



# Inside the Mind of the Modern Candidate

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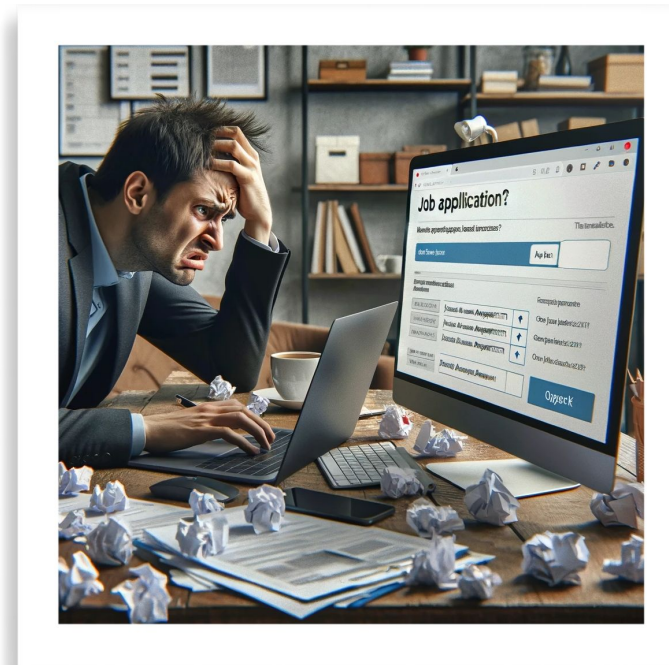


# Why Is the Hiring Process So Hard?

If HR Tech is so advanced, how can we buy a car faster than we can apply for a job?

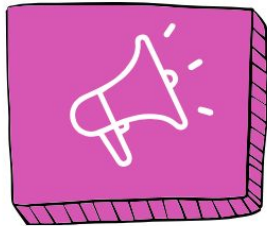


Buy a Car: 15 Minutes



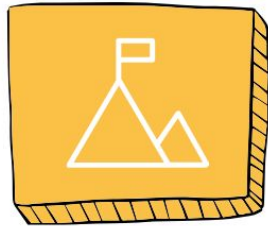
Job Application: 30-45 minutes

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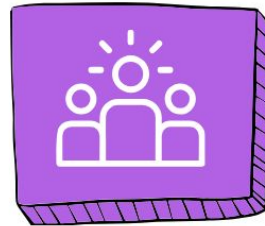
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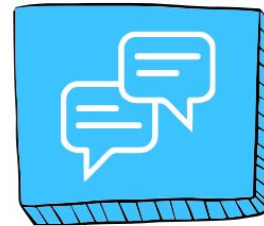
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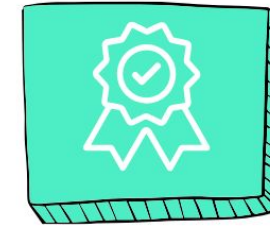
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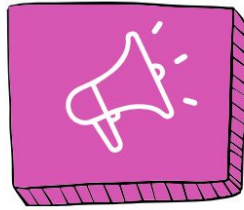
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*Candidate Experience is a journey, not a singular event.*

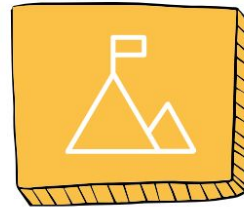


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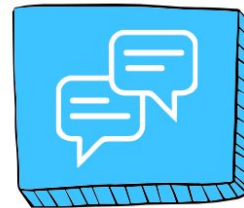
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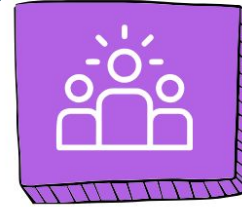
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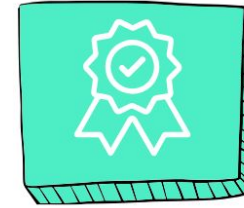
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*What happens if we reshuffle the order?*

## Campaigns:

- High volume
- Customer Service Representatives
- Warehouse Workers

## Results:

- Higher Contact Conversion: 1-in-4 versus 1-in-100
- Lower Cost: At least 50%
  - Campaigns ended in days instead of weeks
  - Able to refocus on cheapest cost areas
- Better Experience: 30% More Hires
  - Candidates remained engaged
  - Significantly less drop off throughout the process



# RESULTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

50%

Increase in talent utilization

**KELLY**<sup>®</sup>  
SERVICES

300%

Increase in candidate engagement for nurses

 **Community**  
Health Network

175%

Increase in new candidates from talent community

**Great Clips**<sup>®</sup>  
IT'S GONNA BE GREAT<sup>®</sup>

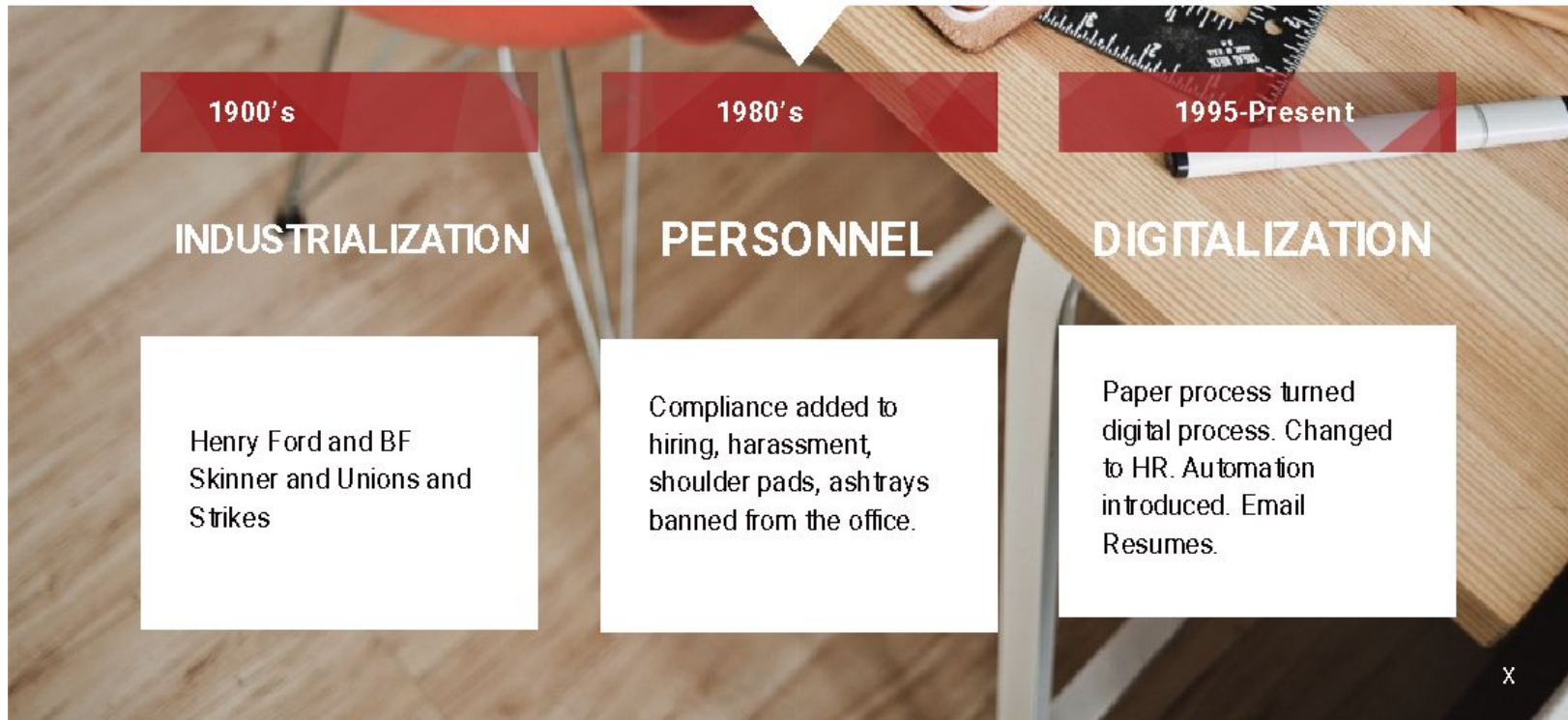
30%

Reduction in monthly new hire ghosting

SEVENSTEP



## The 100 Year of Human Resources



# Sunrise Problems – They Keep Coming Up

<b>Speed</b>	30-45 minute application	3-14 days to contact	45-90 day time to fill
<b>Ghosting</b>	Candidates auto-rejected	Companies and candidates not showing up for interviews	First Day No-Shows at 30%!
<b>Bias</b>	Referred candidates treated better	Lack of opportunity for disadvantaged candidates	Frustration leads to gaming the system, opening the company up to discrimination claims
<b>Overspending</b>	Massive overspending on advertising on unqualified candidates	Campaigns treat all candidates the same, regardless of their personal needs or skill level	Programmatic Ad Fraud grows as Cost Per Application increases
<b>Communication</b>	Lack of Transparency leads to hurt feelings	Candidate investment in time is 100 times that of the hiring manager	Unknowns like salary, hours, schedule, and location end with rejected offers





# Candidate Motivations



**MARIE-ANN WUNDER**

Creative Director

*Wants to move to a bigger name company - but doesn't need to.*



**ROBERT KRONENBURG**

Sales Specialist

*Needs a raise to qualify for a rental house move from their apartment.*



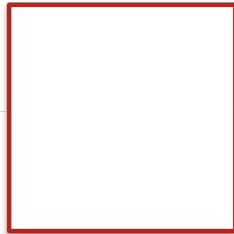
**CHARLIE BERENSTAIN**

Warehouse Worker

*Leaving retail for higher wages - works 8-5 currently.*



# Candidate Needs



**Byron Donaldson**  
Sales Associate

*Laid off 3 months ago - lives with girlfriend, waiting tables to make ends meet. Wants to work from home because no car.*



**Maria Gonzalez**  
CNA

*Was in school - dropped out of being an RN, but hopes to go back. Needs flexible schedule and job near public transportation.*



**Ibrahim Kenzi**  
Retail

*Tired of working in a mall with a Psychology Degree from Brown. lives with parents, and uses their car.*



## Make Candidate Experience Your Competitive Advantage

User Research and User Experience are robust fields.

### Design Principles Are Not An Afterthought



#### Understand Your Process

Lay out every step and every stage, and have screenshots and performance metrics ready.



#### Use Attributes as Guide

Your data will allow you to group people by stage, title, location, application source to point to red flags that are not obvious.



