

# Workforce Challenges of the Future

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Changes Ahead More or Less?



Workforce **Dynamics** 



Last ten years

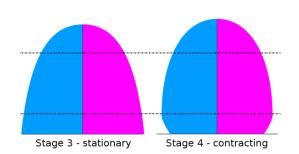
2005 - 2015

Next ten years

2016-2026

More or Less Change Ahead?





Demographics + Workforce



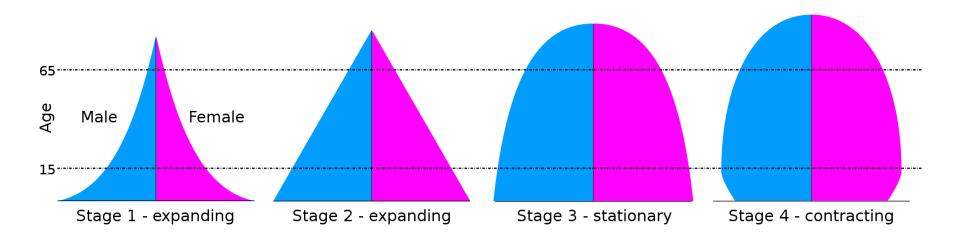


Data-driven Workforce:

Training + Performance

AI-Driven Service + Knowledge Work

# **Economies + Demographic Transitions**



#### **Global Economy + Waning Demographic Dividend**

7.5%

# United States of America 2000 282.895.000

#### 100+ 95-99 90-94 Female 85-89 80-84 75-79 70-74 65-69 60-64 55-59 50-54 45-49 40-44 35-39 30-34 25-29 20-24 15-19 10-14

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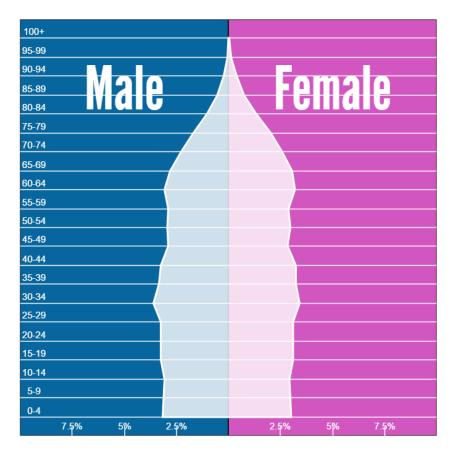
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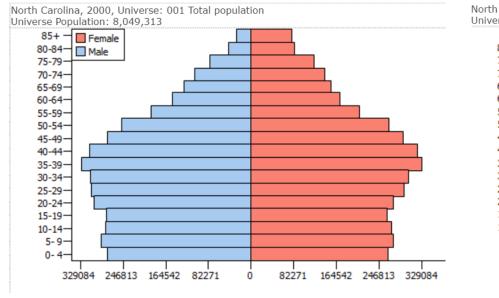
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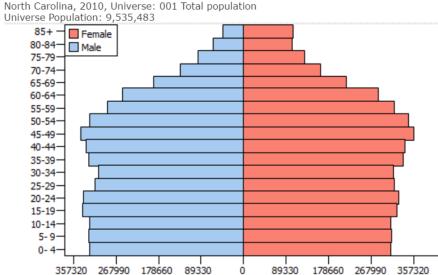
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# United States of America 2025 345.084.000



