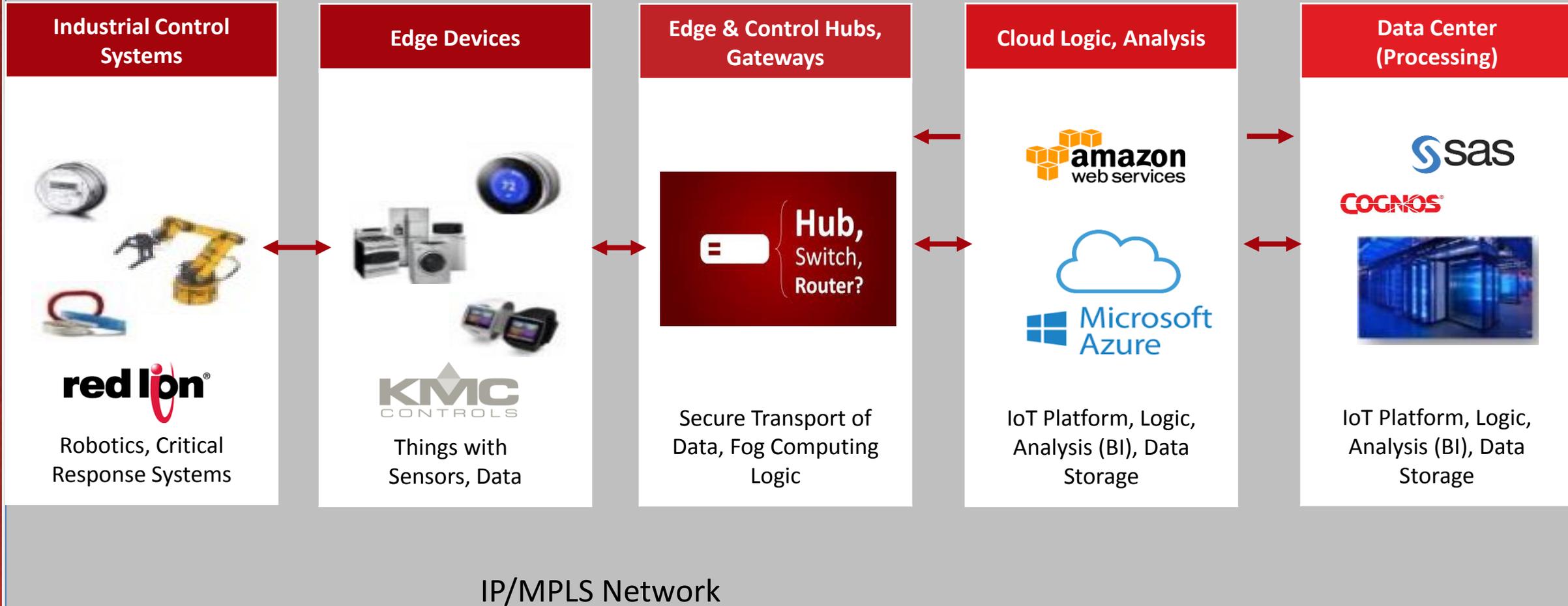
Engage

Ensure training supports new service and operational roles and services-led sales pursuits;

Align program and rules of engagement to longer/more complex sales cycles while steering clear of new channel conflict

