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 time allows.

5 In today's program, you are going to 6 learn about cognitive talent analytics and how 7 they can be used to grow HR's impact on your 8 organization.

9 We are pleased to welcome Jackie Ryan 10 from IBM to lead this program. Ms. Ryan is the 11 Director of Product Management for IBM's Smarter 12 Workforce Portfolio. In that capacity, she is 13 responsible for the strategy and new product 14 offerings for workforce analytics.

15 With over 20 years of experience in 16 information management, analytics, and big data 17 technologies, Ms. Ryan has led worldwide software 18 development, product management, and marketing 19 teams that have led the market in client value 20 and innovation. Most recently, she has led 21 innovations in Cloud software as a service, 22 workforce analytics solutions, that enable HR

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professionals to interact with self-learning,
 cognitive analytic systems through natural
 language.

We have a full agenda and a full room today, so with introductions complete I am pleased to get today's events started by turning things -- the webcast microphone over to our speaker, Ms. Jackie Ryan.

9 MS. RYAN: Great. Thank you very 10 much, and hello, everyone. As was mentioned, I 11 am Jackie Ryan, and I lead our Science and 12 Analytics Portfolio within IBM's Smarter 13 Workforce. And I am hoping that today's session 14 will be both fun and informative as we explore 15 the wild world of cognitive computing and how 16 this can fundamentally change talent analytics 17 for the HR professional.

So in this session we will cover three topics -- the evolution of cognitive, to give a perspective and history on how cognitive has come to be. We will talk about applying that very specifically to the new objectives of

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transforming HR. And then, third, we will cover how to get started, the way ahead.

So, with that, let's start with the 3 evolution of cognitive computing. So I want to 4 5 take a look here that for -- for decades, science fiction visionaries have shared, you know, their 6 renditions of intelligent machines and computers 7 that could learn and function as humans. 8 9 Intelligent machines have since moved beyond that 10 of a science fiction story, and today they are a 11 reality thanks to the breakthroughs in cognitive 12 computing.

Cognitive computing is here, and this innovative capability is increasingly becoming woven into our everyday lives and fundamentally changing how we engage and interact with information and information systems.

An example here, for those of you who are techies, if you look on the left-hand side here, the intelligent-speaking computer on the bridge of the USS Enterprise on the show called Star Trek. Today, many of these capabilities are

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now a reality made possible through breakthroughs
 in cognitive computing and are being implemented
 by pioneering organizations to help solve some of
 society's greatest challenges.

5 While tremendous breakthroughs and 6 advancement have been made over the past 50 7 years, we have only yet begun to scratch the 8 surface of the potential of this innovative and 9 exciting technology.

10 So moving forward here, I'm going to 11 give kind of an overview of cognitive over the 12 past 50 years here. And I promise you I won't go 13 through 50 years of history, but just calling out 14 some of the very specific events that have 15 transformed cognitive to where it is today.

16 The earliest history of cognitive 17 computing can actually be traced back to the 18 fourth century B.C. and Aristotle's invention of 19 the first formal deductive reasoning system. 20 Other innovative discoveries and breakthroughs 21 over our history, such as Charles Babbage's 22 analytical engine, have also laid the groundwork

for the modern history of artificial intelligence
 and cognitive computing.

Several significant events have 3 4 influenced how this capability has evolved to 5 where we are today. So, for example, in the '50s, Turing published the Computing Machinery 6 and Intelligence and introduced the Turing test 7 as a way of operationalizing a test of 8 9 intelligent behavior. 10 In the mid-'60s, a Stanford team led 11 by Ed Feigenbaum created Dendrol (phonetic), and 12 this was the first expert system or program that 13 was designed to execute the accumulated expertise 14 of specialists. Dendrol applied a battery of 15 if/then types of rules in chemistry and physics 16 to identify the molecular structure of organic 17 compounds. 18 And then, in the '80s, this was 19 actually seen as the boom in artificial 20 intelligence, due to advances that were made in 21 expert systems, and, again, further advancements

22 in Dendrol.

1	Moving into the late '90s, this is
2	where IBM's Deep Blue defeated Garry Kasparov in
3	the who was the world chess champion.
4	And then, moving closer to home here,
5	in 2011, IBM's Watson defeated the top two
6	Jeopardy champions. And that wasn't cheating
7	either by being hooked into the internet.
8	And then, just recently, in the last
9	year, in 2014, IBM announced the formation of a
10	new business unit to focus on commercialization
11	of cognitive computing solutions such as Watson.
12	And also, Google acquired Neth Labs, who make
13	learning home devices.
14	So with advancements over the past 50
15	years really coming to fruition, we are entering
16	into a new era of computing. The cognitive
17	computing era follows the eras of programmable
18	and tabulating systems and represents a huge leap
19	forward. This is a new era because there is a
20	fundamental difference in how these systems are
21	built and how they interact with humans.
22	Additional programmable systems are

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fed data, knowledge, and information, and they
 carry out and return results of processing that
 is pre-programmed by humans. In the programmable
 systems era, humans do most of the directing.
 The cognitive era, on the other hand, is about
 thinking itself and how we gather information,
 access it, and make decisions.

