

NEW WAYS OF WORKING

FOR THE NEW NORMAL

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## **Navigating Uncertain Times Return to the New Normal**



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Our Point of View

#### How should we return?







**Return Safely** 

**Return to Stability** 

**Return with Energy** 

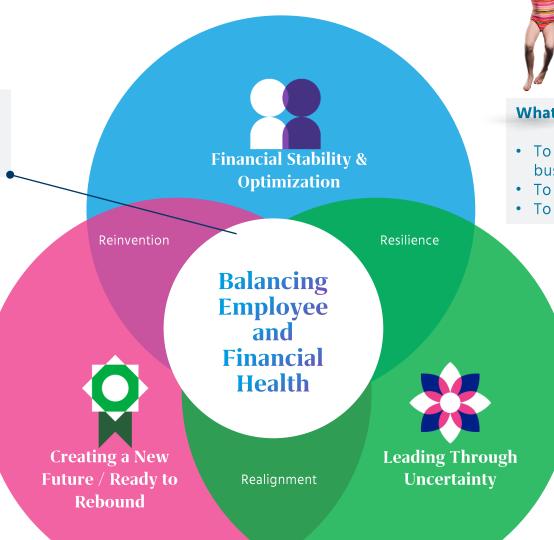
## What we heard business leaders say

All business leaders are faced with responding to a global health crisis while keeping their businesses operational and profitable.



#### What I need:

- To change the way our business works – to reflect the new rules of the game
- To learn important lessons and become faster, leaner and more agile as a result







#### What I need:

- To maintain the financial health of our business
- To spend wisely and manage risk
- To optimize our return on investment



#### What I need:

- To protect and build trust with our people & stakeholders
- To manage through volatility
- To communicate well



### **MEETING YOU TODAY**



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Old rules don't apply, so let's make new ones.





Q&As are at the end of session, do send your questions to moderator through Q&A function.

## **Topics**

- REIMAGINE TALENT POOL
  Flexible and Shared Talent
- MANAGE CRITICAL TALENT
  Black Swan Events
- REFRESH HR FUNCTION
  Resilient and Efficient

## What you'll hear today

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Reimagine talent pool – flexible & shared talent

4Ws and 1H

Using analytics to match talent demand and supply

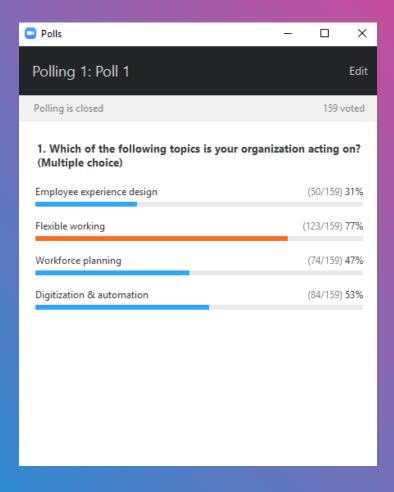
Resilient operations
- great people
experience

What matters most business impact through HR

## Time for some audience participation!

# Which of the following topics is your organisation acting on? (select all that apply)

- Employee experience design
- Flexible working
- Workforce planning
- Digitization & automation



## REIMAGINE TALENT POOL

Flexible and Shared Talent



**Myth or Truth?** 



# Myth

## Flexible working is not a matter of IF; it's a matter of 4Ws and 1H

#### Mercer Adaptive Working™ Framework

#### When

- Hours and timing
- Discretion to change

#### Where

- Location & ability to vary
- Infrastructure

#### What

- Vary job content
- Ability to share or exchange

#### Who

- Distributed beyond traditional workforce
- Automated

#### How

- Vary intensity
- Scale up or down





#### People Strategy Implications

- Opens up opportunities to recruit from wider talent pools
- Limited opportunities to scale up or down at speed
- Care needed to ensure consistency and fairness are applied by managers
- Need for trust and some monitoring

- Remote working infrastructure requirements become crucial
- Opens up opportunities to recruit from wider talent pools
- Limited opportunities to scale up or down at speed
- Care needed to ensure consistency and fairness
- Research shows it leads to improved engagement and productivity

