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Preface

The disruptive potential of Big Data has received growing attention in research and practice over the last few years. Industrial Revolution 4.0 has opened our eyes towards a new chapter of our lives. Currently, all industries are undergoing a form of digital transformation. Companies explore the avenues to walk on technologies and seek paths to increase customers' demand and expectations. The story has moved away from fulfilling customers' needs to creating an impact on their lives and improving well-being. We wake up in the morning to start our day with data consumption and end the day with data consumption. Big Data is around us, and we consume data to make our lives better. This emergence is making it imperative to scrutinize Big Data in relevance to contemporary entrepreneurship. The entrepreneurial ecosystem is changing due to Big Data, and thus it is intervening an impact on everyone's life.

This book's theme revolves around how Big Data in the digital transformation impacts the various facets of entrepreneurship development which is essential for improving our well-being. The book contains insightful chapters on the ecosystem themes for entrepreneurship in the Big Data-driven universe, social entrepreneurship in the era of disruption, and sustainability in the digital world.

The book is ideally designed for entrepreneurs, researchers, business owners, managers, graduate students, and academics seeking current research on Big Data in contemporary entrepreneurship.



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INTRODUCTION

The term “entrepreneurship” was first used in the Middle Ages, when “the entrepreneur was someone who performs tasks in projects like buildings, construction, and the likes by using all the resources he had”. However, the word entrepreneur gained its present form in the 17th century, as Cantillon described it “as a person responsible for undertaking a business venture” (Entrepreneurship and Big Data, 2019). According to a note by the UNCTAD secretariat (2011), the ability and propensity of an enterprise to innovate not only depends on its access to knowledge from research institutes or technology services centers but also many other factors, including access to finance; access to human resources; adequate basic physical infrastructure; firm-level capabilities (design, operation, maintenance, managerial); inter-firm linkages and collaboration and partnerships in R&D among academic and commercial entities; general business services; and demand conditions.

ROLE OF BIG DATA

Earlier, Big Data was considered a problem, but it became a boon for entrepreneurs with the advent of new technologies. One could find its reach in each corner of the business arena in one way or another, directly or indirectly. Whether it is text messages, pictures, videos, blogs, reports, multimedia content, digital traces, swipes on different sites, reading preferences on mobile, time spent on each page, omitted portions, likes on social media, or anything related produce Big Data and this data is under the scanner of data analysts to generate useful information out of this. Big Data as a lucrative entrepreneurial option has gone beyond the boundaries of internet-related establishments. In Japan, data generated through geo-coded maps of agricultural fields and the real-time monitoring of every activity from seeding, watering, fertilizing, and, some experts estimate, harvesting to improve yields around USD 100 per acre in increased profit (OECD, 2014). New York-based start-up Muze has introduced a new mobile app on iOS that provides users the facilities, besides adding texts, to pin their pictures or Graphics Interchange Format (GIFs), in and out zooming the text and draw on message board using multiple sizes and colors of pens (Perez, 2020). In business, Google and Facebook are highly data-driven firms that opted for AI at a very early stage and got the market advantage of embracing AI (Prüfer & Prüfer, 2020).

“Big Data” is often used as a synonym for customer analytics, real-time analytics, or predictive analytics (Lochy, 2017). Worldwide, Big Data market revenues for software and services are projected to increase from \$42 billion in 2018 to \$103 billion in 2027, attaining a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 10.48% (Columbus, 2018). According to NewVantage Venture Partners, Big Data delivers the most value to enterprises by decreasing expenses (49.2%) and creating new avenues for innovation and disruption (44.3%) Figure 1.1.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

Whereas the human brain can manage two to three dimensions of information, algorithms allow for hundreds of dimensions. Thus, data science could extract meaningful information from the association, classification, and data clusters (Prüfer & Prüfer, 2020). According to blogs, with on an average more than 40,000 searches on Google every second, i.e. 3.5 billion searches per day, 2.5 quintillion bytes of data were created each day in 2018. This pace is only increasing by leaps and bounds with the development of the Internet of Things (IoT) (Marr, 2018). At present, during 2020, 1.7 MB of data is created every second by every person (Bulao, 2020). The need for advanced versions of present time technologies will always be felt for processing and analyzing these ever-increasing data. The Internet of Things (IoT) is the talk of the town nowadays. With smart sensors and their wireless connectivity, much data are gathered and analyzed. The global audit and consulting company Deloitte’s state-of-the-art, IoT-powered office, “The Edge Amsterdam,” is equipped with 28,000 sensors that send data to be analyzed to increase the building’s efficiency (Khvoynitskaya, 2018). The sensors track all of the employees’ movements and activities and indicate to them the unoccupied places in meeting rooms. Another

