Adaptive Learning and the Power of Analytics

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Outline

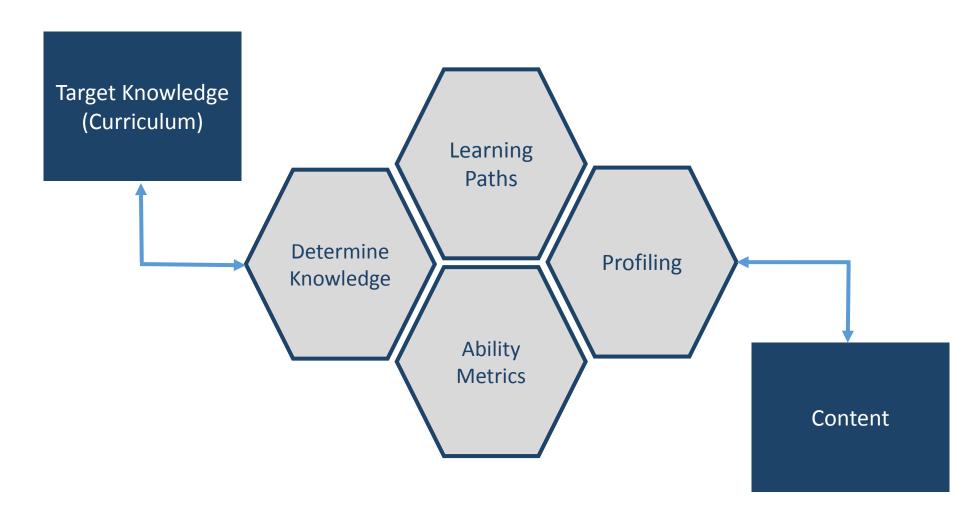
- Adaptive Learning Framework in Realizeit
 - How we achieve adaptivity
- Learning Analytics
 - Integrated into learning
 - Student and instructor views
 - Academic analytics examples
- Predictive Analytics
 - Example of behavior based early warning system
- Questions

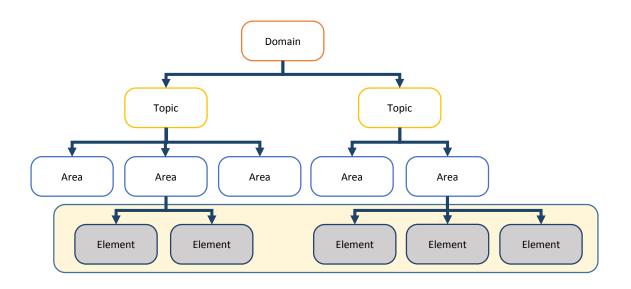


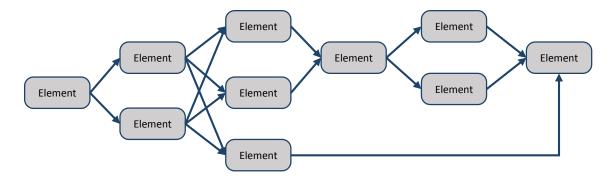
Product Vision

- Emulate a good teacher in one-on-one learning situation
- Provide an individualized learning experience
 - Deliver learning at an appropriate time
 - Deliver appropriate learning material
 - Learn about the learner
 - Manage and adapt to change: abilities, metrics, behavior etc.
 - Identify weaknesses and try to remedy
- Remain subject and content independent

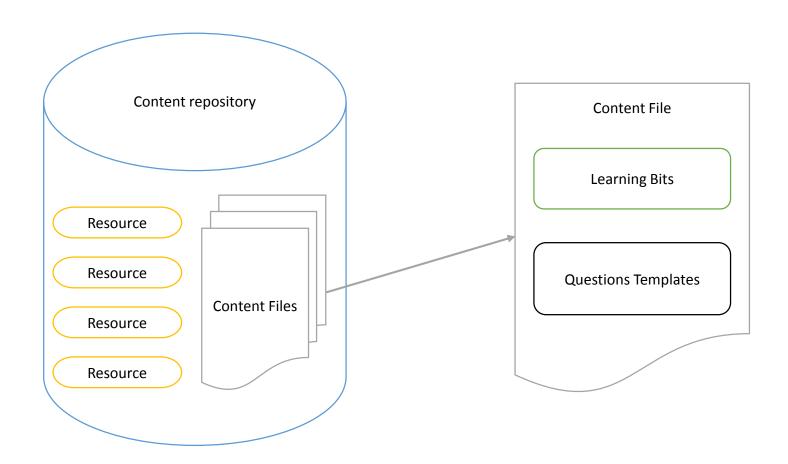














Content

Learning Bits

- Introduction
- Learning Material
- Example
- Worked Example
- Interactive Example
- Questions
- Summary
- Review



