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To examine the strategies for managing organizational change effectively and fostering a culture of adaptability: A case study of Microsoft

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Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 Background

A change management refers to the strategic process by which organisations such as Microsoft anticipate and adapt to changes. The key is to implement a systematic strategy and a series of procedures to facilitate the transition from the current state to the desired future state. This encompasses the process of strategizing, executing, and monitoring these modifications that ensure their seamless implementation with the full participation of all stakeholders. An appropriate and an effective distribution of resources is a vital component of change management. This encompasses not just financial concerns in addition to ensuring that colleagues have the requisite tools and technology to efficiently execute the changes. Microsoft needs to be ready to rebalance their resources as the transformation unfolds, so having enough support and resources is crucial (Zada, 2022).

Microsoft demonstrates its dedication to the transformation undertakings by strategically distributing resources. Moreover, by providing practical assistance, the firm demonstrates its commitment to the achievement of both the change and its colleagues.

Microsoft has experienced a culture shift by adopting Microsoft Teams as the primary platform for communication and working together. Similarly, it is essential to get the lowdown on how Microsoft Digital methodically pushed Teams adoption throughout the company with the help of metrics-driven analytical tools, a change-management plan that included executive sponsors and end users, training and evangelism programmes, and a channel strategy to promote the shift to Teams. When Microsoft was planning the internal implementation of Microsoft Teams, the Microsoft Digital organisation recognised the need for it to be distinct. While Teams does take over the messaging and communications features previously offered by Skype for Business, it is necessary to note that Teams is not simply a renamed or updated version of Skype for Business. Teams offer a broader range of capabilities and functionalities (Mizrak, 2024). The platform serves as a contemporary centre for communication and collaboration, facilitating threaded conversations organised by channels and teams, both publicly and privately. It also supports live and streaming events, interaction with external applications, sharing of files,

and real-time collaboration. Furthermore, this is accomplished through a unified user interface that functions reliably across many devices. The team is a platform that is welcoming and accessible, created for a society where five different generations of employees are joining forces to work together. Additionally, it recognises that up to 80% of an individual's time is dedicated to participating in various collaborative activities. It is specifically created for a dynamic and contemporary work environment, where over 70% of employees are expected to work remotely by 2020 (Luu, 2023). Although the advantages of utilising Teams in this current situation are evident, Microsoft Digital was aware that the transition would need significant effort. Microsoft was phasing out an essential tool that employees relied on, Skype for Business, and urging them to adopt a new tool that would alter the way they communicate and connect with each other and the globe.

1.2 Problem Statement

The business is a vast and complicated organisation that involves continuous evolution. For Microsoft to maintain a competitive edge, it is imperative that they possess the ability to swiftly and efficiently adjust to changes. Nevertheless, implementing the change might pose challenges, therefore necessitating the need for a well-defined strategy to effectively oversee the process. Microsoft encounters significant obstacles due to opposition towards change (Richey Jr et al., 2023). For whatever reason the comfort with the status quo, ignorance of the change, or dread of the unknown the employees may be reluctant to change.

Furthermore, Microsoft should ensure that its employees are thoroughly educated about the forthcoming transition and that their concerns are effectively resolved. Moreover, a major work for Microsoft is to keep up a mind-set that is open to change. In this regard, to do well at Microsoft in a world that is always changing; the company needs employees who are excited about their jobs and can take on and overcome new obstacles. Similarly, to foster a society where people are not afraid to take chances and try out new ideas is part of it. Microsoft is focusing a lot of different methods to effectively handle workplace change and encourage a mindset of flexibility. Microsoft is focusing on

providing more finances into training and development programmes so that workers can learn new skills and get better at adapting to new situations. By promoting diversity and teamwork, Microsoft is making the workplace more comfortable so that workers can share their ideas and be open to new ones. There are still some challenges that Microsoft needs to fix, though. In essence, Gillum et al. (2023) identified that Microsoft should put a lot of effort into creating a culture that makes workers feel comfortable taking risks and trying new things.

Thereby, Microsoft is making advancements in effectively handling organisational change and promoting a culture of flexibility. Nevertheless, Microsoft must confront several obstacles in order to achieve success in a swiftly evolving landscape.

1.3 Research Aim

The aim of the research is to focus on how Microsoft managing the strategies on organizational changes and to foster a culture of adaptively

1.4 Research Objectives

- To investigate the specific organizational change strategy implemented by Microsoft.
- To examine the leadership principles and approaches utilises managing change within Microsoft.
- To assess the impact of the strategies of Microsoft on fostering cultural adaptively within the organisation.
- To analyse the result learned from the experiences from the Microsoft's related to the organizational change, providing insights for broader applications in the field.

1.5 Research Questions

How do initiatives from Microsoft be effective to manage organisational change and foster adaptability?

1.6 Significance of the Study

The Microsoft culture recognises that curiosity and the drive to solve customers' unspoken and unfulfilled needs through innovative technology should be at the heart of every organisation. Furthermore, it is crucial for firm innovation to be motivated by a profound understanding of customers' unmet and unexpressed requirements. The importance of fostering a development mind-set culture is evident. Microsoft's emphasis on customer-centricity and external focus grew in significance over time. This was achieved by a comprehensive transformation in the employees' thinking, facilitated by effective communication, training, and essential personnel adjustments, especially within the sales departments, which serve as the forefront of the organization (Wright, 2023). Customer feedback was actively solicited and incorporated at all stages of the product life cycle. Additionally, customer groups were actively included in the planning process, which contributed to the development of a more inclusive culture. The heart of the organisation embraced inclusive attitudes and behaviours, making diversity and inclusion a firm commitment and a critical commercial focus. Microsoft has a strong commitment to representing the diversity of the outside world (Ismail et al., 2023). Moreover, the firm implemented various methods to achieve this, such as providing e-lessons on unconscious bias, emphasizing on a one-week hackathon initiative where staff members and interns from different departments collaborate to generate innovative ideas, and implementing a strategy where new recruits with MBAs are responsible for leading company meetings, which had the greatest influence. The leadership demonstrated confidence in the organization's capabilities and adopted a more passive approach, focusing on observation. Thereby, this led to the development of compelling social impact initiatives within Microsoft.

1.7 Brief Research Methodology

This chapter is crucial to the study since it helps choose the right procedures and methods, which might improve the investigation's overall effectiveness. Consequently, this chapter is crucial for the investigation. These investigations employed known theoretical and descriptive research approaches (Harriott et al., 2023). Furthermore, a

qualitative analysis of the data was conducted in conjunction with the collection of secondary data in order to thoroughly evaluate the information pertaining to the topic of the study.

1.8 Structure of Rest of Project

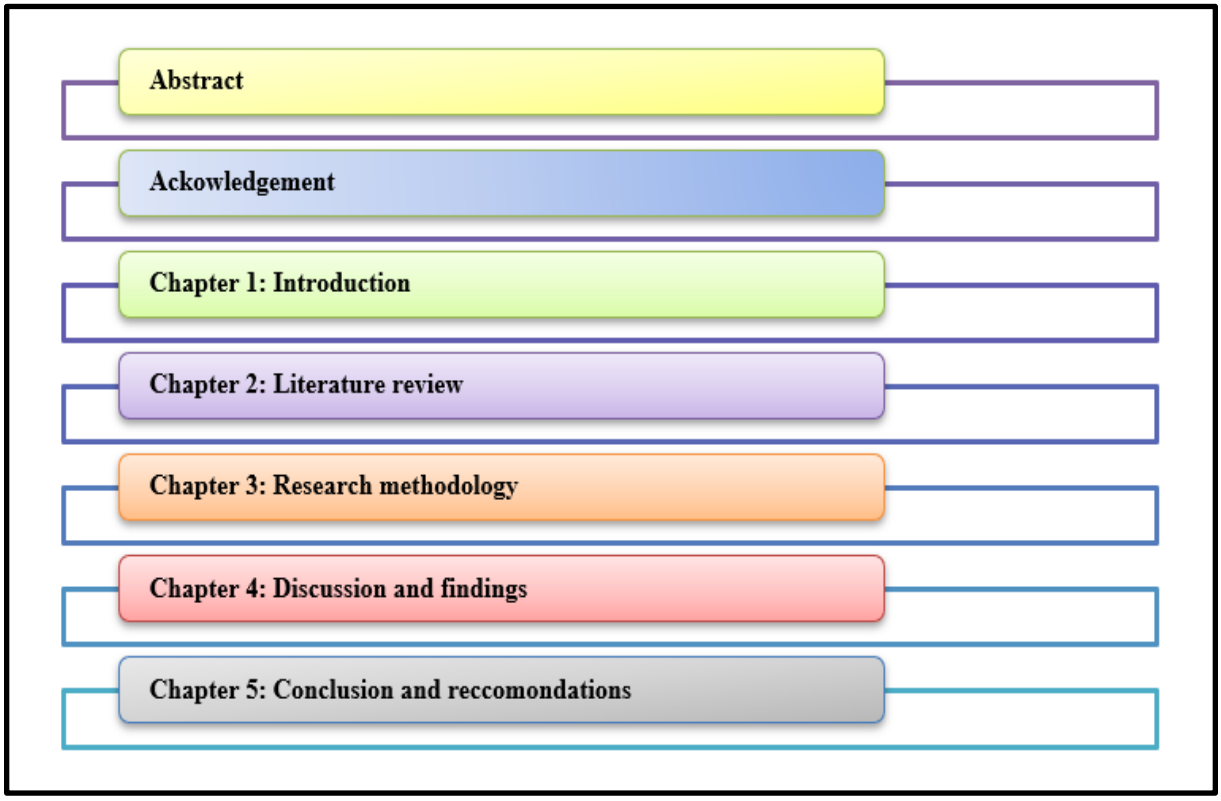

Figure 1: The structure of the dissertation

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Chapter 2: Literature Review

2.1 Introduction

A literature review involves an integration of existing material related to the topic of the study This analysis consolidates the findings from several sources to provide a comprehensive grasp of the issue, thus establishing a basis for both the academic question and the original research. A literature review encompasses more than a bibliography that has been annotated, as it not only cites sources but also evaluates their reliability. Moreover, it is essential for the literature review to comprehensively examine all the important sources related to a topic, irrespective of their alignment with the assertions one wants to pursue (Giang and Dung, 2021). The current literature review will seek to examine the strategies for managing the change of the organization and to foster on the adaptability of culture of the Microsoft sector.

2.2 Research Areas / Topics

2.2.1 Change management strategies performed by Microsoft in the current days

According to J Nair, Manohar, and Mittal, (2024), with the introduction of Microsoft 365 as a service, IT managers had to significantly alter their approach to change management. Microsoft 365 underwent daily changes, requiring personnel to adapt and find ways to stay updated. The adoption of the new SaaS model was made more challenging by the worldwide pandemic and the constantly changing work style trends. IT teams were required to consistently assess and adopt innovative technologies and solutions that use cloud computing in order to support distant collaboration, provide smooth communication, and sustain productivity. Due to the implementation of remote work, workers adopted asynchronous workflows, which provided them with the option to choose when and where they could finish their tasks. On Microsoft Teams alone, there are always hundreds of updates and new features in the works. The remaining components of the Microsoft 365 package, such as the Microsoft Office applications, hosted email, and the Microsoft SharePoint integration, have also undergone significant and swift transformations (Aigwi et al., 2023). The changes are made accessible to workers, which employees may view

them, and how to set up for them are all mostly at the discretion of IT administrators. Occasionally, upgrades may be effortlessly implemented, like the inclusion of a feature that allows users to digitally indicate their want to speak in a Microsoft Teams meeting. Moreover, they may entail more complex matters like artificial intelligence or data mining, in which case the idea of triage becomes of utmost importance (Su et al., 2022).