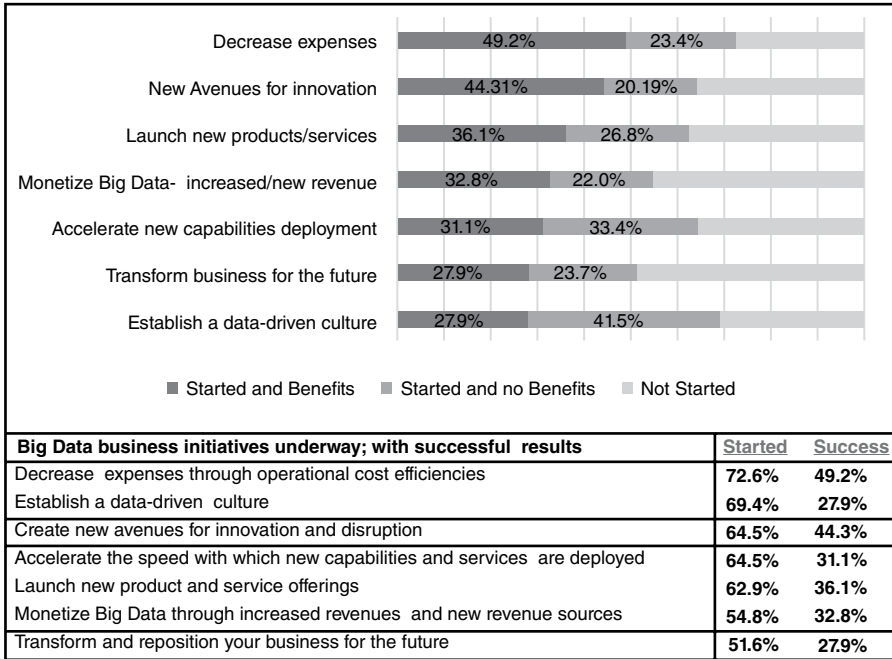


FIGURE 1.1 Big Data Initiatives and success rate. *Source:* Big Data Executive Survey (2017), reported by Columbus (2018).

application adjusts the temperature, humidity, and CO₂ concentration to maintain a comfortable environment for employees, resulting in increased staff members’ increased efficiency. Another revolutionary breakthrough is Artificial Intelligence (AI) which, according to Jens Prüfer and Patricia Prüfer (2020), “is a concept, in which machines mimic cognitive functions of learning and problem solving”. Unlike the “Industrial Revolution,” when the main drivers were coal and steam, the present “second machine age” is driven by data and artificial intelligence (Obschonka & Audretsch, 2019; Di Vaio et al., 2020). The spread of AI could be assessed with a report of *The Economist* according to which a factory in Southern England “OCADO” better known as Custom Fulfilment Centre (CFC), uses a unique grid system, “The Hive” where 700 robots assemble customers’ orders. They work on an air traffic control system fulfilling 65,000 customers every day and giving tough competition to leading online grocery outlet Amazon. It was made possible with the help of artificial intelligence and automation. The sources, individuals related to machine-based intelligence, and entrepreneurial research processes should be focused upon for augmentation of Big Data and AI (Obschonka & Audretsch, 2019). An advertisement for HG Hector, the four-wheeler SUV, says, “It is a Human Thing”, the reason being that Alexa with human-like capabilities is incorporated in the vehicle that gives directions and suggestions (just like a living person) throughout the journey. The robotic workforce will soon become the new norm. The importance of robots can be surmised because XYZ Robotics raises \$17 million for its