8 Cognitive-based systems learn and 9 build knowledge. They understand natural 10 language, and they reason and interact more 11 naturally with human beings than traditional 12 programmable systems, while the term "reasoning" 13 refers to how systems demonstrate insights that 14 are very human-like.

15 So cognitive systems are able to put 16 context into -- or put content into context. 17 They are also able to quickly find that 18 impossible needle in a haystack, identify new 19 patterns and insights. Cognitive systems extend 20 the capabilities of humans by augmenting human 21 decision-making capacity and making us make sense 22 of the growing amount of data that is

accumulating here and that we have access to
 these days.

3 So we see these broad areas of 4 capability -- so we see broad areas of 5 capabilities for cognitive systems which directly 6 relate to the way people think. In the future, 7 we will see systems with higher orders of 8 cognitive capabilities.

9 So to go through these, to highlight 10 what these are, engagement, the capability --11 this capability fundamentally changes the way 12 humans and systems interact, and really extend 13 the capabilities of humans by using their ability 14 to -- using their ability to provide expert 15 assistance and to understand.

16 These systems provide expert 17 assistance by developing deep domain insights and 18 bringing this information to people in a timely, 19 natural, and usable way. Here cognitive systems 20 play a role of an assistant that can consume vast 21 amounts of structured and unstructured 22 information. They can reconcile ambiguous and

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even self-contradictory data, and they can learn. 1 2 So in this partnership the two -human and machine -- are more effective than 3 4 either one alone. Much like the human brain, 5 these systems begin to build models of themselves and the world around them. These models include 6 7 the contextual relationships between various entities in a systems world that enable it to 8 9 form hypotheses and arguments and discover 10 patterns. 11 If we look at decisions, these are --12 these systems have decision-making capabilities 13 to the degree that humans can trust and rely on

14 their judgment. Decisions made by cognitive 15 systems are bias-free. However, certain 16 standards are required for humans to fully trust 17 their decisions.

18 Currently, cognitive computing systems 19 perform more as advisors, by suggesting a set of 20 options for humans who ultimately make the final 21 decisions based on insights and options being 22 surfaced. Confidence in a cognitive systems

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ability to make decisions autonomously, without 1 2 humans, will depend on the ability to query and have a traceable -- traceability to audit why a 3 4 particular decision was made, as well as improve 5 confidence scores. If we move to discovery, discovery is 6 7 the epitome of a cognitive capability. These systems can discover insights that perhaps could 8 9 not be discovered before by even the most 10 brilliant human beings. Discovery involves 11 finding insights and connections and 12 understanding the vast amounts of information that is available around the world. 13 14 With increasingly more volumes of 15 data, there is a clear need for systems that can 16 help exploit information more effectively than 17 humans can on our -- you know, on our own. 18 So moving on, the foray with 19 intelligent question and answer systems began in 20 the '60s. One of the most famous early 21 implementations in this area was ELIZA, which was 22 written by MIT by Joseph Weizenbaum in the early

'60s, or between '64 and '66. And it mimicked a psychotherapist who could run a dialogue with a human patient.

4 And even though it provided an 5 illusion of an expert system, ELIZA did not have any cognitive power. It used to trick the human 6 7 user by using some early natural language or NOP techniques, such as string substitution and stock 8 9 answers that were based on keyboard matching. So 10 much has happened since then, and intelligent 11 expert systems that can handle questions from 12 human users in natural language started to come 13 up.

And two of the most recent examples that are shown below, and one is Next IT Olney (phonetic), and this system can be trained with a set of frequently asked questions on a particular domain. And when a human user asks a similar question using natural language text, the system responds.

So Olney is deployed actually in
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of Aetna, and it is trained to handle the
 frequently asked questions about the registration
 problem a member may face to register in the
 website.

More advanced systems, though, are 5 solutions such as IBM Watson and Engagement 6 IBM Kenexa Talent Insights, which uses 7 Advisor. IBM Watson Analytics. These systems can be 8 9 trained on a particular domain. When a user asks 10 a question, the system tries to answer it based 11 on the knowledge base it is trained with, and 12 ontologies to uniquely tailor to the language of 13 the business.

14 So it is more powerful than Olney in 15 a sense that Watson is not dependent on a pre-16 defined set of questions. It attempts to answer 17 any question that is posed to it.

