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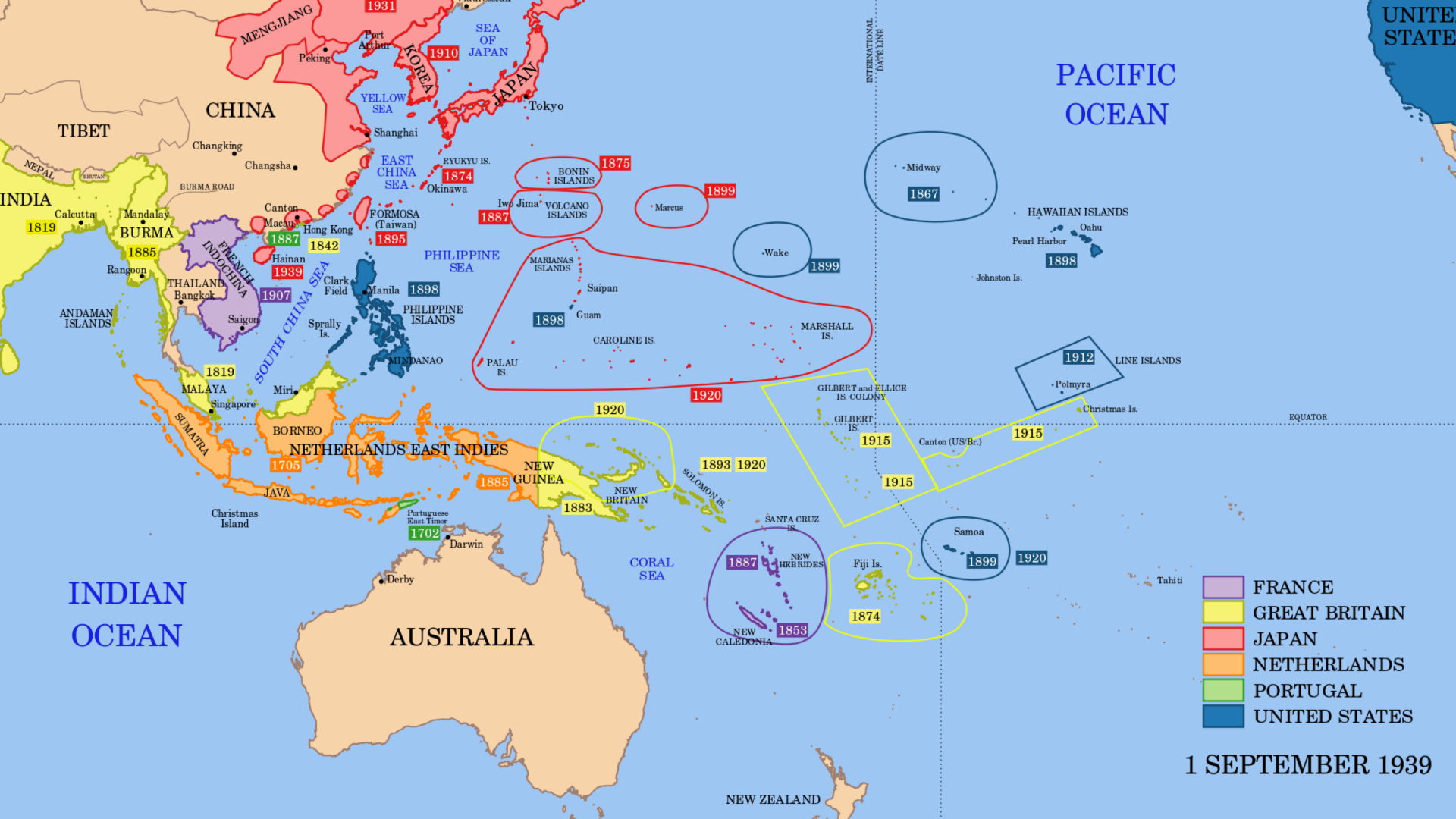
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While maturity models are very popular in the industry, we cannot stress enough that maturity models are not the appropriate tool to use or mindset to have. Instead, shifting to a capabilities model of measurement is essential for organizations wanting to accelerate software delivery.

