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The Ten Forces of Digital Statecraft

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Reveals the ten forces of digital statecraft, the capability that decides whether a state can turn technology into governing capacity, and shows why states one would expect to lead so often do not.

How Nations Digitise is the definitive guide to digital statecraft, detailing the ten forces that determine whether governments succeed or fail in the digital age.

Key selling points

A framework that finally makes sense of digital government. The book introduces 'digital statecraft' by outlining ten clear forces that determine why some states progress rapidly while others lag behind, regardless of their wealth or technical expertise, giving policymakers, scholars and practitioners a shared language for governing capacity we are only beginning to understand.

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