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Questions

Template:
$$ax + bx = ?$$

Conditions:

$$1 \le a \le 10$$

$$1 \le \mathbf{b} \le 7$$

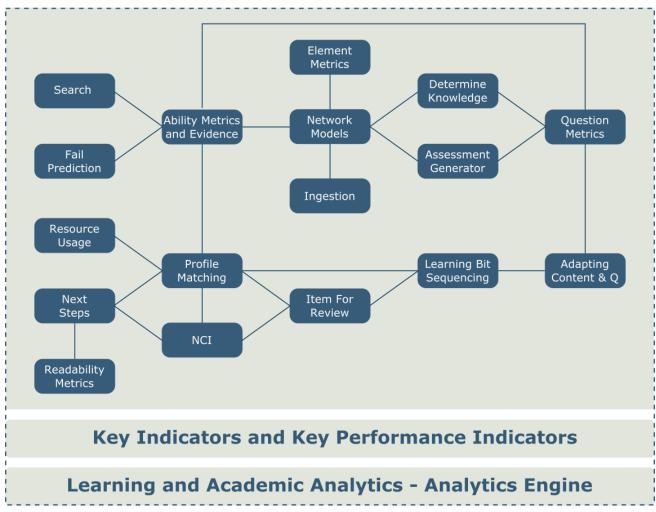


$$2x + 7x = ?$$

$$x + 3x = ?$$

$$10x + 2x = ?$$







Adaptivity in Realizeit

- Tailor a student's start position
- Alter a learner's pathway in real-time
- Select the most suitable content
- Select the most suitable pedagogical elements
- Adapt the content in real-time
- Main source of adaptivity comes from the adaptive intelligence engine
- Adaptivity and personalization also come from the instructor or the student themselves

