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**Empowering enterprise innovation: Strategies for digital transformation** 

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### Pendo as a catalyst

- McGraw Hill the publisher
- Product ways of working
- Setting up for success
- How we decide which problems to solve





# **McGraw Hill Education**

- Leading global education company innovating for over 130 years.
- Our vision is to unlock the potential of each learner at every stage of life.
- 4 Business Units
  - D PreK-12
  - Higher Education
  - Professional
  - International



# **Pendo Business Case**

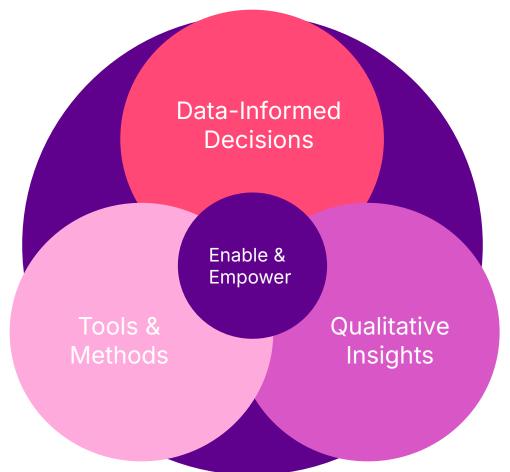


Continuous deep understanding of how our institutions, administrators, instructors, teachers, and students truly use what we offer and why.

More signals to drive better understanding faster, and evidence-informed decision making, and a strong rationale for why we are investing where we are.

Understand whether our efforts are making a difference where we expect them to, and enable us to react quickly to increase customer value realization.

### **Product Management Operations at MHE**



# **3 Pillars of Product Operations**



- Collection & analysis of internal data
- Revenue, retention, engagement, stickiness, etc.

Customer & Market Insights

- Facilitation & aggregation of external research
- Win/loss analysis data, competitive analysis, UX data, user/customer interviews, etc.

### **Process & Practices**

- Consistent
  cross-functional
  practices &
  frameworks
- Tools, templates, & practices

Pendo is a **TOOL** that requires process/practices leadership to provide user behavior and sentiment insights about our products to aid in discovery and inform decisions.

\* Based on Melissa Perri & Denise Tilles's 2023 Book: Product Operations





 Survey & interviews with product teams across the org

- Similar challenges across the org:
  - Access to usage data
  - Access to users/customers
  - Distrust of the data
  - Unfamiliar with Pendo

# Discovery

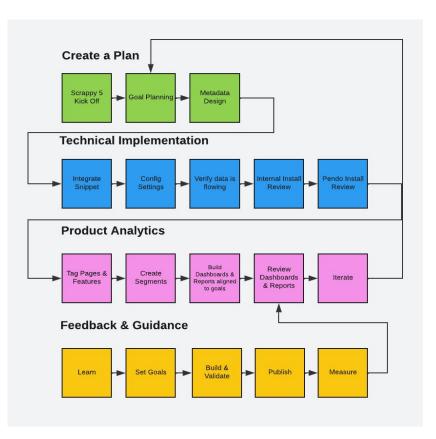


insights



Onboarding

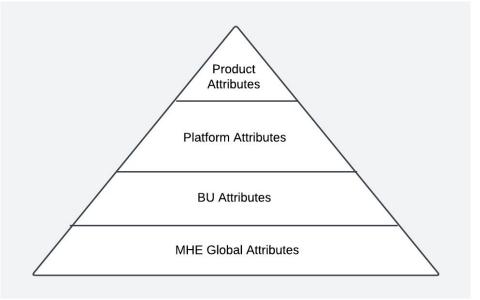
- Start with a plan
- 1-2-3 docs
- Analytics before Guides
- Iterative!



# Metadata Design

### CRITICAL ONGOING PROCESS

- Metadata pyramid
- Metadata design sessions
- Audit process



# **Focus on Actionable Insights**

- Avoid the DRIP
- Start with GOALS not questions or widgets
- Wireframe dashboards with text widgets

### Goal-Focused Dashboard Template

This dashboard serves as a template to MHE Product Operations' approach to dashboard design. Remember to avoid the DRIP (Data Rich Information Poor) by focusing on the goals of your product/feature. Once goals & questions are defined, it will be easier to select widgets/reports.

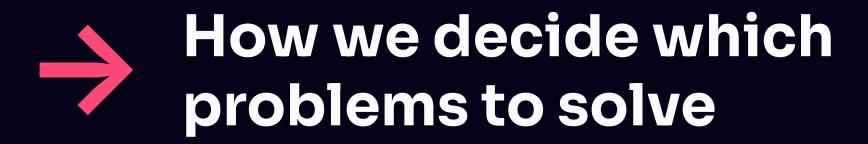
### Our goal is to XXX by XXX in order to XXX

Who is the audience for this dashboard? Here is some descriptive text that might be helpful for my audience.

Links to other pertitent information can go here: Link 1 | Link 2 | Link 3

What if we answer this question? Does it move us closer to our goal? Does it enble a decision that moves us towards our goal?

