



How to Launch a Digital Learning Platform: A Case Study

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BenchPrep enables education
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From ***"Content Delivery"*** to ***"Scalable Learning Experience"***

CHANGE

“It is not the strongest or the most intelligent that will survive but those who can **best manage change.**”

- Charles Darwin

But why just survive?
Lead the change!

So what has
changed?

What has changed?



Consumers.

Look at yourself and everyone around you; always connected, aware of the environment and mostly online. We don't want to lug a book around to learn something.



Companies.

Meet Amazon, eBay, Alibaba and Uber, AirBnB; digitally native and data driven.



Industries.

Moving from traditional ... solution provider; bundling traditional products with add on training services using digital

Lifelong learning has become an economic imperative



\$26k

Average annual increase in earnings from a non-degree professional certification

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



15

Average number of (expected) jobs held by millennials in their careers

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



#1

Millennials indicate training & development as #1 job benefit ahead of flexible work hours, cash bonuses

Source: KPCB

The modern learner is very different

Number of times online every day

early days of the internet **5** | today **27**

DISTRACTED...

Most learners won't watch videos longer than **4 minutes**

IMPATIENT...

Online, designers now have between

5 and 10 seconds to grab someone's attention before they click away

People unlock their smartphones up to

9 times every hour

5 Workers now get interrupted as frequently as every **minutes** — Ironically, often by work applications and collaboration tools

OVERWHELMED...

41 % of time workers spend on things that offer little personal Satisfaction and do not Help them get work done.

Knowledge workers are constantly distracted with millions of websites, apps, and video clips



2/3

of knowledge workers actually complain that they don't have time to do their jobs

1%
of a typical workweek

Is all that employees have to focus on training and development

24 minutes a week

UNTETHERED

Today's employees find themselves working from several locations and structuring their work in nontraditional ways to accommodate their lifestyles. Companies are finding it difficult to reach these people consistently and even harder to develop them efficiently.

37%

of the global workforce is expected to be "mobile" by the end of 2015

30%

of full-time employees do most of their work somewhere other than the employer's location

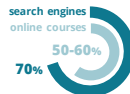
20%

of workforce comprised of temps, contractors, and freelancers

ON-DEMAND

Employees are accessing information—and learning—differently than they did just a few years ago. Most are looking for answers outside of traditional training and development channels. For example:

To learn what they need for their jobs, employees access:



People are increasingly turning to their smartphones to find just-in-time answers to unexpected problems

COLLABORATIVE

Learners are also developing and accessing personal and professional networks to obtain information about their industries and professions.



of workforce learning happens via on-the-job interactions with peers, teammates, and managers

Learners are:
 asking other people

sharing what they know

At Google,

55%

of training courses are delivered by an ecosystem of **2,000+ peer learners**

EMPOWERED

Rapid change in business and organizations means everyone needs to constantly be learning. More and more people are looking for options on their own because they aren't getting what they need from their employers.



Half-life (in years) of many professional skills



of workers who say they have opportunities for learning and growth at their workplace

