

# Learning in the Modern Workplace: What's Truly Effective (And What's Not)

# Introduction

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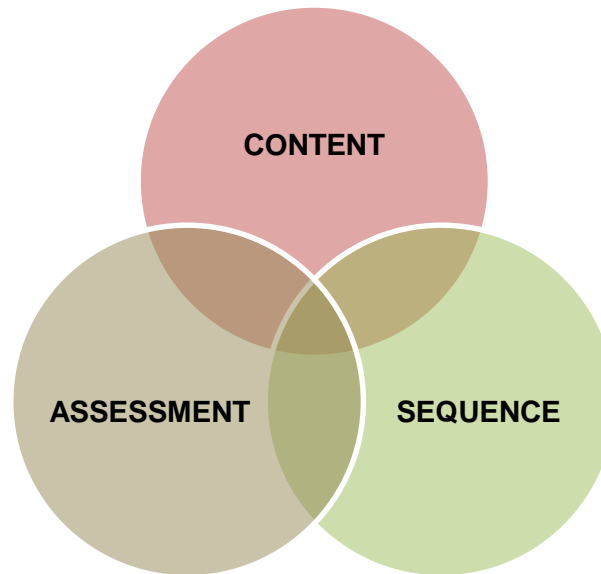
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# Buzzwords vs. Meaningful Technology Capabilities

# Myth 1: Personalization = Adaptive Learning

Trend: More solutions claim to offer “adaptive learning” experiences



# Myth 1: Personalization = Adaptive Learning

- **Adaptive Sequence:** Tools with adaptive sequences have a lot going on behind the scenes. These tools are continuously collecting and analyzing student data to automatically change what a student sees next;
- **Adaptive Assessment:** The key to understanding adaptive assessment is to remember that these tools change the questions a student sees based on his or her response to the previous question.
- **Adaptive Content:** When a student gets something wrong, tools with adaptive content respond with feedback that's based on that student's specific mistake. The tools provide materials to review the relevant skill.

## PSEUDO-ADAPTIVE

- Personalized Learning
- Branching Scenarios
- Opt-Out Quiz / Quiz banks
- Helpful, but doesn't take performance into account
- Realize only 30-50% of the benefits

## ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY

- Standalone Adaptive Learning or Adaptive Ecosystem
- Minimizes learner fatigue
- Shortens time required for training
- Helps individual learners improve in weaker areas
- Drives greater behavioral change

# Optimizing learning with Adaptive Technology



## Role-Based Adaptive Learning\*

Deploy one course for multiple groups, give learners a more relevant course



## Introduction

A short, no-nonsense video to kick off the topic



## Learner Profiling

Assess baseline performance so content is tailored to learner aptitude



## Content Adaptation

Unlock categories tied to each learning objective



## Kinesthetic Learning

Gamified activities motivate and engage



## Results & Benchmarking

Learners see their performance results so they know how they stack up

\*Optional feature

# Are YOU using adaptive learning?

- Standalone adaptive solution (content and sequence)
- Adaptive Learning Ecosystem
- Branching
- We are not using any adaptive solutions

# Myth 2: Data = Insight

Trend: LMS and training systems produce more data through xAPI and other means





# Myth 2: Data = Insight

## DATA

What are these metrics telling you?

