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Modernizing Manufacturing Processes with Edge Computing

The manufacturing industry is automating the optimization of operational processes by modernizing infrastructure and applications with the help of edge computing.



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Driving Value to the Business

Investments in edge computing have a positive impact on the business.

Among manufacturing companies surveyed:



43% improved quality of products and services



38% experienced faster decision processes and actions on local data



29% reduced infrastructure costs (e.g., network bandwidth, servers, and storage)

n = 107; Source: IDC's Lumen Edge Solutions Thought Leadership Survey, November 2022

Benefits of Edge Technology

Infrastructure modernization is extending outside of the datacenter to edge locations.



62% increased productivity through automating processes



54% improved security and data protection

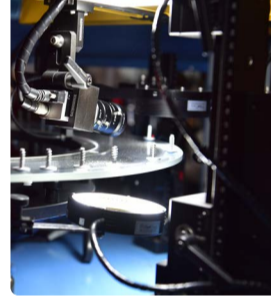


42% reduced infrastructure complexity

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Success Through Use Cases

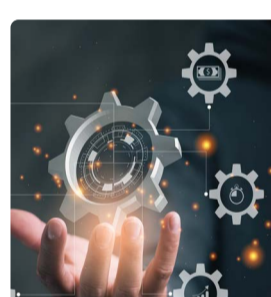
Manufacturers have benefited from an initial set of edge use cases.



Automated in-line optical inspection to detect and flag defects



System-wide process control in real time to regulate and manage processes



Productivity enhancements for existing facilities



Guided workflows using augmented or virtual reality

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Leveraging a Trusted Partner in Manufacturing

Short term or long term, the help of a partner can reduce time, cost, and risk.

Among manufacturing companies:



76% employed managed services (ongoing life-cycle management)

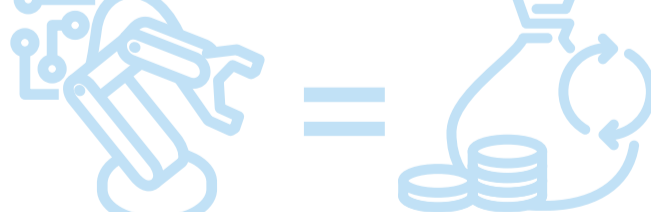


68% employed professional services (project-based advisory services)

n = 74; Source: IDC's Lumen Edge Solutions Thought Leadership Survey, November 2022

Essential Guidance to Manufacturers

Follow these best practices to maximize return on investment in modernization projects.



✓ **Embrace edge computing** to improve operations and create differentiation in the market.

✓ **Partner with a service provider** that understands unique industry needs.

✓ **Select use cases** that drive meaningful business and technical benefits.

✓ **Choose project-based and managed services to de-risk the deployment journey** spanning design, implementation, deployment, and support.

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