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Maturity Models are Bad.

Bad Maturity Models



- Goal
- Prescribed by the book
- Checkboxes for tools
- Write and forget

Good Maturity Models



- Process
- One size doesn't fit all
- Focus on outcomes
- Constantly evolve

Maturity model components

Evaluation factors

Scoring methodology

Self assessment vs 3rd party assessment capability

Progress tracking

Visualization



Maturity Model Examples

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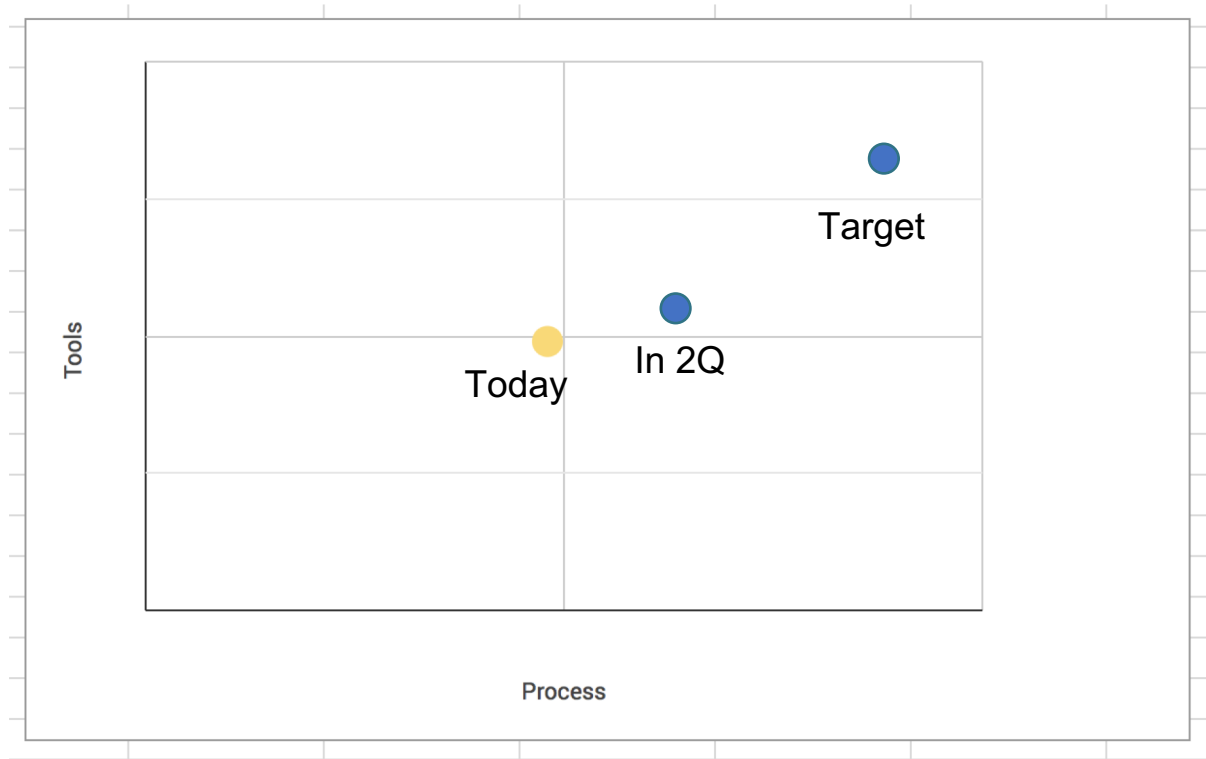
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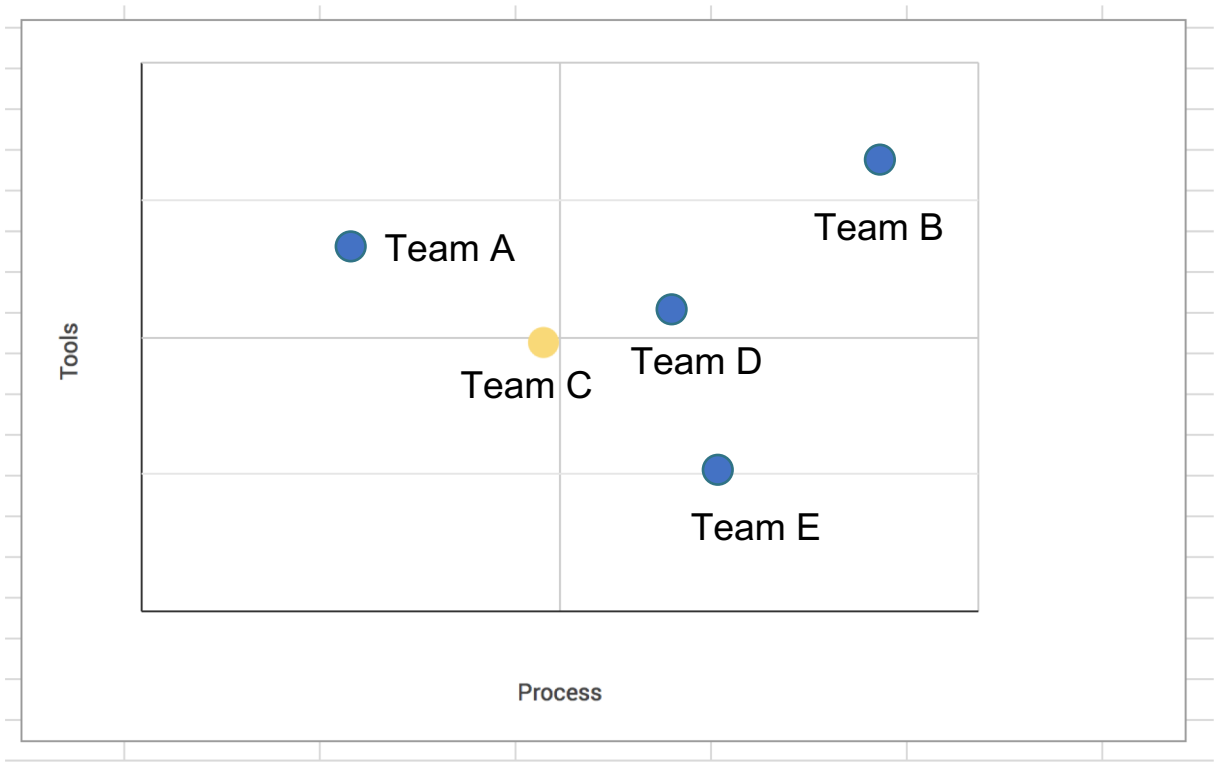
Simple model