Completion  
Stats

Pass Rate

Quiz Scores

Activity  
by Week

Activity  
by Location

Time Spent

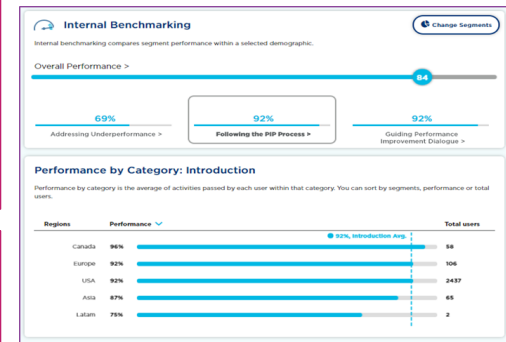
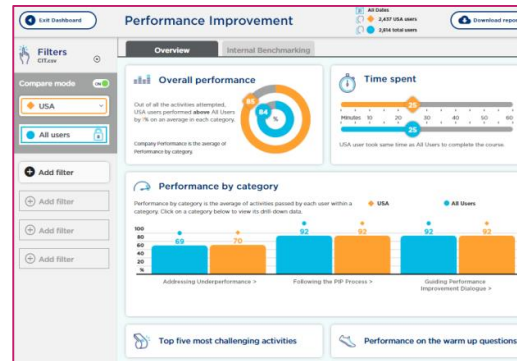
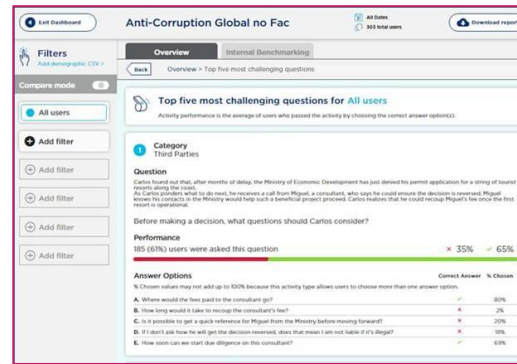
Mobile vs.  
Tablet

Poll Results

Confidence  
Survey

## INSIGHT

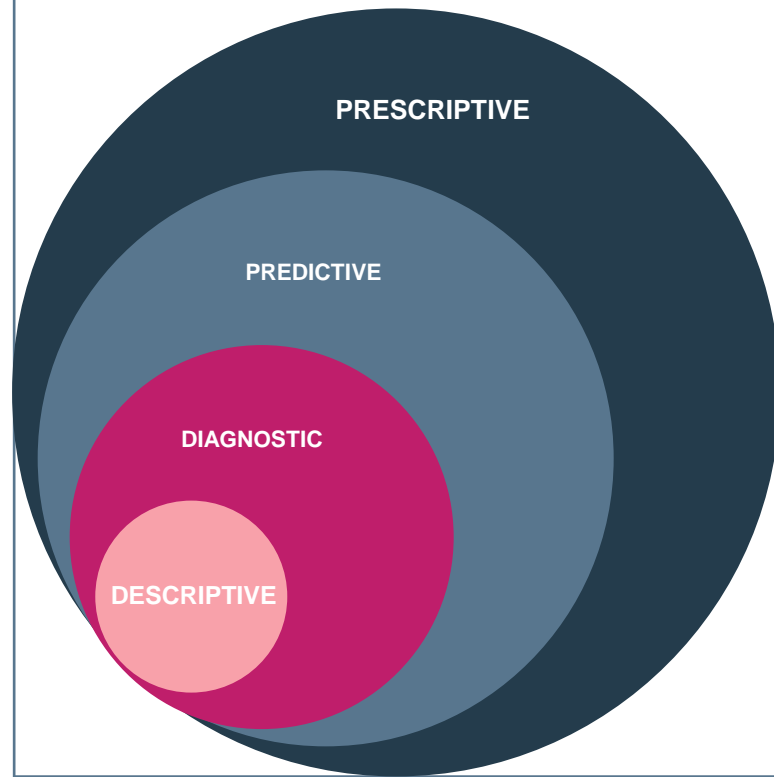
What actionable intelligence should tell you:



# Myth 2: Data = Insight

## TYPES OF DATA

VALUE



● PRESCRIPTIVE

What do I need to do?

● PREDICTIVE

What's likely to happen?

● DIAGNOSTIC

Why is it happening?

● DESCRIPTIVE

What's happening in my business?

→ COMPLEXITY

# How many data sources are YOU using to truly measure efficacy?

- 1-2 data sources
- 2+ data sources
- Using completions, time spent, quiz scores
- Not measuring efficacy quantitatively

# Myth 3: Micro Bursts = Learning

Trend: As attention spans fade, the shorter the training, the easier it is to absorb.



