

Engaging the Senses for Performance and their Effect on Productivity

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Abstract: *Considering human being five main senses, sight, smell, taste, hearing, and touch, they have the ability to impact how we watch the world and how we recollect encounters. Extended individual control and solace needs of workers agents set off the worry among affiliation and association to give them a situation and working environment, which fulfilled the representatives' need and helps their proficiency. The fundamental focus of this study is to find the relationship between faculties, which is identified with execution, work environment, and profitability.*

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1. Introduction

Sight, hearing, smelling and touch are the sensory methods that embrace a part in spatial perception in individuals, i.e. the capacity to perceive the geometrical structure of the surrounding environment, familiarity with self-area in surrounding space and determining in terms of understanding and directions the area of adjacent articles. Data streams from these faculties are persistently incorporated and handled in the mind, so that a cognitive representation of the three measurement environment can be precisely manufactured whether stationary or in development. Each of the five detects utilizes distinctive prompts for investigating the environment and elements an alternate recognition range. Touch, smell and taste provide information on the supposed close space (termed additionally haptic space), though vision and hearing are equipped for accommodating precepts speaking to questions or occasions in the purported far space. When we understand the definition of our senses, we comprehend that every senses have the power to influence how perceive the world and how we remember experience.

In this regard, this study aimed to explore the importance of human faculties in inside spaces and its connection with execution, and its impact on the work environment. Likewise to look at effect of the working environment on representatives profitability in connection with the association.

The problem to be assess in this study refers to offices that are the daily work environments; where numerous individuals spend more than half of the day at work there. For countless, office environment is critical in their every day life. As it's physical setting impacts their practices, feelings, and their prosperity. As indicated by changes in innovation and errands the configuration of office has changed amid years to give clients needs, for example, useful requirements, physical necessities and mental needs. Probably the most vital issues that are for the most part overlooked in configuration of inside spaces are the social

and mental needs of clients, for example, individual space, security, correspondence, controlling cooperation, personalization, and so forth. Physical environment influences the social and expert collaboration among representatives.

2. Justification of our Senses

So imagine a scenario where a space was composed because of every one of the 5 senses. Would that make us better off? More creative? More involved? These questions have been examined

By numerous researchers, most famously perhaps by designer Jinsop Lee who, in a TED talk suggests that the "best designs appeal to all (or most) of our senses and have been exploiting the unique ability of senses to evoke a range of emotional responses" (Lee, 2013). Sensory design elements such as colors, lighting, sounds, texture and smells are currently intentionally adjusted to enhance the work environment and increase productivity. Good office design will directly influence employee psychology and engaging them with the business.

To start with stress and anxiety is basically a response to a boost that irritates our physical or mental harmony. At the end of the day, it's a ubiquitous piece of life. A stressful workplace can trigger the "battle or-flight" reaction, transporting on hormones, for instance, adrenaline and cortisol to surge through the body. Since the spaces we occupy shapes that we are and how we act. This has genuine outcomes for our mental prosperity and creative performance.

Also A report into health, wellbeing and productivity in office, by the World Green Building Council (WGBC) and JLL, found that "a lack of natural light and outdoor views, air that's airless, too hot or very un friendly and too much noise not only make employees unhappy but also less productive". According to global design firm HOK:

Table 1: Senses and its affects on productivity (Treasure, 2013)

Sight	Sound	Touch	Taste	Smell
<p>1. Colour psychology (Desire behaviour): Blue Associate with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calm • Promoting mental clarity • Control <p>Creative thinking Green Creates calming balance Red and citrus hues such as yellow and orange:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help to feel more alert • Clear decision <p>2. Natural light Daylight exposure and office workers':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sleep • Activity • Quality of life 	<p>Affect our;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our heart rates • Breathing • Hormones secretion • Brain waves • Emotions • Cognitions 	<p>Associate with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emotions 2. Comfort 3. Warmth <p>Natural material such as wood and soft wool Associate with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm • Cozy <p>Material like metal and plastic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sterility • Coldness • Not inviting 	<p>Not related directly to productivity but the most indirectly powerful of all senses</p>	<p>Pleasant subtle can lift our mood Scent such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cinnamon • Mint • Lemon • Orange • Rosemary

After considering the senses and their engaging with productivity on people, we Comprehended that all these faculties has influence on human conduct and their productivities. The other essential variable is to consider is the relationship between the execution and work environment.