Progress planning



Leader board



Category	Criticality	Benchmark	TODAY	24 motnh from now
02. Organizational Effectiveness	Must Have	100	22	75
03. Architectural Alignment	Should Have	83	32	60
04. Continuous Integration	Must Have	90	36	86
05. Continuous Delivery of product feature	Should Have	92	35	86
06. Unit/Functional Test Automation	Must Have	100	25	72
07. Automated System Test & Health Check	Must Have	71	22	59
08. Everything as Code	Should Have	56	22	52
09. Brand-Directed Initiatives	Must Have	100	25	80
10. Infrastructure Delivery (IAAS, PAAS)	Must Have	98	27	82
11. SaaS Services (APAAS / OSS Backing Svcs)	Must Have	81	33	Incomplete
12. BSS Automation & Integrations	Must Have	93	22	49
13. Service Introduction	Must Have	100	25	37
14. Operating Model	Must Have	93	23	70
15. Compliance Elements	Nice to have	79	21	24
16. FedRAMP Elements	Nice to have	100	0	0
17. Container as Best Practice	Should have	96	23	100

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D01	DevOps	On Demand Releases	Tool	Builds are configured to publish and consume artifacts from a artifact management system in a consumable format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Artifacts are being published to a controlled environment (backed up, secured, allows for versioning, integratable) 	Partial
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Artifacts are published in a way where intermediate artifacts can be aged and managed, and final artifacts are preserved within required policy guidelines 	Yes
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Artifacts are published in a standard consumable format (e.g. Maven 2, Docker Registry, ...) 	Yes
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Artifacts when published are associated with sufficient meta data that can provide consumers with information about the build record/environment/tools and country of origin used during publishing 	Yes
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Build dependencies of artifacts that originated from a controlled environment are consumed from a local cache on the build machine 	Yes
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Remote artifacts are hosted/proxied from a network friendly location that introduces limited latency when artifacts can't be pulled from local cache 	Partial
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Artifacts that originate from outside the company are preserved, with sufficient meta data to verify source and validity of the artifact 	Partial

D04	DevOps	On Demand Releases	Process	Build artifacts that are released to customers are managed and governed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Artifacts pass all necessary quality checks and tests prior to promotion to release 	Yes
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Release artifacts are the same artifact that was tested in the continuous delivery process, and not new builds specifically intended for release 	Partial
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Release process has been modeled using cycle time analysis and unnecessary wait time has been eliminated 	Yes
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Releasing software to production is integrated into the continuous delivery process following all applicable IT governance requirements 	Yes
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Release can be delivered to production within a timeframe that meets desired cycle time targets 	Yes

Account for different teams' priorities

Feature Weight	V	Description of Category	Engineering Perspective	Ops Perspective	Company Perspective
Description of Use Case ->					
Single product, SaaS-native startup.					
01. Agile Development		The team is able to deliver newly relevant (or differentiating) capabilities to the market quickly, regardless of any prior roadmap.	Must Have	Not relevant	Must Have
02. Organizational Effectiveness		The organization (Dev + Ops) works as a single virtual team, regardless of the actual reporting structure.	Must Have	Must Have	Must Have
03. Architectural Alignment		Product / Service is aligned for efficient delivery as SaaS. (Includes multi-tenant architectures and/or multi-instance architecture; container support). How much architectural debt exists in the product/service	Must Have	Not relevant	Should Have
04. Continuous Integration		Ability to integrate development changes into a "deliverable" component. As defined in "Modern Software Factory as a Service"	Must Have	Not relevant	Must Have
05. Continuous Delivery of product feature		Ability to deliver features into production with minimal impedance by process	Not relevant	Must Have	Should Have
06. Unit/Functional Test Automation		Unit test coverage of code is comprehensive enough to allow for functionality to be delivered into production. Poor code quality/high technical debt drives cost of Ops and CX. Functional test coverage of code is comprehensive enough to allow for functionality to be delivered into production. Poor code quality/high technical debt drives cost of Ops and CX.	Must Have	Not relevant	Must Have
07. Automated System Test & Health Check		Quality automation includes disciplines that are not "functional", such as security, usability, performance, etc. Poor code quality/high technical debt drives cost of Ops and CX. Acquisition and construction of test data is automated and comprehensive. Heavyweight test processes such as security scanning and IAST are automated as much as practical.	Must Have	Not relevant	Must Have

Model definition example

System config as Code

The infrastructure configuration is managed as code - e.g. no manual processes for configuring/setting up/ infrastructure.

Differentiating: Infrastructure operates without any manual processes. All changes to the infrastructure or infrastructure capabilities are done through automation and policy only.

Complete: Infrastructure operates without any manual processes. Some infrequent administrative activities may be initiated manually (although the activities themselves must be automated).

Partial (Most): Infrastructure operates without any manual processes. Some infrequent administrative activities may be manual, pending automation.

Partial (Much): Infrastructure operates with significant automation. Some processes still manual; pending automation.

Partial (Some): Infrastructure requires significant care and feeding. Many processes still manual; pending automation.

No Support: While some functions may be automated, they are generally kicked-off manually; and many functions are still fully manual. Large backlog of automation items.

