

## Connection Visual Analysis

**Key learning:** Becoming a well-rounded engineering manager & leader requires **vision** and being **reflective** about our self, **assessing** our current **skills** honestly. That, together with an **intention** to **improve** through **planned steps** and with the **needed support** will help us become an expert leader.

**Key learning:**  
It's good to use frameworks like MDECf to **better understand our** (and our **team's**) **roles**, in order to enhance companies' HR systems. Most important, it can help us to **gauge our** eng man & leader **skills**, visually understanding where we stand out as experts and what we have yet to improve.

## I4 Framework Video Summary

**Favorite moments:**

1. Mapping out visually the domains across the 3D model. (1:10).
2. Graphical (triangle) representation of professor's development as an engineer. (3:18).

**Key learning:**  
With the right **vision** (or dream), the right **learning plan**/growth journey, and a pursuit of excellence, we can turn a **dream/idea** into a **global product** that **transforms industries** and lives.

The diagram illustrates the progression of a Product Manager (PM) through five levels, from a well-rounded PM to a professorial team member. The progression is shown in a curved path on the left, with a corresponding flow of competencies and skills on the right.

**Progression Levels (Left):**

1. To be a **well-rounded PM**
2. Lacking **depth** in engineering
3. Rice **MEML** (Comp Science focus)
4. Building **AI-powered products**
5. **Professors, team members**

**Competencies and Skills (Right):**

Competency	Technical Product Management	AI-powered, SaaS	Design	Advanced
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Competency 2	Requirements + discovery of products	Fitness + fintech	Concept	Advanced
Competency 3	Launching products	Fintech (Open Banking)	Design + launch	Skilled

**Skills (Top Right):** Expertise, Domain, PD Lifecycle, Skill

The infographic is divided into several key sections:

- Frank's ITC Journey:** A circular diagram showing his progression from a student to a CEO, with roles like Engineer, Project Manager, VP Engineering, and CEO. It also includes a 'Lead Engineer' and 'Program Manager' role.
- Frank's Engineering Journey:** A central hub labeled 'FRANK Eng Leader' with branches for 'Technical Competencies' (Engineering, Design, etc.), 'Domain (Drone)', and 'Expertise' (Mechanical, Business, etc.).
- Product Development Journey:** A timeline showing the development of Phantom drones, from initial concept to the launch of Phantom 1, Phantom 2, and Phantom 3.
- Multi-dimensional Engineering Competency Framework:** A diagram showing the relationship between 'Sandwich Model' (Academic, Industry, Research) and 'Designing the product' (Design, Development, etc.).
- Phantom Launch Timeline:** A detailed timeline of the Phantom drone's development, from the initial concept to the launch of Phantom 1, Phantom 2, and Phantom 3.
- Looking into the Future:** A section discussing the future of drone technology and the challenges ahead.

The infographic is a comprehensive overview of Frank's career and the success of his company, DJI.