From Email to Virtual Reality: The Impact of Technology on Employee Experience

It’s time for the vacation days and annual breaks to start, and while today’s workers have to juggle virtual work alongside family responsibilities, personal stuff and social events, it’s time for us all to ensure that days like today are a thing of the past. Without ordering groceries online or playing video games in the current environment, employees’ everyday routines have been transformed in ways that their families and friends would never have imagined. However, there are challenges that come with this new virtual environment, and the need for clear guidelines to ensure a healthy work-life balance. This is where the concept of virtual reality comes into play.

In fact, in today’s light and dark modes, new and emerging technologies may serve as a strategic advantage or result in toxicity according to the context of the organization. In many cases, employees’ wellbeing is contingent on the actions of their managers and colleagues. Managers, by default, embody the model of leadership behavior that employees strive to imitate. According to a recent study, in a healthy organizational culture, managers who act as role models and exhibit positive behaviors can influence their employees’ behaviors in a positive manner. This, in turn, can lead to increased employee engagement and job satisfaction.

The Challenge of Change

A changing landscape of G Suite respondents believe improving and reinforcing a positive employee experience for all employees is the top priority for 80% of them. The high priority given to improving employee experience is due to the recognition of the significant benefits it can bring to the organization. For instance, improving employee experience can lead to increased productivity, better retention rates, and improved customer satisfaction. However, implementing effective strategies to address these challenges requires a thoughtful approach.

On the one hand, these new technologies present opportunities for change and growth. For example, using artificial intelligence to provide personalized experiences can significantly improve employee satisfaction. However, on the other hand, the ethical implications of these technologies must be carefully considered. For instance, the use of AI in decision-making processes can lead to biased outcomes if not implemented properly. Therefore, organizations must be aware of the potential risks and benefits of these technologies and develop strategies to mitigate any negative impacts.

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Mature technologies continue to dominate the IT landscape

Our countrywide study of the dominance of established technologies in the IT landscape reveals that mature technologies, such as the Internet of Things and cloud computing, remain the most widely used. Cloud computing, for example, is used by 80% of respondents, while the Internet of Things is used by 70%. This suggests that while newer technologies, such as artificial intelligence and virtual reality, are gaining popularity, mature technologies continue to play a significant role in the IT landscape. However, it is important to note that the dominance of these technologies does not necessarily mean that they are without risks or challenges.
Implementation hurdles are slowing adoption of emerging, new, and futuristic technology

Both new and emerging technologies come with a host of implementation challenges. The cost and complexity of implementation and the challenge of proving their value in the environment where they will be used can both be significant inhibitors. In addition, regulatory challenges, legal risks, and ethical implications can all influence adoption. The key is to factor in all these considerations when making adoption decisions. For instance, if a software platform is going to be used for critical decision making, regulatory compliance and legal considerations are paramount. Meanwhile, if a new technology is being introduced to improve customer experience, factors like ease of use and efficiency should be the driving considerations.

Managing complex technologies is a concern to businesses as these technologies can strain IT resources

For the small and medium enterprise (SME) technology market, the pace of change is fast. Business leaders are constantly struggling to keep up with new tools, methods, and solutions. This is particularly challenging for businesses with limited IT resources. To manage these challenges, businesses need to have a solid strategy in place. This strategy should include a clear understanding of the technology landscape, a comprehensive inventory of current IT systems, and a plan for how to integrate new technologies into existing systems. It’s also important to establish a culture of continuous learning and education to ensure that employees are up-to-date with the latest trends and best practices. Overall, businesses need to be proactive in their approach to managing complex technologies to succeed in this fast-paced market.

