

# Don't Just Give Me "All the Data" - Using xAPI for Training Effectiveness Evaluation

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- Evaluation Strategy
- Measurement Strategy
- Aligning xAPI to Your Strategies
  - xAPI Profiles
  - Measures of Effectiveness (KM Levels 1-3)
  - Measures of Efficiency (TDRp) Level 0
- Resources



#### Veracity Evaluation Strategy

Start with the end in mind: Evaluation "The End is the Beginning"



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#### eracity TEEP – OPNAV INST 1500.76D



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#### OPNAV INSTRUCTION 1500.76D

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- (b) DoD Instruction 5000.80 of 30 December 2019
- (e) OPNAVINST 1500.27G
- (d) SECNAVINST 5000 2F
- (e) CJCSI 5123.01H
- (f) OPNAVINST 5310.23A
- (g) DOD Instruction 5000.75 of 2 February 2017
- (h) OPNAVINST 1540.56B
- (i) SECNAVINST 11011.47D (i) OPNAVINST 3500.34G
- (k) NAVSO P-1000 of November 2019
- (I) SECNAVINST 5000.36A
- (m)DoD Directive 5000.59 of 8 August 2007
- (n) OPNAVINST 11010.20H
- (o) OPNAVINST 4790.4F
- (p) COMUSELTFORCOMINST/COMPACELTINST 3501.3D
- (g) OPNAVINST 4790.16B
- (r) MIL-STD-46855a, Human Engineering Requirements for Military Systems, Equipment and Facilities, 24 May 2011
- (s) OPNAVINST 1000.16L
- (t) DoD Instruction 5000.02T of 7 January 2015
- (u) OPNAVINST 3500.23D
- Encl: (1) Manpower and Training Requirements Planning
  - (2) Training Estimate and Navy Training System Plan Format
  - (3) Training Effectiveness Evaluation Plan
  - (4) Training Installation and Transfer Agreement
  - (5) Rating Continuum
  - (6) Glossary and Acronyms

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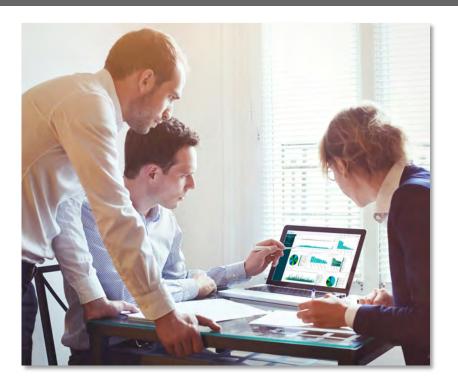
#### TRAINING EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION PLAN

- 1. Introduction. The TEEP identifies and describes the plan to conduct a Training Effectiveness Evaluation (TEE) of the KPP or KSA (or both), critical tasks and associated standards related to the training delivered. The TEEP provides a strategy to collect and evaluate performance data of E/S/S, training systems, curricula and sailors.
- 2. Purpose. To document the strategy, schedule and measures of effectiveness as determined by the TYCOMs, NETC and other stakeholders.
- 3. Process. The PM is responsible for the TEEP in coordination with NETC and TYCOM. At a minimum, a TEEP will be developed in alignment with the MTRP or test and evaluation master plan (TEMP) (or both) and builder's trial cards resulting from changes to a Rating Continuum. Updates will be developed based on MTRP triggers and incorporated into the next scheduled TEE. A TEE will be conducted no earlier than six months after completion of the pilot training event and when the system and fleet occupational performance data is available to collect and evaluate. The results of the TEE may drive revisions to MTRP products (FEA, RDA,
- 4. Procedure. The actions identified in subparagh 4a-c will be performed to create a TEEP and
- a. The task analysis (system or rating) data is the authoritative source for the system and learning objectives linked to occupational standards providing the foundational starting point for
- b. Create an individual detailed evaluation plan for the TEEA, who will conduct the TEE. Identify the resources required to conduct the TEE. The TEEP requires TYCOM concurrence.
- c. The TEEP will have the following sections: front matter, program identification, data collection strategy, evaluation strategy, TEEA selection and TEE reporting.
- (1) Front Matter. Includes a cover page that identifies the training system or the training device, date prepared and activity or organization by code preparing the document and a table of contents identifying training system or training device name and number.
- (2) Part 1 Program Identification. Identify the host activity and location of the training site(s). List identification of TEEA(s) to send team members with lead activity also identified. List the number, rank, rate and rating of students to evaluate. List the number and type of



