Learning Technology Trends in 2021

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We collaborate with practitioners (like you!) to develop resources for talent development professionals

About Us





Tell us! What is your role?



Let's Talk About:

- What are the current challenges impacting L&D?
- Which trending technologies can enable change or transformation?
- How do you evaluate new technologies and trends?
- Where can you get more info?



We have the tools at our disposal. The bounty of technological innovation which defines our current era can be leveraged to unleash human potential.

Klaus Schwab, World Economic Forum Executive Chairman



What are the biggest challenges L&D is facing?

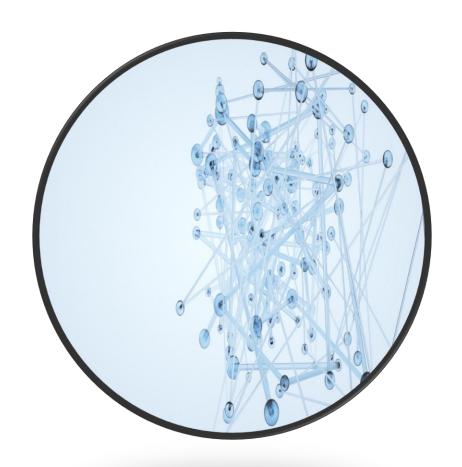
- ☐ Skill Gaps
- ☐ Internal Mobility
- ☐ Lack of Time/ Resources
- ☐ Learner Engagement
- ☐ Learner Retention
- ☐ Management Buy In

- ☐ Distributed Workforce
- ☐ Measurement
- ☐ Isolation/ Loss of Connection
- ☐ Virtual Fatigue









Data and Analytics



How we can use data



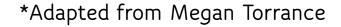




TEST SOLUTIONS AND INFORM
INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN

TEST SOLUTIONS AND PERSONALIZE LEARNING

MEASURE IMPACT AND SHOW RESULTS





Skilling and Internal Mobility

51% internal mobility is more of a priority now than before COVID*

learning leaders identify upskilling and reskilling as their top focus for 2021*

#1 trend for 2021: Reskilling and Upskilling**

1 in 4 workers plan to look for a job at a different company once the pandemic subsides***



^{*}LinkedIn Learning Workplace learning Report 2021

^{**} Donald Taylor's L&D Global Sentiment , February 2021

^{***}Pulse of the American Worker Survey, March 2021

Personalize Learning to Create Mobility



Workforce Analytics Organizational Design

Skills Accelerator

Career Services



Measure Impact and Show Results







*Source: Measurement Demystified, Vance & Parskey, ATD Press, 2020



Measure Impact and Show Results



OF PARTICIPANTS, COMPLETION RATES



SURVEYS, STAKEHOLDER REACTION, APPLICATION



WAS THE SALE CYCLE SHORTENED?

*Source: Measurement Demystified, Vance & Parskey, ATD Press, 2020



Recommendations



Align on goals



Use a mix of measures



Report results





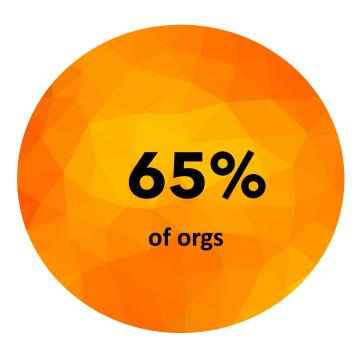
Future Classrooms



Virtual Training Trends



using virtual training



using virtual for over 50% of formal learning hours



expect spending to stay the same or increase next yr



What type of training are you doing?



- ☐ virtual
- □ blended
- hybrid
- elearning
- ☐ in person



Addressing Virtual Training Challenges

Engagement

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Master the Technology

Retention



Use the Interactive Tools

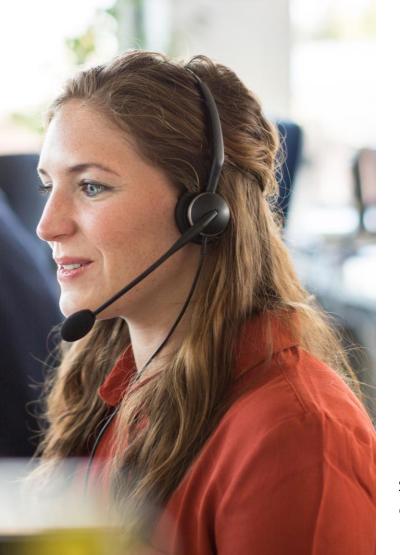
Fatigue



Schedule Breaks, Space it Out



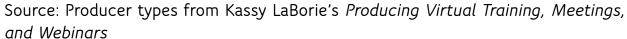
Get a Virtual Producer



Technical

Facilitative

Start Time







What does the future of classrooms look like?