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Many respondents are struggling to achieve sufficient employee buy-in for emerging technologies

Sometimes introducing new and emerging technologies into the workplace can feel like a chicken-and-egg situation. You feel like you need to have widespread adoption to realize the benefits, but you need widespread adoption to achieve the benefits. Security is one of the biggest concerns respondents have. When it comes to employee buy-in, it’s essential to build a strong case for why these technologies are important. This can involve educating employees on the benefits of the technology, demonstrating its impact on productivity, and addressing any concerns they may have about its impact on their privacy. Once employees are on board, it’s important to provide ongoing training and support to ensure that they’re confident and comfortable using the new technology.
The Irreversibility of New and Emerging Technologies

Despite how rapidly numerous areas of emerging and new technologies are evolving, society, in fact, is less prepared for the potential human consequences of these technologies than is believed. The emerging technologies are rapidly changing our lives and how we interact with each other and the world. These new technologies, such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and quantum computing, are rapidly emerging and revolutionizing various industries. This has led to a significant increase in the use of emerging technologies in various sectors, including healthcare, finance, and transportation. However, these technologies also bring numerous challenges, including ethical concerns, privacy issues, and job displacement. It is essential to have a comprehensive understanding of these technologies and their potential impacts on society. 

The Reshaping of Employee Experience

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Certainly many of these present opportunities, management, and employee adaptation challenges. But overcoming them will shape a more positive experience for employees and organizations.

Interestingly, only 27% of respondents recognize the Digital Workplace Experience (DWE) as a critical component of their strategy to reshape the employee experience. For many organizations, the reshaping of employee experience means they need to focus on the people and the processes that make up the employee experience. This includes everything from employee engagement to the work environment. It is crucial that organizations invest in the right technologies and strategies to ensure a positive employee experience.
A Look to the Future

Many state, local, and federal programs provide technology, but few are designed to support collaboration. Lack of a well-defined vision that focuses on eliminating barriers to help employees across the public sector provide effective services can be a significant drawback for productivity needs to increase employee engagement.

68% of all government professionals believe that they could be more effective in their work if they had access to data or information about their peers. The problem is that, in most cases, information about the work of others is not available within the organization. In most cases, employees are working in silos and don’t have visibility into what’s working elsewhere.

The challenge is to improve technology adoption and usability, reduce IT costs, and transform the way we do business. The key to solving these problems is through collaboration. By leveraging the knowledge and expertise of others, we can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our work. Technology plays a crucial role in this process, as it provides a means to facilitate communication and collaboration. However, it is not enough to simply have technology in place; we need to ensure that it is being used effectively and efficiently. This requires a change in mindset and a focus on collaboration.

The case study of [insert specific case study] highlights the importance of understanding what makes technology adoption successful. By listening to employees’ needs and providing them with the tools and resources they need, we can improve their engagement and productivity. This, in turn, will lead to better outcomes for the organization and its customers.

Sizing Up Employee Experience

Does this ring true? Join us in assessing government employee experience, a survey of what is really going well and what isn’t. Our survey results are below, in five major categories: government employee experience, employee engagement in government, government technology adoption, and technology adoption and usability. In the last of these categories, the key to solving these problems is through collaboration. By leveraging the knowledge and expertise of others, we can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our work. Technology plays a crucial role in this process, as it provides a means to facilitate communication and collaboration. However, it is not enough to simply have technology in place; we need to ensure that it is being used effectively and efficiently. This requires a change in mindset and a focus on collaboration.

Employee experience ratings for emerging technologies

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Another reason for technology’s adoption is due to the growing need for mobile devices. With more and more people accessing the internet on their smartphones and tablets, it is crucial that technology is mobile-friendly. This allows employees to access the information they need, regardless of their location. It also improves efficiency, as employees can work from anywhere, at any time. The survey results show that 60% of employees expect to work from home at least once a week.

Regarding the challenges, it is also important to note that employees are facing challenges such as lack of training and support, as well as difficulty with new technology. To overcome these challenges, organizations need to invest in training and support, and provide employees with the necessary tools and resources.

About the Survey

This survey was funded by Adobe, the leading provider of digital media solutions, and was conducted in early 2022. It includes responses from 12,000 representatives. To qualify for the survey, respondents were expected to work at least 30 hours a week for an organization of 500 or more employees.

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