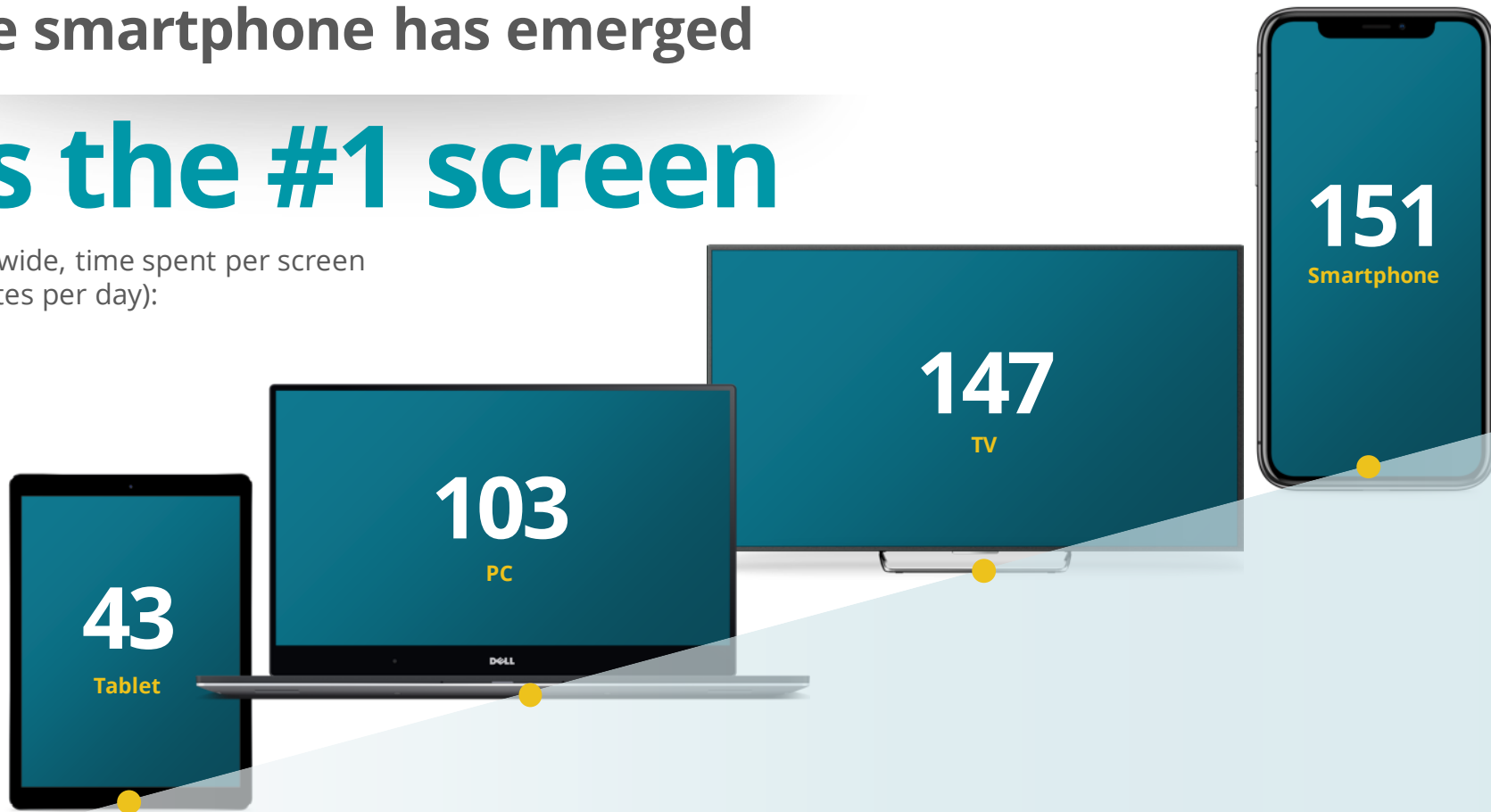


of IT professionals who report having paid for training out of their own pockets

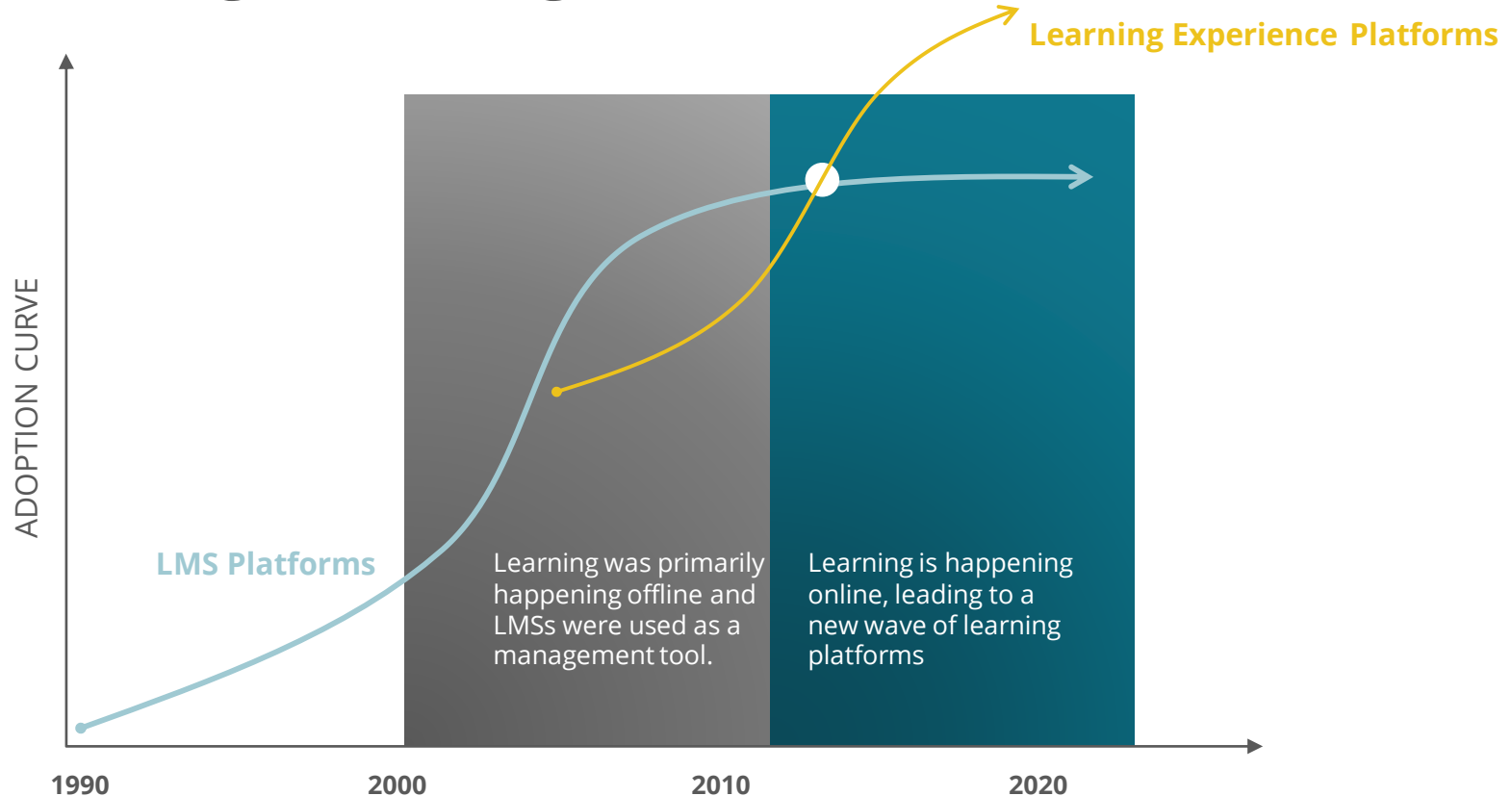
Source: *Meet the Modern Learner: Engaging the