- Nontraditional model, but becoming more common
- More likely to respond quickly to scaling up or down
- Greater degree of trust or measurement required
- Ability to pull in resources from the widest global talent pools
- Best possible digital infra needed to support working

- Gig economy model, however being challenged by courts as illegal (UK, US, Canada)
- Cost efficiency, scaling and productivity optimized
- High level of trust assumed, or high level of measurable outcomes being enforced
- Little or no social protection or employee benefits for workers

- Traditional model
- Certainty of planning
- Difficult to scale rapidly
- Employees prefer flexible working over a pay raise.
   Unlikely to attract certain talent pools, such as returning women — not the best model for full employment economies

Find out the three ways to get started on flexible working. Check out the QR code.



## **Emerging Trend: Temporary Talent Sharing**

- ✓ Urgently address current workforce challenges, including the need to add production/capacity and/or to control labor costs
- ✓ Positively impact the local community by addressing labor supply/demand of essential services
- ✓ Support employees by providing opportunities to work and earn during downturn





- Employees return to work at **Lending Employer** with minimal disruption to income and well-being
- **Host Employer** is able to efficiently flex staffing to address short-term spike in demand



Discover how companies are using talent sharing to address workforce challenges. Scan QR code.



## **Emerging Trend: Temporary Talent Sharing**



- Contribute to the local company needs and support the economy
- Potentially avoid terminations and layoff by offsetting employee costs
- Minimize negative impact on employee wellbeing associated with loss of wages and/or momentary lack of purpose
- Avoid future recruiting and onboarding costs when demand returns
- ✓ Rebound with a re-energized workforce that has learned new skills in new environments





- ✓ Efficient solution to temporary, pandemic-related increase in demand – avoiding mass recruiting and potentially future terminations
- Maintain quality and service through experienced workforce, previously "credentialed" by partner employer
- Opportunity to bring in talent and expertise at multiple levels of experience
- Ability to monitor demand and flexibly adjust supply as needed, while engaging in long-term strategic workforce planning