Applying maturity models: DOs and DON'T's

Only use primary colors

Involve your teams in the model definition

Let team self assess first and then assess together

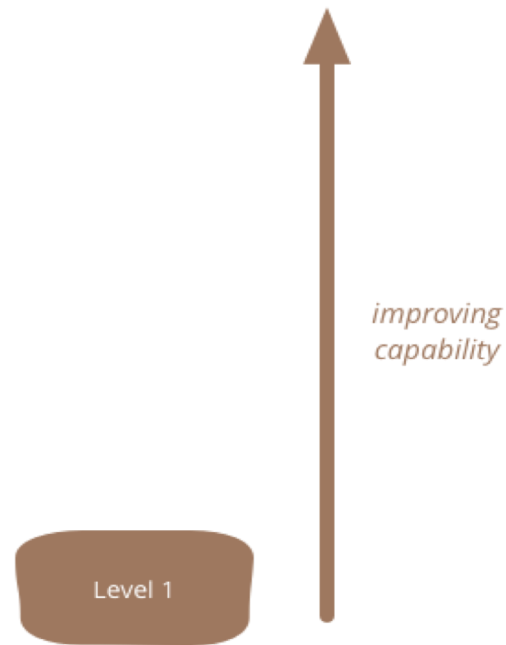
Partner with forward looking teams first

Remember being at 100% is not a goal the model has to have a stretch goal

Evolve the model from time to time

And

Our message is:



<https://martinfowler.com/bliki/MaturityModel.html>

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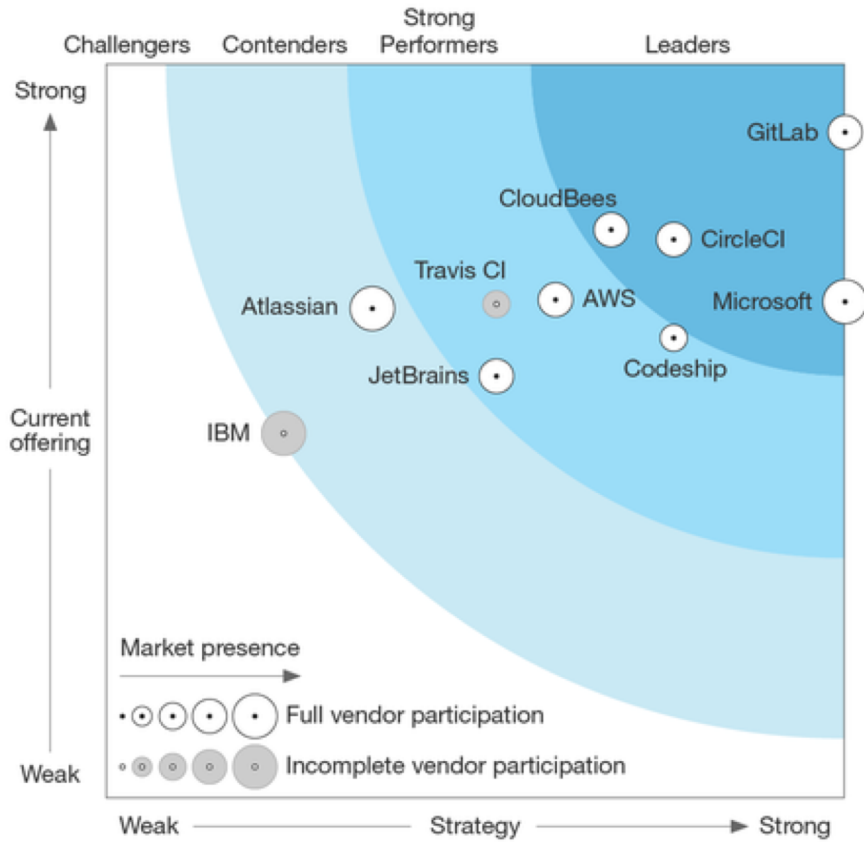


