Features of information technology in Spain

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Abstract. This article examines the features of information technology development in Spain, with a focus on 2018 - 2022 statistical data. The article highlights steady growth of the IT sector in Spain, with a projected growth rate of 5.5% for 2022. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the digital transformation of industries in Spain is also discussed, along with the Spanish government’s support for the development of the IT sector. The article also draws attention to the growing concern of cybersecurity threats in Spain and the need for robust cybersecurity measures. Finally, the article presents conclusions based on the statistical data and analysis, highlighting the opportunities and challenges arising in connection with the development of information technology in Spain. Overall, this article provides a valuable overview of the current state and future prospects of the IT sector in Spain, making it a useful resource for anyone interested in this topic.

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Development of information technology (IT) has significantly transformed the global economy and society in the past few decades. Spain, a country rich in culture and history, has emerged as one of the leaders in IT development in Europe. Spanish economy is one of the largest in Europe and has been rapidly expanding, with the IT sector being one of the most dynamic and promising industries in recent years. This scientific article aims to provide an overview of the features of IT development in Spain, including the main companies, research centers, and startups that are driving this industry forward. The article will examine the role of the Spanish government in supporting IT development, as well as the impact of IT on other sectors of the economy, such as tourism, healthcare, and transportation. By analyzing the key features of IT development in Spain, this article will contribute to a better understanding of the factors driving the country's economic growth and its position in the global IT market.

According to RRF Annual Report on the, which is based on the pillar reporting methodology, a total of almost €130 bn in expenditure is allocated to the digital transformation pillar, of which more than a third is for the digitalization of public services (36%, €47 bn), followed by measures supporting the digitalization of businesses (20%, €26 bn) and human capital (20%, €26 bn). The highest expenditure in the digital pillar in absolute terms is from Italy and Spain (€27 bn and €18 bn, respectively). Amongst the countries devoting the highest percentages of their GDP to the RRF digital pillar, we find those countries that are lagging behind in the DESI (Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Portugal, Croatia), thus, they are making a strong effort to close the gap [1].

Development of information technology in Spain has been rapidly accelerating in recent years. According to the latest statistics available, the IT sector in Spain is one of the fastest-growing industries in the country's economy. In 2020, the IT sector accounted for 6.8% of Spain's GDP, generating €61.4 billion in revenue. Furthermore, the IT industry in Spain employed over 446,000 people, accounting for 2.4% of the country's total workforce [2].

Software development is one of the main drivers of the IT
sector in Spain. Software industry in Spain has been growing at an impressive rate, with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 6.7% between 2017 and 2022. In 2020, Spain’s software industry generated a revenue of €16.4 billion, making it the largest segment of the country’s IT industry. Software industry is also the most profitable segment of the IT industry, with a profit margin of 10.5% [2].

Cloud computing is another rapidly growing segment of the IT industry in Spain. In 2020, the estimated value of the cloud computing market in Spain was €2.9 billion, and it is expected to grow at a CAGR of 23.7% between 2020 and 2025. The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated the adoption of cloud computing in Spain, with many companies and organizations turning to cloud-based solutions to enable remote work and digitalization [3].

The mobile app industry is also experiencing significant growth in Spain. In 2020, the mobile app market value in Spain was estimated at €1.7 billion, with a CAGR of 9.5% between 2020 and 2025. The mobile app industry in Spain is dominated by gaming apps, which accounted for 45% of the total revenue in 2020.

Spain is home to many innovative startups in the IT sector. In 2020, Spain had over 4,200 active startups, with the majority of them operating in the IT industry. Some of the most successful IT startups in Spain include Cabify, Glovo, Jobandtalent, and Wallapop.

The Spanish government has been actively supporting the development of the IT sector in the country. In 2021, the Spanish government announced creation of a €4 billion fund to support the digitalization of the Spanish economy. The fund will focus on such areas as 5G infrastructure, cybersecurity, and digital skills training [4].

In conclusion, the development of information technology in Spain has been rapidly accelerating in recent years, driven by the software, cloud computing, and mobile app industries. The IT sector is one of the most dynamic and promising industries in the Spanish economy, and it is expected to continue to grow in the coming years. The Spanish government's support for the digitalization of the economy is expected to further accelerate the growth of the IT industry in Spain.
The impact of information technology on other sectors of the Spanish economy is also significant. For example, the tourist industry in Spain has been transformed by IT in recent years. The use of digital platforms for travel bookings and reservations has become ubiquitous, and many tourist companies have embraced digital technologies to improve their services and increase their efficiency.

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This pivot table shows growth rate of the IT sector in Spain and the number of reported cybersecurity incidents from 2018 to 2022. The data reveals a consistent growth rate in the IT sector, with the growth rate increasing steadily each year. However, the number of reported cybersecurity incidents has also increased each year, which highlights the need for robust cybersecurity measures to be put in place as part of the development of information technology in Spain. Overall, this pivot table provides a clear and concise overview of the key statistical trends in the development of information technology in Spain over the past five years.

The healthcare industry in Spain has also been transformed by IT. The use of electronic medical records and telemedicine has become more widespread in recent years, enabling doctors and other healthcare professionals to provide more efficient and effective care to patients.

The transportation industry in Spain has also been impacted by IT. The use of digital platforms for ride-sharing and taxi services has become increasingly popular, with companies such as Uber and Cabify operating in several Spanish cities.
In addition to the impact on specific industries, development of information technology in Spain has also had broader social and economic impacts. For example, growth of the IT sector has led to creation of many new jobs, including highly skilled positions in software development and data analysis. IT has also enabled greater connectivity and communication, making it easier for individuals and businesses to collaborate and innovate.

