Organizations are often ill-prepared when it comes to specialized talent. Rather than hire externally, build the bench strength of your organization with the most qualified individuals who have the right skills to fill the right roles when they arise.

Succession planning is more critical than ever to create a flexible, sustainable business with a strong pipeline of ready candidates. When looking to the future of your organization, succession planning is not just for leadership roles—it applies across the workforce. While knowing and growing your employees is critical, you also need to ensure that you are nurturing potential leaders and managers for leadership continuity. With the SumTotal Succession module, you have visibility into your talent pipeline which becomes actionable insight when you begin to identify at-risk positions, understand skills and competence gaps, and take the actions needed to increase bench strength to minimize business risk. Succession planning helps support internal career mobility, which will have a big impact on your overall retention efforts.

Drag and Drop 9 Box Grid: Visualize your organization and understand the impact of employee moves

Talent Pools – Create lists of potential successors and assign learning and training plans to increase bench strength

“We needed one system that could provide visibility to all our talent information across the globe and let us create effective processes to retain and grow our engineering talent. The SumTotal Talent Expansion Platform was the only system that met our unique, global needs.”

David Tough, Global HR Operations Manager, Howden Group
Know and nurture your talent pipeline

You can increase visibility into your talent pipeline, build bench strength, improve talent identification of at-risk positions, and improve your ability to hire internally. With SumTotal Succession, you can manage business risk and ensure leadership and critical-role continuity across all levels of an organization. With the Drag and Drop 9 Box we make it easy to evaluate employees against performance and potential. Talent pools provide global visibility into the talent pipeline and overall bench strength of your organization. It allows you to discover and expand talent – including your high performers – deep within the organization to ensure proper retention strategies are in place. Managers can use SumTotal Succession to evaluate the overall talent of the organization and establish learning and training plans to strengthen the bench.

Employees that can see their career path are more likely to stay with your organization. SumTotal enables employees to explore their fit for future roles by identifying skills, learning and behavior gaps. Managers and employees can identify the precise learning needed to resolve those gaps. Our machine intelligence can create career path recommendations based on traditional career paths and actual career path data continually mined from peers and predecessors and career progression.

Features

- Capture and search for employee competencies, skills, certifications and experience from talent profiles
- Drag and Drop 9 Box Grid to rate employees against readiness, potential and performance
- Create dynamic talent pools to group employees by user-defined criteria
- Model the future state of your organization
- Talent Explorer combines talent pool functionality with advanced search capabilities
- Calculate and view bench strength

Benefits

- Identify at-risk positions
- Improve bench strength
- Ensure critical leadership continuity
- Provide development opportunities for top performers
- Evaluate overall talent readiness
- Reduce employee turnover
- Anticipate and plan for leadership gaps