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As industries pulled themselves by their boots and adapted to the changes by virtue of the pandemic, there has been emergence of newer working models, practices, roles, and the like. There is transition to the new way of “working from anywhere”, there are opportunities galore for organizations to passage to the new normal. It is industrial revolution 4.0. Today, the business landscape is highly competitive, industries are consolidating, new business models are evolving and there is increased complexity.

Today’s workforce is multi-generation (Gen X, Gen Y, Millenia, Gen Z etc.) and multi-culture. The world is witnessing the rise of the gig economy with multi-skilling at the core. The shelf life of skills is getting shorter by the day. The half-life of skills has come down drastically from 30 years to 5 years. New roles demand new skills and at times cross-functional skills.

Rapid acceleration in technological innovations, unpredictable future, ever-changing industries, dealing with the unknowns and complex jobs necessitates that we encourage a culture of lifelong learning. The world is in for massive disruptions to employment as AI enabled, information rich tools are readily available in the market. In this rapidly changing workplace, employees need to constantly keep learning and acquire radically different capabilities to remain relevant and in demand.

65% of the students entering schools today are expected to work in jobs that do not yet exist. The half-life of a learned skill in 1984 was 30 years, the half-life of a learned skill in 2021 is 5 years. To deal with the new skills demand at the workplace, employers cannot adopt the “Fire and Hire” model every 12 to 24 months or even less.

Only 15% of the hiring managers say that they find the skills that they are looking for in the job seekers. If one aspires to be in that elite 15% club, they should be prepared to acquire fresh knowledge and skills and stay current.

Why Learnability is critical in the knowledge age?

Learnability is the key skill. We hunt for learning animals

- Eric Schmidt, Executive Chairman Google
Learnability is the desire, intent, and ability to quickly grow and adapt the skillsets throughout one’s working lives. It is about seeking out new skills to learn on a continual basis. It is about developing an agile growth mindset. It is not about “what we already know” but about “how quickly can one learn” and readily “seek out opportunities for development.” It is about holding the reins of your own career progression, being open to the new and continually increase your knowledge, skills and competence. Employability no longer connotes “what employees already know” but rather “what they are likely to learn”.

According to the US Department of Labor survey, the average tenure of professionals at an employer has reduced to just 4.1 years, as shown in the table.

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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics 2020

Worker’s Age and Average No. of Years Spent at An Employer

In keeping with the paradigm shift from “doing” to “thinking”, “creating” and “deciding”, there is a swing from “Learn → Do → Retire” to “Learn, do, rest, unlearn, learn do, rest, unlearn, learn, do, rest, unlearn, repeat until retirement”. Refer Figure 1 & 2.
As learnability gains in-prominence, here is a look at the benefits ensuing from it for employees (learners) and the organization. Refer Figure 3.

**Benefits of Learnability**

**For the learner**
- Ability to learn, inlearn and releam
- Capability that serves as a differentiator
- Better employability and career security

**For the organization**
- Better future capabilities
- Future ready workplace culture and progressive workforce
- Higher employee and overall organization productivity and profitability

Fig 3: Benefits of learnability
Three dimensions of learnability

Cognitive, metacognitive, and affective abilities, skills, and experience form the tripods of learnability with curiosity stringing it together. Refer Figure 4.

“Blessed are the curious for they shall have adventures” – Anonymous

Curiosity is the catalyst for innovation. It fuels the desire to know more, learn more, hypothesize and experiment more. Curiosity not only hones the problem-solving ability but allows to find new problems. Curious minds are active minds and active minds become smart minds.

I have no special talent. I am just passionately curious
- Albert Einstein

Fig 4: Dimensions of learnability
Suggestions to develop curiosity

- **Embrace diversity:** Increase interaction with people from different cultural background, different professional background, different geographies, different demographic groups etc.