Microsoft's internal triage process consists of two fundamental concepts such as establishing a posture, which refers to a set of IT standards for the firm, and verifying that features or change management align with that posture. The posture of an organisation can determine the specific requirements for security and data privacy. For instance, Microsoft 365 offers various compliance capabilities, including data loss prevention, security of information, and eDiscovery (Foster and Saleh, 2021). These features have enabled major banking institutions to align their IT environment with their desired compliance posture. They employed stringent data protection protocols, such as encryption and access control, to ensure the security of sensitive financial data. In addition, they utilised sophisticated threat prevention capabilities to proactively identify and address possible security problems. Microsoft places a strong focus on both privacy and security, while also highly valuing the creativity, innovation, and collaboration that takes place among its employees. According to Chen et al. (2021), Microsoft intent is to achieve a careful balance between protecting employees and allowing them to freely communicate, share files, and collaborate on many platforms. To maintain balance, the firm depends and relies on the enforcement of protections that provide both security and privacy, while still granting individuals the liberty to operate within certain limits.

The internal ring structure enables the individuals who possess the most familiarity with the answer to verify its validity prior to sharing it with the second ring. On the other hand, Cote (2022) suggested that the second tier of early adopters is where crucial testing occurs, and as a feature evolves, it progressively reaches a wider audience. A cohort of Microsoft workers is who possess a strong enthusiasm for novel functionalities have voluntarily registered to see preliminary implementations. The group, known as Microsoft Elite, frequently consists of one of the early circles. Every IT department may utilise the ring structure to gradually implement changes and observe their impacts before affecting users on a large scale. Likewise, Nate Carson, a senior service manager responsible for

overseeing Microsoft Exchange's internal usage at Microsoft, explains that the team fosters a system of rings to test and evaluate new features before implementing them company-wide. According to Carson, adopting this approach reduces the overall impact on the entire firm (Baran and Woznyj, 2020).The implementation of the rings as a testing method allows security and data privacy teams to have additional time to evaluate the consequences of a new feature. The truth is of the utmost importance for change management in this age of constant security threats like hacking, ransomware, and phishing.

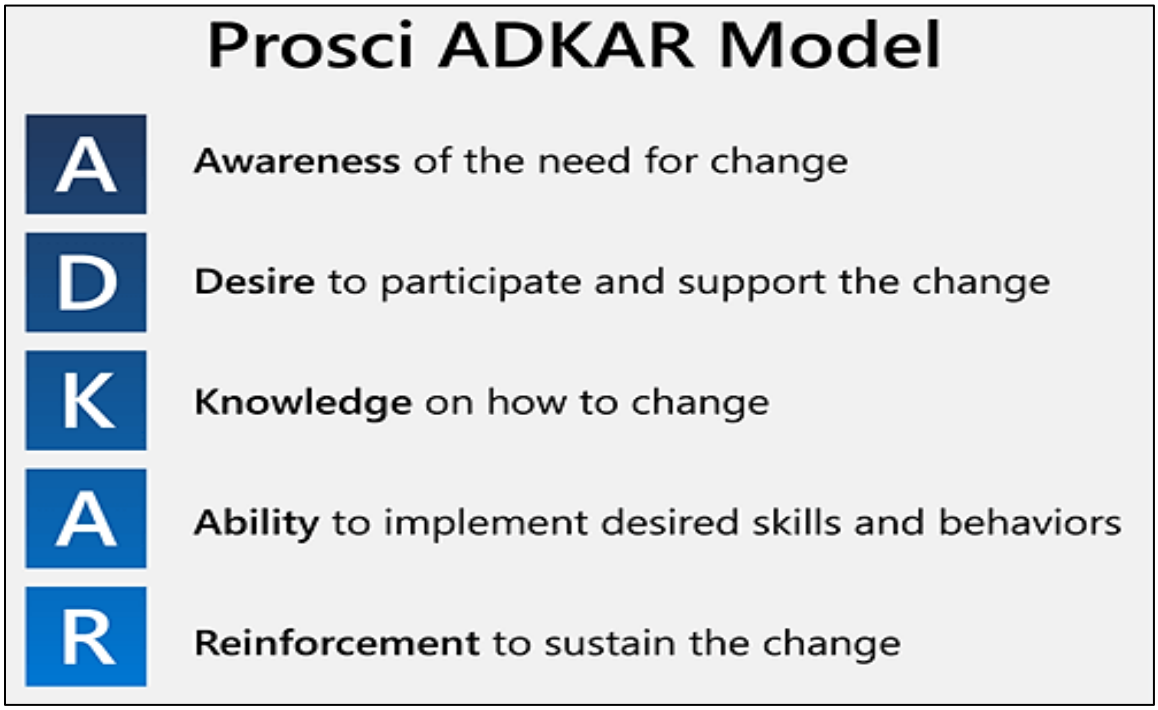

Figure 2: Microsoft use change management business practices

(Source: Microsoft, 2023)

The MSXi solution's design evolved and the project v-team had to think about change management as well. A work stream is the continuous process of communicating, teaching, and reinforcing a new framework, procedure, or organisation. The current model offers valuable guidance on using resources strategically to promote the intended change in behaviour. As part of the development process, Microsoft Digital business programme

managers conducted trial initiatives in many regions, including Latin America and Australia (Foster and Saleh, 2021).

2.2.2 The leadership approaches and principles for managing change within Microsoft

According to Marchese et al. (2023) depicts that Satya Nadella has emerged as a prominent leader in the past five years, assuming the role of CEO at Microsoft and swiftly establishing a reputation that extends beyond the technology industry. It dove headfirst into what makes Nadella unique and why Nadella is a leader to watch because of his unconventional leadership style, which is what BK is all about. During his brief tenure as CEO, Nadella has successfully managed and propelled remarkable expansion and profitability, a noteworthy accomplishment given Microsoft's already prominent position in the corporate realm as the inventors of Windows and Xbox (Tvedt, et al., 2023).

The leader Satya Nadella assumed the position of Chief Executive Officer of Microsoft in 2014. During that period, the stock price of the mega-giant had decelerated due to the rise of mobile technology, which was reducing the impact of traditional computers. Regarding technology, Nadella promptly expressed a commitment to giving priority to mobile and cloud (Fernandez, 2023). According to Microsoft Chairman John Thompson, he made a declaration on the first day that the world prioritises cloud computing and mobile devices, as reported by CNBC. He did not mention Windows at all. In addition to the notable change in product emphasis, Nadella also established clear expectations for the desired transformation of the Microsoft leadership culture, and consequently, the overall organisational culture. He deliberately prioritised empathy, individual empowerment, positivism, and progress. Meanwhile, Ortega et al. (2023) identified that Nadella's tactics have yielded significant results. Today, Microsoft's market capitalization has increased by $250 billion, making it the fourth most valuable firm in the world. Additionally, it has grown into a formidable competitor in the cloud computing market since Nadella initially announced the intention of the firm to focus on that area such as a significant sign of its success in luring and maintaining talented young professionals.

Figure 3: The management principles and leadership styles

(Source: Tessier, 2021)

The cultural shift at Microsoft, led by Nadella, is undeniably spectacular. However, it is important to note that every organisation and its leader have the potential to accomplish a similar level of transformation that motivates individuals and enhances productivity. To initiate the process, all that is required is to make a conscious decision to begin, which can be as straightforward as determining how to pose a suitable inquiry (Love and Matthews, 2022). Just like another cherished leadership style, servant leadership, appreciative inquiry is a framework that has been around for a while and is gaining popularity among leaders and managers who also embrace a development mentality. The underlying concept of cultivating resilience with a grateful investigation is a leadership management via the hope, despair, and forgiveness revolves around emphasising the examination of positive aspects and giving priority to the process of inquiry in order to consistently recognise and learn from what is functioning effectively, even in situations where it may seem that nothing is working. According to Al-Hadrawi et al. (2023) the remarkable potency of appreciative inquiry lies in its ability to inspire, encourage, and

propel organisations and individuals towards progress. Various dynamic and introspective techniques, along with many others, are becoming increasingly popular. These approaches fall within the broader category of positive leadership. One leadership style that emphasises positivism, service, and empathy, and another style specifically designed for novice managers. One advantage of developing leadership styles is the fact that transformations may be initiated by anybody, not only Microsoft's CEO. Nadella's worldview has attracted significant attention due to its application to a $800 billion firm (Tessier, 2021). However, his fervour may be pursued by any individual dedicated to transforming and enhancing their organisation. Even if the proactive management is not getting much attention right now, it will have a significant influence on its staff, co-workers, the employees Microsoft manage, the customers the firm contacts, and the communities and organisations in which it participates. and may result as a triple win.

Identifying the major influencers inside the organisation is vital for successfully renovating an existing culture. These individuals serve as the primary source of information and advice for employees. If they have uncertainties or are reluctant to change, it can undermine the entire attempt to transform the culture (Caporuscio et al., 2023)

One useful tool for identifying these powerful individuals is organisational network analysis. This facilitates a more intricate comprehension of the workflow within the organisation, surpassing the confines of the formal hierarchy (Akbari, and Pratomo, 2021). Nevertheless, there are situations where it might be impracticable to persuade specific influential individuals, and it can become essential to substitute them in order to proceed with the transformation of the culture. Moreover, utilising the stories and symbolism is crucial for strengthening the fundamental principles of the emerging culture. Microsoft's CEO, Satya Nadella, aimed to cultivate a growth attitude among all employees (Nguyen, 2024). Moreover, to reinforce the significance of this goal, he employed posters in conference rooms. These visual cues can help maintain staff buy-in to the company's new principles and culture while also fostering greater uniformity of experience across the board.

Figure 4: The company culture at Microsoft

(Source: Microsoft, 2023)

The firms may establish a robust and unified culture that leads to future success by prioritising the identification of influential individuals and the reinforcement of core values through narrative and symbols. Here is an example for clarification:

2.2.3 The impact of the strategies of Microsoft on fostering cultural adaptively within the organisation

A deeper knowledge of the many stages that organisations may encounter on their adoption path is essential for increasing the possibility of a productive workplace initiative's success. Microsoft has identified four phases in its collaboration with clients on Modern Workplace Productivity and their transition to embracing new work methods. The business frequently requires a revaluation of their training plans for a Microsoft 365 programme, since it entails more than simply a technological shift; it involves a transformation in the behaviours and thinking of employees (Vassolo and Weisz, 2022).

Deployment

The process of implementing the technological infrastructure in order to render the solution accessible for usage. The IT departments at Microsoft are frequently assigned the responsibility of expeditiously providing employees with access to technology. This does not always result in employees actually using the new programmes. Instead, they may just arrive at work one morning, power up their devices, and find that new applications are now accessible (Wong, 2020). Subsequently, Microsoft should ascertain the purpose and proper use of those items. This applies to any later modifications or revisions as well. Frequently, personnel get inadequate information and training, resulting in the possibility that the capabilities implemented by Microsoft may go unused despite the time and effort invested in their deployment.

