digital empowerment for the Olympic Games
The IOC and Atos embrace digital transformation and see step changes in how disruptive technologies address emerging challenges and make a major impact.
Some business projects are large, complex, and critical to the continued success of an organization. Then there are the Olympic Games and their underpinning technology. Most athletes, visitors, TV viewers, and digital consumers have little idea how important the underlying digital technology is to the Olympic Games.

It is not only massive, incredibly complex and vital to the success of the event; it also has a fixed deadline and the event must be beamed to the world within half a second.

But we go beyond…..

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**Turning the Games into a fully connected global experience**

The role of IT at the Olympic Games is changing significantly, reflecting new expectations about its organization, delivery and experience. Many of the innovations in technology will help to meet them.

In the years ahead, cloud services will drive greater efficiency and organizational agility. Complex data will spawn new insights into the needs and expectations of athletes and the public. Online and mobile video services will break down geographical barriers. Cyber security will be even more tightly controlled by best-in-class industrial practices.

“Technology is critical to the success of each Olympic Games. We are delighted that we will be able to continue to rely on Atos and their vast experience to deliver flawless, innovative IT services.”

*Thomas Bach, IOC President*
The pressing IT challenges facing the IOC and the Organizers of each Olympic Games are to further secure operations, contain costs, and leverage experience and investment across multiple Games. To meet those challenges, the IOC is committed to continuous improvement and innovation, and delivering greater benefits than ever from the evolution of technologies and emergence of new services.

Every two years, in a new part of the world, the Games are happening and the IT must be ready. That means preparation time of more than four years to effectively establish a new ‘company’.

As part of the transformation, there is a new delivery model. A paradigm shift from a ‘build each time’ to a ‘build once’ model delivering some critical services over the cloud that creates significant efficiencies and operating flexibilities. Where we used to have all the major IT facilities in the host city, we will transition functions to a central location, resulting in even more consistency, efficiency and effectiveness in delivery across all programs.

Another major issue - growing ever more important as volumes of data increase - is how to manage cost-effectively the enormous variation in data peaks and flexibility in IT infrastructure that occur in the run-up to the Games, and at the event itself.

That variation in data peaks makes the Olympic Games a perfect fit for cloud computing. However, a comprehensive cloud solution must satisfy the unique, specialized, and demanding operational and security risks associated with the Games.

Those risks mean that the Olympic Games cannot rely on a standard shared cloud solution. The scale and intensity of its operations make a secure, dedicated, agile cloud infrastructure essential.

Atos will use its affiliate Canopy, with EMC serving as their delivery partner, for scalable cloud-based services and Infrastructure as a Service to transition most of the critical IT services provided by Atos today into the cloud for the Pyeongchang 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

Cloud makes it into the squad for the Olympic Games

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As the Worldwide IT Partner, Atos is at the heart of this digital transformation for the Olympic Games: providing integration and systems management services IT security and key Games applications. And core hosting services will be provided for the Games period 2018-2024. Atos innovation, coupled to its proven 22-year delivery record, will meet IOC expectations for smooth and efficient operations across every Games event. And we will continue to push our limits and enjoy the challenges that come our way so that every event can be a new personal best for many years to come.

A step change for the Games

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The more connected each Games become, the more complex and unique data will be generated.

For sure these huge volumes of data can offer a great opportunity to capture and understand trends and behavior, and to use this actionable intelligence to benefit athletes, journalists, visitors, viewers, and online content users with predictive and personalized services.

But there is another critical business area where using real-time data analysis techniques help fighting cyber security. The Games are an iconic security target. At peak, Games systems hold the most critical personal data in the world. And with more information becoming freely available to users via the internet and on their own device, the increase in IT security events is daunting.

Based on experience from recent Games, we expect to see over 200 IT security events per second(!) in Rio, most of them irrelevant warnings. This is not manageable: screens would be flickering all day long. So these need to be reduced to 10 to 50 that are real. Using real-time data analysis tools and a set of rules search through the millions of security logs generated every day. They are tracking nearly every hint of digital activity within the Olympic Games network, ensuring zero impact on the Games.

Getting real value from that data requires a new approach to business analysis and intelligence: new tools and competencies, and new innovative technologies that will manage the volume and variety of data, real-time.

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Fighting cyber security by using real-time data analysis techniques.
Sports fans everywhere have an insatiable thirst for information. As an illustration: Real-time results are processed and transmitted to 8 billion multiple devices worldwide. With the use of new media and digital technologies, the Olympic Games are superbly positioned to go a step further, reaching a global audience and provide fans with even more engaging and comprehensive content, wherever they are, whatever device they use.

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