Capitalizing on Innovations in Learning Technology

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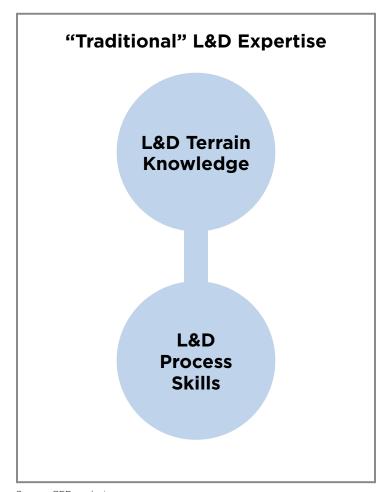
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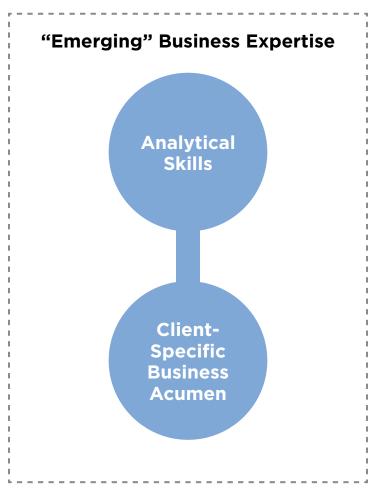
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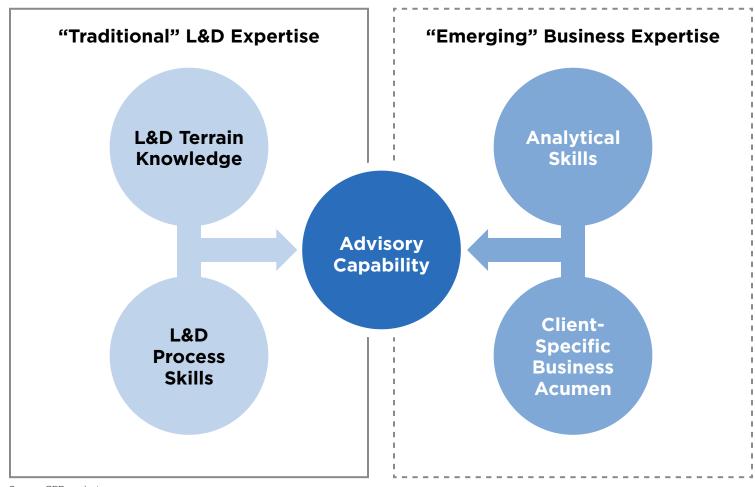
by leveraging their L&D and business expertise to proactively influence talent and business decisions.

THE LEARNING ADVISOR MODEL





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ROADMAP

How is technology shaping L&D?

How do I
avoid common
barriers to
capitalizing
on learning
technology?



How can I capitalize on emerging learning technology?



How do I stay ahead of innovations in learning technology?

THE FOCUS OF OUR CONVERSATION

Learning Technology Defined

Creating, using and managing technology resources to facilitate learning and improve performance

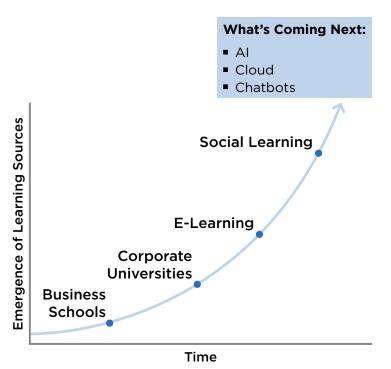


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Source: CEB L&D Unified Benchmarking Platform.

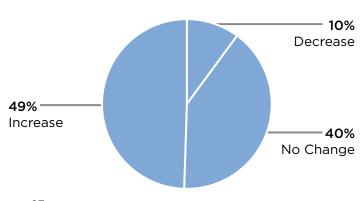
MORE TECHNOLOGY, MORE INVESTMENT

Evolution of Learning Sources



Source: CEB analysis.

L&D Spend on Learning Technology Percentage of L&D Executives



n = 67. Source: CEB 2018 L&D Agenda Poll.