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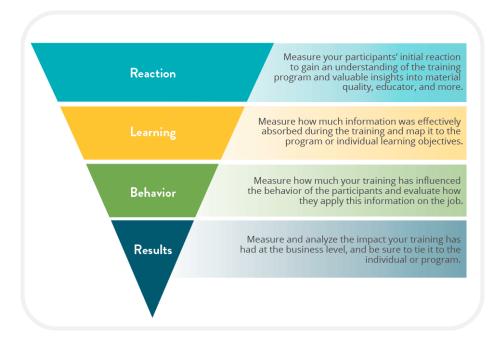




#### **Evaluation Strategy**

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  - What are the reporting goals/requirements?
    - informs why you want to measure
  - Who is the org/client/customer and/or decision-makers?
    - they should help define the reporting goals/requirements
  - What model/framework can you use/tweak for your strategy?
    - Kirkpatrick, Phillips ROI, Talent
       Development Reporting Principles
       Framework (TDRp), etc.

#### THE KIRKPATRICK MODEL



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#### eracity Talent Development Reporting Principles (TDRp)

#### https://www.centerfortalentreporting.org

- Established to provide L&D and HR standards for reporting & analysis, similar to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)
- Helps you figure out why and reasons for measuring
- Focuses on not just Effectiveness, but also Efficiency and Outcome measures





## **Veracity** | Measurement Strategy (Infusing TDRp)

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- Build the Evaluation Strategy
  - Why do you want to measure?
- Reasons for Measuring:
  - Inform, Monitor, Evaluate & Analyze, Manage
- Types of Measures:
  - Efficiency, Effectiveness, Outcome (Results)





- A profile is the "blueprint" for a successful xAPI implementation!
- Provides a common vocabulary, descriptive metadata, and the data collection requirements (what should be captured/stored and reported on).
- Reuse existing profiles when you can!
  - Courses (i.e., SCORM, cmi5)
  - Assessment
  - Serious Games
  - Audio/Video
  - E-books
  - Performance Support
  - Simulations
- ADL's xAPI Profile Server: https://profiles.adlnet.gov
- Torrance Learning: https://torrancelearning.com/xapi/profiles/tools/flattener







## **Measures of Effectiveness**

Aligning xAPI with the Kirkpatrick Model Levels 1-3



## Align Reporting Goals & Measures w/ xAPI

Reporting Goal	KPI / Measure	Purpose	Feedback Loop(s)	Reports/ Analytics	Assessment Technique	xAPI Data Collection Req.
What is the reporting goal/requirement identified/approved by the stakeholders?	What will be measured to provide data for the reporting goal?	What is the purpose of the measure?	What feedback will be provided from the measure? (think about the reasons - inform, monitor, analyze, manage).	What types of reports or analytics will be created?	What types of assessment instruments will be used?	What xAPI data should be collected to support the measure and reporting goal?



Satisfaction (4.1 -

5.0)

Learning

5.0)

Environment

Satisfaction (4.1 –

satisfaction with the

content

Favorable user

satisfaction with the

learning environment,

resources, or systems

#### eracity KM Level 1 - Reaction

**feel** about the content

design, subject matter,

benchmark

modality, or resources, and

if it is performing above the

Measures how the users

feel about the quality and

appropriateness of the

environment, ease of access, and if it is

performing above the

benchmark

Reporting Goal	KPI / Measure	Purpose	Feedback Loop(s)	Reports/ Analytics	Assessment Technique	xAPI Data Collection Req.
Instructor Satisfaction (4.1 – 5.0)	Favorable user satisfaction with the instructor	Measures how the users feel about the instructor and if the instructor is performing above the benchmark	- Informs stakeholders how the instructor is performing - Helps stakeholders make informed decisions about operations and resourcing	- Instructor Satisfaction Report	Survey	Assessment Profile
Content	Favorable user	Measures how the users	- Informs stakeholders how the	- Learning Content	Survey	Assessment Profile