Usage

There is some positive news. A significant number of employees derive satisfaction from the exploration of innovative technologies and applications. Unfortunately, Microsoft's IT training is sometimes lacking in context and fails to offer concrete examples of how these capabilities and functions should be utilised for the employees tend to retain information that is relevant to resolving their current workflow issues or that may be used to take advantage of new opportunities at Microsoft (Attoh et al., 2023).

Proficiency

The adoption phase primarily aims to modify behaviour of the employees, whereas proficiency is concerned with ensuring that employees possess the essential skills and competencies to fully utilise the possibilities of Microsoft, hence maximising the organization's investment in the software. This entails scrutinising every facet of the organization's operational processes, encompassing individuals, teams, and firms as well as the organization's interactions with its customers, partners, and shareholders. Proficiency should be the objective for Microsoft, and it is attained in varying ways by each department (Magnanini et al., 2022). The departments of the firm are likely to progress at varying rates towards it, in direct correlation with their level of motivation for change.

Microsoft has showcased its versatility through several means. As an illustration, the corporation has redirected its attention from desktop programmes to cloud-based services, acknowledging the increasing significance of the cloud in the technology sector. Furthermore, Microsoft has jumped on the bandwagon for cutting-edge innovation like AI and ML since its management sees their immense potential to revolutionise the business (Kua et al., 2022). The success of Microsoft can be attributed to its strong focus on adaptability. The company's capacity to adapt to change and promote flexibility and responsiveness among its personnel has allowed it to stay pertinent in a constantly evolving environment. Microsoft has ensured its future success by fostering a culture of adaptability.

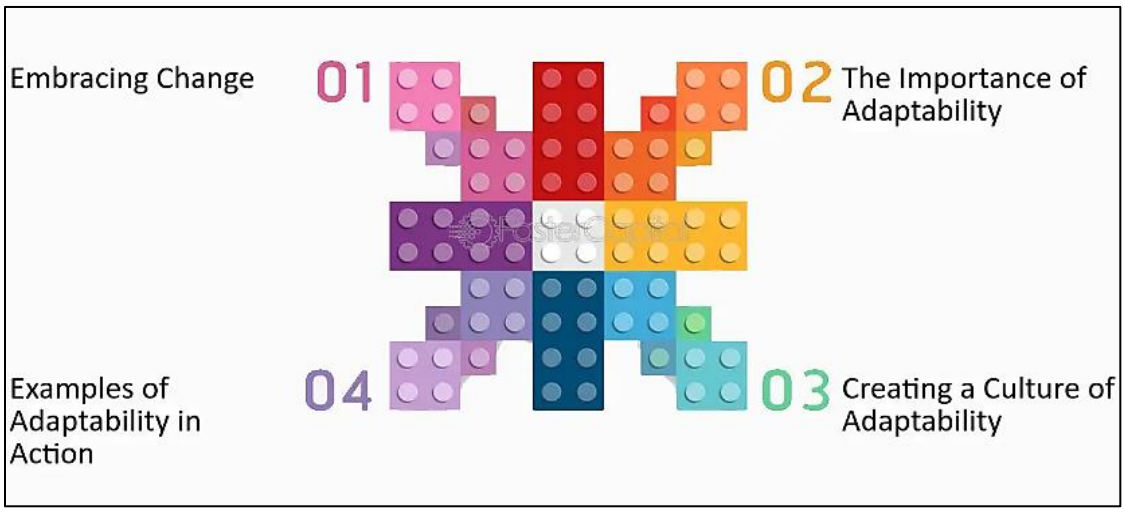

Figure 5: The significance of adaptability in Microsoft's culture

(Source: Microsoft, 2023)

Since 2014, individuals have been one of only 3% of the Fortune 500 firms who have disclosed our complete staff demographic data to the public. It is a method by which it ensures that the firm is responsible for and committed to our objective of enhancing diversity among Microsoft workers. In 2019, it achieved significant advancements in the diversity and inclusion goals, as evidenced by the data (Zhang et al., 2021). However, there is an additional aspect of the journey that cannot be expressed through year-over-year data such as the extent of dedication and the variety of initiatives implemented to

prioritise diversity and inclusion in our work. The management is relentless in this project, assessing the influence at each stage.

Considering the business objective, extensive scope, and worldwide impact, it is incumbent upon to go beyond just raising awareness about inclusiveness. The management has a distinct advantage in leading the discussion and making a significant, concrete influence on how individuals interact with Microsoft products and services, as well as how they connect with our workplace and the company as a whole. The obligation extends beyond colleagues to encompass the broader technology sector, the businesses cater to, and the communities in which it resides. Moreover, it is crucial to uphold these obligations, particularly during periods of significant expansion. Currently, the commercial operations span over 190 countries and it has a global workforce of over 144,000 individuals. The workforce has expanded by over 27% since 2016 due to acquisitions like LinkedIn, GitHub, and our gaming studios, as well as the expansion of our companies in Azure and AI (Wu, 2022). The majority of Microsoft employees have been with the firm for five years or fewer, excluding those less integrated organisations. In addition to population growth, this year's data indicates that representation of diversity has increased in every demographic category the firm monitors.

The power of culture

The Microsoft culture, which is based on a growth mentality and a strong dedication to diversity and inclusion, serves as our guiding principle throughout this period of extraordinary transformation. The growth mind-set, a notion developed by Carol Dweck, a psychology professor at Stanford University, suggests that one's potential is not fixed but may be developed via nurturing rather than being predestined (Carvajal-Castrillón et al., 2023). One may achieve growth by cultivating curiosity, embracing self-awareness to recognise personal biases, and adapting behaviours to harness the collective potential of individuals inside the organisation. There is no command-and-control structure or centralization in this exercise. The information has spread across the whole corporation. Microsoft is implementing its cultural ideals in all aspects of the operations, including product development, supplier relations, and community engagement in all locations

where it conducts business. The management is incorporating inclusive diversity into procedures, actions, and operating patterns. As part of the staff member performance and development experience, it consistently communicates and reinforces the goal, values, and required behaviours. These behaviours include fostering mutual growth, leveraging the efforts of others, and actively contributing to team outcomes and the achievements of Microsoft's colleagues (Foster and Kreinin, 2020).

Microsoft is also more inclined to achieve high rankings in other aspects of effective people management, such as actively advocating for inclusion and equality, promoting on-going learning, and placing importance on openness. Microsoft is a corporation that has successfully accomplished this. Under the leadership of CEO Satya Nadella since 2014, Microsoft has made swift and essential changes to company culture. This includes a major revamp of its employee evaluation system and the way different departments interact with one other.

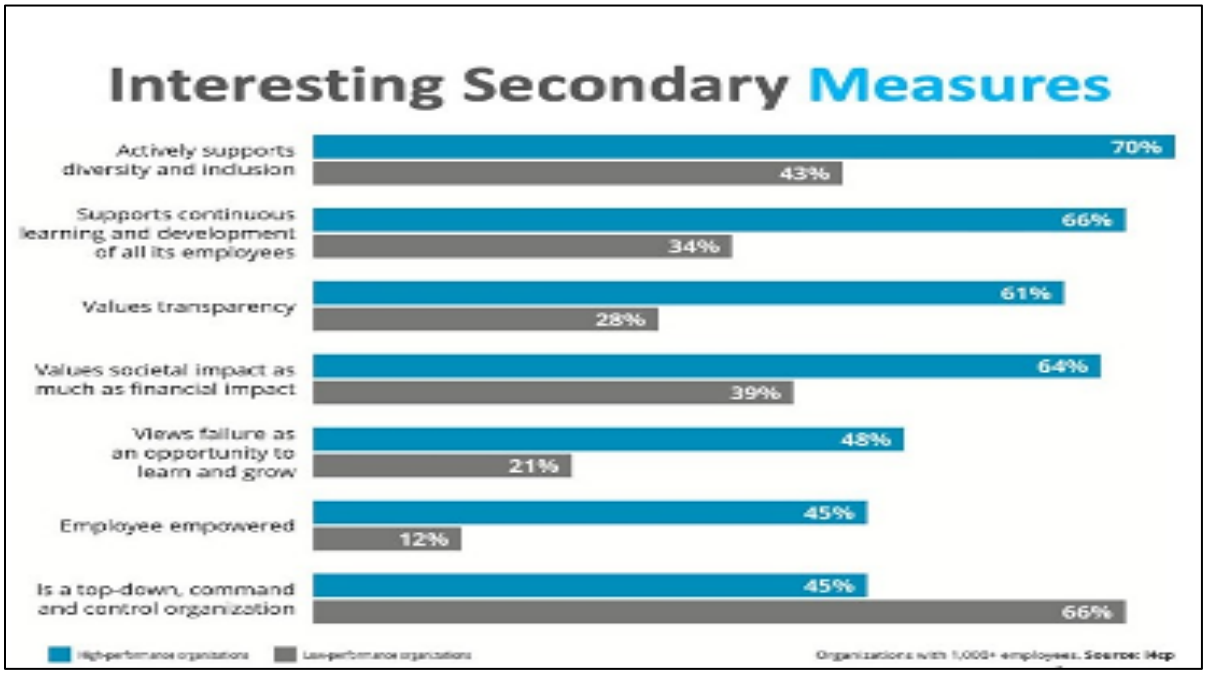

Figure 6: The renovation of the culture

(Source: Ceyhan et al., 2022)

Consequently, every individual assumes the responsibility of preserving and promoting culture. One day, it observed people embracing diverse viewpoints and effectively using

one other's skills to address intricate challenges and generate ground-breaking innovations. There is a vast population on Earth consisting of billions of individuals who aspire to accomplish greater things. However, frequently, possessing distinct circumstances, abilities, or history can impede an individual from completely engaging in their surroundings according to their own preferences (Smith, 2020). As the firm operates in increasingly global and intricate settings, prioritising diversity and inclusion will enhance our ability to effectively address the issues and seize the opportunities presented by contemporary society. An essential aspect of this transition is to broaden our comprehension of variety to encompass the complete spectrum of human existence within Microsoft and among individuals globally. Moreover, it is significant to ensure inclusion is crucial for the overall welfare of each person. The Microsoft that prioritises diversity and inclusivity are not only more inventive and financially successful, but they also excel at retaining top people capable of meeting the diverse demands of customers from various cultures. In order to enhance the ability to develop on a global scale, it is crucial that the firm accurately reflects the diverse nature of the world within Microsoft.

Recent employee-driven inventions demonstrate the potential of employing a creative and inclusive approach to team development and product design. This phenomenon has been particularly observed in the realm of accessibility. Firstly, the creation of the Xbox Adaptive Controller, initially conceived during a Microsoft employee hackathon, has sparked a burgeoning movement to design both hardware and software functionalities that enable consumers with diverse physical abilities to enjoy their favourite games (Smith, 2020). The capability of blurring the background in video conversations, known as Blur, was created by Swetha Machanavajhala, who has been deaf since birth. Blur is available in both Microsoft Teams and Skype. The technology emerged as a result of her annoyance during video conversations with her parents, when the presence of intense lighting behind them made it difficult for her to discern their lip movements. Thereby, the multitude of experiences and perspectives from a variety of intellectuals contributed to the development of these innovative solutions. Both entities have a common objective: to facilitate individuals in effortlessly accomplishing their desired tasks or objectives, irrespective of their surroundings. Therefore, the management of Microsoft not only

appreciates differences and distinct viewpoints, but actively pursues them and extends invitations to leverage the combined potential of all individuals at Microsoft.