- **Ask open questions:** Ask questions such as “why”, “what if”, “how could we improve”, “how does this work”, “is there a different approach to solve this problem”, “what are the alternatives”, etc.

- **Listen more:** Listen with the intention of understanding better, take time to reflect

- **Become comfortable with not knowing:** Realize that you may not have all the answers. Nurture that realization and the willingness to learn.

- **Adopt a growth mindset:** Develop a progressive mindset.

Dimensions of curiosity:
Refer Figure 5.

Fig 5: Dimensions of Curiosity
There are quite a few curiosity profiling tests available which can give a fair assessment of your curiosity. Examples:

a) Hogan assessment

b) Curiosity Profile assessment developed for Harvard Business Review by Tomas Chamorro-Premuzic

These assessments and several others are focused on deciphering:

a) whether the person is a traditional or an unconventional thinker or is somewhere in between

b) what is an individual’s intellectual hunger – does the person gravitate towards exploring a wide range of educational subjects or does he/she rely on his/her experience to solve problems

c) how well does one adapt to new situations / new roles / new opportunities / new experiences and new relationships etc.

d) whether the person prefers his/her comfort zone or is willing to step into the learning zone

e) whether the person seeks opportunities to meet new people excites or prefers to hang out with the old set of friends and colleagues.

f) whether the person prefers to experiment, innovate, and explore or sticks to conventional and traditional paradigms

g) whether the person seeks out opportunities to learn and hone skills or sticks to what he / she knows, etc.
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Learnability can be developed and organizations like Infosys have a committed investment to develop learnability in its employees. A shift in mindset is required for individuals and hence organizations to achieve learnability among its employees.

- Shift from comfort zone to learning zone
- Shift from fixed mindset to growth mindset
- Shift from T shaped to M shaped skills
- Knowing what they don’t know
- Be vulnerable
- Aspire for more
- Embrace psychological diversity

This is illustrated in Figure 6 and explained in the subsequent section.
Shift from “Comfort Zone” to “Learning Zone”:

The human brain loves a challenge but only within an optimal zone of difficulty. Imagine playing a game of golf. You are an 18-handicap golfer, and you play against a golfer who is a 5-handicap. You are very likely to lose and that may kill your motivation. Imagine the reverse, you are a 5-handicap golfer and play against one who is an 18-handicap golfer. This isn’t a challenge for you, and you will soon be bored. However, if you were an 18-handicap golfer and play against an opponent who is a 24-handicap golfer, you have a fair chance of winning. As the game progresses you win some and you lose some. You can win only if you try diligently. The game has equally poised players. Here is a challenge of manageable difficulty.

The Goldilocks rule as described in “Atomic Habits” by “James Clear” or as in psychology the “Yerkes Dodson” law states that challenges should be within one’s manageable difficulty level as shown in Figure 7 and 8.

It then will help to be fully focused, invested, and devoid of all distractions. Scientists suggest that a task should be roughly 4 percent above your current ability. As per Yerkes Dodson law a curvilinear relationship exists between an increase of stress and enhancement of performance. When a new task is given to a motivated employee and he/she will experience excitement, happiness, will learn the skills and develop the confidence. After a time, inflection point sets in and that when the competence, skill(s), confidence etc. accelerates quickly. This is the time that performance is at the optimum level. If they continue longer chances are, they will experience a downward spiral. That is when they should be given a new role, a new task, a new responsibility that requires them to unlearn, and learn a new skill, build a new capability etc.
Shift from “Fixed Mindset” to “Growth Mindset”:

Carol Dweck, author of Mindset: The New Psychology of Success states that a “pure” growth mindset does not exist. Everyone has both a fixed and a growth mindset. When companies / organizations have growth mindset, it leads to empowerment of their employees and promotes a culture of collaboration, innovation, continual learning, learning from each other, learning from mistakes, seeking feedbacks, admitting mistakes, making apt course corrections, and evolving. It leads to enhanced productivity for their employees and the organization. The differences are shown in Figure 9 respectively.

