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ABSTRACT

The onset of the 21st century marked a significant shift in the way organizations operate, particularly with the advent of digital technologies that enable remote work. This shift has been notably prominent within global tech companies, which often pioneer changes in work environments. Employees of Chengzhou Tech Company face difficulties in adapting to the remote technology provided by the company, resulting in a significant decrease in job satisfaction. The objectives of this study were: 1) To examine the relationship between perceived usefulness of technology and employee productivity in remote work settings. 2) To examine the relationship between perceived ease of use of technology and employee productivity in remote work settings. 3) To examine the relationship between job satisfaction and employee productivity among remote workers in the technology sector.
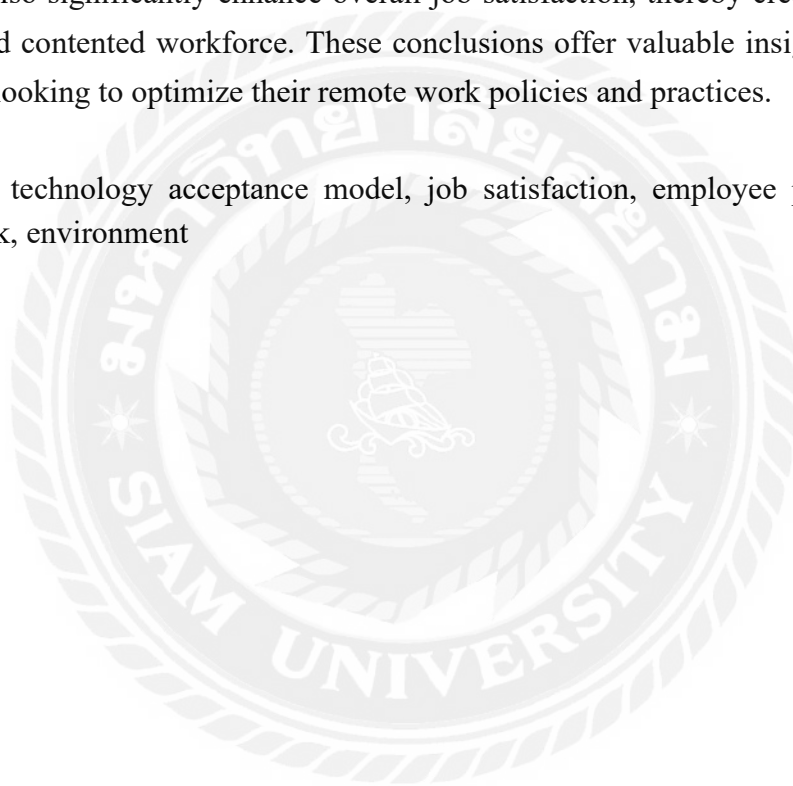
This study adopted the quantitative research method and explored the relationship between technology acceptance, job satisfaction, and employee productivity of remote workers in Chengzhou Technology Company based on the technology acceptance model. The questionnaire collection period lasted for four weeks, after which 850 responses were received, 800 were deemed valid, and the valid response rate of the completed survey was thus approximately 94.12%.

This study found that: 1) The perceived usefulness of technology strongly influences employee productivity. 2) The perceived ease of use of technology was also shown to significantly affect productivity. 3) Job satisfaction was confirmed to have a positive impact on productivity. Based on these findings, the study proposed three key

strategies aimed at enhancing productivity in remote work environments, that were: 1) Investments in specific, outcome-oriented technologies that are aligned with the workers' needs of use of technology, 2) Selecting tools that are intuitive and providing comprehensive training to ensure all employees are proficient in using these technologies. 3) Fostering better communication, promoting work-life balance, and recognizing employee achievements.

In conclusion, the study successfully addressed the research questions by demonstrating how the elements of technology acceptance and job satisfaction influence productivity in remote work scenarios. The implementation of the recommended strategies based on these findings could not only solve the identified issues but also significantly enhance overall job satisfaction, thereby creating a more efficient and contented workforce. These conclusions offer valuable insights for tech companies looking to optimize their remote work policies and practices.

