

Perhaps more than any other industry, retail has been disrupted by a shift to digital, leading to the shuttering of physical stores and the collapse of time-honored brands.

And the challenge to meet consumers' rapidly changing preferences and expectations has only been accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, more than ever, it is critical that retailers adapt their business to be data-centric.

Four trends:

- **Personalized Offers:** 91% of consumers are more likely to shop with brands that recognize and provide relevant offers and recommendations¹
- Omni-channel Experiences: 60% of consumers think retail investment in technology is improving their online and in-store experience²
- **Experience-based Commerce:** 85% of retailers don't have the right capabilities, people, technology, and processes to improve customer experience and monetize their data³
- Mobile Optimization: 82% of smartphone users consult their phones on purchases they plan to make in store⁴

Retailers must find new ways to react swiftly to changing customer preferences and market trends. Read on to learn how to capitalize on emerging trends in retail, overcome industry challenges, and drive success to attain and maintain leadership.

¹Personalization Pulse Check Report, Accenture Interactive. https://www.accenture.com/_acnmedia/pdf-83/accenture-making-personal.pdf

² 3 Things to know about Retail Tech Investments. https://nrf.com/blog/3-things-know-about-retail-tech-investments

³ Forrester study on achieving revenue growth in retail.https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20191119006170/en/Global-Study-Finds-85-Grocery-Retailers-Lack

⁴ Growing Impact of Online Research on in store purchases, 2018. https://www.forbes.com/sites/johnellett/2018/02/08/new-research-shows-growing-impact-of-online-research-on-in-store-purchases/

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Critical Retail Game Changers

The retail industry is rapidly evolving. To remain relevant in today's ever-changing environment, digital leaders must consider:

A Holistic View of Customer Journeys:

To create engaging customer experiences, retailers must design interactions across multiple touchpoints that demonstrate a deep understanding and provide relevant responses to customer needs.

Blurring of Channels:

Customers expect a consistent, fluid, omni-channel retail experience across stores, mobile, and online.

Distribution Realignment:

The evolution of shopping in stores has caused a similar transformation of delivery and distribution.

Contextual, Predictive Personalization:

Personalization today goes beyond segmentation, now requiring constant situational awareness and predictive analytics.