However, there are also challenges associated with the rapid development of IT in Spain. One of the main challenges is the digital divide, which refers to the unequal access to digital technologies and skills. While IT has the potential to benefit all sectors of society, there are still many individuals and communities in Spain that lack access to digital technologies and skills. Addressing this digital divide will be crucial for ensuring that the benefits of IT are shared equitably across society.

In conclusion, the development of information technology in Spain has been rapid and dynamic in recent years, driven by software development, cloud computing, and mobile app industries. The Spanish government's support for digitalization is expected to further accelerate the growth of the IT sector in Spain, with significant impacts on other sectors of the economy and broader society. While there are challenges associated with the rapid development of IT in Spain, addressing these challenges will be crucial for ensuring that the benefits of IT are shared equitably across society.

Another challenge facing the development of information technology in Spain is cybersecurity. As the use of digital technologies becomes more widespread, the risk of cyber attacks also increases. In 2020, Spain experienced a significant increase in cyber attacks, with over 120,000 cyber security incidents reported. These incidents included phishing attacks, malware infections, and ransomware attacks, which can cause significant damage to businesses and individuals [1].

To address these challenges, the Spanish government has implemented several initiatives to improve cybersecurity in the country. In 2021, the Spanish government launched a cybersecurity strategy aimed at improving the resilience of
Spanish businesses and public institutions against cyber threats. The strategy includes measures such as increasing investment in cybersecurity research and development, improving cybersecurity training and education, and strengthening collaboration between public and private entities to promote cybersecurity.

The development of information technology in Spain has also been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has accelerated the adoption of digital technologies in Spain, as many businesses and organizations have had to shift to remote work and digital solutions to continue their operations. The use of digital technologies has also played a crucial role in supporting healthcare systems, enabling telemedicine and remote consultations.

The pandemic has also highlighted the importance of digital skills and literacy. As many individuals and businesses had to rely on digital technologies for work, education, and communication, the need for digital skills and literacy has become more pressing. The Spanish government has recognized the importance of digital skills and has launched several initiatives aimed at improving digital literacy and skills across the country.

In conclusion, the development of information technology in Spain has been shaped by several factors, including software development, cloud computing, and mobile app industries. Growth of the IT sector has had significant impacts on other sectors of the economy, as well as broader society. However, there are also challenges associated with the rapid development of IT in Spain, including the digital divide and cybersecurity risks. The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated adoption of digital technologies in Spain, highlighting the importance of digital skills and literacy. The Spanish government's support for digitalization and cybersecurity is expected to continue to drive growth of the IT sector in Spain in the coming years.

Looking ahead, the development of information technology in Spain is expected to continue at a rapid pace. The Spanish government has set ambitious targets for digitalization, with the aim of making Spain a leader in digital transformation in Europe. The government's Digital Spain 2025 strategy aims to
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increase the contribution of the digital sector to the Spanish economy, promote the adoption of digital technologies across all sectors of society, and ensure that the benefits of digitalization are shared equitably.

One area of focus for the development of information technology in Spain is the Internet of Things (IoT). The IoT refers to the network of devices, vehicles, and appliances that are connected to the internet and can communicate with each other. The IoT has the potential to revolutionize many industries, from manufacturing to transportation to healthcare.

The Spanish government has identified the IoT as a priority area for investment and research, with the aim of promoting the development of innovative IoT solutions and services. The government has launched several initiatives to support the development of the IoT sector, including funding for research and development, support for startups and SMEs, and collaboration between public and private entities.

Another area of focus for the development of information technology in Spain is artificial intelligence (AI). AI refers to the ability of machines to perform tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as recognizing speech, interpreting data, and making decisions.

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In conclusion, the development of information technology in Spain has been rapid and dynamic in recent years, with significant impacts on other sectors of the economy and broader society. The Spanish government’s support for digitalization is expected to continue to drive the growth of the IT sector in Spain, with a focus on areas such as the IoT and AI. Addressing challenges such as the digital divide and cybersecurity risks will be crucial for ensuring that the benefits of IT are shared equitably across society. The future of information technology in Spain is bright, and the country is well-positioned to continue to be a leader in digital
transformation in Europe.

Based on the statistical data and analysis presented in the article, we can draw the following conclusions about the features of the development of information technology in Spain:

1. The IT sector in Spain has experienced steady growth over the past few years, with a growth rate of 5.5% projected for 2022. This indicates that there is a strong demand for IT products and services in Spain.

2. The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated digital transformation of many industries in Spain, leading to an increased adoption of digital technologies and a higher demand for IT services.

3. The Spanish government has taken steps to support the development of the IT sector, including investing in research and development, promoting the adoption of new technologies, and providing incentives for businesses to innovate and expand their operations.

4. Cybersecurity is a growing concern in Spain, with the number of reported cybersecurity incidents increasing each year. This highlights the need for robust cybersecurity measures to be put in place to protect businesses and individuals from cyber threats.

5. Despite the challenges posed by cybersecurity threats, growth of the IT sector in Spain presents opportunities for businesses and individuals to innovate, create new products and services, and improve efficiency and productivity.

In summary, the development of information technology in Spain is characterized by steady growth, government support, and a growing focus on cybersecurity. While there are challenges to be addressed, the opportunities presented by the growth of the IT sector in Spain are significant, and businesses and individuals can benefit from this development by embracing new technologies and innovations.

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