#### North Carolina's Demographic Dividend

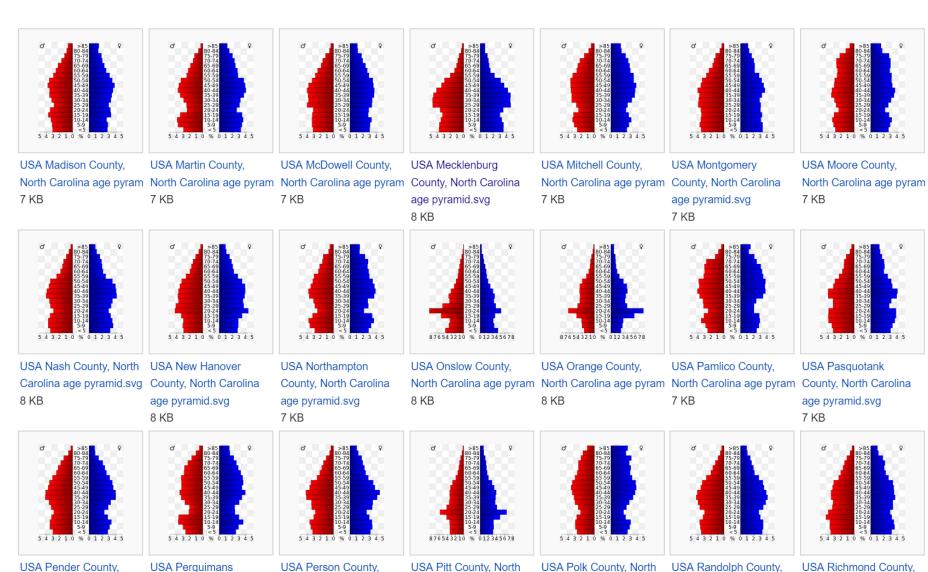




2000 2010

#### **Understanding the Spectrum of Regional Pyramids**

North Carolina age pyram County, North Carolina

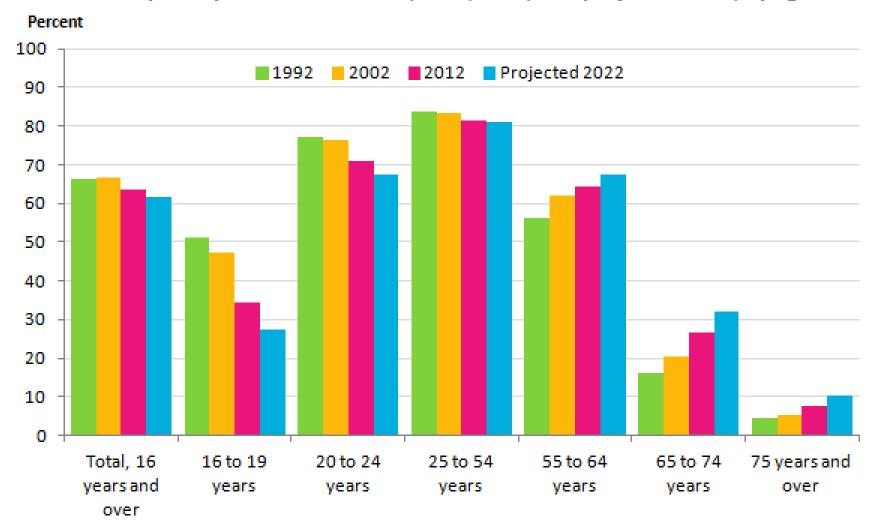


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#### **Big Story #1: Aging Workforce**

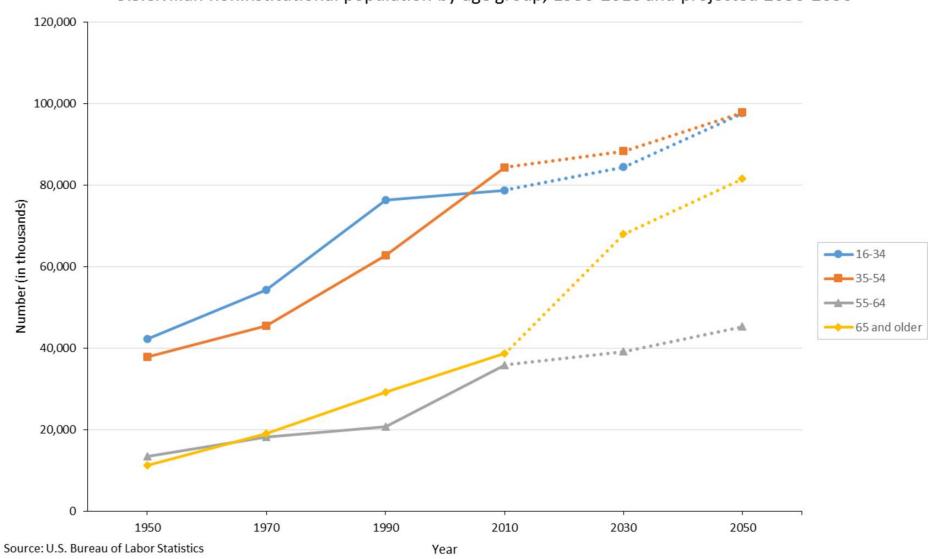
#### Labor force participation rates in 1992, 2002, 2012, and projected 2022, by age



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

# **Growth of Aging Workforce**

U.S.Civilian noninstitutional population by age group, 1950-2010 and projected 2030-2050



# **Uncertainties of Retirement Waves**

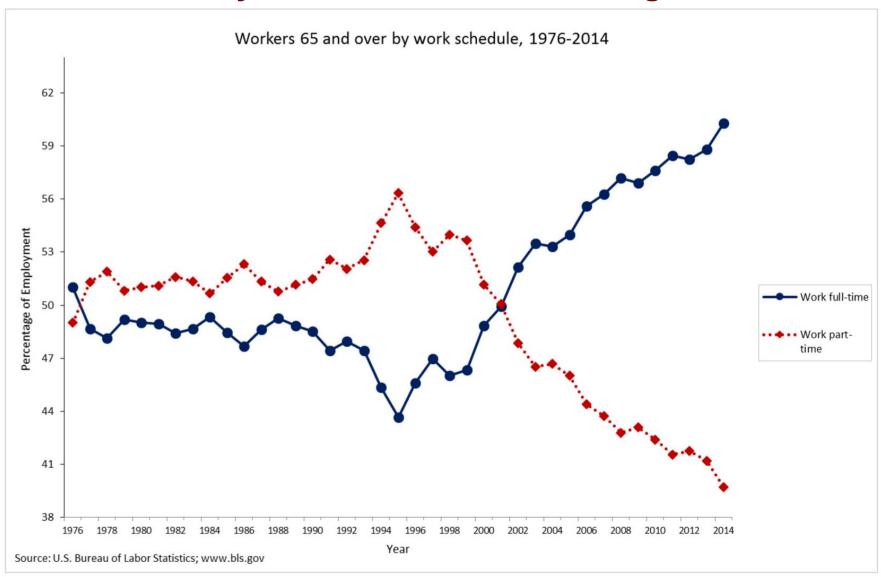
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At what age do you expect to retire?