So these systems fundamentally change the way humans and systems interact, and significantly extend the capabilities of humans by leveraging their ability to provide expert assistance and to understand. These systems

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provide expert assistance by developing deep 1 2 domain insights and bringing this information to people in a timely and natural and useable way. 3 So, again, here the cognitive systems 4 5 play the role of an assistant. So currently cognitive computing systems are performing as an 6 7 advisor, where they suggest insights and options to a human user who ultimately make the final 8 9 decision. 10 One example they call out here is the 11 Watson Oncology Advisor. So IBM, in partnership 12 with the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 13 developed a Watson Oncology Advisor that has the 14 ability to sift through one and a half million 15 patient records. That represents decades of 16 cancer treatment history, such as medical records 17 and patient outcomes, and provides physicians 18 evidence-based treatment options in a manner of 19 seconds for which then they can decide what they 20 want to do.

IBM Watson Discovery Advisor is an
 example of cognitive discovery capabilities that

combs through massive amounts of data looking for 1 2 insights and connections without relying on a human question initiative throughout the 3 4 discovery process itself. So moving forward, and kind of 5 finalizing -- getting to the conclusion of how 6 7 has cognitive computing come to be, I want to take you through the evolution of cognitive and 8 9 how cognitive computing will evolve over five 10 dimensions. 11 So this is an area that is the art of 12 the possible and with research underway in each 13 of these areas. So how these three areas of 14 cognitive computing evolve is going to depend on 15 five important dimensions that you see here, 16 which is the evolution path and rate of 17 advancements across these dimensions. 18 So current cognitive systems are 19 predominantly passive, and they require that 20 human beings initiate the action to generate an outcome or a response. And often this 21 22 interaction is through typed text on a computer

1	or a mobile app or a web portal. Future
2	cognitive systems will increasingly enable a more
3	natural interaction with users, including voice
4	and visualization.
5	Future systems will become
6	increasingly more interactive and engaging.
7	Significant advancements have already been made
8	to better understand users and deliver a
9	responsible responses that are fit for a
10	user's specific locative and temporal context.
11	Current cognitive systems are not
12	are not generic enough to learn and adopt to new
13	domains on their own, meaning that currently
14	systems have to be trained. So they are relying
15	upon humans and domain-specific subject matter
16	expertise to train them, whether that's training
17	them with information about a given industry or
18	information about a given problem.
19	So the exception is with Watson
20	Analytics whereby data that is modeled is
21	immediately learned as it is modeled, and you can
22	start posing questions immediately.

Current cognitive systems primarily 1 2 work with natural language text and require natural language processing capability for a 3 4 specific language. In future generations of 5 cognitive systems, they are going to accommodate a variety of media beyond text, such as audio, 6 7 image, video. So continued advancements in this dimension will be dependent, obviously, on the 8 9 various disciplines of computer science such as 10 speed and image processing and pattern 11 recognition, all again of which are underway. 12 The fourth area here is that cognitive 13 systems are increasingly being deployed to be 14 widely available and accessible over web portals, 15 mobile apps, and the 16 Cloud. So in the future, as the adoption of 17 cognitive-based systems increase, they are 18 eventually going to spread to become ubiquitous. 19 This feature could include a 20 marketplace, millions of cognitive agents or 21 avatars that are driven by the explosive adoption 22 of mobile devices and an upsurge of machine-to-

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machine interactions.

2 So tomorrow's -- we believe that tomorrow's cognitive computing fabric will be 3 really interwoven into technology, such as social 4 5 media, therefore, really touching all of our lives. 6 7 And then, finally, cognitive systems will need to increase in scalability to support 8 9 wide applicability, and huge advances have been 10 made in this way. 11 So compare and contrast. Just in the past four years, in 2011, the version of IBM's 12 13 Watson system that beat the reigning champion on 14 the U.S. television show Jeopardy, it required 90 15 IBM Power 750 servers. By 2014, Watson was 24 16 times faster. It had 2,400 percent improvement 17 in performance and was 90 percent smaller. 18 So, in the future, cognitive systems 19 will be offered as a fabric, and IBM has already 20 made Watson technology available as a platform in 21 the Cloud, which is opening up new domains and 22 industry-specific applications such as IBM Kenexa

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Talent Insights for HR professionals.

2	So moving forward, let's move into the
3	next section and apply cognitive computing to the
4	problems that we're trying to address in talent
5	analytics and transforming HR with cognitive
6	computing. So the HR profession is undergoing a
7	major transformation, and this is probably not
8	news to anyone.
9	You know, given the workforce
10	challenges that you see on the left here of
11	shifting demographics, the rise in the
12	independent worker, social and mobile business,
13	globalization of organization, and this is
14	absolutely not intended to be a complete list
15	here.
16	But this is causing a shift in the HR
17	professional's imperative to transition to or to
18	expand further as a strategic business partner
19	and find new ways for acquiring talent,
20	developing leadership and the workforce,
21	optimizing the way in which we do work, looking
22	at recognition, and retaining top employees.

