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HPT Solutions & Evaluation Plan

DelveDig Training

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#### **Context & Performance Problem**

DelveDig Training offers customized curriculum development to its clients who desire to present specialized training based on their area of expertise to the market. The services that DelveDig offers are highly desirable and complex. The instructional designers (IDers) that DelveDig employs are capable and dependable. The process that DelveDig uses, however, is not producing the client relationship results that it desires. The clients would like to see faster and more transparent training development process. Additionally, DelveDig learns about client complaints too far along in the development process to make changes that are relevant to the client. There is a gap between the current service that is being provided by DelveDig and the desired state of happy clients. In order to improve client relations DelveDig is hoping for performance improvement behaviors that will enable them to function effectively and efficiently ultimately better serving their clients. The specific performance gaps being addressed are listed below:

- Reduction of client complaints from 60% to 10% of all client interactions.
- Training development time requires reduction from a range of four to eight months to an average of three months.
- Deliverables that are viewable to the clients and allow for client feedback early in the design process (two weeks).
- A consistent, repeatable, specific internal instructional design process that each team follows.
- Instructional designer feedback system that provides rapid, continual, and meaningful feedback to IDers during the instructional design process.

## **Interventions**

Intervention Category	Intervention	Justification
Performance Aid	Job aid: decision tree for escalating client complaints	The job aid will assist the instructional design team in identifying appropriate management of client complaints. The job aid will direct IDers to the proper documentations, as well as escalation process for persistent client concerns. This cognitive support tool (Molenda & Pershing, 2004) provides non-instructional support that IDers need to ensure proper management of client complaints.
Environmental	<ul> <li>Provision of Information through: <ul> <li>A client-focused deliverable approach to instructional design through a newly created rapid development process</li> <li>Establishment and communication of unambiguous performance expectations (Stolovitch &amp; Keeps, 2004, p. 123)</li> <li>Provision of timely and specific information to the individual on how she/he is performing (Stolovitch &amp; Keeps, 2004, p. 123) in conjunction with enhancement of</li> </ul></li></ul>	The newly created rapid development process will solve the root cause of tools (Molenda & Pershing, 2004) that are needed by the instructional designers. The new process will encompass new deliverables based completely on the work that the IDers are already doing. The template forms will enable faster development from the IDers to the client, but still allow for the traditional, valued ADDIE process to be followed ensuring quality work product. Additionally, cognitive support (Molenda & Pershing,

	motivation thereas a	2004) is in susses of here the
	motivation through support systems	2004) is increased by the establishment of unambiguous performance expectations allowing the IDers to focus on the instructional design process and allowing them to reduce any efforts of thought on what the client needs to know. Organizational systems (Molenda & Pershing, 2004) are included in this new process as IDers receive feedback with more frequency as the feedback is tied to the client deliverables.
Emotional	Enhancement of motivation	The instructional
	through support systems that	designers are sufficiently
	build confidence (Stolovitch &	motivated to perform
	Keeps, 2004).	their duties to the best of
		their abilities. Incentives
		such as bonuses are
		always a welcome addition by the
		employees; however, in
		this case the money
		would be wasted. The
		IDers are happy to do the
		job; what they need is
		more support in moving
		to the new training
		development process.
		The IDers need a
		feedback system that
		provides rapid, continual, and meaningful feedback
		to during the
		instructional design
		process so that they can
		make improvements to
		their work-product from

one step to another. The
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feedback will come in the
form of a support system
that builds confidence in
the IDers by providing
them the support they
need to transition to this
new, more rapid pace
deliverable-focused
process. The root cause
of organizational system
(Molenda & Pershing,
2004) will be addressed
by the enhancement of
motivation through
support systems.

## Intervention Descriptions (Appendices A, B, and C)

## Performance Aid: Job aid decision tree for escalating client complaints (Appendix A)

The job aid utilizes the Prezi software to enable IDers to become familiar with the new process for client complaints. Prezi was chosen as it is easy to use and provides dynamic decision tree for IDers to quickly ascertain appropriate steps to take for client complaints. A decision tree job aid was select because it is a diagram that enables the user to "easily find the item that tells you what to do or triggers your action" (Stolovitch & Keeps, 2004, p. 117). The steps of documentation for client complaint into client folder for the first complaint, escalation to the team manager after the second complaint, and details regarding client management are contained within the Prezi.