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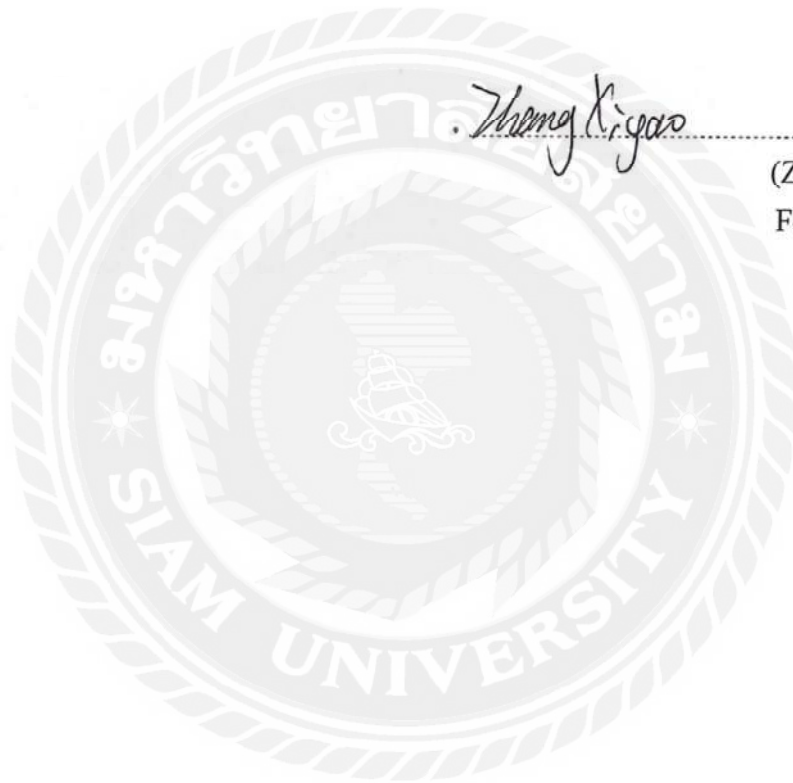
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The onset of the 21st century marked a significant shift in the way organizations operate, particularly with the advent of digital technologies that enable remote work. This shift has been notably prominent within global tech companies, which often pioneer changes in work envir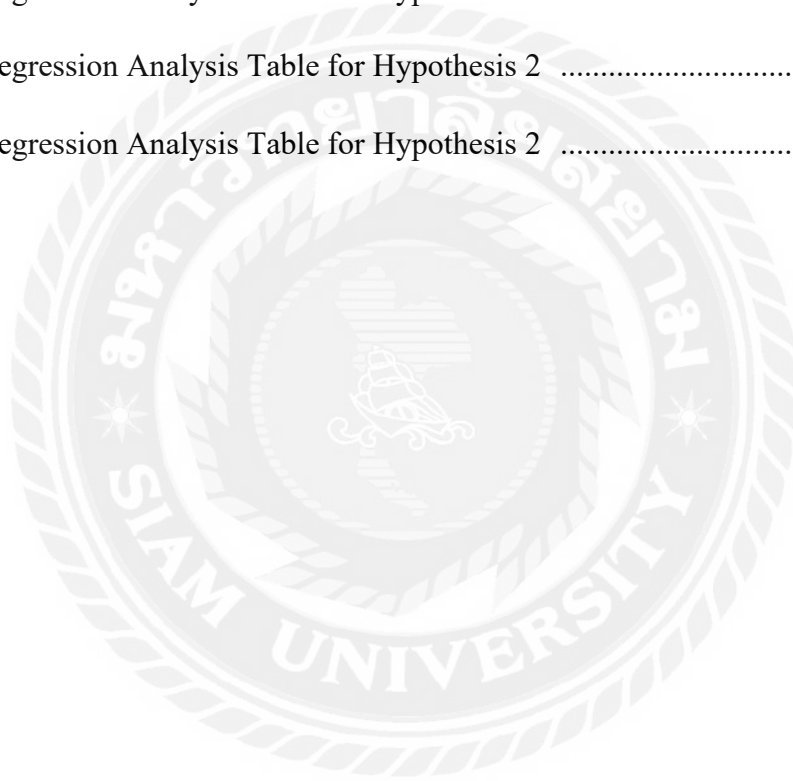onments. The COVID-19 pandemic further accelerated this transition, pushing even the most traditionally office-bound sectors towards remote work setups (Smith & Zhang, 2020). As such, understanding how remote work impacts employee productivity has become crucial for organizations aiming to optimize their workforce performance.

The Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), originally proposed by Davis in 1989, provides a robust framework for examining the acceptance of technology, particularly in new and adapting environments (Davis, 1989). It suggests that the perceived usefulness and ease of use of technology are significant predictors of its acceptance, which in turn impacts productivity (Chen, 2019).

In parallel, job satisfaction has been extensively studied as a predictor of employee productivity. Satisfied employees are generally more productive, committed, and less likely to leave their jobs (Wang & Zhao, 2018). This is particularly relevant in remote work settings, where physical detachment from the workplace can affect an employee's job satisfaction and productivity (Li, 2021).

Finally, the concept of remote work itself needs careful examination. While the flexibility of remote work can increase job satisfaction and productivity, it can also lead to challenges such as isolation and difficulties in communication (Zhou, 2017). Understanding these dynamics within Chengzhou Tech Companyis essential as they navigate the balance between remote and office-based work in the post-pandemic era.

The study of the interplay between technology acceptance, job satisfaction, and the dynamics of remote work forms the crux of this study, aimed at enhancing the understanding of employee productivity in remote settings of Chengzhou Tech Company.

1.2 Problems of the Study

In the context of the ongoing shift toward remote work, Chengzhou Tech Company has encountered significant challenges with employee productivity. The employees have reported difficulties in adapting to the remote technologies provided by the company, citing issues such as the complexity and limited functionality of these tools, which have been identified as critical barriers to maintaining optimal work output. Moreover, there has been a notable decline in job satisfaction, which has been attributed to poor work-life balance and inadequate support from management in navigating remote work challenges.

The Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) and theories of job satisfaction provide a theoretical underpinning for addressing these productivity challenges. According to the TAM, two main factors influence the adoption and effective use of technology: perceived usefulness and perceived ease of use (Davis, 1989). When technology is perceived as useful and easy to use, employees are more likely to embrace it, leading to higher productivity levels. This relationship is particularly salient in remote work settings where reliance on technology is heightened (Zhou & Lu, 2017).

Concurrently, job satisfaction theories suggest that satisfied employees are more productive. Factors contributing to job satisfaction in remote work include flexible work arrangements, clear communication from supervisors, and adequate technological support (Wang & Zhao, 2018). These elements help employees feel valued and supported, thereby enhancing their engagement and productivity (Li, 2021).

In the case of the company in question, addressing the technology-related issues through the lens of TAM could involve evaluating and potentially upgrading the remote work tools to ensure they are both user-friendly and effectively meet the functional needs of the employees. This approach would likely enhance the perceived usefulness and ease of use, directly contributing to improved productivity.

Applying job satisfaction theories would involve implementing strategies to improve communication channels between employees and management, offering more flexible work hours, and providing better support for work-life balance. Such measures could boost job satisfaction, which, in turn, would further enhance productivity.

1.3 Objectives of the Study

The aim of this study is to enhance the understanding of the factors that influence employee productivity in remote work environments within Chengzhou Tech Company, specifically focusing on technology acceptance and job satisfaction.

1. To examine the relationship between perceived usefulness of technology and employee productivity in remote work settings.

2. To examine the relationship between perceived ease of use of technology and employee productivity in remote work settings.

3. To examine the relationship between job satisfaction and employee productivity among remote workers in the technology sector.

1.4 Scope of the Study

The scope of this research is confined to examining the variables of technology acceptance (specifically perceived usefulness and perceived ease of use) and job satisfaction within the context of remote work environments at Chengzhou Tech Company. This study focuses primarily on how these factors impact employee productivity, limiting its investigation to these aspects without delving into other potential influences such as personal life balance, physical workspace conditions, or broader economic conditions.