TODAY'S EMPLOYEES ARE DIGITAL NATIVES

Employees' Relationship With Technology In and Out of Work



Technology Pervasive Outside Work

- Smart phones
- Netflix
- Tablets
- Social media
- On-demand delivery





Demand for Technology in Workplace

Growing Demand for Increased Usage of Technology in L&D

Percentage of L&D Executives



n = 214 L&D executives.

Source: CEB 2018 Head of L&D Shifting Skills Survey.

OPPORTUNITY FOR L&D INNOVATION

Innovative Learning Solutions That Use Technology





Employee-Created Videos



Learning Chatbot

Employee Benefits of Technology-Based Innovation

- Accessible in the moment of need
- Increases employee engagement in learning
- Allows unexpected connections to form across the organization

Source: CEB analysis.

L&D Benefits of Technology-Based Innovation

- Enables at-scale personalization of the learning experience
- Saves L&D time and resources
- Aligns with how today's digitally-native employees learn

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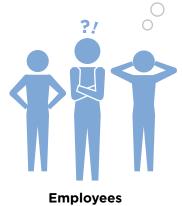
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TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENTS ARE FALLING FLAT

Employee Perspective

L&D Executive Perspective

Only 38% of employees agree that their L&D function is effective at using technology to enhance learning content.



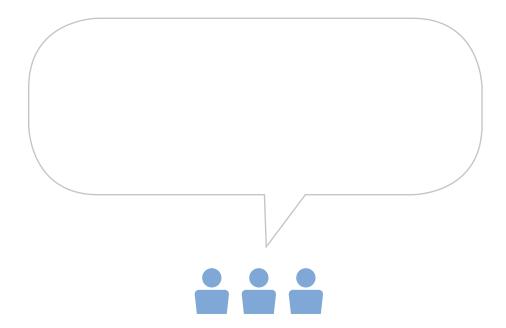
Source: CEB analysis.

Only 9% of L&D executives rated their team as highly proficient in learning technology skills.



WHAT IS HARD?

Barriers to Capitalizing on Learning Technology



YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Barriers to Capitalizing on Learning Technology

Scoping the Problem



- There's so much out there that it's hard to know where to start with learning technology.
- It's unclear whether I need a technological solution to this problem.
- I haven't seen examples of innovative applications of learning technology that are actually feasible for me.

Source: CEB analysis.

Selecting the Right Technology



- It's hard knowing which technology is right for my learning need.
- I don't want to choose a technology that employees don't want.
- I need to make sure the technology will integrate well into the organization.
- I want to make sure I find the most innovative and effective solution.

Deploying the Technology



- To deploy a learning technology, I'll need skills that I don't have.
- There's so much uncertainty in choosing a vendor.
- It's unclear who I should partner with and how.

KEYS TO CAPITALIZE ON LEARNING TECHNOLOGY



Discover

Explore the landscape of possible technologies for addressing your learning need.

Source: CEB analysis.



Decide

Choose the technology that best fits your learning need and local context.



Deliver

Build partnerships to ensure effective and successful implementation.

1. Do I consider how technology might help me address learning needs?

☐ Yes

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- 2. Do I have a solid grasp of the learning technology landscape?

- ☐ Yes
- □ No

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- 3. Do I understand which technologies are best for addressing my learning needs?

☐ Yes

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- 4. Do I know how to overcome barriers to implementing learning technologies?

☐ Yes

1. Do I consider how technology might help me address learning needs?

- 2. Do I have a solid grasp of the learning technology landscape?
- 3. Do I understand which technologies are best for addressing my learning needs?
- 4. Do I know how to overcome barriers to implementing learning technologies?
- 5. Do I know how to stay smart on learning technology and keep up to date with innovations in the industry?

Yes

RESULT

If you selected "NO" for many of these questions, then **let's get started**.

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Explore the landscape of possible technologies for addressing your learning need.

- Understand your learning need.
- Ensure it needs a technological solution.
- Understand the learning technology landscape.