## Environmental: Provision of Information (Appendix B & C)

The provision of information presented as the intervention for the performance gaps of shorter training development time, transparency to and proactive feedback requests from the client, and a consistent, repeatable design process is a new rapid prototyping process. "The use of prototypes early in the development process stands in contrast to many development projects where the customer does not see the finished product until it is nearly complete" (Stokes Jones & Richey, 2000, p. 3). The process is based on the ADDIE model for instructional design but adds the client facing components necessary to creating and maintaining excellent client relationship. This particular process is informed by Shor's (2012) ADDIE+ model in which Shor (2012) comments on the similarities between the information technology field instructional design; "the creation of learning and performance solutions is dependent on software tools and delivery mechanisms, and it bears too much similarity to the IT industry, especially software development, to ignore" (p. 61). An advantage to this type of rapid prototyping is the formative feedback from the client that is solicited from the beginning of the project; contrary to traditional ID process where "the cost of making changes to a nearly finished project is often prohibitive" (Stokes Jones & Richey, 2000, p. 3). All phases of the instructional design process are included, but the instructional materials are presented in a storyboard format early in the development process, 2-3 weeks if possible. The phases of DelveDig's rapid prototyping development process are; essentials, storyboard, revised materials & evaluation plan, evaluation results & final materials review, and finished product. The client deliverables and internal process are described in chart format in Appendix B. Sample client deliverables are located in Appendix C.

# Emotional: Enhancement of motivation through support systems that build confidence (Stolovitch & Keeps, 2004). (Appendix D)

The one-on-one meeting will be the main mechanism for the implementation of the enhancement of motivation through support systems. While non-instructional in nature, the meeting will use confidence-building strategies from Keller (1987)'s ARCS model. The meeting will include; "criteria for evaluation of performance," as well as "help set realistic goals" and "opportunity to become increasingly independent in learning and practicing a skill" (Keller, 19897, p. 5). Currently no regular feedback is provided to IDers so the meeting will serve as the mechanism for this feedback to occur. The meeting itself however, is not enough to ensure support. The support will be given by providing meaningful feedback during the course of the meeting. The key components of the meeting are (1) evaluation of new process, (2) ID feedback, (3) ID support, and (4) evaluation of ID support (Appendix D).

### **Evaluation**

*Kirkpatrick's Levels* of evaluation (Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2006) were used in the production of this evaluation plan. These interventions are non-instructional in nature and therefore Level Two of the Kirkpatrick Evaluation model was not utilized.

#### **Performance aid**

#### Level One:

Managers will request feedback from ID team regarding the usability of the decision tree job aid. Comments will be requested about the job aid at a two separate team meetings. The instructional designers will each be asked:

- 1. Are you effectively using the client complaint decision tree job aid?
- 2. What changes can be made to the job aid to make it more effective?

The manager will record the information from the first meet after the roll out of the job aid and subsequently at a second meeting 2-3 months after the roll out of the job aid. A comparison between the two data points will be made to identify problem areas and/or note improvement areas. Note that suggestions from the changes should be made after each meeting. The management team will determine if further data is needed based on the severity of the changes suggested and subsequently make changes to the job aid.

### Level Three: (Appendix E & F)

The overall usage of the job aid will be tracked electronically using the Prezi software "views" function. Additionally, managers will review client complaint records for accurate use of the job aid. For example, if they receive an alert from an IDer, does it contain the appropriate information? Are IDers contacting managers when a second complaint is made? Are first complaints noted in the client file? Managers will maintain an electronic record of clients with complaints and notations of correct or incorrect compliance with procedures based on the job aid. See Appendix F page 1 for the Client Complaint Log.

## Level Four:

As "measures are already in place via normal management systems and reporting - the challenge is to relate to the trainee" (Chapman, 2014, table 1). The records maintained in level three will be reviewed and related to the instructional designers in order support their individual performance improvement. Suggestions for improvement will be made based on client complaints process compliance gaps. If no gap exists, IDers will be receive positive feedback on their compliance and client management.

### Environmental

Level One

Instructional designers are provided feedback on each client deliverable that they create. The feedback will be sent via email and discussed at the one-on-one meeting. Within the email, the following questions will enable reaction level evaluation from the IDer.

- 1. Do you understand the feedback provided on this client deliverable? Yes/No
  - a. If no, what questions do you have?
- 2. Please describe in your own words what you will do differently, if any, the next time you encounter this deliverable/situation.