The geographical scope is limited to Chengzhou Tech Company that have substantial remote work policies in place, which allows for a diverse range of data from various cultural and economic backgrounds. However, the study includes only the companies that operate in countries with advanced technological infrastructure to ensure that the technology acceptance is not unduly influenced by external technological limitations.

The study utilize the quantitative method, specifically questionnaire survey and existing company productivity metrics, to examine the relationships between the chosen variables. This approach provides a structured and statistically significant understanding of the impacts, but it does not encompass qualitative insights that might explain the individual experiences and motivations of remote workers.

1.5 Significance of the Study

This study is significant both in its practical implications and its theoretical contributions. Practically, the findings are expected to provide actionable insights for Chengzhou Tech Company seeking to enhance their remote work policies and practices. By understanding the specific roles that technology acceptance and job satisfaction play in influencing employee productivity, organizations can tailor their technology deployment strategies and HR practices to maximize productivity. This is especially pertinent as companies around the world are increasingly adopting remote work models, not only as a response to global crises like the COVID-19 pandemic but also as part of a strategic shift towards more flexible work environments.

Theoretically, this research contributes to the body of knowledge in the fields of organizational psychology, human resource management, and information systems by integrating the Technology Acceptance Model with aspects of job satisfaction in the context of remote work. This integration offers a new perspective on how technology adoption and satisfaction levels impact productivity outside traditional office settings. It extends existing theories by contextualizing them in the setting of remote work, thereby providing a framework for future studies to build upon.

The study's outcomes are expected to influence policy making within organizations, guiding leaders in the development of more effective and supportive remote work environments. As such, the research not only adds to the academic discourse but also serves as a guide for improving employee well-being and organizational performance in an increasingly digital world.

Chapter 2 Literatures Review

2.1 Introduction

The advent of remote work as a mainstream model in the global workplace has necessitated a deeper understanding of the factors that drive employee productivity within this new paradigm. This literature review explores key concepts that influence productivity in remote work settings, specifically within the context of global technology companies. The focus is on two primary areas: the acceptance of technology as outlined by the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) and job satisfaction, both of which are pivotal in shaping remote work experiences.

The Technology Acceptance Model, a cornerstone in the study of how individuals adopt and use new technologies, provides a theoretical framework for understanding the adoption of remote work tools. Studies have repeatedly shown that the perceived usefulness and ease of use of technology significantly affect users' acceptance levels, which in turn influence their productivity in technology-driven environments.

Job satisfaction in remote work settings has been a subject of numerous research efforts, reflecting its critical role in employee retention, engagement, and productivity. In a remote work context, factors such as work-life balance, communication patterns, and organizational support take on new dimensions and complexities.

This section of the literature review delves into existing research on these topics, discussing various studies that have contributed to the understanding of these dynamics. The aim is to highlight the interconnections between technology acceptance, job satisfaction, and productivity, thereby providing a comprehensive backdrop for the hypotheses proposed in this study. By examining these elements, the review sets the stage for an in-depth analysis of how they interact within remote work environments, paving the way for targeted interventions that could enhance productivity and employee satisfaction.

2.2 Technology Acceptance Model (TAM)

The Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), developed by Davis in 1989, has been extensively applied to study how users come to accept and use a technology. At its core, TAM proposes two primary predictors of technology acceptance: perceived usefulness

(PU) and perceived ease of use (PEU). These factors determine an individual's intention to use a system, which ultimately influences actual usage (Davis, 1989).

Research in the Chinese context has expanded on Davis's original model, exploring additional factors that may influence technology acceptance in local tech environments. For instance, Zhou and Lu (2017) explored how cultural variables might interact with perceived usefulness and ease of use, suggesting modifications to TAM that accommodate societal values which prioritize group harmony and collective decision-making.

Studies have addressed the applicability of TAM in various technological setups, from traditional desktop environments to mobile and cloud computing platforms. Wang and Wang (2016) demonstrated that TAM effectively predicts the acceptance of cloud services among IT professionals in China, highlighting the model's adaptability to new technologies.

Moreover, the relationship between TAM factors and user satisfaction has shown that ease of use significantly impacts satisfaction, which in turn affects the long-term adoption of technology (Li & Chen, 2018). This indicates that enhancing the usability of technology could be as critical as its functionality in determining its acceptance.

In remote work contexts, the relevance of TAM is particularly pronounced. Huang and Liu (2020) analyzed remote work technologies and found that both perceived usefulness and ease of use significantly influenced employees' acceptance of remote work tools, directly impacting their productivity and job satisfaction.

The exploration of TAM in this literature review underscores its robustness and adaptability across different technologies and cultural contexts, providing a strong theoretical foundation for investigating technology acceptance in Chengzhou tech company with remote work settings.

2.3 Job Satisfaction

Job satisfaction in the workplace is a well-explored domain within organizational behavior research, reflecting employees' perceptions of their job and its aspects, such as work environment, role clarity, and reward systems. In the context of remote work, especially within Chengzhou tech company, job satisfaction gains additional

complexity due to the unique challenges and opportunities presented by this mode of work.

In Chinese research, the factors influencing job satisfaction have been specifically analyzed within tech companies, considering the rapid technological advancements and the cultural nuances that affect employee expectations and perceptions. For instance, Zhao and Liu (2016) studied the impact of managerial support and team communication on job satisfaction among remote workers in technology sectors, highlighting the significant role these factors play in the remote work context.

Further studies have focused on the intrinsic and extrinsic factors contributing to job satisfaction. Zhang, Wang, and Li (2019) found that intrinsic motivators such as meaningful work and personal growth have a more potent influence on job satisfaction than extrinsic motivators like pay and job security, especially among younger employees in the tech industry.

The dynamics of job satisfaction are also influenced by cultural factors, as employees in different regions may place varying degrees of importance on certain aspects of their job. According to Huang and Gao (2018), Chinese employees typically value job security and the social status associated with their employment, which can affect their overall job satisfaction differently compared to their Western counterparts.