You can't go to any -- any conference these days on workforce management without analytics being front and center, talent analytics as front in center, as the way in which HR professionals need to start to adopt to help make that transition.

7 The challenge, though, is that analytics is really in its early stages within 8 9 the work -- in the workforce, in applying to the 10 So, as an example, over 40 percent of workforce. organizations are limited still to basic 11 12 reporting. This is pretty much where the bulk of 13 companies, obviously with exceptions, who have 14 been able to adopt and move into the next realm 15 of predictive analytics. But for the most part, 16 we are having to make decisions based on what has 17 happened in the business currently and in the 18 past.

So, not surprising though, because,
you know, even a simple workforce analytics
project has multiple steps and multiple people
involved, ranging all the way from getting access

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to data, working with IT to prepare the data, working with HR data scientists, or working with the central analytics COC to help analyze that data and -- analyze and validate the data, derive certain insights, and collaborate with their business partners to understand specific actions and to reflect that in assets such as reports.

There are quite a number of different 8 9 roles that are involved and quite a number of 10 steps that are also involved. So this poses a 11 lot of implementation challenges, such as because 12 some of the core skills that are needed to -- to 13 be able to do what we just talked through are not 14 traditionally part of an HR professional's 15 background in terms of information management, 16 analytics capabilities, and so forth.

17 So the current workforce approaches 18 that we all know and love and have used, and so 19 forth, are based on a typical path, which is 20 understanding the state of the business using 21 descriptive analytics, looking at different areas 22 that -- based on the data that is available,

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moving into predictive, to be able to answer different types of questions of -- propensity questions to proactively look ahead in the 4 business to understand what could happen and what will happen.

And then, very importantly, applying 6 7 prescriptive analytics, looking at business rules and other techniques that help to define 8 9 specifically actions that can be made. But, 10 again, this path -- this path is pretty 11 challenging for a lot of HR professionals, given the fact that it typically needs computer 12 13 science, information management science, 14 operational research type of background. 15 This will not change in terms of the 16 need for HR professionals to adopt analytics to

17 help with that pursuit and expanding the role as 18 a strategic business partner. There are both 19 internal drivers and external drivers that are 20 forcing analytics to be used within the 21 workforce.

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So this, in reality, is the perfect

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It is the perfect place where cognitive 1 storm. 2 computing can actually power the transformation in talent analytics. If you think back to the 3 4 characteristics that we walked through in terms 5 of what is cognitive computing, and the characteristics that cognitive computing has and 6 7 can provide, this is fundamentally transformational. 8

9 For example, with Watson Analytics we 10 are able to pull together a unified analytics 11 experience to bring both descriptive, predictive, 12 and in the future prescriptive capabilities 13 without the HR professional having to know how to 14 do that. All of that capability is embedded 15 within cognitive computing techniques.

The ability to interact in natural language with a cognitive system, it is very well with, again -- with, again, the types of analysis that an HR professional typically wants to work within and the experience they want to have, and the ability to have a guided analytics experience where a system is proposing and surfacing

insights that they may not have thought of initially.

So I'd like to give an example here, 3 4 and this is using IBM Kenexa Talent Insights, 5 which is powered by Watson Analytics, and just to walk through how this actually happens in 6 7 reality. So, in this case, what you see is -within Talent Insights, you have the ability --8 9 the system has determined the starting point 10 based on the data that it has already learned. And it is giving me a starting point to start 11 12 exploring my questions.

13 I can also -- if I want, I can 14 specifically type in a question, as you see here. 15 I have had to take screenshots, because I am not 16 able to show a video here, but -- had to take 17 screenshots, but you can see here typed in a 18 question, and what it will do, then, is it looks 19 at the question and determines from the data how 20 to best answer that question. I didn't have to type it in query language. I typed it in 21 22 English.

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What Talent Insights does, then, is it looks at, of the data that is available, where to best start. I didn't have to assess it/analyze it myself. Talent Insights did that on my behalf.

6 From this point, after I have typed in 7 a question, Talent Insights has immediately 8 surfaced out results, and the results in the form 9 of visualization that show the relationships in 10 the data based on the questions that I have 11 asked.