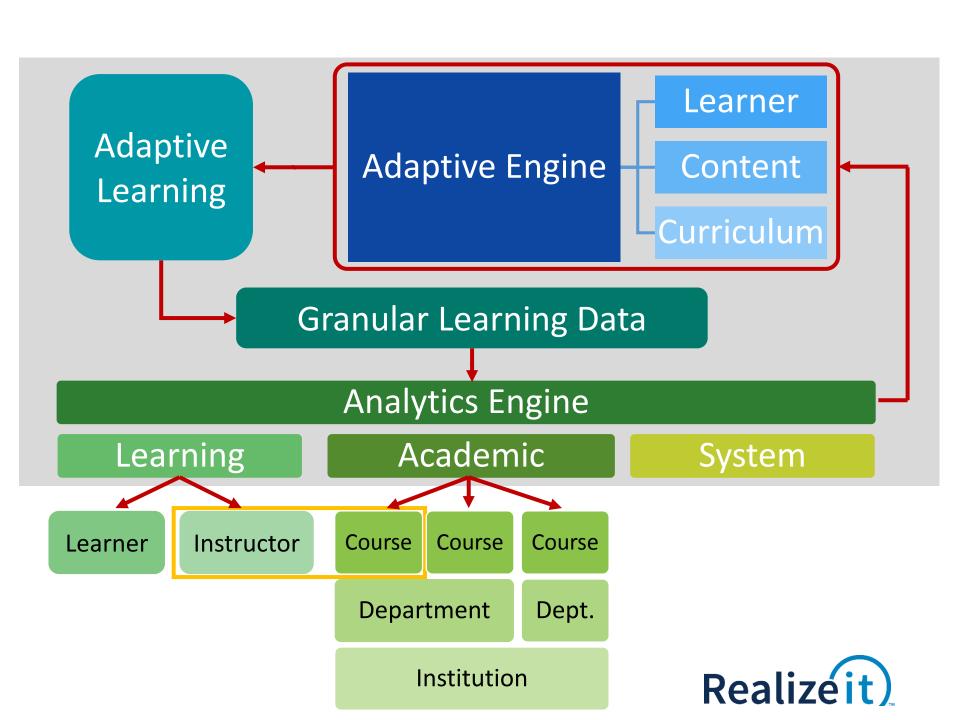


Learning and Academic Analytics

TYPE OF ANALYTICS	LEVEL OR OBJECT OF ANALYSIS	WHO BENEFITS?
Learning Analytics	Course-level: social networks, conceptual development, discourse analysis, "intelligent curriculum"	Learners, faculty
	Departmental: predictive modeling, patterns of success/ failure	Learners, faculty
Academic Analytics	Institutional: learner profiles, performance of academics, knowledge flow	Administrators, funders, marketing
	Regional (state/provincial): comparisons between systems	Funders, administrators
	National and International	National governments, education authorities

Penetrating the Fog
Phil Long and George Siemens
Educause Review, September/October 2011



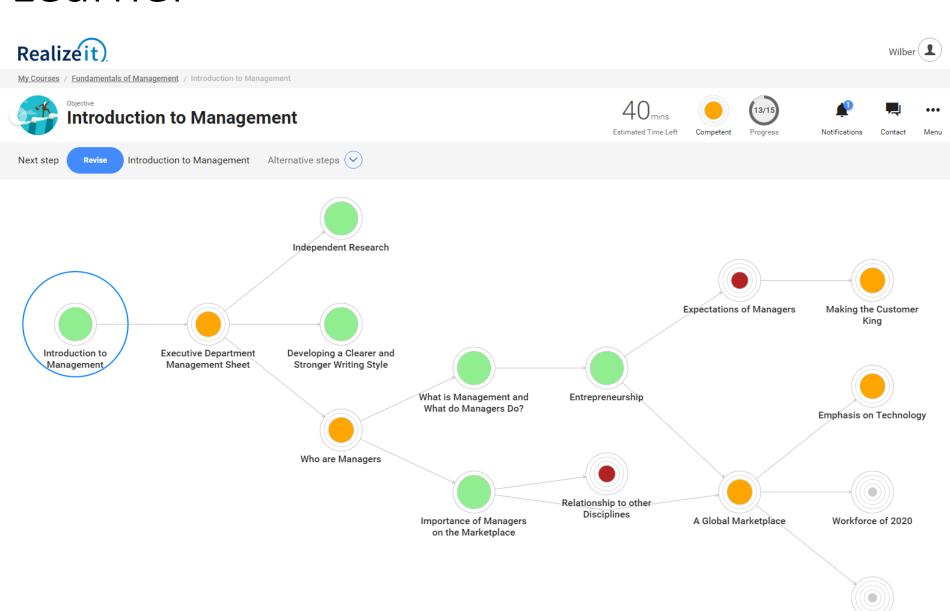


Learner and Instructor Analytics

- Go beyond the traditional summative metrics adaptive analytics
- Based on both attainment and behavioral metrics
- Easily understandable
- Actionable
- Integrate analytics into the functionality and use of the system
- Makes use of data as it is gathered and generates real-time analytics