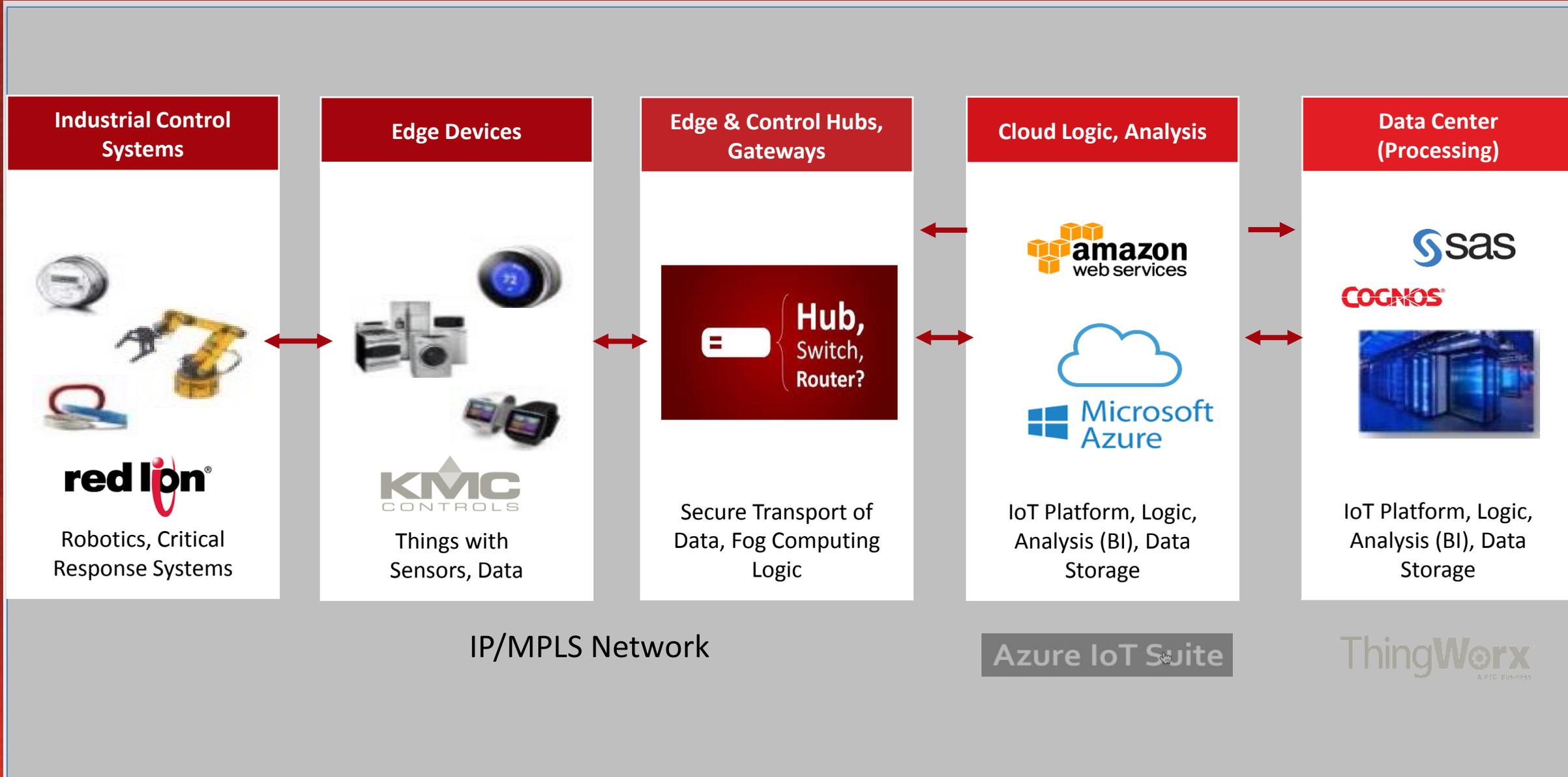
Generally Speaking... IoT in Crayola

The Definition is Different by Person... Legacy Business Biases Each View

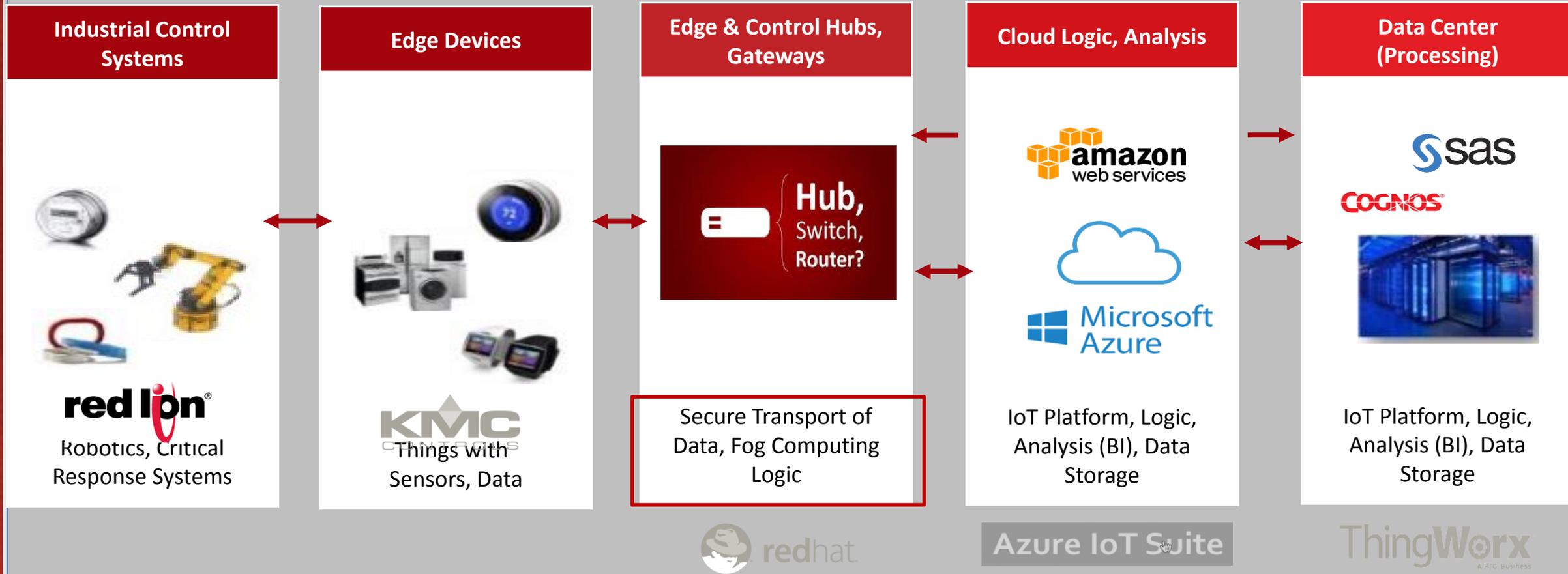


Source: IPED Secondary Research & Interviews

IoT Platforms: Collect or Receive Data, Introduce Logic, Analyses, Decisions or Dashboards, etc.