#### Data Integrity and Verification

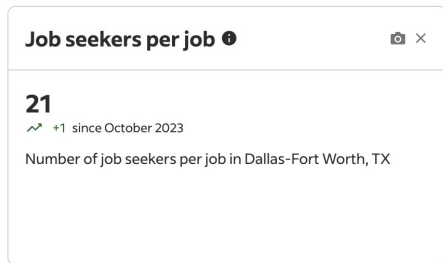
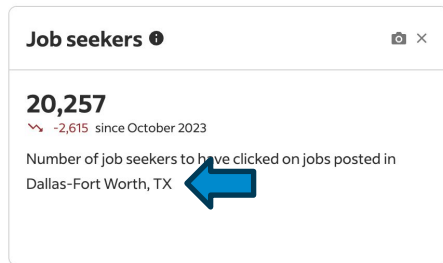
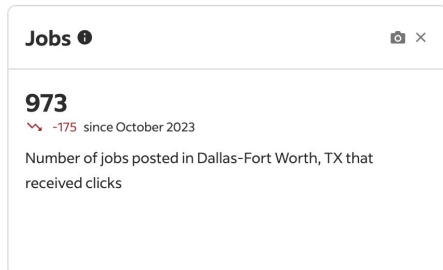
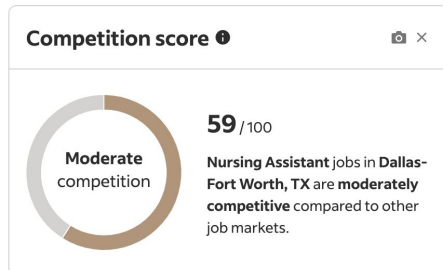
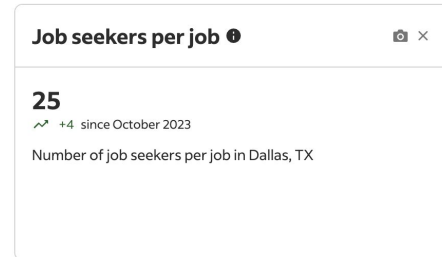
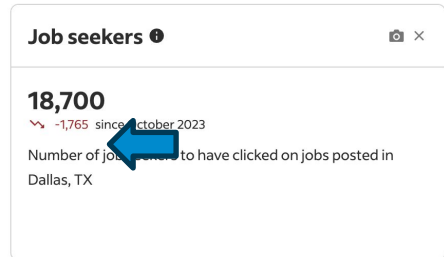
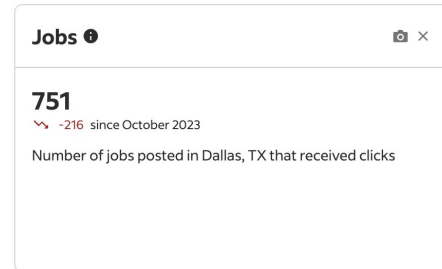
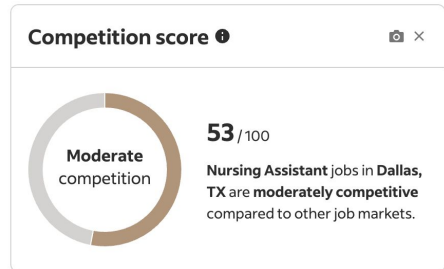
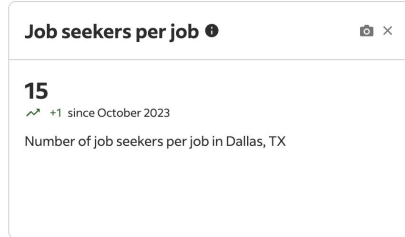