“Everyone has both a fixed and a growth mindset.”

Fig 9: Growth vs fixed mindset
Knowing what they don’t know:
It is imperative that we evaluate ourselves accurately. The more accurate the assessment, the better the chances to learn, grow and even pivot. It is important to be aware of “what you know” and “what you don’t know”, “what skills you have” and “what skills you don’t have”, “what are your strengths” and “what are your areas of improvement” etc. It is vital to solicit feedback and recognize how others see and perceive you.

Be vulnerable:
It is time to get comfortable with “not knowing”. You may not know everything about everything, you may not have all the answers, but it augurs well if you are willing to “find out”, learn and see it as an opportunity to embark on the chapter of discovery and exploration.

Aspire for more:
Aspire to learn that wee bit more, aspire to network a tiny bit more, aspire to strike up conversations with new people, aspire for change and innovation, aspire to forge collaborations, and aspire to grow more socially and professionally.

Embrace psychological diversity:
As the world turns into a global village courtesy the advancements in technology, the rapid expansion of businesses into different geographies and the multi-generational and multi-cultural work force virtually at almost every office, there are opportunities galore to learn from each other and broaden one’s perspectives and become familiar with divergent viewpoints, beliefs, and values. Learnability can be further helped by embracing psychological diversity, networking with people who have very different viewpoints than your own.

Shift from “T-Shaped Competencies” to “M-Shaped Competencies”:
Gone are the days, when one attained deep dive knowledge / specialization into one technology (skill, competence etc.) and over the years as one progressed in the job learned to acquire broader understanding of related competencies through their experience on the job, interactions with colleagues, etc. This was classic T-Shaped competency development.

As times changed, T-shaped competency development is slowly becoming obsolete. It is making way for M-shaped profile wherein over a period, the expectation is to develop deep competencies into a wide array of fields. This M-Shape competency enhancement will ensure employees stay the course in the long haul by being relevant as shown in Figure 10.

Fig 10: Shift from T shaped to M Shaped Profile
Motivation for self-development VUCA model (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, Ambiguity) was used in 1987 which was derived from the leadership theories of Warren Bennis and Burt Nanus [11]. With the ever-changing business landscape and more recently the emergence of unforeseen situations due to the pandemic, the more refined VUCA namely Vision, Understanding, Clarity and Agility is applicable. To adopt the refined VUCA, organizations are looking for employees with high learnability. Measuring learnability of an individual / organization involves several parameters. At a high level, learnability can be measured from the learning aptitude and attitude of the individual / organization. The learning aptitude would involve both cognitive and meta cognitive areas, the attitude would involve the affective aspects. The summation of some / all these parameter measurements provides the learnability index of an individual / organization. The area of measurement of learnability is inter-disciplinary fusion of learning and psychology theories. Figure 11 given below provides an exhaustive list of attributes and parameters that may be measured.

To adopt the refined VUCA, organizations are looking for employees with high learnability.

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**Fig 11: Measuring learnability**

**LEARNABILITY MEASUREMENT Model**

**COGNITIVE**
- Reasoning
- Problem Solving
- Self-awareness
- Rule governed behaviour

**METACOGNITIVE**
- Meaning making
- Recognize ideas
- Extend mental abilities
- Metacognitive accuracy & confidence

**AFFECTIVE**
- Curiosity
- Creativity
- Motivation for self-development
- Receptiveness to novelty and change
- Affability quotient
- Meticulousness quotient
- Accommodation quotient
- Appetite for excellence
- Openness to receive feedback
The learning aptitude measures the ability of an individual to learn new things and the learning attitude measures the willingness of an individual to learn. The measurement of these two broad areas needs to be done using several parameters. These parameters are divided into three broad categories – Cognitive and meta-cognitive parameters for learning aptitude and affective parameters for learning attitude. In this section, we shall define these parameters.

