



# The Changing Nature of Teams

Why a New Class of Collaboration Solution Is Required

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# About the Report



More than 300 global business leaders from a broad range of industries and segments were **surveyed** about their attitudes and use of collaboration solutions



They were asked to **rate** the effectiveness of those solutions in achieving top business imperatives and desired collaboration initiatives

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# Executive Summary

## The study revealed:

- **Collaboration** is a chief enabler for an organization's top business imperatives
- Above all else, collaboration must enable **effective team communication** and foster seamless collaboration with external partners, customers, suppliers, and experts
- **A new class of collaboration solution** is required to keep up with the way today's digital teams work



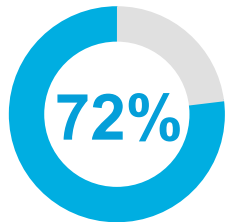
“There has been a **50 percent increase in ‘collaborative intensity’** over the past 10 years.”

—Robert Cross, Management Professor, University of Virginia

# The Mandate for Building Great Teams

# Teams, Near and Far, Are the Lifeblood of Organizations

Which aspects of collaboration best enable top business imperatives today?

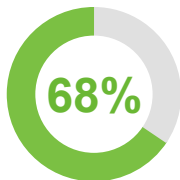


**#1**

Effective Team Communication

**#2**

Fostering collaboration with external parties



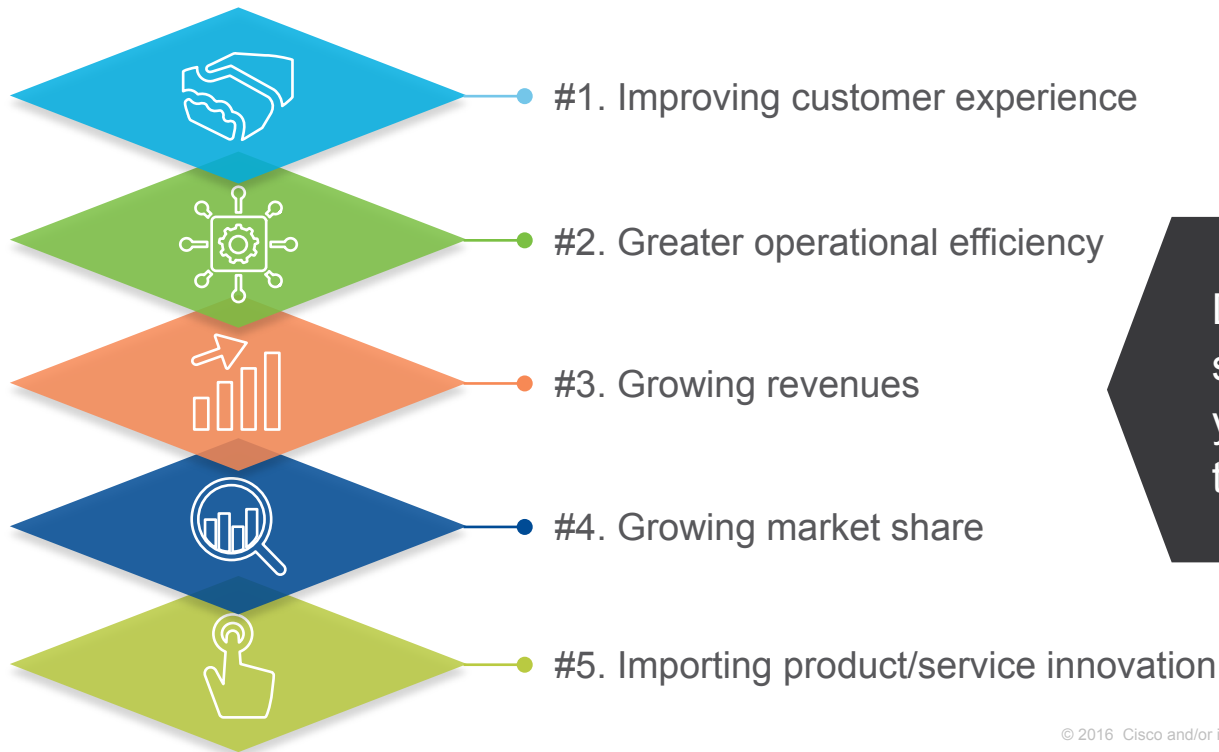
**#3**

Ability to find experts and information quickly



# Effective Teamwork Is Crucial to Achieve Your Top Business Imperatives

Today's most important business imperatives

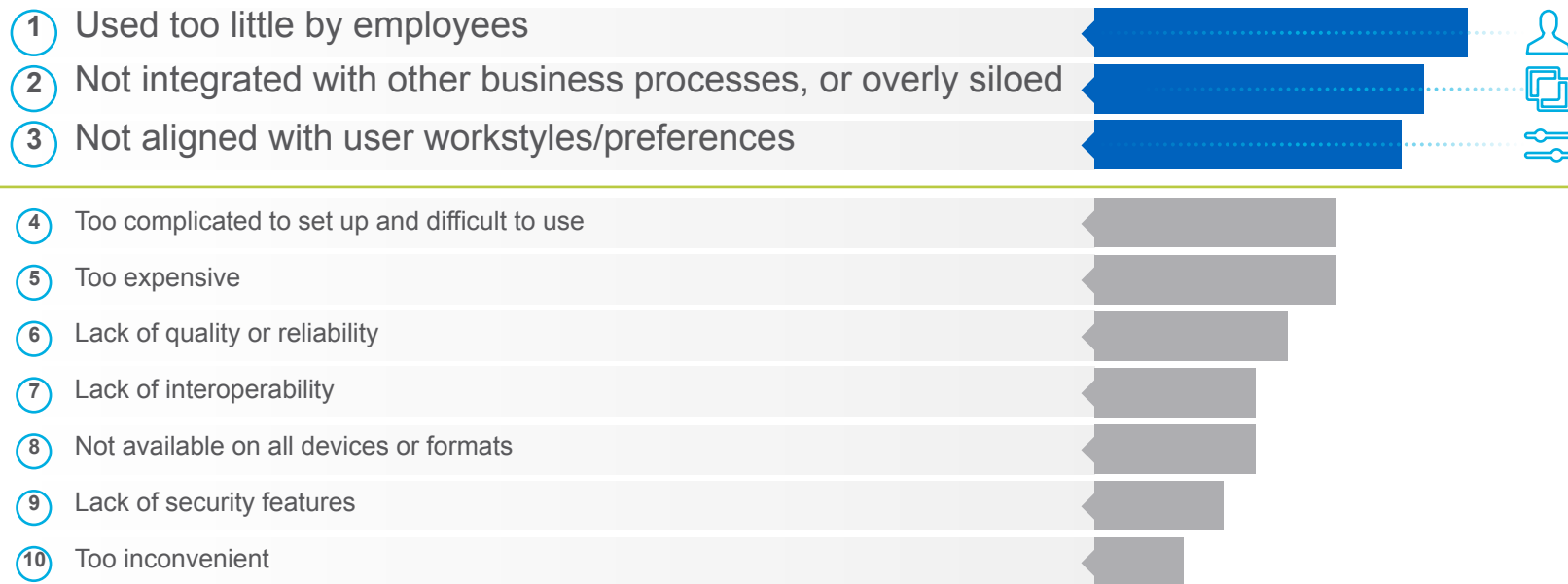


Do your collaboration solutions ensure your teams can achieve these business goals?

# What Gets in the Way of Great Teamwork

## And other top collaboration initiatives

### Reasons why collaboration tools fall short of enabling desired initiatives



# How to Build Great Teams with Collaboration Tools



# Acknowledge that Teams Work Differently Today

“The **new class of collaboration tools** allows you to easily see what everyone on the other side world has been doing for the last eight hours.”

— Robin Gareiss,  
President, Nemertes Research

# Consolidate Solutions to Maximize Utility and Enable Faster Problem Solving



1 in 3

Executives are already consolidating solutions used to improve collaboration

“High value workers are very quick to switch to the collaboration tool that’s most effective for the task at hand.”

