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Progressive Summarization

Intention of the Unit

To learn a new method for summarizing digital notes in a way that makes them both easily discoverable, and easily understandable

The 3 pillars

CAPTURE

ORGANIZE

RETRIEVE

Progressive Summarization

P.A.R.A.

Just-in-Time Project Mgmt

Practice

Unit 4
Progressive Summarization

Organizing for Insight

Units 6 & 7
JIT Project Management
PKM Workflow Canvas

Theory

Unit 5
Maximizing
Return-on-Attention

Unit 3
Digital Cognition

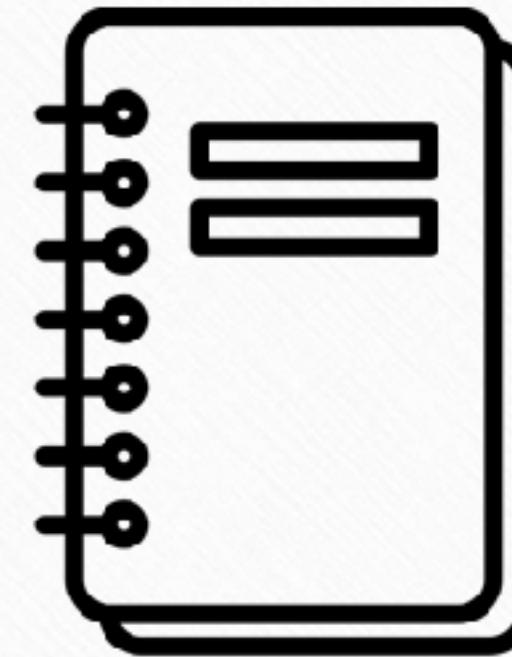
Unit 8
The Big Picture

Conventional approaches to organization



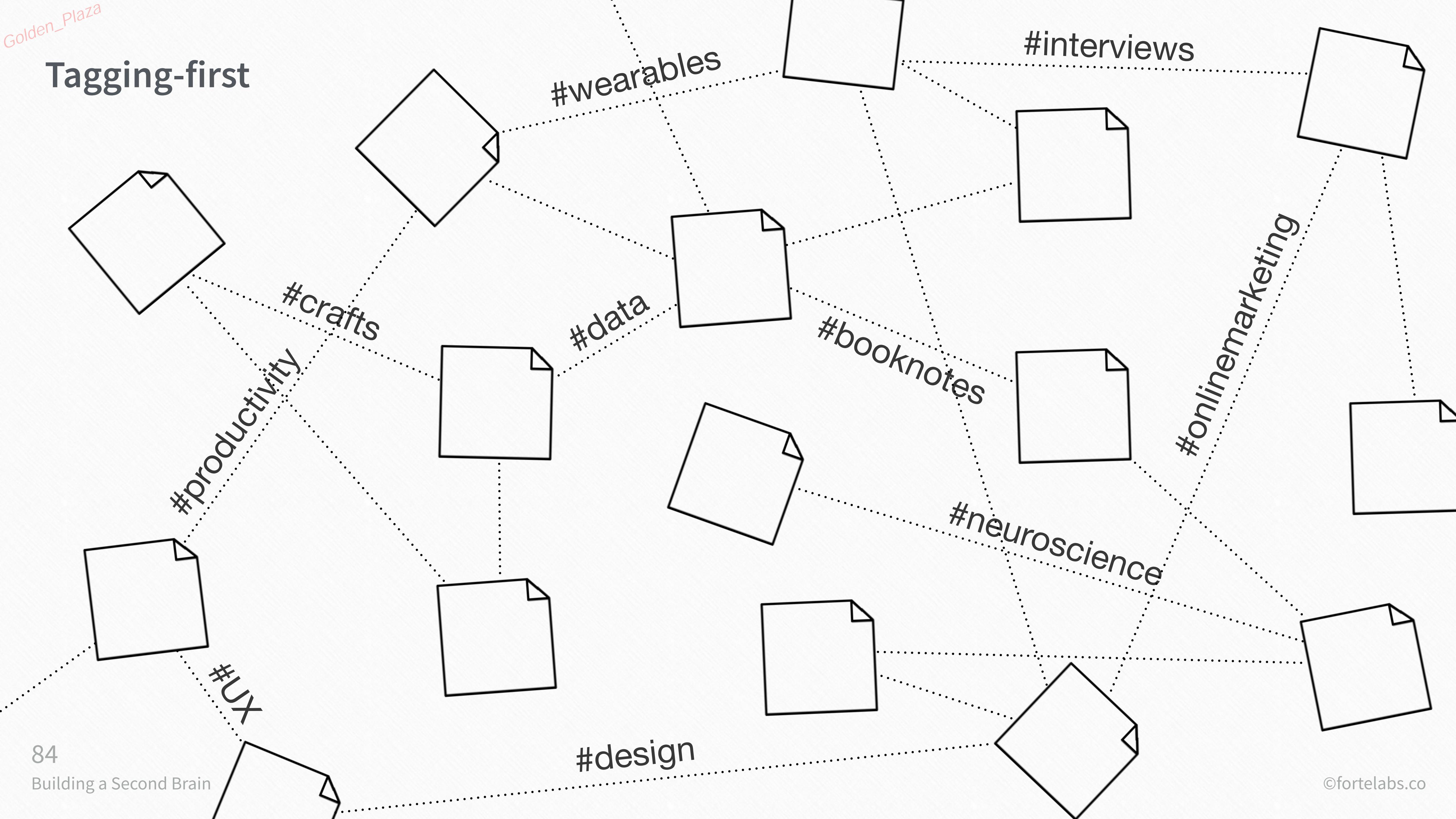
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Notebook-first