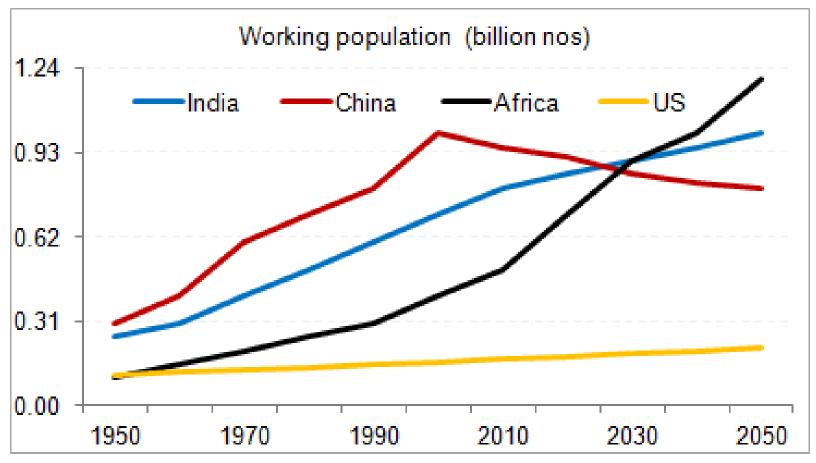
	U.S. nonretirees
	%
Will retire before age 62	23
Will retire between ages 62 and 67	38
Will retire at age 68 or older	31
Unsure	8
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## Uncertainties of Full-time, Part-time vs Gig



### Will Companies Seek Out Demographic Dividends?

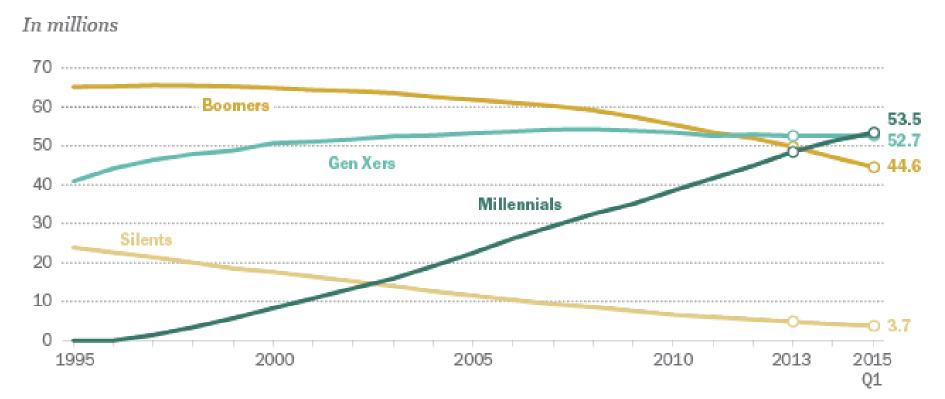


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Source: Economist

### Big Story #2: Millennials Grow up

#### U.S. Labor Force by Generation, 1995-2015



Note: Annual averages plotted 1995-2014. For 2015 the first quarter average of 2015 is shown. Due to data limitations, Silent generation is overestimated from 2008-2015.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of monthly 1995-2015 Current Population Surveys, Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS)

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#### **Workforce Implications of Aging Boomers + Millennials Rising:**

# **Opportunities?**

# Risks?



#### HR Implications with Aging Boomers + Millennials Rising:

#### **Opportunities**

- Leveraging Loyalty and Experience
- Restructure org chart
- Attract talent to drive innovation
- Rethink place of work (e.g. reduce footprint; work-fromhome; co-working)
- ☐ Retain Boomer Experience
- Capture + Transfer Knowledge
- Two-way + Reverse Mentoring
- Gig Economy (Boomers opportunity?)
- Capture upside of Universal
   Workspace Design with focus on wellness-driven productivity

#### **Risks**

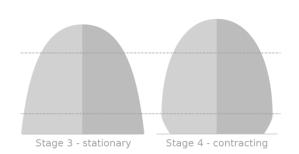
- Losses from Experience- and Relationshipdriven Productivity
- Old way not aligned to Needed Changes
- Workers Compensation
- Discrimination Issues
- Delayed retirement slows innovation
- ☐ Realistic benefits + compensation (Limits of Phase Retirement)



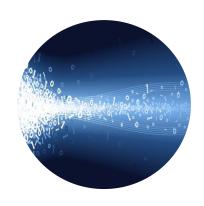
What assumptions about our Aging and Millennial workforce must we push across the organization?

What assumptions must we challenge?





Demographics + Workforce

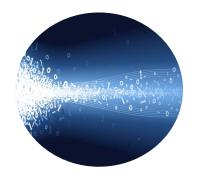




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Training + Performance

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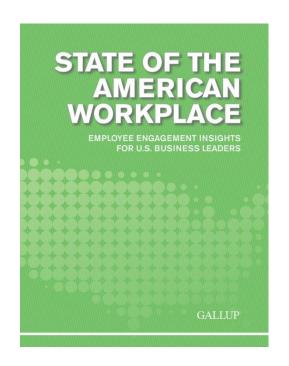


Data-driven Workplace

**Learning + Performance Analytics** 

Working with A.I. Intelligent Assistants

# How might the emphasis on a culture of learning + performance support improve engagement?



70% Workers Disengaged at work...

....disengagement costing the U.S. an estimated \$450 to \$550 billion annually.

