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Hemmersbach Global Campus Uses Virtual Training, Social Learning, Screenshots to Increase Knowledge

Hemmersbach GmbH & Co. KG and Docebo Best Advance in Learning Technology Implementation November 2019

Company Background



Company-at-a-Glance	Hemmersbach	
Headquarters	Nuremberg, Germany	
Employees	3,500	
Global Scale	38 subsidiaries in 190 countries	
Customers/Output, etc. (Key customers and services offered)	Key customers include HP, IBM, Lenovo, Dell, HCL and Accenture; IT services for manufacturers (Onsite, repair shop, and service desk) and outsourcers (workplace, data center and network)	
Industry	IT services	
Website	www.hemmersbach.com	



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Company-at-a-Glance	Docebo
Headquarters	Toronto, Canada
Year Founded	2005
Employees	290
Global Scale	North America, EMEA, UK, LATAM and APAC
Customers/Output, etc. (Key customers and services offered)	More than 1,500 customers globally
Industry	Learning Technology
Website	www.Docebo.com

Budget and Timeframe

Overall budget	€34,000
Number of (HR, Learning, Talent) employees involved with the implementation?	Approximately 10 people
Number of Operations or Subject Matter Expert employees involved with the implementation?	Three
Number of contractors involved with implementation	One
Timeframe to implement	Nine months
Start date of the program	Feb. 1, 2019



Business Conditions and Business Needs

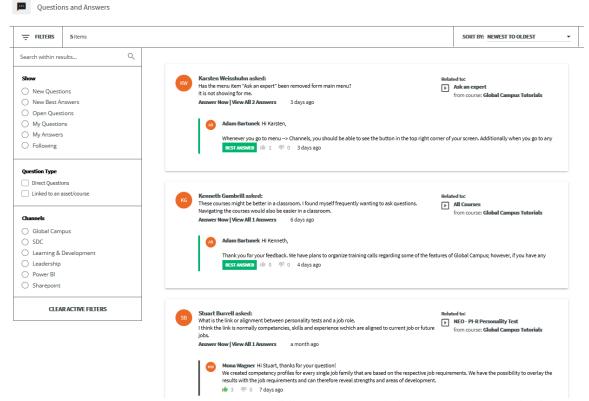
Hemmersbach was led to implement a new learning technology to involve more employees in the creation of content by contributing training materials and helping each other without having to ask the company's Learning & Development team for assistance. Due to the fast growth of the operational business worldwide, it was becoming increasingly necessary to provide cross-organizational and easy-accessible knowledge. By encouraging department members to contribute their own content, this is now becoming possible.

Overview

The goal of implementing and launching a new platform were to encourage more and more people to get involved in contributing to the development of learning content across the organization. With the implementation, the goal was achieved as the launch of the new platform has encouraged Hemmersbach's employees to start more new training initiatives than ever before and has enabled them to upload training materials on a regular basis. Additionally, Hemmersbach wanted to encourage and promote employees to become experts and take on the responsibility of answering questions, contribute to the social elements of organizational learning and help the wider company in deciding what assets could be considered most helpful.



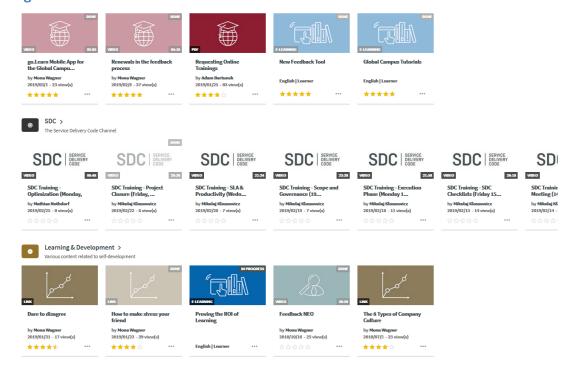
Figure 1: Contribution - Questions and Answers



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The LMS (Docebo) was integrated throughout the enterprise by launching channels for every single department and country at Hemmersbach. Those channels contain knowledge that's department-specific, as well as country-specific, are provided in the local language. Placing a focus on empowering social learning set the expectation and goal of having international teams always up to date and sharing their knowledge, while creating subject matter experts across the company and generating information available through learning content that is important for the whole department or country.

Figure 2: Channels



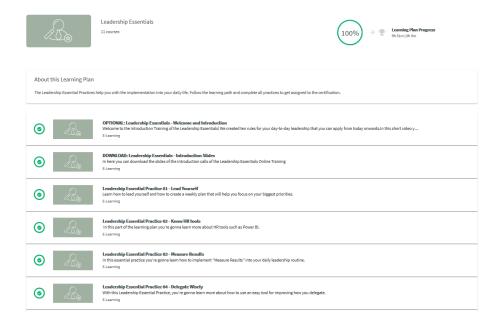
Design of the Program

The learning technology used allows its users to watch and comment training materials, answer questions posted under learning assets by other users, upload what they consider as useful for everybody to see and earn badges for being active. Supervisors are able to download reports with their employees' results and training progress, as well as assign them to completely new training opportunities.

The courses and trainings offered within the LMS are part of the organizational employee development program. Supervisors identify a training need in the feedback interviews and are able to close a skill or knowledge gap by assigning their subordinates trainings and courses. They can also measure the success of the training by creating reports.