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Decide

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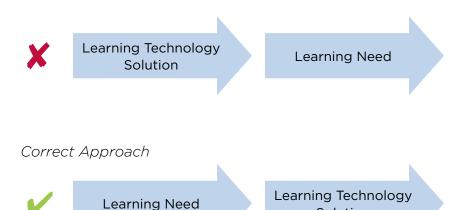


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START WITH THE LEARNING NEED

Approaches to Choosing Learning Technology Solutions Incorrect Approach



Solution

Source: CEB analysis.

Likely Pitfalls

- Specific technology may not be the best solution for the learning need.
- Implementation issues may be overlooked until the solution is deployed.

Likely Benefits

- The problem is identified as a clear learning need.
- The particular learning technology is identified as the best solution for the learning need.
- Implementation issues are recognized before the solution is deployed.

EVALUATE NEED FOR TECHNOLOGY

L&D Question: Does your learning need require a technological solution?

Situations Requiring Varying Degrees of Technology

Good Fit for Technology



Consider Technology Options Further



Technological Solution Unnecessary



Learning Need Characteristics

- Dispersed employee group
- Digitally native employees
- Need just-in-time learning content

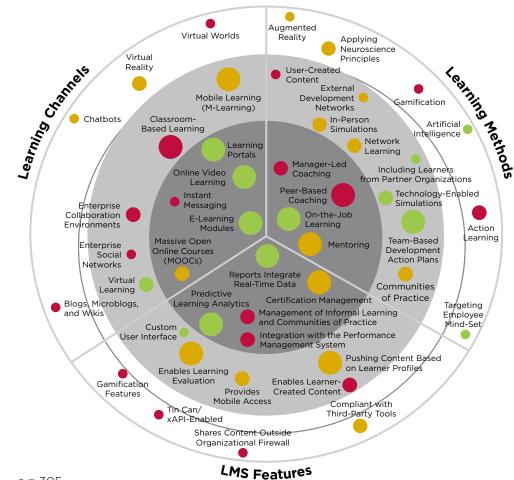
Transfer of knowledge necessary

 Employees with different levels of familiarity or access to technology

- Employees in the same geographic location
- Interpersonal activities prioritized

MANY TECHNOLOGIES TO CHOOSE FROM

L&D Innovations Bullseye



Assessment Factors

Adoption Level



Experimenting Adopting Embedded Degree of adoption is measured by extent and nature of deployment across organizations.

Current Impact

Low Medium High

Current level of impact is based on level of value delivered by the learning and development process.

Future Investment



Future outlook is based on the projected level of investment in the next two years.

n = 305.

Source: CEB 2018 Learning Innovations Survey.

Note: Items are scored relative to one another in each section.

High

TAKE INSPIRATION FROM YOUR PEERS

Technology Case Examples



IBM IBM Developed Watson, a tone analyzer to help provide realtime advice on how to coach and give feedback 國國國 計 註 國 Carly and Jeff have complained to me about your being too harsh with them. What's going on with that? You're also starting to develop a reputation as a complainer. Anger is present. Evoke due to injustice, conflict, humiliation. negligence or betrayal. If anger is active, the individual attacks the target, verbally or physically. If anger is passive, the person silently sulks and feels tension and hostility. You need to control your temper; you only care about vourself and completely self absorbed!



Source: Xerox Corporation; IBM; Microsoft; CEB analysis.

CONSIDER YOUR LEARNING NEED



Instructions: Choose a learning need that your business partners have brought to you recently. Answer the questions on the left to ensure you have a full understanding of the problem. Then, use the checklist on the right to determine whether this learning need is a good candidate for a technological solution.

My Learning Need:

Do You Understand Your Learning Need?

List five defining characteristics of the employee population who have this learning need.

Identify the root causes to the challenge these employees are facing.

Note any initiatives currently in place for addressing this need.

Describe what success would look like for addressing this learning need.

Does It Need a Technological Solution?

Go through each of the questions listed below. Check the box if your answer to the question is "yes."

Do the learners you're hoping to help feel confident using a digital or mobile device to learn?

Do these learners often work remotely or travel often for their jobs?

Are the learners geographically dispersed?

Do these learners need to remain connected and share information with each other?

Do these learners need to be able to immediately access content in the moment of need?

If you checked three or more of the boxes above, this learning need is likely a good candidate for a technological solution.

