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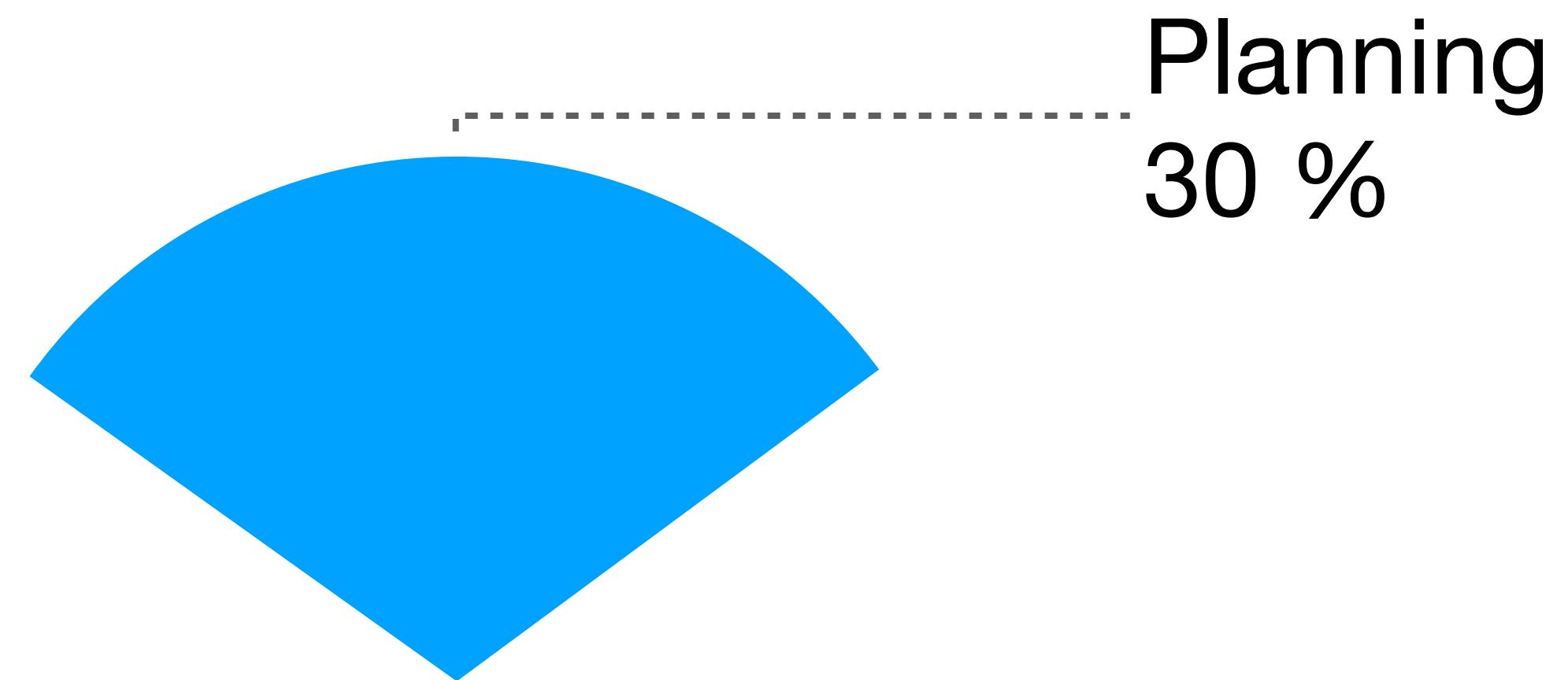


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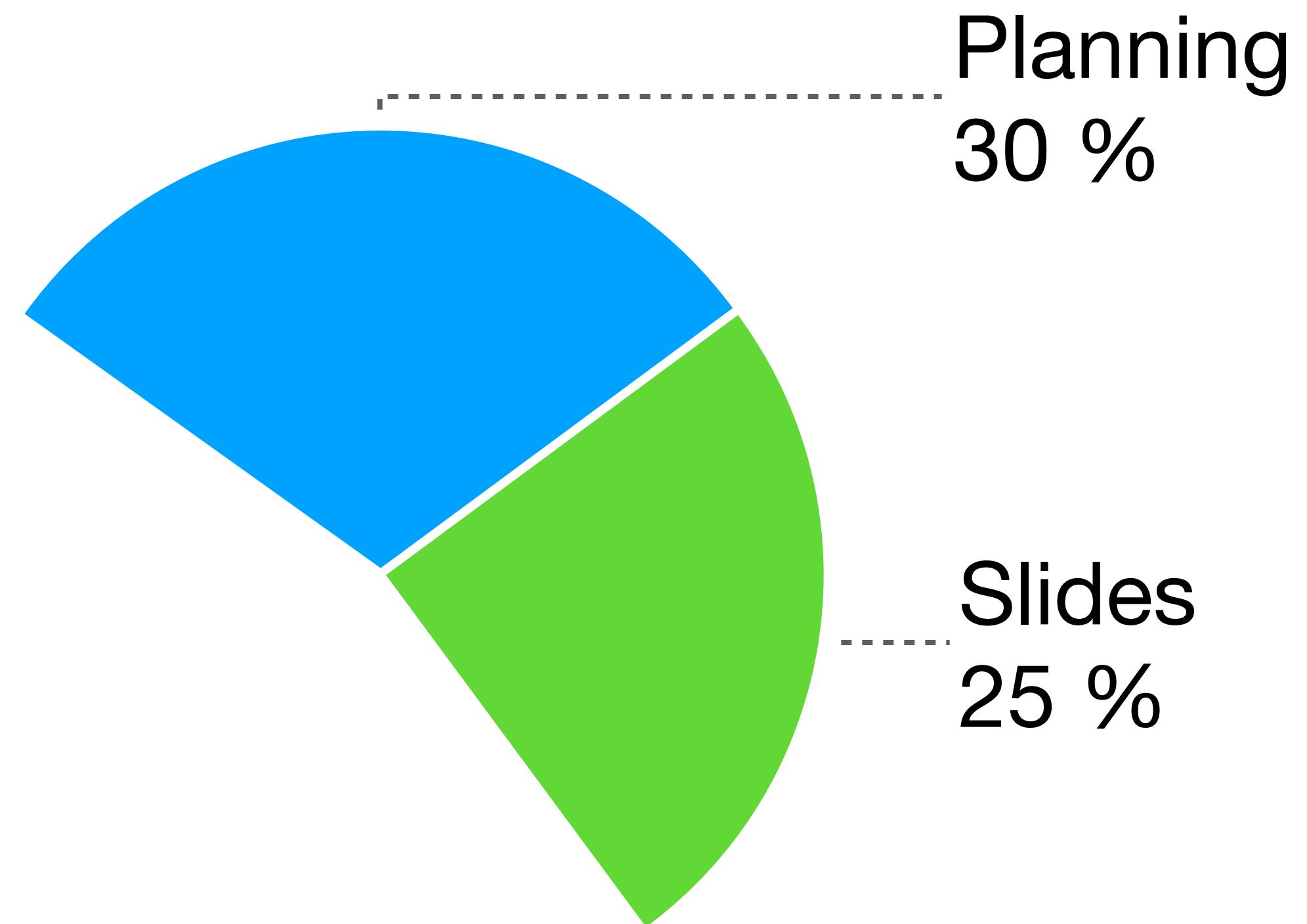
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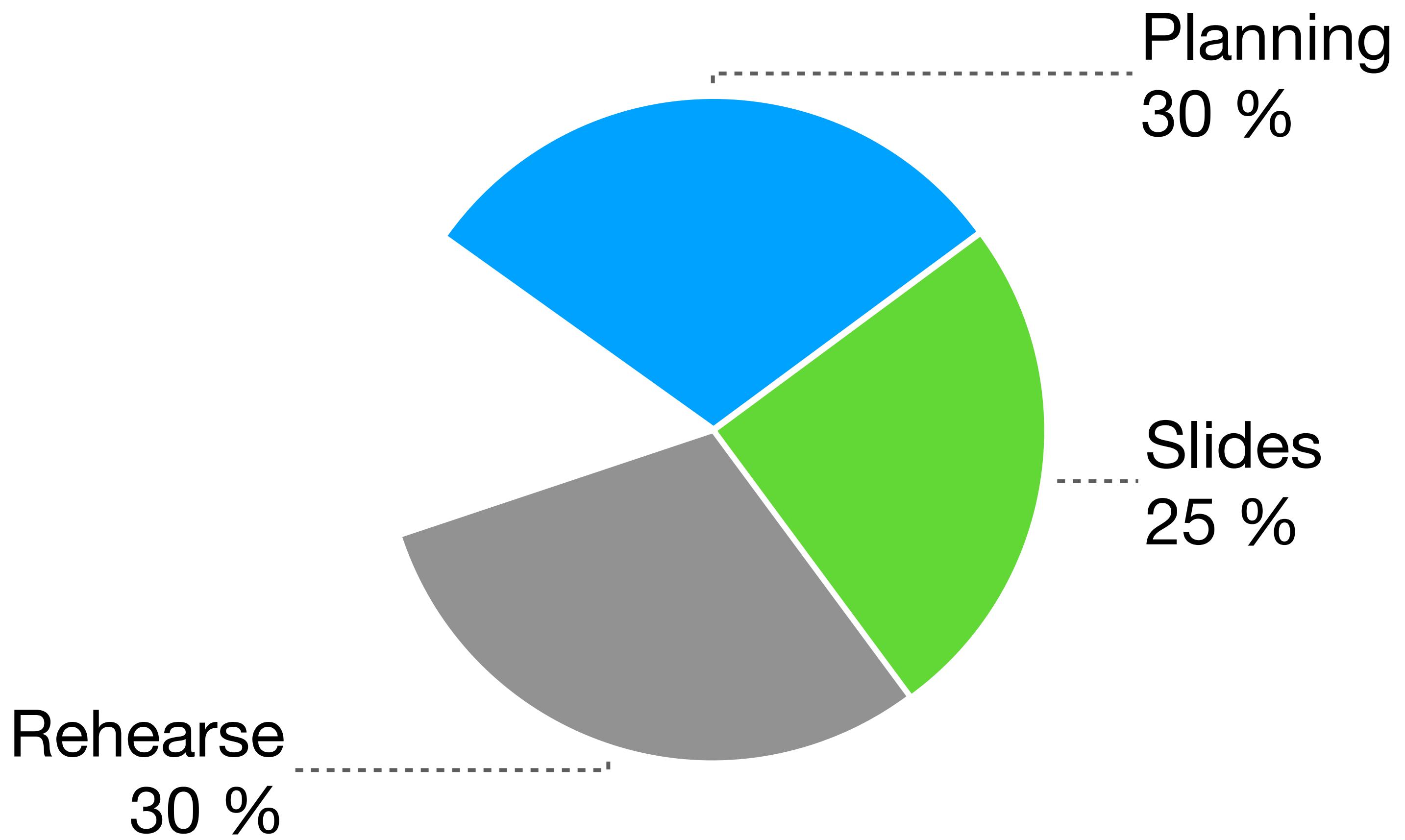
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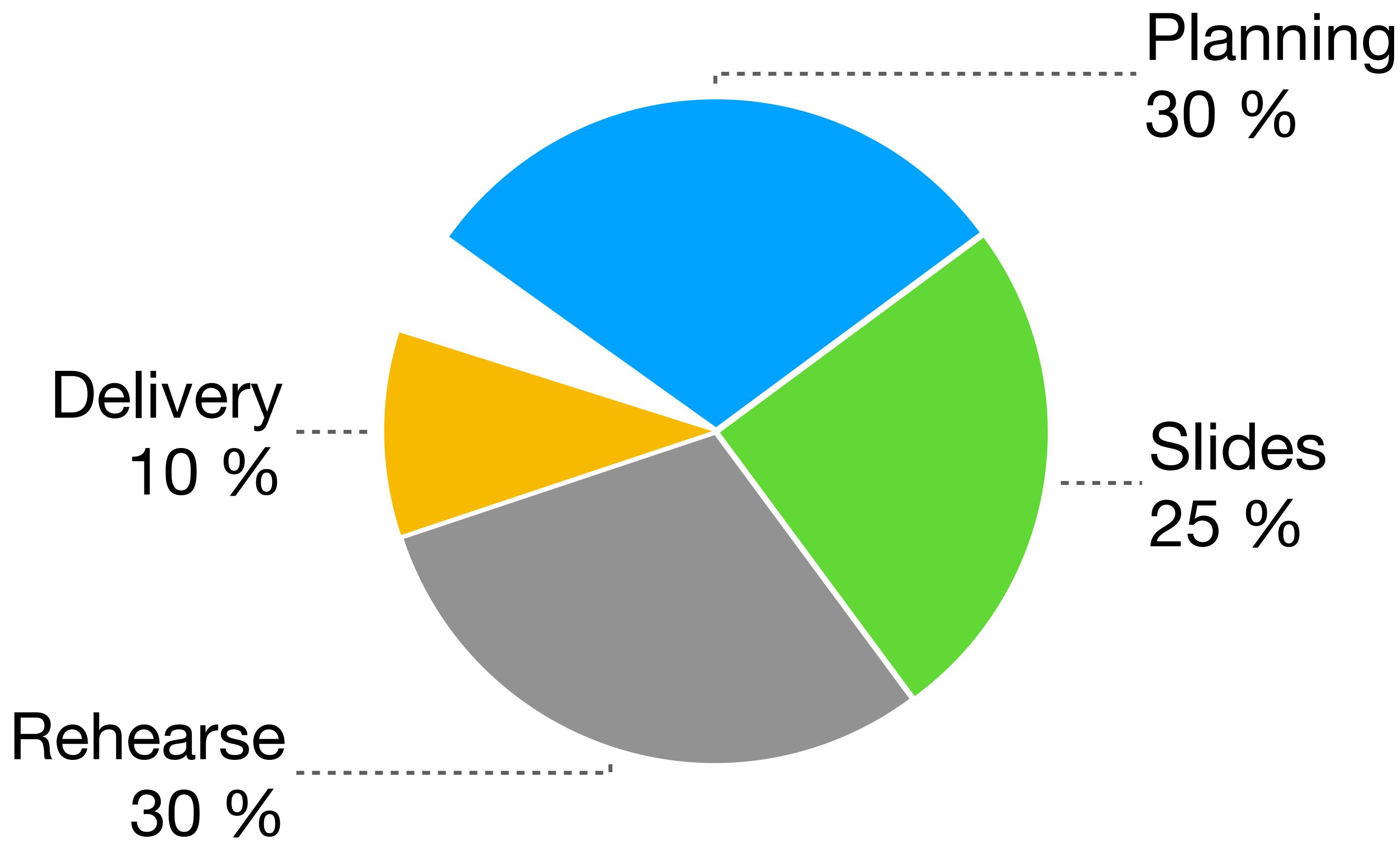
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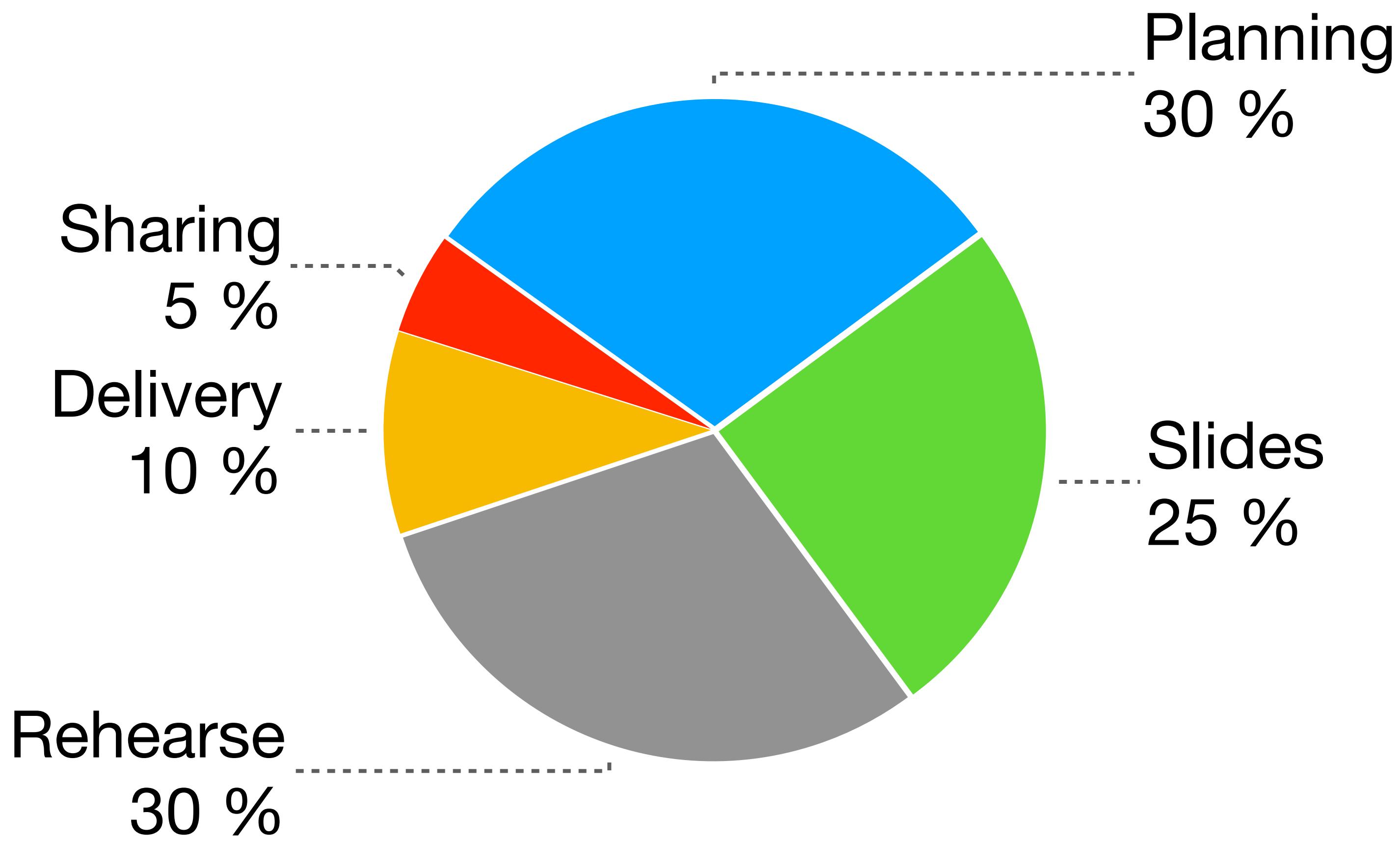
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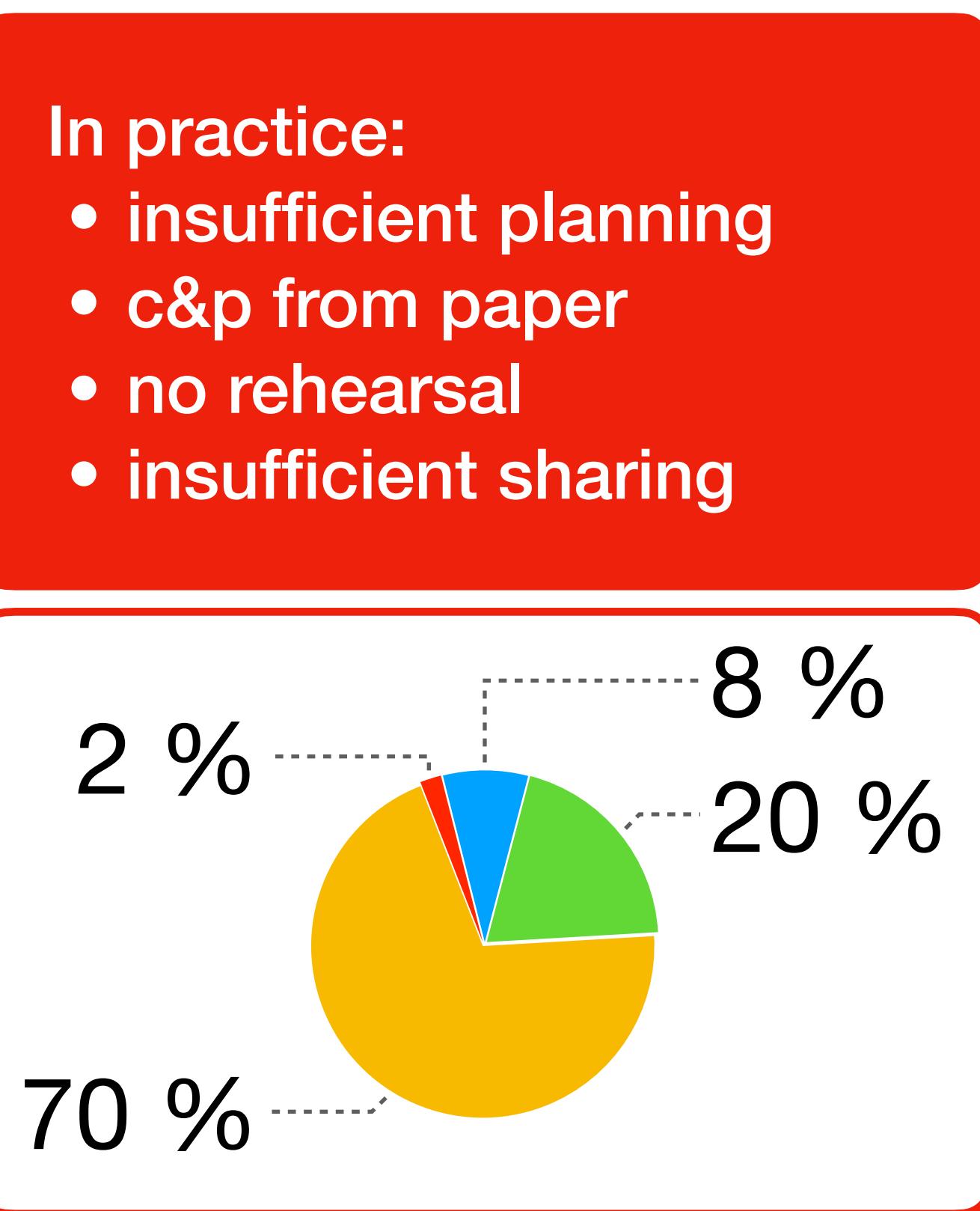
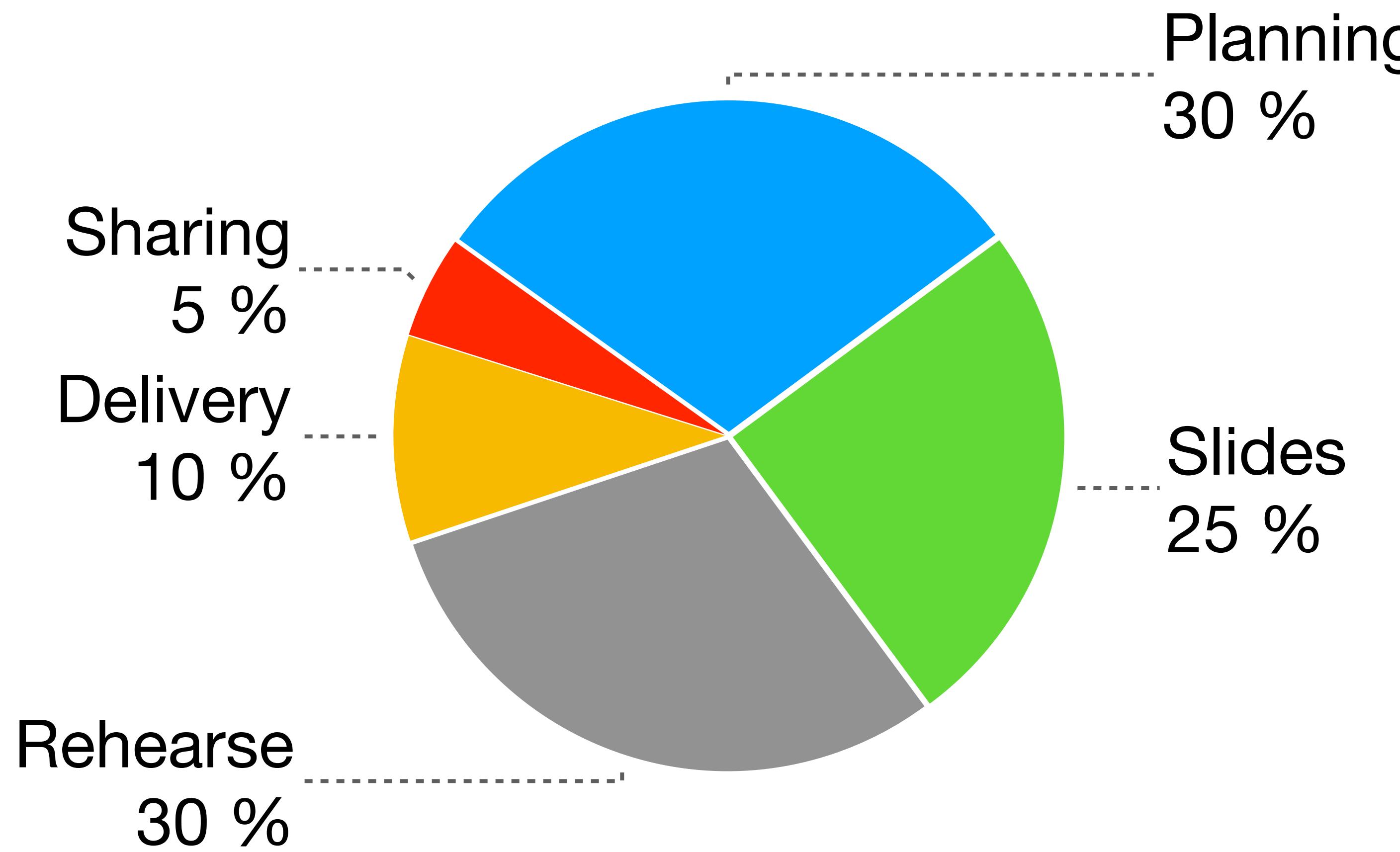
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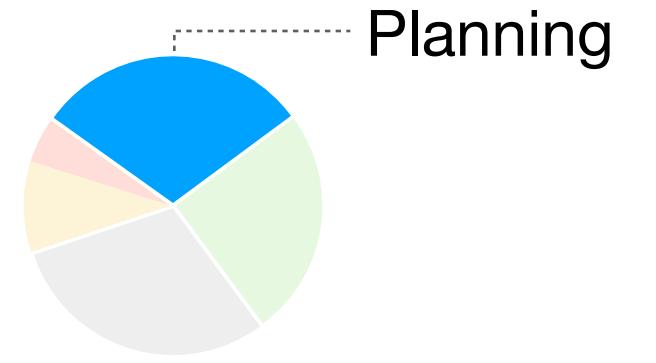
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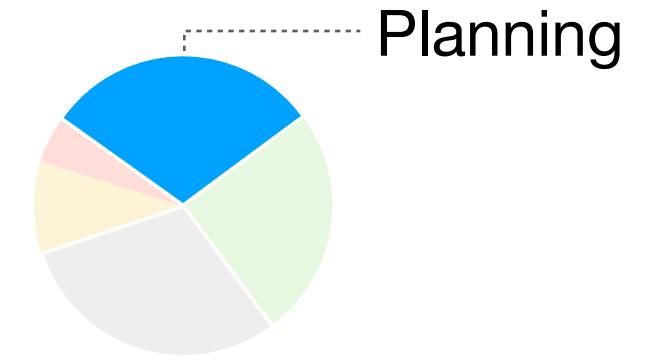
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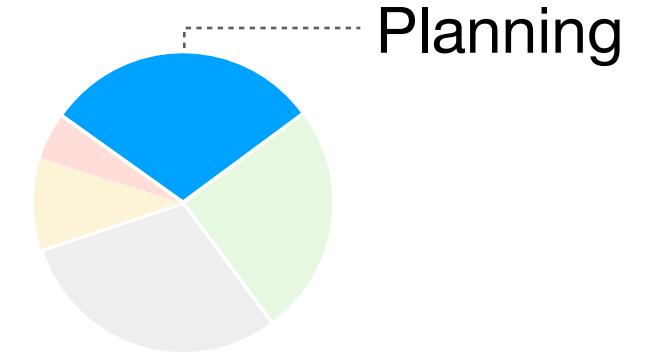