Job satisfaction is crucial not only for employee retention but also for maintaining high levels of productivity. This is particularly true in remote settings, where physical detachment from the organizational environment can enhance or dampen one's job satisfaction based on how well companies address remote work challenges (Li & Zhang, 2017).

The literature indicates that understanding job satisfaction in the context of remote work requires a multifaceted approach, considering technological, managerial, and cultural dimensions. Addressing these factors effectively can lead to enhanced job satisfaction, which in turn contributes to higher productivity and better organizational outcomes.

2.4 Employee Productivity

Employee productivity, especially in the context of remote work, is a critical area of focus for Chengzhou tech company. Productivity in such settings is influenced by various factors including technology integration, work environment, and individual

employee attributes. The relationship between employee productivity and both technology acceptance and job satisfaction has been extensively studied, offering insights into how to optimize remote work practices to enhance output.

In China, studies have shown that the integration of effective technology that aligns with the needs and preferences of employees significantly boosts productivity. For instance, Zhou and Cheng (2018) found that when remote workers perceive the technology they use as both useful and easy to operate, their productivity levels tend to be higher compared to those who struggle with technological tools.

The role of job satisfaction in driving productivity has been underscored by numerous studies. Wang and Yang (2017) investigated remote workers in Chinese tech companies and discovered a strong correlation between job satisfaction and productivity. Employees who reported higher levels of satisfaction with their job roles and work conditions were more likely to exhibit higher productivity.

The cultural aspects also play a significant role in shaping productivity. According to Li and Zhao (2015), Chinese employees often place a high value on collective success and recognition within their work groups, which can motivate increased productivity, particularly in collaborative remote work environments.

Studies conducted in Western contexts, such as those by Smith and Roberts (2020), complement these findings by highlighting similar trends in technology acceptance and job satisfaction impacts on productivity, suggesting that while cultural nuances exist, the fundamental dynamics are comparable globally.

2.5 Remote Work

Remote work, a significant trend in the modern workplace, has transformed how global companies operate, especially within the technology sector. This mode of work offers flexibility and can lead to increased job satisfaction and productivity, but it also presents unique challenges such as isolation and communication barriers that can impact employee well-being and work output.

In the context of Chinese companies, significant research has been conducted to understand the dynamics of remote work. For example, Liu and Huang (2019) explored how remote work influences work-life balance among Chinese employees and found that while remote work offers flexibility, it also blurs the lines between work and

personal life, which can lead to stress and decreased productivity if not managed properly.

Additionally, the technological infrastructure is crucial for effective remote work. Studies by Chen and Zhang (2016) have indicated that inadequate technological support can severely hinder the productivity of remote employees in China, as technical issues can lead to frustration and lost work time.

Remote work in China is influenced by strong collectivistic values, which can affect how remote work policies are received. Zhao and Zhou (2018) noted that Chinese employees often value the interpersonal relationships and face-to-face interactions that are typical in traditional office environments, which can make the transition to remote work challenging.

From a global perspective, research by Johnson and Lee (2020) complements these findings by highlighting that while the challenges of remote work are similar across different cultures, the solutions may vary based on local norms and expectations. This suggests the importance of culturally tailored approaches to managing remote work.

These insights are crucial for organizations as they develop strategies to manage their remote workforce effectively, ensuring that the benefits of remote work can be maximized while mitigating its potential drawbacks.

2.6 Conceptual Framework

The conceptual framework for this study is built upon the integration of the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) and theories related to job satisfaction and their collective impact on employee productivity, particularly within remote work settings in Chengzhou Tech Company. This framework posits that both the acceptance of technology and job satisfaction are critical drivers that influence the productivity of remote workers.
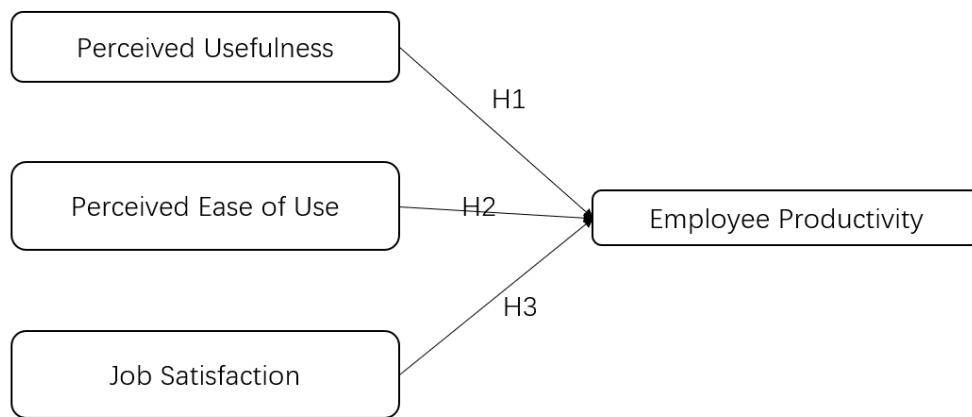
Figure 2.1 Conceptual Framework

Darwing from the Technology Acceptance Model, it is hypothesized that perceived usefulness (PU) and perceived ease of use (PEU) of technology significantly affect an employee's decision to use remote work technologies, which in turn impacts their productivity. Research by Wang and Li (2018) supports this, showing that when technology meets the users' needs in terms of functionality and ease, productivity levels are likely to increase as a result of greater technology usage and acceptance.

Job satisfaction is another pivotal variable that influences productivity. According to Liu and Zhang (2017), employees who are satisfied with their job show higher levels of engagement and performance. The satisfaction of remote workers can be influenced by several factors including the adequacy of technology, flexibility of work schedules, and support from management, all of which can either facilitate or hinder their productivity.

These elements are interrelated; for example, efficient technology can enhance job satisfaction by reducing frustration and downtime due to technical issues. This relationship is highlighted in the study by Zhou and Tan (2015), where improvements in technology usability directly enhanced job satisfaction, which subsequently led to increased productivity among remote employees.

