ACHIEVE OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN RETAIL

As the future of retail will continue to bring profound change and become less predictable than in recent past, it is more important than ever for retailers to re-evaluate their current operations and adapt if they want to thrive. To skyrocket your success, here are some best practices you can start applying to your operations strategy.

Enriching your data

Collecting data may not be an issue, but analyzing it and using the data to solve problems or create new solutions can be a struggle. Data enrichment--in-depth consumer attributes, like buyer propensity, that can be added to your database--changes that. Now retailers can be proactive about the future by attaining a deeper understanding of consumer needs to improve customer experience.

Choosing the right tools

Data is one of the most valuable assets to a business, which is why it is vital to utilize the right technology. When you use the proper tools to manage your data, you will be able to ensure accuracy and fully leverage your insights to use for other business initiatives like improving the customer buying experience with the option to buy-online-pick up-in-store (BOPS).

Streamlining business processes

Standardizing data management best practices will create a clearer view for departments across the whole retail organization. Think: when business users approach data using standard practices, communication and business initiatives are streamlined. This will help with collaboration and better align the business to create a personalized customer experience.

Automating retail costs

The rise of online shopping has created a need to understand constantly-changing shipping and tax costs. Retailers knowledge on tax rates and delivery costs can be combined with accurate address data. This way, customers are not surprised about additional shipping costs when checking out and the buying experience is consistent.

Adopting a data literate culture

Becoming a data-driven organization means having a data-driven mindset. To realize this, it is crucial that employees across the organization are data literate and have the appropriate data skills. Retailers should consider investing in building the capabilities among their people to understand and trust the value of their data.

When retailers achieve operational excellence, they also attain a stronger, more personalized customer experience. Streamlined processes, collaboration, and a data literate culture can help your team become more agile. This will enable them to answer to your customer's needs quicker and do more to personalize their experience with your brand.

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