2.1 The Impact of the Physical Workplace on Performance

Natalie Slessor from Woods Bagot “expounds the importance of understanding psychology and human behavior in creating successful workplace interiors”. Design and individuals are obviously inseparably connected. First, one makes the other, but also one characterizes the other. Somewhat like an aquarium, say, which needs fish to really be an aquarium instead of a glass box of kelp and rocks. Don't all manufactured spaces need individuals in them, utilizing them, to make the movement from being a structure to a gainful, charming work environment? It appears glaringly evident that we ought to unpredictably contemplate individuals, conduct and brain science before planning a working spot. The outline results are brimming with development and decision, permitting individuals to be withdrawn or outgoing, supporting fixation, imagination and cooperation in spaces intended for those assignments. It's not about customizing your work area, but rather customizing your day and selecting the right places to do the greatest work. This new space drives conduct and backings development in the business. The bookkeepers among us may reel at making such copious situations, yet they can be very proficient. Testing one-dark work area per-individual can make investment funds in space, yet difficult how individuals use space can likewise build adaptability and effect working expenses.

The space we involve shapes that we are and how we carry on. This has genuine results for our mental prosperity and imaginative execution. Working environment innovativeness has imperative hierarchical and individual ramifications, and work environment influence appears to impact inventive execution at work. Crosswise over concentrates, be that as it may, research inspecting the relationship amongst influence and inventive execution has yielded conflicting and now and

again opposing results. Innovativeness has been observed to be fundamentally identified with positive full of feeling states in some exploration, however has been fixing to negative emotional states in others.

The investigation of effect in the working environment started and crested in the 1930s, with the decades that caught up to the 1990s not being especially rich. While work fulfilment for the most part keeps on being freely however not deliberately considered and measured as a full of feeling state, basic work in the 1990s has brought up major issues about the emotional status of occupation fulfilment as far as its causes and in addition its definition and estimation. Late research has concentrated on the generation of states of mind and feelings at work, with an accentuation, in any event theoretically, on unpleasant occasions, pioneers, work bunches, physical settings, and prizes/discipline. Other late research has tended to the results of specialists' sentiments, specifically, an assortment of execution results (e.g., helping practices and imagination). Despite the fact that late enthusiasm for influence in the working environment has been extreme, numerous hypothetical and methodological open doors and difficulties remain.

A successful worker is a mix of a decent expertise set and a gainful workplace. Numerous variables influence worker execution that supervisors should know about and ought to work to enhance at all times. To get the greatest execution from representatives, you have to furnish them with the apparatuses they have to succeed.

2.2 People, place and performance

Similarly to representatives' capability or their working environment equipment, the physical working environment adds to the association and nature of work. In this sense, it is a work 'device', yet it is additionally associated with representative inspiration, execution, fulfilment and engagement. To disengage the outcomes of the working environment alone on its clients and in this way on the execution of the association is troublesome. Be that as it may, our feeling of "space" is associated with our feeling of "self" - the way we feel, carry on and connect - thus by

augmentation to the advancement of people in the work environment and the execution of their association.

By method for instance, think about how as a decrease in the surface zone of work area space accessible to an individual may lessen their adaptability at work. The individual may see this work area space diminishment as an exacerbating of their conditions, a sign of a decrease in the quality appended to them by the association. It might bring about decreased fulfilment at work, lower inspiration and individual execution. While the immediate effect of such an adjustment in the physical environment on the execution of the association might be hard to gauge, its effect in any event on worker performance is inside less demanding handle. The case above spotlights on only one particular part of the physical working environment among others that component essentially, for instance: the extent to which one can customize the work environment or control perspectives, for example, lighting and temperature, see outside, see nature or get common light.

A significant part of the reasoning and writing on the effect of the physical working environment is the result of associations, for example, Steelcase, HOK (design, architecture, engineering and planning) and Gensler (engineering, brand outline, counselling, inside

configuration, arranging and urban configuration, item plan, supportability). Their diverse methodologies give knowledge into how they understand the physical work environment's effect on key execution drivers. The methodology taken by Steelcase concentrates on physical work environment plan that advances decision and control over how and where representatives work. The point of this methodology is to make workers feel enabled, drew in, and to lessen stress. It includes six "dimensions" of "worker wellbeing" that are supported by physical work environment plan contemplations to bolster execution drivers.