pick-and-place logistics robots (Heater, 2020). Drones have already started working in the field of delivery. Keeping in view the wide range of the drone's commercial prospects, a market rise of more than five times is estimated in the next five years (from \$5.2 billion in 2016 to \$27.1 billion in 2021; Fatbit.com, n.d.). The latest in this series is neurotechnologies, i.e., the use of technology in monitoring body functions. Mind-controlled robots are one of its examples. Virtual and Augmented Reality, wearable technology, Edge computing, Blockchain (a decentralized, distributed, and public digital ledger consisting of records called blocks that is used to record transactions across many computers so that if any involved block is altered, all subsequent blocks would be altered (Wikipedia). No code development platform also falls in this category. Personalized wealth management advice is provided to the customers regarding their policies based on customers' financial and personal details and status. Besides, there are digital assistants (as with Disha on the IRCTC website of Indian railways), cashless payments (through PayPal, Paytm, MobiKwik, and Bitcoin), hybrid wireless technologies, deep learning, automated software, video search optimization (tracking locations, tracking the uncertainty of nature), and many more technologies that help in using Big Data for the entrepreneurship purposes. A study by Microsoft's IoT Signals indicated that "one-third of IoT projects are abandoned after the proof of concept stage". What are the factors that lead to the failure of such projects that are worth discussing? As Big Data is something different from the traditional way of obtaining the final output, the challenges must be treated differently. Researchers have considered many factors that hinder the growth rate of new ventures. Some of the studies citing these challenges are given in Table 1.1.

TABLE 1.1
Challenges faced by entrepreneurs in Big Data universe

Challenges	Authors
Security and privacy, dynamic provisioning, algorithms, Misuse of Big Data, data management	Alam et al. (2014)
Data storage, data transmission, data management, data processing, data visualization, data analysis, integration, architecture, security, privacy, quality	Yang et al. (2017)
Knowledge discovery and computational complexities; scalability and visualization of data; and information security.	Acharjyaa and Ahmed (2016)
Data – storage, quality, security and privacy, service delivery and billing, interoperability and portability, reliability and availability, performance and bandwidth cost	Balachandran et al. (2017)
Big Data professionals, interactiveness, loading, and synchronization, visualization	Wani and Suraiya (2018)
Data challenges, process challenges, management challenges	Sivarajah et al. (2017)
Privacy and security, data access and sharing of information, human resources and manpower, quality of data	Satyanarayana (2015)
Data growth, data infrastructure, data governance/policy, data integration, data velocity, data variety, data compliance/regulation, data visualization	Khan et al. (2014)

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study is exploratory research and used primary and secondary data to analyze the ecosystem for entrepreneurship for Big Data. For designing the research problem, the authors used the existing resources available on the subject matter; afterward, primary research tools are employed to synthesize the proposed model (Figure 1.3). The research was conducted in two phases: identifying the problem, and proposing a conceptual model for understanding the ecosystem based on qualitative analysis of the data gathered through focus group discussions (FGDs) and informal interviews. A structured approach was applied for gathering primary data for the study. To begin with, a two-panel of a total of ten experts was formed for conducting two FGDs. The six academic experts were invited from private and public HEIs having sufficient experience in entrepreneurship. Apart from academic experts, the group had representation from industry also. Two experts from the computing industry at the senior level were part of these FGDs. Two students working on a technology-based start-up at an academic incubation center have also participated actively in the discussions. Both the FGDs were conducted online because of the lockdown imposed by the government to restrict the COVID-19 pandemic. Both authors acted as moderators in each discussion.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

As the data is huge and complex, the processing of these data is not an easy job, significantly when the tools used for analyzing are not updated. They also increase the cost and time taken to process, thus, always lagging behind the schedule. With the help of emerging newer technologies, this work could be performed better at a fast pace, almost in a real-time process.

In the OECD synthesis report 2014, the key players in the Big Data ecosystem are given, as shown in Figure 1.2.

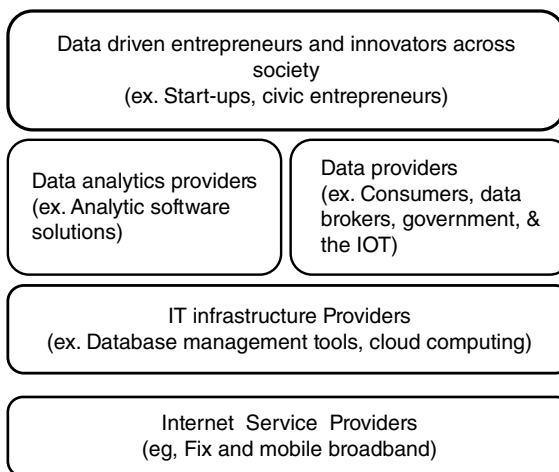


FIGURE 1.2 Key players of Big Data ecosystem (OECD, 2014).

