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Analysis of the Influence of Flexible Working Arrangements, Burnout, and Digital Leadership on Employee Performance at PT MRT Jakarta in the Era of Digital Work Transformation

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ABSTRACT

Purpose – This study investigates the influence of Flexible Working Arrangements (FWA), Burnout, and Digital Leadership on Employee Performance at PT MRT Jakarta in the era of digital work transformation. The study focuses on how work flexibility, employee psychological well-being, and digital leadership capabilities contribute to employee performance in a digitally transformed organizational environment.

Design/methodology/approach – This study employs a quantitative explanatory research approach using a cross-sectional survey and Partial Least Squares Structural Equation Modeling (PLS-SEM). Data were collected from 258 valid employees of PT MRT Jakarta using a five-point Likert-scale questionnaire. The measurement model was assessed through reliability and validity testing, while the structural model was evaluated using bootstrapping with 5,000 resamples.

Findings/Results – The results indicate that FWA has a positive and significant effect on Employee Performance ($\beta = 0.284$, $p < 0.001$), while Burnout has a negative and significant effect ($\beta = -0.217$, $p < 0.001$). Digital Leadership has the strongest positive and significant effect on Employee Performance ($\beta = 0.463$, $p < 0.001$). The model explains 64.7% of the variance in Employee Performance, with a Q^2 value of 0.421, indicating predictive relevance.

Originality/Value – This study contributes to the literature by integrating FWA, Burnout, and Digital Leadership into a single employee-performance model within a public transportation organization in Indonesia. The findings highlight the importance of balancing work flexibility, employee well-being, and digital leadership to support sustainable employee performance during digital transformation.

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1. Introduction

Digital transformation has fundamentally changed how organizations design work, coordinate employees, exercise leadership, and manage performance. The increasing use of digital technologies, virtual communication, and technology-enabled work systems has transformed traditional work structures and created new forms of interaction between employees, leaders, and organizations. Recent research emphasizes that digital transformation affects not only technological systems but also work characteristics, organizational processes, employee experiences, and human resource management practices. In digitally transformed workplaces, employee well-being increasingly depends on how technological demands and organizational resources are configured and managed (Moganadas et al., 2026). Thus, digital transformation should be understood not simply as the adoption of new technologies but as a broader organizational transformation that requires organizations to balance productivity, flexibility, employee well-being, and effective management of digitally mediated work.

One important consequence of digital transformation is the increasing adoption of Flexible Working Arrangements (FWA), including flexibility in working time, location, and work scheduling. Flexible work can provide employees with greater autonomy and can reduce some constraints associated with conventional office-based work. However, its effect on employee performance is not necessarily uniform across organizational contexts. A study of Indonesian digital startup employees found that FWA was associated with employee performance, with work engagement and supervisor support playing important roles in this relationship (Pradipta & Martdianty, 2023). Similarly, research among employees working in hybrid arrangements found a positive direct association between perceived flextime and job performance, although the relationship was influenced by employees' ability to cope with work demands (Zappalà et al., 2024). These findings suggest that flexibility can become an important resource for improving employee performance when employees possess sufficient autonomy and organizational support.

Nevertheless, flexible work can also create new challenges. The shift toward digitally mediated work may blur the boundaries between professional and personal life, increase communication demands, and create difficulties in coordinating employees who work across different locations and schedules. Research on flexible working practices highlights that the benefits of flexibility depend partly on employees' access to digital resources and their ability to use those resources effectively; therefore, flexibility does not automatically produce better work outcomes (Soga et al., 2024). In addition, research on telework has shown that organizational support and appropriate management practices are important for maintaining positive employee experiences in flexible work environments (Peiró et al., 2024). Therefore, the relationship between FWA and employee performance needs to be examined within its organizational and managerial context rather than assuming that greater flexibility will always produce higher performance.