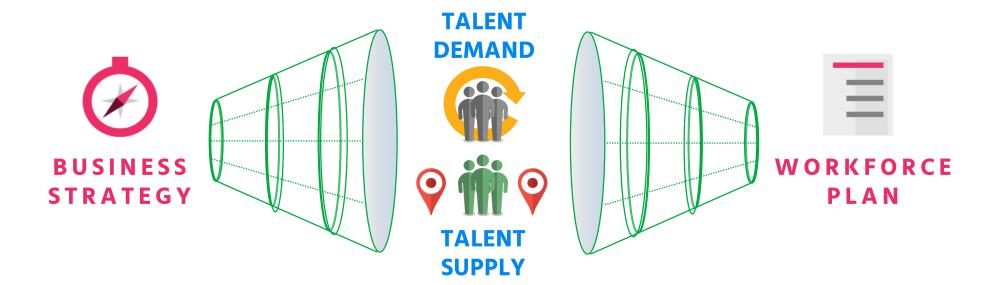


## TALENT ANALYTICS

Matching Demand and Supply



## Strategic Workforce Planning: Matching talent demand-supply



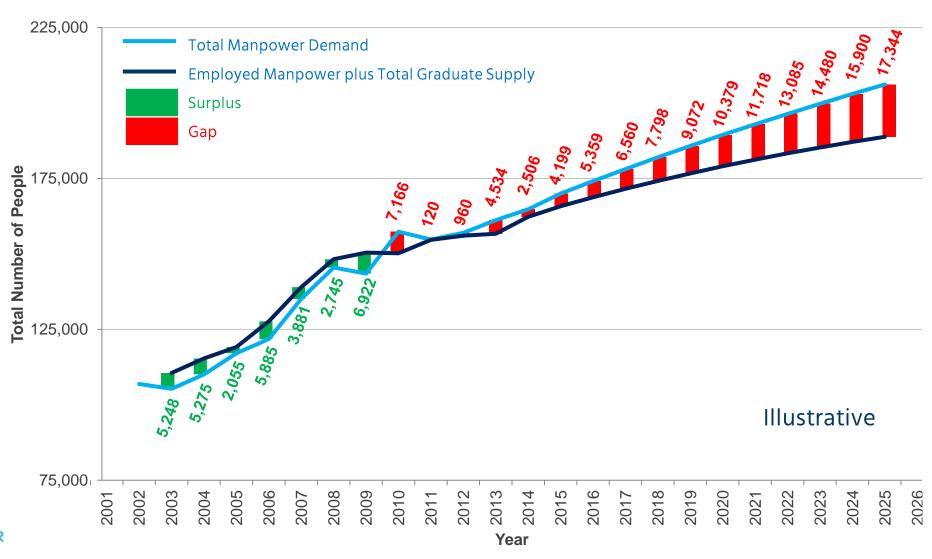




Can Your Organization Thrive Without The Right Talent? Find out more about Mercer Singapore analytics. Scan QR code.

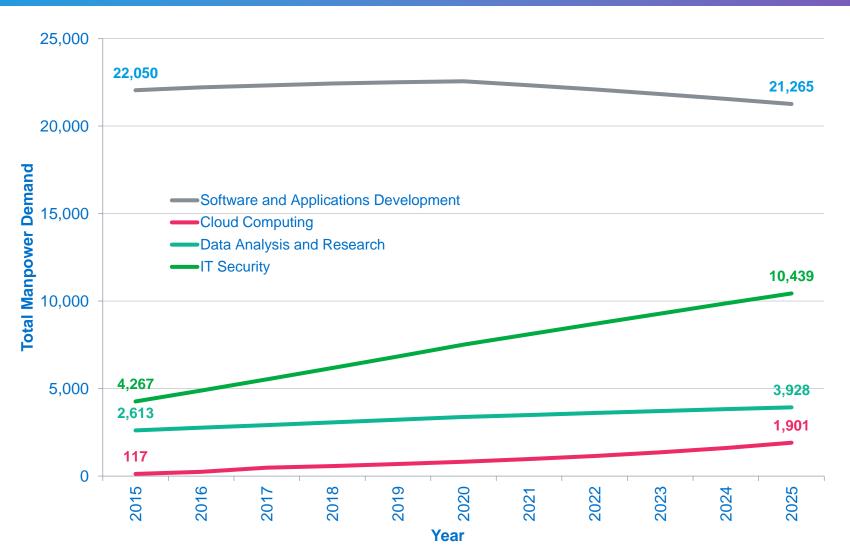


## Matching talent demand-supply: Building a picture





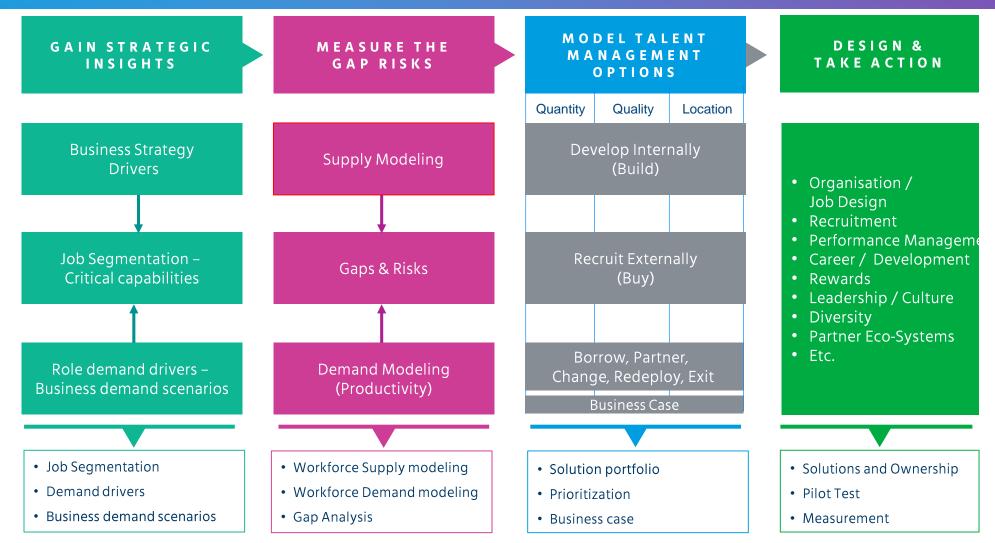
## Matching talent demand-supply: Building a picture; sharper resolution!