12 Also, it is also looked at defining it 13 -- it has also recommended and surfaced a 14 visualization that best maps to and would help to 15 answer the question and help me to then take this 16 and work with my business partners to look at and 17 understand and explore where to go and what this 18 was telling us in terms of specific actions, as 19 well -- in terms of looking at discovery of new 20 insights, what you see in the top kind of sort of 21 left, which has been highlighted, is Talent 22 Insights also -- by understanding and modeling

1	the data, it is recommending and surfacing
2	additional insights that I can then go in and
3	explore and connect with what I have already
4	looked explored and assessed.
5	So, in summary, using Talent Insights
6	as an example, which is powered by Watson
7	Analytics, we can see if you think back to the
8	three characteristics of cognitive computing
9	around discovery, and here it is creating new
10	insights from HR data, it is helping with
11	decisions by providing, really, a bias-free
12	recommendation.
13	And, third, the engagement you can
14	see in terms of the interaction, it's through
15	natural language. It's understanding the terms
16	and definitions of an HR professional through
17	both the natural language processing as well as
18	through customizations that are made through an
19	HR ontology.
20	So in the last section here, I will
21	cover how to get started and now to approach
22	cognitive computing types of projects. And you

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will see quite a different pattern than if I was suggesting an approach be used to either build out, you know, this -- to start an engagement on using the traditional method.

5 So with the cognitive computing approach, there are really four phases here. 6 The 7 first is defining a clear business problem, and this is so critically important in terms of being 8 9 able to shape the questions that you would then 10 There is no ramifications, having said pose. 11 that, of changing a question and asking -- you 12 know, asking cognitive systems something 13 different that you have -- if you change your 14 mind. That's kind of the beauty of it.

15 But defining the business problem in 16 terms of we could pose these questions, but so 17 what? How is that going to impact the business 18 in terms of what we are trying to figure out and 19 So from there we define the relative why? 20 questions that we want to start to explore. 21 Second is identifying the data, and 22 this, again, is where advancements in cognitive

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computing help, and also the application of data preparation services.

So in the traditional manner and 3 4 traditional approach, we would understand the 5 data that we need to be collected, we would apply a whole series of techniques to profile for, you 6 7 know, outliers, understand characteristics in the data such as the quality of the data, duplicates, 8 9 et cetera, we would cleanse the data, we would 10 transform that data.

With cognitive computing, it is doing that on your behalf in terms of profiling the data and surfacing out what the characteristics of that data are. So you can make decisions on what to do from that point.

Third, you interact and explore, and this is truly the fun part of it where you ask questions. Interact with the system. You're not programming the system. You're not programming a model. You are interacting with the system, and basically jointly working through a problem.

And then, fourth is looking at the

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actions that need to be taken thereafter. 1 And 2 those actions can be taken in the form of or can be created in the form of collaborating with 3 4 other business partners or working with those who 5 have a workforce science background and can bring the best practices and skills and proven methods 6 7 of action definitions to bear here in looking at specific actions. 8

9 Other recommendations that I have 10 here, I'm looking at pitfalls to avoid when 11 working through an analytics project. The first 12 one is actually not being too HR-centric. And 13 this may sound funny based on, you know, what I 14 just finished mentioning, but one of the 15 transformations from -- in talent analytics is 16 connecting the workforce to the business in terms 17 of what changes, what things need to happen in 18 the workforce to really improve the business. 19

So this really causes us to look beyond the boundaries of the data that we typically have and how we typically look at programs that support the workforce, but,

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instead, look at it from the business
 perspective. What are the business objectives?
 How does the business make money? What are the
 clients that the business serves? And using that
 perspective in analytics projects.

6 The second is -- relates to data. So, 7 of course, there is the term that we all know and 8 love around garbage in garbage out. But you can 9 get stuck in that too quickly, meaning there is a 10 degree of -- to which we look at the quality of 11 data.

Working through a project where you 12 13 get to a point where the data is perfect, you 14 will have missed the point of interaction in 15 making the decisions. But starting with data 16 that you are not sure of can also lead to not --17 you know, to incorrect results in the analysis. 18 So the point being, understand the 19 characteristics of the data and understand when 20 enough is enough that can get you started using -21 - can get you started in asking questions with a certain degree of confidence on the data. 22

Third is, you know, not putting -- the 1 2 intention here is not to position analytics as a substitute for human judgment. And this, again, 3 4 is -- this is a good example of where cognitive 5 analytics and systems employ -- like Talent Insights that use talent -- that use cognitive 6 7 computing can act as an advisor and as a -- you know, a sponsor here in working through different 8 9 problems to suggest recommendations. Ultimately, 10 you have the -- you make the decision based on 11 what you are seeing.

12 And then, moving forward, a couple of 13 others that I will suggest here as well, which have been themes in what I have recommended 14 15 earlier, is link to the business strategy. This 16 is so important and is the reason why -- called 17 out the first stack around understanding the 18 business problem, because undoubtedly there are 19 tons and tons of different problems that we can 20 address.

