



TRAINING ACCORDING TO THE TRAINEE'S LEARNING STYLE

As part of the trainee's orientation (day one of training), have a conversation that is geared towards exploring the trainee's learning style, personality type and other things/areas that may affect the learning process.

Learning style is an individual's preferred method of understanding, absorbing, processing, and retaining information.

Trainees absorb and retain information in different ways.

Always have an informal and a formal meeting with your trainee before you start training on any position.

Formal meeting - here are the rules/expectations

Informal meeting - ice breaker chat



Several studies have concluded over the years that there are 4 main learning styles. Most people are a combination of these

four styles.

The VARK model:







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Learn more through images, diagrams, charts, graphs, presentations and anything that illustrates ideas.

Gamified lessons are invaluable to these learners.

VISUAL

You prefer to use pictures, diagrams, images and spatial understanding to help you learn

They often struggle with large blocks of text or spoken lectures without accompanying visuals.

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Prefers to learn by listening (lectures, podcasts, music, etc.) and might not take any notes at all.

Discussions are invaluable to these learners.

You prefer using sounds or music or even rhythms to help you learn.

AUDITORY

They also tend to read their notes aloud or listen to music when studying to help them understand and retain information.

Prefer written words (books, articles, blogs, etc.) instead of images or spoken words.

Quizzes and puzzles are invaluable to these learners.

VERBAL

Words are your strongpoint! You prefer to use words both in speech and in writing!

Always ensure they have time to take notes and allocate extra time for reading.

Learn better when they're physically moving and getting hands-on experience. They learn by doing.

Simulations and role playing are invaluable to these learners.

They tend to be action-oriented.





Ask how do they want to be engaged?

Some trainees may have a dominant style of learning, while others have a mixture or does not prefer one style over the other.

SOCIAL

You like to learn new things as a part of a group.

Explaining your understanding to a group helps you to learn.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING STYLES

LOGICAL / MATHEMATICAL

Learning is easier for you if you use logic, reasoning, systems and sequences.

SOLITARY

you like to work alone. You use self-study and prefer your own company when learning.

Knowing the trainee and the ways they learn can help the CTO adapt their teaching style to suit the trainee.



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