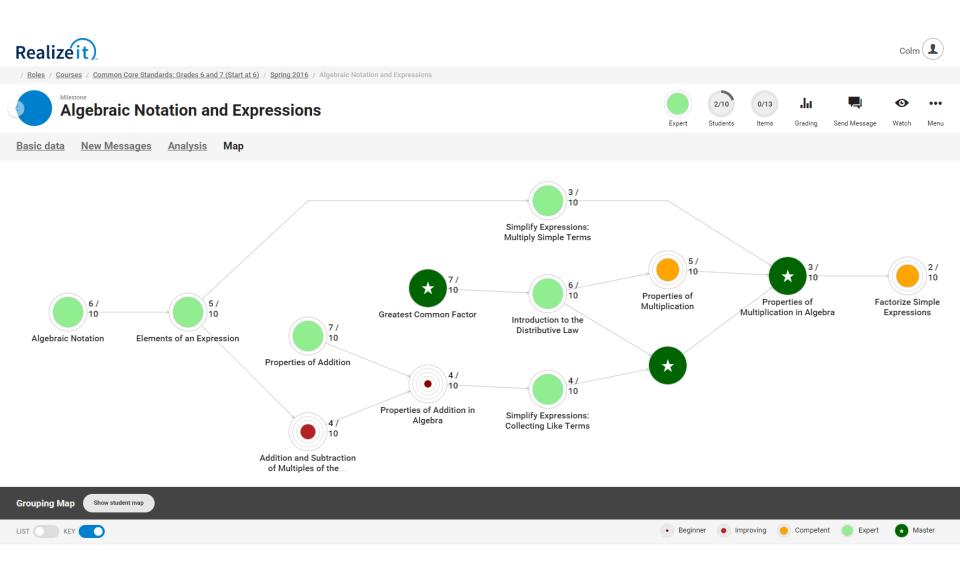
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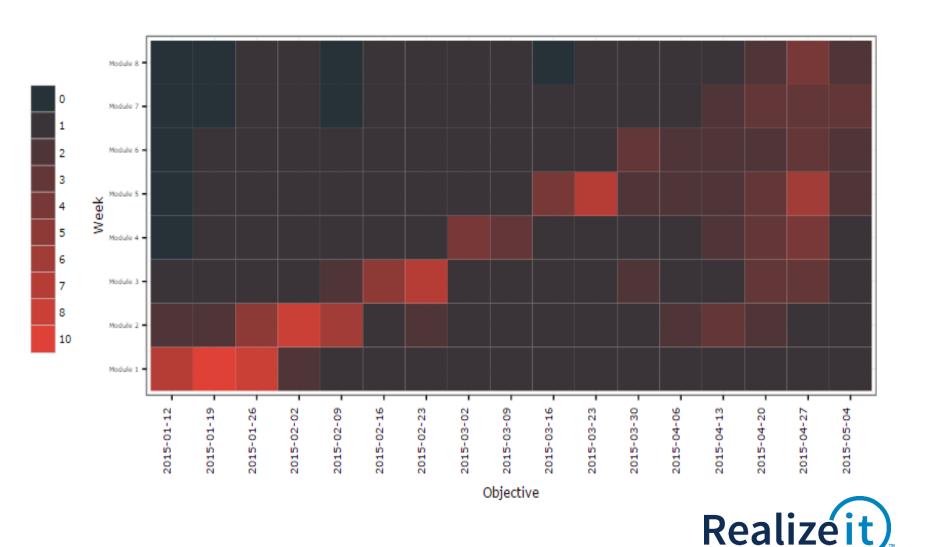
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Is Labor in Short Supply?

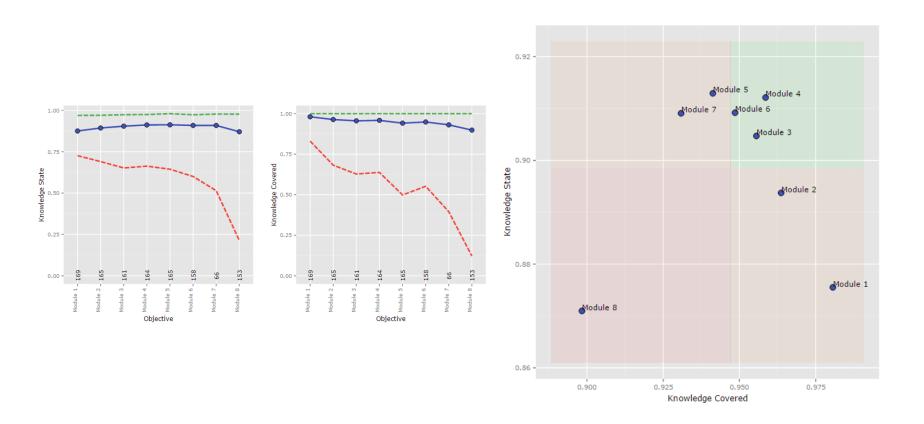
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Instructor – Analytics Examples