Illustrative

## **Strategic Workforce Planning Process**





## Supply Modeling: Understanding your talent flow



- What's our rate of hiring?
- What are the most productive hiring pools?
- Who are the most productive hires?

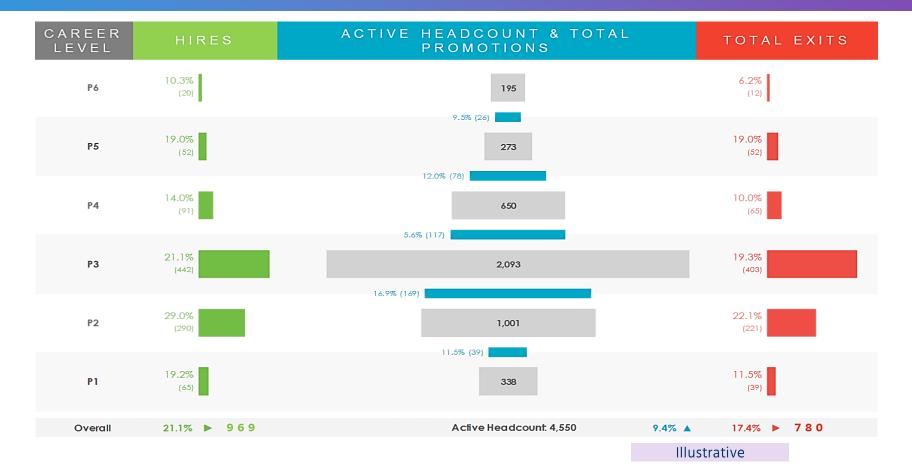


#### DEVELOPMENT

- What's our rate of promotion?
- How can we promote better?



- What's our rate of retention?
- How can we improve retention?

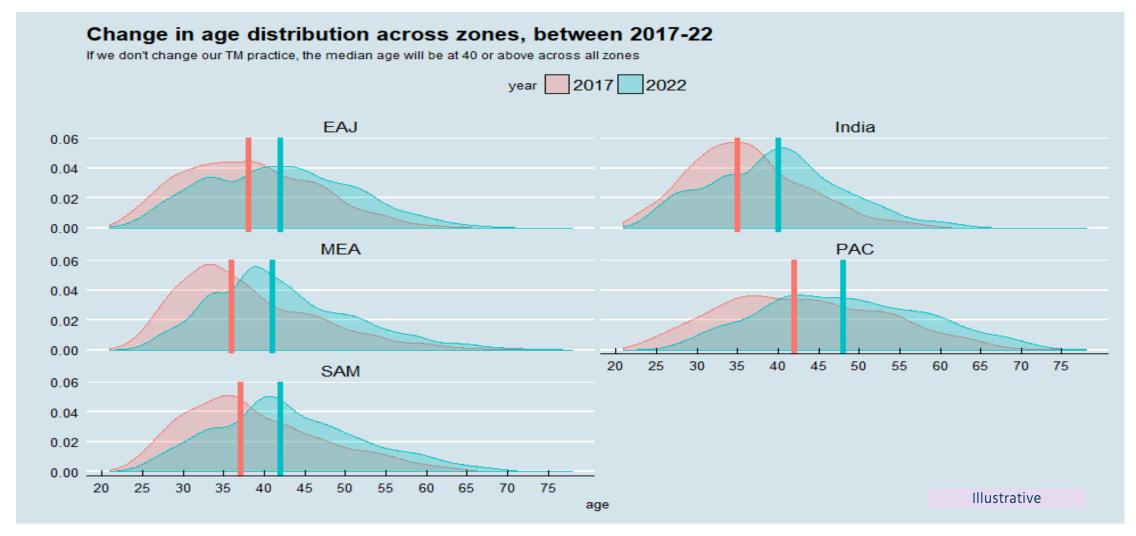


- ACTIVE HEADCOUNT at each career level, where each career level represents a major point of career advancement within the organisation
- ENTRY into each career level from the outside (via hiring)
- UPWARD PROGRESSION AND MOVEMENTS within levels (via promotions and laterals)
- DEPARTURES from the organisation at each career level (via exits)

