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Hiring Under the Microscope: 5 Steps for Improving the Science of Selection



Metrics, Analytics, and Big Data... OH MY!

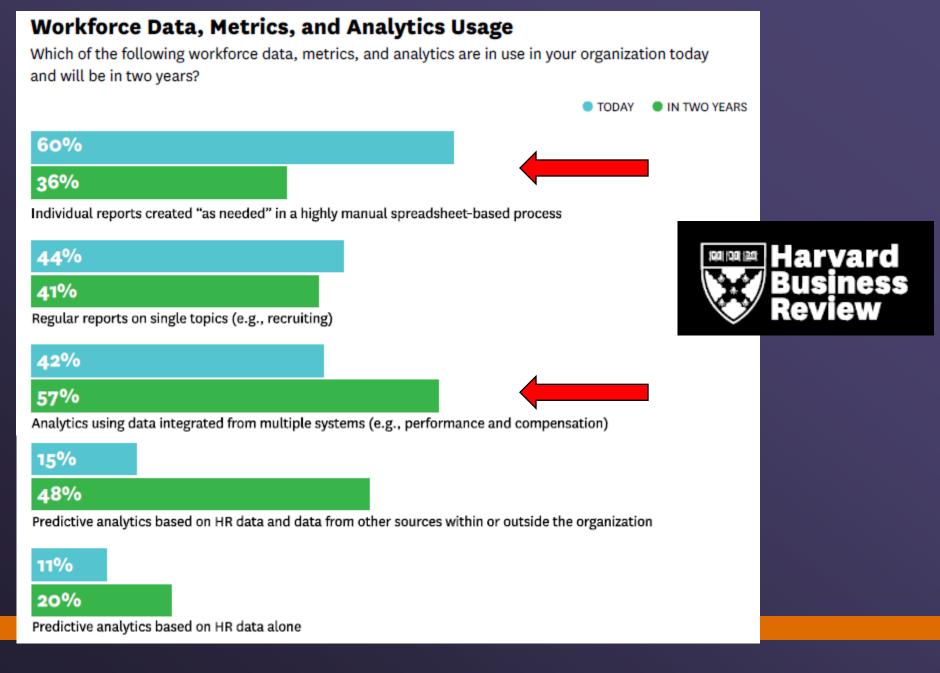
What is People Analytics

Bring HR & Business Data Together



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Bersin, Josh (2015). "The Geeks Arrive in HR: People Analytics is Here" Forbes.



Harvard Business Review (2014). "HR Joins the Analytics Revolution"

Biggest Obstacles to Achieving Better Use Of Data, Metrics, and Analysis

What are the three biggest obstacles to achieving better use of data, metrics, and predictive analysis by HR and talent management professionals in your organization?

54%

Inaccurate, inconsistent, or hard-to-access data requiring too much manual manipulation

47%

Lack of analytic acumen or skills among HR professionals

To lead, HR needs both quantitative acumen and a keen understanding of what makes the business successful as well as the ability to connect business results to data about employee performance. HR needs to learn which employee metrics have the greatest impact on business results and be able to tell stories about what the numbers mean for the business. A key component of the business case for workforce analytics is that the solutions have the potential to be self-funding from the savings they generate.



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- 5. Vision (what's next?)

Intro & Background

ProActive Consulting: www.consultproactive.com

- Masters degree in Human Resources Measurement & Evaluation
- 15+ years experience in survey and assessment work
- Extensive research on the predictive validity of various assessment approaches and the research-practitioner gaps in assessment practices.
- Have worked with companies across size, industry, and geography to design predictive hiring systems.



This Presentation is...

NOT my opinion

NOT based on vendor research

• NOT product specific

Why Does Any of This Matter?

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Here's what you see when you interview

Here's what you get!

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What am I trying to accomplish?

