

Manufacturing

Industry 4.0—moving beyond automation to harness data across connected technologies on the shop floor and throughout the value chain—is finally within reach.



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Top trends in manufacturing

01 Bridging the IT/OT divide

Manufacturers work to close the IT/OT gap by building a secure digital thread that enhances visibility, strengthens operations, and informs better decisions.

02 Making supply chains more adaptive and transparent

Growing volatility is reshaping supply chains, leading manufacturers to use integrated digital tools that improve planning, coordination, and operational reliability.

03 Innovating with simulation-led engineering and operations

As operations grow more complex, manufacturers use digital twins to model scenarios, optimize performance, and advance innovation with clarity and confidence.

04 Becoming an intelligent, AI-augmented manufacturer is essential

Manufacturers aim to move past pilots and scale AI across the enterprise, supported by unified strategy and high-quality data that ensure responsible, effective use.

05 Empowering the manufacturing workforce of the future

As talent shortages rise, manufacturers work to preserve expert knowledge and engage new generations. Digital tools and thoughtful workforce strategies help teams learn, adapt, and stay productive.

06 Moving beyond static defense to adaptive cyber resilience

Cyber-physical threats continue to grow, prompting manufacturers to expand resilience efforts. Unified IT/OT visibility, practiced recovery, and adaptive defenses help safeguard production and reduce disruption.

WHO WE ARE

Slalom is a fiercely human business and technology consulting company that teams with leaders who expect more. **So we bring more.**

WHAT WE DO

From strategy to implementation, our approach is fiercely human. We partner with market leaders and emerging players as they navigate uncertainty and strive for growth.

LOCATIONS

We have over 10,000 team members, including 1,700+ experienced manufacturing consultants, in 12 countries and 52 local offices around the world.



HOW WE'RE DIFFERENT

We take love seriously

So seriously that we measure customer love in 10 dimensions and use those metrics to guide our actions.

Head and heart in everything we do

We show up authentically and get to know you, always leading with empathy and kindness.

Deep connections, better outcomes

Our thorough understanding of partner technologies and priorities drives trusting relationships and exponential impact.

Momentum that outlasts us

We work with your teams every step of the way, teaching and empowering them to continue the momentum even after we leave.

Local soul, global scale

Because we live where we work, we're committed to our local communities and your long-term success—while also staying connected globally.

PARTNERSHIPS

We partner with over 700 of the world's leading technology providers to create extraordinary results for manufacturing services leaders like you.



CUSTOMERS

Our manufacturing customers include distributors and logistics providers, industrial and electronics companies, automotive and aerospace leaders, and more