resources

environment

content is performing

- Helps stakeholders make

decisions about making changes

or improvements to the training

- Informs stakeholders how the

improvements to the learning

environment is performing

- Helps stakeholders make

content, curriculum, or other

Satisfaction Report

- Learning Environment

Satisfaction Report

Survey

Assessment Profile



## eracity KM Level 2 - Learning

Reporting Goal	KPI / Measure	Purpose	Feedback Loop(s)	Reports/ Analytics	Assessment Technique	xAPI Data Collection Req.
Pretest Pass Rate	Number of users that passed a <b>knowledge</b> assessment <b>pretest</b>	Measures the users' existing knowledge before completing a learning activity	- Informs stakeholders of users' existing knowledge of subject matter - Informs stakeholders of users' performance above or below the passing score threshold - Provides benchmark for later comparison against the posttest results	Pretest Pass/Fail Rate Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Pretest Knowledge Assessment	Assessment Profile
Practice Test Pass Rate	Number of users that passed or failed a knowledge assessment quiz or practice test	Measures the users' new knowledge acquired during a learning activity	<ul> <li>Informs stakeholders of users' increased knowledge</li> <li>Informs stakeholders of high and low performers, above or below the passing score threshold</li> <li>Provides a metric for comparing against the pretest results</li> </ul>	- Posttest Pass/Fail Rate Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard - Pretest/Posttest Comparison Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Practice/Quiz Knowledge Assessment	Assessment Profile
Posttest Pass Rate	Number of users that passed or failed a knowledge assessment posttest	Measures the users' increase in knowledge after completing the learning activity	<ul> <li>Informs stakeholders of users' increased knowledge</li> <li>Informs stakeholders of high and low performers, above or below the passing score threshold</li> <li>Provides a metric for comparing against the pretest results</li> </ul>	- Posttest Pass/Fail Rate Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard - Pretest/Posttest Comparison Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Posttest Knowledge Assessment	Assessment Profile



**Reporting Goal** 

**KPI / Measure** 

## Veracity KM Level 2 – Learning (Cont'd)

Purpose

					Technique	Collection Req.
Refresher Pass Rate	Number of users that passed or failed a refresher knowledge assessment	Measures retainment and knowledge decay after completing the refresher learning activity	- Informs stakeholders of users' knowledge retention or decrease in knowledge - Informs and monitors users' performance above or below the passing score threshold - Provides a metric for comparison against previous assessment results	- Refresher Pass/Fail Rate Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard - Posttest/Refresher Comparison Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Refresher Knowledge Assessment	Assessment Profile
Attempts Made Before Passing	Number of attempts users made before they passed the <b>knowledge</b> assessment	Measures when a user's first successful <b>attempt</b> on an assessment meets or exceeds the threshold score	- Informs stakeholders of a user's knowledge attainment speed -Informs stakeholders of potential improvements to the quality of the learning activity - Informs stakeholders to check for users that keep attempting the assessment until they pass (or exceed the limit)	- First Attempt Pass Rate Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard - Time to Knowledge Attainment Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Knowledge Assessment	Assessment Profile
≥ 80% Combined Average Passing Score	Average (mean) score of all users that passed or failed a <b>knowledge</b> assessment	Measures the average of all users' scores to be represented as the standard mean score	- Provides stakeholders with a benchmark to compare user's individual scores to the standard mean score - Provides stakeholders with a benchmark to compare the	Average Score Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Knowledge Assessment	Assessment Profile

standard mean score to the

threshold score

Feedback Loop(s)

Reports/ Analytics

**xAPI** Data

**Assessment** 



Two Standard

or Below the

Average

**Deviations Above** 

Test Item Analysis

### eracity KM Level 2 – Learning (Cont'd)

Measures how much

variance there is from

Measures validity of

in an assessment

individual test questions

the standard mean score

Reporting Goal	KPI / Measure	Purpose	Feedback Loop(s)	Reports/ Analytics	Assessment Technique	xAPI Data Collection Req.
≥ 80% First Attempt Average Passing Score	Average (mean) score of all users that passed a <b>knowledge</b> assessment on the first attempt	Measures the average of all users' scores that passed on the first attempt to be represented as the standard first attempt passing mean score	- Provides stakeholders with a benchmark metric to compare the standard mean score to the standard first attempt passing mean score - Provides stakeholders with a benchmark metric to compare the standard first attempt passing mean score to the threshold score	-First-Time Average Score Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Knowledge Assessment	Assessment Profile

- Provides stakeholders with a

the data points are close to the

- Provides stakeholders with an

a large range of scores)

assessment questions

outlier metric to indicate a high SD (where the data are spread out over

- Informs stakeholders of potential

training effectiveness problems and

revisions needed to the learning

objectives, training activity, and

mean)

metric to indicate a low SD (where

-Low Standard Deviation

- High Standard Deviation

Report, Scorecard, or

Report, Scorecard, or

-Test Item Analysis

Report, Scorecard, or

Dashboard

Dashboard

Dashboard

Knowledge

Assessment

Knowledge

Assessment

Assessment Profile

Assessment Profile

Standard deviation (SD)

from the average score

of all users that passed a

knowledge assessment

Number of correct and

incorrect responses on a

knowledge assessment



Observational

(4.1 - 5.0)