2.2.4 The result learned from the experiences from the Microsoft's related to the organizational change

Beyond what is typically expected, Microsoft has taken a comprehensive strategy to diversity and inclusion. It demonstrates a steadfast commitment to establishing a work atmosphere that fosters respect, appreciation, and empowerment among employees, enabling them to make meaningful contributions. These efforts act as a guiding light, showcasing the significant influence that an inclusive culture can have on the success and innovation of an organisation. Microsoft's dedication serves as a guiding paradigm for the firm aiming to adopt diversity and inclusion as essential catalysts for advancement and superiority (Brunner et al., 2023).

Inclusiveness and diversity are considered to be significant values at Microsoft. This dedication serves not just as a symbol, but also as an essential and integral component of the organization's core. Microsoft actively attempts to foster a workforce that mirrors the various makeup of the global population. Through the implementation of inclusive recruiting rules and proactive efforts to eliminate biases, the business ensures that its talent pool comprises individuals from diverse backgrounds and varied experiences. Microsoft promotes a culture of equal opportunities for individuals from diverse backgrounds to make valuable contributions and succeed by using inclusive job descriptions and considering candidates from a range of backgrounds (Taylor et al., 2021). Furthermore, the leadership, namely under the guidance of CEO Satya Nadella, plays a vital role in driving ground-breaking change at Microsoft. Nadella's continuous dedication and vocal endorsement of diversity build the structure for fostering a comprehensive culture throughout the company at all levels (Mohtady Ali et al., 2023). This hierarchical approach extends beyond persuasive language and encompasses the fundamental nature of Microsoft, where diversity and inclusion are firmly established as integral elements of the ideals and operations of the firm.

The dedication of leadership strategy to fostering an inclusive environment inspires each member to contribute their unique perspectives and abilities. The commitment of Microsoft to its employees goes beyond simple words, demonstrated via the implementation of comprehensive assistance programmes and benefits. Microsoft, as an organisation, ensures that its employees have access to a diverse array of specialty programmes that accommodate various specific demands. Microsoft prioritises the well-being and diversity of its employees by providing specialised health insurance for transgender individuals, family care initiatives, and mental health resources (Bergaoui and Ghannouchi, 2023). Furthermore, the implementation of extensive diversity training programmes fosters awareness of biases and promotes inclusive behaviour among both staff members and managers. Microsoft distinguishes itself by its steadfast dedication to diversity and inclusion as core principles. It is not only about finishing duties; it is a genuine commitment to recognising and valuing differences and embracing a diverse range of perspectives. At Microsoft, inclusion is not a discretionary addition; it is an essential element of the company's culture, fostering the authentic expression of each individual's actual identity in the workplace. Microsoft's robust integration underscores their dominance in creating a workplace that not only acknowledges but also embraces diversity, fostering innovation, collaboration, and a sense of inclusivity for all employees.

2.3 Literature Gap

Although there has been a great deal of research on change management strategies and cultural adaptability at Microsoft, there is a clear lack of emphasis on addressing the various impediments and downsides that may come from these approaches. Fatorić and Biesbroek (2020) opined that the existing material primarily focuses on accomplishments of Microsoft under the leadership of CEO Satya Nadella and its commitment to advancing diversity and inclusion. Nevertheless, there is a scarcity of thorough examination about the possible drawbacks, opposition, or unforeseen outcomes that could occur while carrying out change activities. Moreover, it is essential to analyse these difficulties in order to gain a comprehensive and in-depth understanding, which will offer a more detailed viewpoint for researchers, practitioners, and business leaders. Perhaps, in this case the future research could prioritize the identification and resolution of any limitations or areas

where the tactics and the strategies of Microsoft may be inadequate. Moreover, this would contribute to a more equitable and all-encompassing body of knowledge on firm transformation within the technology industry.

2.4 Conceptual Framework

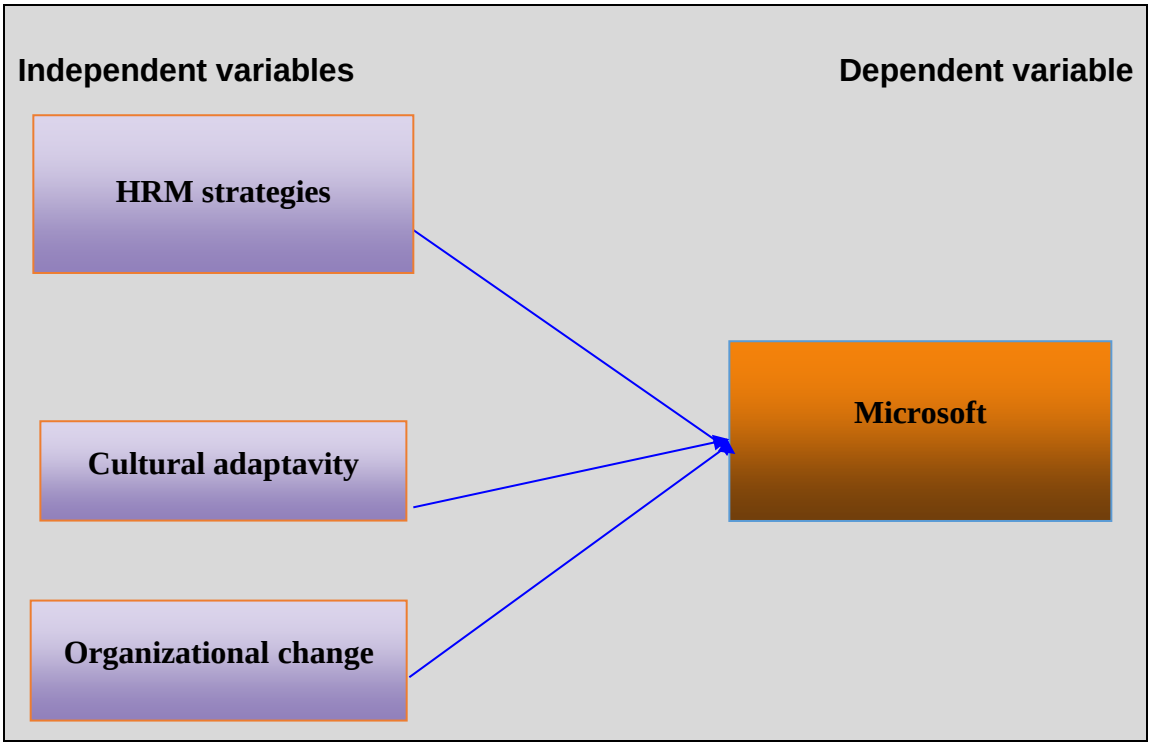

Figure 7: Conceptual Framework

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2.5 Conclusion of Chapter

Change management is an important thing to think about if you want to get good results and assists and support for growth to Microsoft. Leaders can change their attitudes, processes, practices, and other systems with the help of change management in order to reach their strategic goals and meet requests from outside sources. The management of the change projects carefully and strategically can lead to greater performance, lower costs, and increased efficiencies for management. This sets the company up for success in today's constantly dynamic market. However, it is not about making changes to different parts. It is very important to carefully plan and make the changes that will make the adoption go smoothly and work well. Moreover, for a successful handle the different aspects of change, it is first and foremost important to have a strong change management plan. The successful change management method has had a significant effect on the planning and execution process by dealing with problems and issues and providing a clear road map that makes the whole process easier. The planning is also an important part of a different management method. The process should involve working together with and talking to all the people who need to be involved, such as employees, managers, and, if necessary, clients. Involving everyone in the planning stage of change management makes sure that everyone has a chance to see what problems and challenges might come up and to give input and feedback that can be effective with putting the change into action.

After that, the person in charge of the project should come up with a clear, detailed plan that spells out the exact steps that need to be taken to reach the goals of the change. Setting deadlines, identifying goals, and deciding on ways to measure and evaluate progress are all common parts of this process. Planning is very important, but it's also very important to keep looking at the plan and making changes as needed to make sure you're making progress towards your goal. A well-thought-out and carefully carried out change management strategy is essential for making sure that change efforts are successful and all worries are addressed.

Chapter 3: Research Methodology

3.1 Introduction

Research methodology is defined as the procedures and techniques that are mainly used to determine as well as evaluate the information about that particular subject area. It is a significant way to define how an investigator carries out an investigation (Pandey and Pandey, 2021). The research methodology mainly detailed the approach of an investigator to an investigation to make sure of valid and reliable outcomes that manage the objectives and aims. In this investigation, the research methodology has been conducted to get information about the strategies for managing organizational change effectively and fostering a culture of adaptability in Microsoft. This gives the roadmap for an investigator to follow, making sure that the research is mainly performed in an objective, systematic, and rigorous manner. Without a significant research methodology, this is complex to get reliable and accurate outcomes and develop a meaningful conclusion (Zhang et al., 2023). In the context of this investigation, the methodology provides legitimacy and also gives reliable outcomes.

3.2 Research Philosophies and Assumptions

Resource philosophy is related to a set of principles, beliefs, and assumptions that lead the approach of an investigator to perform an investigation. Interpretivism and positivism are two main research philosophies and each provides a different perspective on the knowledge and reality in nature along with the research process. The *positivism research philosophy* considers that the belief exists in an objective way that can effectively studied by measurement and empirical observation (Tamminen and Poucher, 2020). The focus of the positivism research philosophy is on replicability, objectivity, and reliability in an investigation whose purpose is to uncover the regulatory or universal legislation governing phenomena used in the quantitative study and provide this statistical information. On the other hand, *interpretivism philosophy* provides an in-depth and detailed understanding of the specific research area. The focus of the interpretivism research philosophy is on the subject knowledge and the significance of articulating the research context. This philosophy mainly prioritizes an in-depth understanding and looks

to uncover the beliefs, meanings, and values that shape the perception and behaviour of individuals. It is mainly used in qualitative research and provides detailed and conceptual information about the research area (Kirongo and Odoyo, 2020).

***Justification of using Interpretivism philosophy*:** In consideration of this present investigation, the interpretivism research philosophy has been used as it is significant in managing the change in the organization and enhancing the adaptability culture in Microsoft. The focus of the interpretivism philosophy is on articulating the subjective meanings, interpretations, and experiences within the organizational and social contexts. The reason behind using the interpretivism philosophy is that it enables examination of the concerns, attitudes, and beliefs of staff members about the organizational change (Alharahsheh and Pius, 2020). There has been conducting the qualitative research as it gives a descriptive understanding of the proposed change perceived by the employees and the opportunities they gained. This understanding is necessary for creating the change management tactics that manage the aspirations and concerns of the staff member thus enhancing the commitment and buy-in to the change process.

The interpretivism research philosophy enhances the participatory approach related to change management in which the staff members are involved actively in determining the change initiative through encouraging dialogue and open communication channels, Microsoft can examine the expertise and knowledge of the staff members. The focus of the interpretivism philosophy is on the significance of the organization's culture as well as shaping the response of the employees towards the change. By considering the top-down change, the company engages the employees in ethnographic research and cultural diagnostics to articulate the existing behaviours, norms, and values within the company (Junjie and Yingxin, 2022). Therefore, considering the interpretivism research philosophy can assist Microsoft in determining the challenges of organizational change through placing a robust focus on articulating the human aspects of the change, enhancing the employee's cooperation and participation.