## Level Three

The manager will create the reports Deliverable Feedback & Response Report, Client Compliant Log, and Client Complain Trend Report and Graph. The reports will be updated after each deliverable is given to the client and client feedback is received. The feedback will be presented in conjunction with client complaints. The reports, created by the manager based on information provided in the client folder, are viewable in Appendix F.

#### Level Four

During the monthly review meetings (conducted monthly in lieu of the weekly one-on-one for that particular week) the manager will report the record of feedback for all deliverables created during that month (likely 1-3 deliverables). The overall trends will be discussed with the IDer. IDers will have the opportunity to note points of improvement and areas for further development. The IDer will have the opportunity to ask questions for clarification, make suggestions for improved client interactions, and make suggestions to the new DelveDig processes.

## **Emotional (Appendix G & H)**

Level One: Reaction (Appendix G)

An online survey administered through SurveyMoneky will constitute the level one reaction. A five-question survey to be taken three-four months after the implementation of the new support system will constitute the reaction level evaluation step. This will allow for 3-5 working support sessions to occur and enable IDers ample time for them to develop a reaction to the process. The survey can be found in Appendix G.

#### Level Three: Behavior

#### In-person interview (Appendix H)

In order to ascertain the general mood and mental energy of each IDer, a brief in-person interview will be conducted at the beginning of each one-on-one support meeting. The interview will consist of two questions. They will be the same each time. The manager will collect the ID responses and review them weekly to assess the overall mood. Numeric coding should be used to determine an overall score of them. The point of the interview is two-fold; determine the overall mood of team and identify specific members that may require additional support. A secondary benefit to this structure is that individuals who are performing particularly well in the new process may be identified as team mentor who might be capable to support team members struggling with the new process. Questions are listed below. Scoring for the questions can be found in Appendix H.

Questions:

- 1. How are things going with the new process?
- 2. Can you tell me the one thing that needs improving with the new process?

## "Frustrated" count (Appendix H)

A "frustrated" menu option will be located on the front page of the DelveDig system. A click on the "frustrated" menu will take the user to a large graphic button containing "frustrated" as the text. The only other information presented on the page will be the following support text; "I feel..." before the button and "by DelveDig's new rapid prototyping ID process" at the conclusion of the page. This will allows managers to monitor the quantity of times that an IDer feels frustrated with the new process at the time of that frustration. It will then allow them to monitor whether feelings of frustration are decreasing, increasing, or staying the same. If proper support mechanisms are in place, IDers should feel a decreased sense of frustration. This button provides the added feature of allowing IDers an immediate and actionable outlet for frustration that experience. Three narrative questions based on the confidence-building strategies employed in support of the ID will be asked at the conclusion of the meeting:

- 1. Do you understand the "criteria for evaluation of performance"? (Keller, 1987, p. 5).
- 2. Do you feel you have been helped to set "realistic goals"? (p. 5)
- **3.** Do you feel you are being supported "to become increasingly independent in learning and practicing" (p. 5) the new ID process?

### **Conclusion**

The performance interventions described previously serve to increase client satisfaction through the reductions of training development time and increased transparency throughout the process. Increased support to DelveDig's instructional designers is also an important component of the intervention strategy. Change can be challenging and the new process will be more successful if implemented with confidence-building support to the instructional designers. Additionally, the instructional designers will have the added benefit of an improved work life through both an improved process and enhanced personal support.

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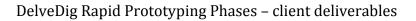
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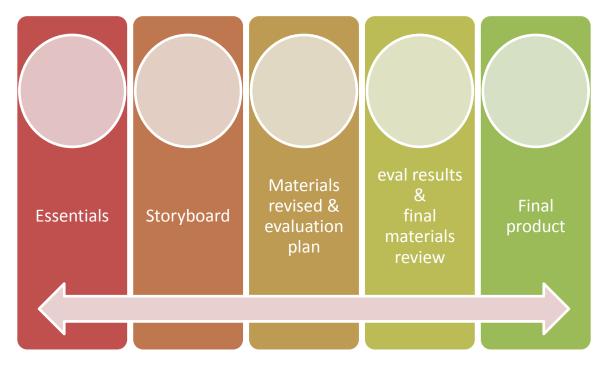
# Appendix A