In contrast, according to HOK Company believes that "a 'thoughtful' knowledge economy workplace can support employee performance constructed on three aspects drawn from the field of organizational psychology: ability, motivation, and opportunity"(Fonesca, 2016). As it presented above ability related to whether a person could do the task, motivation related to a measure of whether a person wants to do it, and opportunity in which is about accessibility to the right workplace condition and environment.

In this approach, (table below) health and wellbeing are 'collateral' benefits of ten fundamental workplace environment design elements to support work:

Table 2: Fundamental workplace environment design elements (Fonesca, 2016)

<i>Thermal comfort</i>	<i>Access to nature</i>	<i>Sensory change</i>	<i>Colour</i>	<i>Noise control</i>	<i>Crowding</i>	<i>Human factor</i>	<i>Indoor air quality</i>
The right combination of: •Temperature •Airflow •Humidity	Related to daylight and replicate the instinctive bond	Lack of stimulation can affect workers ability. To avoid this: Access to daylight, windows views to outdoor, material selected	Choice of colour can support: 1. Accuracy 2. Focus 3. Energy level 4. Calm	Enable or disable productivity	Feeling of crowded associate with: Stress Workplace satisfaction	Ergonomics And focuses on: Safety Incident of human error Product design	Factor of good health Impact on key performance drivers

3. Impact of Workplace on Employees' Productivity

Expanded individual control and solace needs of representatives initiated the worry among associations to give them a situation and working environment, which satisfies the representatives' needs and supports their profitability. The principle critical variable is the relationship amongst work environment and efficiency. Likewise to comprehend that work environment is exceptionally basic regarding expanding representatives' efficiency. Agreeable and ergonomic working environment inspires the representatives and expansions their execution considerably. "Most people spend fifty per cent of their lives within indoor environments, which greatly influence their mental status, actions, abilities and performance" (Sundstrom, 1994). Better results and expanded efficiency is thought to be the after effect of better working environment. Better physical environment of office will helps the workers and at last enhance their profitability. Various literature concerns to the study of multiple offices and office buildings indicated "the factors such as dissatisfaction, cluttered

workplaces and the physical environment are playing a major role in the loss of employees' productivity" (Carnevale 1992, Clements-Croome 1997).

Workplace is well defined by BNet Business Dictionary (2008) as, "the arrangement of workspace so that work can be performed in the most efficient way". Office plan fuses both ergonomics and work process, which look at the route in which work is performed keeping in mind the end goal to upgrade design. Work environment is an imperative element in occupation performance. It influences the route in which representatives' work, and numerous associations have actualized open-arrangement workplaces to energize cooperation. Office configuration is exceptionally imperative in worker fulfilment, and the expansive idea of office plan additionally incorporates the work process. The work is examined at first and it is distinguished that how it is proficient and afterward the general setting of the workplace is made by stream. This guarantees the smooth running of work in the workplace without deterrents.

Table 3: Related to the impact of the physical workplace on performance (*The impact of the physical workplace on performance: An introduction, 2015*)

Worker wellbeing dimension	Design consideration	Performance driver
Optimism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow choice and control over where and how people work. • Create spaces that allow personalization and individual customization, instead of tightly enforced workplace standards. • Offer settings and affordances that help employees feel supported in their work. • Design for transparency, so people can see and be seen, and build trust. 	Foster creativity And innovation
Mindfulness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create spaces that help people connect with others one-on-one and eye-to-eye, and not just through their technology devices. • Design areas that allow workers to control their sensory stimulation and choose if they want to amp it up or down. • Offer places that are calming, through the materials, textures, colours, lighting and views. • Create areas where people can connect 	Fully engaged
Authenticity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create spaces that help people feel comfortable to express themselves and share their ideas. • Incorporate informal, non-constricting environments with a home-like feel. • Design areas that help people connect their personal values to the brand values. 	Really yourself
Meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include spaces beyond the lobby that reinforce the brand, purpose, history and culture of the company. • Leverage vertical real estate to make thinking and progress visible. • Create an ecosystem of spaces that give people choices and empower them to work productively alone or together 	A sense of purpose
Vitality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design areas that give people choices for controlling the level of sensory stimulation around them. • Provide easily adjustable furniture to fit a range of sizes, needs and preferences and to promote movement throughout the day. • Include cafés with healthy food choices and displays. • Bring nature in with daylight, views, ventilation, patios, etc. • Support active, healthy lifestyles with centrally located stairways, outdoor walking paths, bicycle racks, etc. 	Get up and go