3.3 Research Design

It is considered as the framework of the research techniques and methods selected by an investigator to perform the research. It enables an investigator to manage the research methods as per the subject area. In an investigation, the research design is necessary to investigate, articulate, and also interpret the interest phenomena systematically (Rezigalla, 2020). Descriptive, experimental, and exploratory are the three main types of research designs. The *descriptive design* is mainly focused on experiencing as well as characterizing the population or phenomena without manipulating any variables. It is applied to answer the research questions regarding the characteristics or current state of the specific phenomena, group, and situation. It considers gathering the data by observation, adjusting records, and surveys. The descriptive research design provides valuable understanding and descriptive information regarding the research subject area. The *exploratory design* is mainly used when an investigator looking to gain an in-depth understanding of a specific phenomenon or also explore some new research areas. The researchers are characterized by their openness and flexibility to unanticipated findings. The exploratory research design is mainly used while considering qualitative research like case studies, interviews, and focus groups to collect detailed data that can consider the perspectives or complex processes (Huntington-Klein, 2021). Other than the descriptive design that emphasizes explaining the existing things, the aim of exploratory research is to develop the insights or hypothesis that led the further study. It is valuable for providing the research questions, ideas, and theories that emphasize the investigation. Other than this, the *experimental design* consists of deploying the variables to identify their impact on the other variables while managing the confounding factors. It is mainly characterized through the difficult methodology as well as the focus on developing the causal relationship among the variables (Eng et al., 2022).

Justification of using Descriptive Design: In conducting the present investigation, there has been using descriptive research design provides in-depth and detailed information regarding the specific subject area. This research method is mainly used to identify the characteristics of the specific phenomena. The reason behind using the descriptive research design is that it provides contextual and detailed information

regarding the organizational change and the adaptability culture of Microsoft. It is necessary to gain insight into the significance and meaning of the phenomena. It contributes to the trustworthiness and validity of the qualitative findings by giving in-depth consideration of resource processes consisting of the methods of data collection and data analysis. It helps in determining the descriptive reason behind the organizational change implemented by Microsoft. It is mainly used while conducting the qualitative investigation to collect the information and data to make the proper prediction regarding the specific hypothesis or issue (Siedlecki, 2020). In this study, the collected data is qualitative and it provides a holistic and in-depth understanding of the impact of organizational change on the employee's performance (Doyle et al., 2020). It enables an investigation to be performed in the natural environment of respondents that makes sure to collect high-quality data (Siedlecki, 2020). Descriptive research develops the concept and also gives the solution regarding the critical issues. The main aim of descriptive design is to answer the research questions with specific reasons. By gathering information on the success metrics, key performance indicators, and benchmarks, Microsoft can examine its progress in the organizational change and also determine the improvement areas (Tomaszewski et al., 2020).

3.4 Research Approaches

The research approaches consider the methodologies and strategies used by an investigator to develop knowledge and research about the phenomenon. Deductive and inductive are the two main types of research approaches and each approach is mainly characterized by a varied reasoning process (Mulisa, 2022). The *deductive approach* starts with the hypothesis or theory testing by analysis and empirical observation. In consideration of this approach, an investigator begins with the theoretical framework and general principles and then collects the data to defeat or confirm the hypothesis. The deductive approach moves from general to particular information in which the investigator develops a particular hypothesis or prediction from existing information and then considers the empirical evidence. It is related to the quantitative method like the surveys or experiments in which the data is gathered as well as analyzed by considering the statistical techniques to develop a valid conclusion (Wang et al., 2021). On the other hand,

the *inductive approach* considers the bottom-up logic, beginning with the empirical observation and creation of the theories. It is considered as the method of generalization or theories based on particular data and observation. It starts with gathering the data or information and determining the patterns to develop new hypotheses and theories. The main aim of the inductive research approach is to create a theory as per the subject area. In this, the investigator collects the data by considering different techniques like observation, interview, and survey. The inductive approach is the flexible strategy that enables an investigator to change the research techniques and topics as per the collected data. In the qualitative method, the inductive research approach is used to gather as well as analyze the data by developing themes. An inductive research approach provides detailed and descriptive information about the specific research areas (Taherdoost, 2022).

***Justification of using the inductive approach*:** The inductive approaches are mainly used in this research to manage the change and enhance the adaptability culture in Microsoft. The reason behind using the inductive research approach is that it enables Microsoft to get an in-depth understanding of the particular dynamics of the challenges and opportunities regarding organizational change (Sibeoni et al., 2020). The qualitative data mainly enables investigators to uncover the themes, tensions, and patterns that can impact the failure or success of the change. Data interpretation can create an in-depth understanding of the factors that share the process of organizational change thus informing the design for developing change management tactics. On the other hand, the inductive approach considers the company to co-develop the knowledge with the stakeholders and staff members, enhancing the engagement and ownership sense in the process of change (Kyngäs, 2020). By including the staff members in the process of change by participatory methods like the action research and co-design workshop, Microsoft can get the perceptions, knowledge, and expertise. Through valuing the experience and voices of the staff members, Microsoft can create change management strategies related to the aspirations, needs, and preferences of the employees, enhancing their commitment and motivation to adopt the change. It enables the company to provide the reasons and benefits of the change to the staff members so that they can adapt it quickly. Using the inductive approach is effective for Microsoft to get a detailed

understanding of the multi-facets of change strategies and share knowledge with the staff members (Vears and Gillam, 2022).

3.5 Data Collection Methods

In the research, data collection is considered an important area that consists of data and information that is authenticated to address the research hypotheses or questions. Two different types of data collection methods are secondary and primary. The *primary method of data collection* consists of gathering the data directly from the original sources. The primary data collection method gathered the first data from different sources like focus groups, surveys, interviews, experiments, and observations (Taherdoost, 2021). The survey consisted of developing questionnaires based on the research area and distributing them to the participants to collect information regarding their attitudes, opinions, demographics, and behaviours. The observation consists of recording and watching the interactions, events, and behaviours of the participants. The experiments consist of variable manipulation and analysis of their impact on the outcomes. Gathering the information from the primary data is resource-intensive as well as time-consuming. The *secondary data collection method* consists of using existing information and data gathered by some other person (Feng et al., 2021). The sources to collect the secondary information are books, journal articles, Internet sources, and publications. It is easier to collect secondary data because the information is already available from different sources. The advantage of using secondary data is that collecting the information from this method is time-saving and cost-saving because it is already available but the disadvantage of this method is that it lacks reliability, data quality, and relevance. There is a need for an investigator to critically evaluate the effectiveness of the secondary data as per the research objectives (GHR and Aithal, 2022).

Justification of using the secondary method: In consideration of this investigation, the secondary data collection method has been used. (Mazhar et al., 2021). The reason behind using the secondary method of data collection is that it is time time-saving and cost-saving method in comparison to the primary method. To collect information about the ways Microsoft, uses to manage the strategies on the organizational changes and

enhance the adaptability culture, there has been used sources consisting the books, journals, articles, scholars, and publications. This method enables the longitudinal analysis that enables an investigator to evaluate the patterns and trends over a period of time. By considering the existing data, an investigator can effectively track the cultural dynamics and strategies of Microsoft, giving the context for articulating the approach of the company toward organizational change. Before seeking to begin the real examination, investigators can only gather primary data. There is no limitation when it comes to secondary data. Secondary sources include far more information than one could ever analyze in a lifetime collecting data. Therefore, there are not many limitations on the sources that secondary data investigators can use (Velentgas, 2021).

3.6 Ethical Considerations

Ethical consideration is a delicate issue that includes matters of values, principles, norms, and morals that require special attention during an investigation. In the ethics of qualitative research, the consideration of ethical practices includes the interaction of participants and also traveling all over the research area. This is essential to properly follow ethical considerations and principles in order to offer protection to the participants in the research process regarding their well-being, rights, and privacy (Mirza et al., 2023). Ethical principles, which come in different aspects, are those guidelines followed during the study:

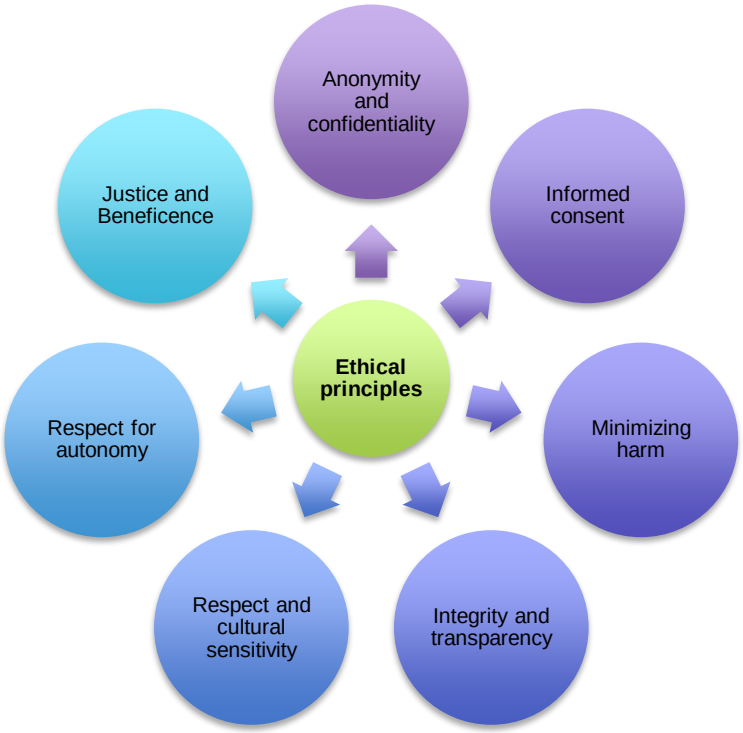

Figure 8: Ethical principles

(Source: Self-developed)

Anonymity and confidentiality- It is indispensable for the investigator to manage the confidentiality and anonymity of respondents so that they may be protected from identification and invasion of privacy. This makes respondents trust the researcher while doing the research (Pietilä et al., 2020).

Informed consent- That is, the responsibility of the researcher is to get the permission of the respondents before including them in the investigation. The researcher is responsible for giving all the data concerning research process, benefits, aims, and probable risks the participants. It implies that respondents realize their roles and that they have the right to leave the investigation at any convenient time (Nii Laryeafio and Ogbewe 2023).

Minimizing harm- To avoid inflicting emotional and psychological wounds of the participants consciously and unconsciously, a researcher should take suitable precautions while conducting qualitative investigations. So an investigator has to take it

as an obligation to protect the respondents from any type of harm. This includes acquiring the subjects' consent, ensuring their privacy and confidentiality and employing legal rights safeguarding (Sun et al., 2023).

Integrity and transparency- Although qualitative research focuses on the truth and openness of the stakeholders that it involves, such research method needs to be managed objectively to earn the confidence and trust of respondents, stakeholders, and the research community. A researcher is obliged not to have the obligation to manipulate or falsify data; they are going to accurately describe the study objectives, findings and methodologies (Taquette and C. M. Borges da Matta Souza, 2022).

Respect and cultural sensitivity- This study is mainly based on qualitative research that consisting working with people with different cultural beliefs, values, and backgrounds. There is a need for to researcher to respect the perspectives, cultural norms, and traditions of the participants. It consists of taking some time to articulate the culture in which the investigation is performed and developing rapport and trust with the respondents (Moriña, 2021).