## Where do workers apply what we learn in training?



Our job is not to build training. It is to improve performance

#### **Training Culture**

- Put inside person
- Instructor-focused
- Event-based (Class)
- Centralized (Formal)
- Linear (Sequential)
- Delivery (Output)

#### **Performance Review**

- Purpose: Assess
- Weakness-focused
- Periodic (Annual)

#### **Learning Culture**

- Grows out of personal effort
- Learner-focused
- Continual / On-demand (Chunks)
- Decentralized (Hybrid)
- Non-linear (Contextual
- Results (Outcomes/Impact)

#### **Performance Support**

- Purpose: Support (Perform)
- Growth-focused
- Continual / On-demand (Chunks)

## **Emerging L&D (Performance Support) Strategies**

#### Micro Content



7 minute modules
vs
Two hour Training
Sessions

#### Gamification (Behavioral)



#### Gamification?

Using game elements to drive behavior, engagement: communicate, feedback and coach to performance



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# **Emerging L&D (Performance Support) Strategies**

Flip the Training Classroom



**MOOCs** based Content

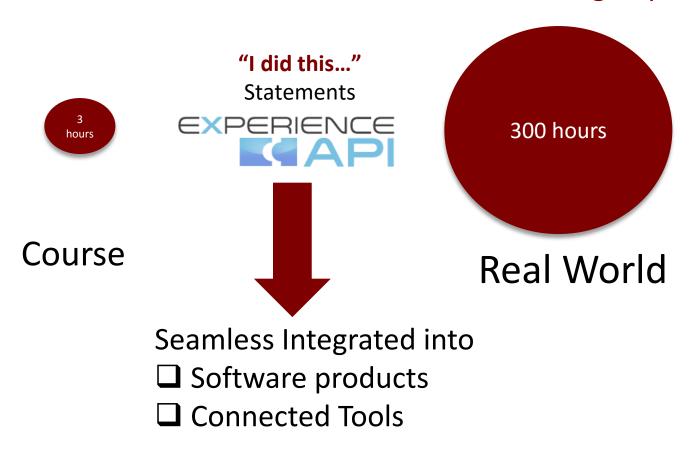






#### Early Days of Performance Analytics

### What if we could make connections between training to performance?



# **xAPI** Performance Analytics driving Engagement

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# "I did this..." Statements

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	Simone completed a MOOC class on designing homes for aging populations
	Simone <b>funded</b> a Kickstarter project on home robotic assistant for seniors
	Simone followed MIT Aging Labs director Tom Couglin on LinkedIn and Twitter
	Simone attended an MIT workshop on Aging in Place
	Simone wore an 'aging suit' while visiting the MIT Aging Lab
	Simone was mentored by Russell Jones, Aging Service Design Expert
	Simone wrote a blog post on aging in place & energy sector for APPA
	Simone wrote a proposal on new aging-in-place energy product-service concepts
	Simone <i>presented</i> a business plan to Board on business model
	Simone <i>promoted</i> to Head of Aging of Place solutions

Field Experiences

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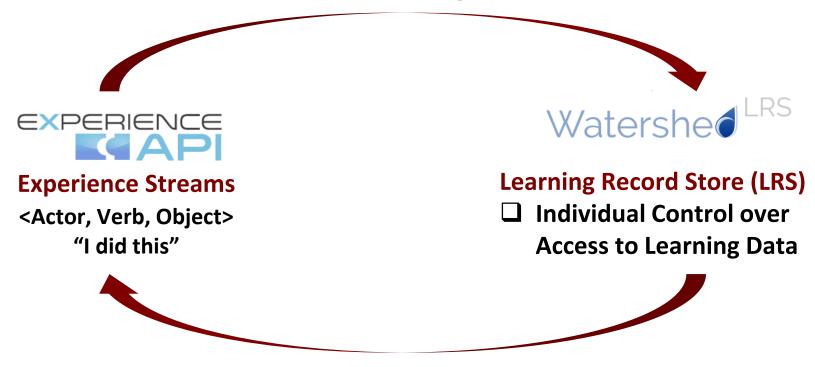
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# Situational Awareness View of Managers



Interventions: Self-directed Learning, Performance Support, Training

#### What we might do with xAPI Performance Analytics...

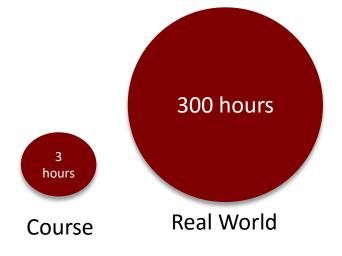




#### **Managers + Employees**

- Create a culture of continual learning
- Anticipate team capacity for addressing situational opportunities or challenges
- ☐ Reveal just-in-time opportunities to provide Performance Support
- Make connections between training + performance support to business outcomes

How might we shift organizational culture from training to performance support?