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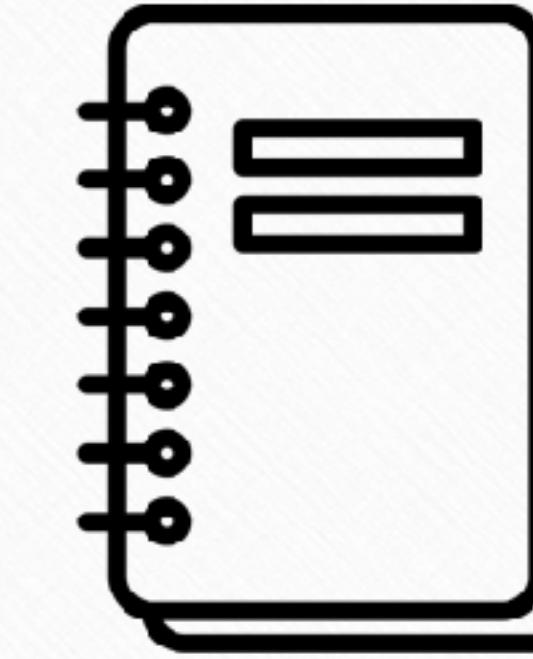
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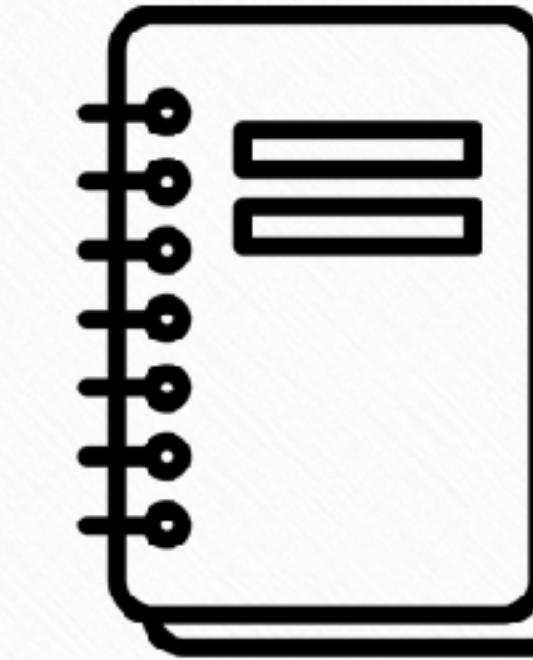
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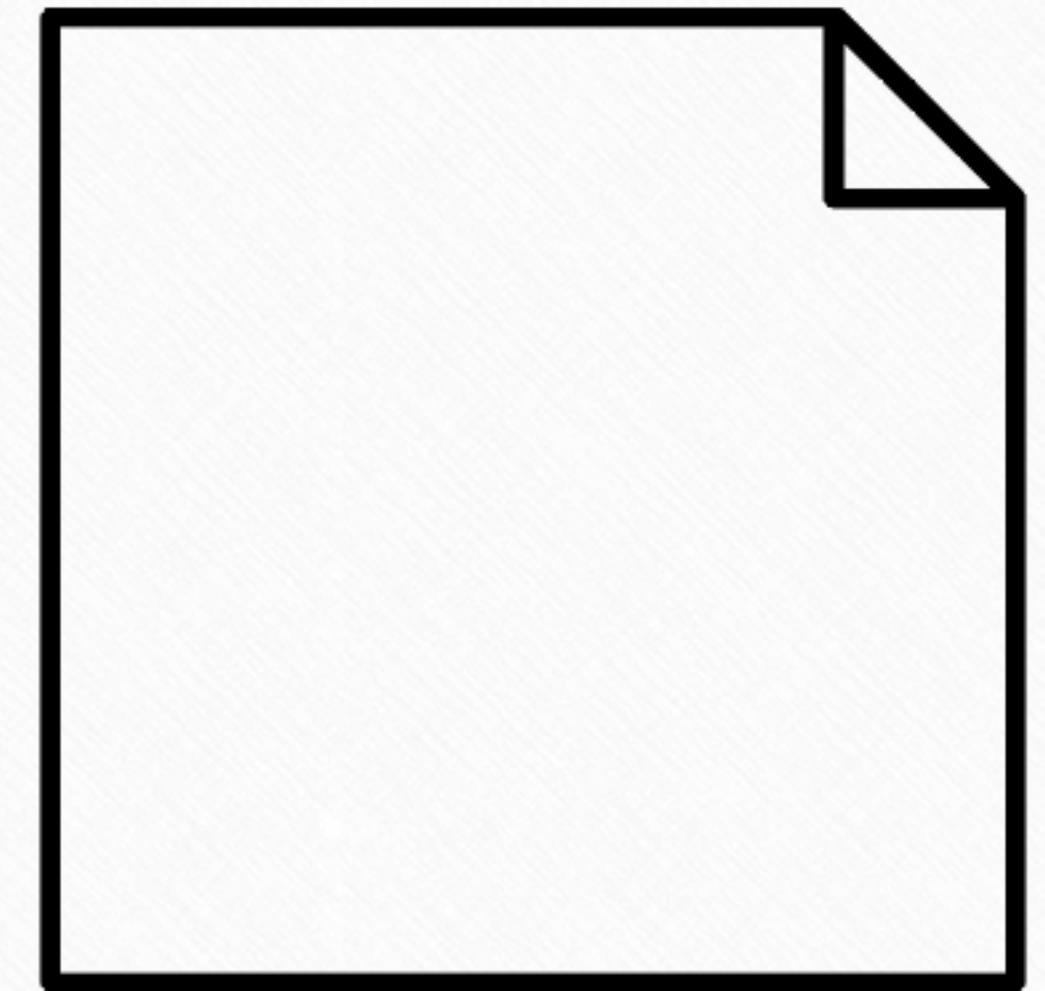


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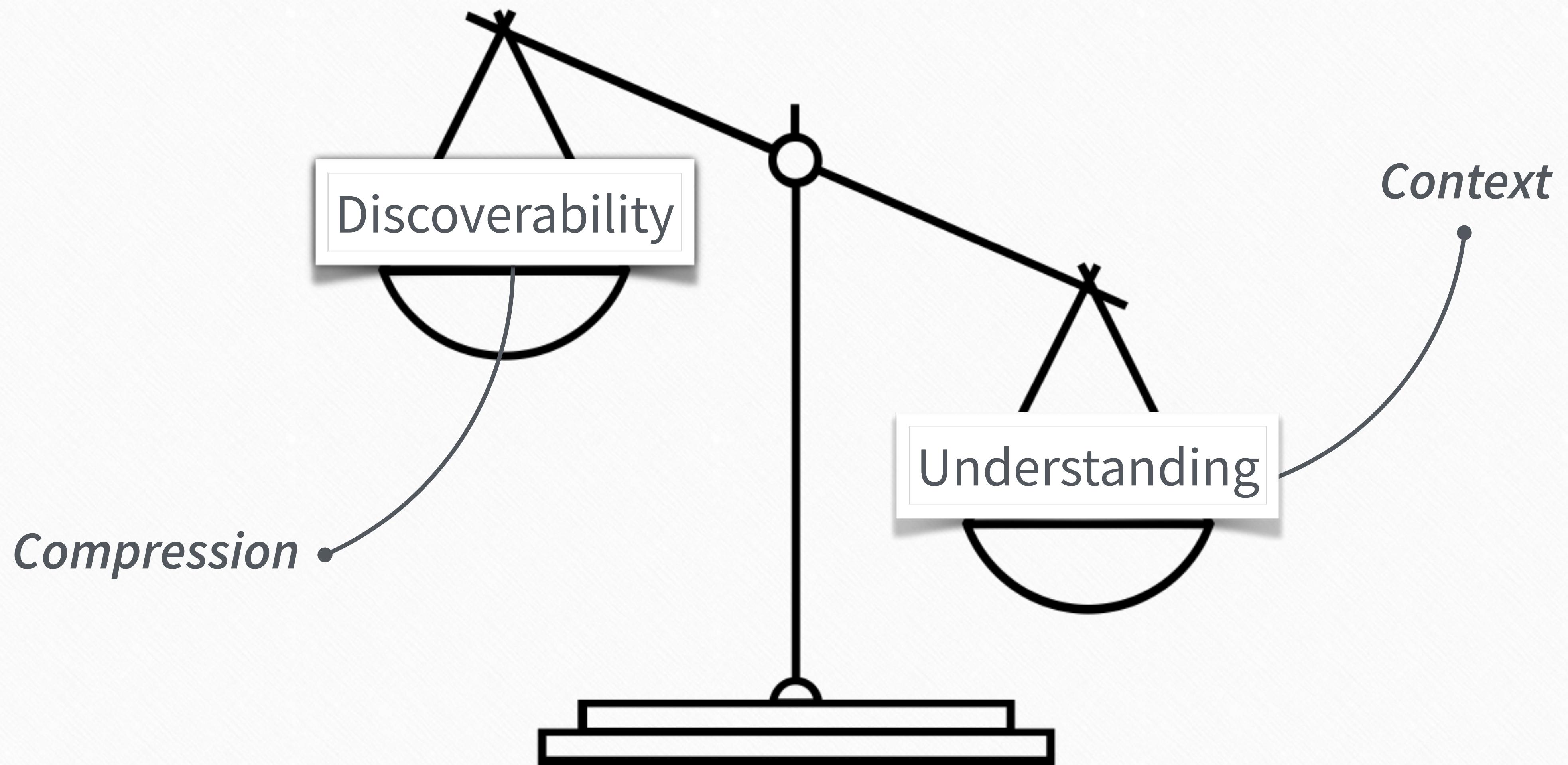