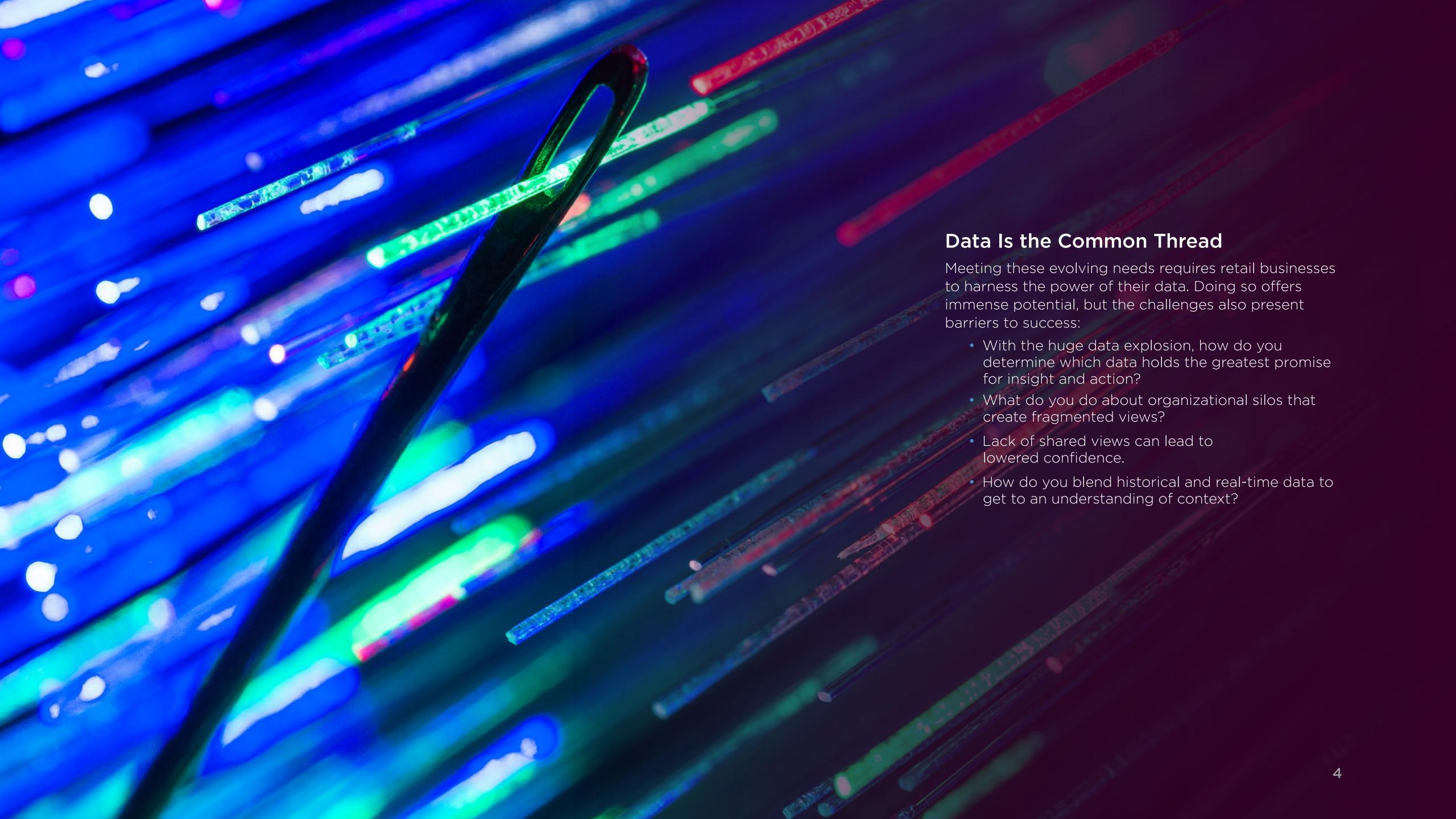
User-driven Experiences:

Consumers want to be in control of their shopping experience with self curation of style, privacy, or even user-generated products.

Realigned Retail Authority:

But what is a retailer? The definition has shifted over the past decade with Apple, social media giants, and experience-based retail.







Digital Success Drivers in Retail

Though challenging, retailers that unlock the potential of their data can differentiate and create value for the business. Gain command of your data and drive success by:

Creating Real-time Connections and Responses:

Modern, intelligent retail is a digitally connected ecosystem, requiring real-time analytics and automated decision-making.

Attaining Quality Data and Governance:

Organizations need consistent, trustworthy data to make truly impactful decisions. Only with governance and 360-degree views can a business innovate and progress.

Avoiding Data Swamps and Silos:

While retailers have more than enough data, the real challenge is reducing its complexity and volume with actionable data layers.

Blending Past, Present, and Future:

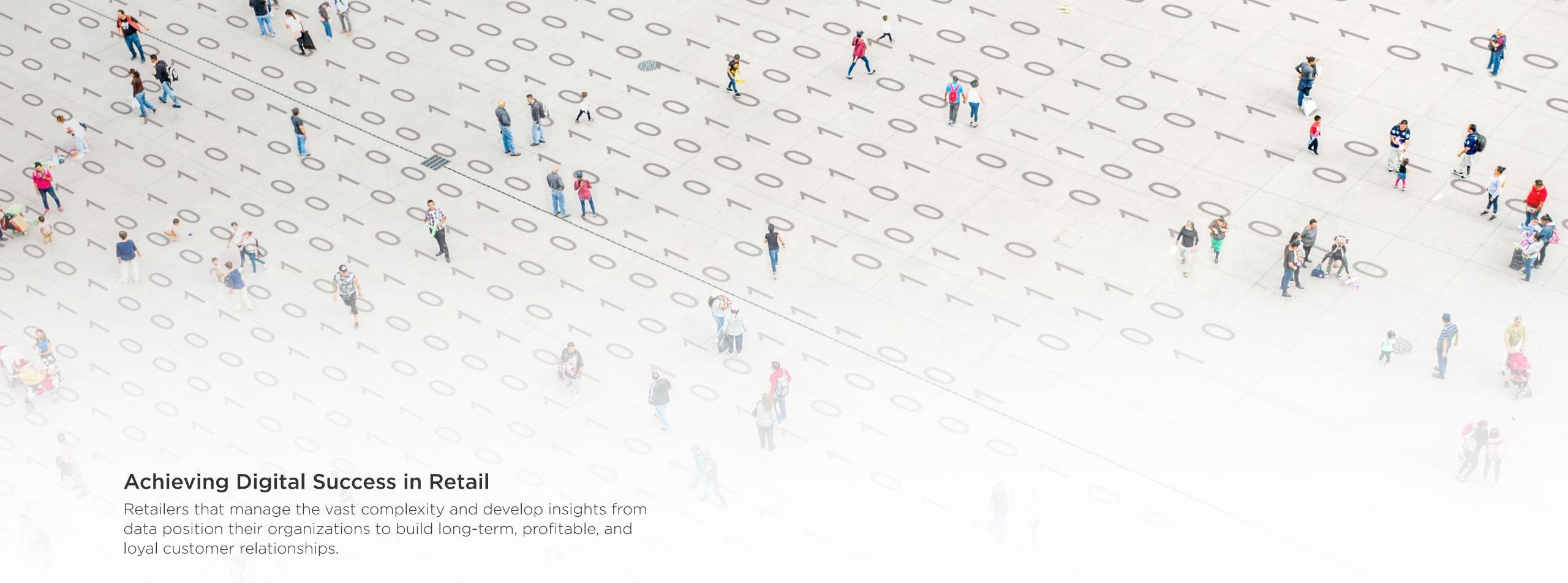
Retailers can use
event-stream processing
to combine awareness
of the present with
predictive analytics to
increase personalization.

Empowering Everyone:

To manage the shortage of data scientists, leading retailers are empowering more decision-makers with the tools and data required to optimize operations and reshape customer experiences.

Adapting for Sustainable Innovation:

To sustain innovation over time, retailers need to use analytics to ask "what if" questions, gain feedback, and quickly adapt.



Real-time Connections and Responses

- Increased response and conversion rates
- Ability to capture critical moments of truth

Quality Data and Governance

- Higher relevance of engagement
- Meaningful personalization

Data Swamps and Silos

- Discovery of data that matters
- Increased decision agility across the organization

Past, Present, and Future

- Fact-based insights that drive decision-making
- Ability to adapt and learn in real time

Company-wide Empowerment

- Shared views of opportunities and drivers
- Collaborative strategies and tactics

Sustainable Innovation

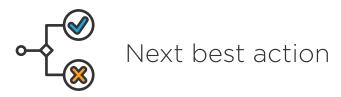
- Continuous improvement in a fast-changing environment
- Cultural shifts in how organizations innovate and manage risk



Customer Intimacy:

Retailers that place customers at the center of their strategy can transform the business model to meet their growing expectations. This builds trust, delivers greater value, and ensures long-term customer loyalty.