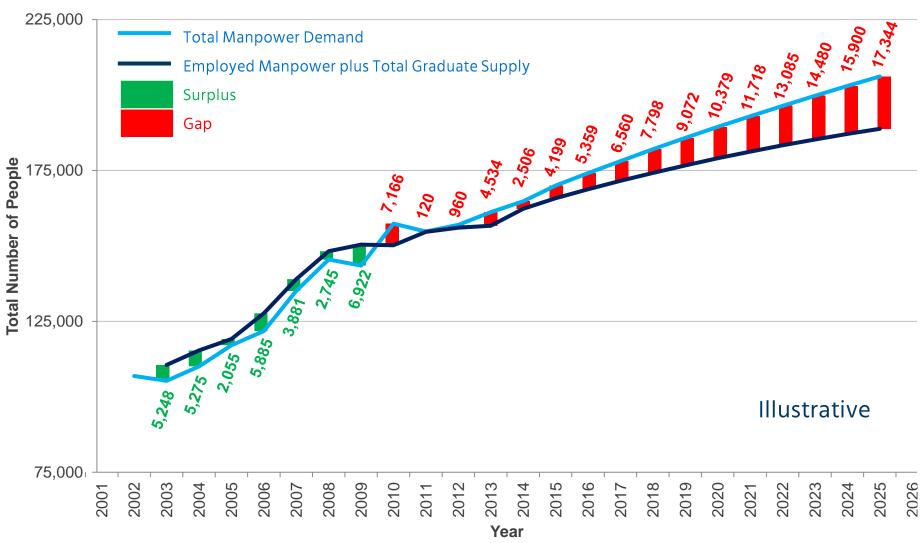


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## Supply Modeling: Use talent flow assumptions to mock-up future scenarios



## Matching talent demand-supply: Building a picture





**Myth or Truth?** 



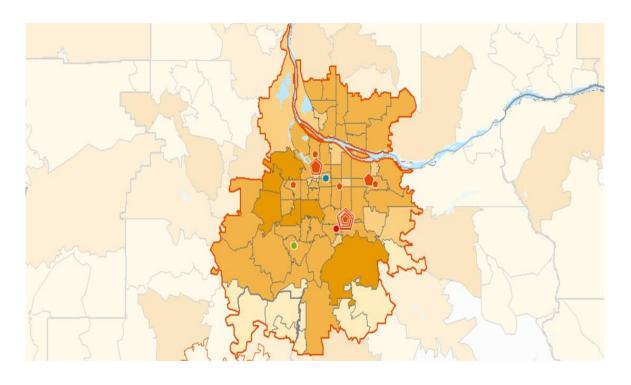
# Myth

## Supply modeling to improve "talent attraction" decisions

#### **EXAMPLE 1**

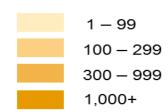
"Location 1 offers significant growth opportunities for our digital business. We need to aggressively hire cyber-security professionals".

Supply mapping suggest that Location 1 has the lowest density of target skills!"



External-labour-maps (ELM), can provide strategic insight about talent supply density and allow for creative workforce solutions to drive business results.

#### 2012 Number of Workers



Labor Markets	Labor supply of cyber skills	
Location 1	4,700	
Location 2	37,200	
Location 3	5,600	

The organisation may need to explore an off-shore or hybrid talent model to support the business aspirations.