Notes



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Design



Compression / Context

The New Methodology

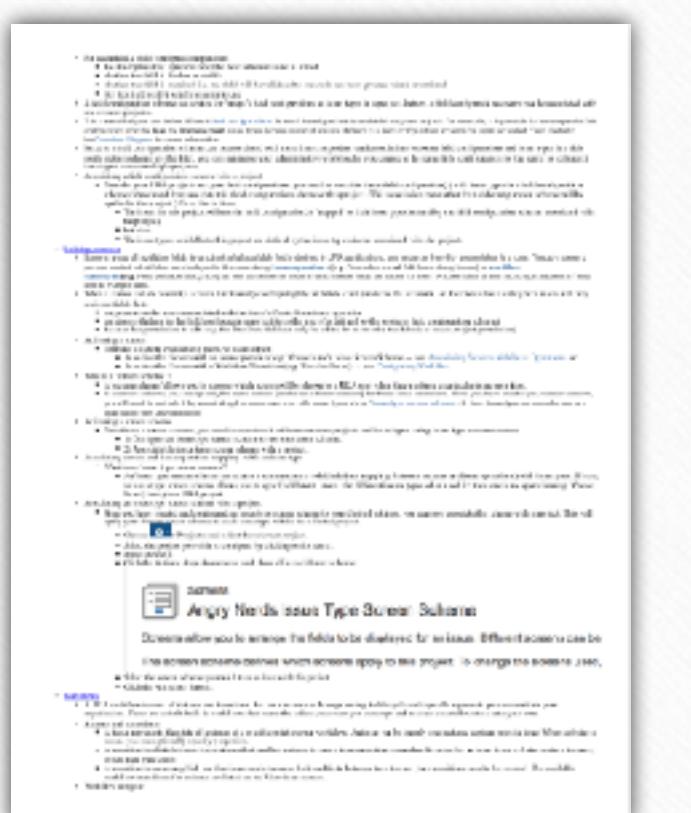
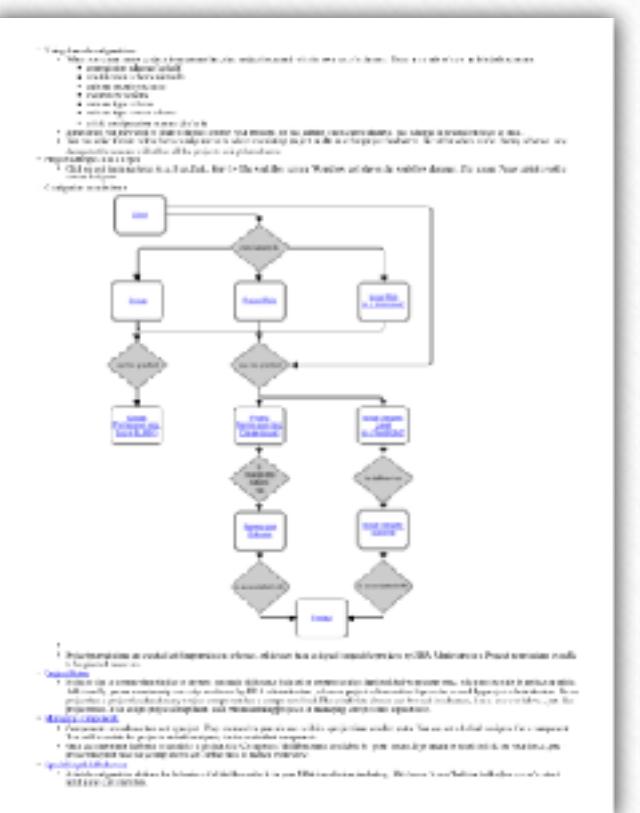
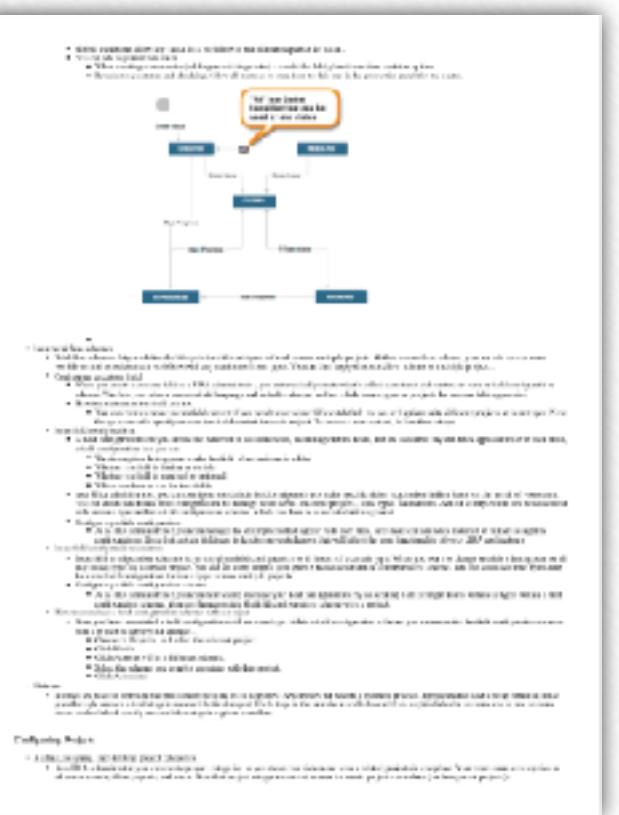
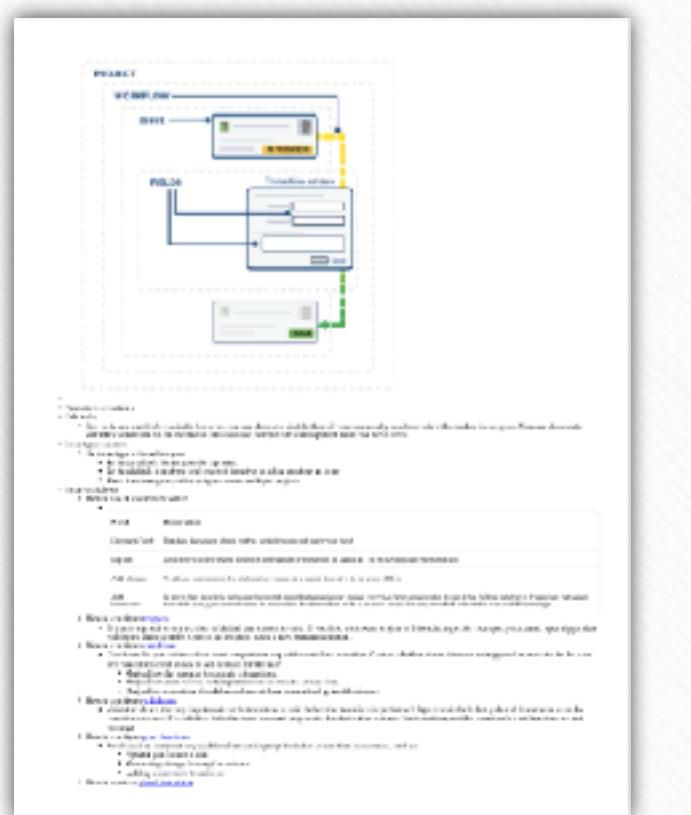
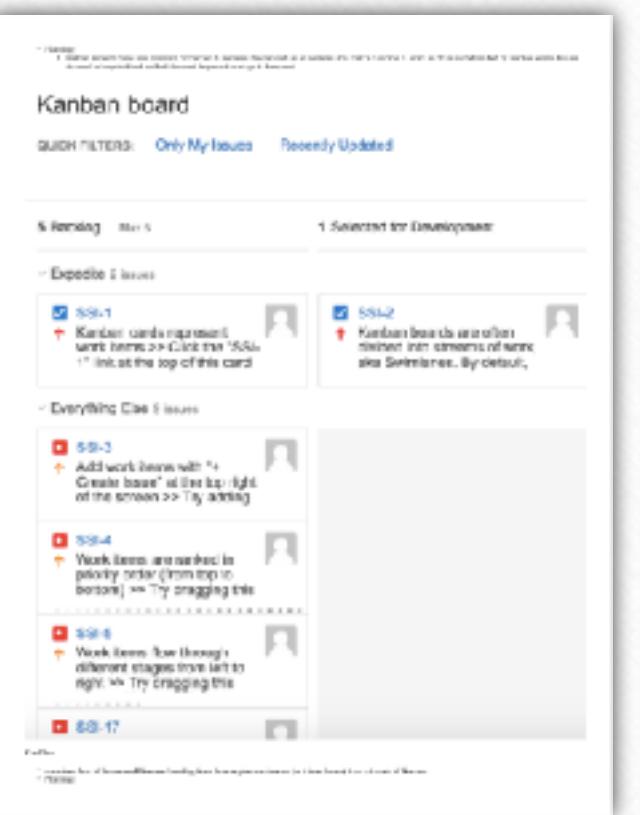
Probably the most noticeable change to software process thinking in the last few years has been the appearance of the word 'agile'.