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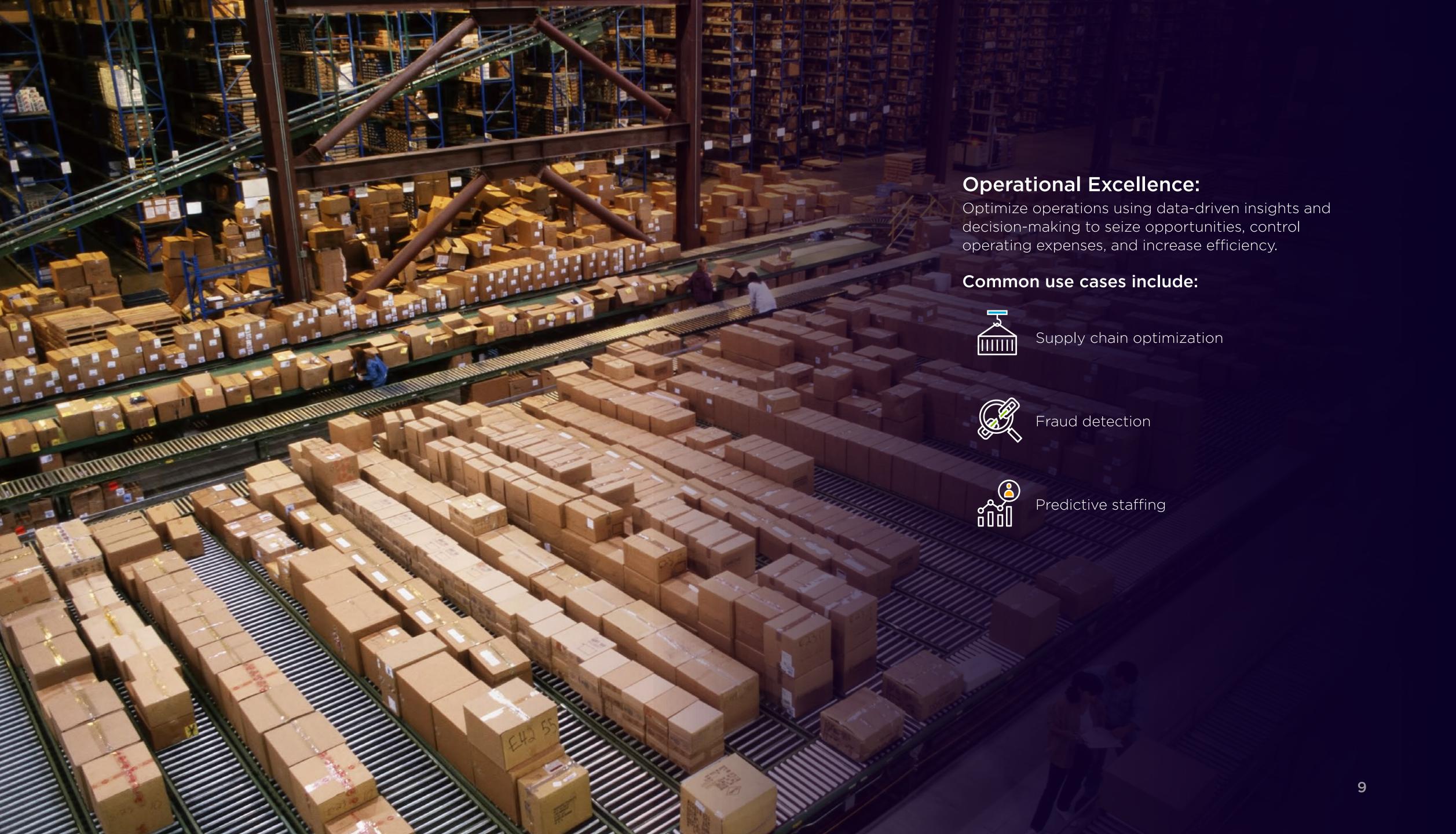


Proactive customer service



Customer journey management





Business Reinvention:

Retail continues to see transformative innovations from new players. Companies like Apple, Uber, and Facebook are using data-driven insights and strategies to reshape the retail value chain and redefine the retail experience.