## Supply modeling to improve "promotion" decisions

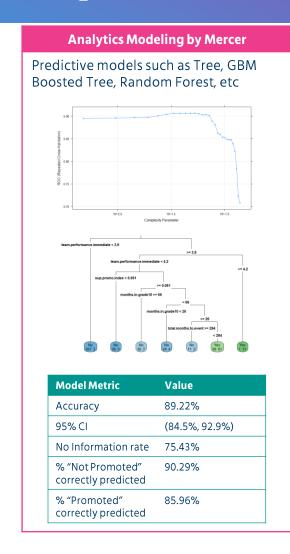
**EXAMPLE 2** 

"We are a performance oriented company with a strong performance distribution discipline.

Performance will be a major predictor of promotion"

The HRIS data suggested otherwise!"

Example Data to Collect
Total Tenure in the company
Tenure in Grade
High potential status
Age
Gender
Last Performance Rating
Average Performance Rating in Grade
First Year Performance Rating in Grade
Total Number of Training Programmes
Education
Lateral Moves Made
Business Unit
Competencies Assessment
Supervisor high potential status
Supervisor Performance Rating
Supervisor Promotion Index
Supervisor Span of Control
Team Performance Rating

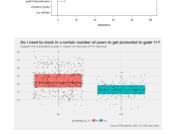




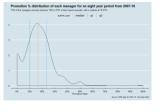
• Promotions are higher in highperforming teams.

of promotions in our

organisation?



 Manager's promotion tendency is a big driver of promotion decisions.



 Time in job is more important than performance, as a promotion driver.





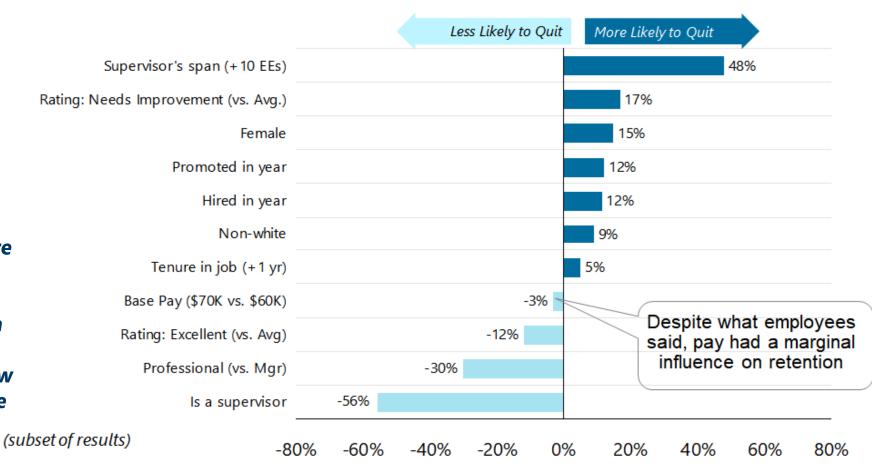
## Supply modeling to improve "retention" decisions

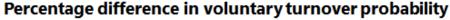
**EXAMPLE 3** 

"Our people primarily leave because competition offers better compensation"

Analytics suggested that prime drivers of attrition were

- 1) diffused management focus in teams with high spans of control;
- 2) poor on-boarding for new hires and those that were newly promoted!







## **Supply Modeling: "Cheat-sheet"**

- Isolate the talent segments that are the most pivotal to the business strategy.
  - ✓ Remember: All roles are important, but some roles add more value to your strategy than others. Professionals are good at applying the 80/20 principle.
- Understand your talent flows and isolate choke-points.
  - ✓ Remember: Use the talent flow assumptions to generate future supply scenarios. Cut the data across skills, geographies, demographics and other variables that will influence your talent supply strategy.
- Use intuition AND data to design programs and policies, that can improve your talent flow outcomes (attraction, promotion and retention)
  - ✓ Remember: Professionals seek evidence to test their hypotheses. There is no shame if your intuition is disproved. But it's a shame to waste org resources on ides that were wrong.
- Iterate Rinse Repeat.
  - ✓ Remember: It's good to design evidence-based programs, it's even better to check if programs deliver the intended outcomes. Professionals understand the continuous nature of the design loop.



