

Upskilling your people for the age of the machine

Why a workforce upskilling strategy is key to unleashing automation's productivity potential



Upskilling helps automation drive greater workforce productivity

Among organizations with high automation maturity, those with a full-scale upskilling initiative report higher levels of workforce productivity



Source: Capgemini Research Institute, Automation and the Workforce survey, July–September 2018; For executive view, N for organizations at the midway of full-scale upskilling program=24, N for organizations yet to start full-scale run=57; For employee view, N for organizations at the midway of full-scale upskilling program=21, N for organizations yet to start full-scale run=165. Percentages represent the share of executives and employees who feel that automation initiatives had a positive impact on their workforce productivity.

What is upskilling?

Large-scale programs designed to train and develop a workforce to deal with automation-driven change by:

Learning new skills or technologies within a similar 4 job, including:

Skills necessary to leverage automation effectively to complement the non-automated part of a job, and,

Skills useful to perform higher value tasks in the time freed-up by automation Redefining or complementing skills to shift to new types of jobs (Side-skilling/job migration)

Complementing existing skills with new ones to be able to perform several jobs (Multi-skilling).

Upskilling your workforce has a compelling business case

Upskilling can help a 50,000-strong organization save US \$278 million over three years compared with organizations that are yet to upskill their workforce at scale

Upskilling boosts employee morale and development

Impact of upskilling on employee morale and output - by organization's current stage of full-scale upskilling initiative









Source: Capgemini Research Institute, Automation and the Workforce survey, July–September 2018; Percentages indicate share of employees at each organization group who believe they have benefited from upskilling program in a certain way. N for "at midway of full-scale run"=108, N for "initial phase of full-scale run" is 573 (employees at senior manager, manager and non-supervisory role).

Despite the urgent need for action, few organizations have a mature upskilling initiative today

Status of organizations' upskilling initiatives for automation



Source: Capgemini Research Institute, Automation and the Workforce survey, July–September 2018, N=418, (senior executives in charge of adapting their workforce to automation).

And the workforce at junior level is uninformed and confused about automation initiatives

Share of employees not well informed about their organization's automation and upskilling initiatives – by grade



Senior associate/senior consultant/ senior engineer or equivalent 56%

69%

Associate/consultant/programmer /engineer or equivalent

Source: Capgemini Research Institute, Automation and the Workforce survey, July–September 2018; For associate-level employees N=392, for senior associate-level employees N=448, for manager-level employees N=246, for senior manager-level employees N=114.

Share of employees who are confused or afraid about automation – by grade



Source: Capgemini Research Institute, Automation and the Workforce survey, July–September 2018; For associate-level employees N=392, for senior associate-level employees N=448, for manager-level employees N=246, for senior manager-level employees N=114.

How to design and implement a successful upskilling strategy?



Source: Capgemini Research Institute Analysis.



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