More

Better

Less

Audience Poll

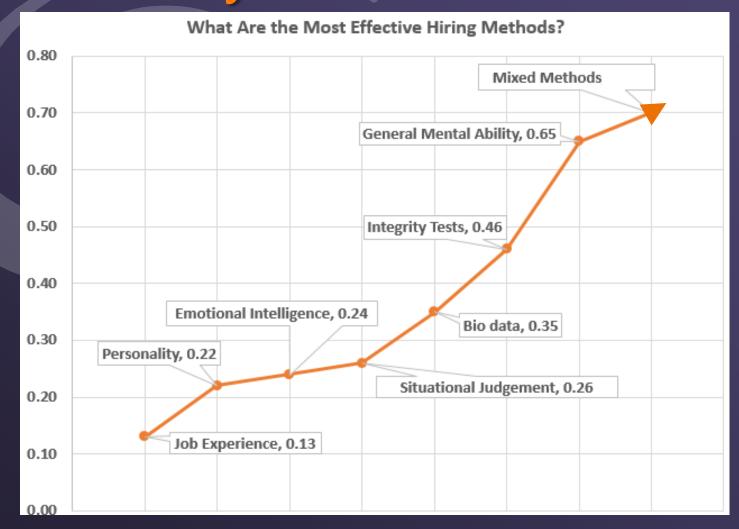
What screening methods best predict candidates' ultimate job performance?

(Choose your top 3)

- Job Experience
- O Personality
- Emotional Intelligence
- Situational Judgment
- Bio Data
- Integrity Tests
- General Mental Ability Tests



2. Validity



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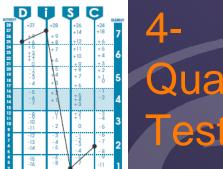
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Personality Assessments

Big 5– Emotional Stability, Extraversion, Openness to Experience, Agreeableness, Conscientiousness

Universally desirable vs. contextual or "fit" model

• Using 4-quadrant assessments for hiring...



Quadrant Tests

Basic Description: How people describe themselves in terms of "style" or "preference"

State (vs. Trait)

Ipsative (vs. Normative)

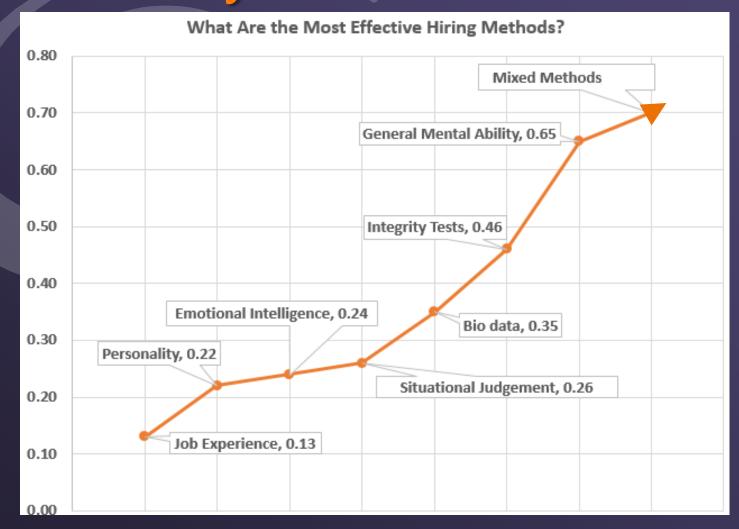
Uni-Dimensional (vs. Multi-Dimensional)



Quadrant Tests

Best Uses:
Self-awareness
Team Dynamics
Communication
Coaching
Enhancing Manager/Employee Relations NOT Recommended for...
Hiring
Placement
Promotion
Talent Pool Management