Figure 3: Learning Plan Example



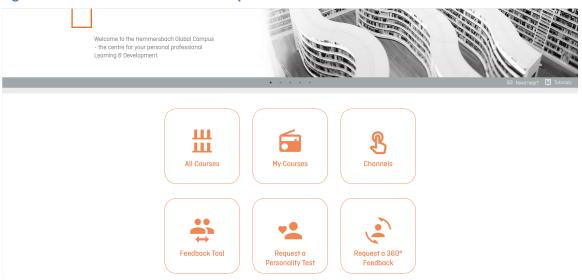
Hemmersbach also encourages its employees to engage with learning content where it is most useful for their own learning habits. To enable Hemmersbach's modern learnings, users are able to connect from internal and external accounts and networks via the "go.learn" mobile app from the platform provider Docebo. The LMS allows the user to finish courses, as well as sequential learning plans, join and create webinars, watch videos and complete language courses.

Hemmersbach is a medium-sized and global company that works primarily in international teams. Due to this fact and the growing trend to digitalization, the LMS makes it possible to set up virtual conferences and classroom trainings to impart the knowledge globally, this has helped save both money and time. The sessions can be recorded and uploaded to the platform and made available throughout every time zone and can be accessible to those who might previously have missed or due to absences like holiday or sick leave.

Delivery of the Program

The new learning technology was launched alongside another new platform within the company. The "Global Campus" consists of Courses and Channels (housed and distributed via the Docebo LMS). Additionally, a self-developed feedback tool with an integrated 70/20/10 development plan supplemented with a Hemmersbach-developed 360° feedback tool that assesses leadership competencies, and the offer to do a personality assessment has been implemented to ensure the success of learning programs.

Figure 4: Hemmersbach Global Campus



The role out of the Global Campus was advertised internally in the Management Board Meetings and by the Managers HR Business to gain more popularity amongst employees. An additional newsletter was sent out describing features of the new learning technology and encourages employees to look through the available trainings. Professional screencasts were also created and uploaded to a private YouTube channel, and the link was sent out to the whole organization to spread the content even further to employees internationally.

Change Management Efforts

There were issues with transferring learning progress from the old platform to the new one. With the help of the vendor, however, it was possible to transfer it without any major issues.

The biggest overall challenge was to get familiar with the extensive features of the LMS Docebo and to cover all possible scenarios before the launch.

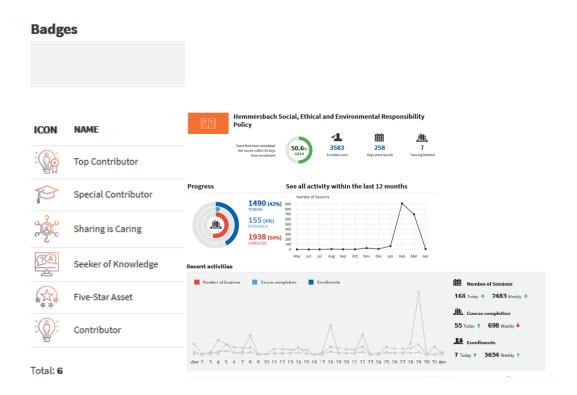
It was decided to do a big roll-out, providing information about the new platform simultaneously to more than 3,500 employees. In the beginning, many requests were received and changes had to be made very quickly. In daily pulse calls, the most important incidents were collected and actions set to cover the incoming inquiries.



Measurable Benefits

The biggest benefit in regard to the ROI of the training is that Hemmersbach's employees are high-skilled professionals who can extend their skills and knowledge on a daily basis and ensure a steadily increasing customer satisfaction. This leads to more contracts and commissions and encourages trust. Another ROI of the training is seen in the employee retention that comes up as the staff recognizes that the company takes care of a personal development and growth. Employees are able to earn badges and points, which they can exchange for various rewards such as vouchers, extra holiday, etc. Another benefit is that every employee within the company receives a certificate confirming their skills and knowledge. The aim is to reduce the employee turnover what therefore has another ROI of training by saving recruitment costs.

Figure 5: Badges and Activity



The success of trainings and courses can be measured by reviewing the attendance and results statistics and concluding tests to prove the knowledge and, of course, by applying the knowledge in the daily business. This can be recorded by the respective supervisor in the self-developed feedback tool or rather in its development plan.



Figure 6: Feedback Tool



Learning & Development analyzes the outcome on a regular basis and can create statistics that also display the skill and knowledge development.

As the new LMS was just launched, it is not possible yet to provide comprehensive and expressive results. Many courses and trainings are still planned or in progress, and the department- and country-specific channels were recently rolled out at the end of March.

Overall

It turned out that assistance of experienced employees in developing the new learning technology was invaluable. Hemmersbach plans to continue this approach and grant even more rights to selected experts so that they can play a bigger part in the future of the company's learning program. Although the platform was just launched, it can be noted that many employees are using the new technology to create virtual trainings what was not done before in the old system. The application and manifestation of knowledge is something that increased the most. Even though trainees cannot take part in follow-up sessions of trainings, they are now able to watch renewals and exercises remote on the platform. The view counts underline this.

The main goal is to create more training opportunities that will allow Hemmersbach's employees to become certified and skilled in specific areas. A content specialist was just hired in the beginning of April to create a standardized approach to training content, to create an appealing design and to deliver trainings faster.

Learning & Development was excluded from HR and turned into a separate department on April 1. This underlines the focus on employee development. Having high-skilled and developed professionals is one if the Big Three company goals in 2019.



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