# The Creepy vs Compelling Line of...

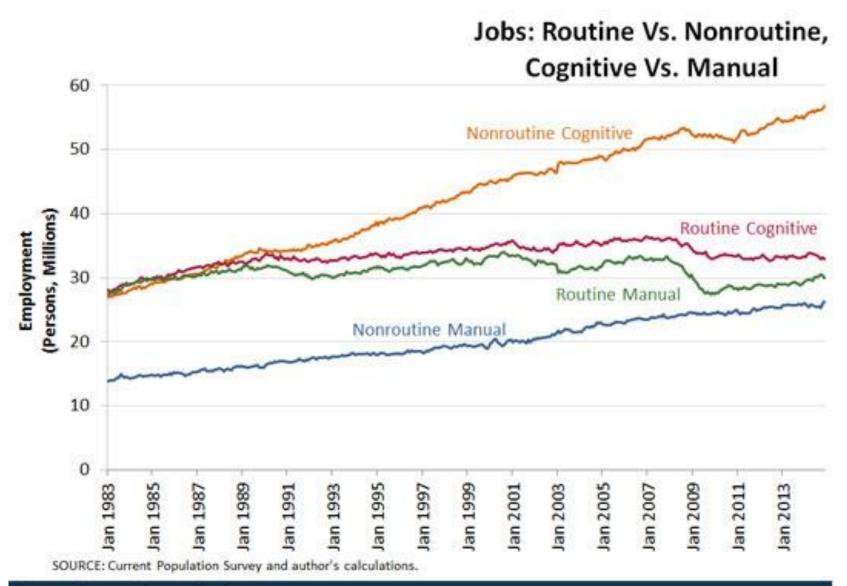


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#### **Cognitive Jobs, Meet Cognitive Software**



#### **Cognitive Systems**

# Race to Build Intelligent Assistants















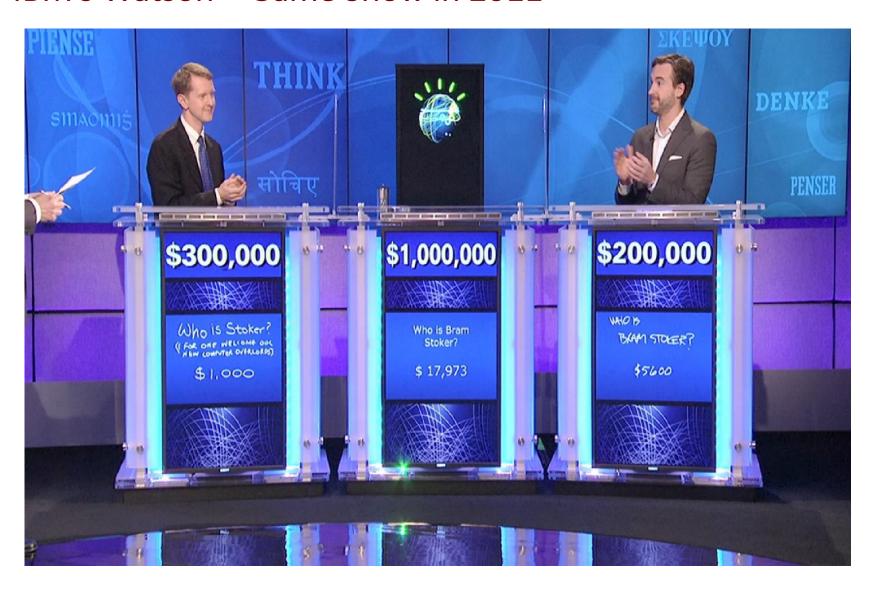




"...it is clear that the most powerful technology companies are investing immense resources to make virtual intelligent assistants ubiquitous before the end of the decade"

- Daniel Nadler, CEO of Kensho

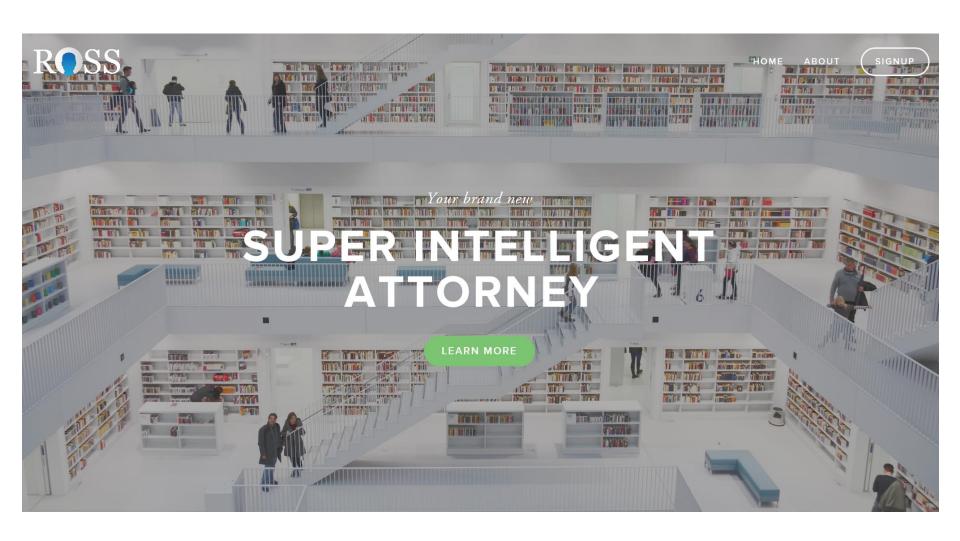
#### IBM's Watson – Game Show in 2011



### **IBM Watson Proof of Concept 2012-14**



### IBM Watson in the Cloud 2015





How might HR anticipate and lead culture change in a world where humans + learning machines drive collaboration, innovation and productivity?

- ☐ Hiring Strategy
- ☐ L&D for Age of Augmented Work
- ☐ Rethinking the Role of Managers
- ☐ Ensuring Data + Privacy Controls
- Preserving Pride in Work
- ☐ Best Arena for Proof of Concept and Pilot

Data + Al Driven Workplace

## Ready for Performance Support + Intelligent Assistants?

**Opportunities?** 

Risks?