I. Learning aptitude

Cognitive parameters: Cognition refers to the mental processes of acquiring knowledge and understanding. This includes thinking, knowing, remembering, judging, and problem-solving.

Meta-cognitive parameters: Metacognition refers to higher order thinking that comprises of active control over the reasoning processes in learning. The approach towards learning, monitoring the gain of knowledge, assessment of the progress towards completion of learning are examples of meta-cognition. Meta-cognition plays a critical role in evaluating the effectiveness of learning and hence measurement of these become imperative to determine learnability of an individual. The parameters involved are:

i. Meaning making: This is the capability of an individual to relate the new learning to what they already know.

ii. Recognition of ideas: This is the capability of an individual to identify root cause, finalize approaches and implement the solution.

iii. Ability to extend mental abilities: This refers to the capability of an individual to be aware of their surroundings and know what they don’t know and what they should know.

iv. Rule Governed behaviour: This is a behavior where the individual plays by the rules of the book or instructions provided.

These parameters indicate the capabilities of an individual to learn and explore new areas in other words contribute to the learnability from a cognitive dimension. The parameters and how they can be measured is shown in the figure 12 given below:

- Reasoning & problem-solving
- Self-awareness
- Rule-governed behaviour

Meta cognitive accuracy and confidence

The parameters and how they can be measured is shown in the Figure 13 given below:

- Meaning making
- Recognition of ideas
- Ability to extend mental abilities
- Meta cognitive accuracy and confidence

Fig 13: Measuring learnability from meta-cognitive perspective

Fig 12: Measuring learnability from cognitive perspective
II. Learning aptitude

Affective parameters: The learning attitude measures the willingness aspect of the learner to learn. This plays a very important role as it manifests in activities partaken by individual in the cognitive and meta cognitive space. This is the emotional dimension and captures the motivation, curiosity, response to change, openness to new ideas, how well they are organized and how they introspect themselves. The parameters involved are:

i. **Curiosity**: This is the interest of an individual to uncover new patterns, trends, explore new areas

ii. **Creativity**: This is the characteristic of the individual to think out of the box, take up unconventional approaches and ideas and demonstrate critical thinking

iii. **Motivation for self-development**: This is intrinsic in nature and comes from within the individual and refers to the innate drive to learn something for themselves.

iv. **Receptiveness to novelty and change**: This refers to the openness of the individual to accept new things and change so that they can learn newer skills to adapt themselves to innovation and change.

v. **Affability quotient**: Individuals who are affable can interact and collaborate with teams to learn and innovate.

vi. **Meticulousness quotient**: This refers to how organized the individual is. This in turn would help them self-gauge and monitor their learning

vii. **Accommodation quotient**: This refers to the individual’s agreeability quotient which in turn can help them work in teams to build great products together

viii. **Appetite for excellence**: This refers to the drive-in individuals to excel in the work/learning that they do

ix. **Openness to receive feedback**: This is very important for individuals to work and reflect on feedback to improve themselves which in turn will help them in their activities.

The parameters and how they can be measured is shown in the Figure 14 given below:

**Curiosity**
- Interviews
- Response to scenarios
- What they have learnt

**Creativity**
- Measure person element (divergent thinking to generate new ideas)
- Measure cognitive process element (process to create products from ideas)
- Measure product element (how the product is and what it value it brings)
- Measure the press element (under what constraints did the person build the product)

**Motivation for self-development**
- Observation at work - how they pick new assignments, acceptance of stretch goals
- MSLQ tool

**Receptiveness to novelty and change**
- ADKAR model surveys

**Affability quotient**
- Observations
- Interviews

**Meticulousness quotient**
- Adolescent Actively Open-Minded Thinking Scale (AAOT)

**Accommodation quotient**
- Adolescents Actively Open-Minded Thinking Scale (AAOT)

**Appetite for excellence**
- Observations/interviews/work history

**Openness to receive feedback**
- Observations

Fig 14: Measuring learnability form affective skill perspective
The learnability parameter measurements find great use while hiring talent, evaluating existing workplace talent for elevation in roles and for evaluation of leadership to lead critical assignments. It can also be observed that all the parameters are not required in all scenarios. Hence the framework to measure learnability need to be configurable. The next section lays focus on some of the scenarios where and how learnability measurements can be done.