And, you know, again, it is a bit -you can get from Point A to Point B very quickly

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using cognitive computing. However, you have to 1 2 keep asking the question of, so what? And the "so what" relates to the business strategy. 3 The other element that I would -- or 4 5 other recommendation I would call out is demonstrating repeated ROI, meaning incremental 6 7 ROI. Working through a problem, look at the -what does the result show, what does it mean, and 8 9 what actions can be taken, and using the outcomes 10 of those actions to feed into the next set of 11 analysis. This can be very quick or it can take 12 some time, but important to look at the impact of 13 the decisions and the actions that are made in 14 terms of influencing what next to take on. And 15 also, really importantly, to show the return on 16 investment to partners, so that you move from a 17 push model to a pull model in terms of insights 18 on the workforce. 19 So one last slide, I will just -- that

I will quickly go through here is that we
recently announced IBM Kenexa Talent Insights as
part of our Kenexa open HR initiative, and we

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announced this yesterday at the talent analytics
 summit in New York City. And our open HR
 initiative refers to both open talent management
 and open talent analytics.

So open talent management, opening it 5 up for partners to be able -- recognizing that 6 7 our clients are working in a heterogeneous environment. And the SAP alliance is an example 8 9 of this, where we are able to, through the use of 10 connectors and user interface APIs to be able to 11 connect in different capabilities from those two 12 portfolios.

13And the same is true for open talent14analytics, again, based on cognitive computing15and being able to provide services that16complement the cognitive computing capabilities,17such as HR data services and workforce consulting18services.

So with this, I -- this is the end of
the session here, and I believe I will turn it
back to you, Mike, for questions.

MODERATOR: Thank you. Before we turn

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to our audience questions, and we do want to encourage you, if you have questions, go ahead and ask them now. We do have a couple of 4 announcements.

5 First, SHRM wants to, again, thank IBM for sponsoring today's program. 6 IBM's talent analytics and survey data help drive business 7 To learn how IBM Kenexa Solutions can 8 outcomes. 9 help you create a smarter workforce, visit the 10 IBM Talent Analytics and Survey home page by 11 following the links in the webcast player, or on 12 the webcast page on SHRM online, or visit 13 www.ibm.com/smarterworkforce.

14 So I want to go ahead now and take the 15 first of a couple of questions. Let's start here 16 with an audience member who asks, "For companies 17 that adopt systems such as the ones you've 18 described, what have been the clear outcomes, and 19 how long before such outcomes are realized?" 20 MS. RYAN: Right. So that depends, 21 too, on the type of cognitive system that is put

Now, as I mentioned that there is a in place.

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learning phase that cognitive systems will work through.

So if you are using cognitive 3 4 capabilities from, for example, Watson Advisor, 5 there is a learning phase where if you think of the oncology example, where all of that 6 information is essentially made available and 7 ingested into Watson, and it learns -- literally 8 9 learns every stitch of text that you give it. 10 And there is a learning phase, essentially like 11 taking it to school, where you pose questions and 12 look at the answers and help to guide it. 13 Once it graduates, once it finishes 14 that learning phase, then that is typically when 15 people put it into production. So it depends on 16 the type -- the content and the type of 17 information. 18 The math version of Watson, which is 19 Watson Analytics, which Talent Insights uses, is 20 pretty instantaneous in terms of the learning 21 phase, and "instantaneous" in quotes meaning it 22 depends on the amount of data that is being used

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within those systems.

2 So as in the case of the math version, you send it data, it will immediately model that 3 data, and apply the HR ontology to understand the 4 5 relationship and the correlations and the information about that data that has been 6 7 ingested, and then you start. MODERATOR: Another audience member 8 9 asks, "Do you believe this type of technology 10 will replace the current HRIS function?" 11 I think it will replace the MS. RYAN: 12 current HRIS system, but it will complement it, 13 absolutely. So existing systems are fit for 14 They have a very specific role, and we purpose. 15 hope -- you know, and in a lot of cases a very, 16 very good role. 17 And the amount of data that gets 18 created by the applications that are used, that 19 data is reusable, and that data is what can be 20 used in cognitive systems. That is kind of one 21 of the beauties of cognitive systems where you 22 can bring in massive amounts of data and it will

1	go to work over it. So I don't think those
2	systems I do not believe those systems go
3	away. I believe that cognitive systems
4	complement them.
5	MODERATOR: Continuing with audience
6	questions, another audience member asked, "For
7	the type of solutions that you have been
8	describing, what size company will reap the
9	I'm sorry. I just stumbled over that. "For the
10	type of solutions you have been describing, what
11	size company works best?"
12	MS. RYAN: Yes. So I would two
13	thoughts on that. I would give a very different
14	answer today than I would have been able than
15	I would have given probably, you know, four years
16	ago, four or five years ago. Because of the
17	advancements in processing, computing technology,
18	price of hardware, and just advancements we have
19	made in understanding how to apply cognitive,
20	that you know, you can pretty much get started
21	now, which opens it up for companies of a wide
22	range of size.