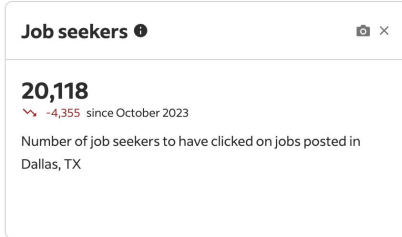
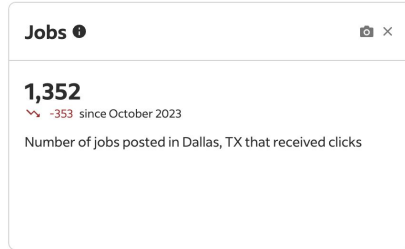
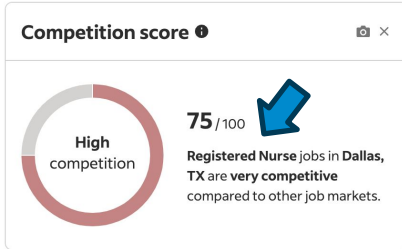
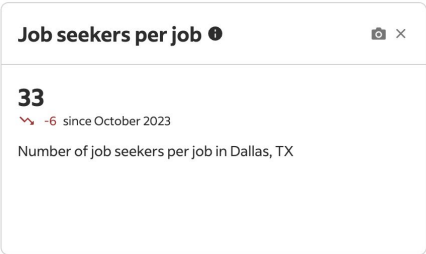
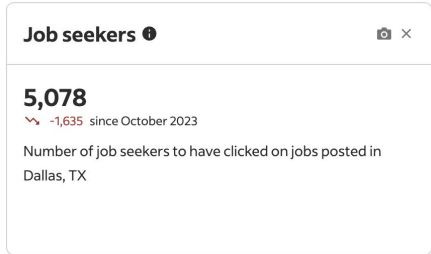
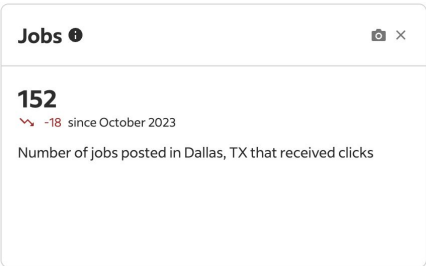
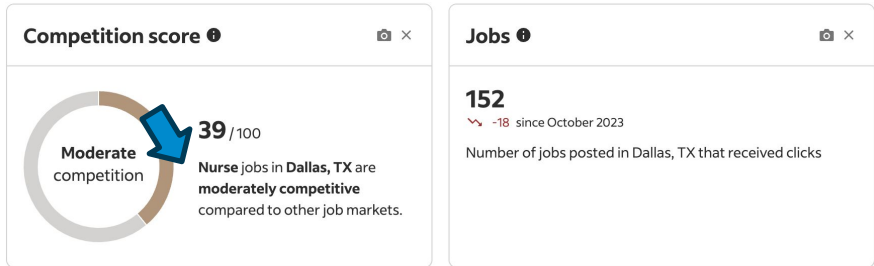
New Hire Surveys are a form of survivor bias. Who did you lose with bad design?