## REFRESH HR FUNCTION

Resilient and Efficient in a Digital World

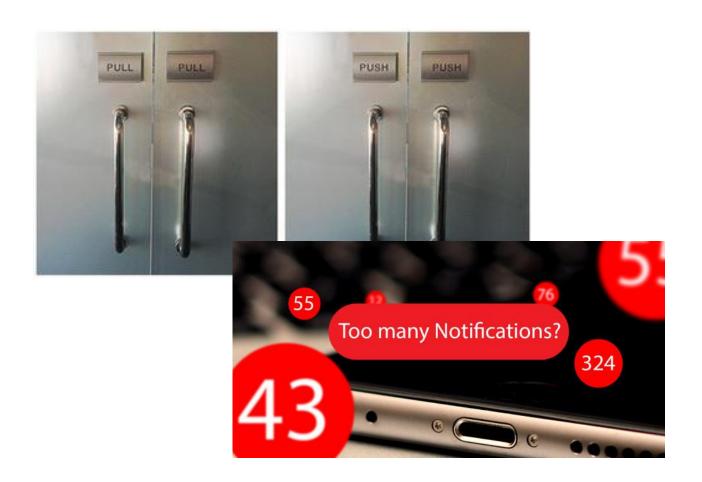


## **Myth or Truth?**



# Half True

## **Bad Design is Everywhere!**







## We developed Personas; Now What?

### **Critical Employee Persona**

**AGE** 39

**LOCATION** Vienna

**EDUCATION** MBA

**OCCUPATION** Head of Inflight Product

**EXPERIENCE** 11 years

**DEPARTMENT** Group Product Development

**WORK TIME** Full-Time

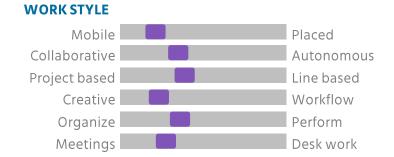
**ARCHETYPE** The Experience Lady



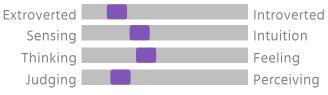
#### BIO

Following her MBA, Sophia started as an employee in the marketing at BMW where she got insights to brand and heard a lot about customer desires. After working there for 6 years she is responsible for the overall product and experience of passengers on board.

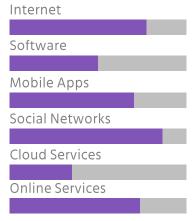
"The customer experience is what makes the difference and is the reason customers chose us."



#### **PERSONALITY**



#### **TECHNOLOGY USAGE**



## TRAITS Compassionate Light-hearted Snappy HOBBIES

Read Travel Bike riding

#### **MOTIVATION**

#Intrinsic motivation
#Progress in career
#Great results plus fun at work

#### **CHALLENGES / PAIN POINTS**

- Connecting with her team across multiple locations
- Having multiple meeting to discuss work progress
- Working with multiple devices
- Working together with people in different locations

#### **HIGHLIGHTS / GAIN POINTS**

- Having exchange with the customers
- Applying agile methods
- Discussing problems by considering different perspectives
- Working for an international company with many resources
- Experiencing moments of flow



## Designing Great Experience: How HR Can Help



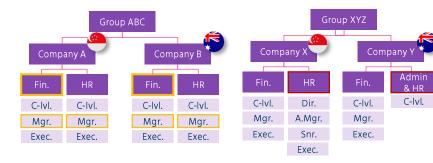


Employee Experience Considerations



Product Feature
Considerations

**C** Harmonized Organization



B Human Interaction in Process Design







D Holistic Business Case for HR



Why a Target Interaction Model (TIM) Is the Key to Unlocking Employee Experience. Download the white paper. Scan QR Code.