Overwhelmed, Distracted, and Impatient Employee*, Bersin by Deloitte, Deloitte Consulting LLP

The smartphone has emerged as the #1 screen

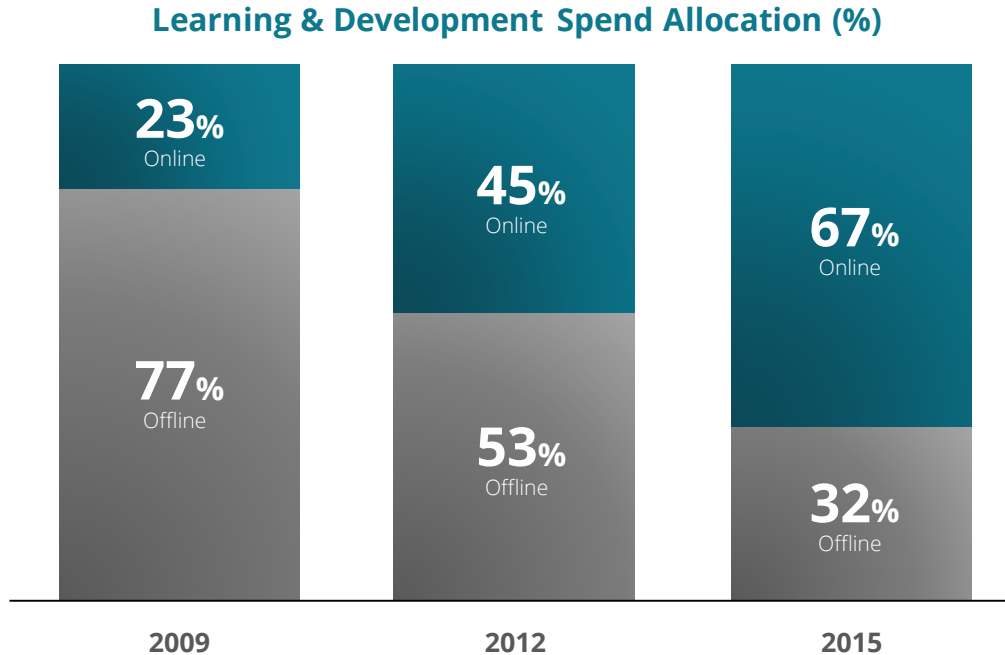
Worldwide, time spent per screen
(minutes per day):



