

CX Path

An IDC Special Intelligence Service

CX Path is IDC's premier benchmarking survey, providing subscribers with demand-side guidance on the mind and journey of buyers of customer experience (CX) applications and services, including a deep dive into 10 functional markets that cover the end-to-end customer journey from awareness to loyalty.

Coverage includes application adoption, deployment models, budget plans and replacement cycle timing, purchasing preferences and attitudes toward buying channels, application migration strategy, drivers and inhibitors, packaging and pricing options, and in-depth vendor reviews, ratings, spend, and advocacy scores for most leading vendors in each of the 10 functional markets. *CX Path* is a global study covering 11 countries across all regions of the world. For more information, view this product [video](#).

MARKETS AND SUBJECTS ANALYZED

- Advertising
- Marketing
- Sales
- Digital Commerce
- Configure-Price-Quote (CPQ)
- Product Information/Experience Management (PIM/PXM)
- Contact Center and Customer Service
- Voice of Customer
- Customer Experience Orchestration
- Customer Engagement and Communications
- Customer Data Platforms
- Customer / Product Analytics
- Aftermarket Service Operations

CORE RESEARCH

- CX Path Executive Summary Report
- CX Path Vendor Ratings Report
- CX Path: Worldwide Banner Book
- CX Path: Additional 10+ Banner Books — By Category/Region

In addition to the insight provided in this service, IDC may conduct research on specific topics or emerging market segments via research offerings that require additional IDC funding and client investment. To learn more about the analysts and published research, please visit: [CX Path](#).

KEY QUESTIONS ANSWERED

1. Which CX applications are organizations investing in? when? and where?
2. How do CX application buyers like to be sold to? Through what channels? What are their buying preferences, attitudes, fears, needs, and priorities? How do these vary by CX application market?
3. Which vendors are organizations considering for each CX application solution? How satisfied are organizations with their CX technology vendor/partner, and how do they rate their provider on 30+ different metrics?
4. How do buyers of CX technology like to be engaged, and what are the most common friction points they experience related to the selection, contracting, and management of customer experience-oriented technology?
5. What are buyers seeking in their drive toward a "future customer experience," and how must technology vendors/partners support them to meet those needs and expectations?

COMPANIES ANALYZED

This service reviews the strategies, market positioning, and future direction of several providers in the customer experience (CX) market, including:

Adobe Systems Inc., Bazaarvoice, BigCommerce, Cisco, Conga, Contentsquare, Contentstack, Criteo, Medallia, Microsoft, NICE,

Oracle, Qualtrics, Salesforce, SAP, ServiceNow, Shopify, Sprinklr, Treasure Data, Twilio, Ushur, Zendesk, and Zoho.