## HR Implications of data-driven workplace:

### **Opportunities**

- Improve employee engagement
- ☐ Improve customer experiences
- Evolve role of manager
- Create learning culture
- Leverage data-driven decision making

### **Risks**

- ☐ Inability to leverage advanced technology to reduce costs
- ☐ Inability to improve quality of service
- ☐ Inability to train and support performance
- Pushback to perception of measuring everything
- Automation erodes trust and connectivity to employees and customers



## End



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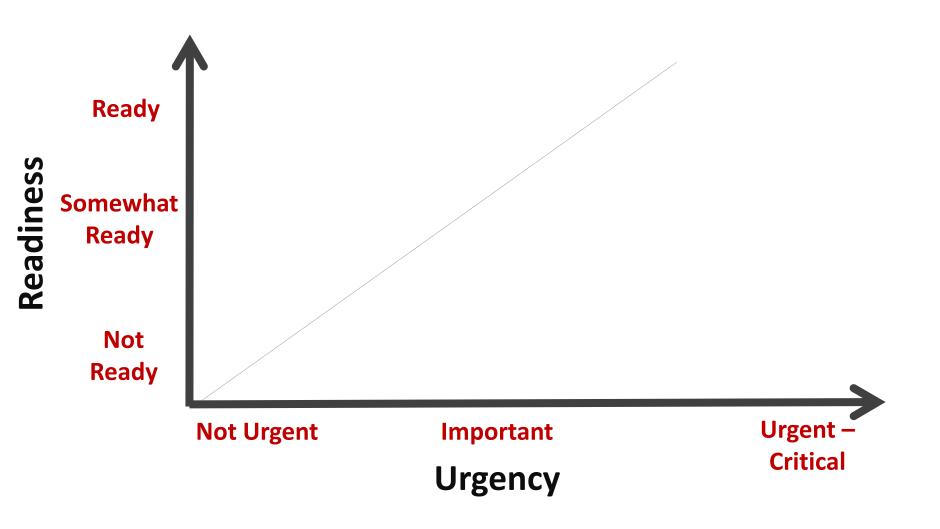


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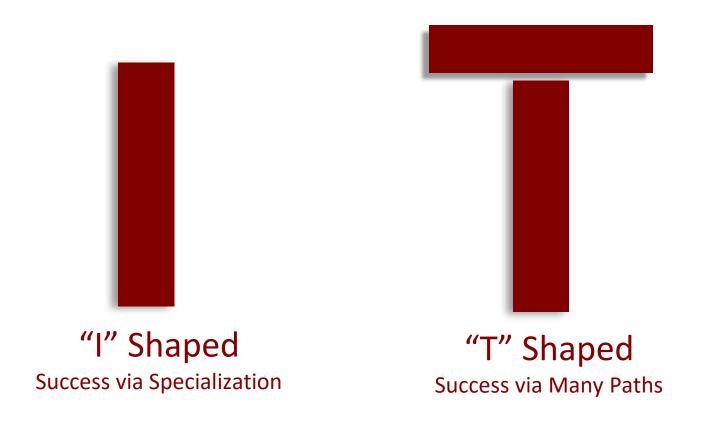


Steps to Explore

## **Survey Leadership on Emerging Trends**



# Utility Sector Careers Skill Sets + Mindsets for the Future



## Foundations for an I-shaped Approach to Utility Career

Depth of Subject Expertise

## **Encouraging Depth of Skills that...**

- Are in demand
- Looks great on a resume
- ☐ Industry or domain-specific
- ☐ Shows discipline + commitment

## Utility Careers Prepared for Uncertainty + Change

### **Broad set of Skill Sets & Mindsets**

Depth of Subject Expertise

### **Encouraging Breadth of Skills that...**

- ☐ Appeal to organizations hiring *learners*
- ☐ Embraces curiosity amidst uncertainty
- ☐ Shows desire to integrate solutions

# What might our list of T-Shaped Skill Sets + Mindsets look like for a new hire in 2020?

Depth of Subject Expertise

Depth of Subject Expertise

- Service/Experience Design
- Data Science
- Design Thinking
- Visual Communication
- Ethnography
- New Digital Literacies
   (e.g. Working with A.I.)

- Leadership
- Values / Ethics
- Communication (Storytelling)
- Entrepreneurship
- Behavioral Economics
- Sociology / Demographics
- Design-Manufacturing

# New idea to explore with colleagues?





# **Thank You!**

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# Appendix Additional Resources

- 1. ExperienceAPI (xAPI)
- 2. Graph Analytics
- 3. Learning Resources

## 1) ExperienceAPI (xAPI) + Learning Record Store (LRS)

ExperienceAPi is specification that enables people to capture enriching "I did X" activity statements (e.g. courses taken, people followed on Twitter, certifications earned, jobs taken) — and present them as an Experience Graph.

xAPI statements are captured in a Learning Record Store (LRS). xAPI is in early phase of development with pilot programs in L&D units.