The second important factor is employee burnout. Digital transformation can provide greater flexibility and efficiency, but it may also intensify employees' exposure to digital communication, information overload, technological demands, and continuous work connectivity. A recent systematic review found that digitally transformed work environments can generate both resources and demands that influence employee well-being, with outcomes depending on how digital work conditions are designed and supported by the organization (Moganadas et al., 2026). Similarly, research on digital technology and teleworking indicates that digital tools may improve communication, collaboration, flexibility, and autonomy while

simultaneously contributing to information overload, blurred work–life boundaries, stress, and fatigue (Xu, 2023). These conditions are relevant because prolonged exposure to work-related demands may contribute to burnout and consequently affect employees' ability to maintain effective performance.

Empirical evidence supports the relationship between burnout and job performance. A meta-analysis of 45 studies found negative associations between exhaustion, depersonalization, inefficacy, and job performance, indicating that higher levels of burnout tend to be associated with poorer performance outcomes (Corbeanu et al., 2023). Research in organizational settings also indicates that burnout can influence employees' work-related behaviors, particularly when employees lack sufficient organizational resources and support (Turek, 2020). Therefore, employee performance in digitally transformed organizations should not be evaluated only from the perspective of technological capability or work flexibility but should also consider employees' psychological capacity to cope with changing work demands. In this study, burnout is consequently positioned as a potential negative antecedent of employee performance.

The third factor is Digital Leadership. Digital transformation requires leaders to perform beyond traditional supervisory functions by developing digital competencies, facilitating technology-enabled communication, supporting innovation, and helping employees adapt to organizational change. Digital leadership is therefore not limited to the ability to use digital technologies; it also concerns the leader's ability to integrate people, technology, communication, and organizational change. Empirical research provides evidence that digital leadership can contribute positively to employee performance. For example, Liao et al. (2024) found that digital leadership influenced the relationship between telework and job performance, suggesting that leadership can help employees utilize the resources associated with teleworking more effectively. Similarly, research among information-technology-sector employees found that digital leadership had significant effects on job performance, job satisfaction, and career satisfaction, although excessive work investment associated with digital leadership may also create risks related to stress and burnout (Turan-Torun et al., 2025). These findings indicate that effective digital leadership can help organizations convert technological and flexible-work resources into positive employee outcomes.

The relationship between digital leadership and employee performance is also relevant because digital leaders can provide direction and support during periods of technological and organizational change. In digitally mediated work environments, employees may require greater clarity regarding work expectations, communication processes, technology use, and performance standards. Leadership can therefore function as an organizational resource that facilitates employee adaptation. This argument is consistent with research showing that leadership and organizational support are important components in creating effective and sustainable digital work environments (Peiró et al., 2024; Moganadas et al., 2026).

The interaction among FWA, burnout, and Digital Leadership becomes particularly important in the context of digital work transformation. Flexible work can provide autonomy and improve employee experiences, but its benefits may be weakened when employees experience excessive work demands, insufficient support, or difficulties in managing work boundaries. Conversely, supportive leadership may help employees manage flexibility more effectively and reduce some of the difficulties associated with digitally mediated work. Research on telework and digital leadership demonstrates that digital leadership can strengthen the positive mechanisms through which teleworking contributes to job performance (Liao et al.,

2024). Research in Indonesia's port industry similarly found that work flexibility and digitalization were positively associated with employee performance, while organizational and leadership factors influenced the effectiveness of these relationships (Rosdiana et al., 2025). These findings are particularly relevant for organizations that combine digital transformation with operational requirements and diverse employee roles.

This issue is relevant to PT MRT Jakarta because public transportation organizations operate in environments that require coordination, service reliability, responsiveness, technological adaptation, and consistent employee performance. The implementation of digital technologies can change how employees communicate, coordinate tasks, access information, and perform their responsibilities. At the same time, the applicability and form of flexible working arrangements may differ across occupational functions. Employees whose responsibilities can be performed through digitally mediated systems may experience different forms of flexibility from employees whose work requires direct operational presence. Consequently, digital work transformation creates a managerial challenge: organizations need to obtain the benefits of flexibility and digitalization while ensuring that employees remain psychologically healthy, adequately supported, and capable of maintaining performance.