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Cross-channel experience

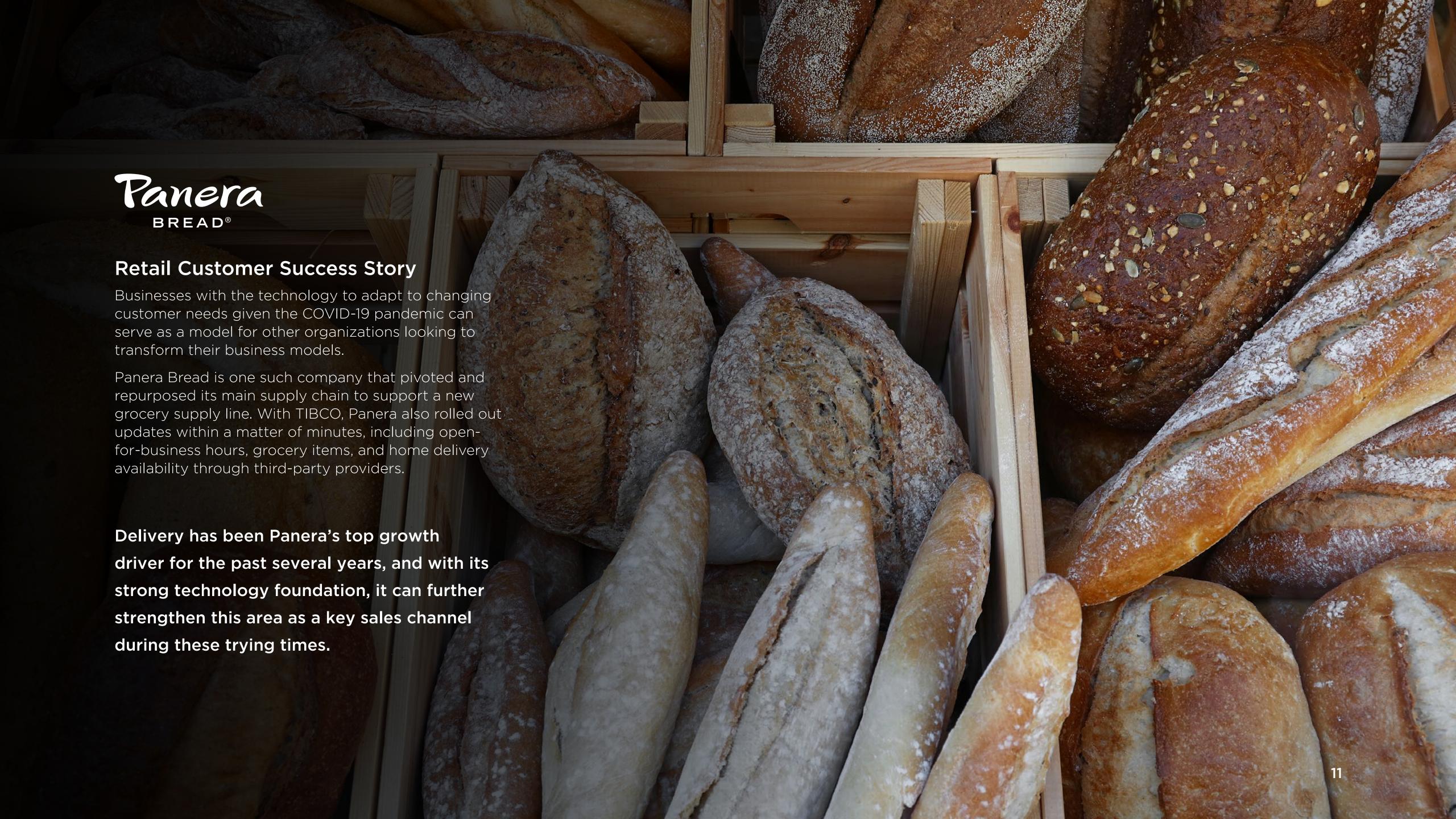


Intelligent bundling and pricing



Last mile fulfillment







Why Retailers Must Act Now

Retailers must redefine how they market and sell online and offline, or risk getting left behind. The following statistics show just how valuable digital transformation can be for the retail industry:

Enterprise Data:

2.5 quintillion bytes of data created every day⁵

Seamless Engagement:

87% of consumers want a consistent experience across all channels⁶

Connected Ecosystem:

26 billion interconnected physical devices⁷

Actionable Insights:

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report the use
of big data and
analytics is creating
a competitive
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Revenue Increase:

Immediate sales growth of 2% from Al-driven dynamic pricing⁹

⁵ A Transformation in Store, Mckinsey. https://www.mckinsey.com/~/media/McKinsey/Business%20Functions/Operations/Our%20Insights/A%20 transformation%20in%20store/A-transformation-in-store-2019.ashx

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⁷2019 Unified Commerce Survey. https://brpconsulting.com/download/2019-unified-commerce-survey/

⁸ The Real-world Use Of Big Data In Retail, IBM, 2018. https://www.ibmbigdatahub.com/whitepaper/analytics-real-world-use-big-data

⁹ Analytics in Retail: Going to Market with a Smarter Approach. https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/ch/Documents/consumer-business/ch-cb-en-Deloitte-Analytics-in-retail-0514.pdf

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