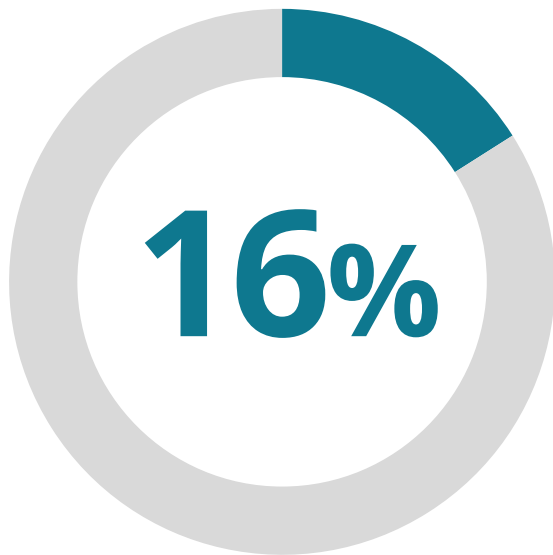
Online learning has changed



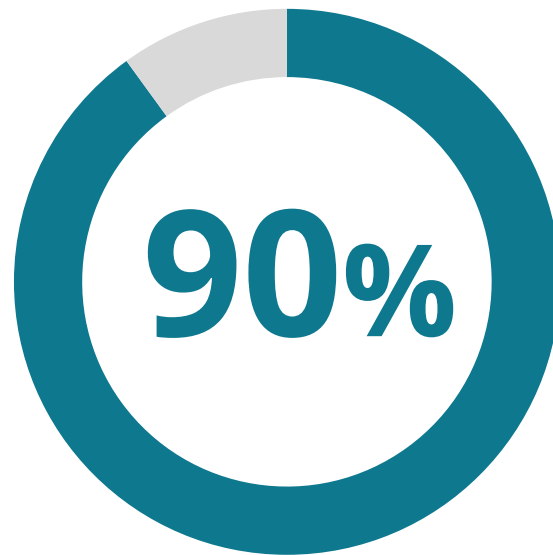
Share of spend on digital learning has changed



Learning organizations are changing



Today only **16% of L&D spending** is allocated to instructor delivery, vs. 21% in 2011 and 33% in 2006



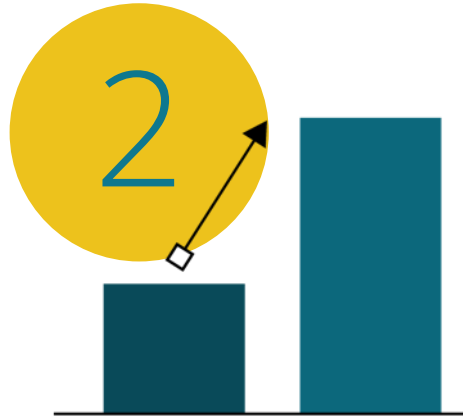
90% of organizations surveyed by MIT and Deloitte anticipate their industries will be totally disrupted by digital trends. (Deloitte)