Respect for autonomy- An investigator makes sure to respect the self-determination and autonomy of the respondents by enabling them to make better decisions regarding involvement in an investigation. It consists of giving the freedom to the participants to get involved in the study or not. They have the right to withdraw from the investigation at any time. An investigator needs to consider the power dynamics and also develop a landscape that endorses respectful and open communication among the participants and researchers (Goodwin et al., 2020).

Justice and Beneficence- It is the responsibility of an investigator to make sure that the research provides an advantage to the participants and also contributes to the wider knowledge advancement as well as understanding. It consists of the benefits and risks of an investigation for the society and participants along with managing the challenges of social justice, equity, and fairness. It is necessary for an investigator to enhance the advantages of an investigation while reducing the harms, making sure that burdens are justifiable and equitable (Shaw, 2023).

3.7 Conclusion

It has been concluded that the research methodology about organizational change as well as cultural adaptability in Microsoft considers qualitative research that emphasizes subjective experience and meaning. There has been considered the interpretivism research philosophy and the descriptive design provide an understanding of the organization's environment whereas the inductive approach enables an in-depth understanding of the organization's change. In consideration of the research, the ethical principles have been considered like integrity, anonymity and confidentiality, informed consent, respect for autonomy, and others. These ethical principles protect the rights of the participants and make sure social benefit and research integrity.

Chapter 4: Data Analysis and Discussion

Data analysis is considered the process of applying logical and statistical techniques to explain, illustrate, and also evaluate the data and information. In consideration of the present investigation, a content analysis has been conducted in which the themes are developed to answer the research objectives and questions clearly and findings linked with the literature review.

4.1 Content analysis

Theme 1: Specific organizational change strategy implemented by Microsoft.

J Nair, Manohar, and Mittal, (2024) have mentioned that Microsoft is the leader in the information market that provides a broader range of IT services, software, and devices. It is an influential and successful technology company that has changed the way individuals communicate, live and work with innovative services and products. Microsoft adapts to the changing preferences and needs of the customers. The competition from other companies pushed the company to changes to be competitive and relevant. Aigwi et al., (2023) stated that introducing Microsoft 365 as a service required IT administrators to drastically modify the change management strategy. Employees have to adjust to the daily changes in Microsoft 365 and figure out how to keep informed. The global pandemic and the rapidly evolving work style trends make the mainstreaming of the new SaaS model more difficult. IT teams had to continuously evaluate and implement cutting-edge cloud computing-based solutions and technologies to facilitate remote collaboration, offer seamless communication, and maintain productivity. Workers embraced asynchronous workflows as a result of the adoption of remote work, giving them the freedom to select the time and location at which they might complete their responsibilities.

Su et al., (2022) mentioned that in the year 2020, MSXi is the version of the truth for the operations, salespeople, finance teams, operations, and company leaders across Microsoft. In regards to this, the process of change management requires reaching the milestone that begins with the current state assessment. Leading by the change will assist the company in adapting and developing new strategies, circumstances, processes, and technology. The discussion of Foster and Saleh, (2021) shows that Microsoft has

executed the change management practices from Prosci consisting of the ADKAR model. It explains the five main aspects consisting of awareness, knowledge, reinforcement, knowledge, and ability. It gives the understanding of where to emphasize to motivate the change in the behavior. Microsoft 365 best parts in single tools, video conferencing, teams consider the chat capabilities and also integration with several Microsoft 365 applications. The main focus of Microsoft is on customer feedback which plays an essential role in shaping the services and products of the organisation. It can enhance change and innovation in the offerings of the company. Microsoft considers cultural changes like inclusive and collaborative working environments and open-source technology. The cultural changes can assist in enhancing innovation and lead to products and ideas (Baran and Woznyj, 2020).

Foster and Saleh, (2021) mentioned that the continued success of Microsoft has been reflected in financial performance that posted revenue growth and earnings. The services and products of Microsoft like Azure, Windows, and Office are used as well as trusted through customers. At Microsoft, the result of the changes has been the ability of the organization to be the leader and curve within the technology sector.

Theme 2: Leadership principles and approaches utilise managing change within Microsoft.

Marchese et al. (2023) analyzed that the role of the leader is to guide and lead the employees in the right direction. Microsoft’s CEO Satya Nadella uses the transformational leadership style. Satya Nadella believes in enhancing the development mindset of the team members, motivating them to learn from failures and take risks. The leadership style of Satya Nadella has been attributed to reversing Microsoft's financial difficulties and elevating the business to the forefront of the technology sector. Tvedt, et al., (2023) have mentioned that the focus of transformational leadership is on motivating and inspiring the staff members to work toward attaining the common objective. It can be learned through the example and develop a positive environment that fosters collaboration, creativity, and innovation. The leaders of Microsoft company developed and incentivized the dogfooding culture in its organization (Akbari, and Pratomo, 2021).

Jöhnk, Weißert, and Wyrtki, (2021) mentioned that During the tenure of Nadella, Microsoft company faced issues regarding the stock price in the revolution of mobile technology. Therefore, he does not waste his time in understanding the strategic vision that centered around cloud computing and mobile signalling the departure from the traditional company emphasis on the window. This change in focus demonstrated Nadella's strong comprehension of market dynamics as well as his readiness to adjust to rapidly changing technical environments. (Caporuscio et al., 2023) analyzed that Nadella started a thorough reorganization of Microsoft's culture in addition to changing the business's product line. Through his advocacy of principles like compassion, self-determination, and optimism, he promoted a more inventive and diverse workplace.

Ortega et al. (2023) have shown that this cultural shift has played a significant role in Microsoft's comeback, as seen by the company's startling increase in market value as well as its rise as a dominant force within the cloud computing space. The leadership of Nadella emphasizes the growth mindset, empathy, and innovation that is the cornerstone of the approach to change the organization (Nguyen, 2024). According to Satya Nadella, leaders need to have an in-depth understanding of the partners, employees, and customers. Microsoft is undergoing a cultural transformation, enhancing the inclusive and collaborative environment. The organizational leaders learn from the dedication to empathy that leads to robust relationships as well as empowered staff.

Love and Matthews, (2022) have mentioned that Satya Nadella focuses on innovation as well as the implementation of cloud computing technology. Under the leadership of Satya Nadella, the Azure cloud platform of Microsoft has flourished. The commitment of Satya Nadella towards innovation considering the technology advancement and to remain updated about the latest industry trends. He is a proponent of a development mindset that motivates organizations and people to view the opportunities and challenges for learning and development.

Al-Hadrawi et al. (2023) performed research and examined that Satya Nadella advocates for inclusion and diversity in Microsoft. Nadella worked to enhance the diversity of the workforce of Microsoft's leadership positions. The dedication of Satya Nadella towards inclusivity is a main lesson for the company leaders, focusing on the significance of considering diversity to encourage equality and enhance innovation. Tessier, (2021)

mentioned that the leadership style of Satya Nadella is mainly characterized through transparency and communication. He conveys the multifaceted ideas with the authenticity and clarity. The corporate leaders take the motivation from Satya Nadella's focus on transparent communication that enhances the alignment and trust in the company.

Theme 3: Impact of the strategies of Microsoft on fostering cultural adaptively within the organisation.

The research of Vassolo and Weisz, (2022), examined that the organizational transformation journey related to cultural evolution and technology adoption is complicated and needs an in-depth understanding of the dynamics and different stages. There have been considered the different stages consisting of the deployment, usage, and proficiency. The procedure for putting the technology infrastructure in place so that the solution may be used. It is common for Microsoft's IT divisions to be tasked with quickly providing staff members access to technologies (Carvajal-Castrillón et al., 2023). Staff members may not always use the new software as a consequence of this.

The research of Wong, (2020) is based on Microsoft should determine the reason for and appropriate usage of those things. It also holds valid for any subsequently made adjustments or updates. The probability that Microsoft's implemented capabilities will remain unutilized although the efforts and time invested in their implementation of technology is increased by the fact that staff often receive insufficient training and knowledge.

Attoh et al., (2023) mentioned that in the usage stage, staff members are satisfied with the applications and innovative technologies. The IT training of Microsoft is lacking sometimes and also fails to provide examples of how the functions and capabilities need to be used for staff members to make the information confidential and relevant to solving workflow issues. Zhang et al., (2021) perform the investigation through empirical data collected about the proficiency stage to change the behavior of staff members in which the proficiency is related to making sure the staff members have the competencies and skills to use the Microsoft possibilities thus enhancing the investment of companies in the software. It involves closely examining all aspects of the company's business operations, including contacts with clients, shareholders, partners, individuals, teams, and

companies. Microsoft's goal should be proficiency, which is reached in various manners by every domain.

Magnanini et al., (2022) evaluated that Microsoft identifies the significance of enhancing the inclusivity and growth mindset culture in its business operations. In product development, community engagement, and supplier relations there is executing the cultural ideals and Microsoft makes sure that inclusion and diversity are the main components of the company. The leadership of Satya Nadella enhances the cultural changes and also motivates the staff members to adapt to changes. The significance of inclusion and diversity is highlighted by their influence on employee satisfaction, global relevance, and innovation.

The findings of Kua et al., (2022) focus on the commitment of Microsoft towards diversity is illustrated by employee innovation such as the blur feature in Skype and Microsoft Teams and the Xbox adaptive controller that manages the different preferences and requirements of the users. Considering the different experiences and perspectives increases its capability to manage complex issues as well as enhance the innovative and inclusive workplace culture.

Theme 4: Result learned from the experiences from the Microsoft's related to the organizational change, providing insights for broader applications in the field.

The findings of Brunner et al., (2023) stated that Microsoft has taken the strategies to inclusion and diversity as it established the commitment to developing an environment that enhances empowerment, respect, and appreciation among the staff members. The role of staff members is to focus on attaining the organizational objectives within the set time period. The efforts of the company to consider inclusion and diversity can act as the leading consideration that enhances innovation. Dedication Microsoft is considered the leading paradigm for the company focusing on adapting inclusion and diversity which is the necessary catalyst for superiority and advancement. At Microsoft, diversity and inclusiveness are the main values that encourage innovation in the business. This commitment is a fundamental and vital part of the organization's basic values, rather than symbolic in nature. Taylor et al., (2021) examined that Microsoft aggressively works to motivate a workforce that reflects the diversity of the world's population. The company

makes sure that the people in its pool of candidates have different experiences and backgrounds by enforcing inclusive recruiting policies and taking proactive measures to remove biases. By adopting diverse job descriptions as well as taking applicants from a variety of backgrounds into consideration, Microsoft fosters an equal opportunity culture for people from varied backgrounds to succeed and make meaningful contributions.

Mohtady Ali et al., (2023) mentioned that the commitment of Microsoft towards diversity beyond the pomposity that is made is evidenced through its execution of the benefits and assistance programs developed to assist staff members from different backgrounds and experiences. The programs of Microsoft consist the transgender health insurance, mental health care, and family care actions, establishing the concern for the diversity and well-being of the workforce.

