

Medium Enterprise Computer Software Company

Introduction

This case study of a medium enterprise computer software company is based on a May 2017 survey of The Skills Connection customers by TechValidate, a 3rd-party research service. The profiled company asked to have their name blinded to protect their confidentiality.



“The Skills Connection offer value for money. Their obsession with ‘results-driven’ work, with reasoned and sound arguments, often led us to move from correct answers to effective answers.”

“Analyst reports and the way they represent our company are a major influence on our business opportunities. The Skills Connection enabled us to communicate our value prop much more effectively to the target analysts. I rate them ten out of ten.”

Challenges

The business challenges that led the profiled company to evaluate and ultimately select The Skills Connection:

- Engaged with The Skills Connection for the following reasons:
 - Wanted to learn how to effectively differentiate themselves from their competitors when talking with analysts
 - Wanted to change their position in the MQ/Wave/Marketscape to generate new business

Use Case

The key features and functionalities of The Skills Connection that the surveyed company uses:

- Uses The Skills Connection to:
 - Show them how to effectively communicate their story to analysts
 - Help them improve their position in an MQ/Wave/Marketscape
 - Focus just on what was needed, and avoid wasting time on anything else
 - Create compelling evidence-based cases for analysts

Results

The surveyed company achieved the following results with The Skills Connection:

- Experiences gained with The Skills Connection:
 - Confidence communicating the unique value of their solution to analysts
 - The ability to create a strong evidence-based case to analysts covering their product / service
 - The skills needed to communicate with analysts in the future
 - Unique insights about their solution that were instrumental in winning over analysts
- Benefits from working with The Skills Connection:
 - Positively shifted their position in the MQ/Wave/Marketscape
 - Received better results than when they had engaged with analysts
 - Effectively communicates the unique value of their products / services
- Agrees with the following statements:
 - Met their internal schedules and deadlines: strongly agree
 - Ensured they met schedules and deadlines for the analysts: agree
 - Facilitated the co-ordination of activities across their internal response team: disagree
 - Acted as an extension of staff: agree
 - Enabled them to focus on what was needed and avoid wasting time on anything else: strongly agree
- Agrees with the following statements:
 - Collaborative: strongly agree
 - Knowledgeable: strongly agree
 - Service-oriented: strongly agree
 - Value for money: agree
 - Best practice focused: strongly agree

Company Profile

The company featured in this case study asked to have its name publicly blinded because publicly endorsing vendors is against their policies.

TechValidate stands behind the authenticity of this data.

Company Size:
Medium Enterprise

Industry:
Computer Software

About The Skills Connection

The Skills Connection helps technology companies to get the right results from analyst engagement. They work with technology clients that want to optimize their chances of success in a Gartner MQ or Forrester Wave assessment. In addition, they work with elite analyst firms, providing coaching and training services to sharpen delivery and improve client satisfaction and renewal rates.

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