"I did this..."
Statements

**Vendors: Learning Record Store (LRS)** 

- Watershed LRS
- **☐** Wax Saltbox LRS
- ☐ Learning Locker LRS
- ☐ Yet Analytics

### **Garry's Tags:**

https://www.diigo.com/user/garrygolden/xapi (ExperienceAPI) https://www.diigo.com/user/garrygolden/LRS (Learning Record Store)

# Example of xAPI Statements Connecting the Dots between Performance Analytics, Engagement + Outcomes

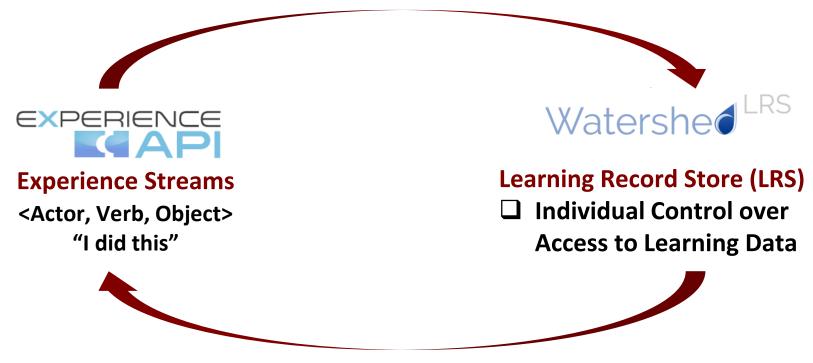


"I did this..."

**Statements** 

□ Liz *read* an article on aging populations
 □ Liz *watched* Youtube video on Aging Boomers
 □ Liz *spoke with* Active Aging Institute
 □ Liz *attended* and MIT workshop on Aging in Place
 □ Liz *completed* a MOOC class on Universal Design
 □ Liz *wore* an 'aging suit' at MIT Aging Lab
 □ Liz *drafted* new aging in place product line
 □ Liz *presented* to John on business model
 □ Liz *wrote a blog post* on utility solutions for aging populations
 □ Liz *launched* new product line
 □ Liz *promoted* head of Aging Solutions

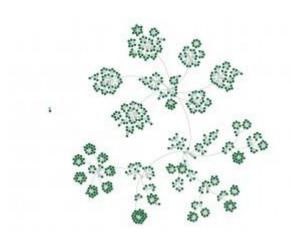




Interventions: Self-directed Learning, Performance Support, Training

**xAPI** Goes Mainstream by 2020

# Imagine workplace where people control their own *Learning (Experience) Graph*



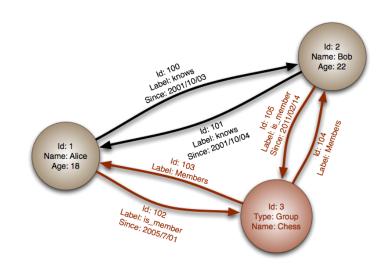
### **Learning Record Store (LRS)**

- ☐ Individual Control over Access to Learning Data
- ☐ Most Valued Asset for Organization and/or Employee
- ☐ Starting point for Training + Performance Support
- ☐ Forget about 'the resume'
- ☐ Help Managers see capacity for completing new tasks

## 2) Graph Analytics + Connected Data

Graph Databases consist of 'entities' (people, courses, skills, et al) and 'relationships' between entities. Graph analytics can help us understand connections, relationships, influencers and pathways.

Graph analytics is the foundation of Google (Search Graph), Facebook (Social Graph), and LinkedIn (Professional Graph/Economic Graph).