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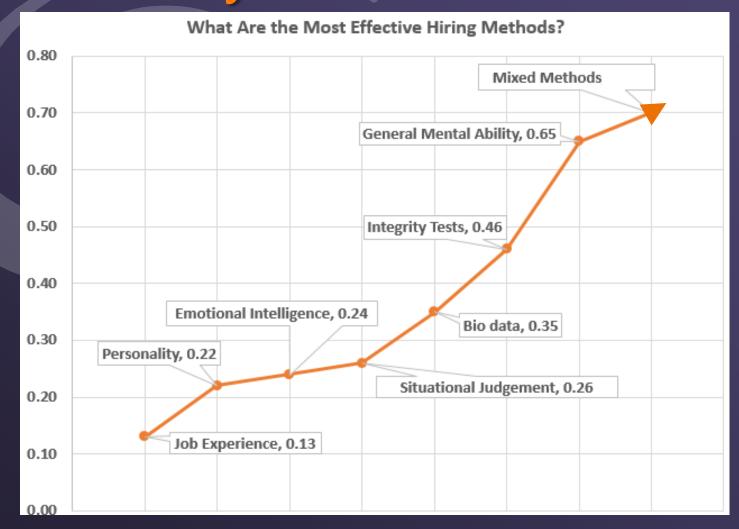
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Integrity Assessments

- **Typically measure:** honesty, dependability, reliability, work ethic, propensity towards substance abuse
- **Objective:** assess likelihood of theft and other Counterproductive Workplace Behaviors (CWBs)
- No adverse impact
- **Uses:** reduce turnover, drug problems, theft, absenteeism, etc.

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General Mental Ability (GMA)

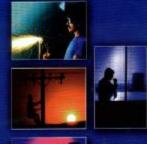
The single best predictor of job performance



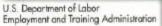
3. Scrutiny

TESTING AND ASSESSMENT:

AN EMPLOYER'S GUIDE TO GOOD PRACTICES









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I.D. GOOD Tools

- Reliability
 - internal consistency and test-retest
 - DOL recommends a minimum of .7
- Criterion-Related Validity



- Test scores are related to some outcome of interest (turnover, sales volume, patient satisfaction scores, productivity, absenteeism etc.)
- Predictive Validity
 - Personality generally shown to have predictive validity in the .20 range
 - DOL says .21+ "likely to be useful", .35+ "very beneficial"

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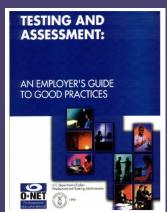


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Reliability coefficient value	Interpretation	Validity coefficient value	Interpretation
Value	interpretation		
.90 and up	excellent	above .35	very beneficial
.8089	good	.2135	likely to be useful
.7079	adequate	.1120	depends on
			circumstances
below .70	may have limited		
	applicability	below .11	unlikely to be useful
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Validity:

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Reliability:

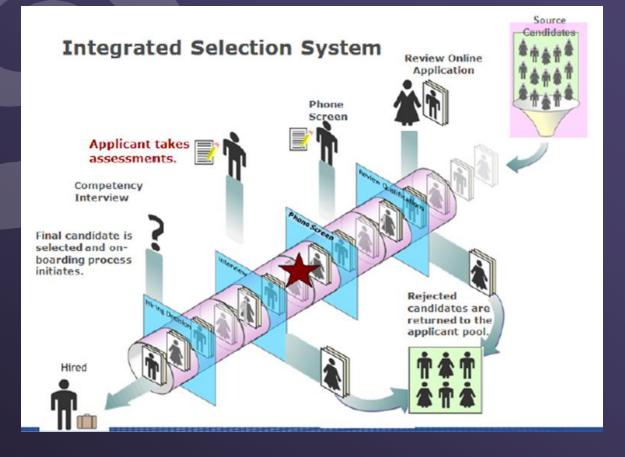


MEASUREMENT STRATEGIES FORASSESSMENT SUCCESSAberdeen Group

April, 2014

Currently, just 14% of organizations indicate that they have data to prove the positive business impact of their assessment strategy. A Harte Hanks Company

Process Design: Maximize Impact



Practice Time!





What's on the horizon?

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...to more Scientific Selection

Create a systematic, highly predictive, evidencebased selection process!!



Available Resources

- IQ? EQ? 4-Q? What every HR pro should know about hiring assessments (White Paper)
- The Problem with Using Personality Assessments for Hiring (Harvard Business Review)
- Testing and Assessment: An Employer's Guide to Good Practices (Department of Labor publication)
- The Death of Guess (Book chapter)
- Complementary Assessment Strategy Discussion, including product recommendations where appropriate

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