Bergaoui and Ghannouchi, (2023), mentioned that the proactive approach of Microsoft towards training about diversity highlights its commitment to enhancing bias awareness and encouraging inclusive and diverse behavior among managers and employees. Integration of the inclusion and diversity initiatives of Microsoft highlights its leadership in developing a positive working environment that motivates the employees to enhance innovation and creativity and also sustain and workplace for a long time. Fatorić and Biesbroek (2020) evaluated that the inclusive working culture enhances collaboration and innovation along with developing the belonging sense for staff members, dedicated to the success of Microsoft as the leader in the information technology sector.

4.2 Discussion

The first theme is related to the evidence of Asatiani et al., (2021), who mentioned that Microsoft has opted for an integrated approach to the change in organizational culture that technology has become a part of. Bringing in Microsoft 365 and the migration of its services to the cloud represents organic steps taken that aim at optimizing performance and promoting better coordination through cooperation. The references from Man Tang et al., (2022) can be considered that state equates not only technical changes but also redesign of production and links in the business. Chong and Duan (2022) identified that due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and its unpredictable duration, organisations had to be flexible and adaptable in order to meet the changing requirements of their employees (Chen, Xie, and Liu, 2021). Its strategy of Microsoft is based on learning incessantly, consistent updates, and agile methodologies which help the company stay responsive to market requirements and internal feedback, so the employees of the company are well ready for the work and the company's technology infrastructure is strong (Malyuga, 2023). Angela, and Iman, (2023) mentioned that a reliable approach to evaluate the balance between security and innovations is by implementing an internal ring structure for change management deployment. The original cohort of testers comprises the engineering and supporting teams who are closely engaged with the solution.

The second theme related to this segment can be connected with the specific observation about the literature review in which McKenzie et al., (2023) mentioned that Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella addresses, the strategy behind this change embracing attributes that include empathy, an inclusive thought process, and the growth mindset. In Nadella's leadership philosophy, there is a tendency to approach the leadership transitionally, which means that the staff is moved by a goal alignment which is considered a portion of their career objectives. are role models for change facilitators. Maroukian and Gulliver, (2020) mentioned that Microsoft leaders focus on transparency, emphasize team support, and promote an open-door policy to help staff adjust to the change. With this leadership style, the staff was a part of the company's development, sensed value, and contributed to the transition processes caused by the morphing of the organization (Waghid, 2023). Meanwhile, Fernandez (2023) opined that Apple and Google were seeing significant

increases in earnings. Although Microsoft was not experiencing financial losses, it was at risk of diminishing some of the significance it had established during the preceding three decades (Chong, and Duan, 2022). Maroukian, and Gulliver, (2020) stated that rather than being in one place, a resilient leader is one who is always looking for ways to go ahead, whether that's via questions, actions, or reflections. The similarities between appreciative inquiry and Nadella's development attitude are not an illusion

The third theme is matched with the literature review in which Mızrak, (2024) stated that Microsoft's strategic efforts include creating a flexible culture of adaptation. In technical positions, there has been a 49% increase in the number of women, a 48% increase in the number of Latinx individuals, and a 67% increase in the number of African American/Black people compared to three years ago. Wu, (2022) mentioned that through the introduction of flexible work policies, comprehensive training programs and resilient communication channels, the company has a staff that is able to be independent and handle new events. To crown all this, Microsoft also has the theme of diversity and inclusion which boosts creativity and innovation (Luu, 2023). Adeniyi et al., (2024) mentioned that the result of the strategic aspect of advanced analytics and artificial intelligence incorporation into regular operations is also the fact that the staff can learn and adopt tech-driven changes with pleasure which ensures that the company culture is dynamic and future-oriented. Moreover, for both visually impaired users and those who need to enlarge their range of view in difficult settings, Seeing AI can read documents and menus, identify currency, and identify individuals (Smith, 2020).

The fourth theme of this research is linked with the literature review in which Tidd, and Bessant, (2020) stated that Microsoft's road to organizational change presents many insights that can be applied by multiple industries. One of the main lessons is the need to synchronize technological upgrades with humane approaches. I mean for example that the success of the new Microsoft Teams was not just about the technological implementation but also about the employee's training and support in using these tools appropriately. Fatorić, and Biesbroek, (2020) mentioned that the position of leadership in change management has also been demonstrated; the leaders at Microsoft are not only decision-makers, but they are also role models who epitomize the practices they want

their teams to follow (Correia, Liu, and Xu, 2020). Lastly, Microsoft's iterative approach to putting in place change where feedback mechanisms and continuous improvement are built into the process indicates that a dynamic strategy can be successfully adopted by other organizations aiming at sustained innovation and change (Cote, 2022).

Alam, and Mohanty, (2022) stated that Microsoft's change approach is holistic, as it includes advanced technology together with powerful cultural features and well-managed leadership, which at the same time facilitate a flexible and innovative organizational environment. The proffered approaches and their outcomes are a strong model for other companies wishing to deal with the complicated features of current business scenes (Tang et al., 2022).

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5	Gillian Foster and Ruba Saleh	2021	The Adaptive Reuse of Cultural Heritage in European Circular City Plans: A	circular economy; circular city; cultural and creative cities; sustainability; urban policy; adaptive reuse; heritage economics; buildings; Europe

			Systematic Review	
6	Gillian Foster and Ruba Saleh	2021	The Circular City and Adaptive Reuse of Cultural Heritage Index: Measuring the Investment Opportunity in Europe	Circular economy, Circular city, Cultural and creative cities, Urban policy, Adaptive reuse, Heritage economics, Heritage buildings, Europe and Green deal
7	Ruijun Chen, Yaping Xie and Yingqi Liu	2021	Defining, Conceptualizing, and Measuring Organizational Resilience: A Multiple	organizational resilience; dimensions; multiple case study; scale development

			Case Study	
8	Cote and Robert	2022	Adaptive Leadership Approach With COVID 19 Adaptive Challenges.	customers, workforce, supply chain, economic outlook,
9	Benjamin E. Baran and Haley M. Woznyj	2020	Managing VUCA	VUCA, stakeholders
10	Stefano Marchese, Luca Gastaldi, Mariano Corso	2023	Thriving in turbulent environments through adaptive forms of organizing	Organisational change, Polyarchy, dynamic capabilities, and digital technologies
11	Lloyd Jose Fernandez	20	Exploring the metaphor	Business art, metaphorical concept, innovation, transformation and agility

		2 3	ical concept of origami to reveal the innovative strategies for business adaption, agility, and transformation	
12	Ortega, Jose Antonio Pedreira, Óscar Piattini, Mario	2 0 2 3	Adaptive Governance Model with a Sociotechnical Approach	Digitalisation and Agile Portfolio Management
13	Peter E.D. Love, Jane Matthews	2 0 2 2	When 'less is more': The rationale for an adaptive toolbox to	Adaptive toolbox, Construction, Heuristics, Rework, Risk, Safety and Uncertainty

			manage the risk and uncertainty of rework	
14	Baqer Khudair Al-Hadrawi and Reniati Reniati	2023	Digital Leadership: Navigating the Future with Strategic Conviction	Digital Leadership, leadership, digital landscape
15	Dana Tessier	2021	Organisational culture strategies for effective knowledge management and performance	Organisational culture, knowledge management and organisational performance
16	Andrea Caporuscio, Francesco Schiavone , Fabian Bernhard, Octavio Escobar	20	The role of B2B digital	Digital platforms Breakthrough technological innovations

		2 3	platforms for managing future worldwide crisis. A strategic sensitivity framework for exploiting the breakthrough technological innovations	World crisis System dynamics simulation
17	Nguyen, Thi Huong	2 0 2 4	Change Management in Product Development Project - a Case of Furniture Industry	Market/Regulatory Alignment, project management, agile methodologies

18	Roberto S. Vassolo and Natalia Weisz	2022	Leadership	Leadership and organizational structure
19	Michael Wong	2020	Corporate agility	Agile practices, collaboration, and adaptability
20	Silvia Magnanini, Daniel Trabucchi, Tommaso Buganza, Roberto Vergant	2022	Collaborate as a flock in the organization: how selection and synthesis influence knowledge convergence within a complex adaptive system	Selection, experiment, complex adaptive system and selection
21	Joanne Kua, Winnie Teo & Wee Shiong Lim	2023	Learning experiences of adaptive	Geriatric medicine, cognitive flexibility, and organisational culture

			experts: a reflexive thematic analysis	
22	Yi Zhang, Patrick Sik-Wah Fong And Daniel Yamoah Agyemang	2021	What Should Be Focused on When Digital Transformation Hits Industries? Literature Review of Business Management Adaptability	business management adaptability; dynamic environment; digital economy; hybrid literature review; multi-level theoretical framework
23	Te Wu	2021	Digital project management: rapid changes define	Project management and Covid-19

			new working environments	
24	Diego Fernando Carvajal-Castrillón, Alejandro Valencia-Arias, Ledy Gómez-Bayona, Manuel Humberto Vásquez-Coronado And Aaron José Alberto Ore-León 4	2023	The Role of Creative Development and Perceived Need for Change in Encouraging Organizational Capacity for Change: A Case Study	OCC; creative development; business development; employee participation; change management
25	Smith and Devon	2020	Adaptive Leadership Strategies and Project	Project management and adaptive leadership

			Success of Construction Project Managers in Jamaica	
26	Timo J. J. Brunner, Tobias Schuster and Claudia Lehmann		Leadership's long arm: The positive influence of digital leadership on managing technology-driven change over a strengthened service innovation capacity	digital leadership, digital transformation, communication technology

27	Nisseb Bergaoui and Sonia Ayachi Ghannouchi	2023	A BPM-based approach for ensuring an agile and adaptive learning process	Agile learning, Smart education, process mining, and adaptive learning
28	Heba Mohtady Ali, Jamie Ranse, Anne Roiko and Cheryl Desha	2023	Enabling Transformational Leadership to Foster Disaster-Resilient Hospitals	hospital leaders; transformational leadership; adaptation; recovery; resilience; regeneration; climate change; disasters; model; self-reflection assessment checklist
29	Elizabeth A. Taylor, Allison B. Smith, Jeffery A. Graham, and Robin Hardin	2021	Adaptive Lifestyles in Intercollegiate Athletics	Adaptive lifestyles, intercollegiate athletics, sustainable lifestyles, work-life interface, work-life balance, work-life conflict
30	Sandra Fatorić and Robbert Biesbroek		Adapting cultural heritage to climate	Cultural heritage, climate change and Vulnerability

			change impacts in the Netherlands: barriers, interdependencies, and strategies for overcoming them.	
31	Aleksandre Asatiani, Julia Hämäläinen, Esko Penttinen, Matti Rossi	2020	Constructing continuity across the organisational culture boundary in a highly virtual work environment	Organisational culture, Construction

32	Pok Man Tang, Joel Koopman, Shawn T. McClean, Jack H. Zhang, Chi Hon Li, David De Cremer, Yizhen Lu and Chin Tung Stewart Ng	2022	When Conscientious Employees Meet Intelligent Machines: An Integrative Approach Inspired by Complementarity Theory and Role Theory	traditional technology, role theory and Integrative approach
33	Malyuga E.N.	2023	A corpus-based approach to corporate communication research	corporate social responsibility, corporate communication, corporate culture, linguistic environment, contextual analysis, corpus
34	Clare McKenzie, Keith Brophy, Georgina Konstanta, Leanne Webster	20	A vision for change	change leadership, accountability and transparency