# Myth 3: Micro Bursts = Learning

“It’s Engaging”

“It Works”

“It’s Casual”

The Micro-Learning Perception

## EXPEDIENCY

- Highly effective for reinforcement or short term goals
- Shorter format makes consumption easier
- Retention of focused bursts higher
- Gaining momentum as preferred method of training for time-starved employees

## PRACTICALITY

- Fragmentation and lack of cognitive synthesis
- Insufficient research to know whether it is an effective strategy for reaching long-term goals
- Elevated program management costs
- Learner confusion and lack of agency to cover topic thoroughly in one sitting

# Building Deep-Set Knowledge



# How are YOU using micro or burst learning?

- Fundamental Learning
- Ongoing learning reinforcement
- In-time Learning
- Not using micro-learning or burst learning

# Myth 4: Better Looking = More Effective

Trend: Flashier solutions are more effective - animations and strong visuals are key for effective learning



CORRELATION

CAUSATION

## VISUAL STIMULATION

- Output is short-lived, doesn't further goal to make effective choices
- Can sometimes limit learner agency (ex. Video)
- High cost to create, maintain and personalize, especially for a global audience
- Novelty can wear off quickly, resulting in large investment with minimal return

## COGNITIVE VALUE

- Learning Logic is paramount – solve the real employee pain point
- Drive behaviors, not just interest
- Engage the analytical parts of the brain, not just the visual cortex
- Innovate “inside the box” – support the 100% learner population
- Don't compromise measurement



# What is YOUR top priority when designing/evaluating learning experiences?

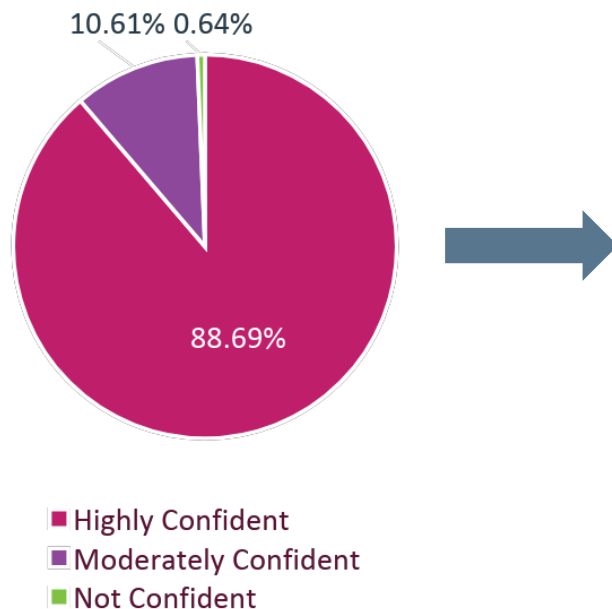
- Visual look & design
- Learning Logic
- Measurement and Assessment
- Navigation and ease of use

# Myth 5: Sentiment = Performance

Trend: Assessing learner confidence as a measure of preparedness and training efficacy

## FILLING THE DATA GAPS

- Trying to make up for the gaps in quiz-based assessment
- Eliminating response bias is difficult



Percentage of employees who are unable to make the effective decision as seen through behavioral analytics:

**Scenario 1:** Socializing with clients and prospects

Row labels	User ID count
Highly Confident	16%
Moderately Confident	12%
Not Confident	20%
TOTAL	15%

**Scenario 2:** Buying public stock of a competitor

Row labels	User ID count
Highly Confident	18%
Moderately Confident	17%
Not Confident	28%
TOTAL	18%

**Scenario 3:** Interacting with vendors

Row labels	User ID count
Highly Confident	15%
Moderately Confident	15%
Not Confident	13%
TOTAL	15%

# Enhancing Learning Efficacy

# The Learning Challenge

Bridging the gap between enterprises and their learners.

## MODERN LEARNERS WANT MODERN LEARNING

- Modern learners engage through a variety of sources and devices, but instructor-led classes are still the #1 method for training.<sup>1</sup>
- Employees spend an average of 33 hours per year on training.<sup>2</sup>
- 46% of companies have trouble getting employees to make time for L&D.<sup>1</sup>

## DELIVER A PERSONALIZED EXPERIENCE

- 49% of companies have a limited L&D budget.<sup>1</sup>
- Less than 25% would recommend their L&D program to peers.<sup>1</sup>
- \$1,252 spent per employee on direct learning.<sup>2</sup>
- 55% of companies don't have the time or staff to measure at Kirkpatrick levels.<sup>3</sup>

## GET ACTIONABLE DATA

- Only 6% of companies truly measure all types of learning with an eye on business results.<sup>3</sup>
- 52% use a post-training quiz to measure effectiveness.
- Less than 50% of companies have the in-house skills to analyze learning data.<sup>3</sup>
- 66% run analytics on no more than half their learning programs.<sup>3</sup>
- 60% share their analysis with business leaders.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [LinkedIn Learning: 2017 Workplace Learning Report](#)