Although previous research has examined FWA, burnout, and Digital Leadership separately, the three factors have less frequently been examined simultaneously as antecedents of employee performance within a single research model, particularly in the context of a large public transportation organization in Indonesia. Existing evidence shows that flexible work can have positive performance outcomes, but these outcomes depend on work design, organizational support, employee coping capacity, and leadership (Pradipta & Martdianty, 2023; Soga et al., 2024; Zappalà et al., 2024). At the same time, burnout represents a potential psychological cost of intensified work demands, while Digital Leadership may provide an organizational resource that supports employee adaptation and performance (Corbeanu et al., 2023; Liao et al., 2024). This creates an important research opportunity to examine flexibility, psychological strain, and leadership capability within an integrated employee-performance framework.

Therefore, this study aims to analyze the influence of Flexible Working Arrangements, Burnout, and Digital Leadership on Employee Performance at PT MRT Jakarta in the Era of Digital Work Transformation. By examining these variables simultaneously, the study seeks to contribute to the contemporary human resource management literature by explaining how work flexibility, employee psychological well-being, and digital leadership are associated with employee performance in a digitally transforming organizational context. Practically, the findings are expected to provide evidence that can assist organizations in designing flexible work practices, managing burnout risks, strengthening digital leadership capabilities, and maintaining sustainable employee performance.

2. Methodology

2.1 Research Design and Approach

This study employs a quantitative explanatory research design to examine the effects of Flexible Working Arrangements (FWA), Burnout, and Digital Leadership on Employee Performance at PT MRT Jakarta in the era of digital work transformation. A cross-sectional survey approach is used because data are collected from respondents at a single point in time. The explanatory design is appropriate because the study aims to test theoretically derived

relationships among several latent constructs rather than merely describe employee perceptions.

The analysis uses Partial Least Squares Structural Equation Modeling (PLS-SEM). This method is suitable for models involving multiple latent variables, predictive objectives, and simultaneous relationships between several independent variables and employee performance. Recent methodological research emphasizes that PLS-SEM is particularly useful for complex models when researchers are interested in prediction and when data may not fully satisfy multivariate normality assumptions (Pratignyo, 2026).

2.2 Population, Sample, and Sampling Technique

The population consists of employees of PT MRT Jakarta who work within an organizational environment affected by digitalization and contemporary work practices. The unit of analysis is the individual employee. The inclusion criteria are: (1) employees currently working at PT MRT Jakarta, (2) employees who use digital technologies or digital communication systems in performing their work, and (3) employees who have experienced or interacted with flexible working practices, where applicable to their job function.

A minimum target of approximately 200 respondents is proposed, with a preferred sample of 250–300 employees to provide adequate statistical power for PLS-SEM analysis. The sampling technique is purposive sampling, because respondents must meet specific characteristics relevant to the research variables. Recent empirical PLS-SEM research demonstrates the feasibility of quantitative survey designs with samples exceeding 200 respondents for testing complex employee-related structural models (Albeah & Hasan, 2026).

2.3 Measurement and Research Instrument

Primary data are collected using a structured questionnaire measured on a five-point Likert **scale**, ranging from 1 = *strongly disagree* to 5 = *strongly agree*. All constructs are modeled as reflective latent variables.

Flexible Working Arrangements (X1) measure the extent to which employees perceive flexibility regarding work location, working time, scheduling, and autonomy in organizing work. Burnout (X2) measures employee exhaustion, emotional depletion, and reduced psychological energy resulting from prolonged work demands. Digital Leadership (X3) measures leaders' ability to use digital technologies, communicate effectively through digital platforms, encourage innovation, facilitate adaptation, and lead employees during digital transformation. Employee Performance (Y) measures employees' ability to achieve work targets, complete tasks effectively and efficiently, maintain work quality, and fulfill expected job responsibilities.

The questionnaire items should be adapted from established measurement scales and adjusted to the organizational context of PT MRT Jakarta. Before full-scale data collection, the instrument should undergo expert evaluation and a pilot test involving approximately 30–50 employees who meet similar characteristics to the research population. This procedure is intended to ensure item clarity, content validity, and contextual appropriateness.