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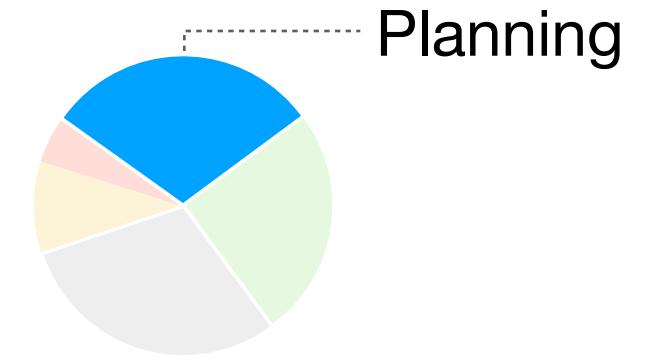
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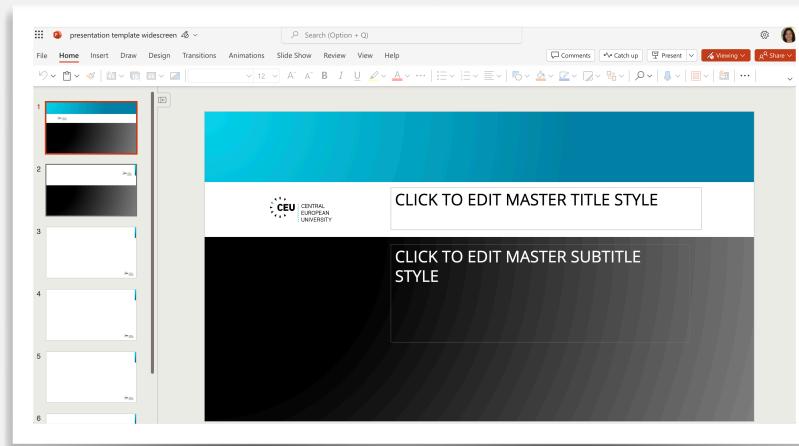
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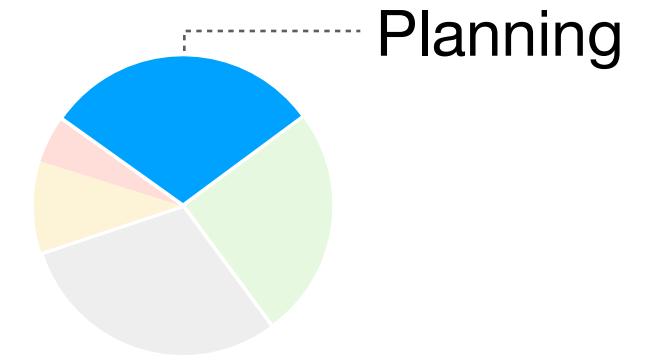
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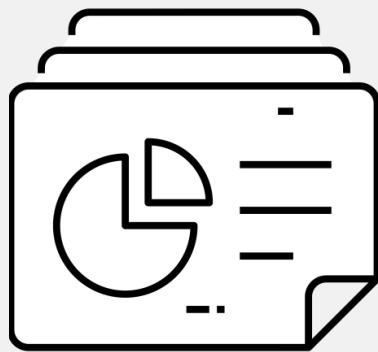
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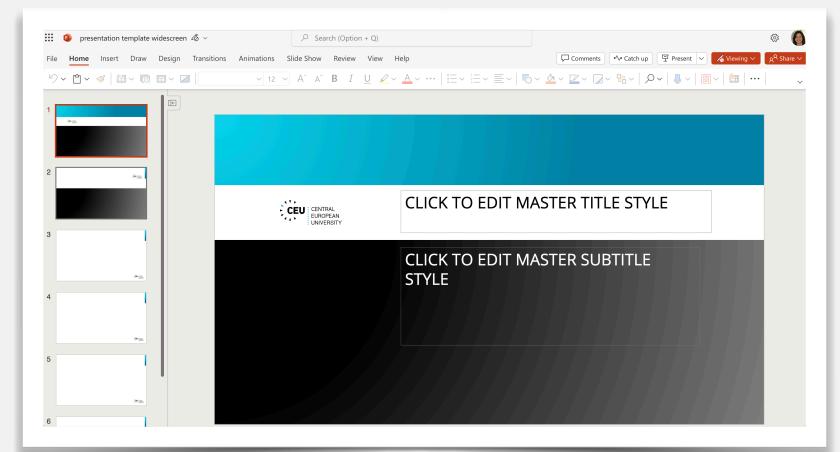
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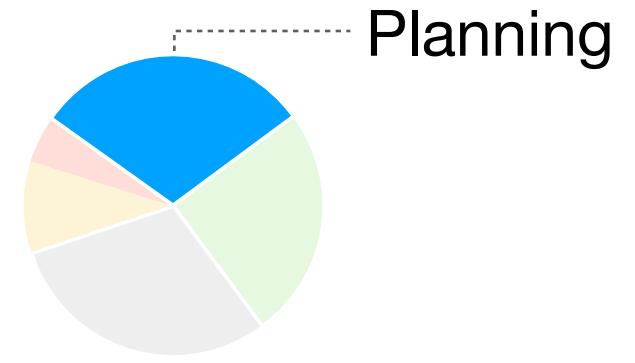


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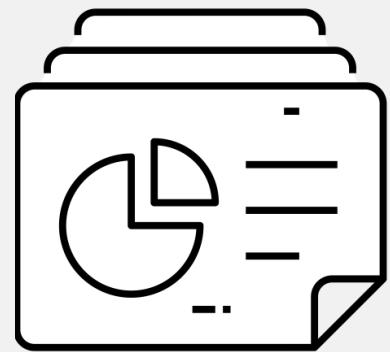
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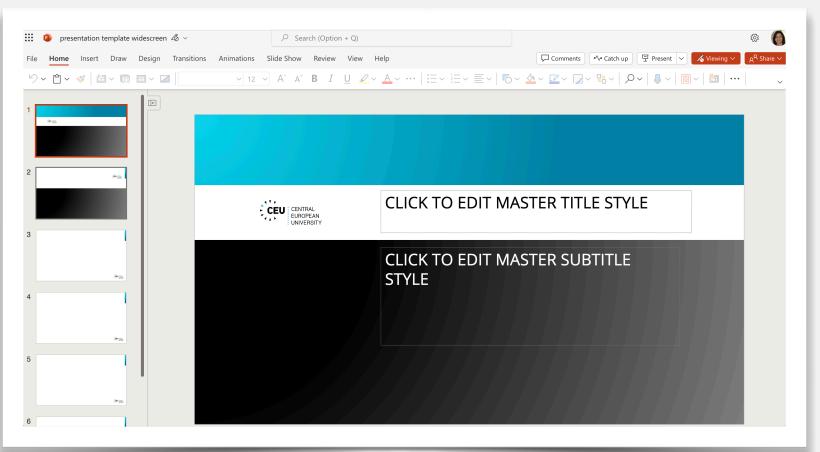
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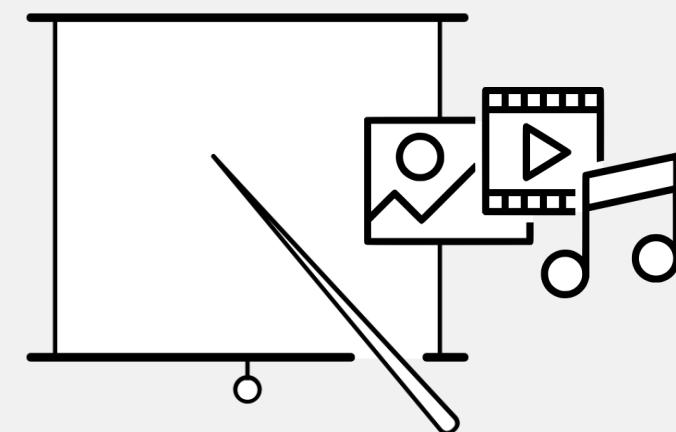
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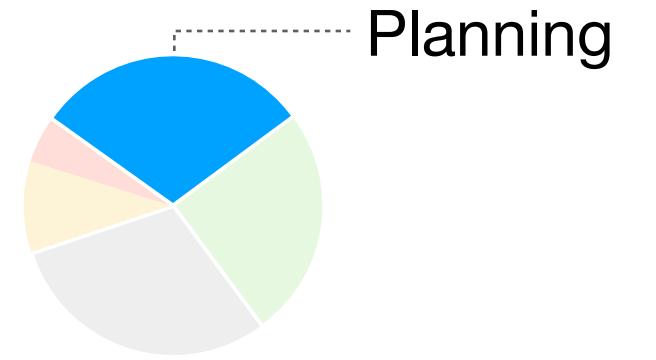


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Audio, video,
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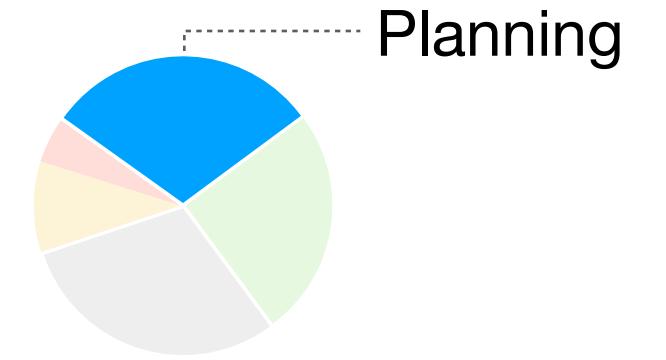


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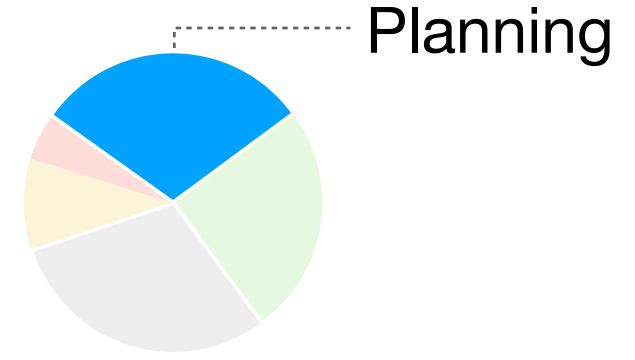
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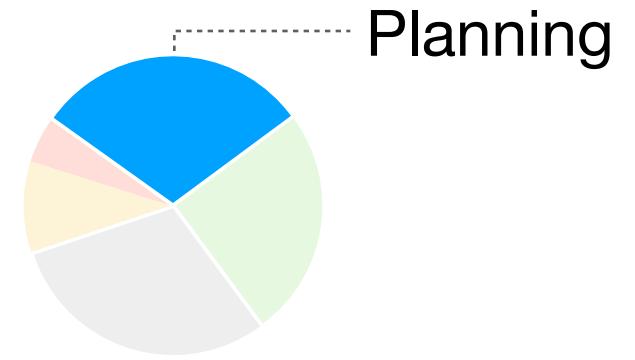


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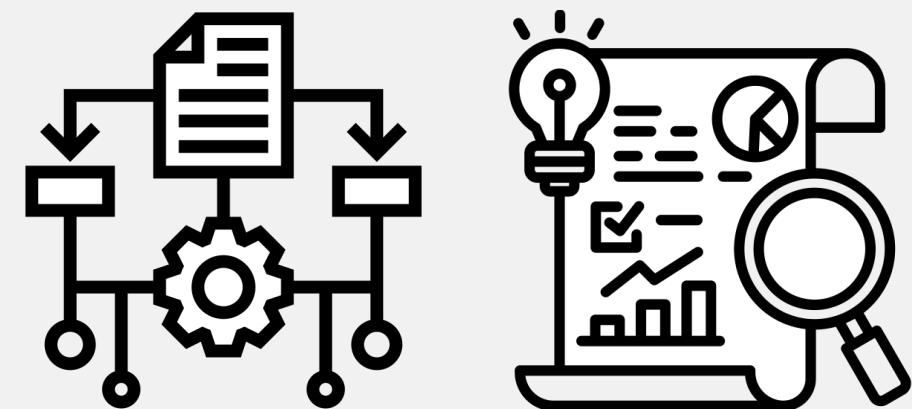
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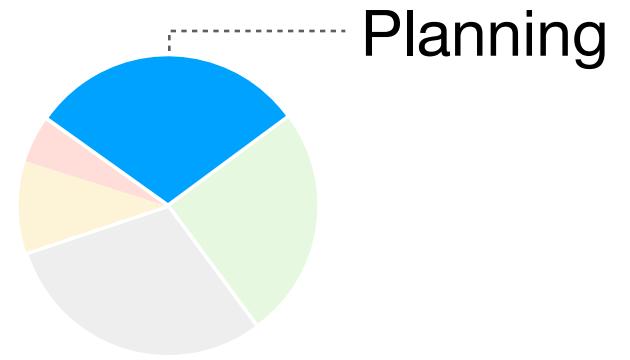


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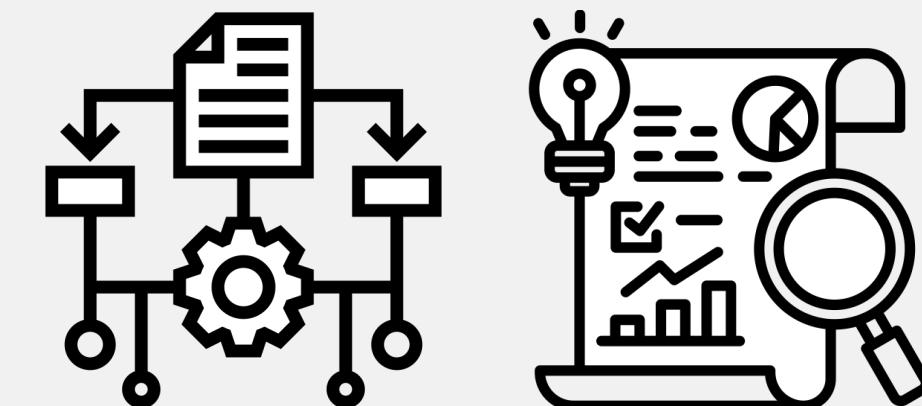
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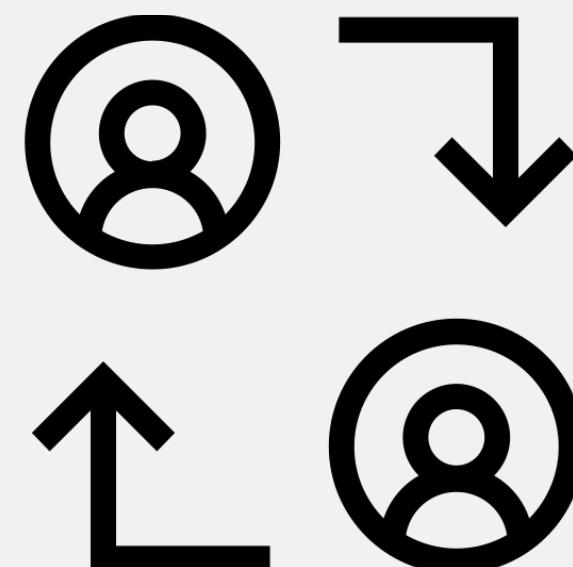
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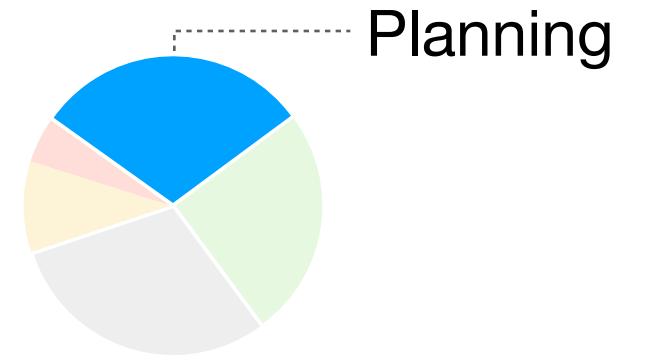


Feedback
New directions,
and blind spots



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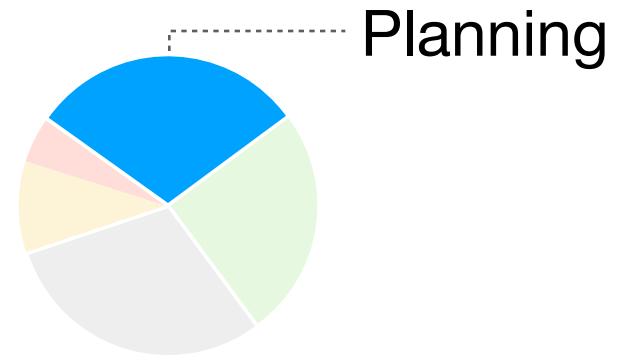


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Think about who your audience is

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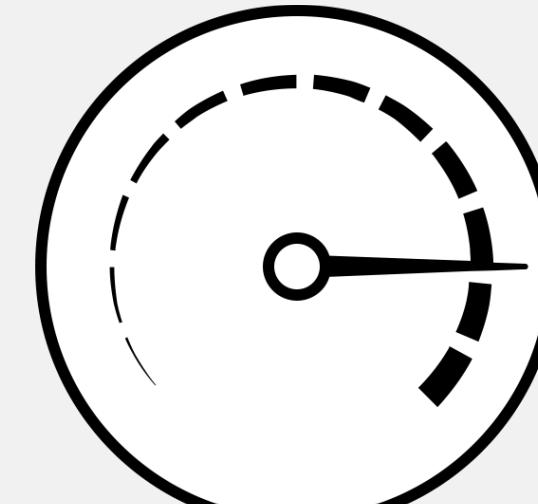
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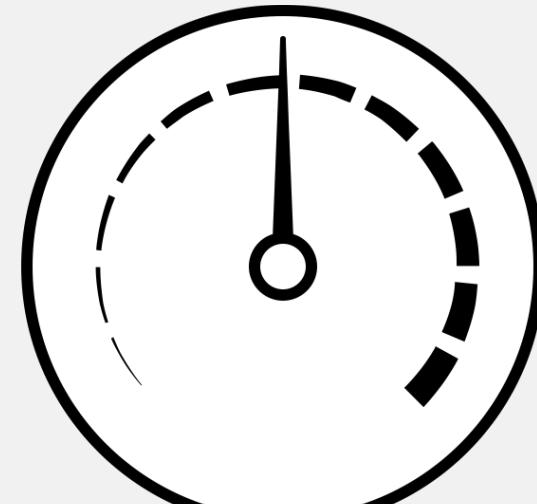
**Experts in
your field**



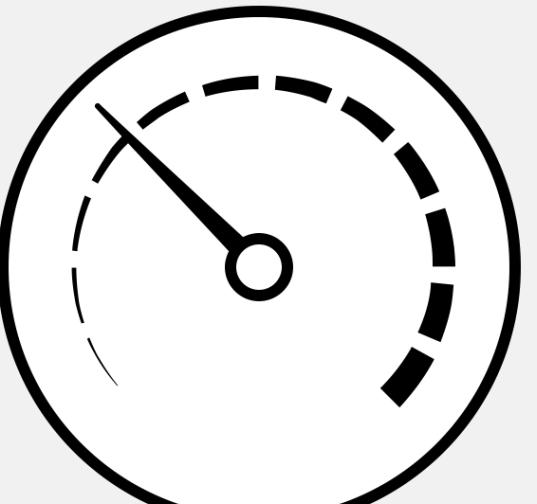
**Non-expert
academics**



**General
public or mixed
audience**

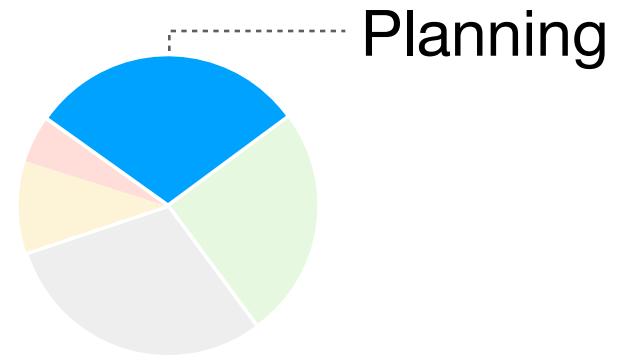


**Decision-
makers**



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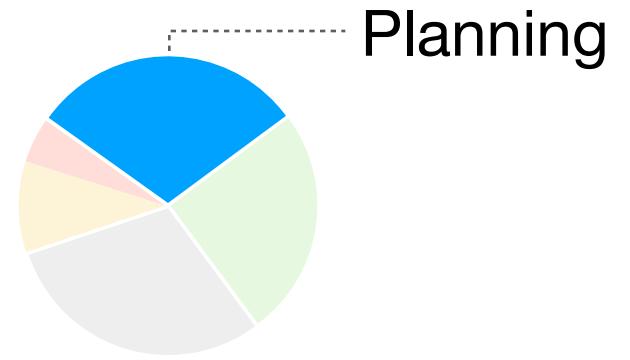


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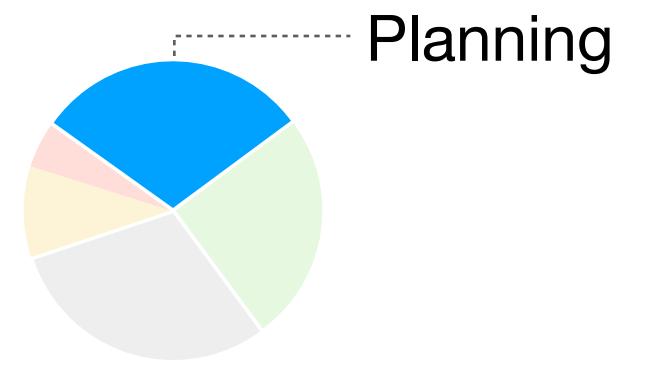
**What you want your audience
to remember**



- your new method
- your new discovery
- your proof
- etc.