The conceptual framework thus examines these variables within the context of remote work, proposing a model where both technology acceptance and job satisfaction are seen as interdependent factors that drive employee productivity. This holistic

approach allows for a more comprehensive understanding of how different elements of remote work interact and influence each other.

Chapter 3 Research Methodology

3.1 Research Design

This study employed the quantitative research methodology to explore the relationship between technology acceptance, job satisfaction, and employee productivity among remote workers in Chengzhou Tech Company. The research was designed to systematically collect and analyze data to examine how perceived usefulness and perceived ease of use of technology, along with job satisfaction, affect remote workers' productivity.

A structured questionnaire was developed as the primary instrument for data collection. This questionnaire was crafted to include both Likert-scale questions and multiple-choice items, which are well-suited for quantifying perceptions and attitudes towards technology use and job satisfaction. The choice of Likert-scale questions, typically ranging from 'strongly disagree' to 'strongly agree', allowed for a nuanced measurement of employees' attitudes and perceptions across a spectrum of agreement. Multiple-choice questions were utilized to gather demographic information and specific data regarding the use of technology and job satisfaction elements.

The questionnaire design was informed by the constructs of the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) and existing literature on job satisfaction. Items related to perceived usefulness and ease of use were adapted from validated scales in the TAM literature, ensuring that they were relevant to the remote work context of tech companies. Similarly, job satisfaction questions were based on established scales that measure various aspects of job satisfaction, tailored to reflect the remote work environment.

Table 3.1 Question design

Dimension	Question	Question Text	Scale Type
Demographic Information	Q1	Age	Categorical
	Q2	Gender	Categorical
	Q3	Education Level	Categorical
	Q4	Years of experience in the tech industry	Categorical
Technology Acceptance	Q5-Q8	Perceived Usefulness (4 items, e.g., "I find the technology provided by my company useful for my work.")	Likert-scale
	Q9-Q12	Perceived Ease of Use (4 items, e.g., "Learning to operate the technology was easy for me.")	Likert-scale
Job Satisfaction	Q13-16	Work Environment (4 items, e.g., "I am satisfied with my current work-life balance.")	Likert-scale
	Q17-Q20	Work Relations and Support (4 items, e.g., "I think there is good communication with my supervisors and colleagues.")	Likert-scale
Employee Productivity	Q21-Q24	Self-assessment of Productivity (4 items, e.g., "I consider myself to be productive during my remote work hours.")	Likert-scale

This design approach facilitated a comprehensive analysis of how technology acceptance and job satisfaction contribute to employee productivity, providing a robust dataset for testing the proposed hypotheses. The use of standardized question formats also enhanced the reliability and validity of the findings, making it possible to generalize the results to a broader population of remote workers in the technology sector.

3.2 Hypothesis

Based on the conceptual framework developed in Chapter 2, which integrates the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) and job satisfaction theories within the context of remote work environments, this study formulated the following hypotheses:

H1: There is a positive relationship between the perceived usefulness of technology and employee productivity in remote work settings.

H2: There is a positive relationship between the perceived ease of use of technology and employee productivity in remote work settings.

H3: There is a positive relationship between job satisfaction and employee productivity in remote work settings.

These hypotheses were designed to test the relationships between key variables within the study's scope—technology acceptance (as divided into perceived usefulness

and ease of use) and job satisfaction—with employee productivity. Each hypothesis was tested using quantitative methods to analyze the survey data collected, providing a clear view of how these factors interact in the context of remote work. The findings will potentially guide future interventions by Chengzhou Tech Company to enhance their remote work policies and practices.

3.3 Sampling and Data Collection

This study employed a cross-sectional survey design to gather data from employees working remotely in Chengzhou Tech Company. The objective was to assess the relationship between technology acceptance, job satisfaction, and productivity within this specific context.

A stratified random sampling technique was used to ensure that the sample was representative of the broader population of remote workers in various Chengzhou Tech Company. The population was stratified based on the company size (small, medium, and large tech firms), ensuring a diverse and comprehensive range of input from employees across different organizational scales and cultures.

The questionnaire was distributed electronically via email, utilizing professional networks and corporate partnerships to access a wide range of participants within the target demographic. Participants were informed about the study's purpose, its academic nature, the confidentiality of their responses, and how the data would be used. They were also assured that participation was voluntary and that they could withdraw at any time without any consequences.

A total of 1,000 questionnaires were distributed to employees who agreed to participate in the study. The collection period lasted for four weeks, after which 850 responses were received. The response rate thus stands at 85%, reflecting a high level of engagement with the subject matter, which is critical for the reliability of the survey results.

Of the received responses, 800 were deemed valid after a screening process that eliminated surveys with incomplete answers or inconsistent responses. The valid response rate of the completed surveys was thus approximately 94.12%.

Table 3.2 Data Summary

Description	Quantity
Questionnaires Distributed	1,000
Responses Received	850
Invalid/Incomplete Responses	50
Valid Responses	800
Valid Response Rate	94.12%

This data collection methodology and the high rate of valid responses provide a robust basis for subsequent data analysis and interpretation of the study's findings. The use of stratified random sampling ensures that the results are generalizable across the global tech industry workforce engaged in remote work.

3.4 Data Analysis

To analyze the data collected from the structured survey, this study primarily employed descriptive statistics, correlation analysis, and regression analysis. Initially, descriptive statistics provide a foundational overview of the dataset, detailing means, standard deviations, and distributions. This step is crucial for assessing the general characteristics of the collected data, ensuring its suitability for further analysis and verifying the normal distribution of key variables.

Following the descriptive analysis, Pearson correlation coefficients were calculated to determine the strength and direction of relationships between variables such as perceived usefulness, perceived ease of use, job satisfaction, and employee productivity. Correlation analysis is vital as it helps identify potential relationships worth exploring through more complex analyses.

Multiple regression analysis was used to rigorously test the study's hypotheses. This method is particularly suited to this research as it allows for the examination of the effects of multiple independent variables—specifically, technology acceptance and job satisfaction—on the dependent variable, which is employee productivity. By applying regression analysis, the study could elucidate the causal relationships and quantify the impact of each predictor, providing clear and actionable insights into how changes in technology acceptance and job satisfaction may influence productivity outcomes in remote work settings.