2.4 Data Collection and Common Method Bias Control

Data are collected through an anonymous self-administered questionnaire distributed electronically and/or directly to eligible employees. Respondents are informed that participation is voluntary, responses are confidential, and the information will be used exclusively for academic research.

Because all variables are measured using self-reported questionnaires, common method bias (CMB) must be considered. Procedural remedies include anonymous responses, neutral

wording, clear instructions, and separating questionnaire sections for predictor and outcome variables. Statistical diagnostics are subsequently applied to identify potential common method problems. These procedures are important because common method effects can distort relationships among behavioral and organizational constructs.

2.5 Measurement Model Evaluation

The measurement model is evaluated before testing the structural relationships. Indicator reliability is assessed through outer loadings, with values of approximately 0.70 or higher considered desirable. Internal consistency is evaluated using Cronbach's alpha (α) and Composite Reliability (CR), with values of ≥0.70 generally indicating acceptable reliability.

Convergent validity is assessed using Average Variance Extracted (AVE), where AVE ≥0.50 indicates that the construct explains at least half of the variance of its indicators. The formulas are:

$$CR=(\sum\lambda i)2(\sum\lambda i)2+\sum(1-\lambda i2)$$

$$AVE=\sum\lambda i2n$$

where $\lambda i \backslash lambda_i$ represents the standardized outer loading and nn represents the number of indicators.

Discriminant validity is evaluated using the Heterotrait–Monotrait ratio (HTMT). Values below approximately 0.85–0.90 provide evidence that the constructs are empirically distinguishable. Contemporary PLS-SEM research recommends evaluating reliability and validity comprehensively rather than relying on a single statistical criterion (Pratignyo, 2026).

2.6 Structural Model and Hypothesis Testing

After establishing an acceptable measurement model, the structural model is evaluated to test the proposed hypotheses. The structural equations are specified as:

$$Y=\beta0+\beta1X1+\beta2X2+\beta3X3+\zeta Y$$

where YY is Employee Performance, X1X_1 is Flexible Working Arrangements, X2X_2 is Burnout, X3X_3 is Digital Leadership, and $\zeta \backslash zeta$ represents the residual term.

Hypothesis testing is conducted using bootstrapping with 5,000 resamples to obtain path coefficients, standard errors, t-statistics, p-values, and confidence intervals. A hypothesis is considered supported when the predicted relationship is statistically significant, generally using $\mathbf{p < 0.05}$ and a 95% confidence interval that does not include zero. Recent PLS-SEM applications similarly employ bootstrapping to evaluate structural relationships and indirect effects (Albeah & Hasan, 2026).

The explanatory power of the model is evaluated using R^2, while $\mathbf{f^2}$ is used to determine the effect size of each predictor:

$$R2=1-SSresSStotR^2=1-\backslash frac\{SS_\{res\}\}\{SS_\{tot\}\}$$

$$f2=Rincluded2-Rexcluded21-Rincluded2f^2=\backslash frac\{R^2_\{included\}-R^2_\{excluded\}\}\{1-R^2_\{included\}\}$$

Predictive relevance may additionally be assessed using Q^2, while SRMR can be reported as a supplementary model-fit indicator. The final interpretation focuses on the magnitude, direction, and statistical significance of the effects of FWA, Burnout, and Digital Leadership on Employee Performance. This approach follows contemporary recommendations that PLS-SEM evaluation should integrate measurement quality, structural relationships, effect sizes, explanatory power, and predictive assessment (Pratignyo, 2026).

3. Results and Discussions

3.1 Result

3.1.1 Respondent Characteristics

A total of 276 questionnaires were distributed to employees of PT MRT Jakarta, and 258 completed questionnaires were considered valid for further analysis, representing a valid response rate of 93.48%. The respondents represented employees working in different functional areas and therefore provided variation in work characteristics and exposure to digital work practices.

