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Quick Poll

Does it matter to you whether
what you deliver is used
effectively by the business ?

Not really - that is up to the business.	0
No - my job is to deliver the system.	0
Absolutely	5
Sort of yes - but I cannot control the usage.	0
I have so many projects that I don't have time to think about post go live	0

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Observations

- High operational overheads post an implementation is a common issue.
- IT lead projects are still suffering from undue blame for poorly implemented projects.
- We need to think beyond the go live.

We Need to Think Beyond the 'Go Live'



Benefit/ROI

Because this

- Reduced manual handling
- Decreased cost to serve
- Reduced FTE headcount
- Low operational support overhead
- Remaining compliant
- Increased digital channel migration
- Increased FTE capacity
- Increased productivity
- Increased eNPS and NPS/CSAT



Happens after go live

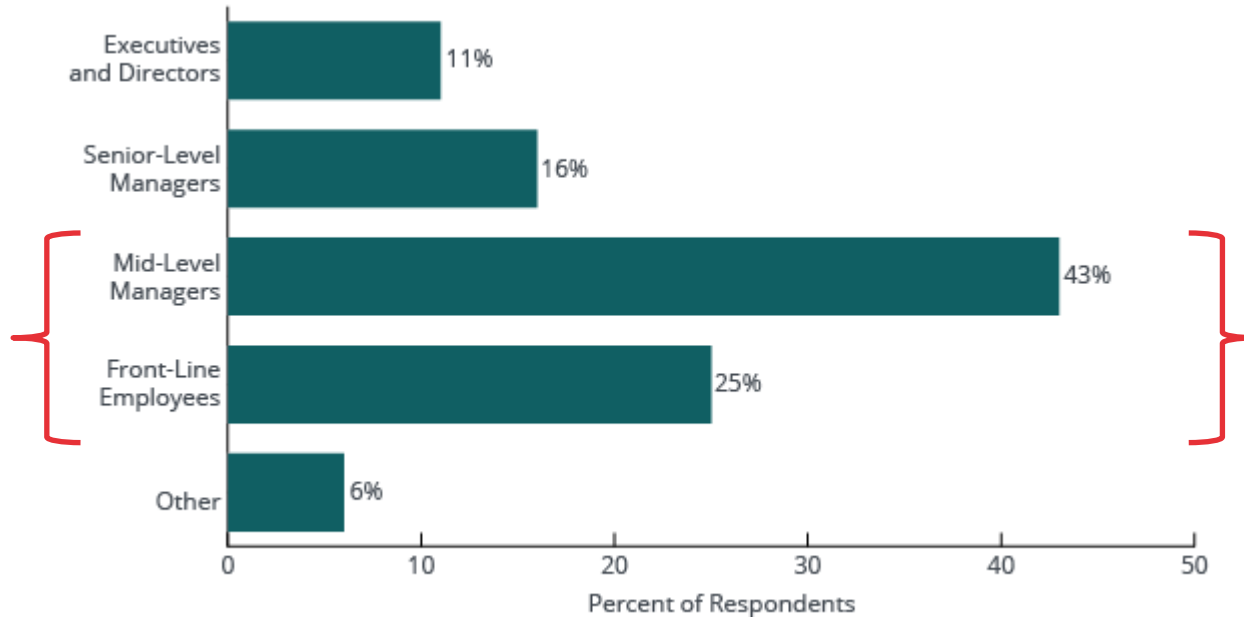
Adoption

- Usage of,
- Adherence to,
- Following new business process,
- Using all the functionality invested in,
- Proficiency, speed to BAU