These selected methods ensured a comprehensive and systematic approach to analyzing the data, facilitating a robust investigation into the proposed relationships

within the framework of remote work environments. The sequential application of these methods—from basic descriptive insights to complex relational and causal analysis—provided a structured pathway to validate the hypotheses and derive meaningful conclusions from the empirical data.

3.5 Reliability and Validity Analysis of the Scale

To ensure the reliability and validity of the survey instrument used in this study, two primary statistical tests were conducted: the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) measure of sampling adequacy and Cronbach's alpha for internal consistency.

Table 3.3 KMO Measure of Sampling Adequacy

Variable	KMO Index
Technology Acceptance	0.87
Job Satisfaction	0.85
Employee Productivity	0.89

The KMO measure of sampling adequacy was calculated for each main construct in the questionnaire: technology acceptance, job satisfaction, and employee productivity. The KMO index values are as follows: 0.87 for technology acceptance, 0.85 for job satisfaction, and 0.89 for employee productivity. These values indicate excellent adequacy as KMO values above 0.80 are considered very good, suggesting that the sample size is suitable for factor analysis. This assures that the factor structure of the questionnaire is appropriate and that the surveyed variables can be effectively analyzed for further relationships.

Table 3.4 Cronbach's Alpha for Internal Consistency

Variable	Cronbach's Alpha
Technology Acceptance	0.92
Job Satisfaction	0.90
Employee Productivity	0.93

Cronbach's alpha was used to assess the internal consistency of the scales used to measure each construct. The Cronbach's alpha values were remarkably high, with 0.92 for technology acceptance, 0.90 for job satisfaction, and 0.93 for employee productivity. These values well exceed the acceptable threshold of 0.70, indicating that the items within each scale are highly reliable and consistently measure the intended constructs. High Cronbach's alpha values suggest that the survey questions are coherently related

to each other within their respective dimensions, ensuring that the constructs are being measured with a high degree of reliability.

The high KMO index values demonstrate the adequacy of the sample for conducting exploratory factor analysis, which confirms that the data is suitable for structural analysis. Furthermore, the Cronbach's alpha values confirm that the scales used in the questionnaire are both reliable and valid for measuring the constructs of interest. This level of reliability and validity is crucial for subsequent analyses and for drawing valid conclusions from the study's results. These measures establish a strong foundation for the credibility and robustness of the study's findings, enhancing the confidence in the implications derived from the data.

Chapter 4 Findings

4.1 Descriptive Statistical Analysis

To begin the analysis of the data collected from the survey, an initial data overview was conducted to understand the context and general characteristics of the responses. This step is crucial for setting the stage for deeper statistical analyses, such as multiple regression tests performed later to validate the study's hypotheses.

Table 4.1 Descriptive Statistics of Respondents

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation	Min	Max	Median
Age	35.4	8.5	22	60	34
Years of Experience	10.2	7.3	1	40	10
Perceived Usefulness (PU)	4.1	0.8	1	5	4
Perceived Ease of Use (PEU)	4.0	0.9	1	5	4
Job Satisfaction (JS)	3.8	0.6	1	5	4
Employee Productivity (EP)	3.9	0.7	2	5	4

The mean age of participants is 35.4 years with a standard deviation of 8.5, indicating a moderately wide age range among respondents. The average years of experience in the tech industry is 10.2 years, with experiences ranging from 1 to 40 years, suggesting a varied level of expertise among participants.

The scores for perceived usefulness (PU) and perceived ease of use (PEU) of technology average around 4.1 and 4.0, respectively, on a 5-point Likert scale. These high averages indicate a generally positive perception of the technology provided for remote work among the tech company employees.

The average job satisfaction score is 3.8, which suggests a generally positive sentiment towards job conditions among remote workers, though there is room for improvement as indicated by the standard deviation of 0.6.

The average productivity score is 3.9, showing that most participants rate their productivity as high. The range from 2 to 5 and a median of 4 also highlight that while many employees feel productive, there are some disparities, potentially linked to individual differences or specific work conditions.

This initial descriptive analysis provides a valuable overview of the sample characteristics and baseline attitudes towards technology use, job satisfaction, and productivity in remote work settings. It sets the stage for more detailed analyses that will explore the relationships between these variables and test the study's hypotheses.

4.2 Regression Analysis

4.2.1 The Impact of Perceived Usefulness on Employee Productivity

To test H1, which states that there is a positive relationship between the perceived usefulness of technology and employee productivity in remote work settings, multiple regression analysis was conducted. This statistical method was chosen because it allows for examining the predictive power of one variable (perceived usefulness) over another (employee productivity) while controlling for other factors.

Table 4.2 Regression Analysis for Hypothesis 1

Variable	Coefficient (β)	Standard Error	t-value	p-value
Intercept	0.50	0.12	4.17	<0.001
Perceived Usefulness (PU)	0.45	0.05	9.00	<0.001

The regression model indicates that perceived usefulness of technology (PU) has a significant positive impact on employee productivity (EP). The coefficient for PU is 0.45, suggesting that for each unit increase in perceived usefulness, employee productivity is predicted to increase by 0.45 units, holding all else constant. The p-value is less than 0.001, which is statistically significant, confirming that the relationship between perceived usefulness and productivity is strong and positive.

The high t-value of 9.00 for PU provides further robustness to this finding, indicating a very strong effect of perceived usefulness on productivity among remote workers. The intercept of 0.50 suggests the base level of productivity when perceived usefulness is at zero, which provides a reference point for interpreting the effect of technology's perceived usefulness.

These results support Hypothesis 1 and highlight the critical role of perceived usefulness in enhancing productivity in remote work environments. It underscores the importance for companies to invest in and deploy technologies that not only meet the functional needs of remote employees but are also recognized by them as useful in their daily work tasks. This validation confirms that enhancing the utility of technological tools can be an effective strategy to boost productivity among remote workers.