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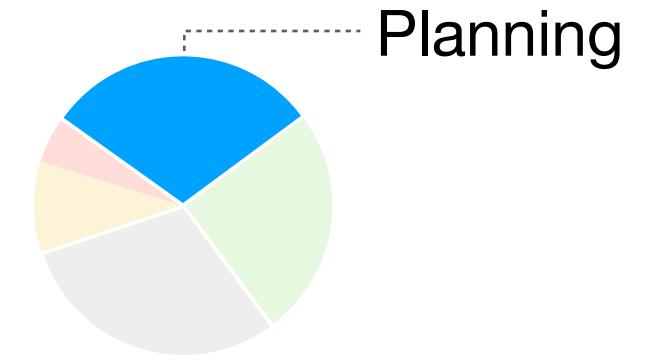


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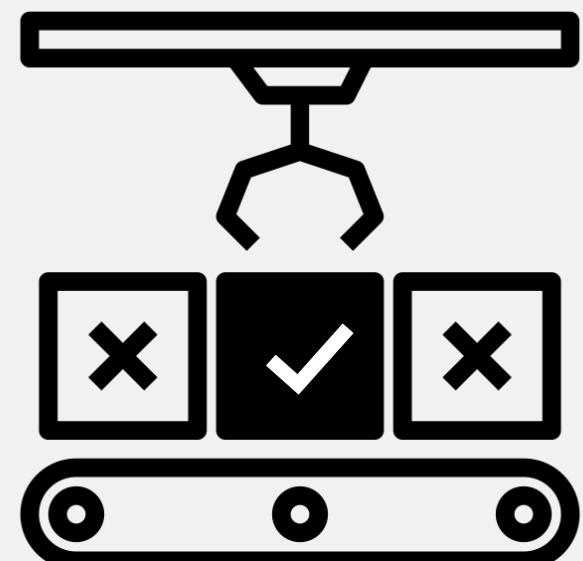
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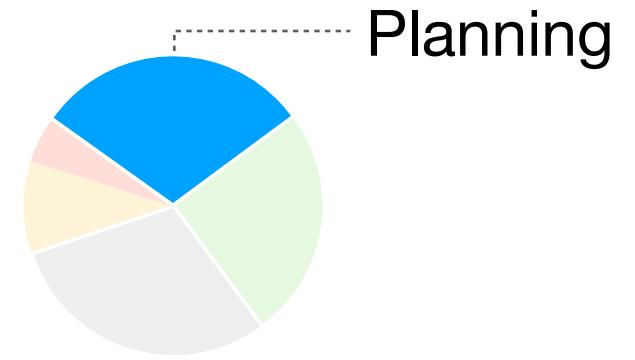
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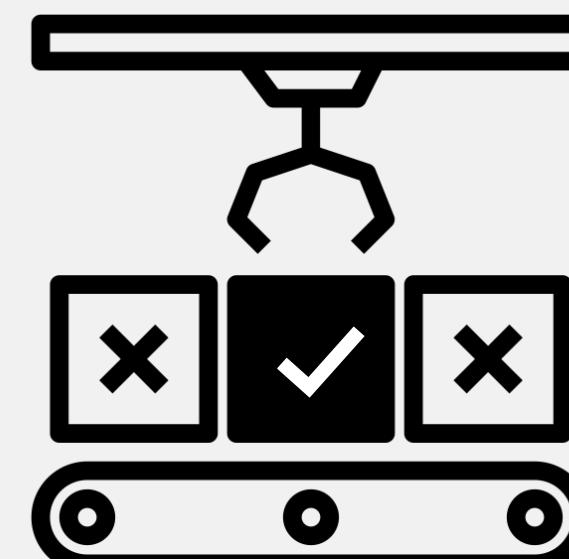
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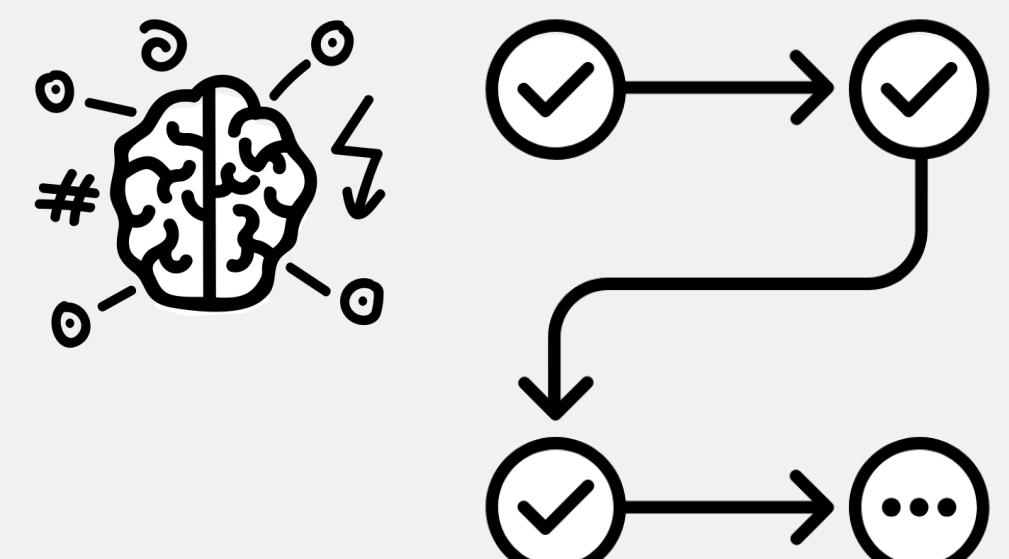
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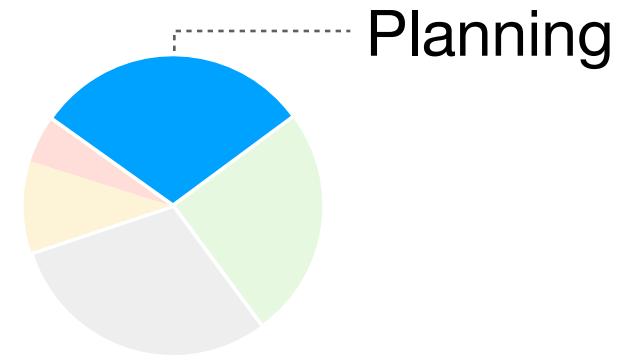


Create an outline



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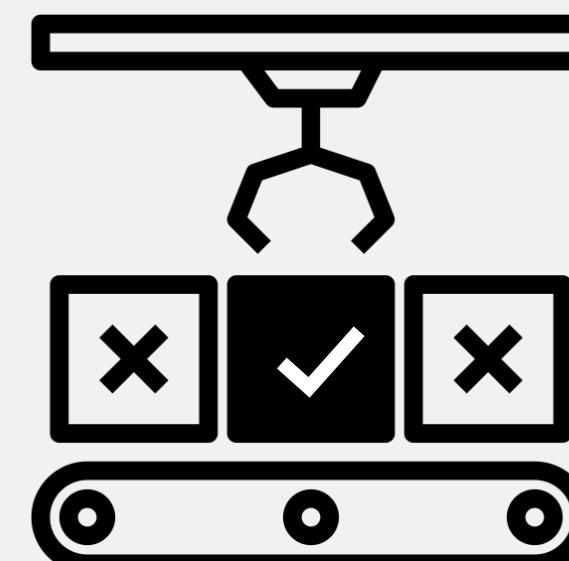
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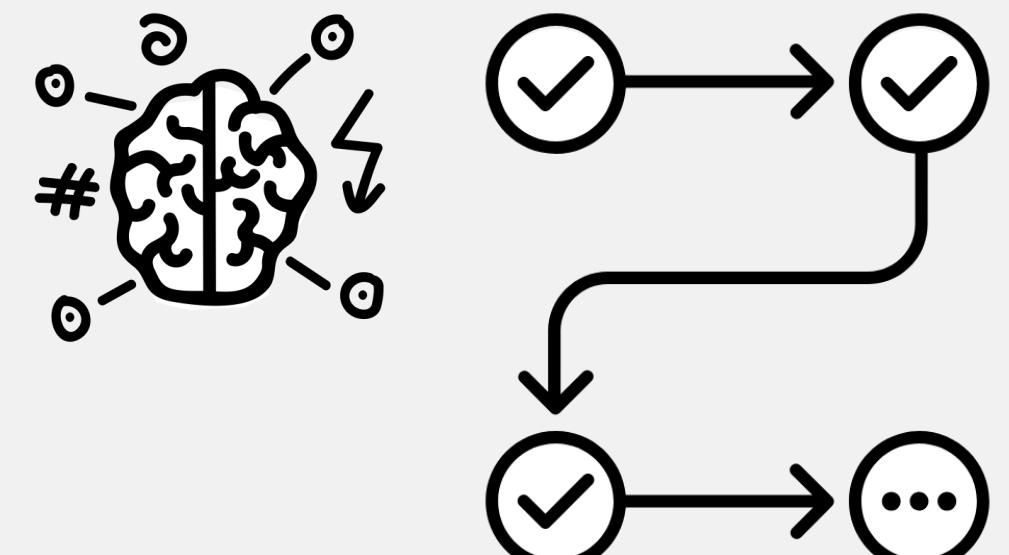
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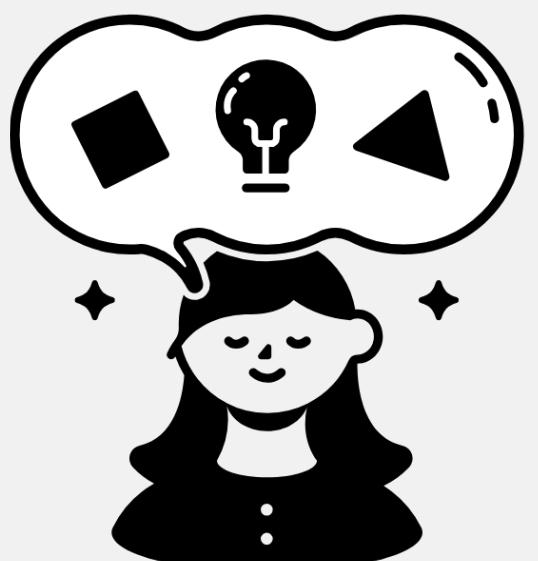
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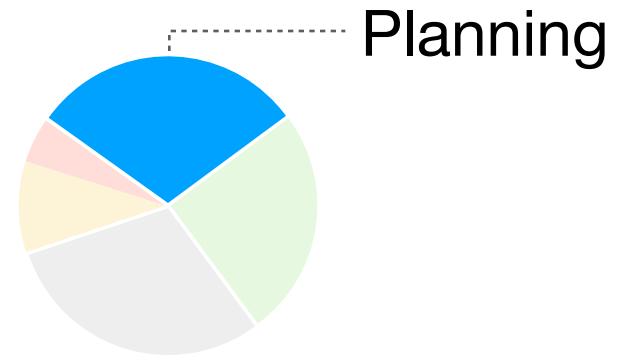


Create a narrative



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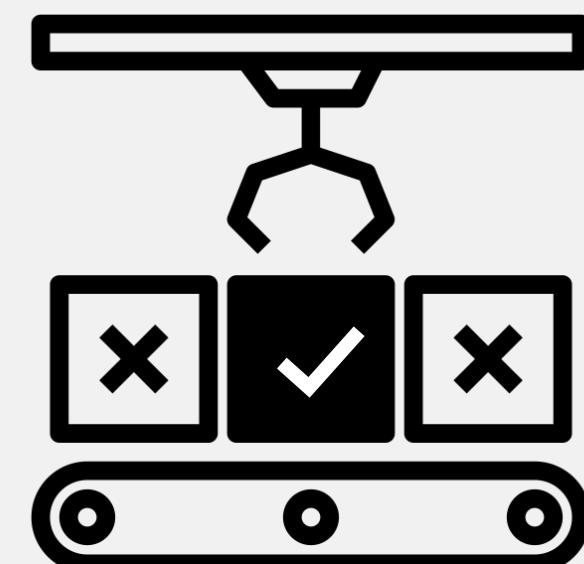
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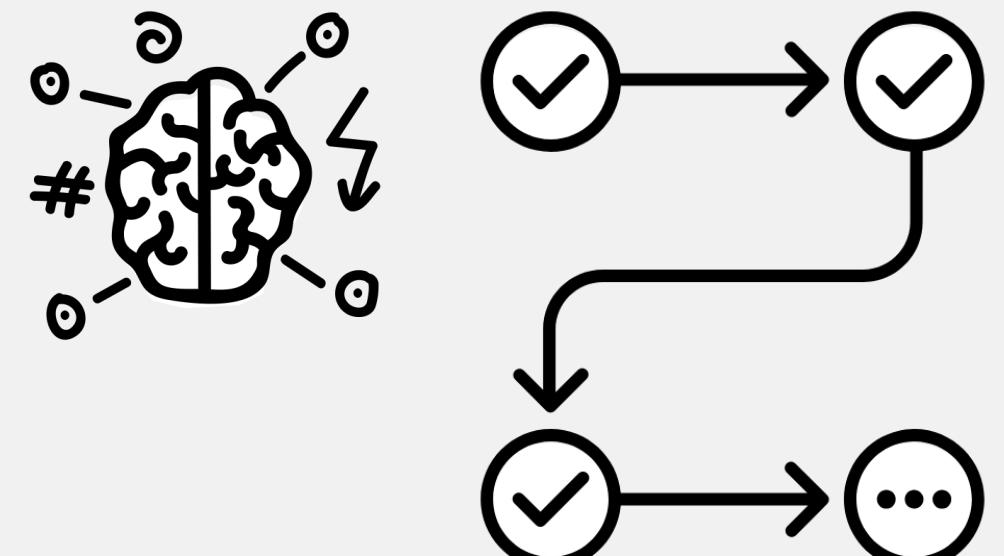
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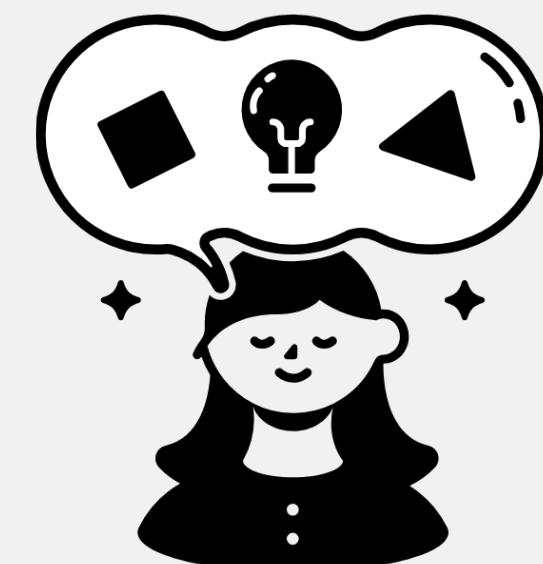
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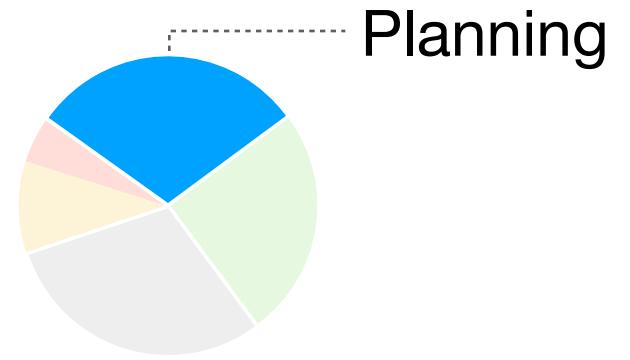
Manipulative
storytelling



Ethical
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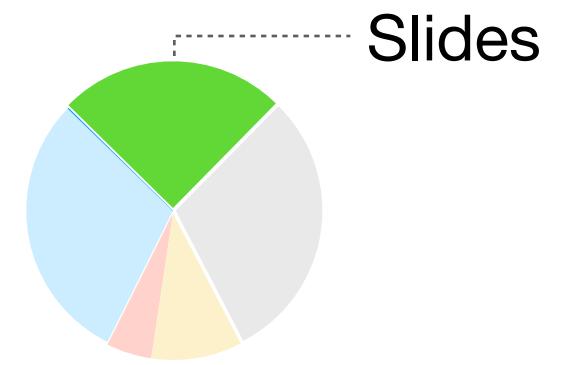
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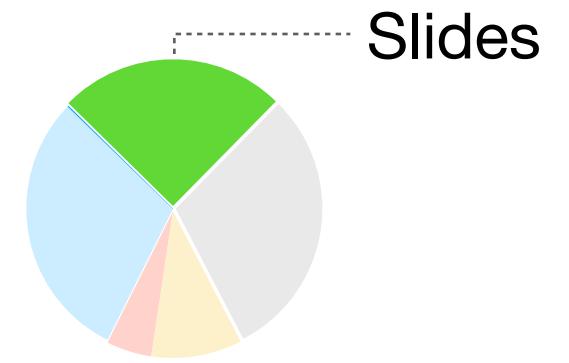
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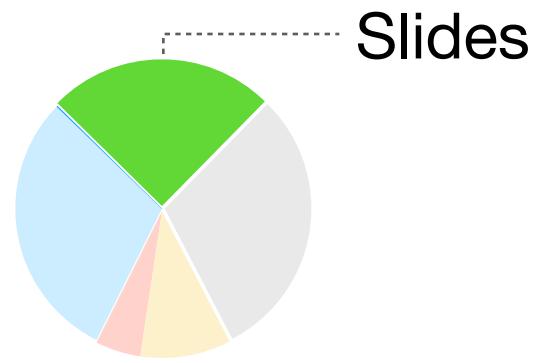
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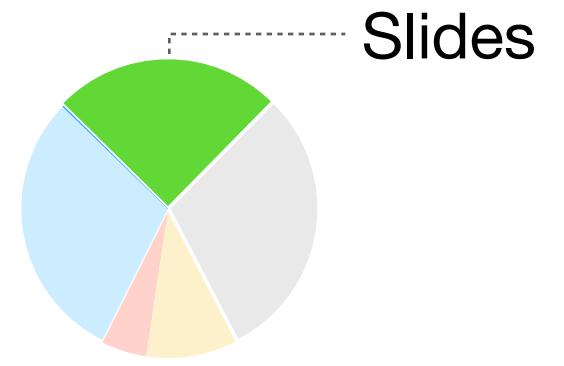
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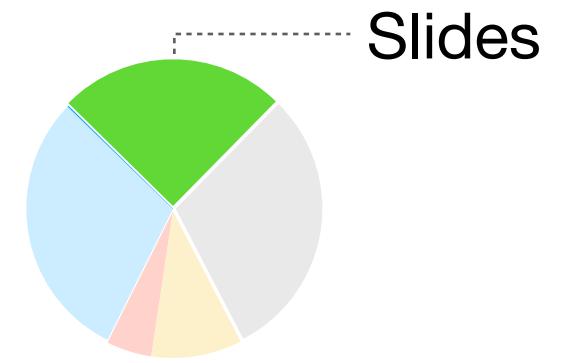


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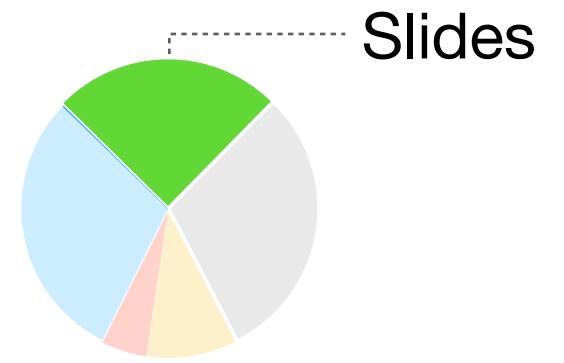
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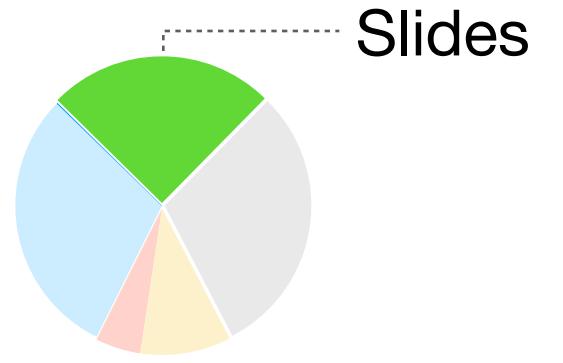
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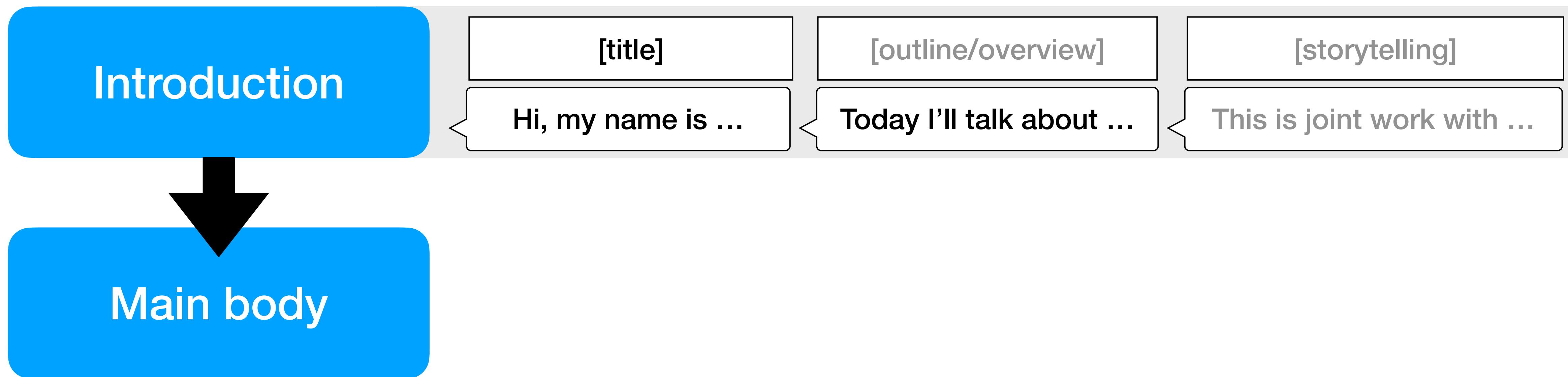
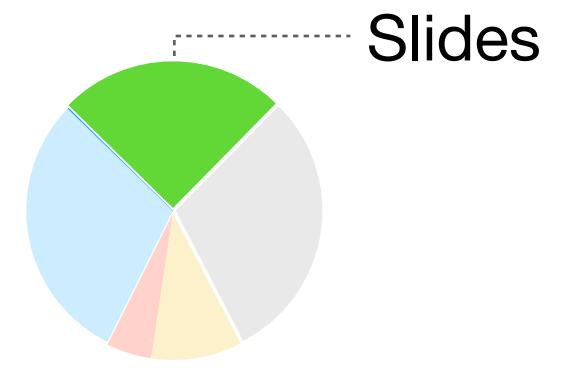
Today I'll talk about ...

[storytelling]

This is joint work with ...