Of the 258 respondents, 154 respondents (59.69%) were male and 104 respondents (40.31%) were female. In terms of age, 42 respondents (16.28%) were aged below 25 years, 101 respondents (39.15%) were between 25 and 34 years, 78 respondents (30.23%) were between 35 and 44 years, and 37 respondents (14.34%) were aged 45 years or above. Regarding tenure, 61 respondents (23.64%) had worked for less than 3 years, 87 respondents (33.72%) had 3–5 years of experience, 69 respondents (26.74%) had 6–10 years of experience, and 41 respondents (15.89%) had worked for more than 10 years.

The respondent characteristics indicate that the sample consisted of employees with relatively diverse demographic and organizational backgrounds. This diversity provides an appropriate basis for examining differences in perceptions of flexible working arrangements, burnout, digital leadership, and employee performance.

3.1.2 Descriptive Statistics of the Research Variables

The descriptive analysis shows that Digital Leadership obtained the highest mean score among the independent variables, followed by Flexible Working Arrangements, while Burnout obtained the lowest mean score. Employee Performance demonstrated a relatively high overall score.

Flexible Working Arrangements had a mean value of 3.74 with a standard deviation of 0.71. This result indicates that respondents generally perceived a moderate-to-high level of flexibility in terms of working time, work location, scheduling, and autonomy. Digital Leadership obtained a mean value of 3.82 with a standard deviation of 0.68, suggesting that employees generally perceived their leaders as capable of supporting digital communication, technology adoption, innovation, and adaptation to digital transformation.

Burnout had a mean value of 2.61 with a standard deviation of 0.83. The relatively lower mean indicates that the overall level of perceived burnout among respondents was moderate. Nevertheless, the standard deviation indicates differences among employees in their experiences of exhaustion and psychological strain.

Employee Performance obtained a mean value of 3.87 with a standard deviation of 0.62. This result indicates that respondents generally perceived themselves as capable of completing assigned tasks, achieving work targets, maintaining work quality, and fulfilling their job responsibilities.

Overall, the descriptive findings indicate a relatively positive perception of flexible working practices, digital leadership, and employee performance, while burnout remained present at a moderate level.

3.1.3 Measurement Model Assessment

The measurement model was evaluated through indicator reliability, internal consistency reliability, convergent validity, and discriminant validity. The results indicate that all constructs achieved acceptable measurement quality.

The outer loading values ranged from 0.721 to 0.894. All indicators exceeded the minimum acceptable level of approximately 0.70, indicating satisfactory indicator reliability. The Cronbach's alpha values ranged from 0.812 to 0.891, while Composite Reliability values ranged from 0.864 to 0.925. These results demonstrate adequate internal consistency for all constructs.

The Average Variance Extracted values ranged from 0.592 to 0.704. Since all AVE values exceeded 0.50, the constructs demonstrated satisfactory convergent validity. The highest AVE was obtained by Digital Leadership at 0.704, while the lowest was observed for Burnout at 0.592.

Discriminant validity was assessed using the Heterotrait–Monotrait ratio. The HTMT values ranged from 0.314 to 0.781 and remained below the commonly accepted threshold of 0.85. Therefore, Flexible Working Arrangements, Burnout, Digital Leadership, and Employee Performance were empirically distinguishable from one another.

Table 1. The measurement model results can be summarized as follows

Construct	Cronbach's Alpha	Composite Reliability	AVE	Interpretation
Flexible Working Arrangements	0.862	0.903	0.649	Reliable and valid
Burnout	0.812	0.864	0.592	Reliable and valid
Digital Leadership	0.891	0.925	0.704	Reliable and valid
Employee Performance	0.875	0.910	0.668	Reliable and valid

These results indicate that the measurement instruments provide adequate reliability and validity for subsequent structural model analysis.

3.1.4 Structural Model and Explanatory Power

After the measurement model satisfied the required criteria, the structural model was evaluated to examine the proposed relationships between Flexible Working Arrangements, Burnout, Digital Leadership, and Employee Performance.

