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Background of the research

- The Marketing Technology (MarTech) ecosystem has rapidly evolved over the last few years with expansion in the number of categories of products and tools. Moreover, the number of players operating within each category of the ecosystem are also increasing
- There is a huge surge in the number of MarTech platforms and tools available to marketers today
- While big giants such as Adobe, Salesforce, and Sitecore are strengthening their presence across the widely adopted MarTech platforms such as CMS, CRM, and CDP, there has been an emergence of niche players across fast-growing categories such as loyalty and social media management
- Most enterprises still struggle to completely harness the capabilities of their MarTech stack leading to subdued business results
- In this research, Everest Group has taken the opportunity to unpack the perceived complex MarTech ecosystem, understand the key categories of MarTech, and the challenges and considerations for enterprises to unlock business value through MarTech

Scope of this report



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Overview and abbreviated summary of key messages

In this report, Everest Group has shared perspectives on the ever-evolving MarTech landscape with thousands of platforms and tools across different categories. This report also covers some of the key players in this ecosystem and how the future of MarTech platforms would look like.

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

Dynamism of the ecosystem

- The ever-evolving MarTech landscape has witnessed tremendous growth over last few years with more than 10,000 platforms and tools being available for marketers today
- There has been an emergence of niche players across newly emerging categories such as social, chatbots etc leading to the complexity of the ecosystem

Enterprise considerations

- The MarTech landscape is dominated by established players such as Adobe, Salesforce, Acquia who have consolidated their presence across key categories such as CMS, DXP, CRM, DAM etc
- Modern marketing technology stacks are aligned to customer lifecycle, thus making them a customer journey stack
- Majority of the enterprises still struggle to harness the potential of their MarTech platforms and tools

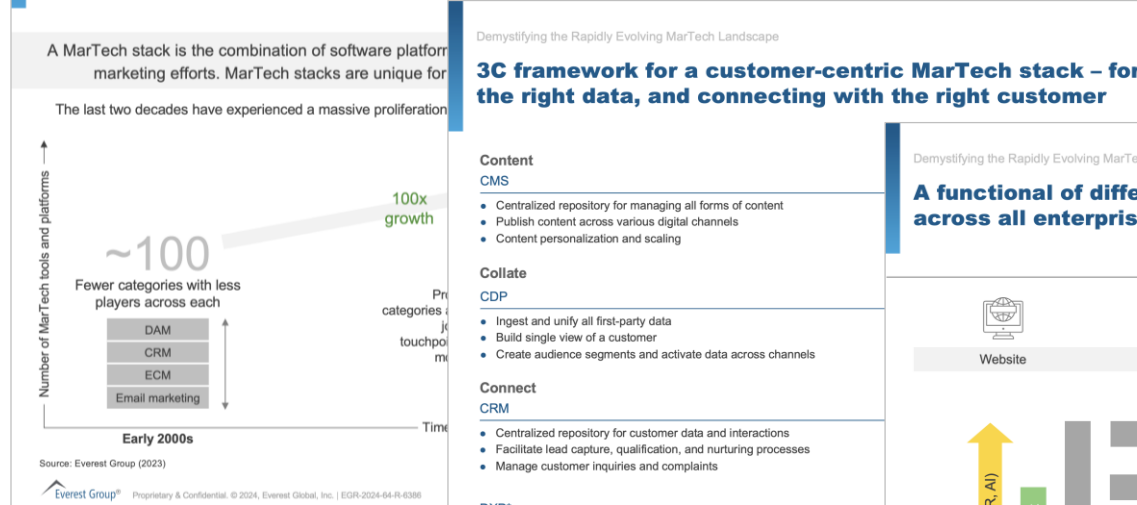
The way forward

Proliferation of composability narrative across each category, expansion of Artificial Intelligence (AI) use cases, and strengthened focus on first party data usage is expected to shape the future of MarTech platforms and tools

This research offers distinct chapters providing a deep dive into key aspects of MarTech landscape; below are four charts to illustrate the depth of the report