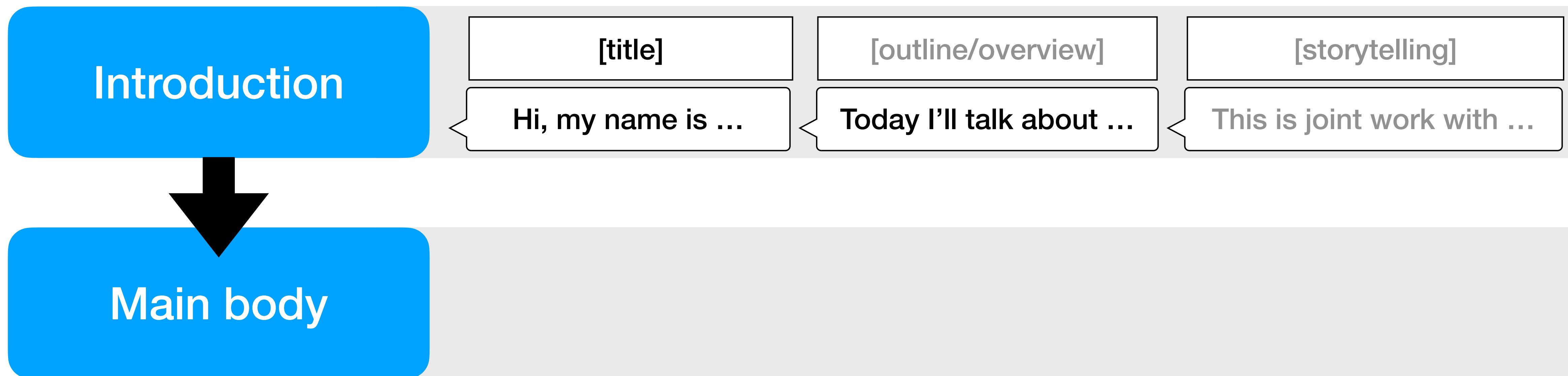
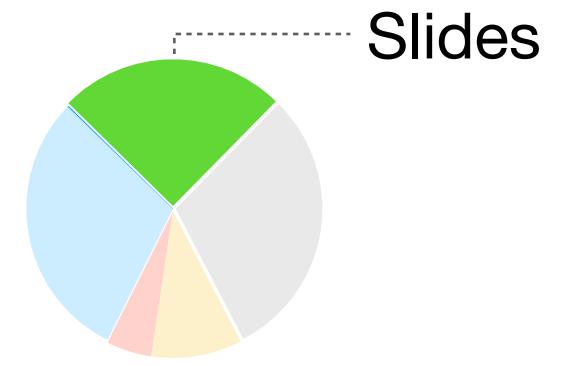
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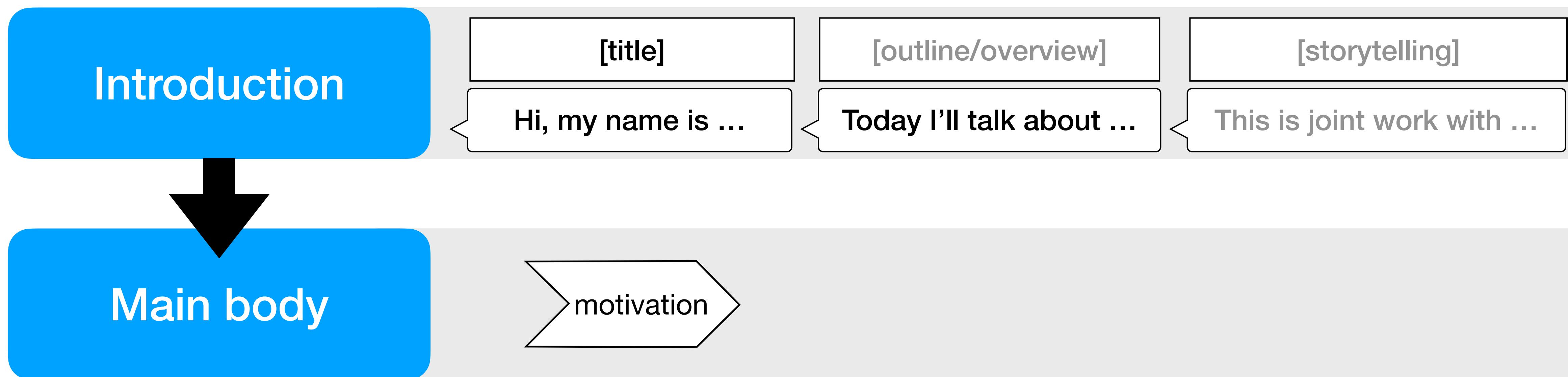
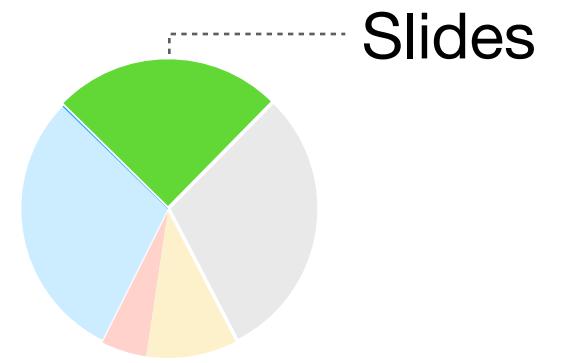
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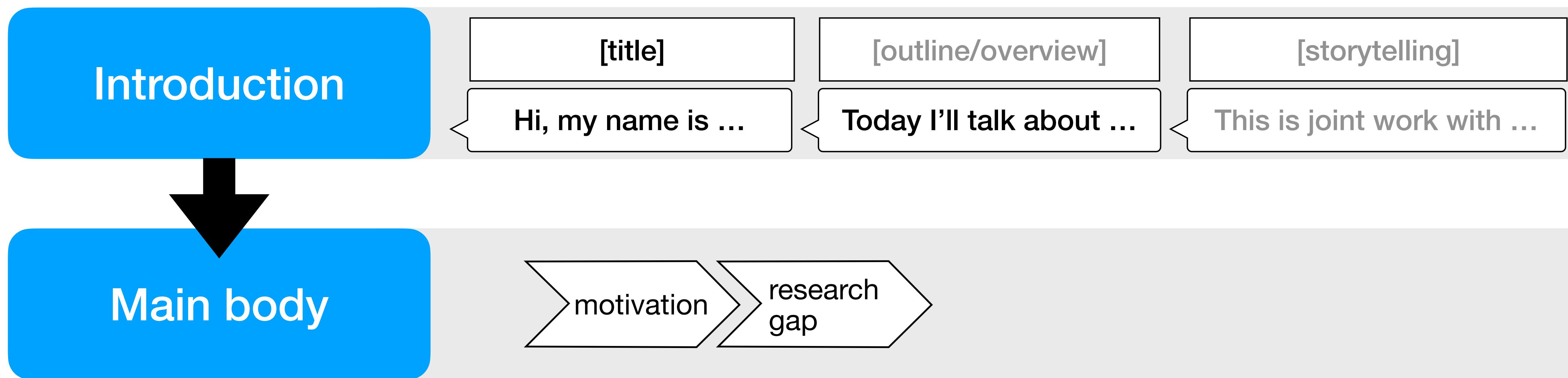
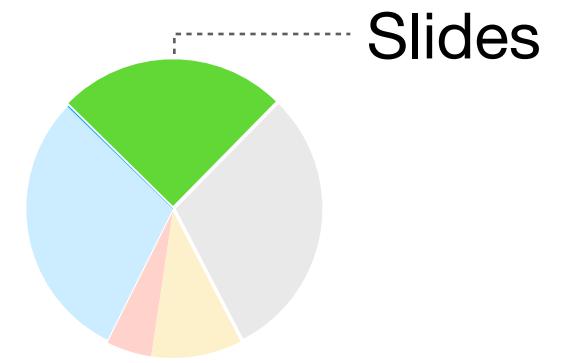
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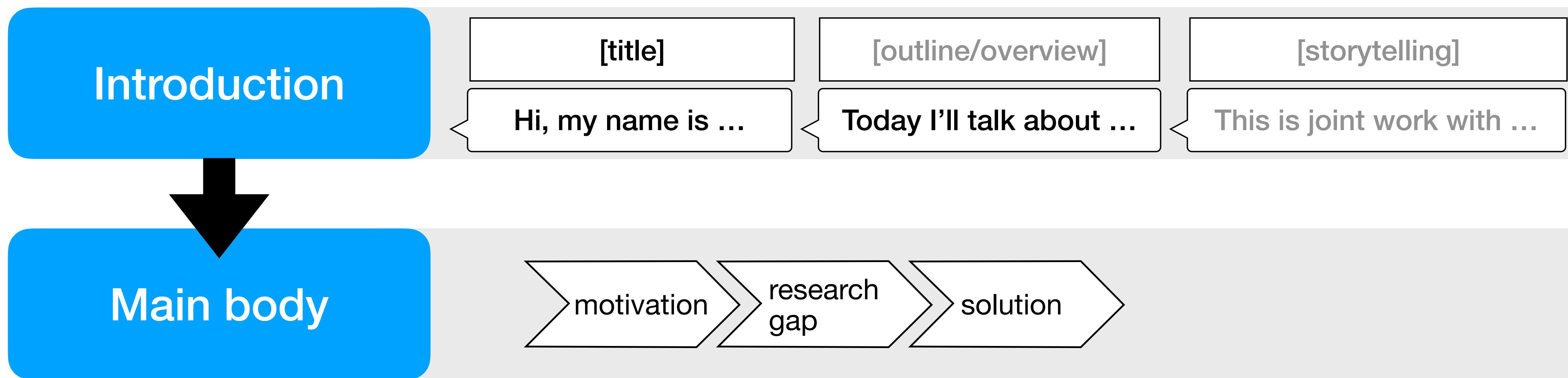
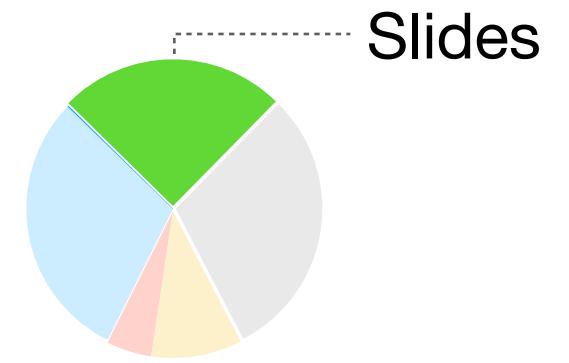
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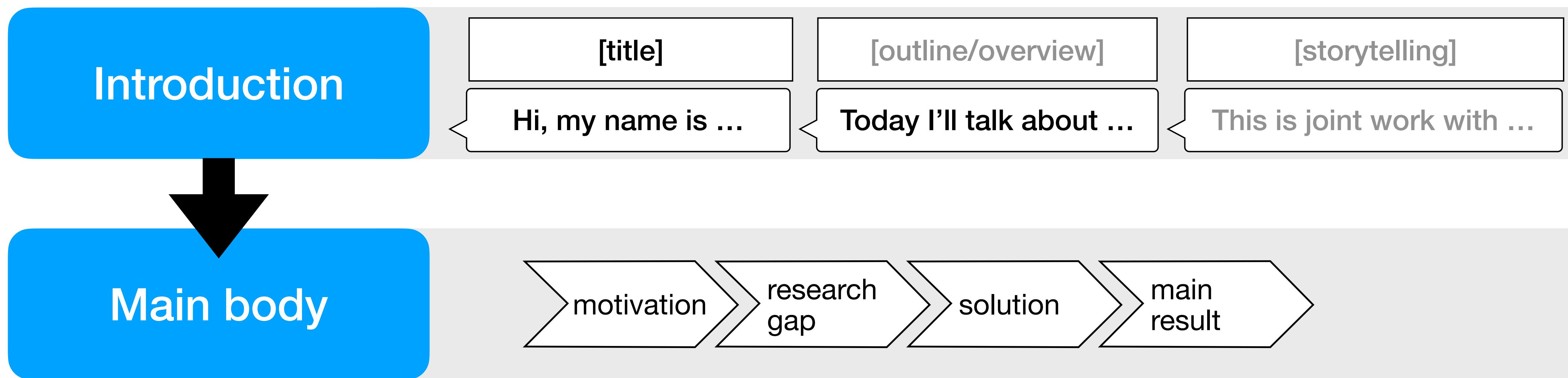
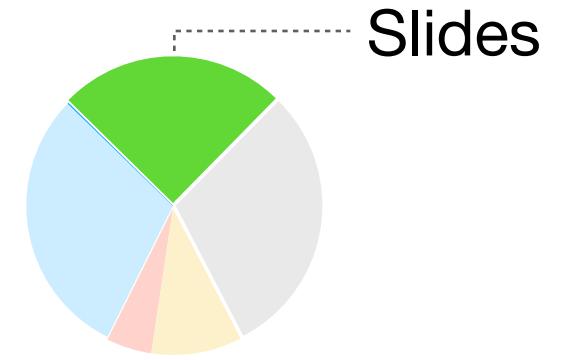
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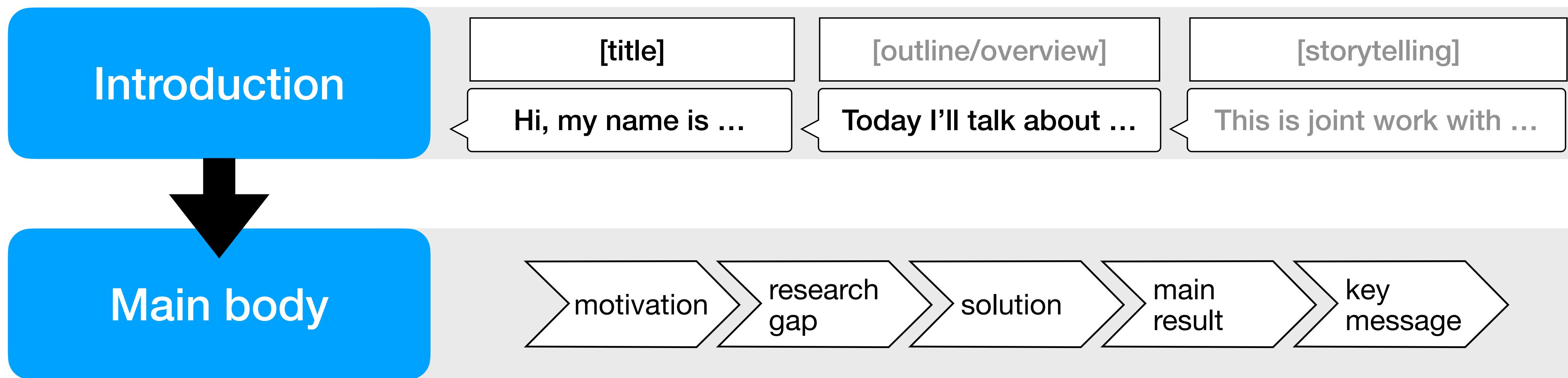
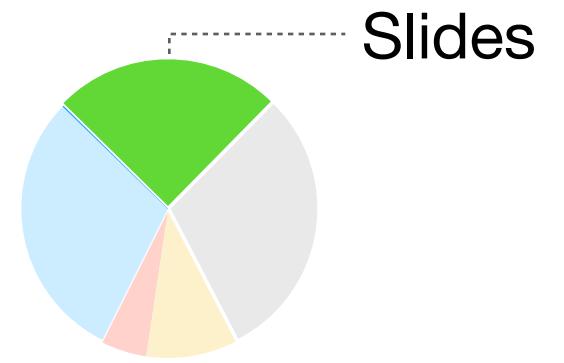
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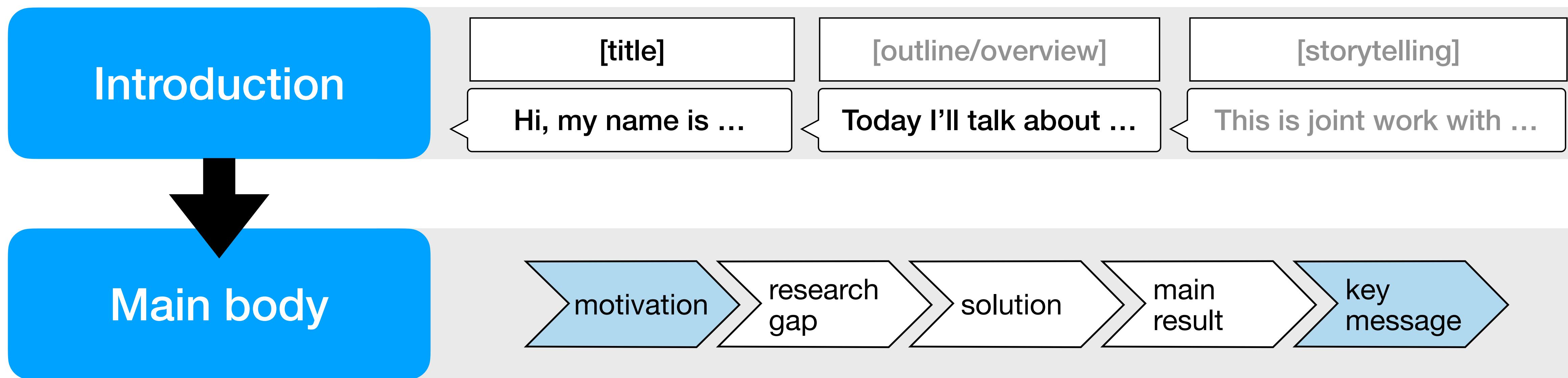
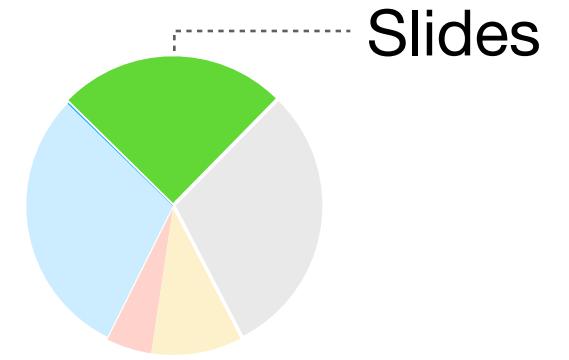
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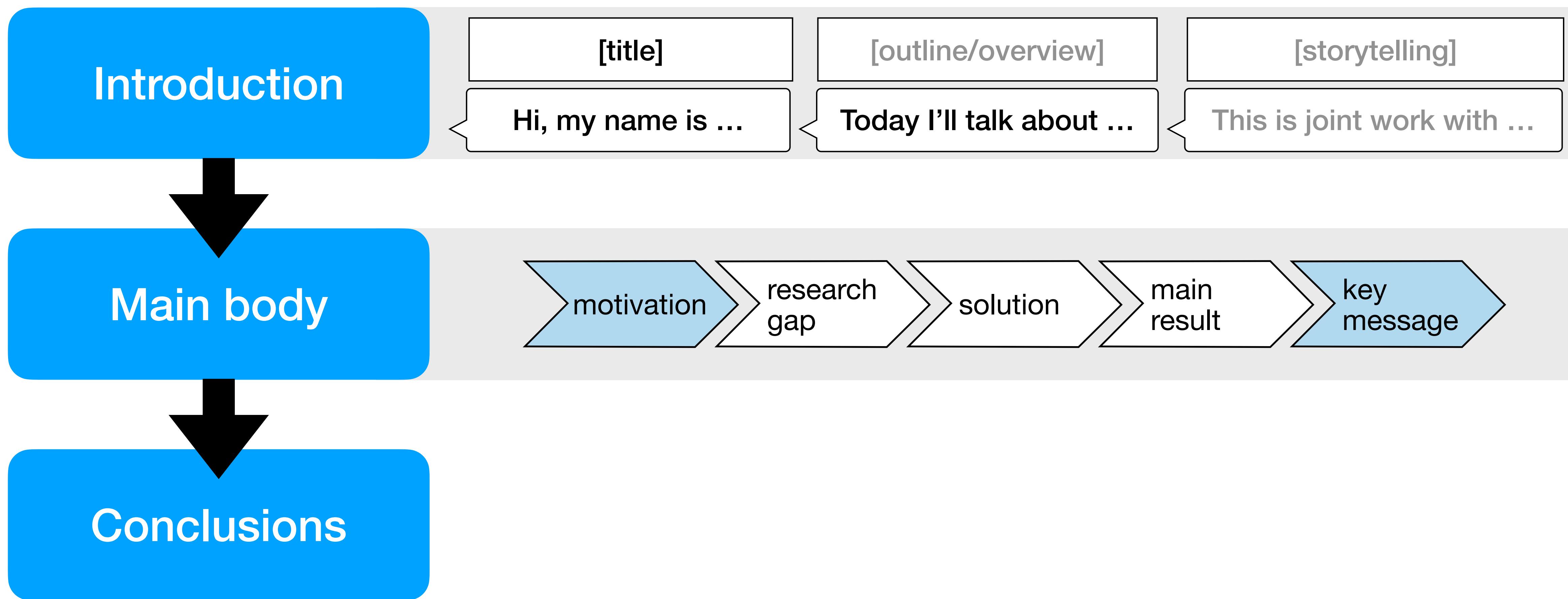
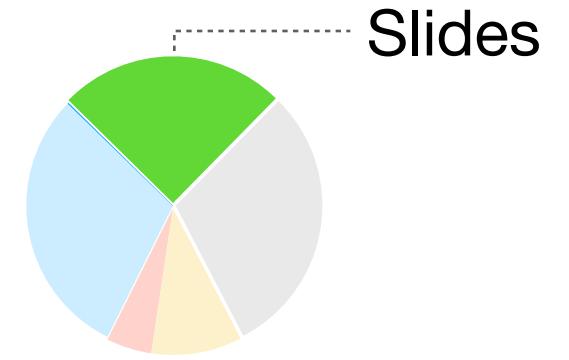
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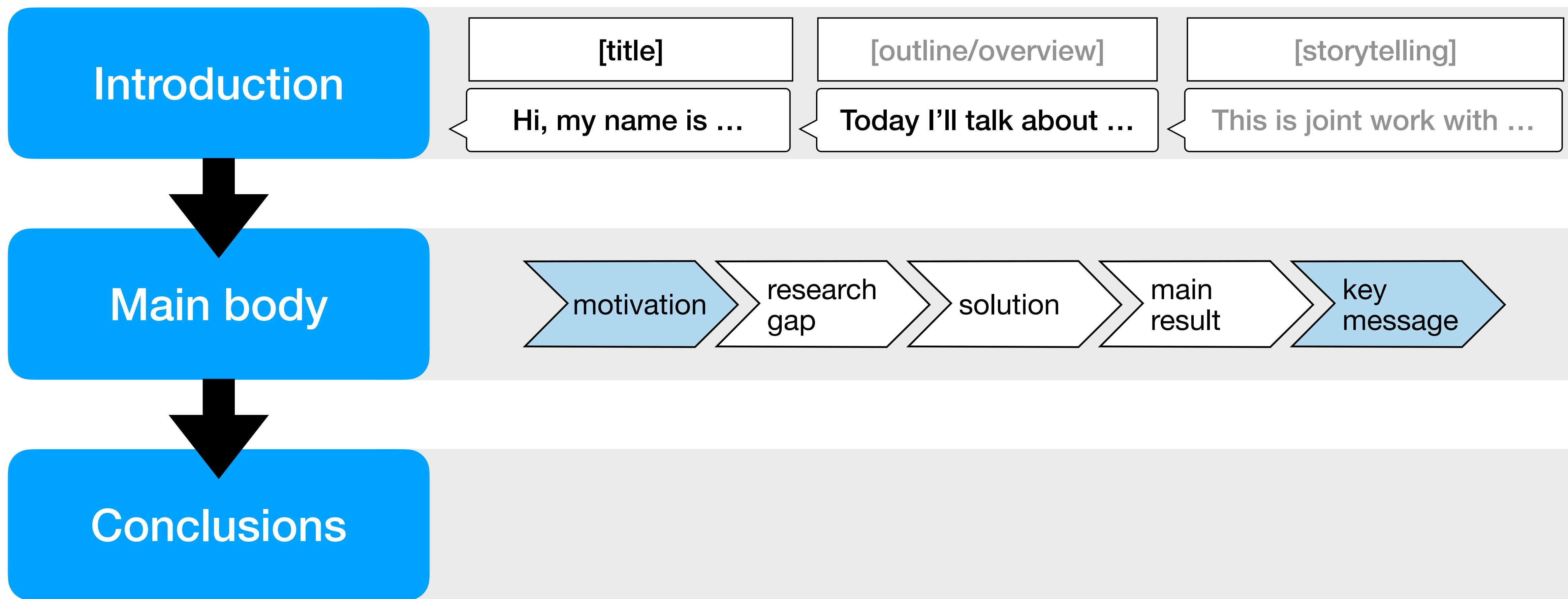
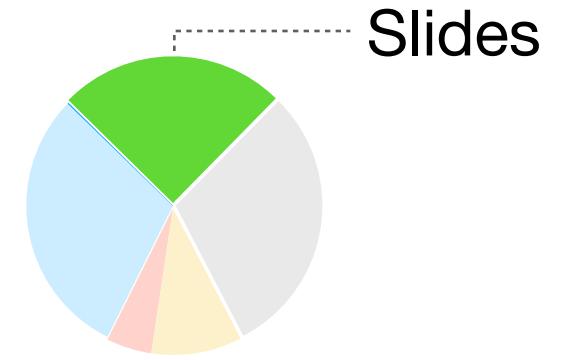
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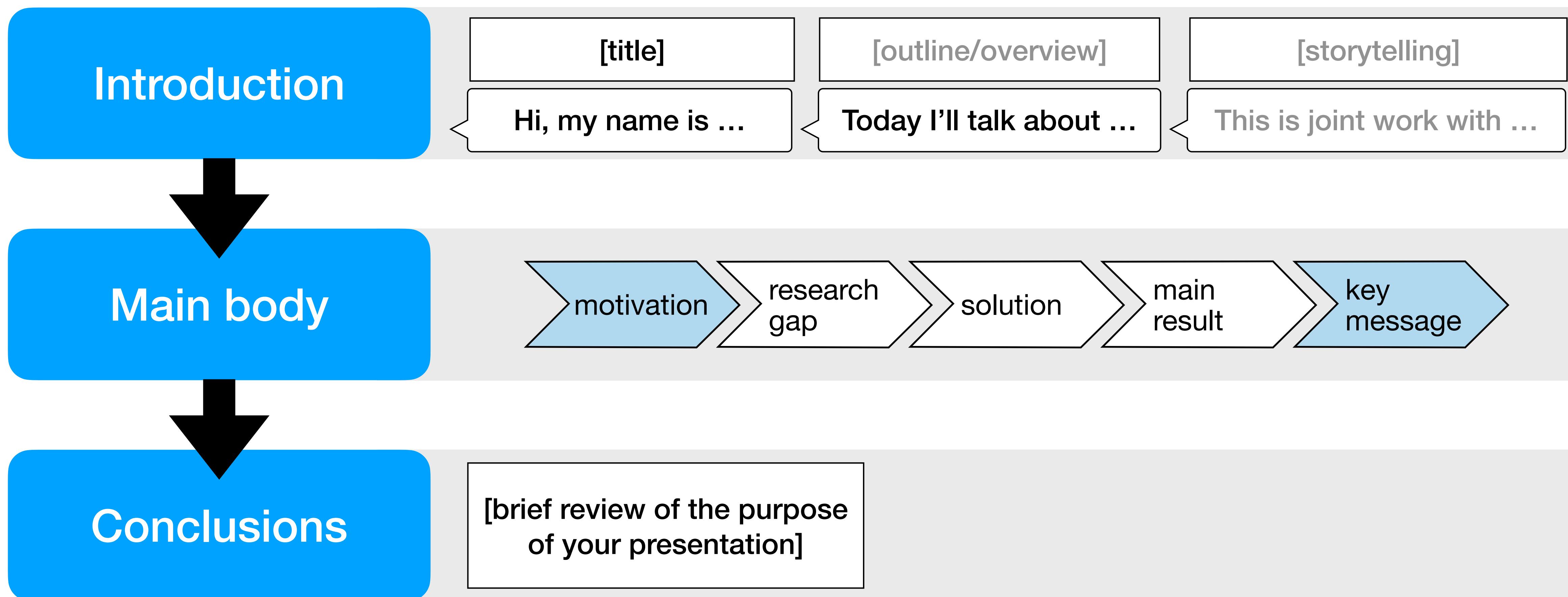
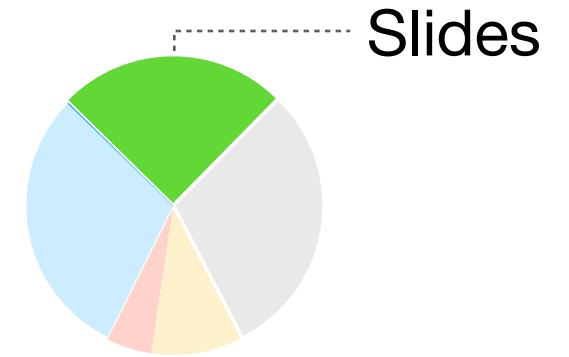
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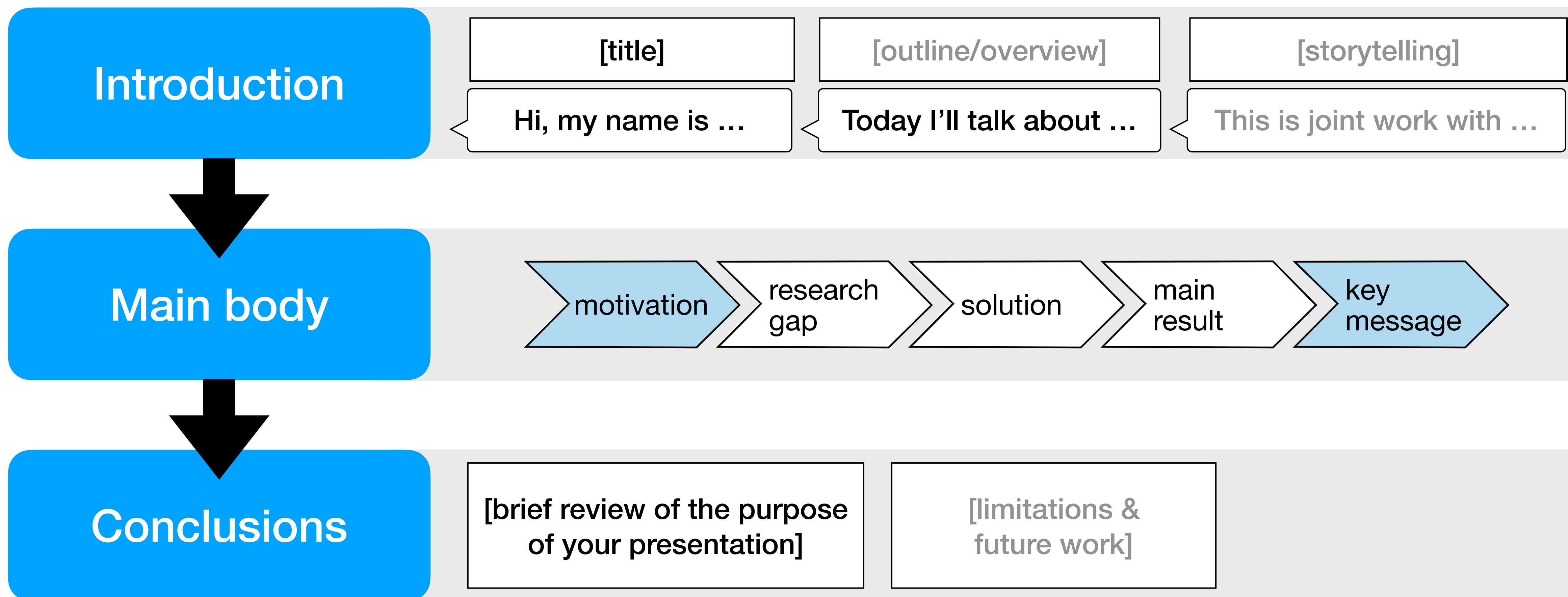
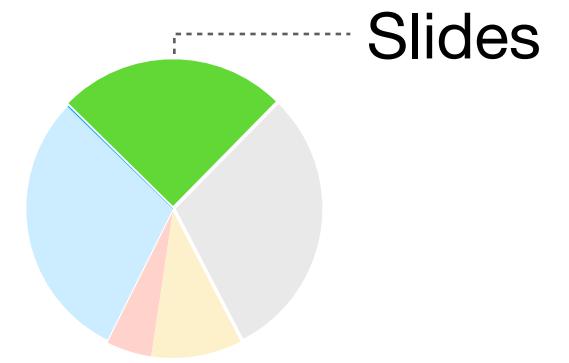
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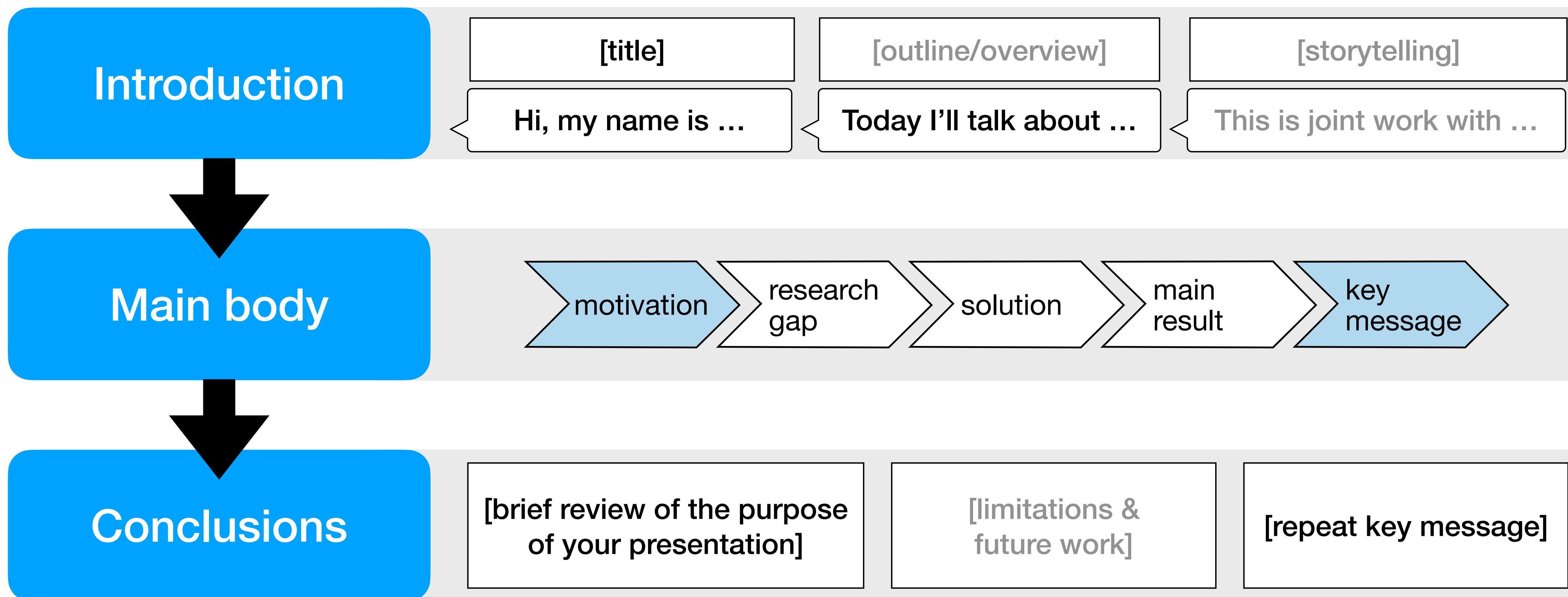
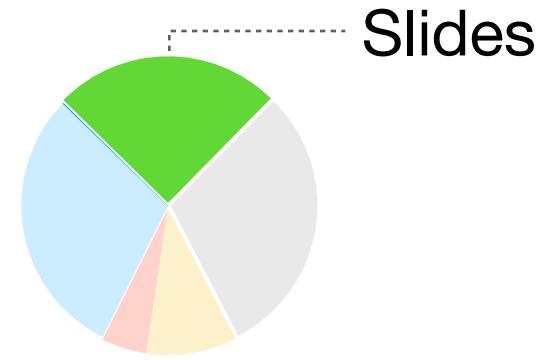
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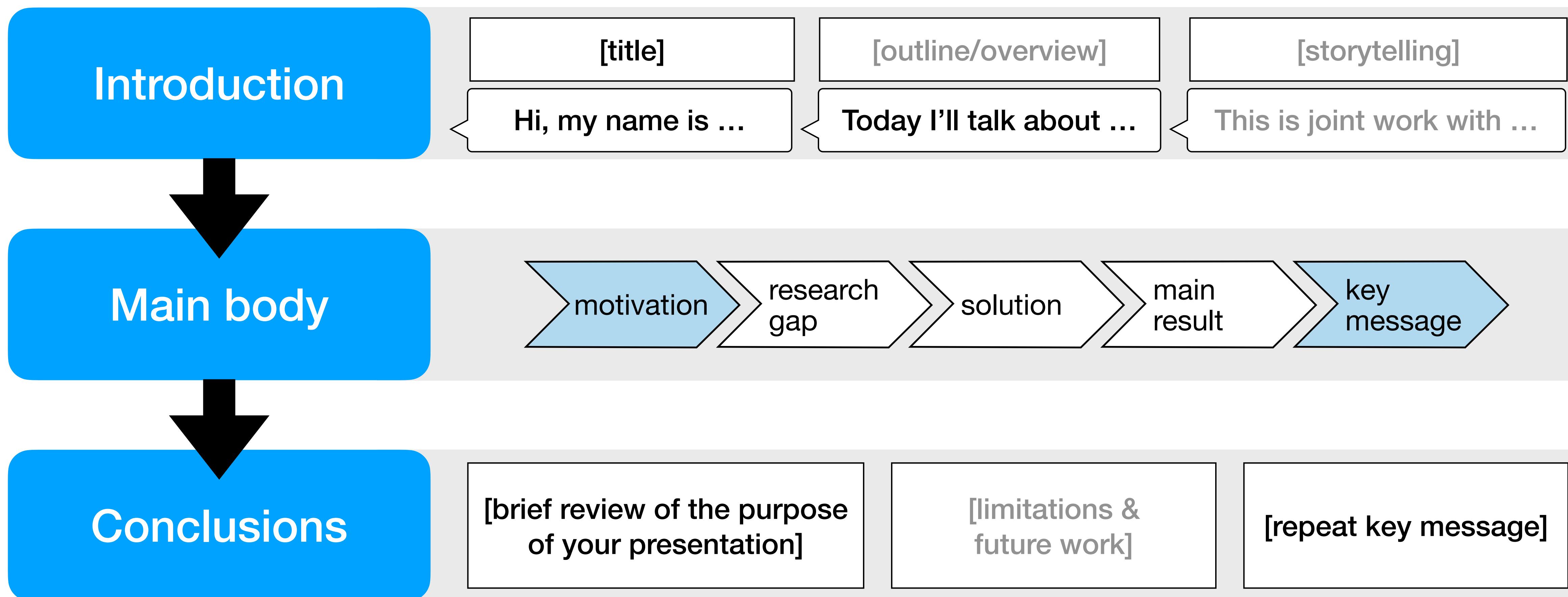
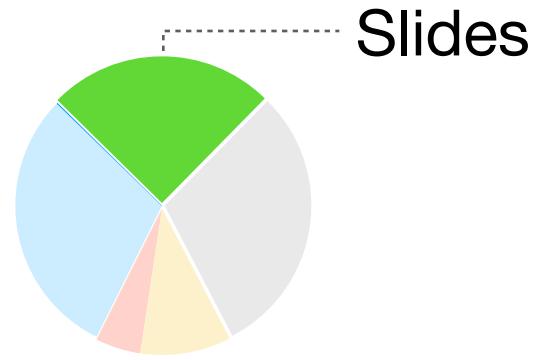
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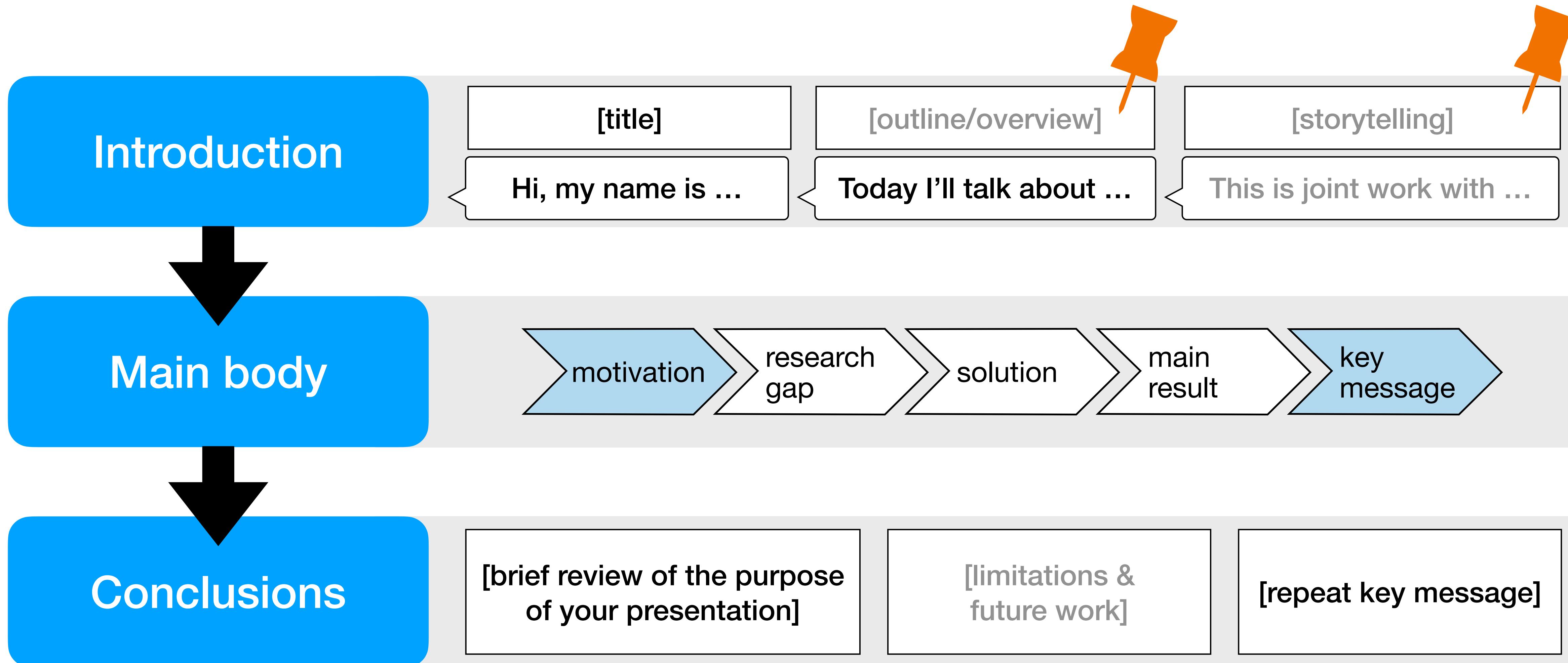
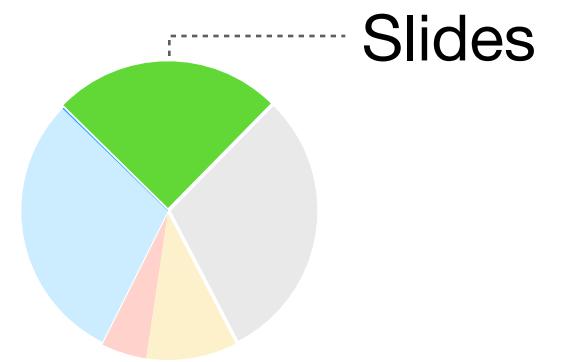
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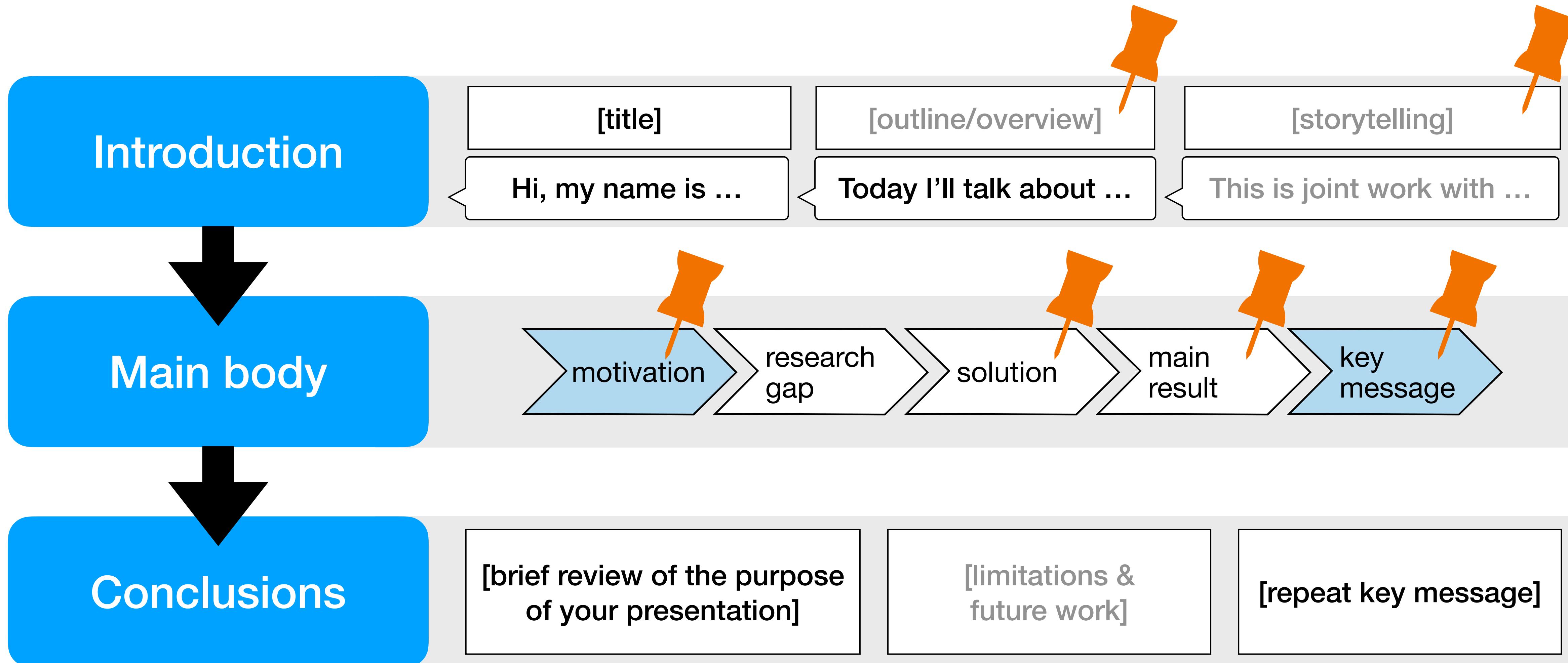
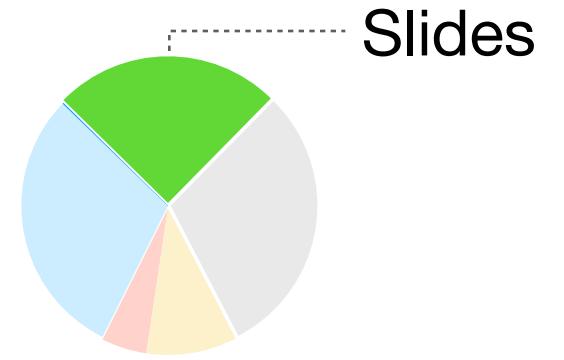
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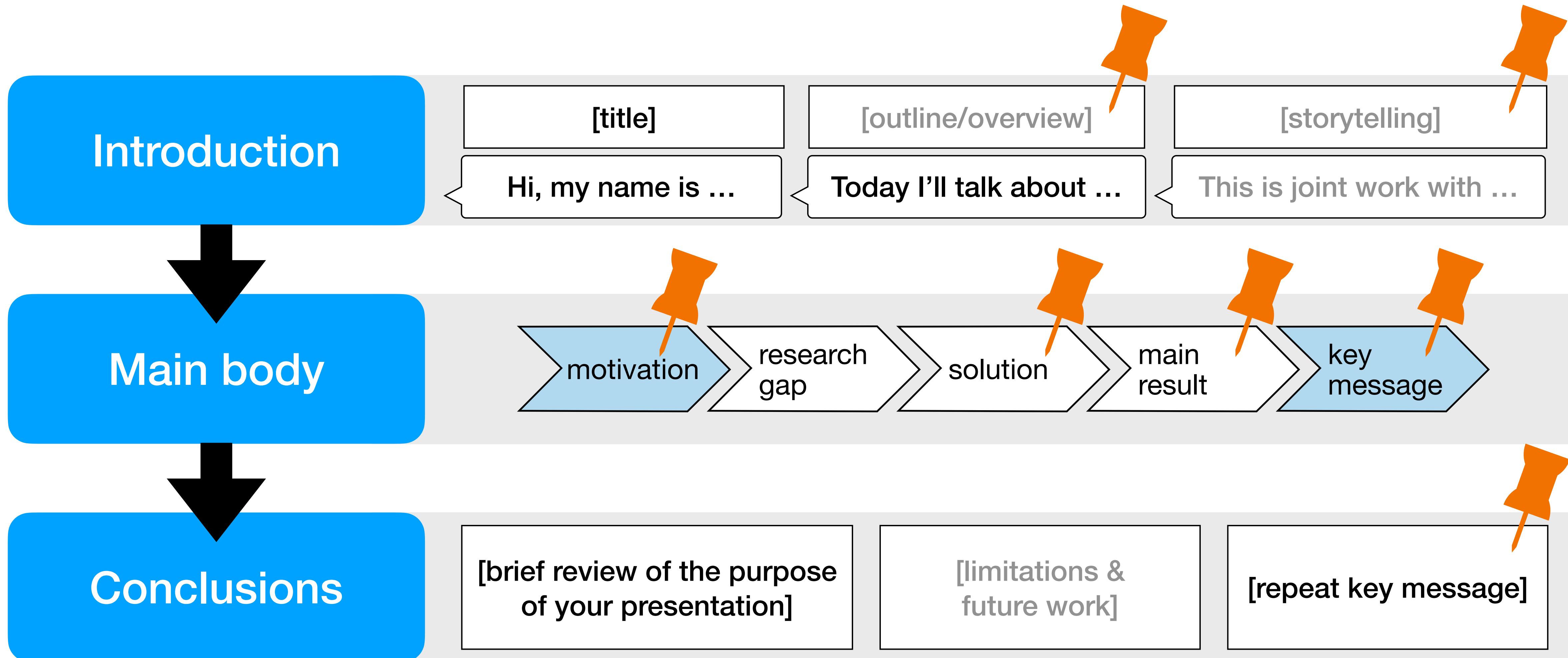
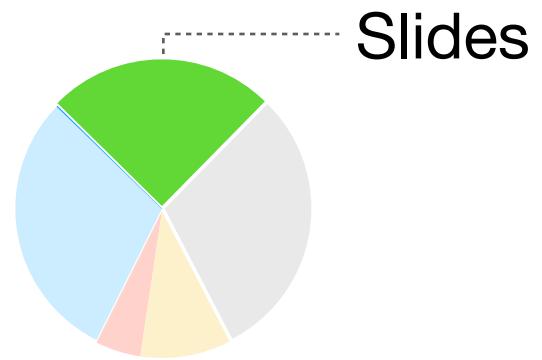
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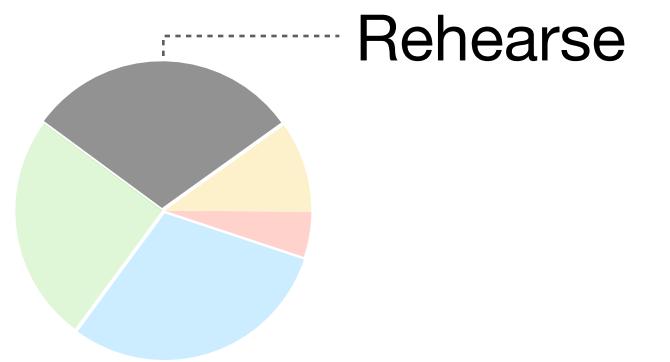
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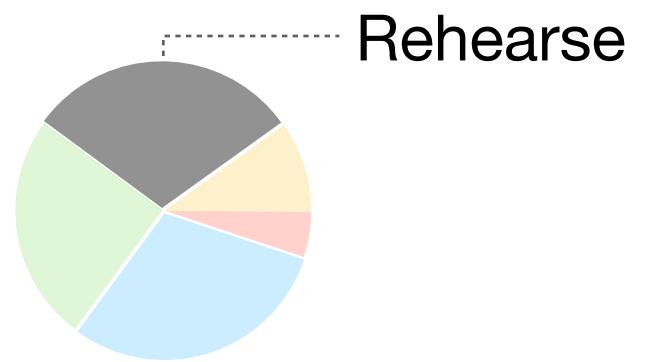
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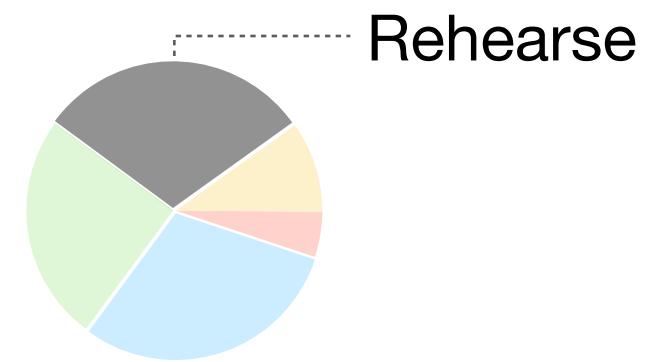
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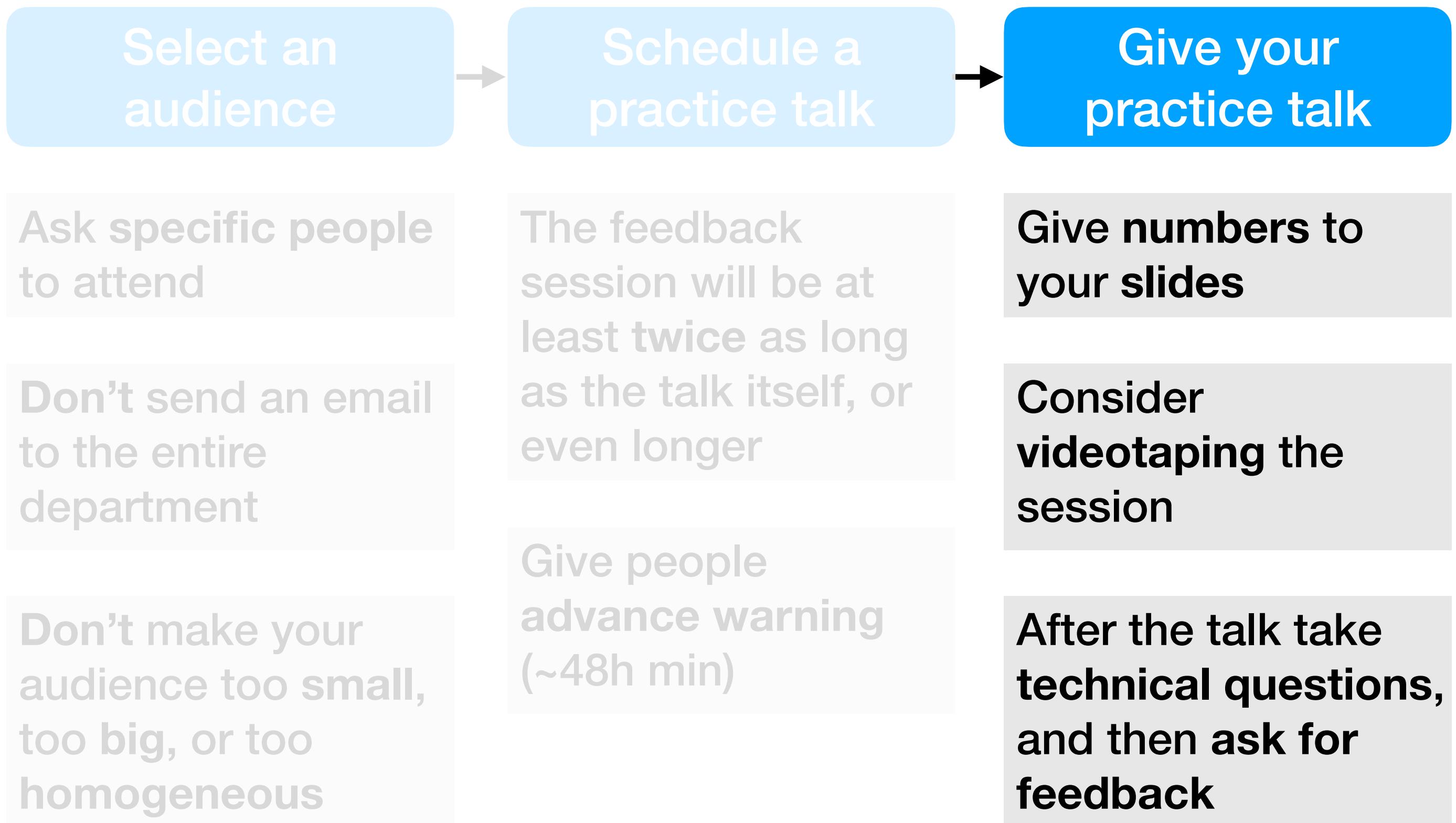
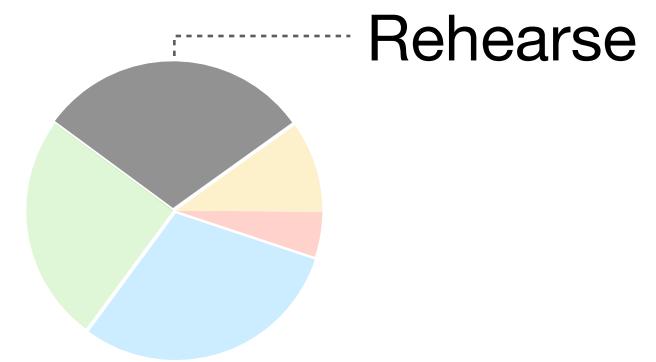
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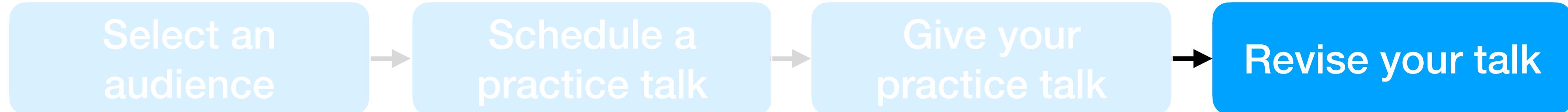
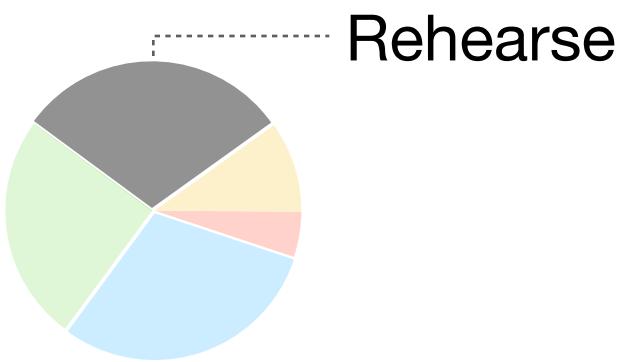
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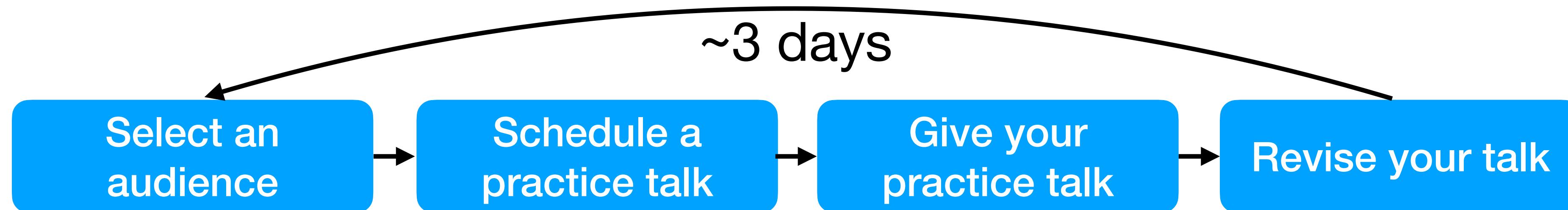
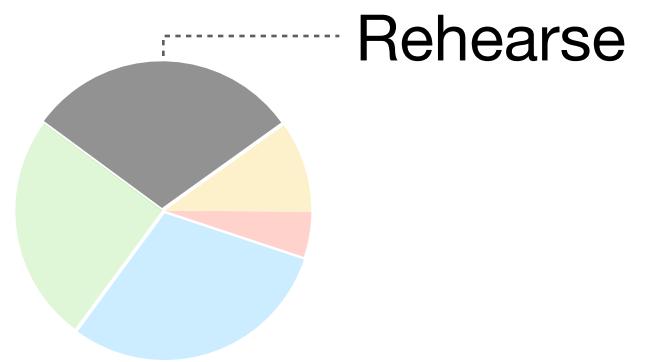
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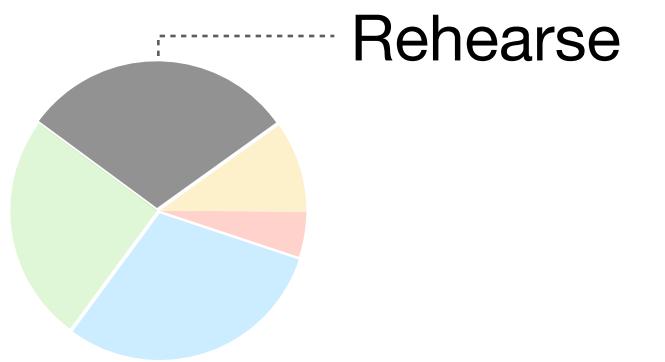
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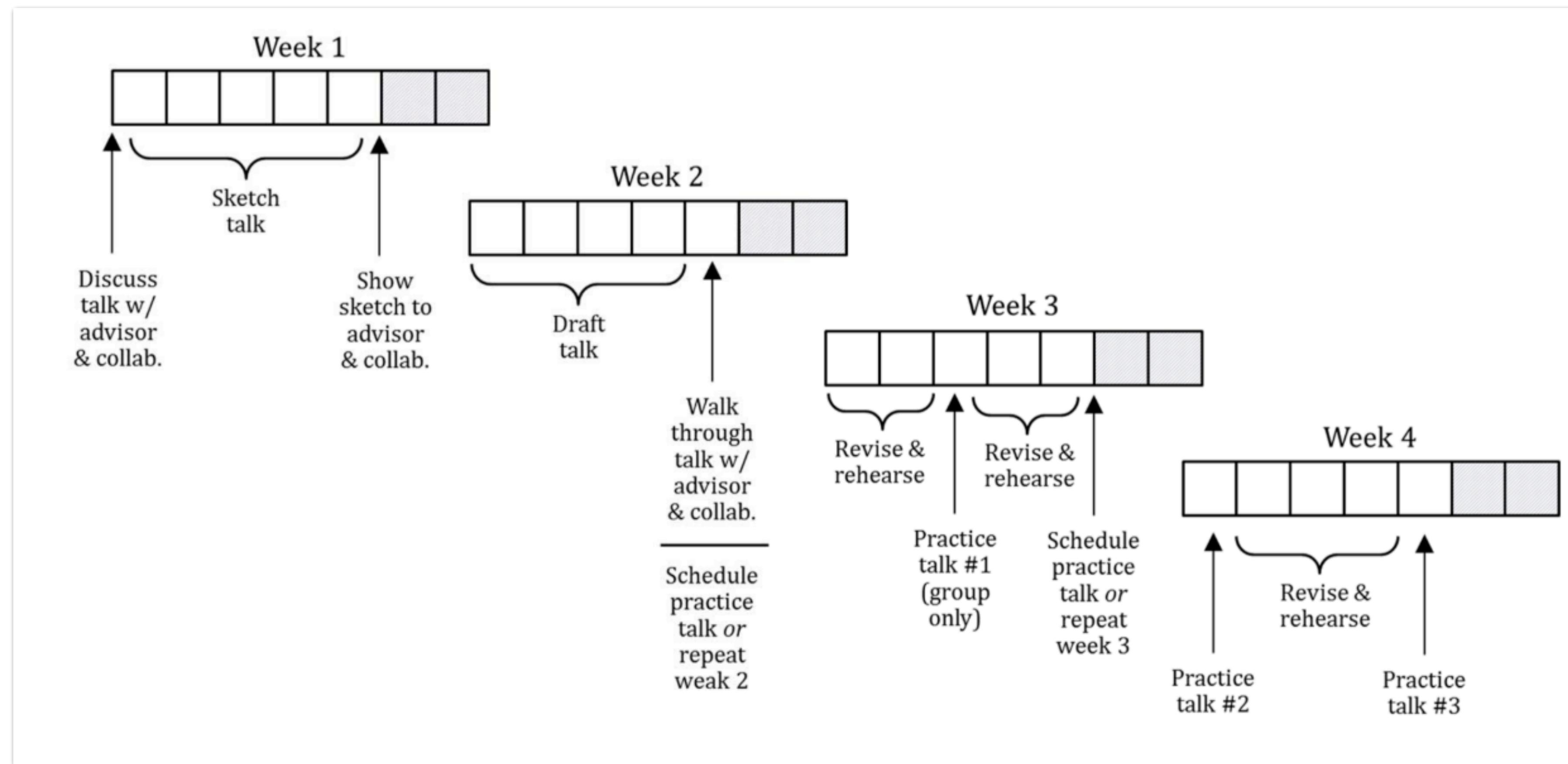
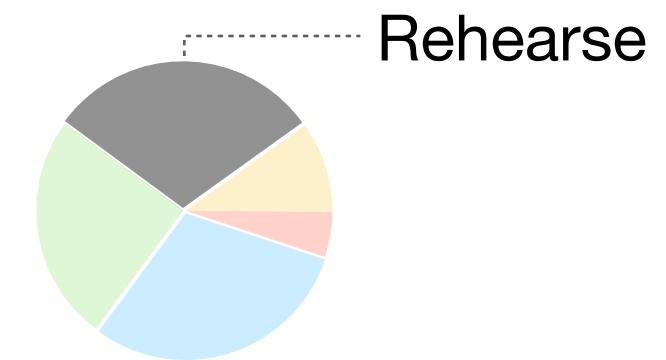
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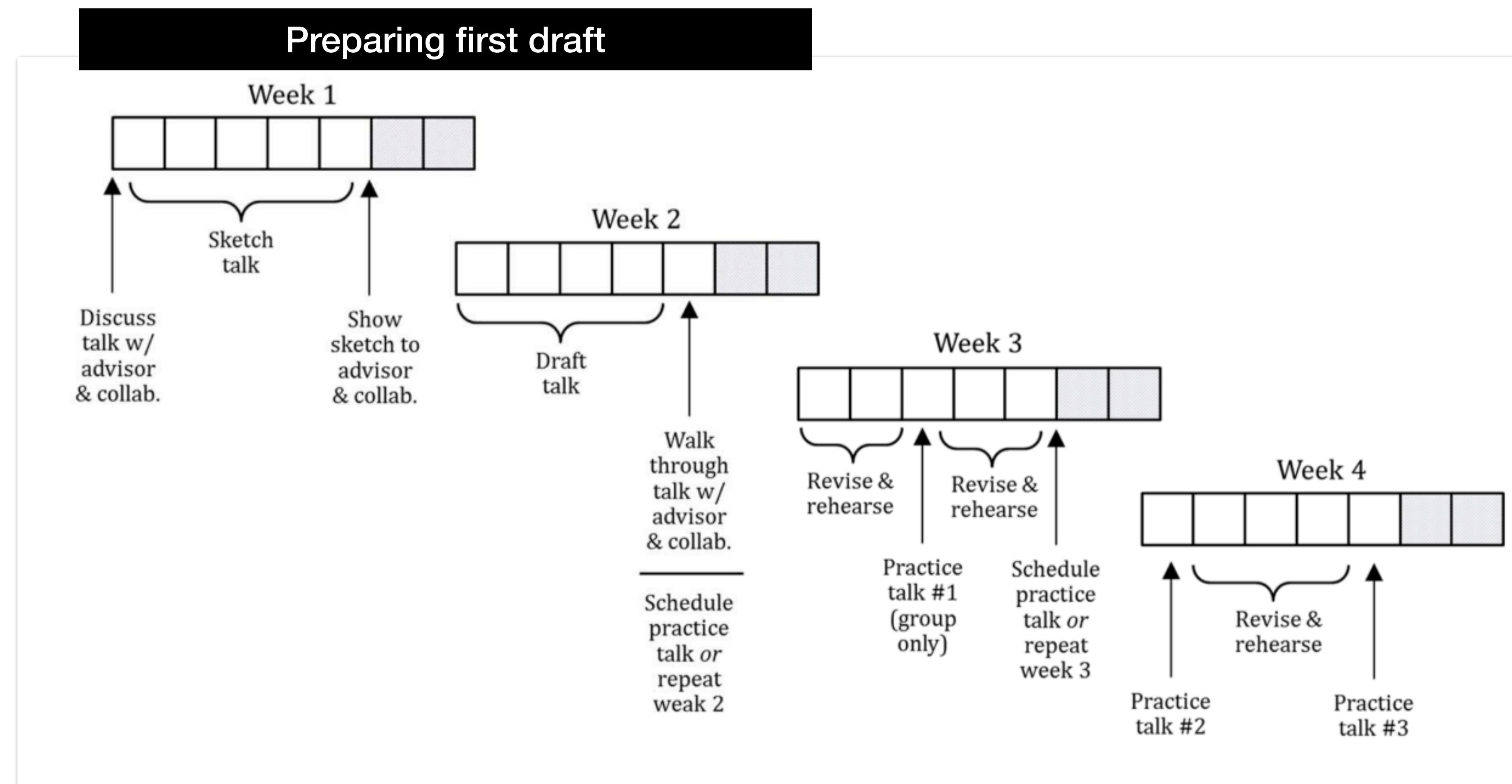
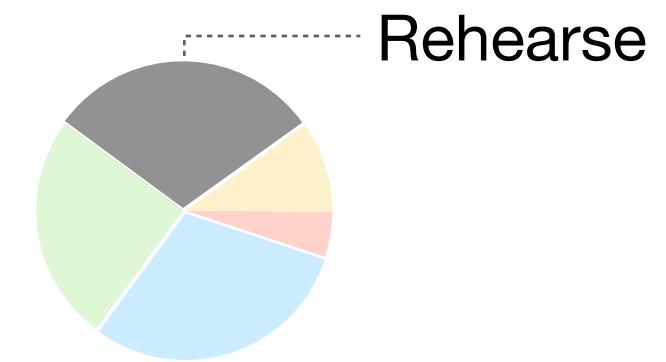
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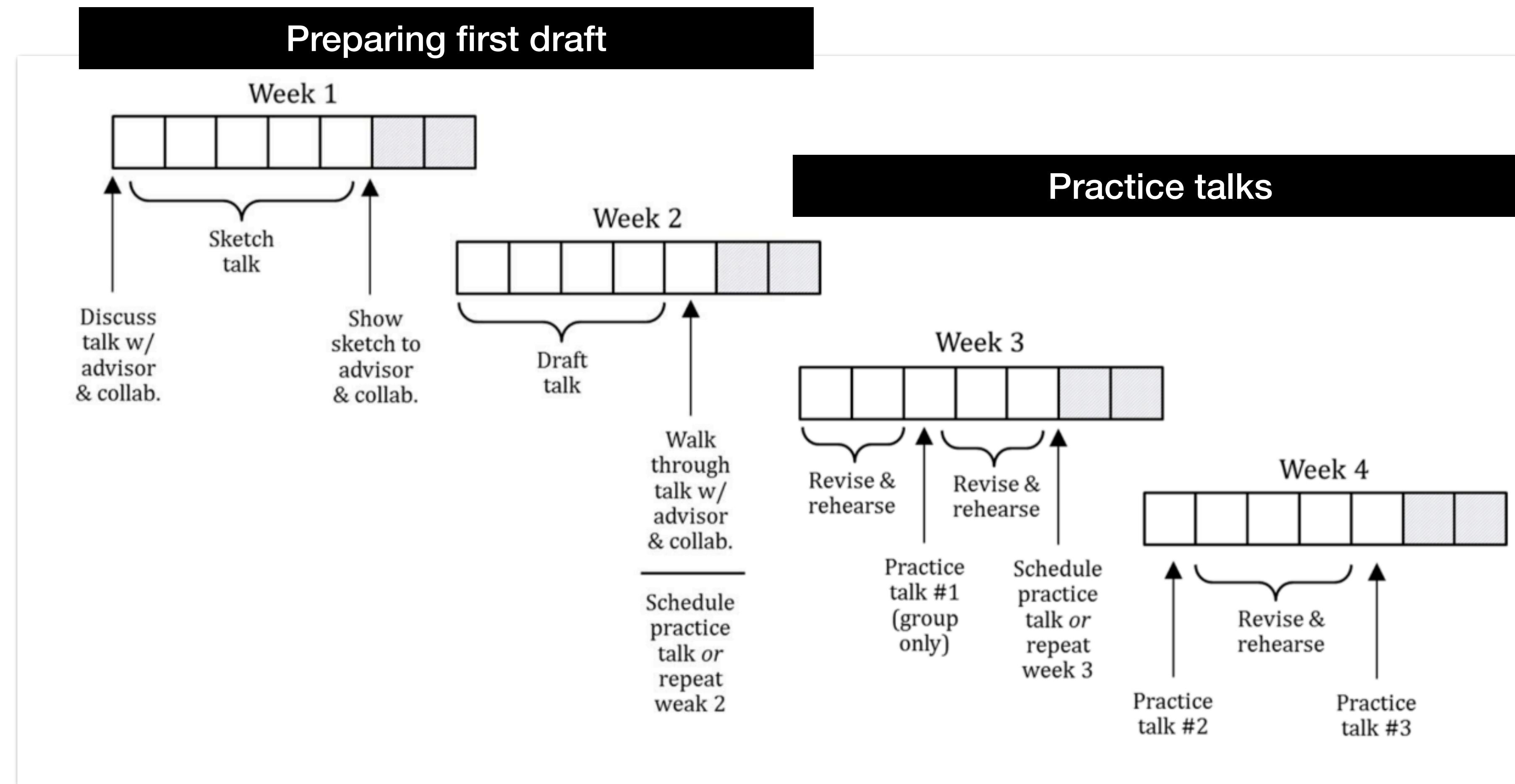
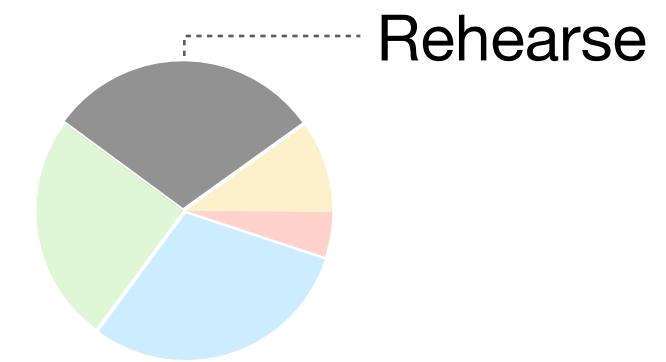
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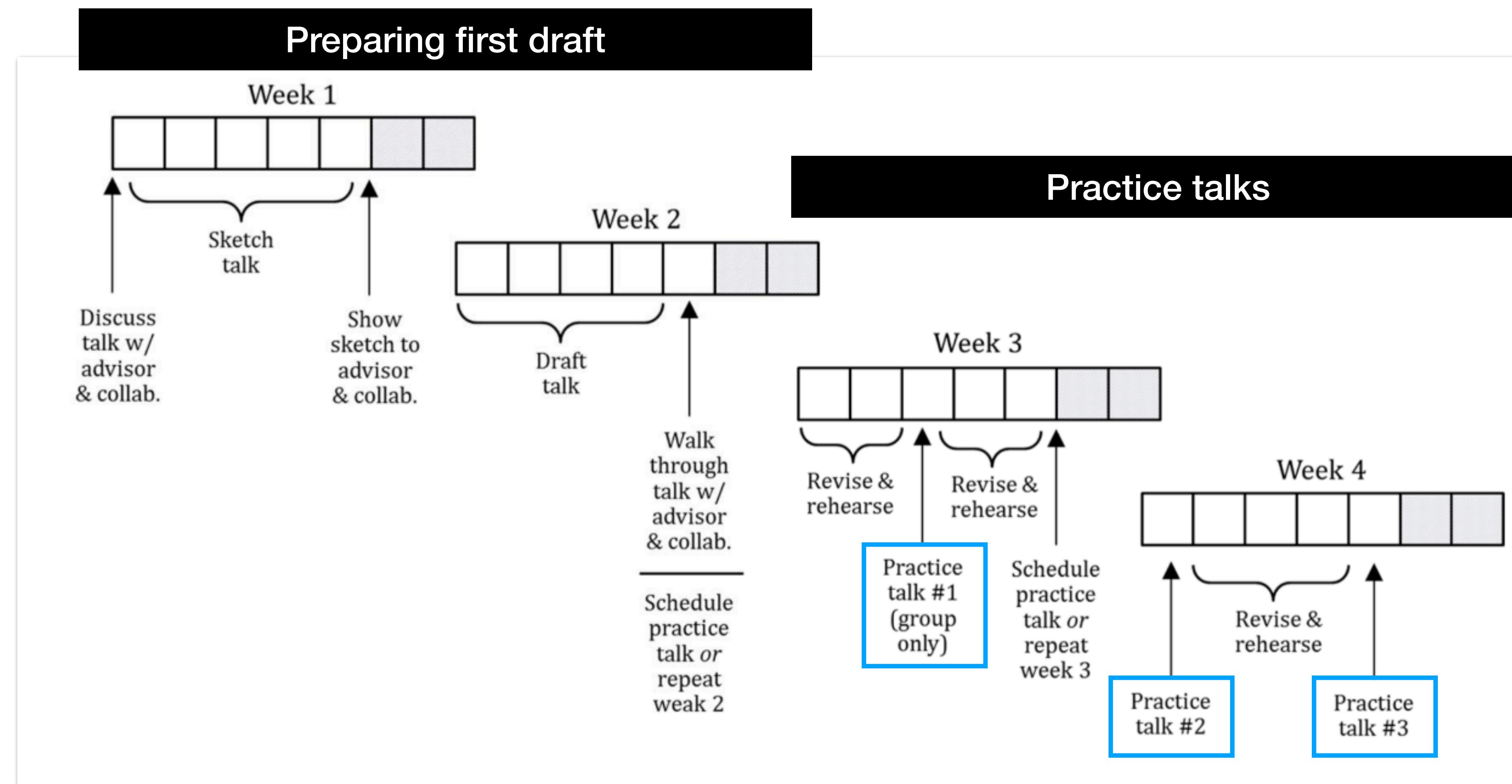
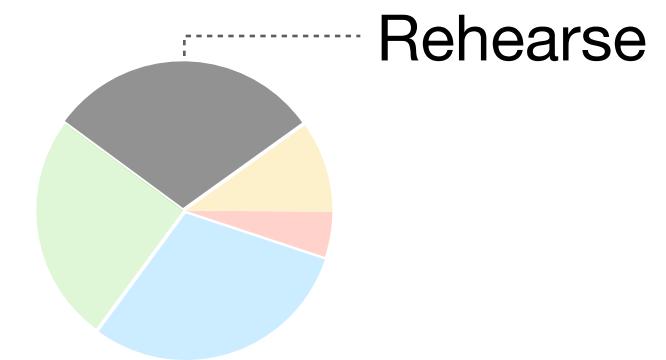
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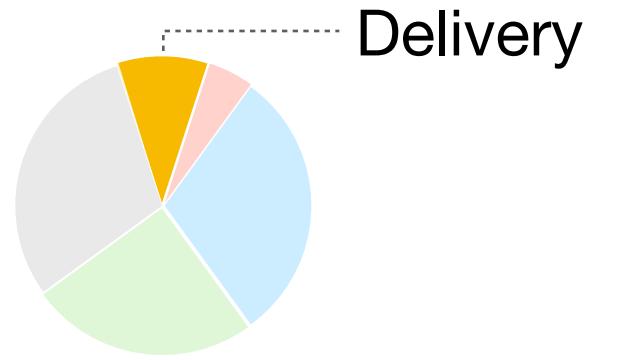
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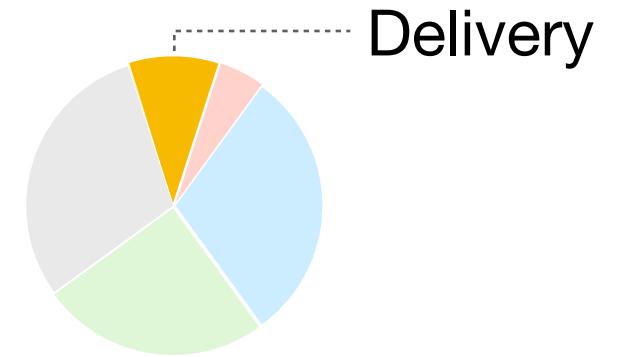
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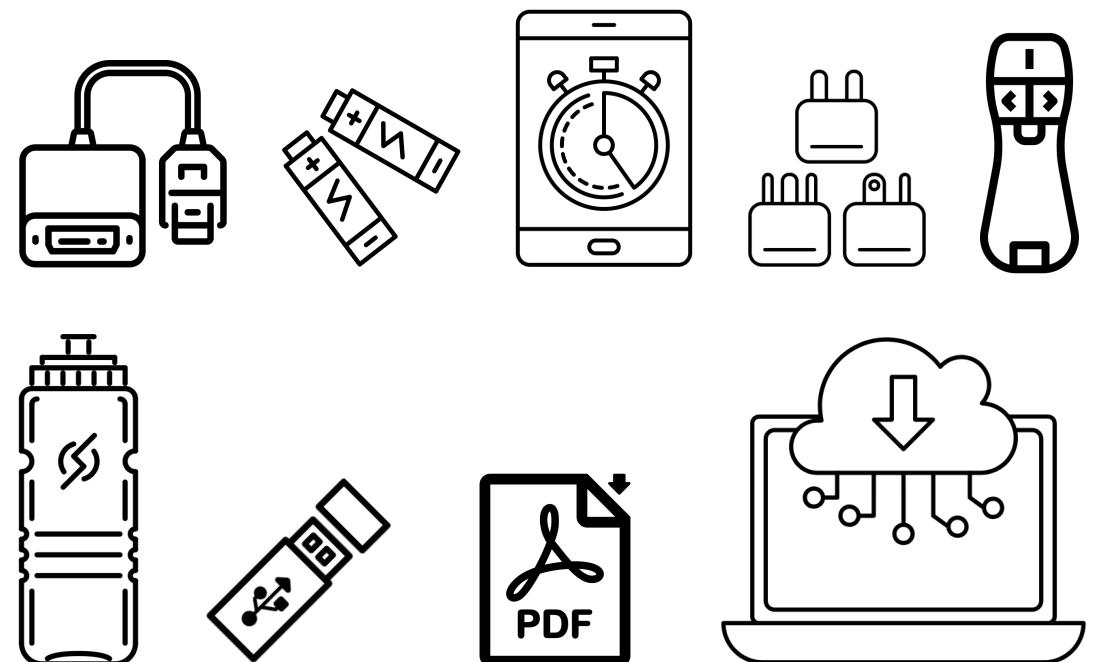
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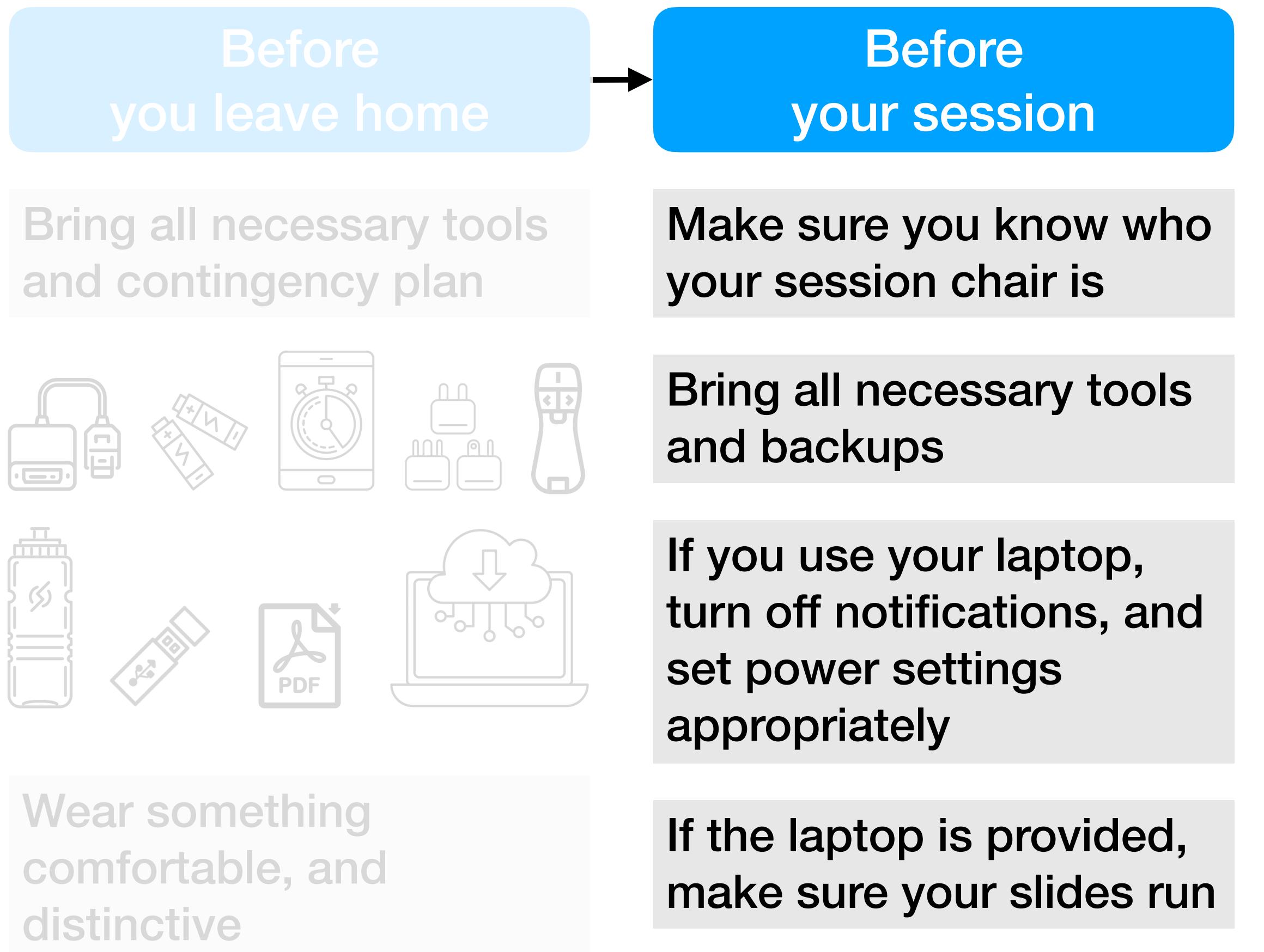
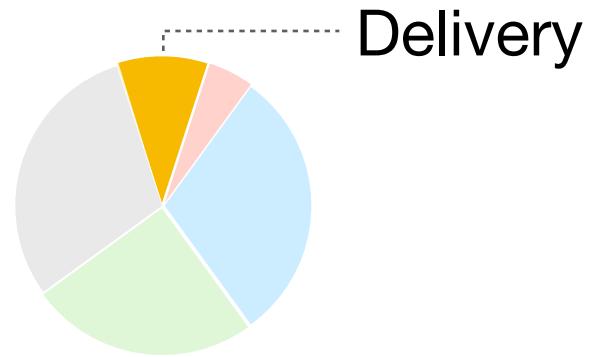
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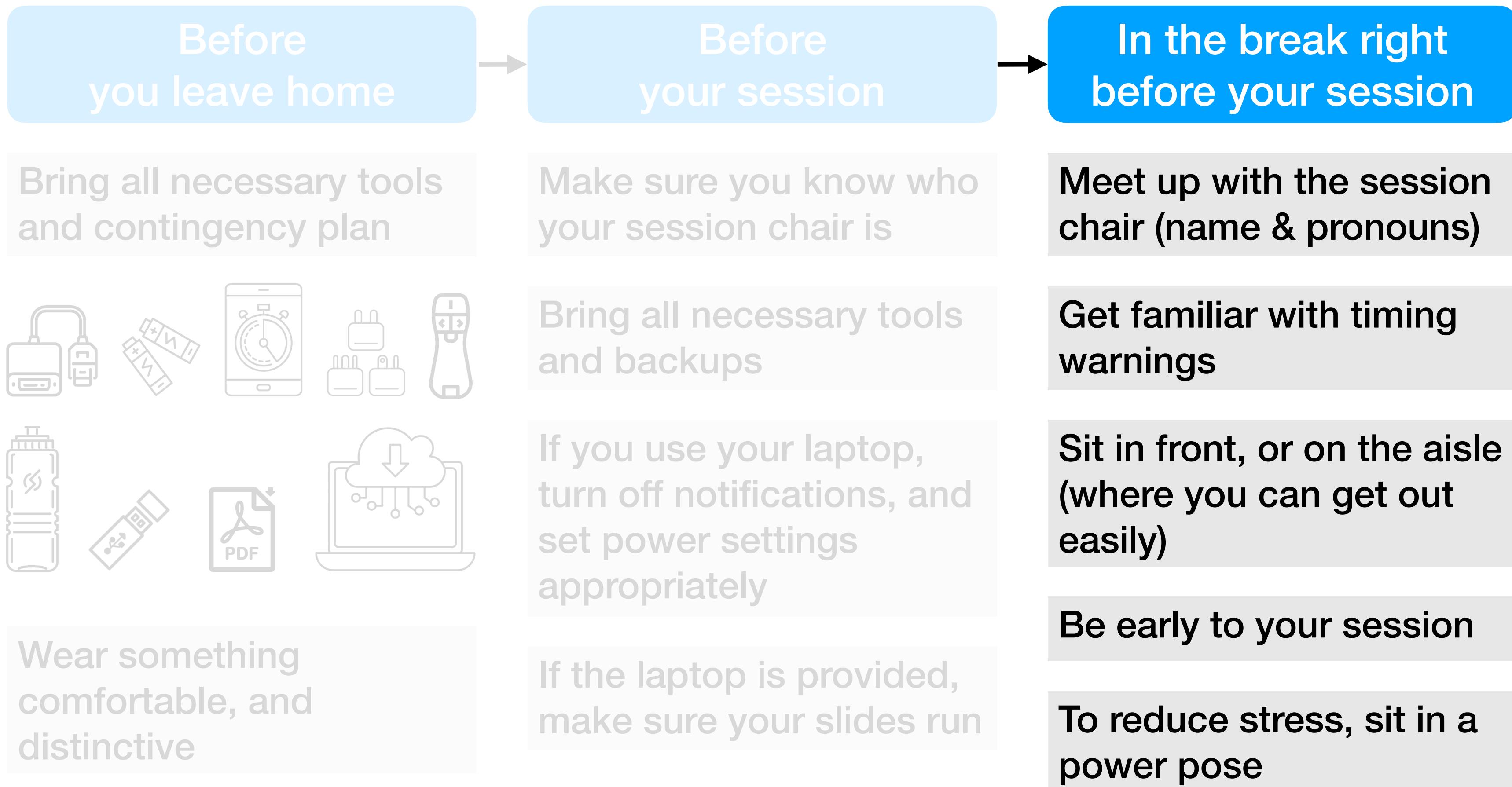
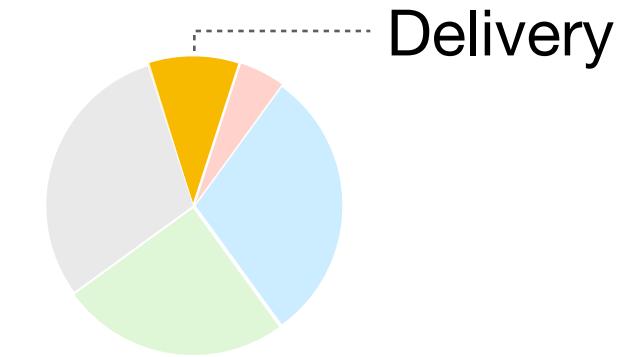
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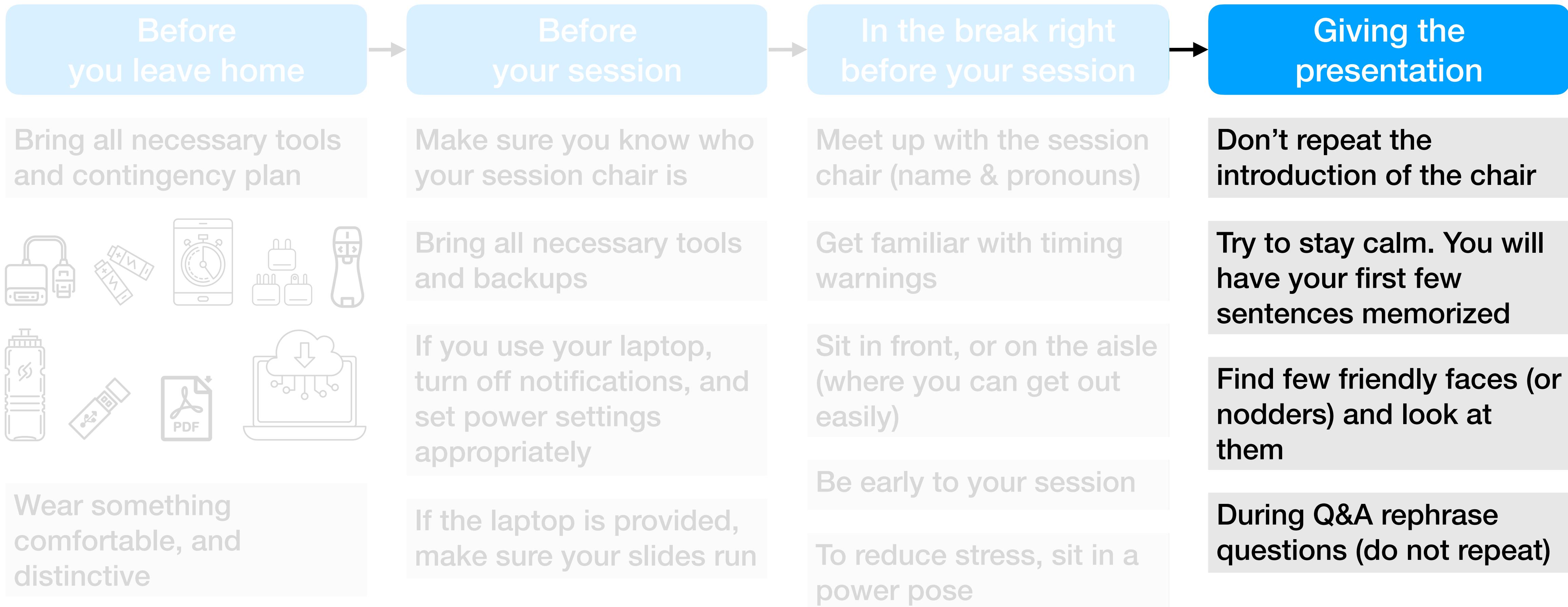
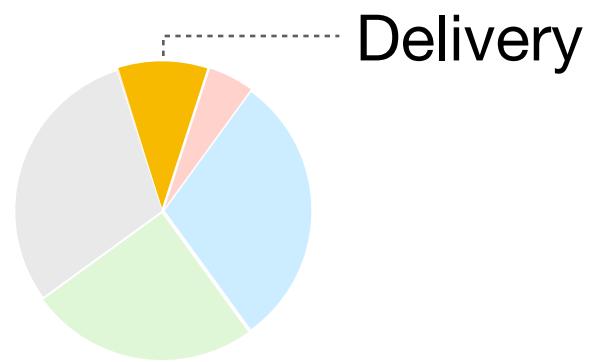
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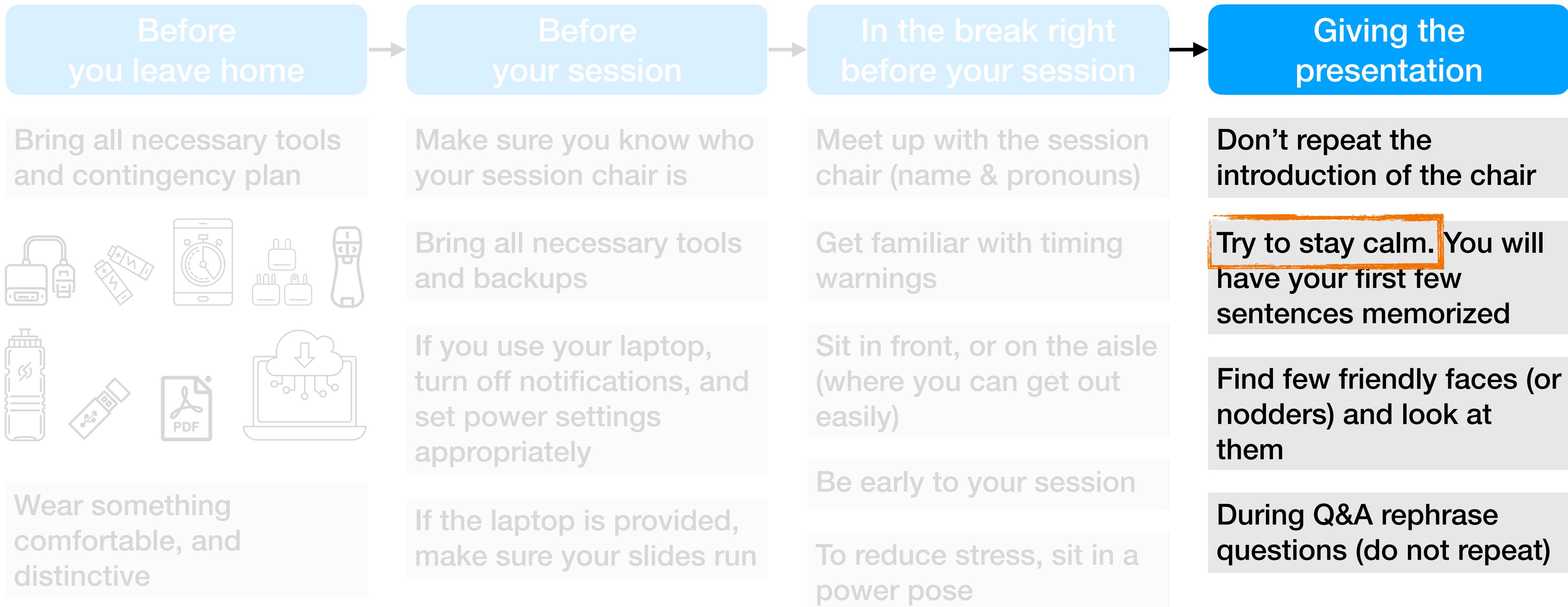
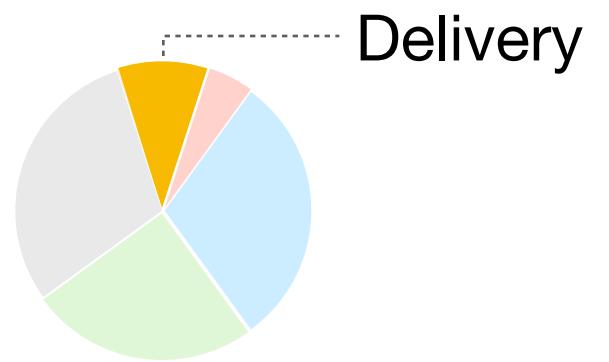
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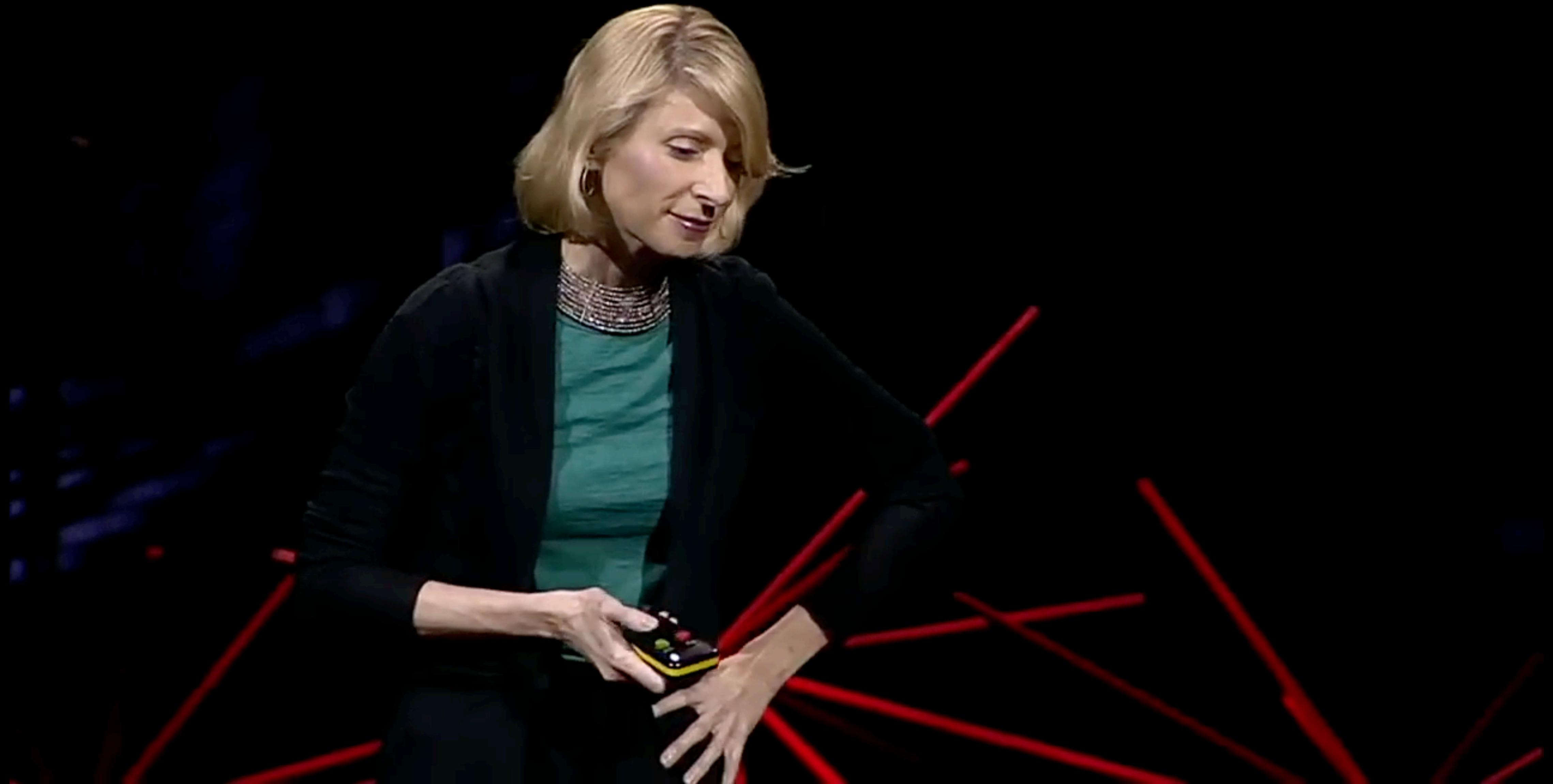
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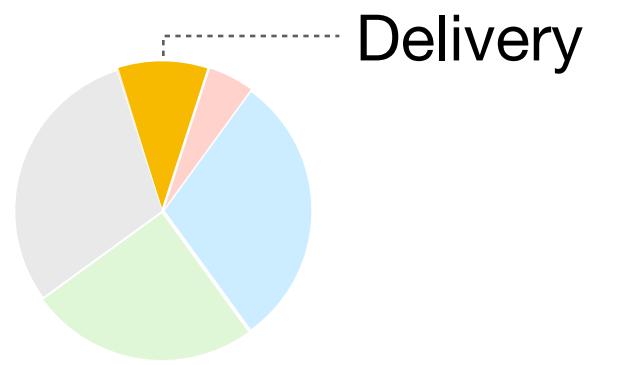