October 19, 2016 at 10:29AM

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Compression:

“How do I make what I’m consuming right now easily discoverable for my future self?”

Progressive Summarization

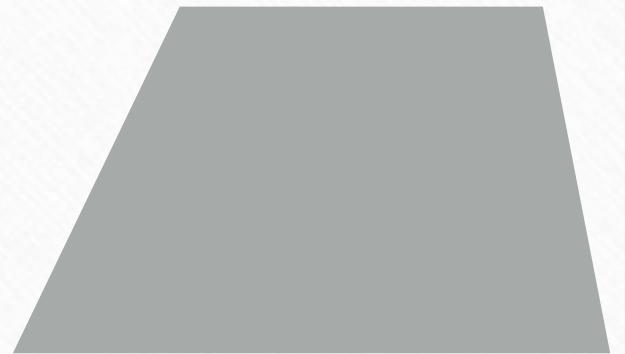
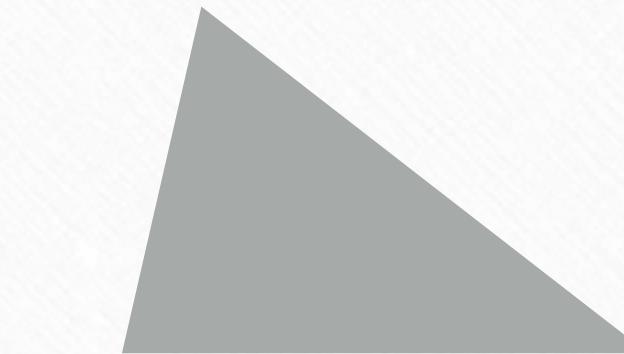
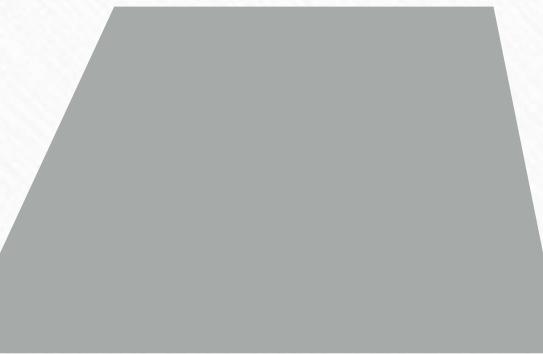
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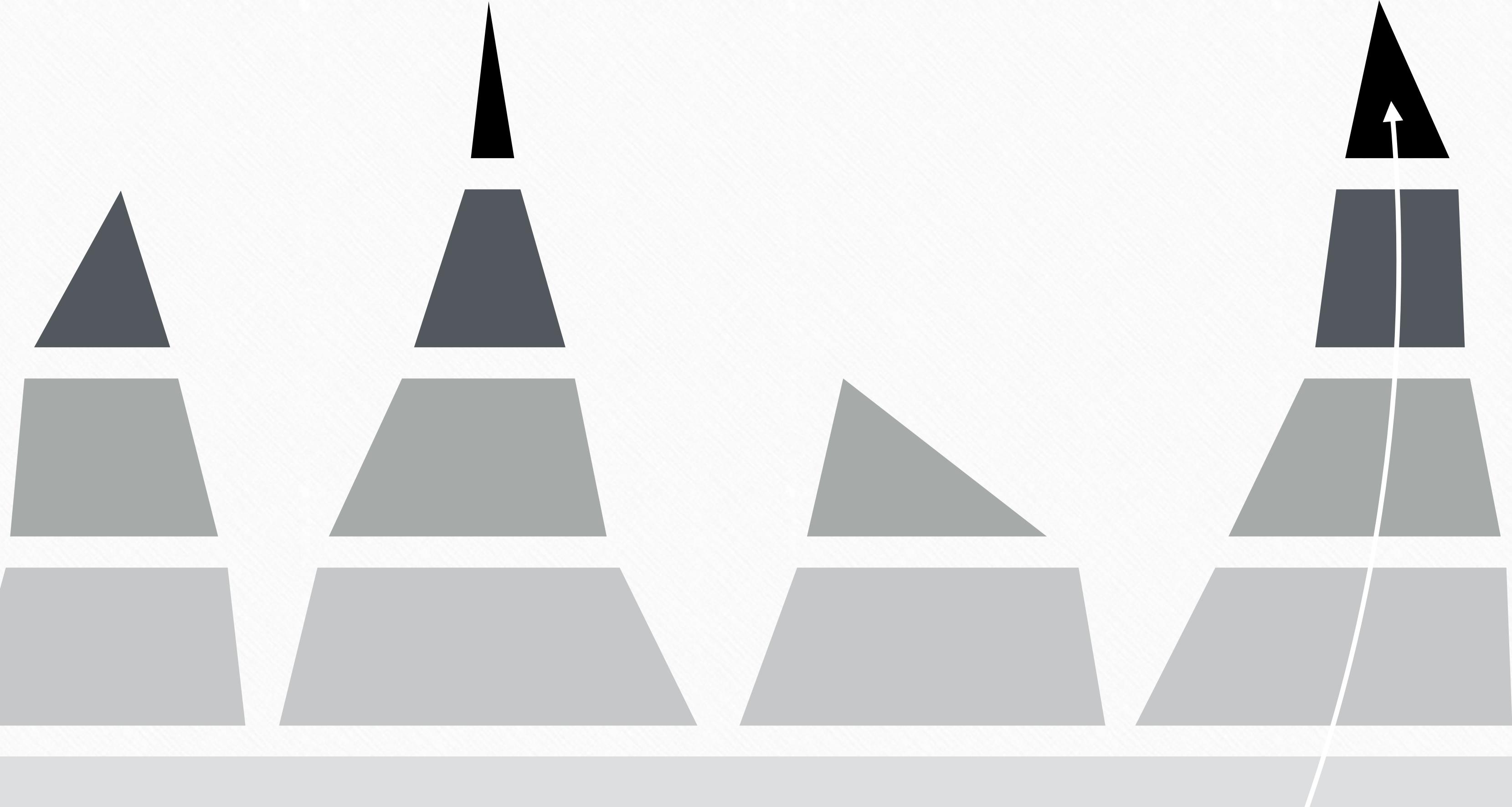
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Progressive Summarization