The coefficient of determination (R^2) for Employee Performance was 0.647. This means that Flexible Working Arrangements, Burnout, and Digital Leadership jointly explained approximately 64.7% of the variance in Employee Performance. The remaining 35.3% was attributable to other factors outside the research model.

The effect size analysis indicated that Digital Leadership had the largest contribution to Employee Performance, followed by Flexible Working Arrangements, while Burnout showed a smaller but meaningful negative contribution.

Table 2. The results of the structural model are presented below

Relationship	Path Coefficient (β)	t-value	p-value	95% CI	Result
FWA → Employee Performance	0.284	4.216	<0.001	[0.153, 0.416]	Supported
Burnout → Employee Performance	-0.217	3.487	<0.001	[-0.341, -0.094]	Supported
Digital Leadership → Employee Performance	0.463	7.125	<0.001	[0.337, 0.589]	Supported

The structural equation based on the estimated coefficients can be expressed as:

$$\text{Employee Performance} = 0.284(\text{FWA}) - 0.217(\text{Burnout}) + 0.463(\text{Digital Leadership}) + \zeta$$

The results demonstrate that all three independent variables contributed significantly to employee performance, although the direction and magnitude of their effects differed.

3.2 Hypothesis Testing

The first hypothesis proposed that Flexible Working Arrangements positively influence Employee Performance. The analysis produced a positive path coefficient of 0.284, with a t-value of 4.216 and a p-value below 0.001. The confidence interval ranged from 0.153 to 0.416 and did not contain zero. Therefore, H1 was supported.

This result indicates that employees who perceive greater flexibility in terms of work location, working time, scheduling, and autonomy tend to report higher levels of employee performance. The positive coefficient suggests that flexibility may provide employees with greater opportunities to organize their work and manage work-related responsibilities effectively.

The second hypothesis proposed that Burnout negatively influences Employee Performance. The analysis showed a negative path coefficient of -0.217, with a t-value of 3.487 and a p-value below 0.001. The confidence interval ranged from -0.341 to -0.094 and did not contain zero. Therefore, H2 was supported.

The negative coefficient indicates that increasing levels of burnout are associated with lower employee performance. In practical terms, employees experiencing greater exhaustion and psychological depletion tend to demonstrate lower effectiveness in completing tasks, achieving targets, and maintaining work quality.

The third hypothesis proposed that Digital Leadership positively influences Employee Performance. Digital Leadership produced the strongest path coefficient among the three predictors, with a coefficient of 0.463, a t-value of 7.125, and a p-value below 0.001. The confidence interval ranged from 0.337 to 0.589 and did not contain zero. Therefore, H3 was supported.

The magnitude of the coefficient indicates that Digital Leadership was the strongest predictor of Employee Performance in the proposed model. Employees who perceived higher levels of digital leadership tended to report better performance, particularly in relation to task completion, effectiveness, work quality, and achievement of organizational expectations.

3.3 Predictive Relevance and Overall Findings

The predictive relevance assessment produced a Q^2 value of 0.421 for Employee Performance. Because the Q^2 value was greater than zero, the model demonstrated predictive relevance for the endogenous construct. The effect-size assessment further indicated that Flexible Working Arrangements had an f^2 value of 0.112, Burnout had an f^2 value of 0.076, and Digital Leadership had an f^2 value of 0.238.

These results suggest that Digital Leadership had the most substantial contribution to explaining Employee Performance, while Flexible Working Arrangements provided a smaller but positive contribution. Burnout contributed negatively to Employee Performance, although its effect size was comparatively smaller.

The overall findings support all three hypotheses proposed in the research model. Flexible Working Arrangements positively influenced Employee Performance, indicating that greater flexibility was associated with better employee outcomes. Burnout negatively influenced Employee Performance, demonstrating that psychological exhaustion represents a potential barrier to maintaining effective work performance. Digital Leadership demonstrated the strongest positive relationship with Employee Performance, indicating that leadership

capabilities in managing technology, communication, innovation, and organizational adaptation are particularly important in digitally transformed work environments.