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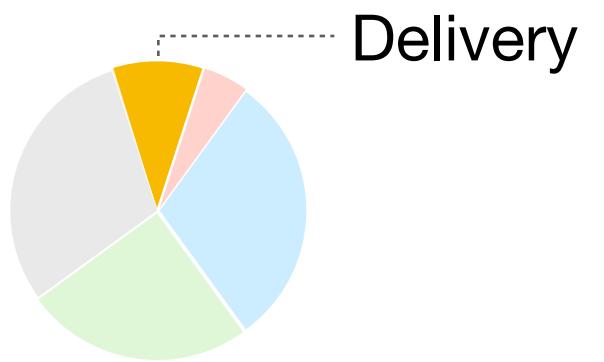
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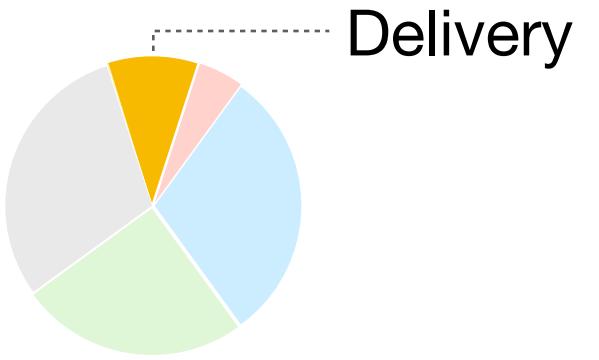
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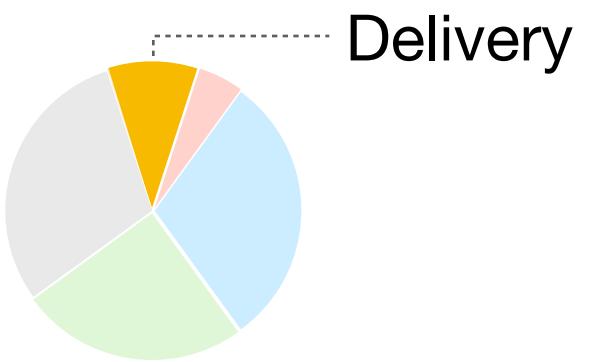
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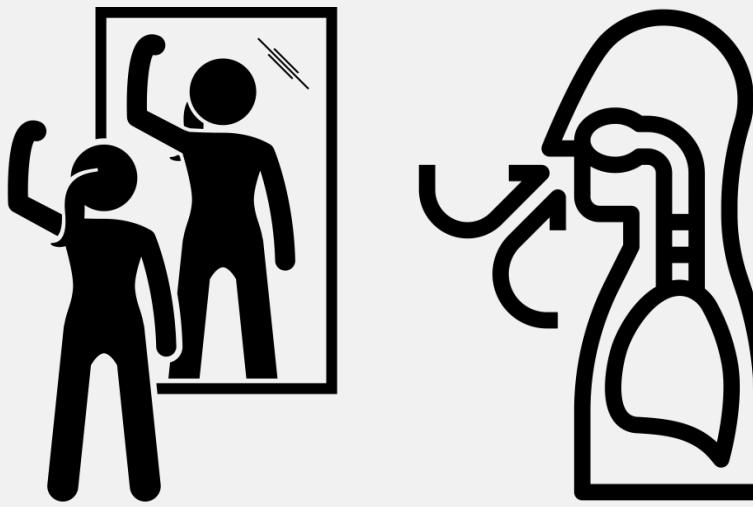
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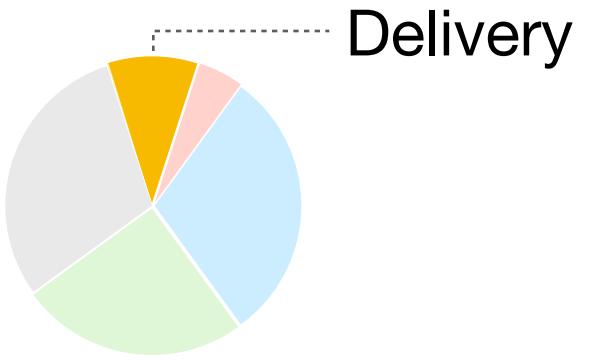