Figure 1. Magic Quadrant for Public Cloud Infrastructure Managed Service Providers, Worldwide

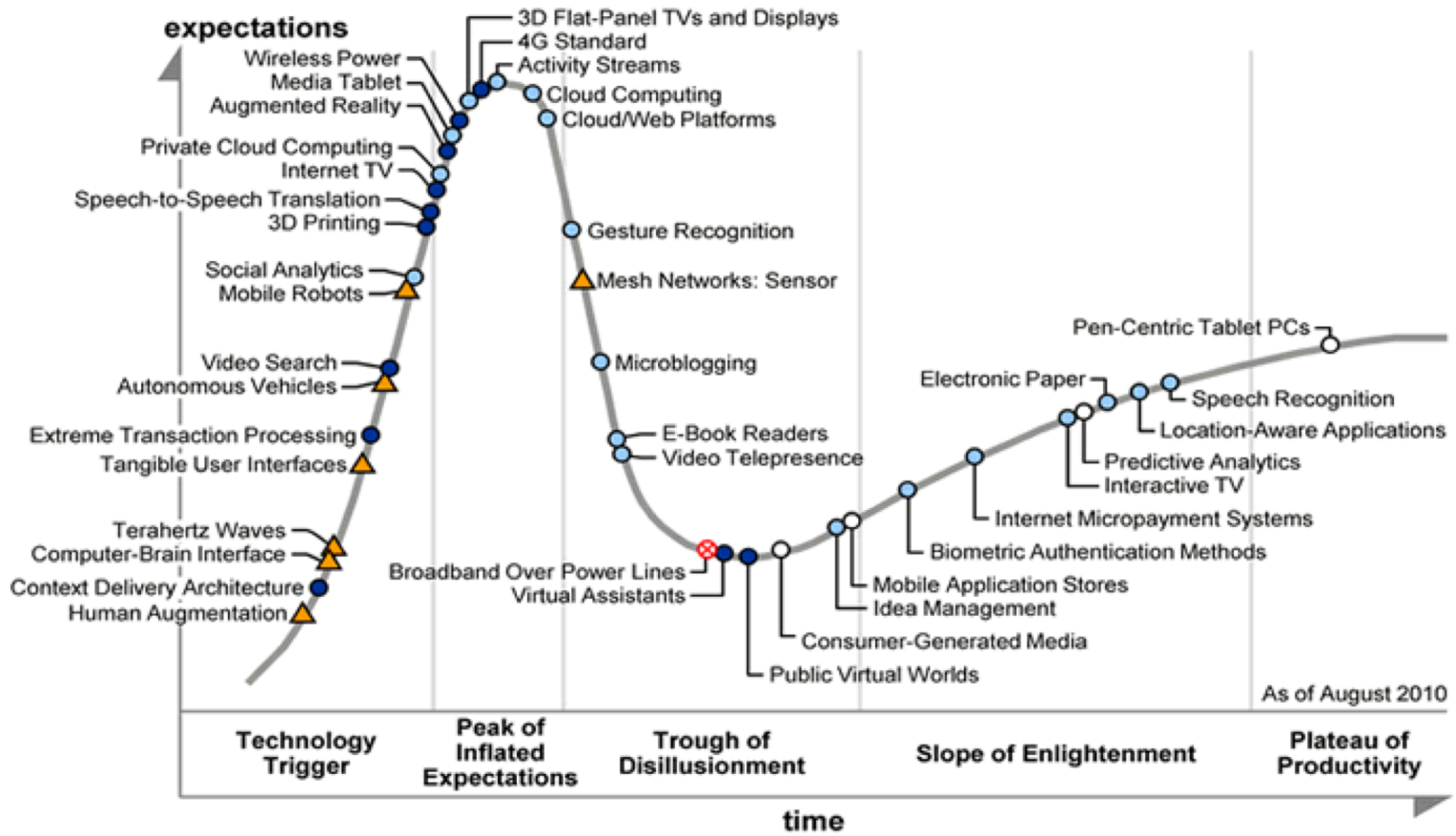