Assessment Score

≥ 85% Scenario-

Score

**Based Assessment** 

## eracity KM Level 2 – Learning (Cont'd)

the training activity

Measures the

unsuccessful

activity

performance on a classroom lab exercise, drill, or hands-on skill

Measures the users'

decision-making or

problem-solving skills

after completing the

training activity

instructor's assertion of

the user's successful or

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Reporting Goal	KPI / Measure	Purpose	Feedback Loop(s)
Self-Reported Assessment Score (4.1 – 5.0)	Opinions or beliefs (attitudes) of users about the how much they learned	Measures the user's self-assertion of their increase in knowledge or skills after completing	<ul> <li>Informs stakeholders of feedback about whether the users feel the training was effective for future on- the-job performance</li> </ul>

Instructor observation

and verification on a

Number of **problems** 

actions taken, or correct

sequence of actions by a

user in a scenario-based

recognized, correct

simulation or

assessment

performance

assessment

**Reports/Analytics** Assessment Technique -Learning Attitudes Survey Report -Learning Attitudes Dashboard - Survey Responses Export (LRS) as CSV, JSON

Survey

Scenario-Based

Assessment

-Observational

or Dashboard

-Decision-Making

Performance Report,

Scorecard, or Dashboard

Performance Assessment

Scores Report, Scorecard,

- Provides stakeholders with

skills or performance of a task

- Informs stakeholders of users'

abilities

low performers

against other results

increased decision-making skills or

- Informs stakeholders of high and

- Provides a metric for comparing

additional evidence of the user's

xAPI Data

Performance

Assessment Profile

- Assessment Profile

Assessment Profile

- Performance

Collection Req.

Assessment Profile



## Veracity KM Level 3 – Behavior

Purpose

unsuccessful

performance on the job with actual equipment

**KPI / Measure** 

					rechnique	Collection Req.
Self-Reported Performance Assessment Score (4.1 – 5.0)	Confidence (attitudes) of users about their intent to apply/perform	Measures how the users intend to apply on-the-job what was previously learned via training	- Informs stakeholders if the user perceives their confidence in performing - Helps stakeholders make decisions about making changes or improvements to the training - Provides a metric for comparing against Level 2 (Learning) for training effectiveness	- Intent to Apply Report	Survey	- Performance Assessment Profile
Supervisor Performance Assessment Score (4.1 – 5.0)	Supervisor observation and verification of performance	Measures the supervisor's assertion of the user's successful or	- Provides stakeholders with additional evidence of the user's skills or performance of a task	- Supervisor Performance Assessment Report	Survey	- Performance Assessment Profile

Feedback Loop(s)

Reports/ Analytics

**Assessment** 

xAPI Data



## **Measures of Efficiency**

Aligning xAPI with TDRp (for Utilization, Reach, and Volume Metrics)



Level 0 - Measures of Efficiency (TDRp)								
Modality	KPI / Measure	Purpose	Feedback Loop(s)	Reports/ Analytics	xAPI Data Collection Req.			
-Instructor-Led Training (ILT) - Self-Paced Courses / ICW / SCORM	Number of total users	Measures the sum of total users for a training activity	This metric helps to monitor usage and when combined with other measures, it can inform future decisions about operations and resourcing.	- Total Users Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard - Total Users Over Time Dashboard	Actor Count			
	Number of unique users	Measures the number of unique users for a training activity	This metric helps to monitor usage and when combined with other measures, it can inform future decisions about operations and resourcing.	- Unique Users Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard - Unique Users Over Time Dashboard	Actor Count			
	Number of activities	Measures the total number of activities experienced for a training program	This metric helps to monitor usage and when combined with other measures, it can inform future decisions about operations and resourcing.	-Total Activities Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Object Count			
	Number of activity types	Measures the total number of unique granular object types for a training activity	This metric helps to monitor usage and when combined with other measures, it can inform future decisions about	-Total Activity Types Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Activity Type Count			

operations and resourcing.



**xAPI** Data Collection

Req.