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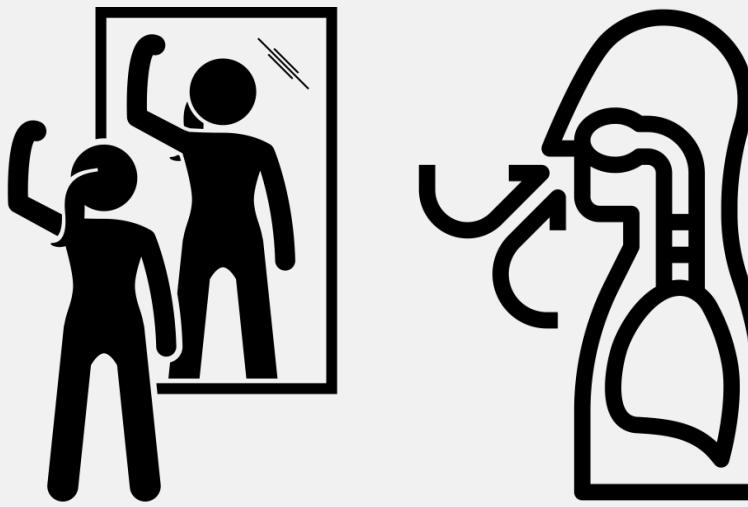
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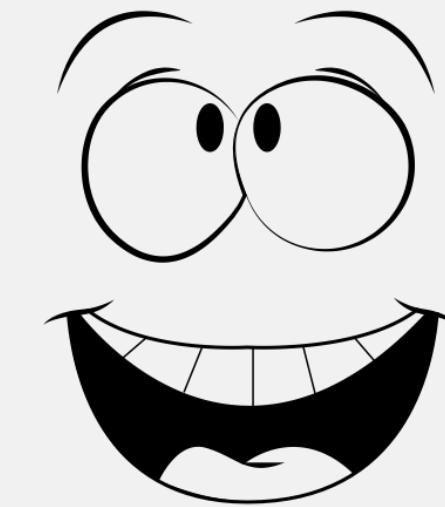
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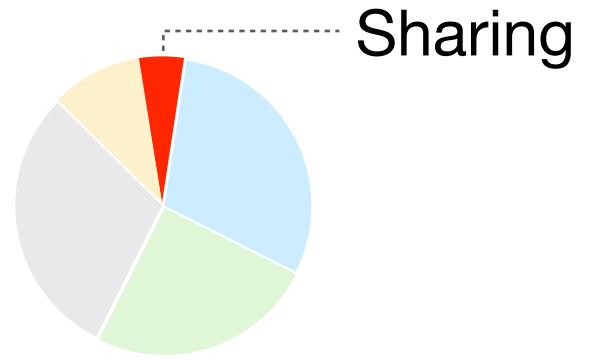