KEYS TO CAPITALIZE ON LEARNING TECHNOLOGY



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Explore the landscape of possible technologies for addressing your learning need.



Decide

Choose the technology that best fits your learning need and local context.

- Consider the ideal characteristics of the technology solution.
- Ensure your innovative solution can be realized at your organization.
- Select the best-fit learning technology solution.



Deliver

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WHICH TECHNOLOGY SHOULD YOU USE?

Step 1: Consider How You Want to Use Technology in Your Solution

Usage Considerations Functionality
Do you need the technology to connect people?
Do you need the technology to replace classrooms?
Do you plan for employees to contribute learning content directly through the technology?
☐ Do your learners need to access content on the go?
Do you need a solution that provides in-the- moment guidance to learners?
Learners
Do you need a solution that provides a high degree of personalization?
☐ How would learners want to engage with the content?
How would learners access your content? Source: CEB analysis.

Step 2: Consider the Resources Available for Implementing Your Solution

Posourcina Considerations

Resourcing Considerations
☐ Are you able to invest in hardware, software or services?
☐ Does your team have the skills or capacity to learn the skill necessary?
☐ Do you plan to build the solution entirely in-house?
☐ Do you plan on outsourcing most of the work to a vendor?
☐ Are you willing to invest additional time in getting stakeholder buy-in?
☐ Are you willing to take on a high degree of risk with the technology?

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SELECT TECHNOLOGY BEST-FIT FOR CONTEXT

Technology Solutions Fitting Different Organizational Contexts

Learning Need	Organizational Conditions	Best-Fit Technology Solution
"My organization is implementing a new client management system. We need to get all employees up to date on how to use it."	 IT team is going through major re-organization Employees are resistant to change 	E-Learning: Leverage e-learning modules to disperse clear instructions in a way that is familiar to employees and requires little from IT.
"We just went through a major digital transformation and I've been asked to re-vamp our onboarding program for the manufacturing business."	 The job has high levels of risk involved The team recently completed a large project in partnership with IT 	Virtual Reality: This is a good opportunity to experiment with virtual reality, since the job is high-risk and relationships with IT are already in place.
"My organization recently went through a major merger and we need to integrate all of our learning content."	 Leaders and other potential partners have competing priorities Employees are eager to learn about implication of the merger 	Learning Portal: With leaders and other stakeholders otherwise occupied, this is an opportunity to ensure the learning portal is easily accessible and navigable to employees.

TECHNOLOGIES TO CONSIDER



Instructions: Reflect on a recent talent challenge for which you've determined a technology solution would address. Answer the questions below to help you identify which technology would best support the solution.

My Learning Need:

My Innovative Solution:

Usage Questions to Consider	If Yes, Consider These Technologies	If No, Consider These Technologies	
Do you need the technology to contain information?	 Mobile Learning Learning Portals Learning Experience Platforms (e.g. Degreed) 	SimulationsAdaptive LearningGamification	
Do you need the technology to connect people?	Virtual WorldsEnterprise Collaboration EnvironmentsInstant Messaging	Video LearningE-Learning ModulesBlogs and Wikis	
Do you need the technology to replace classrooms?	Virtual RealityVirtual LearningMOOCs	 Learning Portals Mobile Learning Learning Experience Platforms (e.g. Degreed) 	
Do you plan for employees to contribute learning content directly to the technology?	Blogs and WikisVideo LearningEnterprise Collaboration Environments	E-LearningGamificationChatbots	
Do you expect employees to interact extensively with the technology?	MOOCsChatbotsInstant Messaging	Enterprise Collaboration EnvironmentsBlogs and Wikis	

Questions to Continue Investigating:

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Deliver

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- Determine how to maximize skills across the L&D team.
- Identify and select the best partners to support implementation of your technology.
- Select vendors that can serve the learning need and your organization.

LEVERAGE SKILLS ACROSS THE TEAM

L&D Staff Capability Barrier: I don't know how to leverage capabilities across my team to implement this solution.

Assess the Technology Capability on Your Team

L&D Technology Capabilities Assessment Assess yourself and your team members to understand proficiency on technology skills Suri John Me Managing a learning management system Leveraging technology into learning content Creating digital learning content Designing and implementing a digital user experience Delivering learning through social media

Source: CEB analysis.