Today, training companies have three key aims



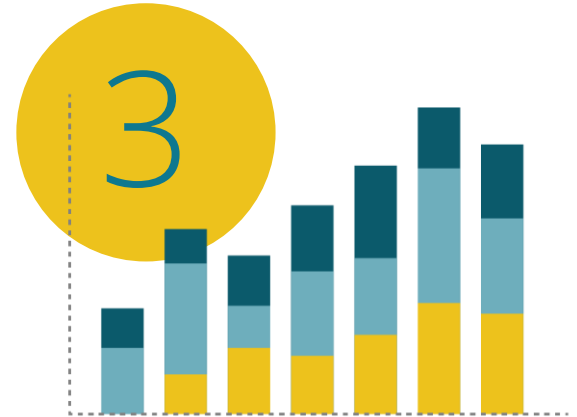
Help learners succeed

with a pedagogically robust learning product



Increase high margin revenue

with value added, industry leading learning program

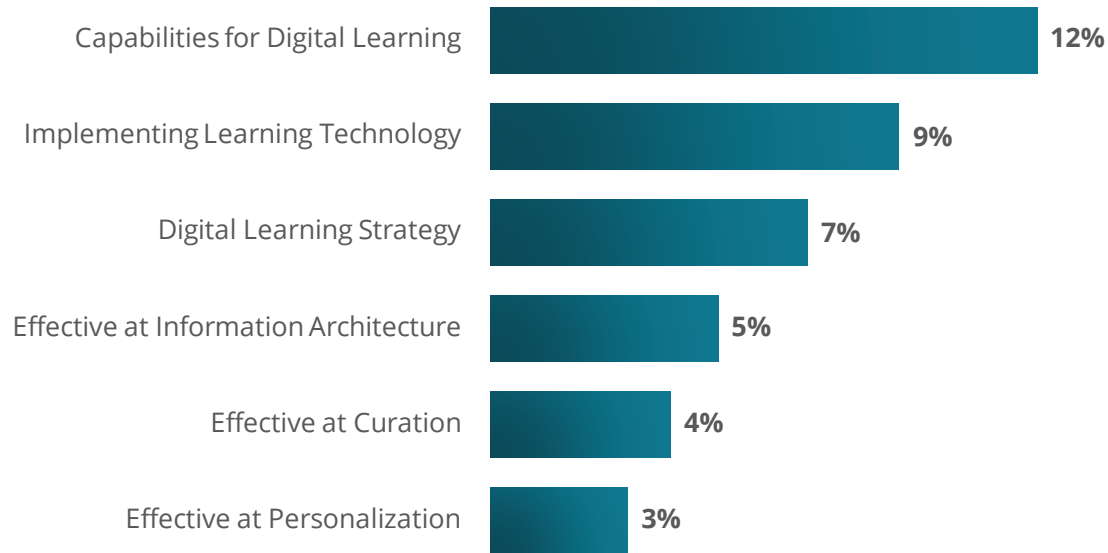


Improve participation rates

with a personalized, action-oriented learner journey

It has been difficult for learning companies to adapt

What % of Companies are Very Effective At:



BenchPrep has powered the digital transformation of leading education & training companies



CFA Institute

CompTIA



OnCourse Learning



Hewlett Packard
Enterprise



The American
Institute
of Architects

Graduate
Management
Admission
Council®

HOBSONS



RELIAS

and more...

5 Step Framework for a Digital Learning Transformation

1:

Top Down Learner Centric Vision

It is a **mindset change** to fully align your digital learning strategy around the learner



Have a strong sponsor that owns the **learner lens**



Align individual departmental priorities & build a SWAT team



Meaningful transformation requires a **clear vision** of the ideal learner experience

2:

**Digital is a must for
today's learners:
Embrace omnichannel**

Give learners freedom to study how they want, when they want, where they want



"In the moment"

Plan for extreme levels of personalization and customer engagement



Enable **self service** with adaptive, blended or structured learning pathways



Enable **bundling** of your traditional products with online programs ... within a single transaction

3:

**Let Data
Be Your Guide!**

Steer **continuous product improvement** through both aggregate and individual learner data



Start with your **hypothesis** and validate the direction with data



Break data out of **silos** to power innovation



Understand your learners and prioritize what they care about

4:

Focus on End-to-End Transformation

Transforming your digital learning strategy is not a program or set of projects



Harmonize business processes to ensure transformation runs deep and enterprise wide



Redefine how you do business front to back ... and back to front



Leverage your existing assets: tangible and intangibles

5:

Use Best Practices from Adjacent Industries

Business Model Innovation



Encourage **recurring revenue** relationships



RICHARDSON

Subscription based digital learning products alongside in-person training



HR
CERTIFICATION
INSTITUTE™

Offered learning + assessment bundles for CE programs



Opened corporate market by providing unbundled digital learning modules

Case Study

ABOUT RICHARDSON: 40 YEARS OF SALES EXCELLENCE

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- Singular focus on **DRIVING SALES PERFORMANCE**
- **THOUGHT LEADERSHIP** based on industry research, neuroscience and interviews with **7000 sales executives** and **top performers** annually.
- Deep understanding of how to **DRIVE CHANGE** in adult **BEHAVIOR**
- Responding to changes in the **BUSINESS** and **LEARNER** landscape
- Looked for a **PARTNER** who could help us get to market with a **MODERN** offering, **QUICKLY**