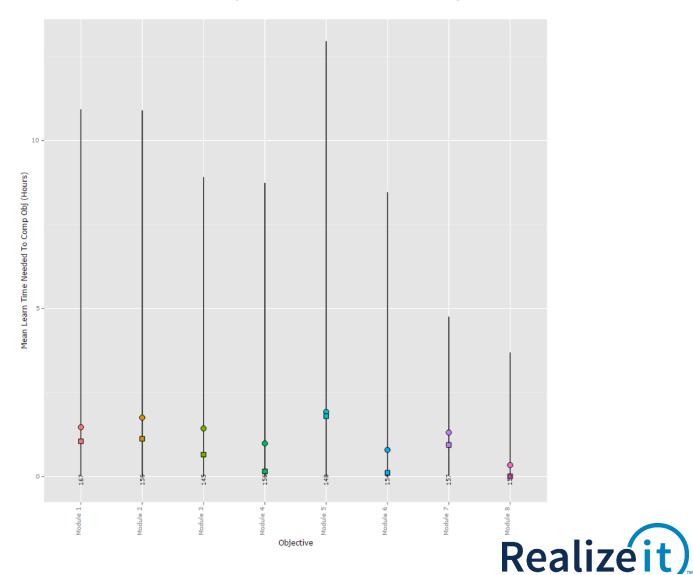


Instructor – Analytics Examples

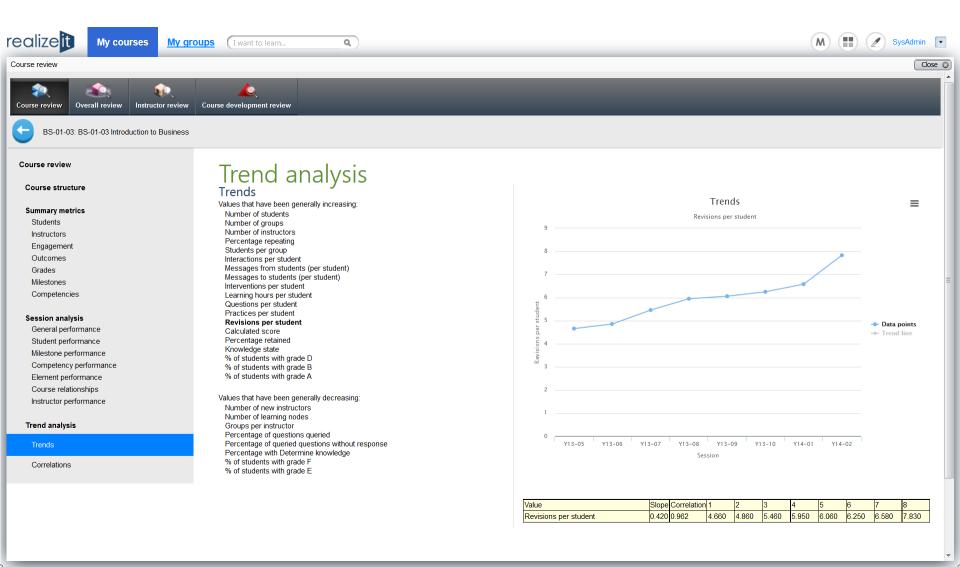




Instructor – Analytics Examples



Course Review – Analytics Examples

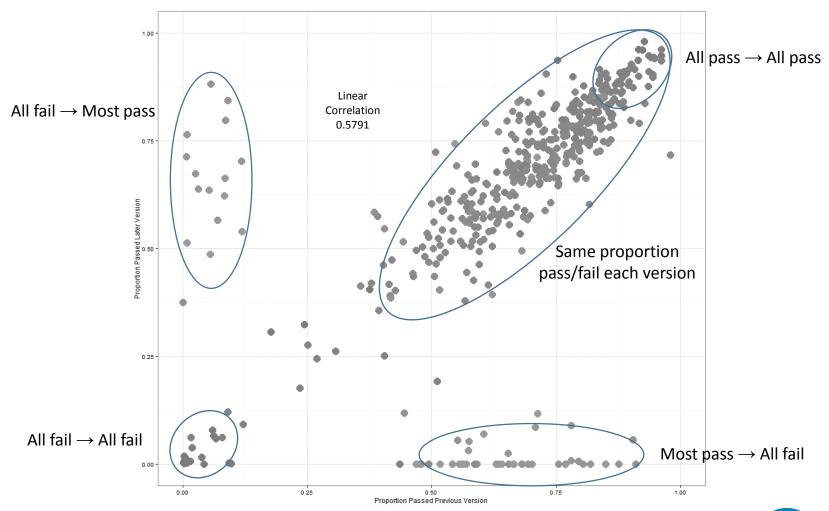


Prediction of Student Success

- To build an early warning system to detect at-risk students
- Traditionally built on demographic cannot change
- Focus on learner behaviour one week of learning
- From the predictions and associated probabilities determine a list of at-risk students.
- Take action Inform the appropriate stakeholders and provide appropriate remediation
- Monitor the impact of any intervention



Relationship between versions





Dependant Variable

• **FinalGrade** - The average student grade across the course objectives at the final due date.