Viewed Verb

result.duration

Video Profile

- SCORM Profile

- Video Profile

- Completion Report,

Scorecard, or Dashboard

- Completion Over Time

Segments

Dashboard

This metric helps to monitor and

metrics / benchmarks.

compare against previous completion

Level 0 - Measures of Efficiency (TDRp)									
Modality	KPI / Measure	Purpose	Feedback Loop(s)	Reports/ Analytics					
-Instructor-Led Training (ILT) - Self-Paced Courses / ICW / SCORM	Number of views	Measures how many times a training activity was viewed	This metric helps to monitor current usage and can inform future decisions about the design.	- Total Views Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard - Total Views & Total Views Over Time Dashboard					
	Duration / average time spent	Measures how much time was spent in a training activity	This metric can inform future decisions about the design, or it can be correlated with effectiveness measures (e.g., test performance, satisfying learning objectives).	Time Spent Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard Average Time Spent Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard					
	Number of played video segments	Measures how many times a training video was repeatedly played and how	This metric can inform future decisions about the design, or it can be correlated with training effectiveness measures.	<ul><li>Repeat Views Report,</li><li>Scorecard, or Dashboard</li><li>Heat Map of Played</li></ul>					

much of it was played

Measures the completion

rate of a training activity

(e.g., video), lesson, or

course

Number of completions



accessed and repeatedly

accessed

Level 0 - Measures of Efficiency (TDRp)									
Modality	KPI / Measure	Purpose	Feedback Loop(s)	Reports/ Analytics	xAPI Data Collection Req.				
Performance Support	Number of unique and total users	Measures the sum of users accessing a performance support activity	This metric monitors usage and can inform future decisions about reach and access.	- Unique & Total Users Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard - Unique & Total Users Over Time Dashboard	Navy Common Reference Profile				
	Number of page views and repeat views	Measures how many granular page views and repeat views	This metric monitors current usage and can inform future decisions about the design of the performance support solution.	Total Views & Repeat Views Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Navy Common Reference Profile				
	Number of files opened	Measures how many times specific files were opened or downloaded	This metric monitors current usage and can inform future decisions about the design of the performance support solution.	Opened Files Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Navy Common Reference Profile				
	Number of menu items accessed & repeat access	Measures how many times specific areas were	This metric monitors current usage and can inform future decisions about the	Menu Item Access Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Navy Common Reference Profile				

solution.

design of the performance support



resource was liked and

disliked

Level 0 - Measures of Efficiency (TDRp)									
Modality	KPI / Measure	Purpose	Feedback Loop(s)	Reports/ Analytics	xAPI Data Collection Req.				
Performance Support	Duration / average time spent	Measures how much time was spent in a performance support activity or resource	This metric monitors current usage and can inform future decisions about the design of the performance support solution.	Time Spent Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	result.duration				
	Number of played video segments	Measures how many times a training video was repeatedly played and how much of it was played	This metric monitors current usage and can inform future decisions about the design of the performance support.	- Total Views & Repeat Views Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard - Heat Map of Played Segments	Video Profile				
	Number of video completions	Measures how many times a performance support video was completed	This metric informs future decisions about the design of the performance support solution and video resources provided.	Most Completed Videos Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Video Profile				
	Number of liked/unliked resources	Measures how many times a performance support	This metric informs future decisions about the design of the performance	Most Liked & Unliked Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Navy Common Reference Profile				

provided.

support solution and resources



and which search results

were selected the most

selected

Level 0 - Measures of Efficiency (TDRp)									
Modality	KPI / Measure	Purpose	Feedback Loop(s)	Reports/ Analytics	xAPI Data Collection Req.				
Performance Support	Number of steps viewed and repeat steps viewed	Measures how many times specific steps in a procedure were viewed and repeatedly viewed	This metric monitors current usage and can inform future decisions about the design of the performance support solution.	Total Steps & Repeat Steps Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Performance Support Profile				
	Number of procedures viewed and repeat procedures viewed	Measures how many times specific procedures were viewed and repeatedly viewed	This metric monitors current usage and can inform future decisions about the design of the performance support solution.	Total Procedures & Repeat Procedures Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Performance Support Profile				
	Number of checklist completions and incompletions	Measures how many times a checklist was completed vs incomplete	This metric monitors current usage and can inform future decisions about the design of the performance support solution.	Checklist Completions Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Performance Support Profile				
	Number of unique search terms and search results	Measures how many unique terms were searched for,	This metric monitors current usage and can inform future decisions about the	Search Terms Report, Scorecard, or Dashboard	Performance Support Profile				

solution.

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#### Veracity | Summary (Using KM + TDRp + xAPI)

- Define Reporting Purposes/Goals
  - Decision-makers identify the goals
  - Informed by KM Level 4 (results)
- What model/framework can you use/tweak for your strategy?
  - Kirkpatrick, Phillips ROI, Talent Development Reporting Principles Framework (TDRp), etc.
- Establish measures for the KM Levels
- Align measures to xAPI Profiles or New xAPI Data **Collection Requirements**
- Develop/Document the Evaluation Plan (e.g., TEEP, frequency) for the Training Product(s)





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#### **Questions?**

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