3.1 Defining Productivity

Rolloos (1997) defined the productivity as, “productivity is that which people can produce with the least effort”. Productivity is also described by Sutermeister (1976) as an, “output per employee hour, quality considered”. Dorgan (1994) defines productivity as, “the increased functional and organizational performance, including quality”. Productivity is a proportion to scale how well an association (or individual, industry, nation) changes over info assets (work, materials, machines and so on.) into products and administrations. For this situation, we are thinking about execution increment as when there is less non-attendance, less representative leaving early and less breaks; while in a production line setting, increment in execution can be measured by the quantity of units delivered per worker every hour. In this study, subjective profitability estimation technique is utilized. The measures of this strategy are not taking into account quantitative operational data. Rather, they depend on work force's subjective evaluations. Wang and Gianakis (1999) have defined “subjective performance measure as an indicator used to assess individuals aggregated perceptions, attitudes or assessments toward an organizations product or service”. Subjective productivity data is usually collected using survey questionnaires. “Subjective data can also be descriptive or qualitative collected by interviews” (Clements-Croome and Kaluarachchi 2000). Subjective efficiency information is accumulated from representatives, administrators, customers, clients and suppliers.

3.2 Workplace and Productivity

Throughout the years, numerous associations have been attempting new plans and procedures to develop office structures, which can build efficiency, and pull in more workers. Many authors have noted that, “the physical layout of the workspace, along with efficient management processes, is playing a major role in boosting employees’ productivity and improving organizational performance” (Uzee, 1999; Leaman and Bordass, 1993; Williams et al. 1985). A free research firm directed an exploration on US work environment. In March 2006 by gensler, a review was directed by taking an example size of 2013. The exploration was identified with; work environment plans, work performance, and efficiency. 89 per cent of the respondents appraised outline, from imperative to essential. Just about 90 per cent of senior authorities uncovered that compelling working environment configuration is critical for the expansion in representatives' efficiency. The last result of the study recommended that organizations could upgrade their efficiency by enhancing their working environment plans. An unpleasant estimation was made by administrators, which demonstrated that very nearly 22 per cent increment could be accomplished in the organization's execution if their workplaces are all around outlined. Be that as it may, for all intents and purposes, numerous associations still don't give much significance to working environment outline. Upwards of 40 per cent of the representatives’ trust that their organizations need to keep their costs low that is the reason their working environments have awful plans; and 46 for every penny of workers

imagine that the need rundown of their organization does not have working environment outline on top. At the point when information was outlined, very nearly one out of each five representatives evaluated their working environment from, 'reasonable to poor'. 90 per cent conceded that their mentality about work is aggressively influenced by the nature of their work environment. Once more 89 per cent rebuked their workplace for their employment disappointment (Gensler, 2006).

3.3 Relationship between Office Design and Productivity

The American Society of Interior Designers (ASID, 1999) completed a self-ruling study and uncovered that the physical work environment configuration is one of the main three elements, which influence execution and occupation performance. The study outcomes established that 31 per cent of individuals were fulfilled by their employments and had satisfying working environment situations. 50 per cent of individuals were looking for occupations and said that they would lean toward a vocation in an organization where the physical environment is great. (1984) Positioned elements, which influence efficiency as indicated by their significance. "The elements are sequenced in light of the

importance: Furniture, Noise, Flexibility, Comfort, Communication, Lighting, Temperature and the Air Quality". Springer Inc (1986) expressed "an insurance agency in a study uncovered that the best ergonomic furniture enhanced execution by 10 to 15 per cent. Leaman (1995) led an overview, which is quickly highlighted here. Creator endeavoured to discover the relationship between indoor environment, disappointed representatives and their profitability. The outcomes uncovered that the efficiency of the work is influenced on the grounds that the general population were troubled with temperature, air quality, and light and clamour levels in the workplace. The profitability level was measured by the strategy for self-reported estimation, which is a 9-point scale from more prominent than - 40 and under +40 per cent (misfortune/pick up). The scale was connected with the inquiry: "Does your office surroundings influence your efficiency at work"(Leaman, 1995). It depicts a couple of parts of the workplace that can influence on labourer effectiveness and will address lighting, uproar, shading, and air quality. Office furniture and rigging as the key physical segments in the workplace will discuss as well.