NEED TO INNOVATE

The background of the slide is a photograph of a desk. On the left, a portion of a laptop keyboard is visible. A hand with red-painted fingernails is positioned near the keyboard. In the center-right, there is a spiral-bound notebook with a dark cover. The notebook is open, showing lined pages. A silver pen lies on the notebook. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter.

CONTENT

New thinking about what kinds of courses, and how they build on one another

DELIVERY

Opportunity to innovate how we deliver content to users in a rigorous way at scale

OUR BENCHMARK

Learners **don't compare** their training experience **to other training experiences.**

They compare it to all other formal and informal learning experiences that they've had – in person or online.

Our benchmark can't be other training programs, it's now **youtube, google, moocs,** etc.

RICHARDSON'S LEARNING ARCHITECTURE

DIGITALLY ENABLED BLENDED LEARNING

ASSESS,
LEARN, & APPLY

PRACTICE &
REFINE

MASTER & SUSTAIN
IMPROVEMENT

BASELINE
SKILLS
ASSESSMENT

KNOWLEDGE
ACQUISITION
VIDEO
MODULES

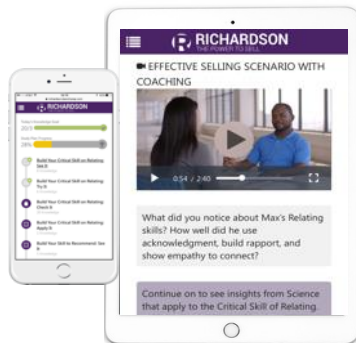
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BASED SKILL
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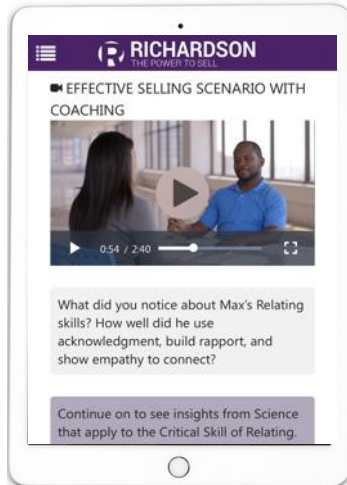
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RESULTS

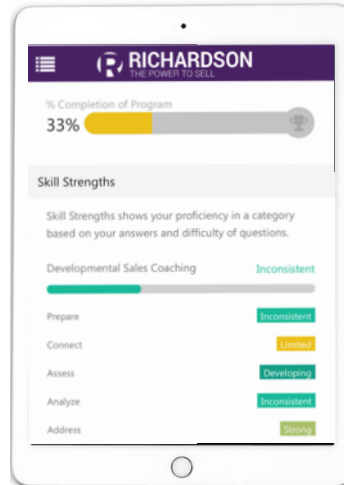
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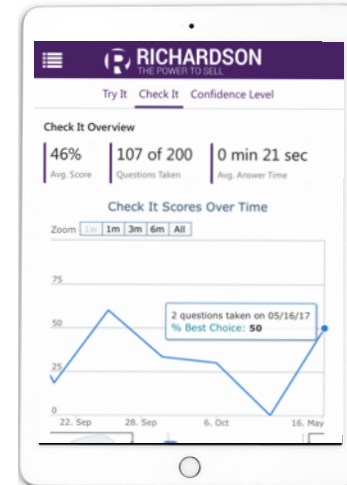
Flexible

PARTNERSHIP &
FEATURES TO GET TO
MARKET QUICKLY



Successful

DRIVING CUSTOMER
RETENTION & ACQUISITION



So what do I do now?

1

Document & agree upon the key macro changes happening in your industry

2

Audit your existing learning portfolio to stress test against the changes

3

Identify critical gaps and points of failure (short term and long term)

4

Study digital transformations of peers and organizations from adjacent industries

5

Assign an executive sponsor that owns the learner lens to lead the mindset shift

6

**ACT
TODAY**

Q&A

See you at ATD International in 2 weeks!



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