Compression

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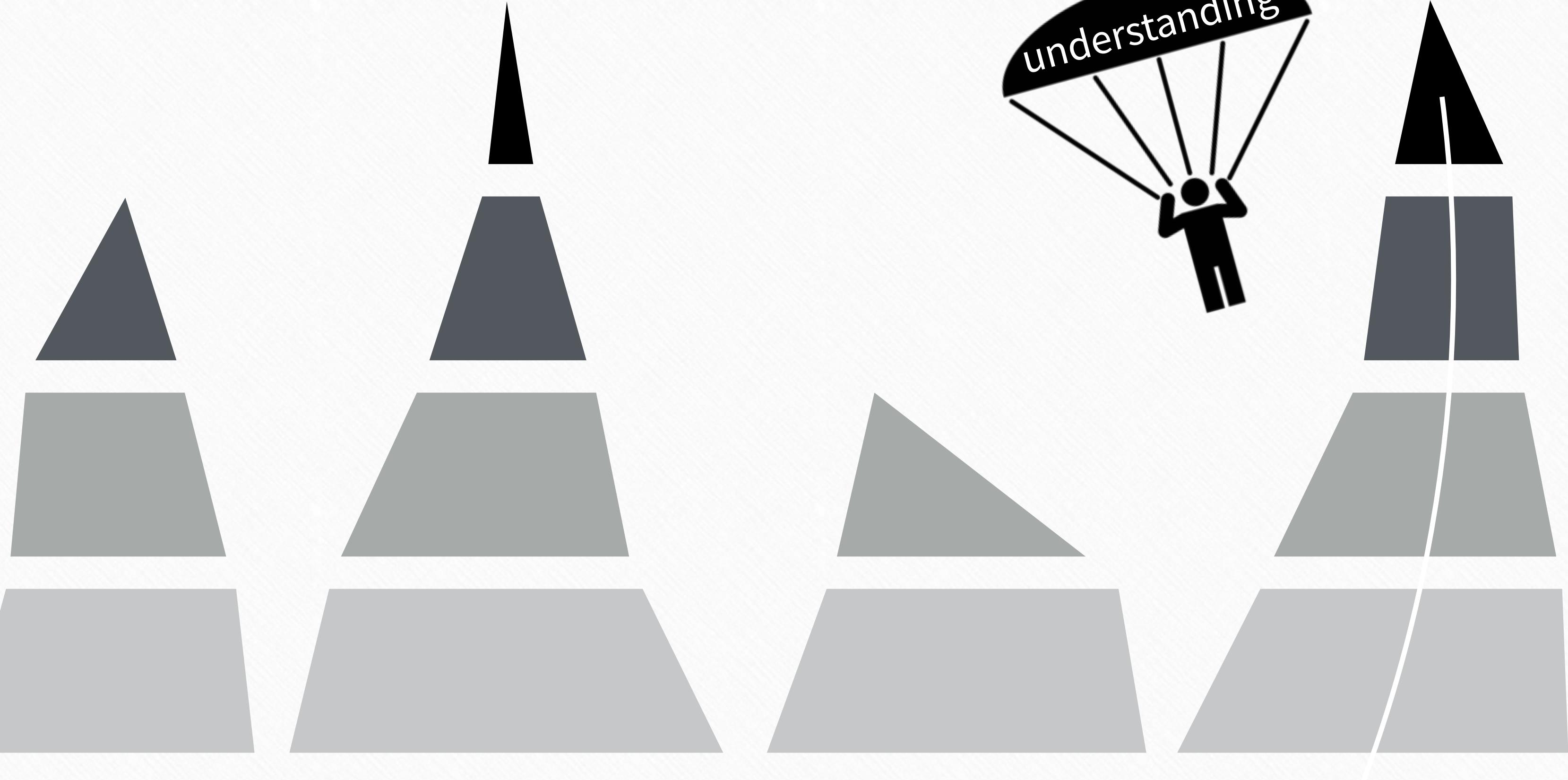


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Layer 5: Remix



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Postrationalism

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"It is therefore better to treat the mind as a holistic and teleological black box system, and deal with it on its own terms; experience, intuitively understandable evidence, good ideas and arguments, and actual incentives. The mind is already well-tuned by evolution, and can only become wiser with lots of specific knowledge and experience, rather than more rational with a few high-impact cognitive hacks."

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The futility of tags for creative work

appreciation ▾

tradition ▾

ritual ▾

modes of experience ▾

detached skepticism ▾

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common sense ▾

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useful metaphors ▾

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mind ▾

teleological black box ▾

understandable evidence ▾

actual incentives ▾

high-impact cognitive hacks ▾

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fundamental truths ▾

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memories ▾

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field performance ▾

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Notes on The Future of Work

Updated Jan 18, 2016

Recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that the majority of us now spend more time working than we do sleeping, an hour more a day. Work is officially the single most time-consuming thing in our lives today, so it's important that we enjoy and care about what we do because we're going to spend most of our lives doing it.

The Five Trends Shaping the World of Work:

- New behaviors

If it's so easy for us to do the things mentioned earlier in our personal lives, then shouldn't it be just as easy to do those things in our professional lives? Why do we need to get 250 emails a day, why can't we find the right people and information we need to get work done? Why is there so much content duplication? Why can't we easily share