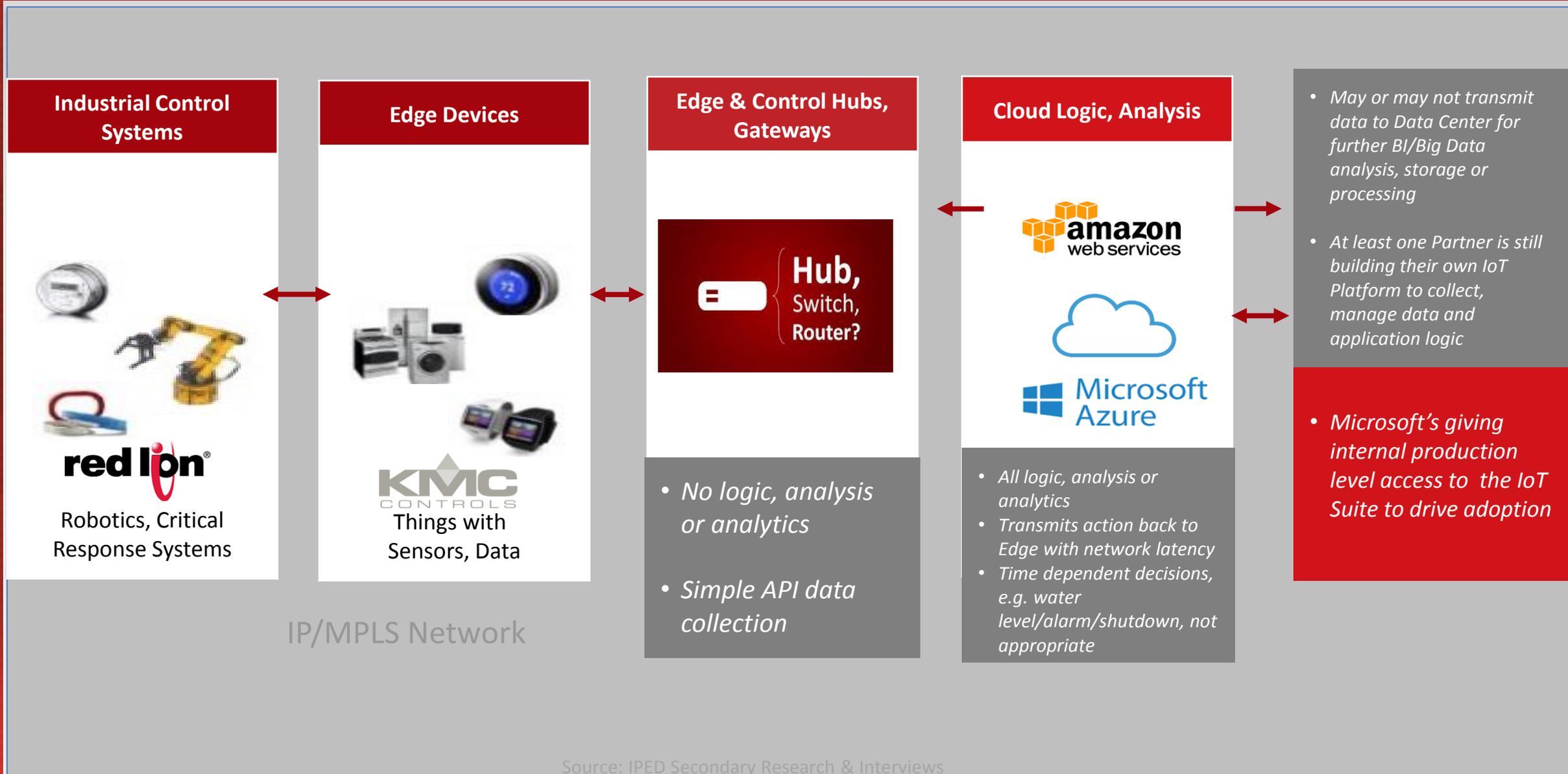


Infrastructure Opportunity: “Deployment of Red Hat to the Edge eliminates one of the biggest inhibitors by introducing enterprise level security where we had great risk.”



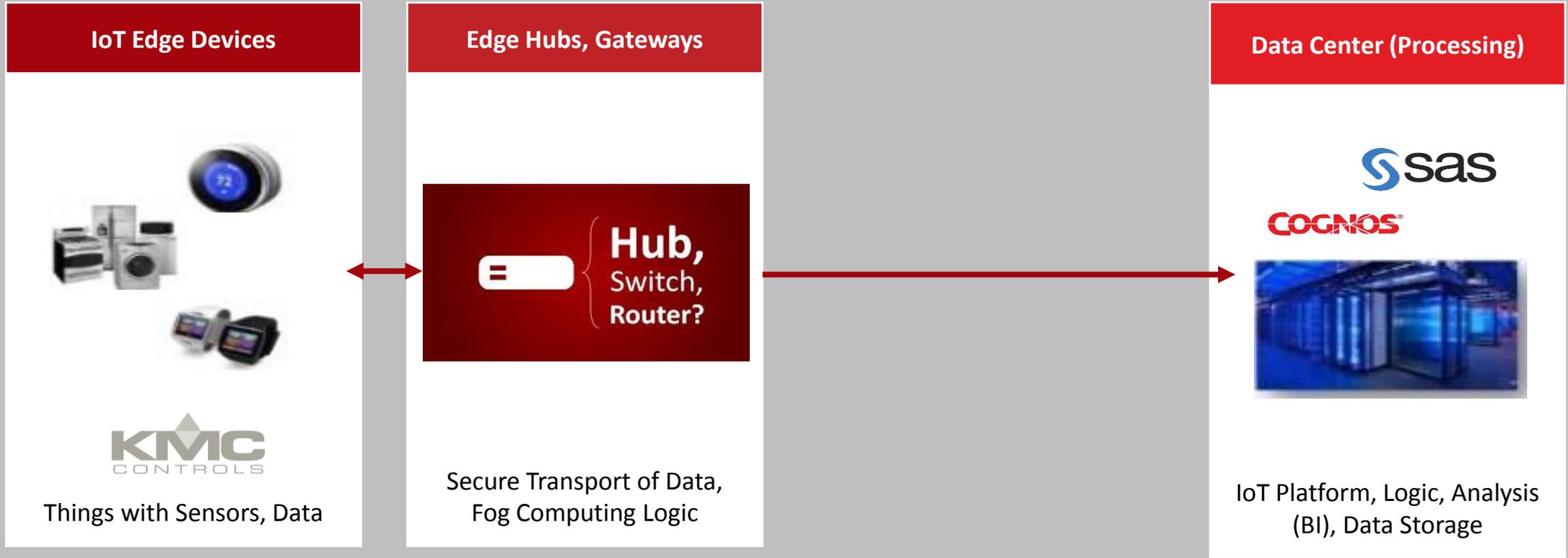
“Further, Edge Security (Red Hat) then allows us to bring more application logic, intelligence to the Edge which translates to higher value to the customer.”

Microsoft Partners: Build IoT applications in the Cloud on Azure...
 Range from: Simple, Entry Level to Fortune 500 Complex IoT Solutions



Source: IPED Secondary Research & Interviews

Traditional Data Center Partners are Investing in Big Data Infrastructure with an Emphasis on Data Storage and in some cases Business Intelligence (BI)



IP/MPLS Network

So IoT Means Different Things to Different People.