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# Ensure Users Are Equipped with Effective Solutions

Email/calendaring tops  
the list of solutions in use at

93%



**BUT EMAIL FALLS BEHIND:**

**#8** out of 10

on the list of which solutions  
are viewed as extremely effective

Which are viewed as the **most effective** solutions\*?



Video conferencing



File sharing



Web conferencing

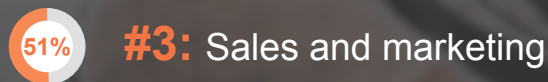
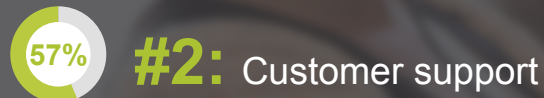
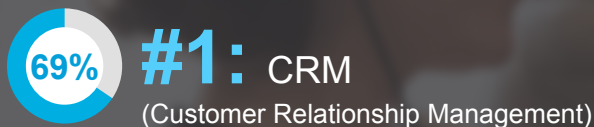


Voice/telephony

\*Top four of five solutions rated as extremely effective

# Integrate Key Business Processes and Applications with Collaboration Solutions

Which of the following business processes or software systems would be improved by being integrated with collaboration technology?



“ It used to be which technology you should use. Now it’s **how to integrate the technology into your business processes.** ”

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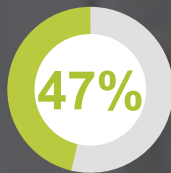




# Optimize Mobile *and* In-Person Collaboration Experiences

To ensure collaboration initiatives are met successfully, it's about

**mobile** *and*  
**in-person**  
**experiences**



are investing in more mobile-based solutions



More than **33%**  
believe that remodeling  
physical office space will  
lead to better collaboration

# Cisco Spark Is Designed for Your Teams



The Teams feature in Cisco Spark comprises open work spaces that foster the institutional knowledge of an organization.

# Cisco Spark Consolidates Solutions



Cisco Spark brings together collaboration tools in one complete service that delivers a great experience regardless of location or device. Connect, create, and share with anyone, anywhere, anytime.

# Cisco Spark Drives Effective Communication



Cisco Spark blends persistent team chat with real-time communications. As a result, everyone is always on the same page and meetings are more efficient.



# Cisco Spark Is the Hub for All Your Work



Cisco Spark easily integrates with your other business tools and processes with pre-built integrations and developer tools.

# Collaboration from Pocket to Boardroom



Cisco Project Workplace helps you optimize video collaboration environments in every room.

Intelligent Proximity pairs mobile devices to video systems to improve the meeting experience.



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