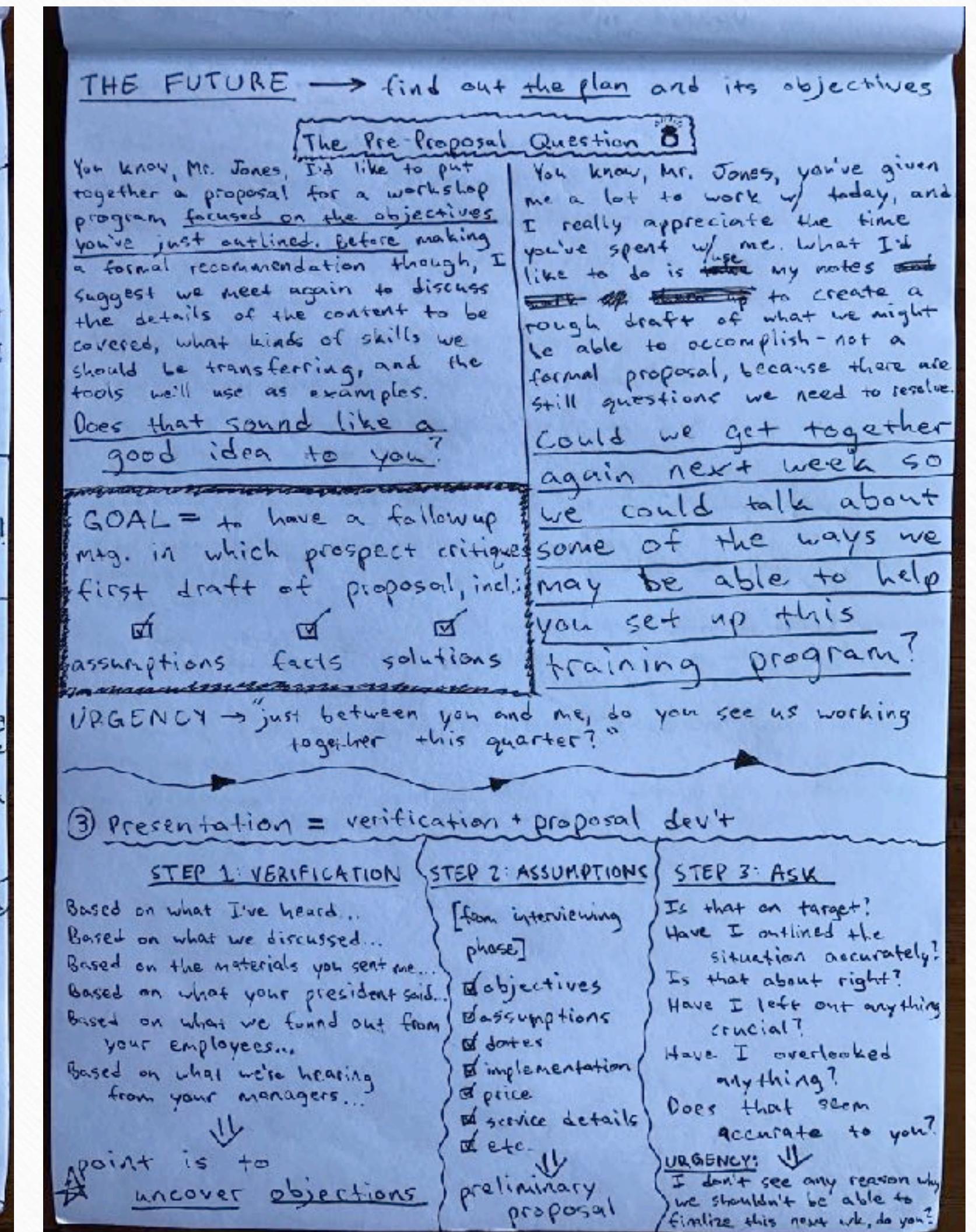
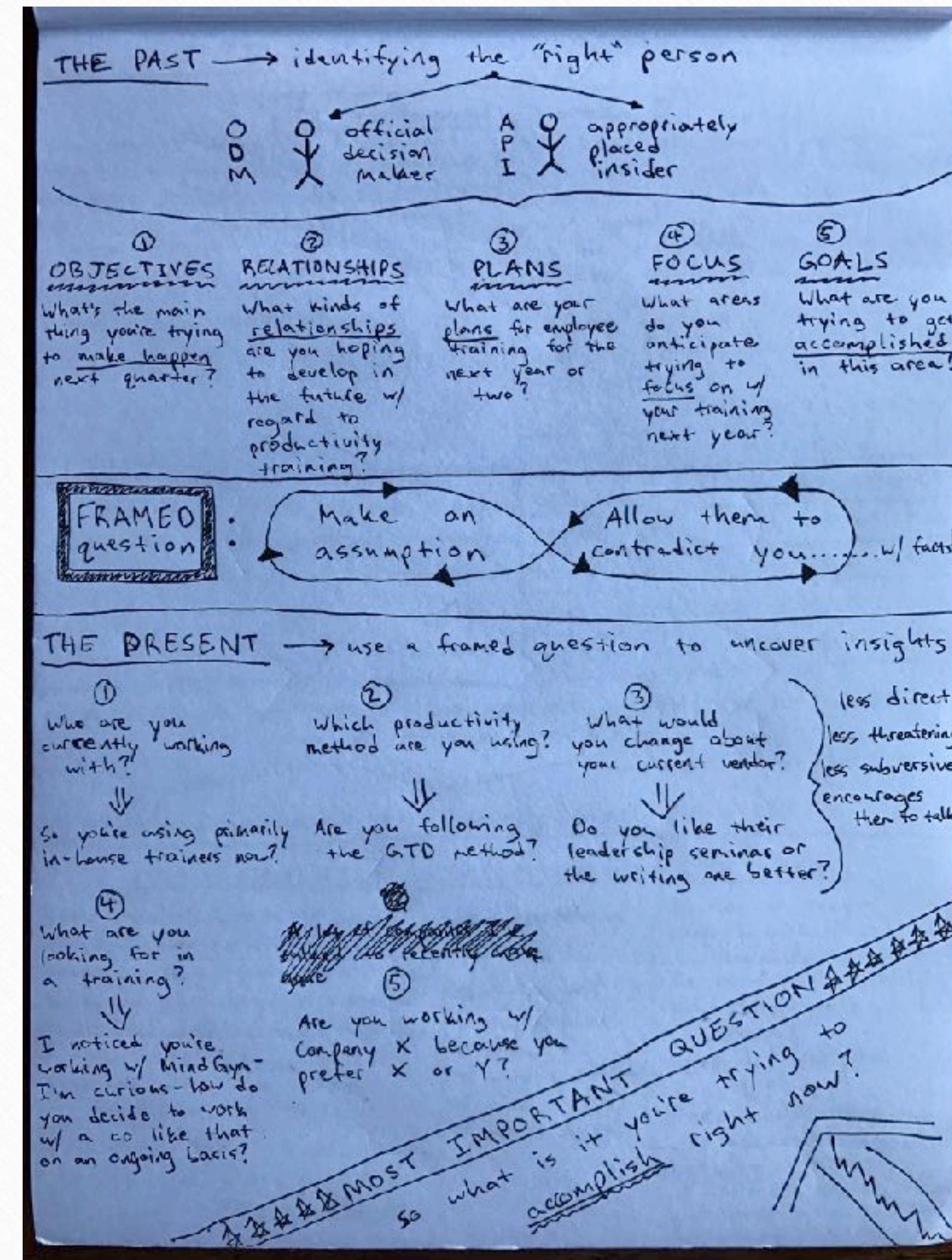