#### A/B Test your outcomes

No one is perfect. Test for outcomes, not conclusions. When solving one problem, what new problems occur?





# How to Turn This...



# Into This...



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## Work Opportunity Tax Credit | What is WOTC?

The **Work Opportunity Tax Credit** is a federal tax credit available to employers who hire and retain qualified veterans and other individuals from target ...

### People also ask :

What is ADP Work Opportunity tax credit? ▾

What does the work opportunity tax credit mean? ▾

Should I fill out a WOTC form? ▲

Before an employer may claim WOTC, the employer will need to gather the specific information. Participation must be voluntary. Prospective employees or applicants are not required to provide this type of information to any employer. Once identified, the employer must obtain certification for that individual.

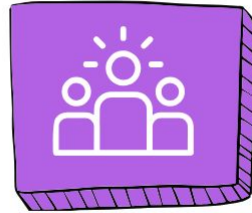


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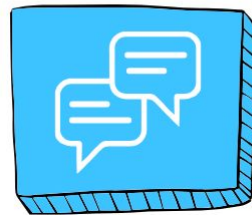
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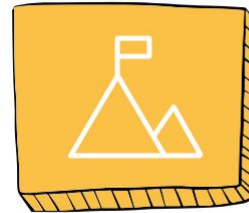
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Technology is used to discuss the role, share information and answer questions about the company, role, salary and team.



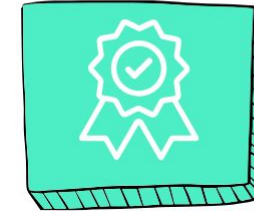
## 03. Human Contact

A qualified and engaged candidate gets first contact with a human.



## 04. Application

Candidate is invited to apply, fully informed and engaged.



## 05. Hire

Offer is made and accepted - on to onboarding.

*Same process – better results*



# Problems – Likely Improvements

Speed	3-5 minute lead	3-14 minutes to contact	45-90 day time to fill
Ghosting	Candidates opt-in, less rejection	More knowledge = more engagement, less mistakes on calendar	First Day No-Shows drops from 30%
Bias	All candidates treated same	Disadvantaged candidates get chance to make their case	Fair system leads to less gaming and more compliance
Overspending	Campaigns don't have to run as long = less spending	Advertising is customized by actual data instead of broader categories	Cost per application automatically turns into Cost Per Qualified Applicant
Communication	Transparency replaced by prospect engagement leads to less hurt feelings	Candidate investment is radically lowered at the front, building to equal investment during interview	No surprises when it comes to rejected offers



*"One of the key takeaways from our 2022 Candidate Experience Benchmark Research is the fact that employers control the dials of how they respond to interested candidates, when they respond, with what frequency in which they respond, and the words they respond with, which is why recruiting technologies play a big role in candidate communications today.*

Unfortunately, 34% of candidates last year were still waiting one to two-plus months on next steps after they applied, 48% more than in 2021.

Poor candidate and employee experiences will haunt your businesses and your brands if you compromise consistent and timely communication and feedback."



Kevin Grossman  
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# Additional Customer Outcomes

- 50+% Reduction of Ghosting for Hiring Events, Interviews, and New Hire Orientation
- 40+ Increase in Recruitment Marketing Spend Effectiveness
- 30+% Increase in conversion rates from Outbound/Passive Candidate “Campaigns”
- Improved Candidate Experience – the #1 issue tied to poor candidate experience is the lack of communication throughout the entire recruiting cycle