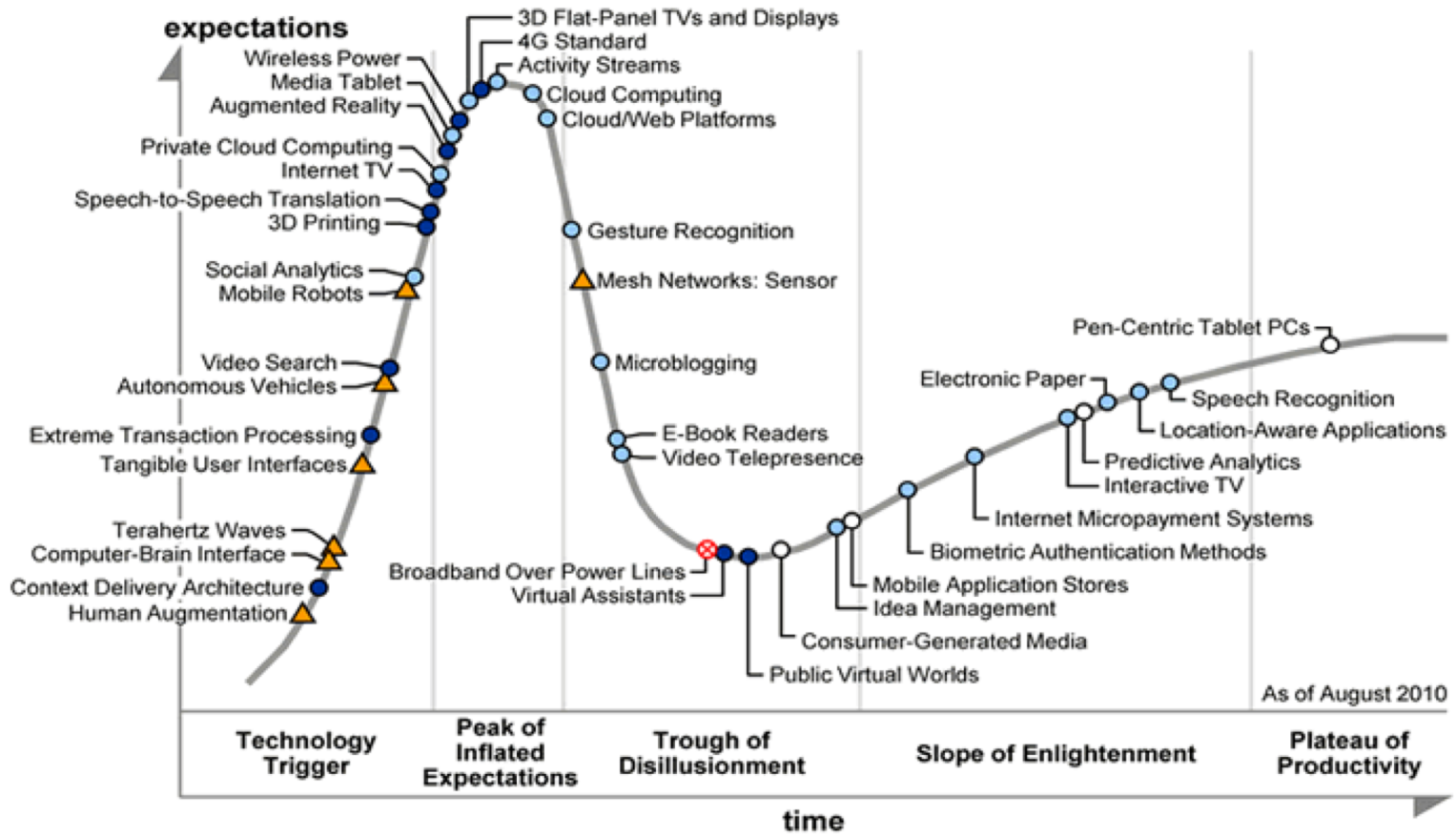


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