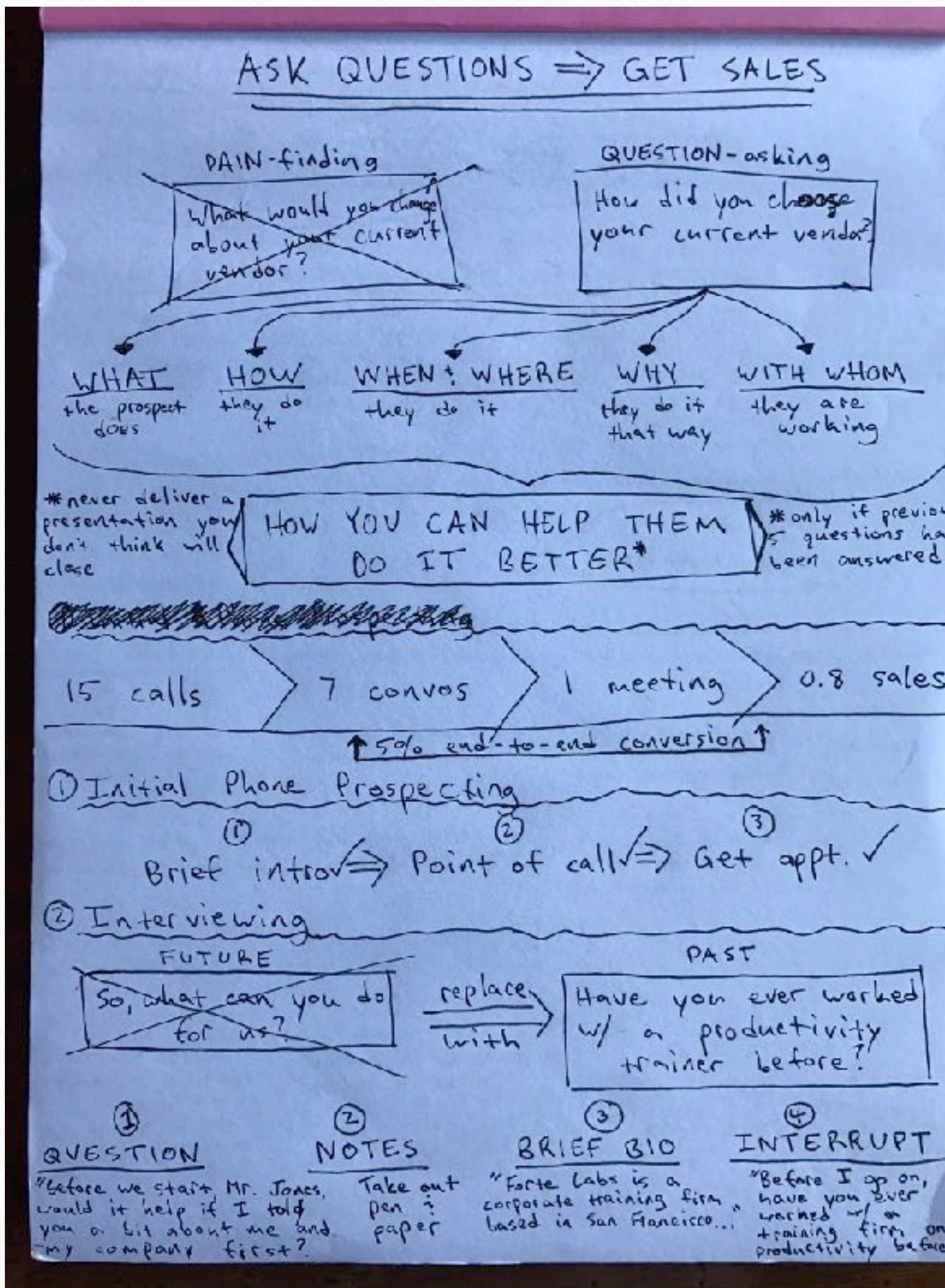
The Race (Eliyahu M. Goldratt, Robert Fox) notes

