

The Evolving Role of CTOs: How CTOs Drive Business Growth Through Strategic Leadership and AI Integration

Think & Grow's research reveals how CTOs can achieve results while keeping engineering and development teams happy

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- Key strategies for driving performance without sacrificing culture include tailoring evaluation tactics and continuous learning

In a groundbreaking study featuring interviews with leading Australian Chief Technology Officers (CTOs), research by global growth consultancy Think & Grow highlights a significant shift in the role of technology leaders—from traditional team management to becoming integral strategic partners within their organisations. As they navigate the complexities of modern business, CTOs

are driving growth by balancing high productivity with a scalable and positive workplace culture.



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In its research report titled “Performance vs Culture: How the CTO Role is Evolving”, Think & Grow found that modern CTOs are increasingly accountable for driving organisational growth, enhancing efficiency, and prioritising customer satisfaction. They now engage with a broader array of stakeholders and expand their oversight to encompass design, product marketing, risk management, and security, reflecting their multifaceted role.

The report reveals that the greatest challenges faced by CTOs in the upcoming year revolve around people and processes. A total of 42% of CTOs cited managing people and teams as their biggest challenge over the next 12 months, indicating the growing importance of talent acquisition and leadership in driving tech innovation and scalability.

As organisations strive for leaner workflows, CTOs are prioritising talent strategy, recognising that a skilled team is the cornerstone of operational and growth success.

Meanwhile, economic conditions have led some to create smaller, more generalised teams, prompting a re-evaluation of traditional structures.

“We found that CTOs are striving to create autonomous teams and foster a culture of learning and accountability, while the role of middle management is becoming increasingly hands-on,” said Anthony Sochan, co-founder of Think & Grow.

AI integration and automation are becoming pivotal strategies for enhancing business scalability and meeting evolving commercial demands. While AI adoption is still in its nascent stages, the advancement of workflow automation presents both opportunities and challenges that CTOs must navigate carefully.

“Generative AI could transform many aspects of software development, from defining requirements and acceptance criteria to creating user stories, coding, designing, and even maintaining and testing code. While the CTOs we surveyed haven't seen effective testing tools that fully leverage this potential yet, I believe that will change soon,” says Jonathan Jeffries, co-founder of Think & Grow.

“On the operational side of cost management, we can expect significant changes in how CTOs and their teams structure infrastructure and manage operational demands over the next six



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months to three years," added Jeffries.

The report also provides the following insights into how CTOs are using tools to track and analyse productivity metrics without impacting culture.

Key strategies for driving performance without sacrificing culture:

- Tailor Evaluation Metrics: CTOs are encouraged to customise metrics based on the unique context of each team rather than relying on standard benchmarks.
- This approach fosters understanding and empathy, ultimately enhancing team dynamics.
- Align with the Whole Organisation: Successful CTOs are those who are attuned to the overarching business priorities and stakeholder needs, enabling them to foster accountability and culture simultaneously.
- Incorporate Human-Centric Metrics: By integrating the SPACE dimensions (Satisfaction, Performance, Activity, Collaboration, and Engagement), CTOs can leverage data-driven insights into workflow challenges while fostering a high-performance, growth-oriented workplace culture.
- Foster a Culture of Learning: Embracing mistakes, promoting learning, and encouraging calculated risks can ignite innovation and spur growth within teams, leading to a more dynamic organisation.

As the role of the CTO continues to evolve, these insights highlight how technology leaders must adapt to drive innovation, and business growth, and navigate rapid market changes.

For more information, [access the full Report here](#) and [register for the upcoming webinar on 21 November](#) to learn how top CTOs balance innovation, culture, and growth in tech leadership.

Research Methodology

We began by researching the technology landscape, which helped us develop a comprehensive questionnaire. This was used to conduct 30 in-depth interviews with technology leaders across the industry, lasting between 30 to 90 minutes each. After the interviews, we followed up with a survey, and the results are illustrated in the charts in the Report. The Think & Grow team also provided supplementary desk research.

About Think & Grow

Think & Grow is a global growth consultancy dedicated to empowering founders, leaders, and executives to advance their businesses and build lasting legacies, playing a pivotal role in

shaping the future of work. Established in 2015, the company aims to make a positive impact on top-tier businesses by assisting them in diagnosing, challenging, and implementing their strategies. The team at Think & Grow offers a range of services including workshops, growth programs, scaling projects, statements of work, and mentoring. Additionally, they develop processes and systems to help companies scale efficiently and identify the right talent for each stage of growth. Think & Grow operates in the US, Australia, the UK, Dubai, Singapore, Greece, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand.

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