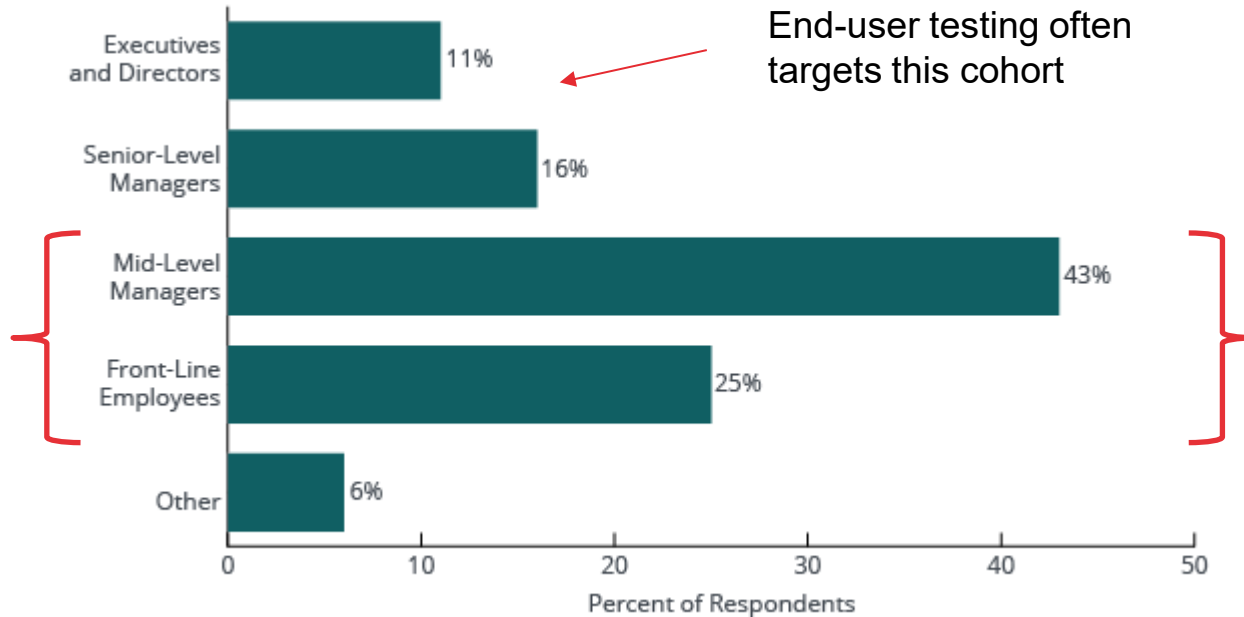
Consequence of Poor Adoption

- Increased T1 & T2 service requests.
- Rapid bug fixing that results in further issues.
- Blame game – IT often never comes out on top.
- Longer time to benefit realisation.
- Delays in decommissioning activities / change in direction.
- In effective mitigations for risk increasing either likelihood or consequence.

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End-User Testing

- A discussion with the primary person that will use the output of a project in a BAU context.
- The form/method of that discussion is project phase related.
- It is NOT testing by an Executive who may be a business owner but who will not use the output in a BAU context.
- It is not complicated or costly to do, customers/clients/staff want to be engaged.

The Role of End-User Testing

- To provide a level of adoption assurance during almost all the project life cycle.
- To reduce the adoption cycle and build trust across the organisation on IT projects.
- End-user testing is an adoption assurance tool.

End-User Testing – Informs

- Operational handover,
- Support requirements,
- QRGs, SOPs, Self serve FaQs etc,
- Scope, solution design, interface design etc,
- Communications, change management and training needs and methods.

User Testing Scripts

- Step by step instructions with expected results.
- Leads to automated regression testing.
- Outsourcing end-user testing to the business owner of the system.
- Highlights business process gaps.

Service Desk

- Play a critical role.
- Avoid collusion.
- T1 and T2 service desk staff as proxy end-users.
- Advice on quick reference guides, manuals, standard operating procedures.

Risk

- Likelihood and consequence.
- Volume of the testing.
- Frequency of testing.

Summary

- End-user testing brings you assurance in a range of areas.
- It should take place during a project and not at the end of a project.
- End-user testing takes many forms and does not need to be complicated or oversized.
- End-user testing can reduce the operational overheads felt by IT departments.

Any Questions/Comments ?



Provide feedback on this webinar.

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