

Skillsoft Reports Surge in Learner Growth and Engagement as Enterprises Accelerate Technology Skilling

Global organizations and their workforces are relying on Skillsoft's blended, interactive learning model to build critical technology skills

BOSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- <u>Skillsoft</u> (NYSE: SKIL), the platform that empowers organizations and learners to unlock their full potential, today announced a surge in learner growth and engagement alongside continued enterprise adoption of its technology skilling solution. With a 30% year-over-year (YoY) increase in the number of technology learners on the Skillsoft platform, including a 74% increase in AI learners and 158% increase in total AI learning hours, global organizations are scaling their efforts with Skillsoft to close critical skill gaps and drive digital transformation.

"Nearly every organization is under immense pressure to keep pace with rapid technological change while building a resilient, future-ready workforce," said Apratim Purakayastha, GM, Talent Development Solutions, Skillsoft. "We are enabling our customers to tackle this challenge head-on and capitalize on a transformative moment in time by delivering the industry's most comprehensive blend of interactive learning experiences. This is resonating with customers as they seek to accelerate skill development, reduce learning complexity, and drive meaningful business outcomes at scale."

Skillsoft's latest IT Skills & Salary report underscores the urgency: <u>65% of IT decision-</u> <u>makers</u> report skill gaps on their teams, causing increased stress on employees, prolonged project timelines, and jeopardized business objectives, among other impacts. As organizations race to close skill gaps and keep pace with emerging technologies – particularly AI, cybersecurity, cloud, and data – they are seeking solutions to upskill and reskill talent in a flexible, measurable, and scalable manner.

Skillsoft's Blended Learning Model Powers Enterprise Technology Skilling

Skillsoft's technology skilling solution comprises more than 325,000 learning assets and a suite of interactive modalities – including on-demand content, skill assessments, AI-powered simulations, live instructor-led training (ILT), hands-on practice labs and programming courses, and certification prep – all within a single, blended, and customizable experience. Whether upskilling cohorts of engineers, reskilling employees into technical roles, or preparing teams for certification, Skillsoft enables organizations to design talent development programs tailored to their specific workforce goals, tech stacks, and business objectives. Recent enhancements to Skillsoft's technology skilling solution include:

• **Comprehensive skill measurement:** With Skill Benchmark completions up 161% YoY and learners demonstrating an average skill gain of 20%, Skillsoft's hands-on,

outcome-based assessments are helping organizations understand their workforce's skill proficiency, personalize learning paths, and deliver measurable progress in closing skill gaps.

- **New learning experiences:** Newly added courses from Skillsoft Global Knowledge and Skillsoft Codecademy on AI, machine learning, cybersecurity, and quantum computing, coupled with more than 1,200 practice labs, are enabling organizations and learners to build proficiency in today's most in-demand technical areas.
- **Certification Paths:** Covering more than 500 technical certifications from top providers including AWS, Cisco, Microsoft, and CompTIA, Skillsoft's guided learning journeys are streamlining and simplifying the process for learners to discover, prepare, earn, and validate their credentials.
- Skillsoft CAISY[™]: Skillsoft's award-winning, AI-powered coach is transforming how learners simulate and practice high-stakes workplace situations ranging from "Investigating Cybersecurity Breaches" to "Building Data Teams" and strengthen critical skills.

Skillsoft's blended approach to technology skilling is delivering powerful results for customers worldwide, including CGI, one of the largest independent IT and business consulting firms and the recent recipient of Skillsoft's "Program of the Year" and "Impact" <u>awards</u>. CGI launched a comprehensive global AI learning initiative, leveraging Skillsoft to upskill more than 70,000 professionals in just 3 months, and earning over 140,000 badges for course completions. Following the training, 90% of participants reported feeling confident in their ability to apply AI concepts directly to their work.

Another Skillsoft customer, DB Systel, a leading IT and digital solutions provider, recently launched a program to address critical skill gaps and accelerate the onboarding of recent college graduates into technical roles. DB Systel transitioned from traditional classroom training to a blended, digital-first learning model. Over a three-month intensive program, new hires gained essential DevOps and networking automation skills, enabling the company to build a future-ready workforce and strengthen its position as a digital transformation leader in mobility and logistics.

Learn more about Skillsoft's technology skilling solution and get started here.

About Skillsoft

Skillsoft (NYSE: SKIL) empowers organizations and learners to unlock their full potential by delivering personalized, interactive learning experiences and enterprise-ready solutions. Powered by AI and strengthened by a broad ecosystem of partners, the Skillsoft platform helps customers solve some of today's most complex business challenges including bridging skill gaps, improving talent retention, driving digital transformation, and future-proofing the workforce. Skillsoft is the talent development partner of choice for thousands of organizations – including 60% of the Fortune 1000 – and serves a global community of more than 105 million learners. For more information, visit <u>skillsoft.com</u>.

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