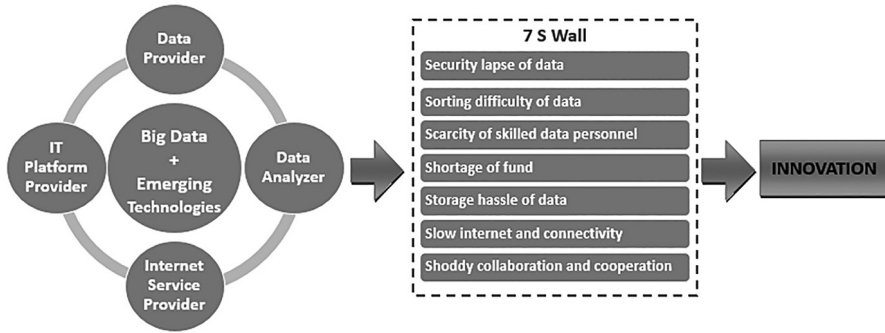


FIGURE 1.3 Entrepreneur Ecosystem in Big Data-Driven Universe.

Based on these factors and expanding this view, a framework is proposed where Big Data and emerging technologies (like the Internet of Things, artificial intelligence, etc.) work hand in hand. These two are the essential ingredients for digital entrepreneurs. The proposed framework presents the entrepreneurial ecosystem and the factors that need to be focused on or improved upon to allow entrepreneurs to achieve their desired goals.

Digital entrepreneurship is driven by data providers, data analyzers, internet providers, and IT infrastructure providers. There is a hindrance in the form of a 7-S wall that is to be taken care of before the launch of an innovation. These 7-S are: security lapse of data, sorting difficulty of data, storage hassle of data, scarcity of skilled personnel, shortage of funds, slow internet & connectivity, and shoddy collaboration & cooperation.

IDENTIFYING CHALLENGES

According to IoT expert Sandra Khvoynitskaya (2018), the most common IoT challenges are “technical unpreparedness, budget shortages, and skill gap”. These challenges are a part of emerging technologies, and it is hoped they will disappear as soon as the IoT system improves. We have classified the challenges into seven categories (7-S) that are impediments to Big Data implementation.

1. *Security lapse of data*: Data is the key element in an innovative system. When the data is stored on cloud-based storage systems, one has no direct control over it, and the chances are always there that the data could be leaked. Cloud is a sharing server, so data privacy is a big concern. In the recent past, many cases of data theft were reported. Some firms had to pay the enormous ransom amount to get their data back. With newer security approaches, some of the current techniques are efficient in securing the data channels, such as Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS) (Ryan and Watson, 2017).
2. *Sorting difficulty of data*: Selecting the appropriate data is a cumbersome process. Data science methods – Python programming language, Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques, NoSQL – are solutions for sorting unstructured

data. The Deep Neural Network (DNN) comprises several processing layers that are competent for learning hierarchical representations from the input data and modeling complex behaviors of heterogeneous data sets (Saleem et al., 2019). These technologies include large-scale distributed file systems like Hadoop, which can handle enormously large data sets. The firms require high-quality data for making suitable operational, strategic, and financial decisions. The latest information technology is required; otherwise, the dependence on secondary or redundant data will lead to less accurate decisions.