Updated Oct 27, 2016

SUMMARY

- DBR drives logistical improvements using exactly the same process used to drive process improvements
- **The West and the East take turns, with one trying the high-tech, complex approach, and the other a more human-centered, simple approach.** The latter always wins:
 - Starting in 1965, and continuing into the 80s, the West created Materials Requirements Planning (MRP), which was attempt to use computers to plan and coordinate production
 - JIT proved superior to our efforts
 - After that, Japanese tried to implement synchronized manufacturing
- **The Race in manufacturing is best exemplified by quick evolution in inventory turns**
 - Standard used to be 2-5

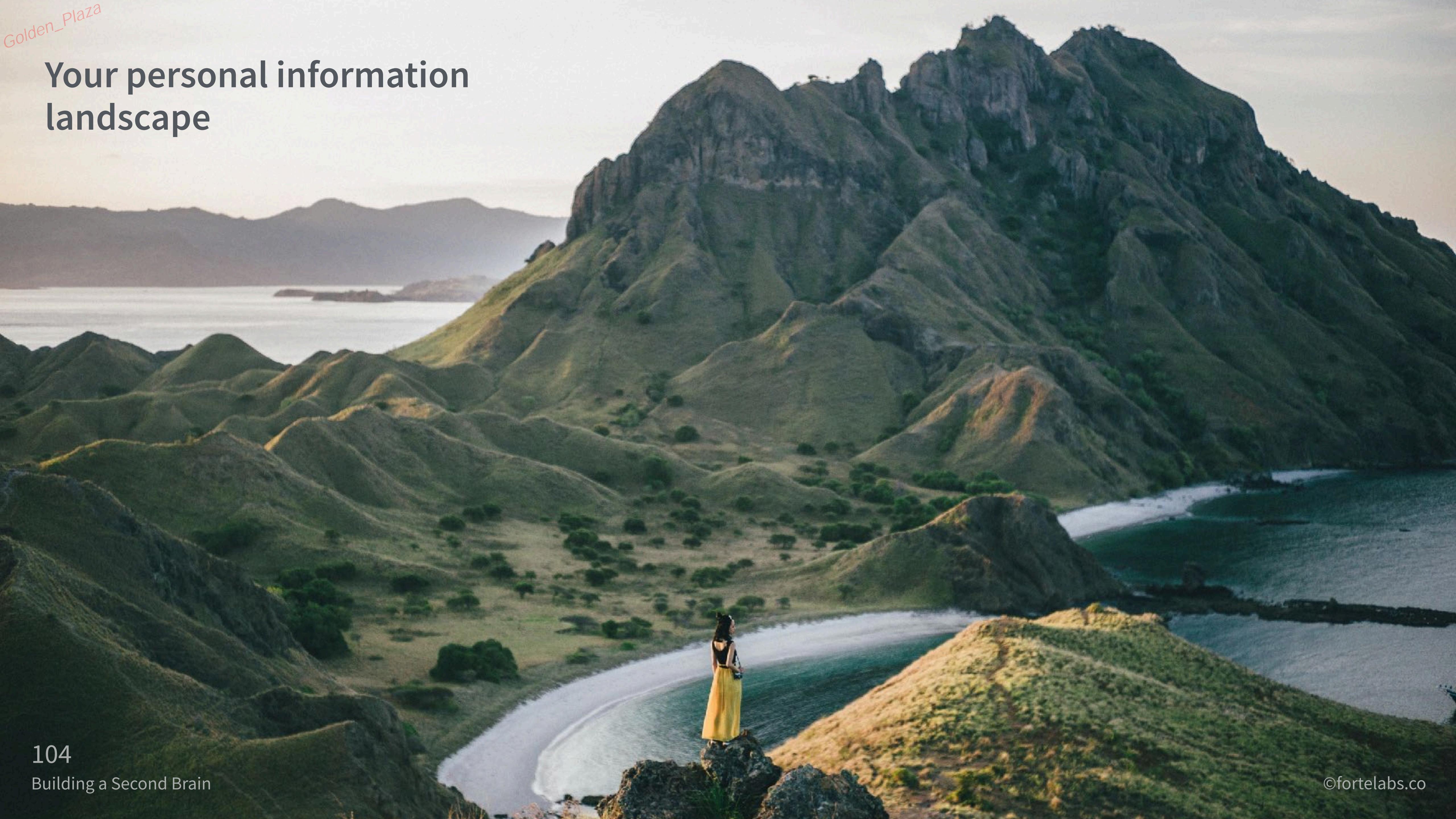
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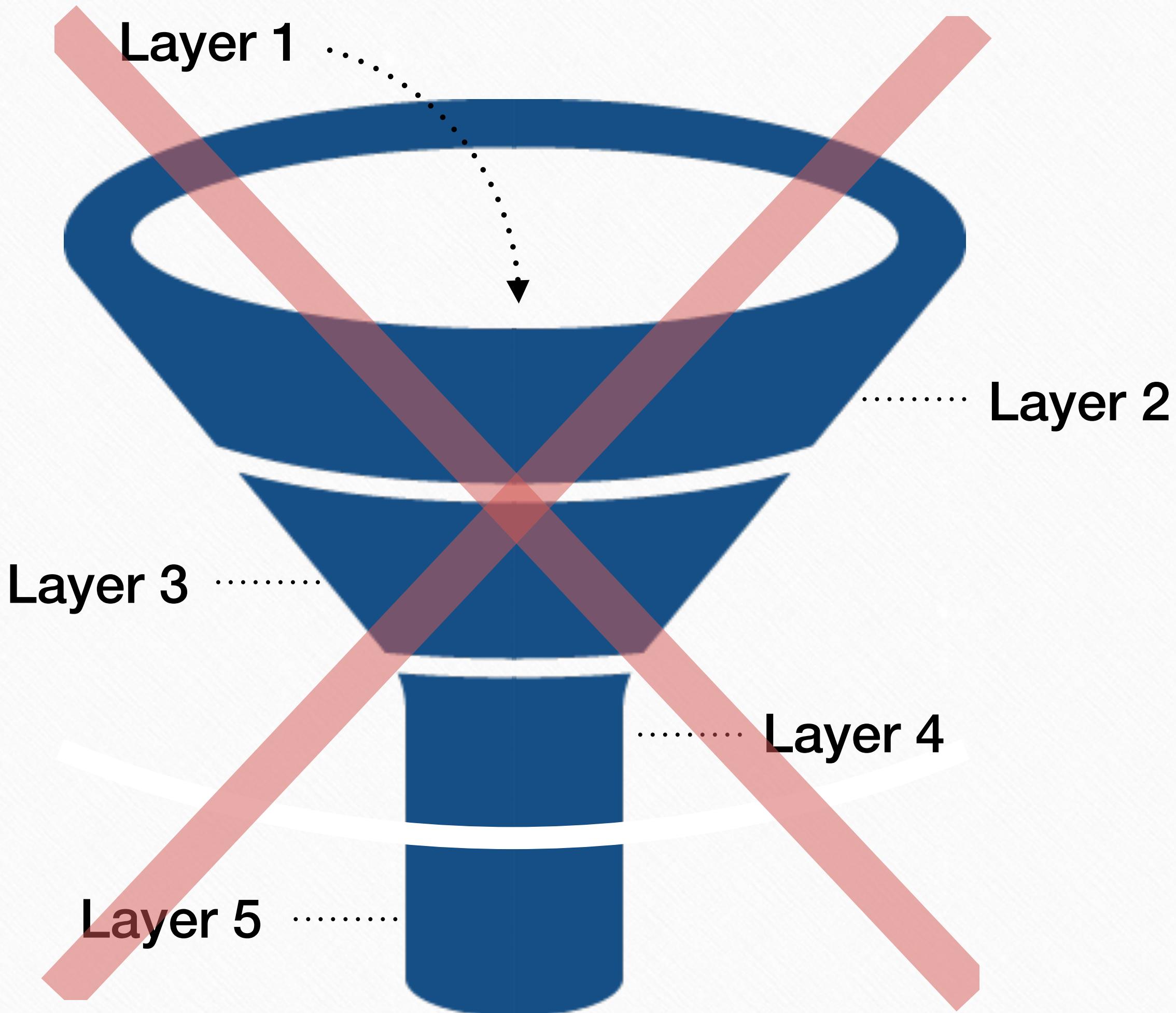
Most people's notes



Your personal information landscape



1. Non-universal



My notes breakdown

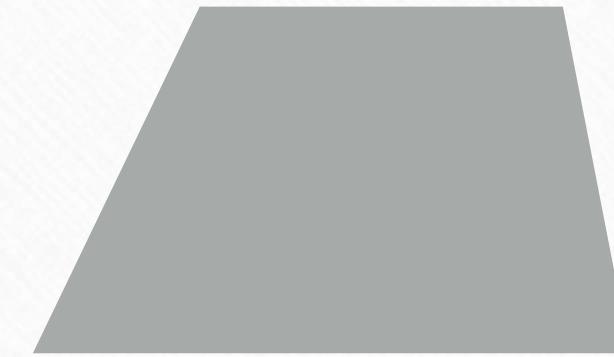
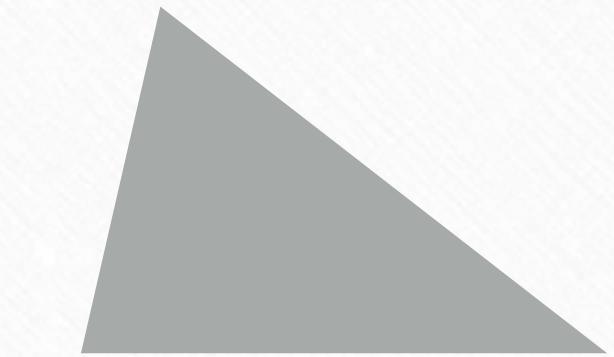
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Layer 4: 5% re-summarized



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Layer 2: 25% bolded



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2. Resonance-driven

-  what it all “means”
-  extremely logical hierarchy
-  analysis, interpretation, categorization
-  expose the semantic hooks



Your
what



lens is
matters



3. Simple, with one rule:

**SPEND MORE
ATTENTION
on THE THINGS THAT
INSPIRE YOU**



*“Simple, clear purposes and principles give
rise to complex and intelligent behavior.
Complex rules and regulations give rise to
simple and stupid behavior.”*

Dee Hock

“Design an interaction model for the worst version of yourself - the one that's tired, lazy, unmotivated, frazzled - because that's the one that usually shows up when you need a solid workflow to fall back on.”

About Face

Up next...

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Maximizing Return-on-Attention

Lecture 2 - Action Steps

- Watch videos for **Units 3 and 4**
- Unit 3 Exercise: **12 Favorite Problems** (the Feynman Method)
- Unit 4 Exercise: **Markup a Note** using Progressive Summarization
- Bonus content:** PARA Implementation Guide

Highlighting in the forum



Guest Interview #1: Stacey Harmon



Wednesday, August 2
9am PDT

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The graphic features a green background with a white collage of various black icons including a cassette tape, a key, a steering wheel, a lightning bolt, a football, a ship, glasses, a globe, a map pin, a compass, a gear, a speech bubble, a puzzle piece, a fork, a ring, a lightbulb, and a train. The text "Welcome!" is in the top right, "radical PRODUCTIVITY" is in the center, and "with Evernote" and "THE FOUNDATIONS COURSE" are below it. The "harmonenterprises" logo is at the bottom left of the collage.