<sup>2</sup> [eLearning Industry: Organizational Trends in Learning & Development](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Brandon Hall: 2017 Learning Analytics Study](#)



# Technology that connects learning to learners

## Adaptive learning technology yields...

### BETTER ALIGNMENT TO BUSINESS OBJECTIVES

- Training **specific to the needs** of the population, industry and business.
- Tie learning objectives to desired outcomes/behavior changes by creating situational assessment that tests knowledge application rather than reading comprehension.
- Courses that engage the learner, transfer knowledge and drive behavioral change while generating meaningful analytics for the business.

### MODERN LEARNING EXPERIENCES

- **Learn-by-doing** with stimulating, memorable and true-to-life content and scenarios that increase long term knowledge retention by 15-20%.<sup>2</sup>
- Technology-enabled learning engagement and interactivity yield higher knowledge acquisition.<sup>1</sup>
- Use adult learning principles to create engaging courses that capture attention and help retain new knowledge or skills.

### METRICS THAT GET ATTENTION

- Our analytics data shows:
- Total seat time for rollouts reduced by 15-20% through adaptive learning logic.<sup>3</sup>
- On average 40-50% of the population saves 10-15 min. on the same content.<sup>3</sup>
- The time saved directly yields financial value and productivity to the business.

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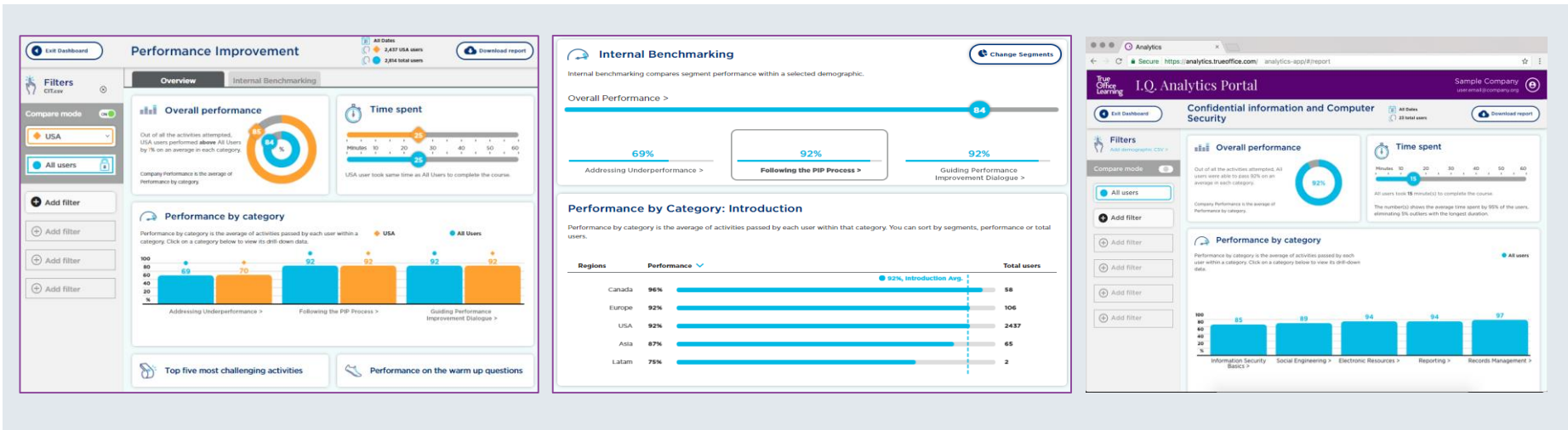
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# Behavioral Analytics: Beyond Metrics

Behavioral intelligence that goes far beyond LMS data



- Analyze real-time aggregate performance to quickly identify knowledge gaps
- Benchmark performance internally and compare trends for various segments of your organization to demonstrate training effectiveness
- Strengthen knowledge gaps, drive business outcomes, and quantitatively inform future program design

Do YOU have access to  
a tool that lets you  
develop truly adaptive  
learning (content and  
sequence) that provides  
Learner's Behavioral  
Analytics?

- Yes
- No

# Thank you

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