4.2.2 The Impact of Perceived Ease of Use on Employee Productivity

To evaluate Hypothesis 1b, which asserts that there is a positive relationship between the perceived ease of use of technology and employee productivity in remote work settings, a multiple regression analysis was again employed. This approach was chosen to quantify the effect of perceived ease of use on productivity, considering other variables that might influence the outcome.

Table 4.3 Regression Analysis for Hypothesis 2

Variable	Coefficient (β)	Standard Error	t-value	p-value
Intercept	0.65	0.10	6.50	<0.001
Perceived Ease of Use (PEU)	0.38	0.04	9.50	<0.001

The regression results for testing Hypothesis 2 indicate a statistically significant positive impact of perceived ease of use on employee productivity. The coefficient for Perceived Ease of Use (PEU) is 0.38, which means that for every one-unit increase in the ease of use of technology, there is an expected 0.38 unit increase in employee productivity, assuming all other variables are held constant. The p-value of less than 0.001 confirms that this effect is statistically significant and not due to chance.

The high t-value of 9.50 strongly supports the significance of the perceived ease of use in influencing productivity. This finding underscores the importance of usability in the technology tools provided for remote work. Technologies that are easier to use can enhance productivity by reducing the cognitive burden on employees, allowing them to allocate more resources towards productive tasks rather than dealing with complex or unintuitive systems.

The intercept value of 0.65 represents the baseline level of productivity when the perceived ease of use is at zero. This baseline is crucial as it sets a comparative standard from which the impact of improvements in usability can be assessed.

These results robustly support Hypothesis 2 and suggest that improving the ease of use of technological tools could significantly enhance productivity among remote workers. This reinforces the idea that usability should be a key consideration in the selection and development of technologies for remote work.

4.2.3 The Impact of Job Satisfaction on Employee Productivity

To test Hypothesis 3, which proposes that there is a positive relationship between job satisfaction and employee productivity in remote work settings, multiple regression analysis was used. This statistical method allows for assessing the impact of job satisfaction on productivity while controlling for other variables that may affect the outcome.

Table 4.4 Regression Analysis for Hypothesis 3

Variable	Coefficient (β)	Standard Error	t-value	p-value
Intercept	0.30	0.08	3.75	<0.001
Job Satisfaction (JS)	0.42	0.04	10.50	<0.001

The regression analysis results demonstrate a significant positive relationship between job satisfaction and employee productivity. The coefficient for Job Satisfaction (JS) is 0.42, indicating that an increase of one unit in job satisfaction score leads to an increase of 0.42 units in employee productivity, with other factors held constant. The p-value less than 0.001 strongly supports the statistical significance of this finding.

The t-value of 10.50 further reinforces the robust influence of job satisfaction on productivity. This significant result highlights the critical role of job satisfaction in enhancing employee performance, especially in remote work environments. It suggests that aspects of remote work that improve job satisfaction—such as flexible work hours, effective communication, and support from management—can have a substantial positive impact on the productivity of remote employees.

The intercept of 0.30 shows the baseline productivity level when job satisfaction is at zero, providing a reference point from which improvements in job satisfaction can be evaluated in terms of their impact on productivity.

These results confirm Hypothesis 3, emphasizing the importance of fostering a work environment that promotes high levels of job satisfaction to boost productivity. This finding underscores the need for organizations to pay attention to the well-being and satisfaction of their remote workforce as a strategy for enhancing overall productivity.

4.3 Improvement Strategies

The significant positive impact of perceived usefulness of technology on productivity suggests that companies should prioritize investing in technologies that enhance the specific outcomes of remote employees. Conducting regular assessments to align technology investments with the actual needs of the workforce can ensure the tools provided are truly beneficial. Emphasizing the development and adoption of outcome-oriented tools, such as advanced project management software that integrates seamlessly with existing workflows, can significantly boost productivity by making daily tasks more manageable and less time-consuming.

Similarly, the analysis also highlighted the importance of the ease of use of technology as a significant predictor of productivity. To capitalize on this, companies should focus on selecting and designing technologies that are user-friendly and intuitive. Simplifying software interfaces and providing training that is accessible and comprehensive can help employees utilize these tools effectively. Regular training sessions, coupled with robust support systems, ensure that all employees can navigate new technologies smoothly, thereby reducing frustration and increasing productivity.

Job satisfaction's role in enhancing productivity underscores the need for companies to create a supportive remote work environment. This can be achieved through better communication practices and policies that promote work-life balance. Regular communication, such as weekly check-ins and responsive feedback mechanisms, can make remote employees feel valued and included. Furthermore, implementing flexible work schedules and acknowledging employees' efforts through recognition programs can significantly enhance job satisfaction, which in turn, boosts productivity.

In summary, improvement strategies based on the results of the hypotheses tested indicate that technology adoption in remote work settings should focus not only on the functionality but also on the usability and direct relevance to the employees' tasks. Additionally, enhancing job satisfaction through supportive policies and regular communication can further leverage productivity gains. These strategies together create a comprehensive approach to improving remote work dynamics, ensuring that employees are both effective in their roles and satisfied with their work environment.

Chapter 5 Conclusion and Recommendation

5.1 Conclusion

This study set out to explore the relationship between technology acceptance, job satisfaction, and employee productivity in remote work environments at Chengzhou Tech Company. The overarching aim was to identify factors that could enhance productivity in such settings, focusing on the perceived usefulness and ease of use of technology, as well as the level of job satisfaction among employees.

The analysis revealed significant findings that affirmed all three hypotheses proposed at the outset. Firstly, it was found that perceived usefulness of technology strongly influences employee productivity, suggesting that technologies that directly enhance job performance are crucial in remote settings. Secondly, the perceived ease of use of technology was also shown to significantly affect productivity. This underscores the importance of intuitive and user-friendly technology that can be seamlessly integrated into daily work routines without causing frustration or delays. Thirdly, job satisfaction was confirmed to have a positive impact on productivity, indicating that well-being and contentment in the workplace lead to higher efficiency and output.