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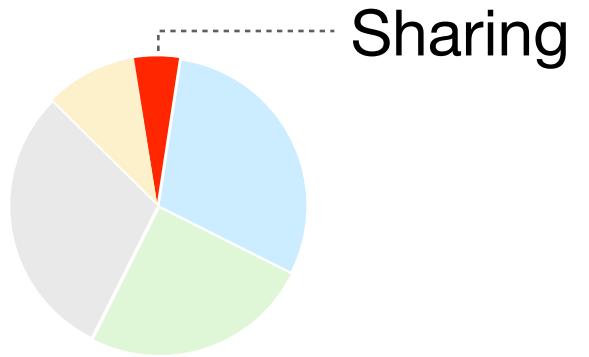
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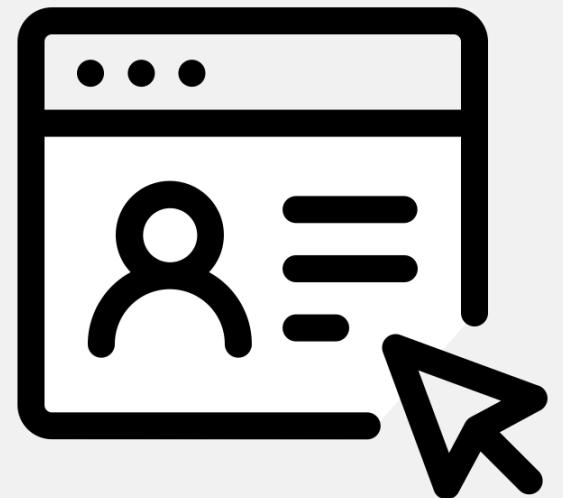