PassFail - A binary version of FinalGrade

$$PassFail = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if} \quad FinalGrade \ge 60\% \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Independent – Course Level

Behavior

- Activity1 First activity on course
- Activity2 Second activity on course
- ActivitiesEachDay Total number of learning activities
- AvgActivitiesEachDay Average number of activities each day
- DayStarted Number of days before finish date that student started learning
- Days number of days on which learning activities where delivered
- NumPrevCourses The number of previous courses in which the student was enrolled.

Independent – Course Level

Attainment

- Grade Final grade if calculated at this point in time
- GradePF Binary version of Grade.
- QuestionsAsked Num of questions
- QuestionsCorrect Num correct
- QuestionsIncorrect Num incorrect
- **PerQuestionsCorrect** Percent correct
- **PerQuestionsIncorrect** Percent incorrectly



Independent – Objective Level

Attainment

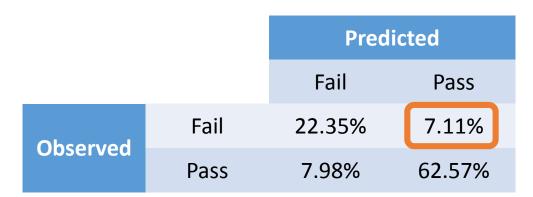
- Obj_i_Grade The grade the student.
- Obj_i_KC The knowledge covered.
- Obj_i_KS The knowledge state.
- Obj_i_Pass/Fail A binary version of the objective grade.

Behaviour

- Obj_i_Learning Prop The proportion of activities that are learning activities (before mastery).
- Obj_i_Revision Prop The proportion of activities that are revision activities (after mastery).
- Obj_i_TimePerNode The average amount of time per node.

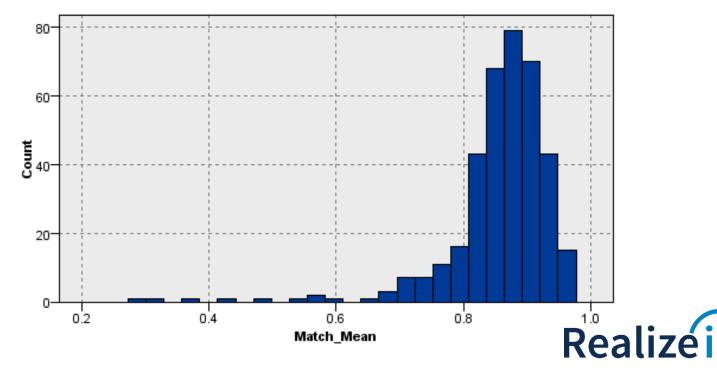
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Model Accuracy – Unseen Data

