

# Stakes Rise for IT:

## The IT Transformation Journey

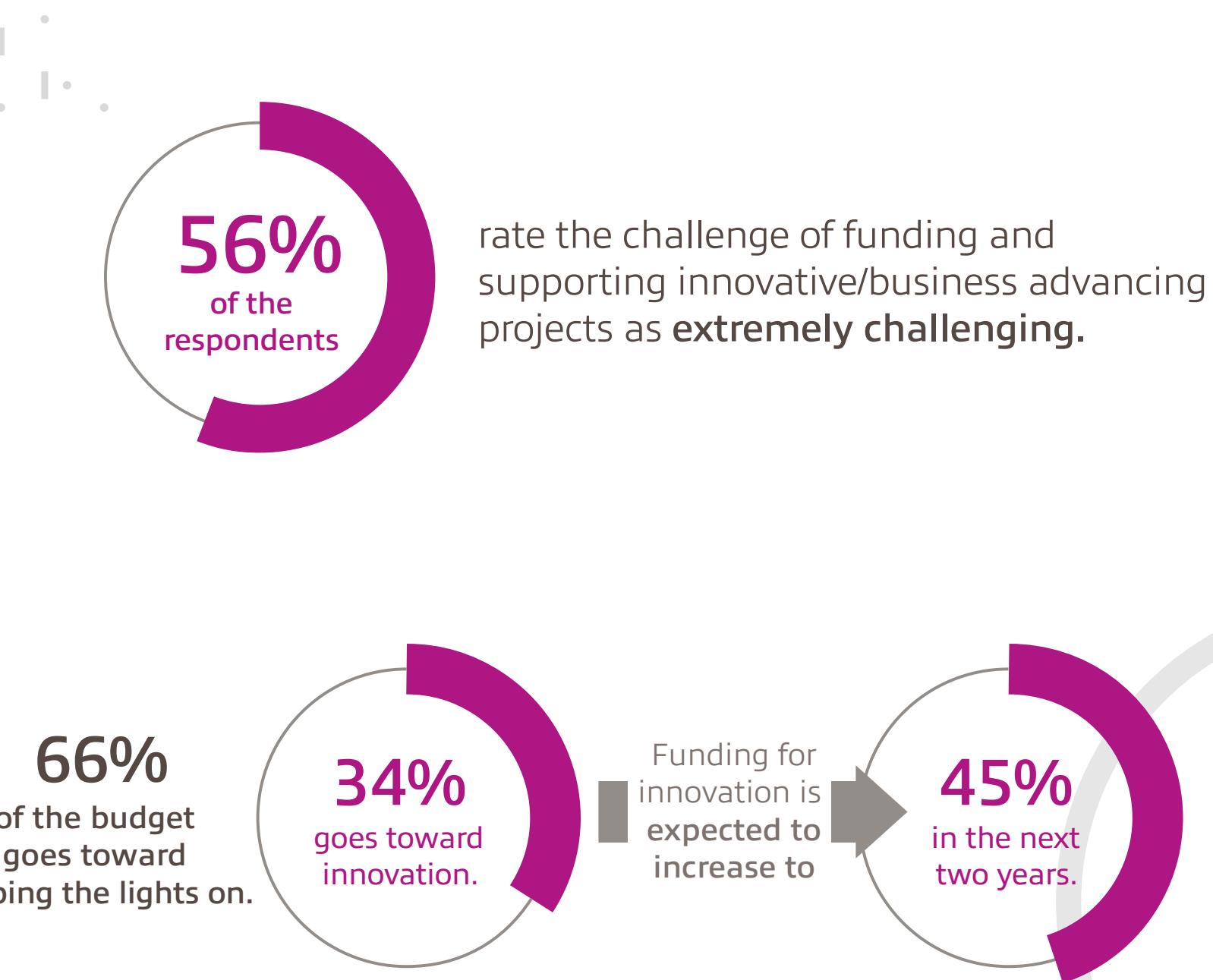
A recent Datalink-commissioned survey by IDG Research highlights the strategic role of IT to businesses and the IT transformation journey underway.

The business is reliant on IT to achieve its goals.

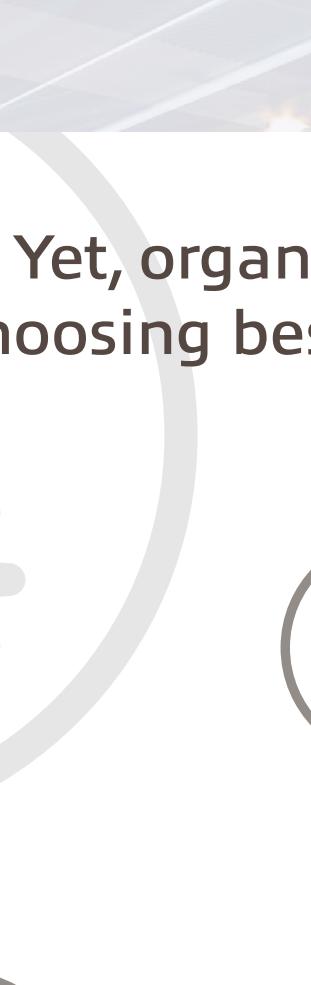


said IT is critical or very important to business strategy.