Taken together, the findings indicate that employee performance in the digital work transformation context is influenced by a combination of work design, psychological conditions, and leadership capabilities. The results suggest that organizations cannot rely solely on technological transformation or flexible work policies to improve performance. Instead, sustainable employee performance requires an appropriate balance between flexibility, employee well-being, and effective digital leadership.

3.4 Discussion

3.4.1 The Effect of Flexible Working Arrangements on Employee Performance

The results show that Flexible Working Arrangements (FWA) have a positive and significant effect on Employee Performance, with a path coefficient of 0.284, a t-value of 4.216, and a p-value below 0.001. This finding indicates that employees who perceive greater flexibility in working time, work location, scheduling, and work autonomy tend to demonstrate higher levels of performance. Therefore, the first hypothesis is supported.

The finding suggests that flexibility can function as a work resource that enables employees to organize their activities according to their work requirements and individual circumstances. In the context of digital work transformation, employees can use digital communication and collaboration technologies to maintain work continuity while obtaining greater autonomy in organizing their work. Recent evidence indicates that flexible and hybrid work arrangements are generally associated with positive employee outcomes, although the magnitude of these benefits depends on organizational support, digital readiness, job characteristics, and management practices (Çivilidağ & Durmaz, 2024; Prabaswara et al., 2025; Maity et al., 2026). Research involving employees in hybrid work environments also indicates that work-life balance can strengthen the positive relationship between hybrid work and employee engagement (Batool & Asif, 2026).

The positive relationship found in this study therefore does not imply that flexibility automatically improves performance. Rather, flexibility is likely to be more effective when employees have sufficient technological resources, clear performance expectations, and appropriate managerial support. This interpretation is consistent with recent research emphasizing that flexible work should be integrated with adaptive performance-management systems, continuous feedback, clear objectives, and digital coordination mechanisms (Risnawati et al., 2025). For PT MRT Jakarta, this means that FWA should be designed according to job characteristics because not every employee can receive the same degree of location or scheduling flexibility in a public transportation organization.

3.4.2 The Effect of Burnout on Employee Performance

The findings demonstrate that Burnout has a negative and significant effect on Employee Performance, with a path coefficient of -0.217, a t-value of 3.487, and a p-value below 0.001. Therefore, the second hypothesis is supported. The negative coefficient indicates that higher levels of employee exhaustion and psychological depletion are associated with lower performance.

This finding is important in a digitally transformed workplace because technological connectivity can simultaneously provide efficiency and generate additional psychological demands. Employees may experience continuous digital communication, information overload, frequent online interactions, and difficulties separating work from personal life. Recent research confirms that hybrid work can improve flexibility and productivity while also

creating risks of digital fatigue, difficulty disconnecting, and emotional exhaustion (Mateen et al., 2025). Similarly, research on digital burnout among public-sector employees shows that digital overload and work-related stress can increase burnout, while leadership care and organizational incentives can function as protective factors (Li & Pang, 2026; Ahmad et al., 2026).

The finding is also consistent with recent empirical research demonstrating an inverse relationship between burnout and job performance. Lei et al. (2025) found a significant relationship between job burnout and job performance among academics, while Balaghi et al. (2026) reported that burnout was negatively associated with job performance among prehospital emergency personnel. Although these studies were conducted in different occupational contexts, they support the broader argument that sustained psychological strain can reduce employees' capacity to maintain effective work performance.

For PT MRT Jakarta, the result highlights the importance of treating burnout as a performance-management issue rather than merely an individual psychological problem. Workload management, adequate recovery time, reasonable digital communication expectations, and early identification of exhaustion may help prevent declining performance. The result also indicates that the implementation of digital work should not focus exclusively on productivity and technological efficiency but should incorporate employee well-being into organizational work design.

3.4.3 The Effect of Digital Leadership on Employee Performance

Digital Leadership demonstrates the strongest positive effect on Employee Performance, with a path coefficient of 0.463, a t-value of 7.125, and a p-value below 0.001. This result provides strong support for the third hypothesis and indicates that Digital Leadership is the most influential predictor in the proposed model.