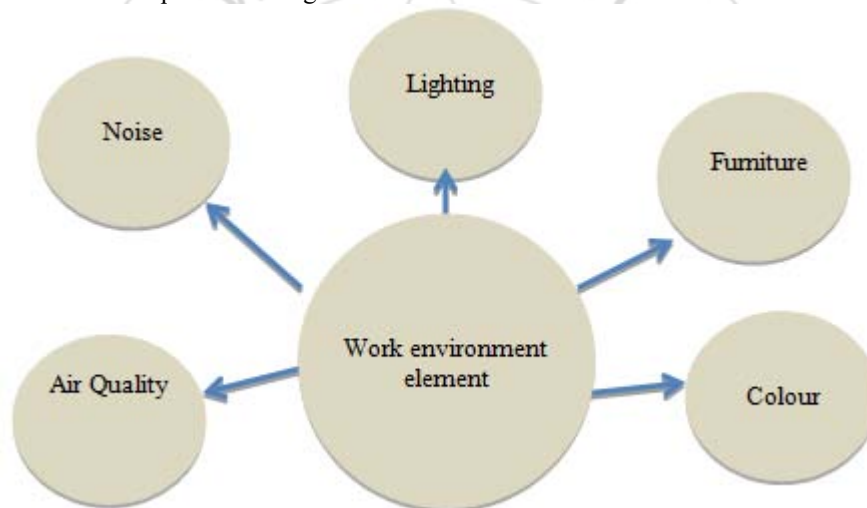


Figure 1: The relationship between office design and productivity (Leaman, 1995)

The figure below shows the action of how performance affects productivity and the other way around also it shows how productivity affect workplace and its relationship with the organization of the space.

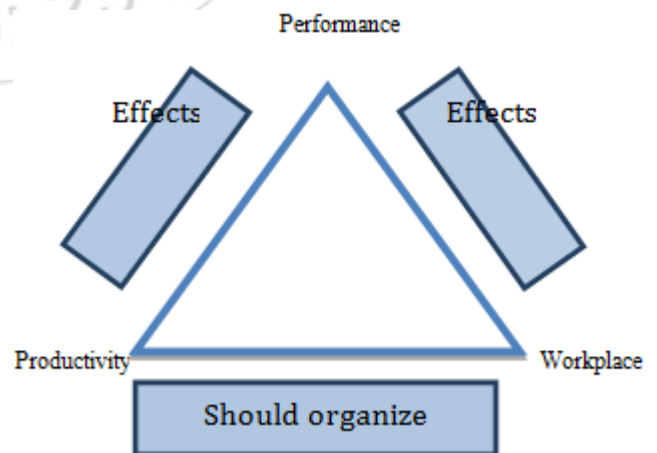


Figure 2: Engaging the senses for performance and their effects on productivity in workplace

Table 4: Analyse the productivity according to office design and productivity

	<i>Name of the building</i>	<i>Furniture</i>	<i>Lighting</i>	<i>Colour</i>	<i>Air Quality</i>	<i>Noise</i>
1	Grow Marketing USA	Parisian inspiration French office furniture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bright • French style chandelier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bright yellow • Cheery • White • Nude 	Fresh	Double glaze glass
2	Google Office in Mexico	Modern	Bright and joyful	Bright colour	Refreshing	Sound proof
3	Collaborative workplace UK	Austro-turf flooring Deck chair Picnic benches Graphic walls	Suspended ceiling lighting Bright interior	Vibrant and colourful	Indoor garden Long window for circulation	Sound proof acoustic
4	E-bay, Istanbul	Modern Entrance: wood on floor, beams, walls	Colourful panels and lighting	Reception: black, white, red	Long ceiling Green garden	Acoustic

4. Conclusion

The aim of this study was to expose the behaviour of personalization in workplaces that related to sensory study, which helps designers to make more reasonable inside spaces in workplaces for representatives concurring to their physical and mental requirements. The study also aimed to find out the impact of the physical workplace on the performance of employees and their productivity according to the five elements. Also was the analysis and to understand of the work environment elements and its effect on workers efficiency. For this reason a contextual analysis has been finished in this study to discover the answers to the above inquiries.

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