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## Appendix B



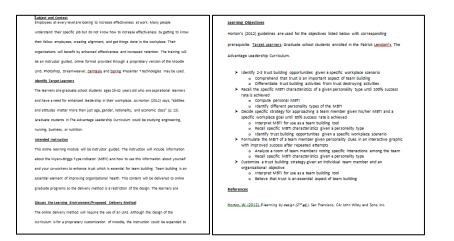


DelveDig Rapid Prototyping Phases – Internal processes



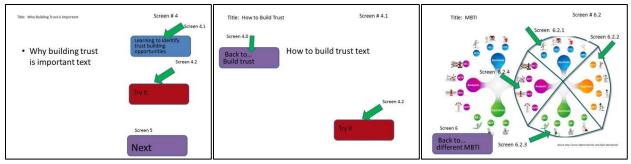
## Appendix C - Sample Client reports - Essentials & Storyboard

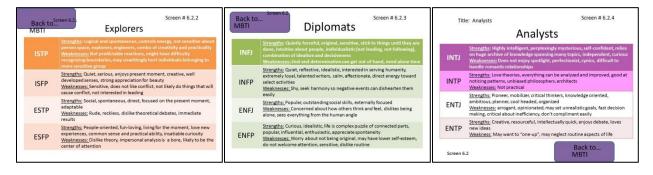
### Essentials



## Storyboard





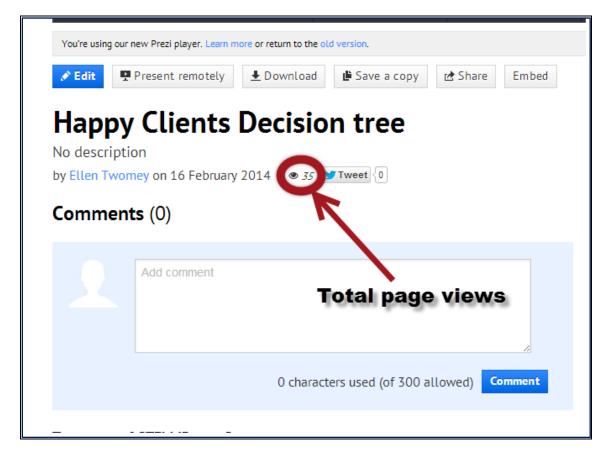


# Appendix D

Instructional Design Fe	eedback session through one-on-one meeting
Evaluation of new process	1. How are things going with the new process?
Questions asked to ID	2. Can you tell me the one thing that needs improving
	with the new process?
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ID Feedback	1. Frustration level tally (overall team).
Information provided to ID	2. Client complaint documentation: How many clients
	have occurred in the last week? What is the client
	complaint trend (complaints/week in the last
	month)?
	3. What did the IDer do to rectify the complaint?
	4. Were proper procedures followed when the
	complaint was received?
	5. Re client complaints: What was done well, what
	could be improved for next time?
	6. A review of the latest client deliverable including
	client's reaction to the deliverable.
	7. Re client deliverable: What was done well, what
	could be improved for next time?
	8. Discussion of successful areas (potential
	identification of mentoring opportunities based on
	successful execution of one or more parts of the
	process.
ID support	1. How many times did you press the "frustrated"
Questions asked to ID	button? How would rate your level of frustration or
	pleasure with the new process?
	2. What do you need from me (manager) to be successful?
	3. How could you feel more supported in serving our
	client's needs?
Evaluation of ID Support	1. Do you understand the "criteria for evaluation of
System	performance"? (Keller, 1987, p. 5).
Questions asked to ID	2. Do you feel you have been helped to set "realistic
	goals"? (p. 5)
	3. Do you feel you are being supported "to become
	increasingly independent in learning and practicing"
	(p. 5) the new ID process?