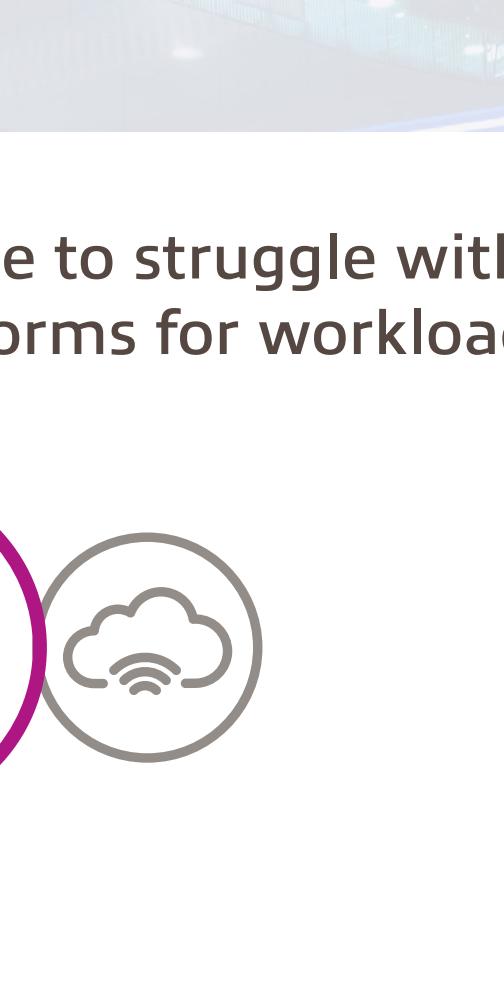
IT leaders are focused on four key business strategies.



Top two actions IT will take to support business strategies:



Increase speed of IT service delivery



Leverage new technology platforms (public/private/hybrid clouds, converged infrastructure, etc.)

IT optimization challenges still loom. But, some year-over-year progress has been made.

**22%**  
believe their IT environment is fully optimized.

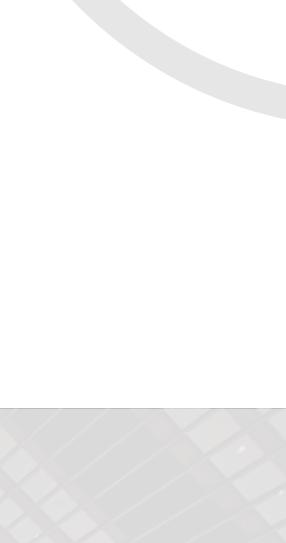


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**9%**  
in 2016

IT leaders are utilizing a hybrid cloud strategy, with workloads evenly split.

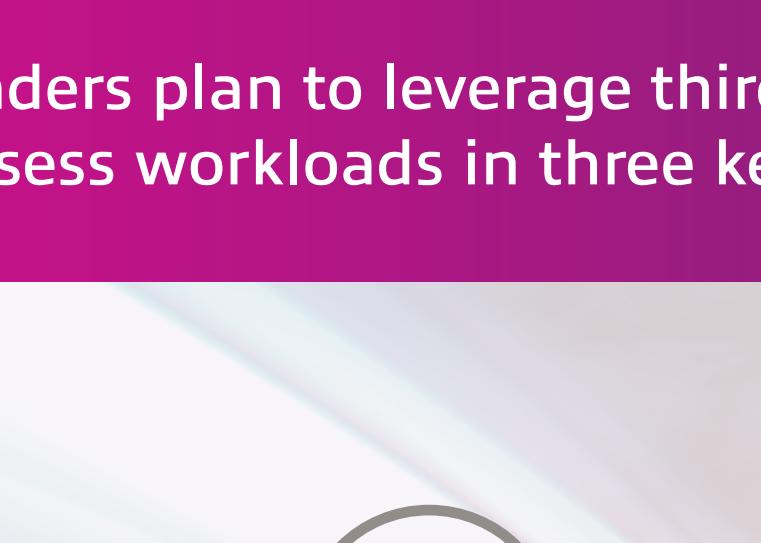


**50%**  
on private cloud



**50%**  
on public cloud

Yet, organizations continue to struggle with choosing best-fit cloud platforms for workloads.



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