Virtual

Blended

Hybrid



The reality of hybrid

Challenges

- Technical Issues
- Equitable Learning Experiences
- Learning Distractions
- Connection and Collaboration

- Cognitive Overload for Facilitators
- Scheduling Logistics
- Significant Time Investment
- Communication challenges



Room Set up Matters







Augmented Reality vs Virtual Reality



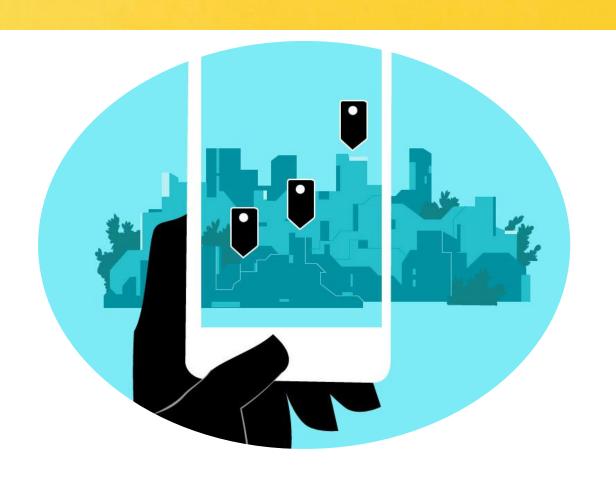
Just in Time
On the Job



Hands On
Safe Environment
Context Sensitive



Are you using AR or VR? Or, do you plan to?



- \square AR
- ☐ VR
- ☐ Both
- ☐ Plan to, but not yet
- □ Not sure



Virtual Reality Impact and Uses

- improves learning transfer
- physically safe environment
- promotes psychological safety
- ☐ increases engagement

- Soft Skills
- O High Risk
- Safety
- Procedural
- Maintenance



Targeting Soft Skills with Virtual Reality



VR simulations to strengthen:

- on-the-job confidence
- empathy towards clients
- issue resolution



Ideas to Implement AR



Business Cards



History Lessons



Scavenger Hunt



Trivia Questions



Magic Messaging

Source: Betty Dannewitz, "The AR Experience"





For the biggest ROI, focus on content that will be used in the same unchanged format for a long period of time.

Debbie Richards





Micro and Mobile



Microlearning

Short

Targeted

Outcome oriented

Mobile



Where learners are



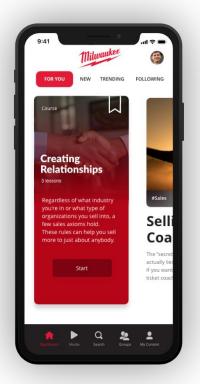
Increased functionality



Moment of need



Mobile first solution for Sales team





Reimagined "Manager in Training" program











Business Value

Does the technology fit with your organization's needs? What is its business value?

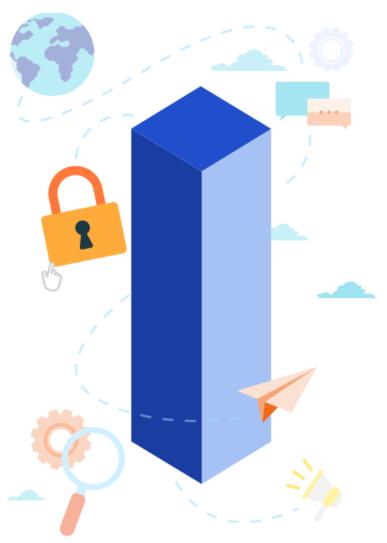
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User Experience

Is the user experience modern, inclusive, rich, and based on observations of how users work?

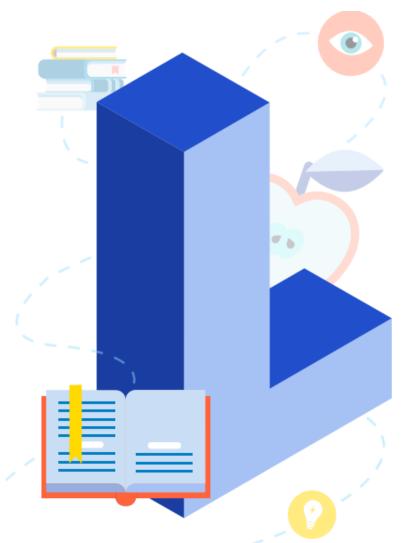
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Impact

What is the impact of this technology on your audience, your company, and the wider world?

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Learning Models

What learning models does this technology support?

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Dependencies

What dependencies must be in place for this to succeed?

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Signals

What are the key signals you need to pay attention to in reviewing technology and planning for the future?

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Thank you!

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