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# Improving retail store experience *with Real-Time Associate Productivity*



One of the hardest problems to solve in retail is how to best match your store associates with the most important activities required to serve the customer, operate the store, and handle a variety of unplanned activities that pop up. The answer usually already lies within the retailers' hands but is generally untapped to help associates and team leaders make the highest impact, next best action decision—data.

Google Cloud and Deloitte's **Real-Time Associate Productivity** cloud-based platform harnesses existing sales, delivery, inventory and associate data, pre-built ML algorithms, and mobile applications for associates to allow retailers to best maximize their store team's impact.

#### Improving associate productivity does not only impact stores; value is delivered across the value chain

Corporate	Distribution centers	Stores	Associates	Customers
enterprise and store apps to drive	<ul> <li>Provide better end- to-end inventory visibility</li> <li>Gain greater insight into demand patterns to improve inventory management and minimize unnecessary costs (e.g., spoilage)</li> <li>Extend associate productivity tools /</li> </ul>	<b>WORKFORCE</b> Empower associates to tackle the highest value tasks	<ul> <li>Improve associate satisfaction         <ul> <li>(and retention) by providing smart solutions/tools to more efficiently and effectively complete tasks</li> </ul> </li> <li>Replace store leader "gut feel" with automated task recommendations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Enable a more frictionless shopping experience</li> <li>Drive more meaningful customer engagement by prioritizing associate intervention during most impactful shopping moments</li> <li>Increase customer satisfaction by limiting out-of-stock experiences (across fulfillment channels)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Gain more granular and comprehensive understanding of labor needs to improve labor forecasting</li> </ul>		<i>INVENTORY</i> Ensure optimal product availability for customers		
<ul> <li>Evaluate technology deployment approach and overall footprint to rationalize costs</li> </ul>	learnings to increase labor productivity of distribution centers	Define optimal approach to invest/ scale technology		

#### Making it real: Case study

In under four months, Google Cloud and Deloitte built and launched an Android-based associate productivity app, integrated with ~10 enterprise systems and powered by Google Cloud and pre-built analytics models.



- Shift handoffs
- Inbound deliveries
- Staffing management
- Process dashboard
- Prescriptive insights



### Start the conversation



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