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## Digital Interactive Experience (IX) Services in North America – Provider Compendium 2023

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## **Background of the research**

In North America, enterprises are tightly interweaving the growing importance of experience design with their investments in emerging technologies such as generative AI, metaverse, and blockchain. Customers no longer view a captivating and well-tailored experience as a mere luxury; it has become imperative. North American consumers are not only demanding top-notch services but also craving seamless, personalized, and ethically conscious interactions with enterprises. In parallel, businesses are recognizing that, in their quest to attract and retain top talent, creating a thoughtfully designed employee experience across the interaction touchpoints of the employee lifecycle has become vital. Moreover, experience design is extending its influence to partners, as efficient and user-friendly interfaces are becoming the linchpin for successful collaboration and mutual growth. As the narrative evolves, North American society itself is placing a premium on sustainability and ethical business practices. In summary, experience design, bolstered by investments in cutting-edge technologies, is not just a trend but a fundamental driver for business growth and social responsibility in North America. It profoundly shapes the future and impact of enterprises in the region, aligning their operations with the values and aspirations of a rapidly changing market.

In this research, we present an assessment of 26 service providers featured on the Digital Interactive Experience (IX) Services PEAK Matrix<sup>®</sup> Assessment 2023 – North America, a comprehensive matrix that evaluates and categorizes service providers in terms of their capabilities in the space.

The assessment is based on Everest Group's annual Request for Information (RFI) process for calendar year 2023, interactions with leading IX service providers, client reference checks, and an ongoing analysis of the IX services market.

Scope of this report



North America



Services **Digital Interactive** Experience (IX) services



## **Scope: Digital Interactive Experience (IX) service providers**

#### IX strategy and consulting services

Stakeholder experience transformation consulting across IX solution segments includes experience design strategy, commerce strategy, digital product envisioning, campaign and marketing communication strategy, market research planning, content strategy, and return-on-investment (RoI) model design.

#### **Design services**

Design services include user experience research and design, customer journey and persona mapping, wireframing and prototyping, creative audit, and validation and testing.

Content services	Data-driven marketing	Commerce services	Campaigns, promotions, loyalty	Media services				
<ul><li>Content generation</li><li>Content optimization</li><li>Content management</li><li>Content analytics</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Segmentation and personalization</li> <li>Marketing attribution</li> <li>Marketing automation</li> <li>Predictive analytics</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Business-to-consumer (B2C) and Business-to-business (B2B) commerce</li> <li>Social commerce</li> <li>Emerging commerce constructs</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Campaign execution</li><li>Promotions management</li><li>Loyalty programs</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Channel selection</li> <li>Channel optimization</li> <li>Media planning and buying</li> <li>Media measurement</li> </ul>				
Platform services								

#### IX technology services segments

Platform services include implementation, migration, and upgrade of digital experience platforms, Customer Relationship Management (CRM) platforms, customer data platforms (CDP), hyperpersonalization engines, AdTech platforms, commerce platforms, design management systems, conversational marketing platforms, workflow automation solutions, and social media marketing/listening tools across above mentioned technology services.

#### Product development

Digital product development includes user experience-driven application development aligned to existing, new, or disruptive business models. Services include agile development, testing, and DevSecOps to rapidly build and scale minimum viable products (MVP).