#### **Vendors**



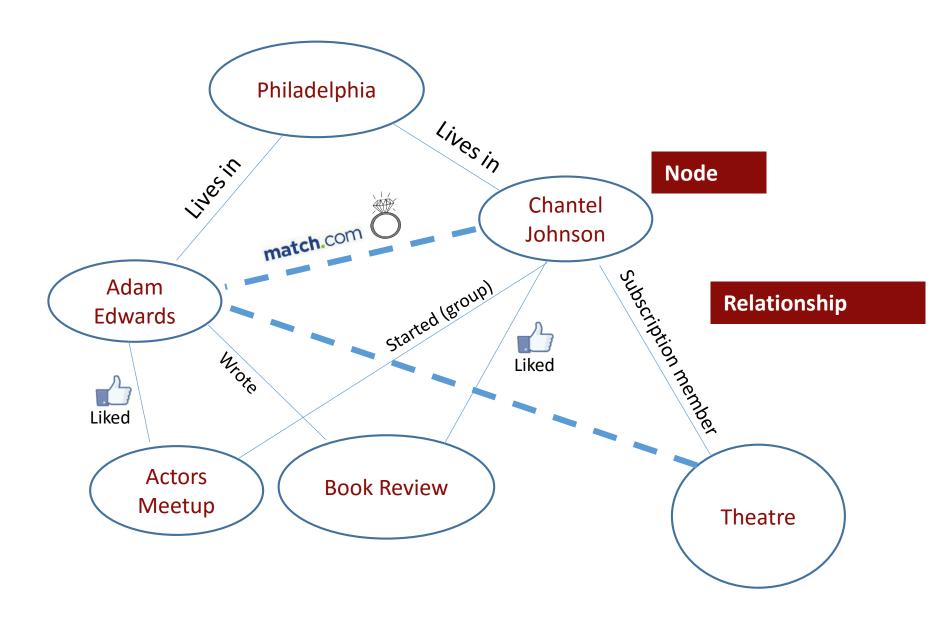




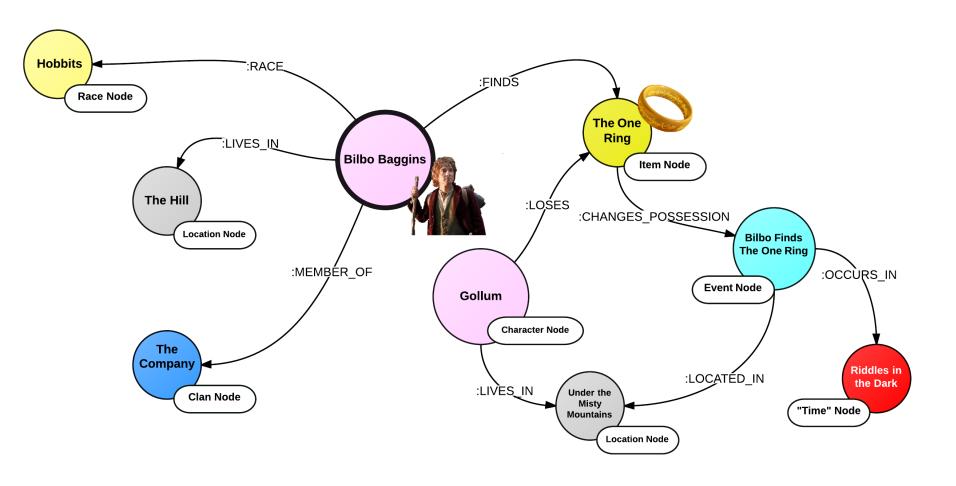
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<u>https://www.diigo.com/user/garrygolden/graph%20HR</u> (Graph + HR)
Watch Neo4j HR demo <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMteRRultWE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMteRRultWE</a>

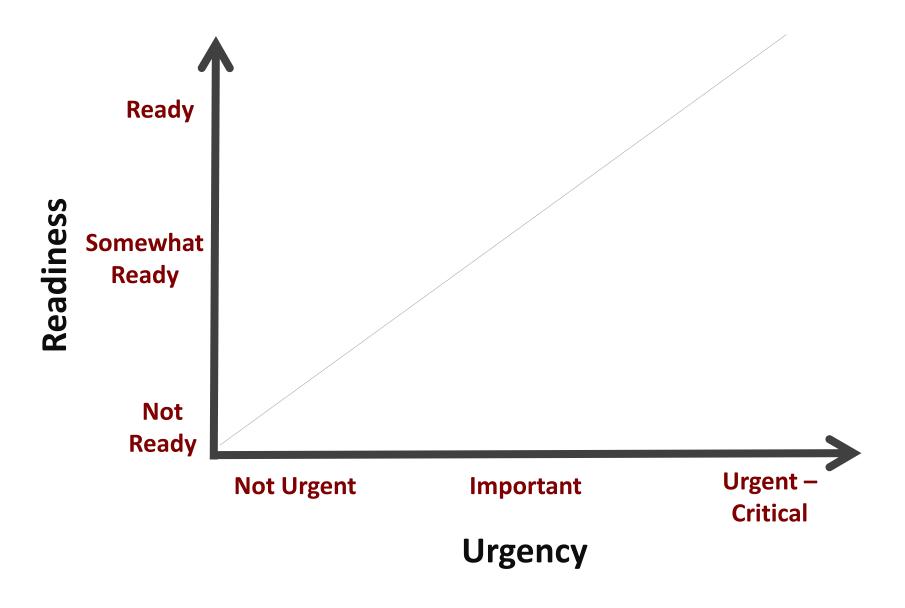
## **Graph Database = Understanding Relationships + Connections**



# Imagine an Employee Journey Captured in Graph Databases: Understanding Aggregate Context from On-boarding to L&D



# **Pulse Check Emerging Trends vs Organizational Appetite**



# Tell Stories + Take Mental Leaps (Part 1): Describe the Four Futures for HR, Business Units + Organization

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**Continued Growth** 

Disciplined - Constrained

**Transformed** 

Decline
- Collapse

## In 2026....Transformed Scenario: NAME

Cor	nditions for Decline-Collapse Scenario:
$\leftrightarrow$	Economy + Business Climate – (Capture Sentiment) One sentence description using (-/+) News Headline:
<b>\</b>	Politics – (Capture Sentiment) One sentence description using (-/+) News Headline:
<b>↑</b>	Social Norms – (Capture Sentiment) One sentence description using (-/+) News Headline:
-	Organizational Culture – (Capture Sentiment) One sentence description using (-/+) News Headline:
$\leftrightarrow$	Human Resources – (Capture Sentiment) One sentence description using (-/+) News Headline:

# Tell Stories + Take Mental Leaps (Part 2): Trend Card based Scenarios

### **Session: Trend Card Poker!**

Write a 'day in the life' story about the future and how it might change HR or the organization



### **Fictional Future Events:**

- ☐ New Laws + Regulations
- ☐ New Competitors
- ☐ New Internal Rules
- ☐ New Leadership
- ☐ Disruptive Wildcards

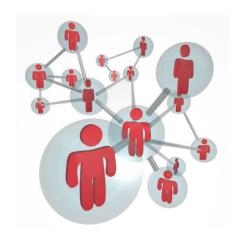
### **Worksheet: Force Field Analysis**



# Start a Signals Team: Step One - Follow Communities Who Imagine Radical Change



Learning & Development xAPI "I did this..."



**Graph Analytics Connected Data** 



Neuro Science + Behavior Change

### **LOTS of Uncertainties + Unknowns!**

Don't hate on Garry

# Creepy and Compelling ...

- Not perfect but better than today
- ☐ Learning + Performance Analytics is desired asset of employees and organizations
- Make performance analytics about 'professional development' not 'disciplinary action'
- Create Aggregate Profiles of Learning Pathways Across Orgs