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The MarTech landscape has mushroomed and become more complex with an aim to simplify customer experience



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3C framework for a customer-centric MarTech stack – for managing the right content, using the right data, and connecting with the right customer

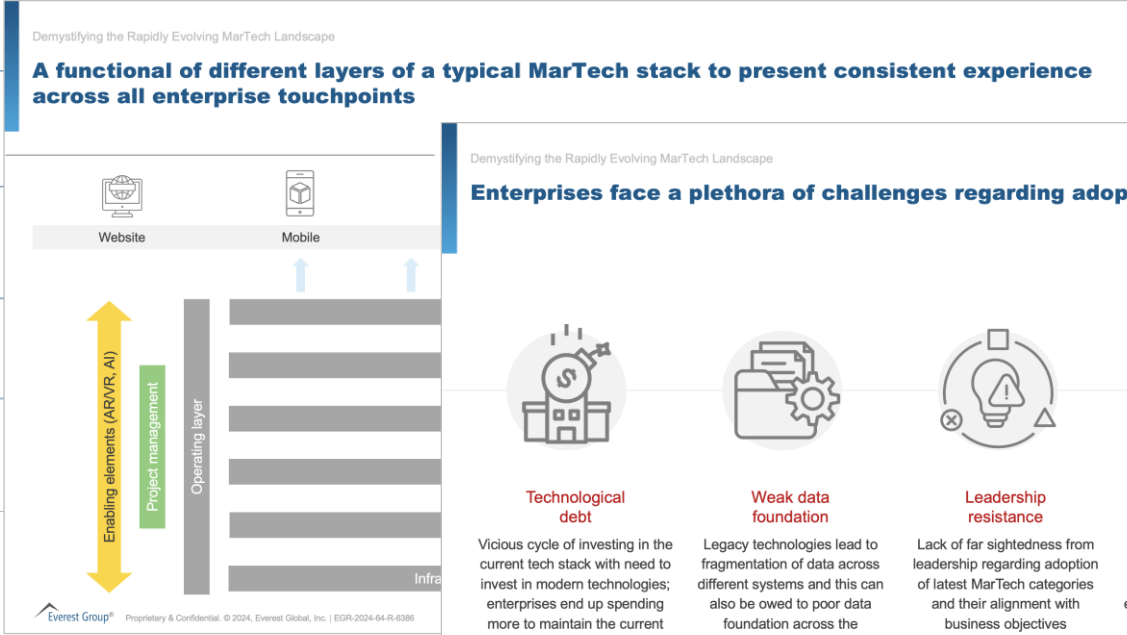
- Content**
 - CMS
 - Centralized repository for managing all forms of content
 - Publish content across various digital channels
 - Content personalization and scaling
- Collate**
 - CDP
 - Ingest and unify all first-party data
 - Build single view of a customer
 - Create audience segments and activate data across channels
- Connect**
 - CRM
 - Centralized repository for customer data and interactions
 - Facilitate lead capture, qualification, and nurturing processes
 - Manage customer inquiries and complaints

DXP*

- Create and manage customer experiences across multiple digital touchpoints
- Can be a single product or suite of products

* applicable across all three categories – content, collate, and connect

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Enterprises face a plethora of challenges regarding adoption of MarTech

- Technological debt**
Vicious cycle of investing in the current tech stack with need to invest in modern technologies; enterprises end up spending more to maintain the current system and adopt new ones
- Weak data foundation**
Legacy technologies lead to fragmentation of data across different systems and this can also be owed to poor data foundation across the organization
- Leadership resistance**
Lack of far sightedness from leadership regarding adoption of latest MarTech categories and their alignment with business objectives
- Perceived MarTech complexity**
Enterprise can get overwhelmed by the growing complexity of the MarTech ecosystem and unable to focus on the right platforms for their business
- Return on Investment (RoI) concerns**
Enterprise leaders expect a solid and demonstrable RoI from MarTech investments and can have apprehensions due to lack of it

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