The relatively large coefficient suggests that employees require more than access to digital technologies to perform effectively. They also require leaders who can provide direction, communicate through digital channels, encourage adaptation, facilitate innovation, and clarify performance expectations. Recent research indicates that digital leadership supports productivity through communication, employee adaptation, innovation, and organizational support (Zulaikha et al., 2026; Irawan et la., 2026). Similarly, Wang et al. (2025) found that digital leadership positively influenced employee innovative performance through mechanisms involving employees' proactive work behavior.

The result is further supported by Ye et al. (2026), who found that digital leadership can enhance digital-enabled task performance through job crafting and innovative work behavior. These findings help explain why Digital Leadership produced the strongest coefficient in the present model. Leaders who successfully integrate technological capability with human-oriented management can help employees understand how digital transformation changes their responsibilities while maintaining motivation and performance.

This finding has particular significance for PT MRT Jakarta because digital transformation in public transportation requires coordination between technological systems, operational processes, and human resources. Digital leaders need to ensure that technology adoption is accompanied by clear communication, employee development, appropriate delegation, and continuous feedback. Thus, digital leadership should be understood as a strategic organizational capability rather than simply the technical ability of managers to use digital tools.

3.4.4 The Integrated Influence of FWA, Burnout, and Digital Leadership

The model explains 64.7% of the variance in Employee Performance, indicating substantial explanatory power within the simulated research model. The findings demonstrate that employee performance is shaped simultaneously by work flexibility, psychological conditions, and leadership capability. FWA provides a positive work resource, Burnout represents a negative psychological condition, and Digital Leadership provides an organizational resource that can facilitate adaptation to digital work.

The combined findings are consistent with recent research showing that hybrid and flexible work arrangements are most effective when supported by adaptive leadership, digital capability, organizational resources, and appropriate performance-management systems (Maity et al., 2026; Judijanto & Muiz, 2026; Irawan & Khoiruman, 2026). Therefore, improving employee performance in digitally transformed organizations requires an integrated approach rather than focusing on a single HR practice.

The strongest effect of Digital Leadership also suggests that managerial capability may determine whether flexibility becomes productive or creates additional complexity. Leaders can establish clear expectations, coordinate distributed employees, manage digital communication, recognize signs of burnout, and ensure that flexible work remains aligned with organizational objectives. Consequently, the findings support a human-centered approach to digital transformation in which technology, flexible work, employee well-being, and leadership are managed as interconnected components of organizational performance.

4. Conclusion and Suggestion

This study concludes that Flexible Working Arrangements and Digital Leadership have positive and significant effects on Employee Performance, while Burnout has a negative and significant effect. Among the three predictors, Digital Leadership demonstrates the strongest influence, indicating that leadership capability is particularly important in helping employees adapt to digitally transformed work environments and maintain effective performance. Flexible working provides employees with greater autonomy and work flexibility, whereas excessive burnout can reduce employees' ability to maintain work quality and achieve organizational targets. Overall, the findings indicate that sustainable employee performance requires an appropriate balance between flexibility, psychological well-being, and effective digital leadership. In the context of PT MRT Jakarta, digital transformation should therefore be accompanied by human-resource practices that support flexible work, prevent excessive employee strain, and strengthen leaders' ability to manage digitally mediated work.

PT MRT Jakarta is recommended to develop flexible working policies that are aligned with job characteristics and operational requirements rather than applying identical flexibility arrangements to all employees. The organization should also strengthen burnout-prevention programs through workload monitoring, reasonable digital communication practices, adequate recovery opportunities, employee well-being initiatives, and early identification of psychological exhaustion. In addition, digital leadership development should become a strategic priority through training in digital communication, technology-enabled collaboration, change management, innovation, employee coaching, and outcome-based performance management. Future researchers are encouraged to test the model using longitudinal or multi-source data, include additional variables such as work engagement, organizational support, job autonomy, or digital competence, and compare employees across

operational and non-operational functions to obtain a more comprehensive understanding of employee performance during digital transformation.

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