## **Employee Experience First: Define the journey**



#### 1) PERSONA: WHO ARE WE SOLVING FOR

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#### **WORK STYLE** Mobile Placed Extroverted Collaborative Autonomous Sensing Project based Line based Thinking Creative Workflow Meetings Desk work **TECHNOLOGY USAGE** TRAITS Internet Compassionate Light-hearted

#### Software Read

Mobile Apps

Social Networks

Cloud Services

Online Services

**HOBBIES** 

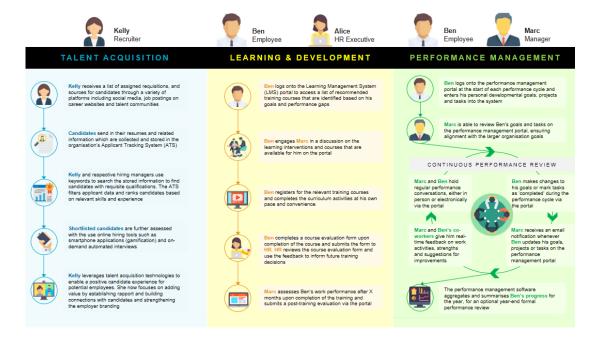
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**CHALLENGES / PAIN POINTS** 

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#### 2) <u>USER JOURNEY</u>: WHAT SHOULD THEIR IDEAL EXPERIENCE BE

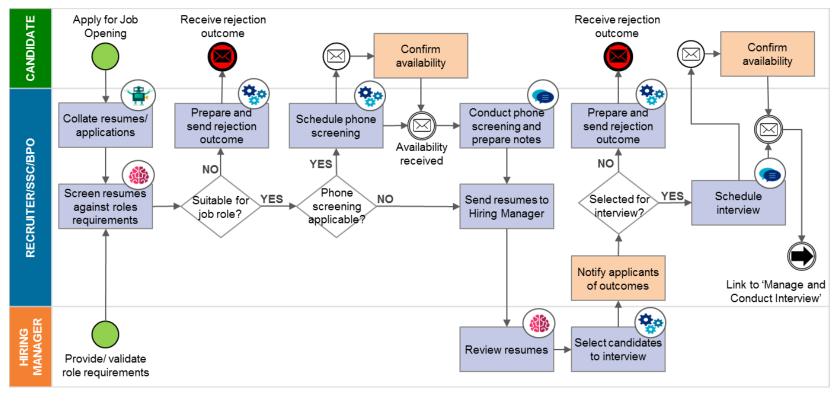




## Human Interaction: What's the role for technology?



#### 3) PROCESS DESIGN: WHO DOES WHAT, WHEN AND HOW















## Holistic Business Case: Think about the business impact



#### 4) BUSINESS CASE: OVERALL COSTS AND BENEFITS, IMPLICATIONS OF DESIGN DECISIONS



## Where do you begin: Prioritize, Plan, Design



Measure the business impact of HR function

Measure the efficiency of HR function

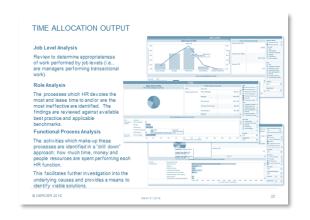


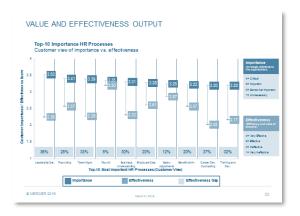
- ) ESTABLISH PRIORITIES
- 2) REFRESH YOUR PLAN
- 3) HUMAN CENTERD DESIGN



#### **Mercer HR Transformation Check**

- Evaluate the time and cost efficiency of specific HR activities and processes.
- Diagnose the effectiveness and value of HR process to internal customers; identify high-priority opportunities for improvement.
- Identify cost feasibility and impact of HR delivery changes: outsourcing/cosourcing, consolidation, and/or moving to a shared services environment.







### What Do You Think? Let's Talk.

- Let us know what you think about the topics discussed today
- Scan the QR code below or follow <a href="https://bit.ly/Mercer1106">https://bit.ly/Mercer1106</a>





My concerns around new ways of working for the new normal have been answered

- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree

Given what you heard today, how capable is your organization in solving for these topics?

	1= Fully Capable	2 = Partially Capable	3 = Need Help
Employee Experience Design	0	0	0
Flexible Working	0	0	0
Talent Sharing	0	0	0
Business Case	0	0	0
Workforce Planning	0	0	0
Digitization and Automation	0	0	0