So, as an example, in the Talent 1 2 Insights case, we are working with companies that have less than 1,000 employees. We are also 3 4 working with clients who have thousands of 5 employees, hundreds of thousands of employees. So it is -- really, the -- you know, the factor, 6 the driving factor is less of the size of the 7 8 company, but more so where -- you know, the 9 understanding that people have about what is the 10 art of the possible, and their ability to look at things and how to do things differently, because 11 12 the technology is there now today to do things 13 differently, and costs have gone down 14 substantially with systems now available in the 15 Cloud of Cloud SaaS services. 16 If you think back to the -- you know, 17 the Jeopardy example, and I gave, you know, some 18 pretty specifics on the changes there, that was 19 all unprimmed (phonetic). Now, a lot of that 20 technology and the technology we are using in

MODERATOR: I have a couple here, just

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Talent Insights is Cloud SaaS-based.

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on -- let me put them together -- on the type of 1 2 background of someone in this area. One audience member asks, "With talent analytics, does the 3 4 analyst need to understand sequel and 5 databasing?" Another audience member asks, "What professional development opportunities would you 6 7 recommend for HR professionals to become more involved in data science?" 8 9 MS. RYAN: Okay. Great questions. 10 Well, take the first one, which is on the skills needed to do this. So the skills are very 11 12 different for -- if you were to build this --13 your own using a traditional method versus if you 14 are to use a cognitive computing approach. 15 So if you think back to the example 16 that I showed where I typed -- I showed through 17 the screenshot, essentially I had typed in a 18 question, Talent Insights surfaced a 19 visualization that represented a response. The 20 skills that are still needed are, you know, 21 analytical thinking, and looking at the response 22 and comparing it and assessing relative to what

the -- you know, what is seen in the business and
 what would be a reasonable answer.

So it is not necessarily saying 3 4 vetting out, but using the information to look at 5 and analyze what do you do next. Didn't have to build any models, didn't have to work through 6 7 data integration methodologies, didn't have to build a warehouse, didn't have to build data 8 9 That is -- all of that is encapsulated markets. 10 in cognitive systems and cognitive services, for 11 example, which Talent Insights uses.

12 So that is kind of what I would look 13 at for -- you know, for cognitive systems. If 14 you are to build on your own, you would 15 absolutely need to have created those -- all 16 those skills that I just mentioned, data 17 integration skills, data warehousing skills, 18 and/or rely on your IT group for that.

But quite often what has happened over the -- you know, at least the last three to five years, or probably more five to eight years, depending on the type of organization, HR groups

have built up their own shadow database systems. 1 2 So they have had to bring in, you know, DBAs and folks who understand how to manage -- deploy and 3 4 manage and run database environment. 5 So the skills -- I guess the net is the skills that you would need, if you were to 6 7 build on your own, are very different. They are typically in information management, operations 8 9 research, analytics processing, i.e. everything 10 that is encapsulated under today's data scientist 11 role. 12 The cognitive systems -- like I said, 13 you still need deductive reasoning. You still 14 need analytical thinking to look at a response 15 and figure out, what next? 16 I think the other part of the question 17 is any recommendations on where to go next to 18 continue learning. And there are -- I would 19 recommend, there are sites that we can make 20 available through SHRM to cognitive computing 21 learning online, and that would probably be my 22 best recommendation. There are probably a couple

of different sites that I would recommend that 1 2 have specific courses that can be taken. MODERATOR: Continuing with audience 3 4 questions, an audience member asks, "Is this 5 system currently used in hiring? And is it being used for pinpointing talent matches?" 6 7 MS. RYAN: Right, right. Those are the scenarios that we are working with our 8 9 clients on is exactly that. And I want to tie 10 this actually to the earlier question about, you 11 know, existing systems. And I know the question 12 then was very specific to, you know, the existing 13 HRIS type of system. 14 But if you think about the ATS systems 15 that are in place, data generated from those ATS 16 systems can be used in conjunction with cognitive 17 systems like Talent Insights to help with the 18 hiring process and provide another level of 19 insight that you may not necessarily get through 20 the ATS system. So we are very much -- that 21 scenario is a very real scenario that is being 22 used.

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MODERATOR: Another audience member 1 2 asks, "Which areas" -- I'm sorry. "Do you have" -- the question is, "Do you have any applications 3 4 that work for selecting candidates for global 5 mobility assignments?" MS. RYAN: Well, you can -- that is a 6 7 realistic scenario that could be used. When you look at global mobility, it would be a matter of 8 9 -- you know, again, if you think through the 10 process that you would use to work through a 11 global mobility decision, in identifying what is 12 the data that would be relevant for making the 13 decision, and then looking at the results that 14 would be -- that would surface. 15 So it's, you know, the whole four 16 steps of identify the problem, what really of 17 global mobility are we trying to look at, what problem specifically are we trying to look at, is 18 19 it the cost, the -- or is it the -- you know, the 20 eligibility of employees for global assignments. 21 There is a lot of different factors. So really 22 getting specific about the problem, identifying

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the data, posing the questions, and looking at
 what do you do.