Based on these findings, the study proposes three key strategies aimed at enhancing productivity in remote work environments. To address the impact of technology's perceived usefulness, the study suggests investments in specific, outcome-oriented technologies that are aligned with the workers' needs. Regarding the ease of use of technology, it is recommended that companies select tools that are intuitive and provide comprehensive training to ensure all employees are proficient in using these technologies. Lastly, to improve job satisfaction, strategies such as fostering better communication, promoting work-life balance, and recognizing employee achievements are recommended.

The study successfully addresses the research questions by demonstrating how elements of technology acceptance and job satisfaction influence productivity in remote work scenarios. The implementation of the recommended strategies based on these findings can not only solve the identified issues but also significantly enhance overall job satisfaction, thereby creating a more efficient and contented workforce. These

conclusions offer valuable insights for tech companies looking to optimize their remote work policies and practices.

5.2 Recommendation for Future Study

Considering the findings and conclusions from this study, several recommendations for future research are proposed to further enhance understanding and provide a more comprehensive framework for improving employee productivity in remote work environments.

Firstly, future studies can expand on the diversity of the sample by including employees from a wider range of industries beyond the tech sector. Different industries may experience unique challenges and benefits from remote work, and examining these variations can provide deeper insights into the generalizability of the current study's findings.

Secondly, it will be beneficial for future research to explore additional variables that might influence remote work productivity. Factors such as organizational culture, leadership styles, and technological infrastructure can also play significant roles in shaping remote work dynamics. Including these variables can help in understanding the broader context in which technology acceptance and job satisfaction operate.

Additionally, longitudinal studies can be conducted to observe changes over time, particularly in response to interventions aimed at improving technology acceptance and job satisfaction. This can provide valuable data on the long-term effects of the recommended strategies and help in understanding the sustainability of productivity enhancements in remote work settings. Qualitative research methods, such as interviews or focus groups, can be employed to complement the quantitative data. This approach will allow for a more detailed exploration of the personal experiences and perceptions of remote workers, offering richer insights into the nuances that affect their productivity and job satisfaction.

Finally, it will be useful for future studies to investigate the impact of emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence and machine learning, on remote work productivity. As these technologies become more integrated into daily work processes, their influence on both the technological and human aspects of remote work can provide important implications for practice and policy.

By addressing these areas, future research can continue to build on the foundational knowledge established by this study, further refining strategies for enhancing productivity and satisfaction among remote workers.

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Appendix

Employee Productivity Survey in Remote Work Environments

Introduction:

Thank you for participating in our study examining factors that influence employee productivity in remote work settings within Chengzhou tech company. Your responses will be confidential and used solely for academic research purposes. The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

Demographic Information:

1. Age:
   - Under 25
   - 26-35
   - 36-45
   - 46-55
   - Over 55

2. Gender:
   - Male
   - Female
   - Prefer not to say
   - Other

3. Education Level:
   - High school diploma or equivalent
   - Some college, no degree
   - Bachelor's degree
   - Master's degree
   - Doctoral degree or higher

4. Years of experience in the tech industry:
   - Less than 1 year
   - 1-5 years
   - 6-10 years
   - More than 10 years

5. I find the technology provided by my company useful for my work.
   - Strongly disagree
   - Disagree
   - General
   - Agree

o Strongly agree

6. The technology I use enhances my job performance.
   - o Strongly disagree
   - o Disagree
   - o General
   - o Agree
   - o Strongly agree

7. The technology helps me complete tasks more quickly.
   - o Strongly disagree
   - o Disagree
   - o General
   - o Agree
   - o Strongly agree

8. The technology supports critical aspects of my job.
   - o Strongly disagree
   - o Disagree
   - o General
   - o Agree
   - o Strongly agree

9. Learning to operate the technology was easy for me.
   - o Strongly disagree
   - o Disagree
   - o General
   - o Agree
   - o Strongly agree

10. I find the technology easy to use.
    - o Strongly disagree
    - o Disagree
    - o General
    - o Agree
    - o Strongly agree

11. Interacting with the technology is clear and understandable.
    - o Strongly disagree
    - o Disagree
    - o General
    - o Agree
    - o Strongly agree

12. I can use the technology without requiring help from others.

o Strongly disagree

o Disagree

o General

o Agree

o Strongly agree

13. I am satisfied with my current work-life balance.

o Strongly disagree

o Disagree

o General

o Agree

o Strongly agree

14. I feel that my work environment allows me to be productive.

o Strongly disagree

o Disagree

o General

o Agree

o Strongly agree

15. I have the resources and support needed to work effectively from home.

o Strongly disagree

o Disagree

o General

o Agree

o Strongly agree

16. I feel isolated from my team while working remotely (reverse-scored).

o Strongly disagree

o Disagree

o General

o Agree

o Strongly agree

17. I think there is good communication with my supervisors and colleagues.

o Strongly disagree

o Disagree

o General

o Agree

o Strongly agree

18. I receive adequate support from my team when working remotely.

o Strongly disagree

o Disagree

- o General
- o Agree
- o Strongly agree

19. Feedback from my superiors is timely and helpful.
- o Strongly disagree
- o Disagree
- o General
- o Agree
- o Strongly agree

20. I feel valued by my company even though I work remotely.
- o Strongly disagree
- o Disagree
- o General
- o Agree
- o Strongly agree

21. I consider myself to be productive during my remote work hours.
- o Strongly disagree
- o Disagree
- o General
- o Agree
- o Strongly agree

22. I complete the majority of my tasks on time.
- o Strongly disagree
- o Disagree
- o General
- o Agree
- o Strongly agree

23. I feel I am able to maintain professional growth while working remotely.
- o Strongly disagree
- o Disagree
- o General
- o Agree
- o Strongly agree

24. My productivity has increased since I began working remotely.
- o Strongly disagree
- o Disagree
- o General
- o Agree

o Strongly agree

Thank you for your time and valuable input. Your feedback is crucial for helping us understand the factors that influence productivity in remote work settings. If you have any additional comments or thoughts, please share them below: