THE STATE OF TODAY'S HR TECH STACK 2020

Optimize HR tech stacks to improve the employee experience as well as make productivity gains



HR tech stacks are a high priority

HR tech stacks are among the top ten priorities for most HR departments

46%

say that having a strong HR tech stack is among the top three priorities of their HR departments



say it is among their top ten priorities



Many HR professionals refer to the entirety of their technology solutions as the HR technology stack, aka the "HR tech stack"

There are good reasons for making it a priority

When used well, HR tech stacks can improve HR efficiency as well as the employee experience



agree or strongly agree that their HR tech stack increases HR efficiency/ productivity



say that their HR tech stack improves the employee experience

However, few employers excel at HR technology

Most HR tech stacks succeed in a couple of areas but underperform in many others



say their HR tech stack is top-notch



say their HR tech stack is above average

The bottom line:

There's a HUGE amount of room for improvement

The two most common characteristics of HR tech stacks are:

allows employees to access components via mobile devices

facilitates employee self-service

7 %

Far fewer say their tech stacks:

are easy to reconfigure as needed

28%

nurture and reinforce the desired corporate culture

21%

Many systems suffer integration issues



say their systems are not well integrated and/or cannot be integrated



say the components of their HR tech stacks integrate well or extremely well with one another

Yet, only

44%

say their organization has a well-defined strategy for developing or continuing to develop a well-integrated HR tech stack over the next several years

What does the future hold?

The employee experience is key to the future of HR tech stacks. More than half say that over the next two years their tech stacks will evolve to:

66%

increase employee self-service 58%

become more mobile friendly

52%

improve employee user experience **52**%

boost userfriendliness

52%

say they expect their HR tech stacks to allow greater access to remote workers

How do HR tech-stack leaders* differ from laggards?

HR tech-stack leaders are far better at integration



Just 5% of HR tech-stack leaders say their stacks are poorly or very poorly integrated



62% of laggards

HR tech-stack leaders see more accurate and actionable metrics



49% of leaders say their HR tech stack produces accurate and actionable HR metrics/analytics that enhance decision making



just 3% of laggards

Consider These Strategies



- Adopt a continuous improvement frame of mind
- Train your HR department in all relevant areas
- Hire HR professionals with HR tech skills
- **Consider** integration needs in advance and integrate key systems
- Strengthen remote access
- Look for quantifiable advantages, especially ones with a bottom line impact
- Focus on basic HR technology solutions first

About the Survey



The State of Today's HR Tech Stack 2020 survey ran in June and July 2020. We gathered 294 complete and partial responses from HR professionals in virtually every industry vertical. Respondents are located all over the world, but most of them reside in North America, especially the United States.

*HR tech-stack leaders: respondents who say the quality of their organization's HR tech stack is above average or top-notch.

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