**Scenario 1: Hiring talent**

As mentioned in the statistics in the earlier section, learnability is a very key attribute that organizations look out for when it comes to hire talent. The challenge here is that the employer would not have all the inputs for learnability measurement as the candidate is new to the organization. Here are the considerations:

1. Identification of relevant parameters that can be tested: Parameters which can be identified through tests, interviews and observation during interviews can be taken up
2. Identification of parameters as per job profile: The parameters can be fine-tuned based on kind of job profile. This will ensure removal of any unintentional bias. For example, if the hiring is being done for a business process management professional to handle day to day operations, data processing etc. The meticulousness quotient would be relevant than problem solving one. If the hiring is for building innovative products, the cognitive and meta cognitive parameters would be very relevant like problem solving, recognition of ideas etc.

Here is a sample of parameters that can be measured while hiring a talent for building innovative products.

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Additional possible tests:
- MAI
- MARS
- SPQ
- ASSIST
- ILS

Interviews, responses to scenarios, what they have learnt
- Measure person element [divergent thinking to generate new ideas]
- Measure cognitive process element [process to create products from ideas]
- Measure product element [how the product is and what value it brings]
- Measure the press element [under what constraints did the person build the product]
- ADKAR model surveys
- Observations/interviews/work history [digital footprint in social media and professional networking websites]
The framework provided is thus configurable and can be pivoted as per the required hiring context.

**Scenario 2: Evaluating existing talent for specific assignment**

The advantage of evaluating existing talent is that there would be data available through learning and performance evaluation systems. Here is an illustrative set of parameters to evaluate an existing talent for a software development project which involves a many stakeholder, is based on making process-oriented tasks into its digital format (ex. an income tax processing system) and interfacing with customers.

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Infosys with a commitment to create lifelong learners in its strategy has various systems in place to hire external talent and evaluate internal talent for various initiatives. There is massive disruption in almost every sphere. The hiring landscape too has evolved over time. From the screening of curriculum vitae to checking out the profiles on social networking sites to get a sense of the learning (particularly learning outside the laid curriculum), interests, hobbies, extra-mural engagements etc., the recruitment team gets a fair understanding of the personality traits of the candidate. Quite a few enterprises and organizations make use of hackathons (individual as well as group) to hire talents. This helps test not just the problem-solving ability, but their ability to collaborate and interface with fellow hackathoners, the approach to problem solving, the curiosity level, the intrapreneurship, the entrepreneurial, swift prototyping skills etc. There are rounds of psychometric and pymetrics gamified soft skills assessments. The interviews are also modeled to quiz not just the technical abilities but also the behavioral skills.

The learning platform, Infosys Wingspan captures the digital footprint of learning for its employees and helps in evaluating the cognition and some parameters in the affective dimension.

To hone the cognitive and metacognitive skills, there are systems which help in providing necessary experience to apply concepts learnt and try / experiment ideas. The digital skill tag initiative and digital quotient complemented with proficiency levels help employees gain awareness on new roles needed in the organization and have a disciplined way to gain skills pertaining to the roles. There is a constant focus on professional skills development which in turn helps employees develop the affective skills.

Nandan Nilekani says, “The only friction between an employee and their learning should be their motivation”, while the rest of the needs are taken care through our learning systems in the organization.

Conclusion

As lifelong learning becomes a necessity today, organizations will have to put the required logistics in place to support their employees on their life-long journey. This will help their employee base to stay relevant, in demand and make easy transitions into new and different roles throughout their careers.
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