		23	leadership: Trust, transparency and accountability at University of Wollongong Library	
35	Maroukian, K. and Gulliver, S.	2020	Exploring the link between leadership and Devops practice and principle adoption	DevOps and leadership
36	F. Waghid	2023	Crisis, Changed Leadership, Change Management, and Educational	pandemic pedagogy and blended learning

			Technology	
37	Filiz Mızrak	2024	Effective Change Management Strategies: Exploring Dynamic Models for Organizational Transformation	Change management, market trends, technological advancements, and competitive pressures
38	Tien Dung Luu	2023	Fostering strategic entrepreneurship of SMEs: the role of organisational change forces	Transformational leadership, Adaptive culture, Commitment to organisational change
39	Idowu Sulaimon Adeniyi, Nancy Mohd Al Hamad, Ololade Elizabeth Adewusi, Chika Chioma Unachukwu, Blessing Osawaru,	2024	Organizational culture and	HR; Best practices; Organizational culture; Leadership; Development; Review

	Chisom Nneamaka Onyebuchi, Samuel Ayodeji Omolawal, Aderonke Omotayo Aliu and Isiah Oden David		leadership development: A human resources review of trends and best practices	
40	Joe Tidd and John Bessant	2020	Managing innovation	Organizational change, technological market
41	Ana-Paula Correia, Chenxi Liu and Fan Xu	2020	Evaluating videoconferencing systems for the quality of the educational experience	Usability, video conferencing and analytical evaluation
42	Ashraf Alam, and Atasi Mohanty	2022	Business Models, Business Strategies, and	Data-driven business models, educational technology (EdTech)

			Innovations in EdTech Companies: Integration of Learning Analytics and Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education	
43	Yuk Ming Tang, Ka Yin Chau, Alex Pak Ki Kwok , Tongcun Zhu, Xiangdong Ma	2022	A systematic review of immersive technology applications for medical practice and education - Trends,	Virtual reality, Augmented reality, Mixed reality, Extended reality, Medical education and Systematic review

			application areas, recipients, teaching contents, evaluation methods, and performance	
44	Jan Jöhnk, Malte Weißert & Katrin Wyrtki	2020	Ready or Not, AI Comes—An Interview Study of Organizational AI Readiness Factors	Organisational factors, Technology adaoption and change theory
45	Arjun J Nair, Sridhar Manohar, Amit Mittal	2024	Reconfiguration and transformation for resilience: building service organizati	COVID-19 pandemic, innovation and Tran formational strategies

			ons towards sustainability	
46	Ruixin Su, Bojan Obrenovic, Jianguo Du, Danijela Godinic and Akmal Khudaykulov	2022	COVID-19 Pandemic Implications for Corporate Sustainability and Society: A Literature Review	corporate sustainability; COVID-19 pandemic; crisis management; leadership; digital transformation
47	Jovita Angela, Nofie Ima	2023	Forced innovation: leveraging text data to analyse firms' response to COVID-19	Forced innovation and Covid-19

48	Ida Marie Tvedt, Iris D. Tommelein, Ole Jonny Klakegg, John-Michael Wong	2023	Organizational values in support of leadership styles fostering organizational resilience: a process perspective	Leadership, organisational resilience
49	Krikor Maroukian and Stephen R. Gulliver	2020	The Link Between Transformational and Servant Leadership in DevOps-Oriented Organizations	Servant leadership and transformational leaderhip
50	Taufan Teguh Akbari, Rizky Ridho Pratomo	20	THE NEW	Leadership, organistaional change and adaptability

		2 1	NORMAL LEADERSHIP: HOW TECHNOLOGY ALTER COMMUNICATION STYLE IN CONTEMPORARY ORGANIZATION	

Chapter 5: Conclusion and Recommendations

5.1 Conclusion

Microsoft's strategy to organizational change seems to be a well-composed and interconnected approach of combining technological superiority with a determined culture and informed leadership. This strategy, being the pillar of Microsoft strength, empowers it to navigate through technological evolution and meet the demands of the market.

Strategic Change Implementation

The strategic way of Microsoft in applying modern tools of technology has not only changed the way it works internally but also the way it makes its products to the market. The incorporation of Microsoft 365 and Microsoft Teams into the core processes of the company has both enhanced the streamlined communications across different levels of the organization and improved on its operational efficiency as well. These apparatuses have contributed a shift to more agile work practices which are now in accord with traditional trends to flexibility and teleworking. The strategy of transformation to the digital shift has appeared to be the major success factor for Microsoft in dealing with Industry 4.0, where digital transformation is chronicled.

Leadership and Management Practices

The role that leadership, under the vision of Satya Nadella's CEO at Microsoft, was one of the factors that smoothed the process of organizational change management. Each of these elements is the integral aspect of Nadella’s leadership style: the development of the growth mindset, empathy, and inclusiveness. The idea not only gets people more into the business but also generates a culture where change is perceived not as a course of action but rather as a joint journey that everyone takes on together. It is in this type of management that MS has been able to navigate through cultural transitions with swiftness, thereby reducing employee resistance and increasing employee commitment. The organization’s leadership’s commitment to transparency of communication and their efforts to involve staff at various levels in decision-making process results in the creation

of an environment of ownership and accountability among the staff, which is so crucial for proper of change management.

Cultural Adaptability

Being at the core, Microsoft organizational culture contributes to diversity and inclusion considerably. Such purposeful action has made a huge contribution to the current work environment, where a mixture of flexibility, creativity, and the ability to evolve in the course of time is fundamental. The company helps its staff develop to appreciate and articulate diverse points of view by creating a culture that values multilateral interactions. Consequently, employee engagement rises tremendously. The prominence in a diverse and multicultural environment on the other hand, serves as the fertile soil of the innovation, as different opinions quite often harvest new ideas. Also, an increasingly emphasized this aspect has been a factor what has supported company in better understanding and fulfilling diverse needs of its international clientele, which has also strengthened the significance of adaptability for the continuous growth of the business.

Insights for Broader Application

The Microsoft case study gives multiple facts about the process of managing change in big enterprises. The implementation of state-of-the-art technology together with the active leadership and a sympathetic corporate culture is a vitreous example to other organizations. The way Microsoft tackles the problem demonstrates the role of an integrative strategy in change management where technological instruments are used to accomplish the transition process and also cultivate the corporate environment that support the change.

The lessons learned from the strategy of Microsoft reveal the most important principles of managing change. To start with, leadership is so important that it can only be played by leaders who not only orchestrate but also actively guide the organizational change. Such leaders portray their commitment and create a conducive environment for the change. The next reason is that technology can easily be a great solution in the change process through helping to optimize operations and improve communication in the

organization. The third factor is the cultural side of change management, which involves developing an adaptive and cohesive culture, which in turn can deepen engagement and innovation.

Microsoft’s own story illustrates that change management needs to be strategic, with strong planning and an inclusive culture that involves people on all levels. This way, a process of change is not imposed but rather a collaborative effort of the staff at all levels that contributes to goal achievement. Microsoft’s strategic management of change, not only reacts accordingly to present-day trends but also proactively plans for the future challenges and opportunities.

In conclusion, the approach to organizational change presented by Microsoft will be useful to other companies struggling to navigate through a complex business environment in which change is a constant. Through the targeted use of technology, bringing on board creative and future-sighted leadership, and developing organizational cultures that are open to change, organizations can grow their capacity for adaptation and create successful change initiatives. These elements combine in providing support not only for the immediate organizational demands but also to build a solid base for a future of business in a steadily changing global business environment.

5.2 Recommendations

This Microsoft's strategy in managing transformation of organizational change taught valuable lessons for other organizations encountered with similar transformation issues. Considering the lessons learned, I shall put forward extensive suggestions for the effective implementation of the transformational changes in the enterprise.

1. Cultivate Proactive and Engaging Leadership

Leadership is strongly linked to the operation of successful change. Organizations must develop leaders who not just make change initiatives popular but also ensure their complete implementation. These leaders would embody adaptability and always demonstrate an unwavering commitment to the transformation goals and maintain openly lines of communication with all organizational tiers levels. A good option to upgrade such

leaders' capacities is the institution of programs aimed at change management principles. These programs will greatly increase the learners' skill of change management, enabling them to effectively counter resistance and ensure the buy-in of all stakeholders in the new directions.

2. Strategic Technology Integration

Technology is a vital instrument in bringing changes and maintenance within organizations. Funding must be channelled toward strong tools which increase functions of importance like communication, collaboration and data management. Mimicking Microsoft's way of producing tools that are compatible with varied organizational needs and objectives can secure a firm foundation on which these initiatives will be based. Start utilizing this technology not only to satisfy operational needs but also with the intention of enhancing strategic decision-making and problem-solving skills across the board.

3. Promote a Culture of Adaptability and Learning

The organizational culture has a major effect on the success or failure of those initiatives. Cultures that propensity toward the adaptation and on-going learning show the readiest transition process. This entails the generation of conditions that promote lifelong learning and innovation, step-change in activities, and the dynamic exchange of ideas. Conducting regular training that tracks with industry growth and crafting rules that promote innovation and risk-taking are of great significance. On the one hand, this setting fosters change and upon the other, it takes the organization to the perpetual improvements and preparedness for future success.

4. Enhance Employee Engagement and Inclusion

Implementing effective change management means stepping up employee participation through all ranks. For the sake of promoting real engagement, organizations should develop policies or mechanisms that facilitate employee participation, and also allow them to properly express their views and feel involved in the whole process of change. Regular discussions, surveys, and workshops can be conducted to limit the informing- employees about the changes and also making them part of the change process. Recognition and

rewards will go beyond just salaries and benefits but perhaps on workers significance and their performance. There will be a better cooperation and therefore high productivity will result.

5. Comprehensive Change Management Planning

The successful implementation of the changes in organization depends basically on the application of the change management strategy. For the strategy to be viable, it must be carefully planned with regards to achievable goals, specific timelines and measurable indicators. These key aspects would entail an assessment of the stakeholders involved in the changes that are about to take place, targeted communication strategies that include different audiences' needs, as well as contingency plans to account for the presence of any setbacks.

6. Leverage Data-Driven Insights

Implementing data analytics for change management will generate critical insights that improve the decision-making process. The institutions can take advantage of data analytics to find out how well their change initiatives work in terms of outcomes and processes. Through data, organizations can monitor progress and pinpoint areas that need improvement. Making changes to a strategy based on data allows the initiative to be both effective and to react fast to changing conditions.

7. Implement Dynamic Communication Strategies

Communication is the key factor in achieving successful change management. Organizations should use multichannel communication strategies that provide open, accurate, and clear messages through various streams. This includes continuous updates, feedback channels, and inclusive consultations that seek to ensure that all stakeholders are updated and actively involved. Efficient communication not only conveys essential information but also creates trust, reduces doubts, and enhances a cooperative culture.

8. Continuous Monitoring and Evaluation

On-going monitoring and evaluation are crucial in order to ensure that the strategies of change are being well understood and implemented. This is the phase where the systems have to be designed to monitor what has been achieved (both in terms of tangible and intangible outcomes). As well as that, the ones which are conducted periodically enable organizations not only to reach their short-term goals but also to complete their long-term missions.

These recommendations can help organizations to set the example for change management set by Microsoft. This multi-faceted approach encompasses strategic planning, leadership development, and cultural adaptability in one method to enable organizations cope and fully manage the change, but to go ahead and be proactive and innovative for long-term development.

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