It is -- I realize I am giving an approach versus a very specific answer, but that really is the way in which you start off on these types of, you know, analysis is that -- it kinds of forces that process that I mentioned.

8 But the good news is you get to, you 9 know, information and insights a lot quicker than 10 if you were to have to build everything up.

11 For our audience members, MODERATOR: 12 before you close today, we hope you'll take a 13 moment to give us your thoughts about this 14 The icon on the right of the dock on webcast. 15 the bottom of your screen, it's a reddish one 16 that looks like a checklist with a checkmark, 17 points to an evaluation form. You can bring that 18 up by clicking the icon or it will pop up on the 19 screen when we wrap up in just a few minutes 20 Your input helps us assess today's program here. 21 and plan for future events, and we really 22 appreciate it.

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couldn't. I guess that's the kind of short
 answer.

MODERATOR: All right. And continuing with questions on knowledge base, another audience member asks, "The knowledge base that powers these systems, what is the source of the data that it contains? Is it captured from other sources, or is it manually or specifically entered into the system?"

10 MS. RYAN: Yes. The source is what 11 So the source of -- and just kind of you bring. 12 expanding that out, what you bring can be from 13 systems like transactional systems, it can be 14 from sources of information that you handcrafted, 15 it can be from sources of data that has been 16 exported from the data management component of 17 other applications. It literally can be from 18 anywhere.

19 It can be from surveys, it can be from
20 assessments, and for -- you know, specific to,
21 you know, the workforce. If you think of the
22 oncology example that I mentioned earlier, all of

that data for which the Watson Corpus was built
 was based on literature very, very specific to
 oncology and surrounding material.

4 So in the workforce example with 5 Talent Insights, those systems that I mentioned are common -- are examples of where you could 6 source data and bring that data. So this is an 7 area where the data integration -- so getting 8 9 data from Point A to Point B continues to be 10 automated as a service -- over time as a service 11 within the cognitive systems.

12 And not only getting the data in but 13 working through that hard stuff I mentioned about 14 understanding the state of data, so you get to a 15 level of confidence in knowing what is that state 16 of data, so that when you look at the 17 visualizations you've got confidence in what 18 you're looking at and/or you see anomalies that 19 you can go back to and quickly look at how you 20 might change things. You might need to modify or, in most cases, correct the data. 21

MODERATOR: Let's see if we can

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squeeze in just a couple more questions in our 1 2 minutes remaining. Let me put together a couple 3 from the audience. One audience member asks, 4 "How well do cognitive systems work in companies 5 with overseas offices or with a workforce with several languages represented?" Another audience 6 7 member asks, "How do cognitive computing systems adjust to a diverse workforce? Is it sensitive 8 9 to language, culture, and other differences in 10 people?"

11 MS. RYAN: Okay. Yes. So, again, 12 these are all great questions. This -- the short 13 answer is currently cognitive systems, like 14 Talent Insights, the natural language processing 15 capability is in English. And the reason why 16 it's in English right now and there absolutely 17 are plans, at least within the -- you know, 18 within our Watson family of products to most 19 definitely expand out to other languages.

The tricky thing, the thing that is different with natural language processing than with text, say, if you were just typing a

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question on, say, Google, right, where you type in a question and you can do conversions, you can convert it into different languages, and so forth, or when you do a translation of an application into a different language to work within a different country.

7 The difference with natural language 8 processing is it's actually looking at the 9 context of what you are typing in, and that is 10 the hard part. That is the hard part for -- from 11 the, you know, computer science perspective.

So every time we look at a new language, it is not just a matter of us -- you know, of Watson having to figure out how to translate, but really understand the context of phrases and meaning of terms used together, words used together in a different language.

I mean, we can all point to probably out own examples of where, you know, a direct translation from one language to another just didn't quite work and you didn't quite understand what really the gist of it was. So that's kind

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of the backdrop -- you know, the backdrop to the 1 2 short answer, which is English today, so in those countries that have English as a primary language 3 4 or as a business language, these systems can 5 absolutely work. MODERATOR: And the final question an 6 7 audience member asks, "Are there any other HR analytics solutions that leverage cognitive 8 9 computing?" 10 MS. RYAN: There are not, is the short 11 answer. 12 MODERATOR: All right. With that 13 question and answer, we --14 MS. RYAN: Insight --15 MODERATOR: Sorry about that. Τ 16 didn't mean to interrupt. 17 With that question and answer, we are 18 going to bring to a close today's webcast. 19 As we close, a couple of final thanks. 20 First, to our presenter, Jackie Ryan, for the 21 insight she provided in today's program; and, 22 finally, our thanks to you in the audience for

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