Identify Teammates to Leverage

Identify the individuals on your team with whom you can partner to deploy this technology.

Skill	Team Member	
Creating digital learning content	John	
Stakeholder management	Suri	
Communicating and engaging employees	Me	
Managing vendors	Suri	

BUILDING SUPPORT ACROSS THE ORGANIZATION

Stakeholder Partnerships Barrier: I'm not sure which stakeholders to leverage and when to bring them into the process.

Form Stakeholder Partnerships to Support Roll-Out

Be sure to engage relevant stakeholders early on in the process of rolling out your learning technology solution. Avoid last-minute problems with stakeholders by forming partnerships and asking for their help at the very beginning of a project.

	What They Offer	Question to Ask This Stakeholder	
Senior Leaders	■ Potential advocate for the new technology	Does this support the company strategy?Can you help with communications during launch?	
Managers	 Hold employees accountable to use it Transparency into broader business workflows 	 Does this help you develop your direct reports? Can we ask your direct reports to test some of these technologies? 	
Marketing/ Communications	Strong communicating skills and experienceGreat internal messaging and branding	Can you help us with branding this initiative?	
IT	■ Strong technical skills and experience	 Are there existing IT systems we can leverage? Can we consult with you to ensure we understand this technology? 	
Procurement	Experience working with any vendors or services necessary	Can you help with purchasing processes?Can you help us secure a vendor?	
Employees	Candid feedback on alignment to workflowsPotential advocate for new technology	Is this technology something you would use?Are there usability issues with this?	

IDENTIFY THE RIGHT L&D VENDORS

Vendor Barrier: I don't know how to identify the right vendors and manage them effectively

Principles for Choosing L&D Vendors

Select Vendors That Meet Learner Needs

Consistently refer back to the learning need, in order to ensure you identify the best vendor for addressing the need.

- Consider not only the technology the vendor provides, but also quality of service.
- Ensure the vendor has a good reputation among your network.

Define Process and IT Requirements

Ensure vendors can adapt to your organizational requirements and existing IT infrastructure during the selection phase.

- Clarify the budget, IT support and resource allocation for the project.
- Define evaluation criteria that includes factors such as implementation cost and ability to build innovative solutions.
- Bring IT partners into relevant conversation.

Outline Current and Future Needs

Outline key business needs for the future and ensure that vendors offer solutions for all possible growth plans.

- Have a discussion with the vendor to ensure they are willing to be flexible as your needs change in the future.
- Conduct a brainstorming session with your team to identify upcoming changes that might affect this learning technology.

Source: CEB analysis.

Additional Resources:

CEB Ignition™ Guide to Selecting an L&D Vendor

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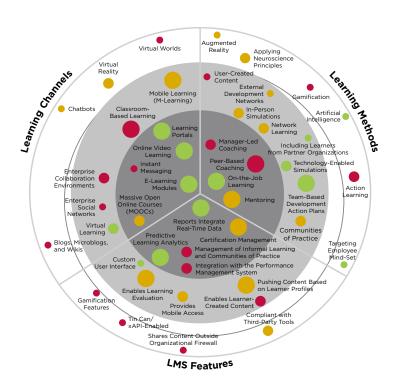
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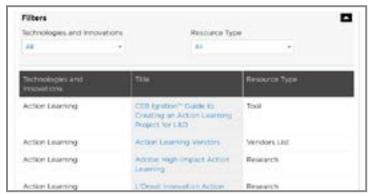
OUR RESOURCES TO HELP YOU STAY AHEAD

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Learning Technology Center: All Our Content On Learning Technologies and Innovations



Talent Daily: Blog on Learning and Development News, Ideas, and Trends



ADDITIONAL SAMPLE RESOURCES TO STAY AHEAD



Learning Technology Blogs

Sample List

ATD's Learning Technologies Blog

- "What Exactly Does Adaptive Learning Look Like?"
- "5 More Business Reasons Why xAPI"

Training Day Blog

- "How Much Do You Know About Learning Technologies?"
- "Companies Make New Learning Technologies a Priority"