	Enabling layers -	▶
Data and analytics services	Infrastructure services	Critical capabilities such as OCM, talent, and skills
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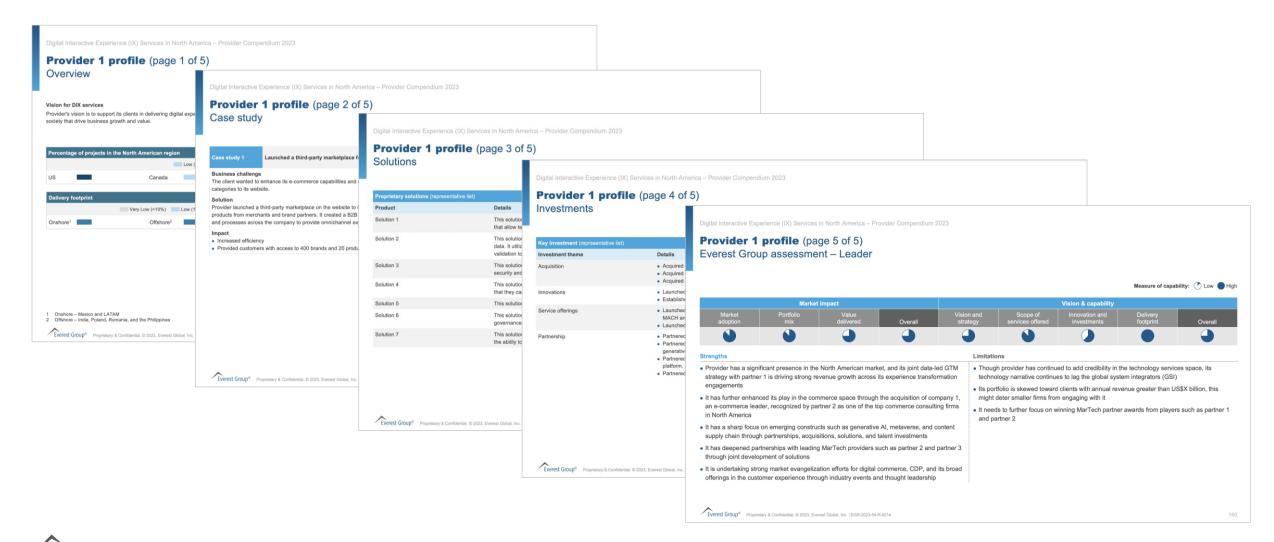
## **Overview and abbreviated summary of key messages**

This report examines 26 IT service providers/design agencies in delivering Digital Interactive Experience (IX) Services. It focuses on service provider position and growth, changing market dynamics and emerging service provider trends, assessment of service provider delivery capabilities, and key service provider profiles.

#### Some of the findings in this report, among others, are:

Service provider delivery capability	<ul> <li>Digital Interactive Experience (IX) service providers can be categorized into leaders, major contenders, and aspirants</li> <li>Accenture Song, Deloitte Digital, IBM iX, Merkle, Publicis Sapient, and TCS Interactive are the current leaders in the space</li> </ul>
Emerging service provider trends	<ul> <li>Leaders display strong ability to deliver end-to-end experience transformation engagements with robust offerings and market proof points across design, strategy, and technology services in the North America region</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Leaders have made strong investments in carving out a well-defined internal strategy, which is also reflected in external branding to enhance "permission to play" in the experience ecosystem</li> </ul>
	• Leaders have strong value proposition messaging centered around designing sustainable, responsible, and ethical experiences
Changing market dynamics	<ul> <li>The definition of experience design is evolving with an extended focus on customers, employees, partners, and environment</li> <li>Service providers are building novel design capabilities whereas design agencies are expanding operations in implementation and support services</li> </ul>
The way forward	<ul> <li>Service providers who are building end to end capabilities across creatives and technology services in the experience space will sustain the growing competition in the ecosystem</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Al investments across the stakeholder experience value chain will drive future growth for both service providers and design agencies in the Interactive Experience space</li> </ul>

## The report includes detailed profiles of 26 digital IX services providers in North America, including their strengths and limitations



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Adobe Services PEAK Matrix <sup>®</sup> Assessment 2022	September 2022
Digital Commerce Platform PEAK Matrix <sup>®</sup> Assessment 2023	March 2023
Digital Commerce Platform Provider Compendium 2023	March 2023
Customer Data Platform (CDP) Products PEAK Matrix <sup>®</sup> Assessment 2023	May 2023
Customer Data Platform (CDP) Products Provider Compendium 2023	June 2023
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Digital Commerce Platform State of the Market 2023	August 2023
Digital Interactive Experience (IX) Services PEAK Matrix <sup>®</sup> Assessment – North America 2023	November 2023
Digital Interactive Experience (IX) Services in North America – Provider Compendium 2023	November 2023
Digital Interactive Experience (IX) Services PEAK Matrix <sup>®</sup> Assessment – Europe 2023	Q4 2023
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