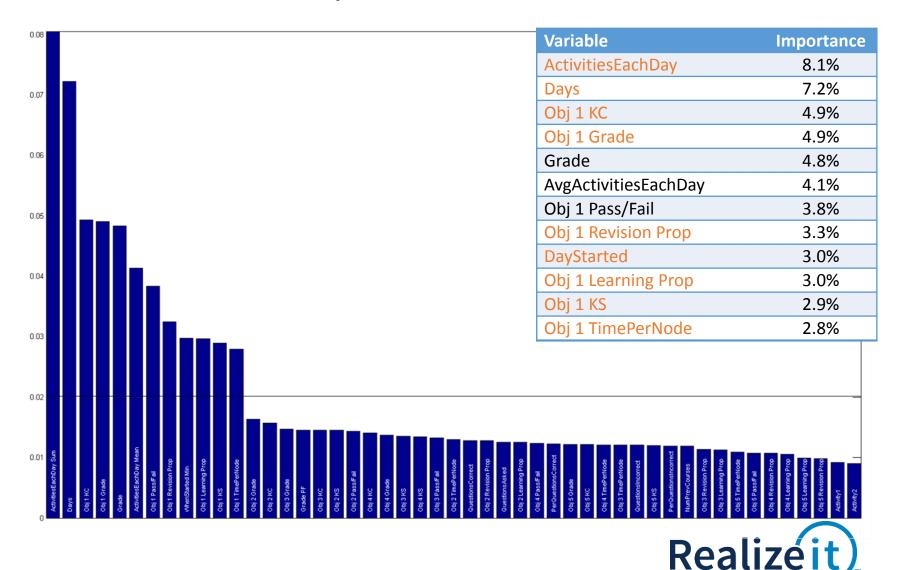


Fit - 94.23%

Accuracy - 84.92%



Predictor Importance



Simplified Model

Behavioural Metrics

- –Activities Each Day
- –Days
- –Day Started
- -Obj 1 Revision Prop
- -Obj 1 Learning Prop
- -Obj 1 Time Per Node

Attainment Metrics

- -Obj 1 KS
- -Obj 1 KC
- -Obj 1 Grade

		Accuracy	
		Predicted	
		Fail	Pass
Observed	Fail	20.92%	8.53%
	Pass	6.73%	63.82%

Unseen Data

Full Model: 84.92%

Simplified Model: 84.74%



Sample model Node 0 21.933% Pass 78.067% 210 Total 269 **Course:** Principles of Macroeconomics ActivitiesEachDay **Training:** Version 8 <=42 >42 Test: Version 9 Node 1 Node 8 Fail 59.756% Fail 5.348% Full model: 86.99% Pass 40.244% 33 Pass 94.652% 177 82 187 Total Total Simplified model: 84.01% Obj 1 Grade <=0.761 >0.761 Node 2 Node 5 Fail 82.989% Fail 28.571% 10 Pass 71.429% Pass 17.021% 25 Total Total Obj 1 Learning Prop Obj 1 Revision Prop <=0.8 >0.8 <=0.614 >0.614 Node 3 Node 6 Node 7 Node 4

Fail

Total

86.667% 39

6

13.333%

Fail

Total

0.000%

2

Pass 100.000%

Fail

Pass

Total

20.000%

80.000% 24

Fail

Pass

Total

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20.000%



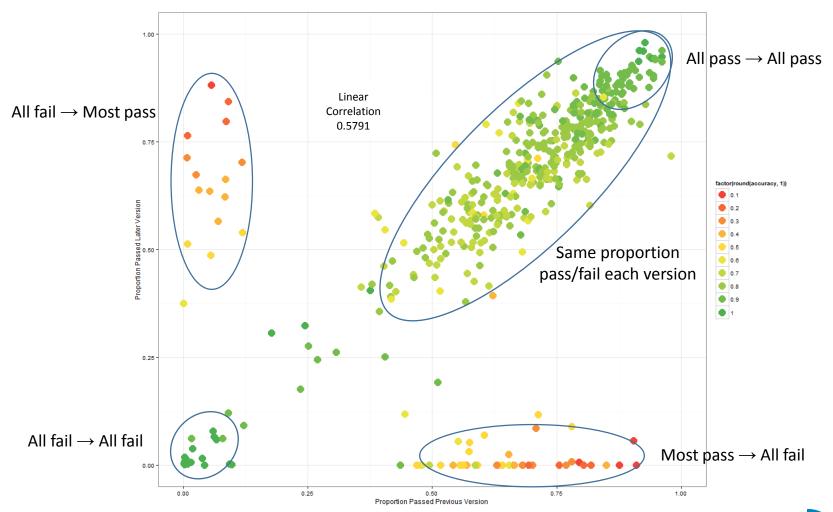
Insights

- Model based on behavioural and attainment metrics.
- Models allows insights into what behaviours make a student successful and what puts them at risk.
- Behavioural Metrics
 - Activities Each Day
 - Days
 - Day Started
 - Obj 1 Revision Prop
 - Obj 1 Learning Prop
 - Obj 1 Time Per Node

- Attainment Metrics
 - Obj 1 KS
 - -Obj 1 KC
 - Obj 1 Grade



Overall Prediction Accuracy





Summary – three main takeaways

 Adaptive Learning can provide unique fine grained data which can power new insights and analytics

 Analytics in real-time, actionable and integrated into the use of the system

 Adaptive learning can power predictive analytics based on learner behavior





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