3. *Scarcity of skilled data personnel*: For emerging entrepreneurs, it is a challenge to arrange adequate resources and to attract personnel with skills for data analysis as compared to large organizations and established entrepreneurs (Pappas et al., 2017). OECD (2019) stressed that policymakers should bring schemes that instill digital and entrepreneurial skills in unrepresented groups through education and training programs. These training programs should be data specific, as mere knowledge is not all entrepreneurs needed. A key skill involves explaining Big Data outcomes to executives – in visual displays or verbal narrative (Chhabra et al., 2020; Chieng et al., 2015; Davenport and Dyché, 2013; Del Giudice et al., 2021; Singh et al., 2018) for relatively better decision making.
4. *Shortage of funds*: One of the reasons for the failure of innovation projects could be the paucity of funds. A study by Thomas Niebel, Fabienne Rasel, and Steffen Viète (2018) suggests that Big Data analytics is the prominent factor for the probable market success of product innovations and applies to both manufacturers and the service sector, depending on the firms' investment in IT-specific skills. Bryan Ritchie and Nick Swisher (2018) found that although the start-ups may lack political or financial power, their (particularly high-potential) collective contributions to the economy are important, and they experience growth rates substantially higher than other firms, creating a huge impact on the overall economic productivity of the economy. Nevertheless, as money attracts money, this growth is owed to an adequate amount of funds with the entrepreneur. OECD (2019) suggested some means of financial access to entrepreneurs:
 - a. Support and/or promote crowdfunding platforms to improve access to start-up financing for the digital entrepreneur.
 - b. Use award programs to provide small grants.
5. *Storagehassle of data*: As the name implies, Big Data is enormous. With the digitization of each and every thing in this universe, including entrepreneurial activities, large amounts of digital information exist on virtually any topic of interest, in which mobile phones, online shopping, social networks, electronic communication, GPS, and instrumented machinery all produce torrents of data as a by-product of their ordinary operations (McAfee & Brynjolfsson, 2012). One has to prepare an information warehouse that can handle so much data. Nevertheless, this being a costly affair, the companies prefer to store systems on cloud-based platforms. According to Ryan and Watson (2017), to manage IoT databases' size, newer methods for querying semistructured data, data streaming, continuous sampling data, and data mining are needed. Due to the

velocity of Big Data, it is difficult to store information with the traditional storage methods as they are unable to scale up rapidly (Yang et al., 2017)

6. *Slow internet and connectivity*: IoT works on the internet platform and requires high speed and reliability. There is a problem of connectivity, and the network's erratic behavior causes a problem for IoT. In production or business processes, all the activities need to be connected via the internet to gain portability. The expansion of broadband would enhance pattern recognition by using the connected resources accessed via the internet (Caceres-Diaz et al., 2019).
7. *Shoddy collaboration and cooperation*: Pappas et al. (2017) stressed the need for co-creation and inclusive growth to stimulate societal innovation taking advantage of Big Data. Similarly, a collaboration between multiple stakeholders of the entrepreneurship system – government, society, and entrepreneur – tends to prove beneficial for innovation's success rate. Myriad sources drive the source of data in large quantities; thus, balanced cooperation is of utmost importance. Multiscale collaborations require multi-spatiotemporal collaboration across different domains supported by distributed storage (Yang et al., 2017). The cloud environment should allow data scientists and business analysts to explore knowledge acquisition data interactively and collaboratively for further processing (Acharjyaa & Ahmed, 2016; Chung et al., 2014). According to a report of the World Economic Forum (2019) produced in collaboration with McKinsey & Company the classification of data collaborative is as given:
 - “Data cooperatives: Corporations and other essential data holders group together to link and connect data resources.
 - Prizes and challenges: Corporations make data available to qualified applicants who compete to develop new apps or discover innovative uses for the data.
 - Research partnerships: Corporations share data with universities and other academic organizations.
 - Intelligence products: Shared corporate data is used to build a tool, dashboard, report, app, or another technical device to support a public or humanitarian objective.
 - Application Programming Interfaces (APIs): APIs allow developers and others to access data for testing, product development, and data analytics.
 - Trusted intermediary: Corporations share data with a limited number of known partners.”

CONCLUSION

Digitalization plays the role of an outcome as well as a source for innovation. At the same time, entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs may be the drivers and the agents of digital transformations (Satalkina & Steiner, 2020; Shahzad et al., 2020). With the advent of the Big Data era, a new job profile will undoubtedly occur, catering to data industries' demands. Various fields are doing wonders after integrating these technologies with Big Data to make the ecosystem more conducive for entrepreneurship. The framework proposed here is in the primary stage. It is suggested to develop and test

it for best practices that can further be used to incorporate newer technologies and Big Data for easing the challenges faced by entrepreneurs.

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The authors have retrieved primary data by visiting the founder's office in Thane, Mumbai, namely Mr. Ravindra Prabhudesai, and his son Mr. Parikshit Prabhudesai on 20 August 2018. The formal and informal interview took place over four days, where Mr. Prabhudesai helped us meet his junior staff, executive staff that was part of his journey from the foundation day. The staffs were very co-operative in providing information about the steppingstones of Pitambari and their challenges. We were also privileged to meet their other family members, who were very kind and humble to us in providing information.

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