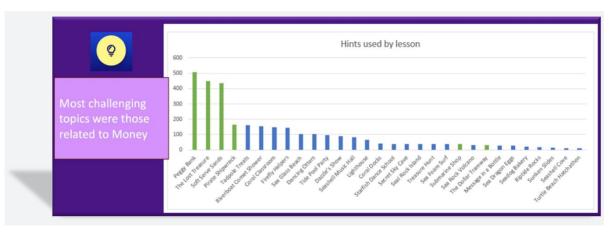
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# **Identify Challenges**

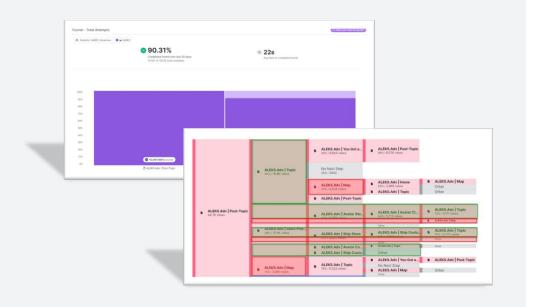
- Hint buttons exist for all lessons, allowing a student to get assistance if they are stuck on a particular concept.
- Pendo Track Events implemented to understand specific lessons and topics where the Hint button was used by students.
- Reporting quickly identified most challenging topics for students were related to money, causing us to evaluate content and questions to find the gaps.





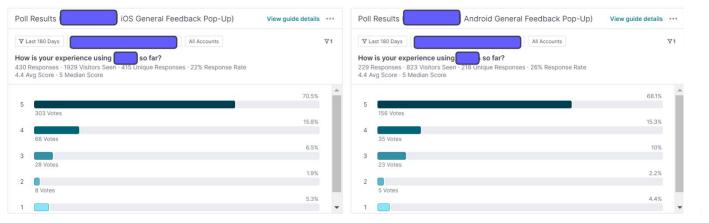
# **Challenge Assumptions**

- Assumption: Students would abandon lesson flow after completing a single lesson due to distracting gamification components.
- The facts: 90% of action post-lesson was to move to the next lesson.
- Reporting took TPM 25
  minutes vs. an estimated 14
  days of development



## **Establish a Baseline**

- Launched in-app guide to understand NPS and user feedback.
- Prior to Pendo, this work is estimated to have taken at least 1 month.

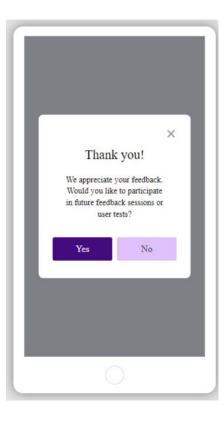




### **Accelerate Feedback**

- Feedback incorporated into prioritization.
- Also obtained a pool of users that opted in to providing ongoing feedback.

Feedback (35)								
	Source 🗘	Title 🗘	)	Status 🗘	Linked ideas $\hat{\downarrow}$	Importance 🗘		Labels 🛈 🗘
		Feedback from	And	Reviewed ~		Nice to have	~	Bug +1
		Feedback from	And	Reviewed ~		Nice to have	~	General Comment - Po
		Feedback from	And	Reviewed ~	Improve authentic	Nice to have	~	Entitlement +1
		Feedback from	And	Reviewed ~	Web Content Not I	Nice to have	~	Content Experience +1
		Feedback from	And	Reviewed ~		Nice to have	~	General Comment - Po
		Feedback from	And	Reviewed ~		Nice to have	~	General Comment - Po
		Feedback from	And	Reviewed ~		Nice to have	~	General Comment - Ne
		Feedback from	And	Reviewed ~	End-of-chapter/re	Nice to have	~	Content Experience +1
		Feedback from	And	Reviewed ~	Web Content Not I	Nice to have	~	Content - General +1
		Feedback from	And	Reviewed ~	Spanish	Nice to have	~	Language - Spanish



# **Optimize Content Development**

- Optimizes investment on content by enhancing product analytics.
- This sounds simple, but this is challenging.
- Could save \$\$\$\$\$ a year!!!

Custom visibility

Mar 31

All Accounts

k12\_contentOpened - pdf

Apr 14

k12\_contentOpened - docx

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OL | Instructors & Admins | Real Orgs

Mar 17

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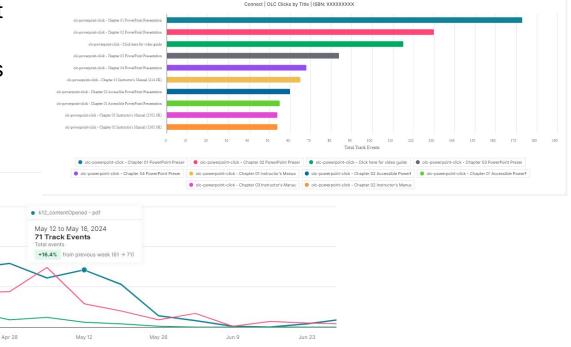
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**Fotal Track Events** 

Weekly

Mar 3





# **Lessons Learned**



- Understand your goals & opportunities
- Treat Pendo and transformation work as you would a product you manage
- Invest in product operations PMs shouldn't have to do it all!
- Reflect, celebrate, iterate