## Appendix E

Views of Happy Clients Decision Tree Prezi



# Appendix F: Reports – page 1 of 2

## Deliverable Feedback & Response Report

[Company Name]		int .			
[Project Name ]					
[Instructional Designer]					
Deliverable feedback	Deliverables				
Deliverable recuback	Essentials	Storyboard	Revised & Eval plan	in al materiale	Fig.al Deadure
	Lssentials	Storyboard	nevised & Eval plan	mai materiais	r inai Froduc
Score (out of 10)	7	8	9		
Increase/decrease from previous project	2	(1)	0		
Actions taken based on formative feedback score (out of 10)	9	9	9		
Client Complaints	2	3	1		
Increase/decrease from previous project	(2)	0	1		
Narrative Section of Feedback					
	Cllient was satisfied that the	Client was excited by the	1990 2002 70 <sup>20</sup>		
	essentials document	story board. Creative, easy	Client said updates were		
	provided the appropriate	to work with, and helpful were	on target. Evaluation		
	information in an easy to	used to describe the	plan was useful and on		
Positive feedback from the client	understand format.	deliverable.	target.		
	Essentials meeting was re-	Request for information was			
	scheduled and client was	met with resistance.			
	anxious to see deliverable.	Questions regarding the	Client was displeased		
	Frustration was expressed	validity of the storyboard	with the state of the		
Client complaints	regarding information	were raised. Failure to	revision. More detail was		
Lilent complaints	requests.	provide details.	expected.		
	Request all information at	Request all information at	CM 20103 27 0002440		
mprovement suggestions from the client	the beginning of the process.	the beginning of the process.	Provide greater details.		
		Changes to the request for	Assurance of more		
	Understanding and concern	information procedures were	details was made.		
	was expressed regarding the	made internally. This update	Details were added and		
	significant amount of	of procedures was	communicated to the		
How the ID responded to the client complaints	information needed.	communicated to the client.	client.		
n na na manana any kaokaminina dia 3000000000000000000000000000000000000	Calm explanations and client	The initial Storyboard was	Client communication is		
	management was highly	excellent and will be used as	a major area of		
lighlights of most successful areas by the ID	successful.	a company benchmark.	improvement.		
	Information requests were	Internal processes were		T	
low the ID made changes based on client feedback	confirmed as necessary.	changed.	Details were added.		
		Requests for information		1	
	Client communication was	processes were changed	Proactive stance with		
How the ID made changes based on manager feedback	increased.	internally.	client communication.		
	Improvements to essentials	Proactive stance towards	Continue to work on		
Areas to work on going forward	deliverable.	client happiness.	client communication.		

# Client Compliant Log

#### [Company Name] [Project Name ] [Project Timeline in Months]

Gray cells are calcuated for you. You do not need to enter anything in them.

Client Complaint Log					
	Complaint #1	Complaint #2	Complaint #3		
Client complaint type					
Complaint rating	9.5	10.00	8.00		
ID rating of client support	100.0	50.00	80.00		
Percentage score of properly managed complaint	95.0%	50.0%	64.0%		
Time of complaint					
Date	8/8/2013	8/25/2013	9/10/2013		
Week of project	week 1	week 3	week 5		
Deliverable stage of project	essentials	storyboard	eval plan		
Time of day	2:00pm	3:00pm	9:00am		
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## Appendix F: Reports – page 2 of 2

## Client Complain Trend Report and Graph

#### [Company Name] [Project Name ] [Project Timeline in Months]

Gray cells are calcuated for you. You do not need to enter anything in them.

	Week 1 Week 2		Week 3	
Total complaints	2	3	1	
Increase/decrease from previous week	0	+2	(2	
Properly managed complaints	2	2	1	
Percentage of properly managed complaints Increase/decrease from previous week	100% 0%	67% -33%	100% 133%	



# Appendix G

# Survey monkey screen shot & link

# https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PZNZLTB

1. How supportive do you feel your supervisor is of your goals?
Extremely supportive
Quite supportive
O Moderately supportive
Slightly supportive
Not at all supportive
2. Feedback that I receive is meaningful and actionable.
Strongly Agree
O Agree
O Neutral
O Disagree
Strongly Disagree
3. I feel capable to perform the rapid prototyping process.
Strongly agree
O Agree
O Neutral
O Disagree
Strongly disagree
4. I feel supported in the rapid prototyping process.
Strongly agree
O Agree
O Neutral
O Disagree
Strongly disagree
5. Overall I am happy with my job.
Strongly agree
O Agree
O Neutral
O Disagree
Strongly disagree

## Appendix H

In-person interview scoring rubric

	1 point	2 points	3 points	4 points	5 points
Question #1	any	for a negative	for a	somewhat	positive
	response	comment said	neutral	or mostly	comment
		with a calm	comment	positive	
		tone		comment	
Questions #2	no	a complaint	suggestion	comment	comments that
	suggesti	session or	that is	about a	is everything
	on due	overabundanc	delivered	minor	working well or
	to anger	e of	with in	suggestion	delivered with
		suggestions	neutral	in a mildly	genuine interest
			tone	positive	to improve the
				tone	process

## Frustrated screen shot and link

http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~etwomey/frustratedButtonPage.htm

I FEEL... Frustrated