Training Journal Blog

- "Al in Learning: An Introduction"
- "The Future Is Now"

Forbes

- "The New Era of Learning Is Here, and Its Not Hype"
- "Watch Out, Corporate Learning: Here Comes Disruption"



Learning Technology Conferences

Sample List

- Peak's Summit Learning and Technology
- Smart Sparrow's Learning Innovation Summit
- ATD's TechKnowledge Conference
- DevLearn: The Future Is Here
- HR Technology Conference and Exposition
- Workforce Learning and Development



Learning Technology and Digital Courses

Sample List

Plural Sight

- "Mobile Development"
- "Game Development"

Coursera

- "Machine Learning"
- "Programming for Everybody"

Udemy

- "Deep Learning A-Z: Hands on Artificial Neural Networks"
- "Integrating Technology into Education"

Lynda

- "Social Media in the Classroom"
- "Communication in the 21st Century Classroom"

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ACTION PLAN: GETTING STARTED



Instructions: Use the questions below to help you fill out the checklist for capitalizing on learning technology on the right side of the page.

Discover	
Ensure you have a clear understanding of the learning need you hope to address.	Choose three technologies that you will dedicate time to learning more about this week: 1.
Familiarize yourself with the learning technology landscape.	2.
☐ Take a look at innovative ways your peers have found to use learning technology.	3.
	List out three places you'll go to find examples of how to use learning technology:
	1.
	2.
	3.

ACTION PLAN: GETTING STARTED



Instructions: Use the questions below to help you fill out the checklist for capitalizing on learning technology on the right side of the page.

Decide	
☐ Ideate on the ideal characteristics of the technology solution.	Brainstorm the most innovative solutions to your learning need.
 Refine your innovative solution based on usage and resourcing. 	
Identify the learning technology that best fits your learning need and local context.	Which technologies best-fit your organizational context and learner need? List your top three to investigate:
	1.
	2.
	3.

ACTION PLAN: GETTING STARTED



Instructions: Use the checklist on the left side of the page to ensure you are capitalizing on learning technology in your next project. Use the questions to the right for guidance on key steps in the process.

Deliver				
Assess the technology capabilities on your team.	Which stakeholders will you need to get in touch with in order to form early partnerships? List their name, function and how you will ask them to help.			
☐ Identify the right partners for implementing your technological solution.	Name	Function	Question to Ask	
Explore how existing technologies and systems can be of use.				
☐ Select the right vendors by starting with the right information.				

Appendix



PREPARE FOR TECHNOLOGY TO EVOLVE



Metrics for Success

Ensure you can demonstrate the impact of your technological solution by choosing relevant metrics to track.

Metrics to consider:

- Learning Completion Rate
- Employee Participation Rate
- Net Promoter Score
- Learning Retention Rate
- Degree of Skill-Building
- Revenue Generation
- Savings-Costs Ratio

Source: CEB analysis.



Triggers for Re-Evaluation

Identify relevant triggers for your organization to re-evaluate the success of a learning technology as learning needs and available technologies evolve.

Re-evaluation triggers to consider:

- Emergence of a new technology in the learning space
- Major organizational skill shift
- Evolution of employee's familiarity with new or innovative technologies

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Shifts in the organization's skill needs

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GET STARTED DEVELOPING YOUR TECH-SAVVY

Seven Tips to Improve Your Tech Ability

1. One-At-A-Time

Tackle one learning technology at a time (i.e., once a month or once a week), to understand it in depth rather than everything at once.

2. Know the Bigger Picture

Understand the higher-level trends that your CLOs and CHROs and even CEOs care about. (i.e., what does the future of work look like?)

3. Know the Lingo

Bring yourself up to speed with technical terminology (i.e., What is the difference between virtual reality and augmented reality?).

4. Involve Your Manager

Discuss with your manager your digital development goals to help determine appropriate support.

5. Partner with IT

Set up a coffee chat with a member of the internal technology function to determine skill development focus areas.

6. Take a Technical Skills Course

Sign up for a digital qualification course.

7. Do It Together

Arrange a team development session to practice technology skills together.

X What Not to Say

"I'm not a tech person," or "I'm technologically illiterate."