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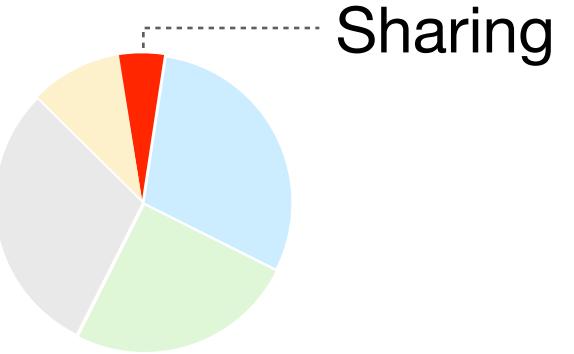


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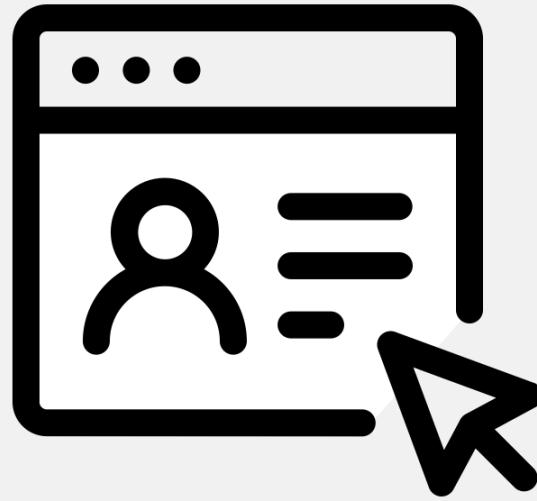


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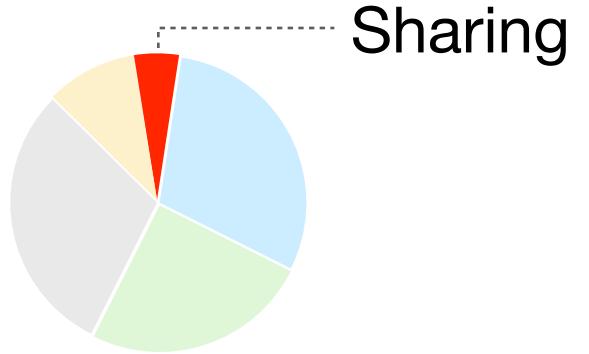


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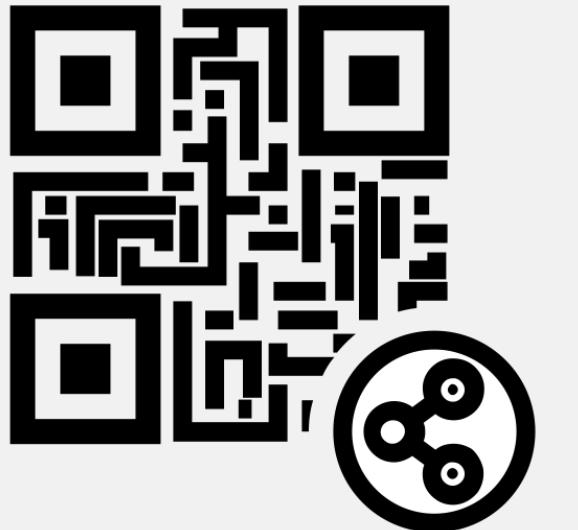
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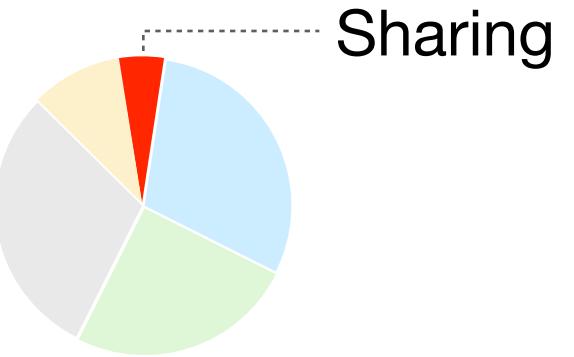


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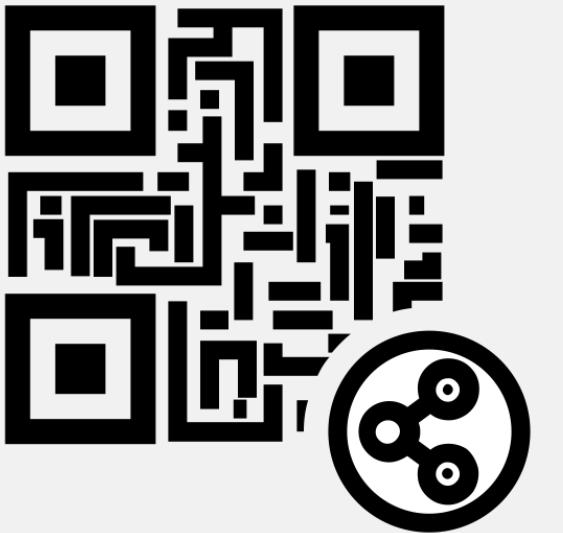
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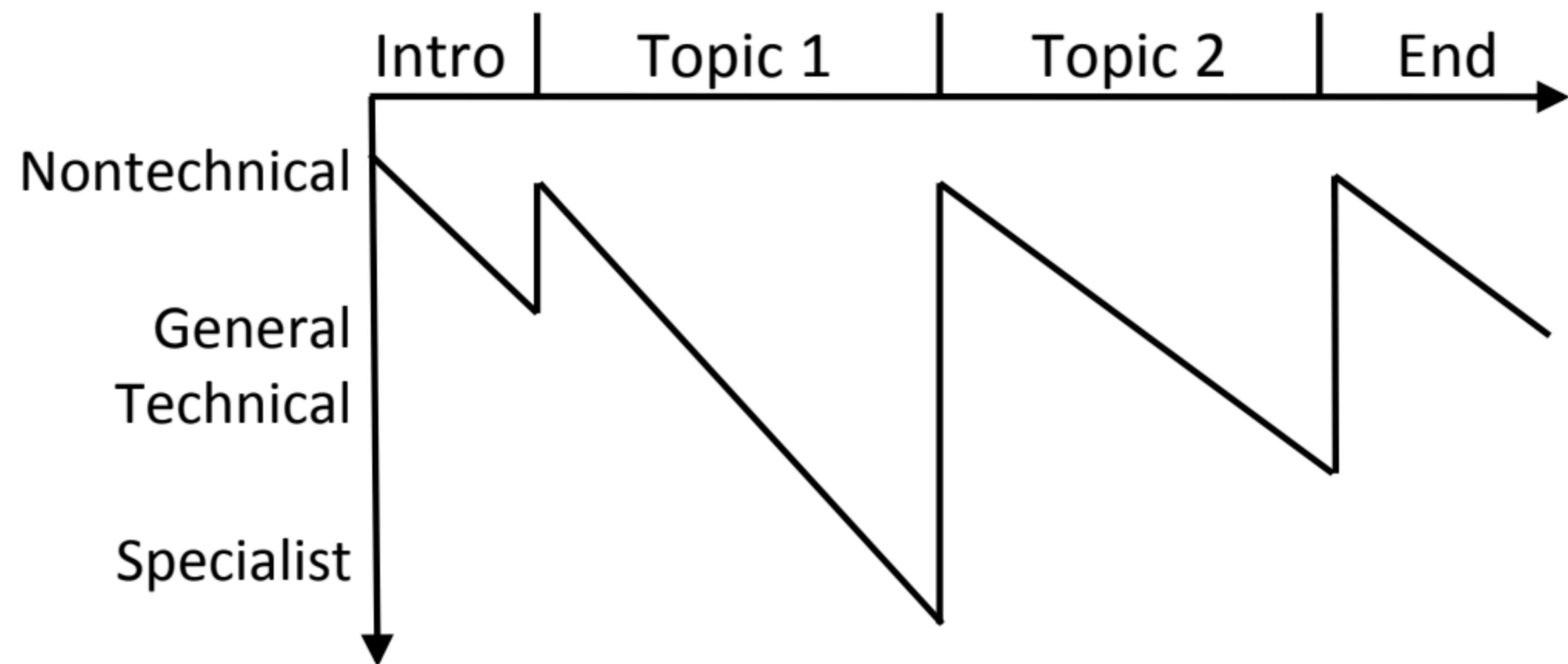
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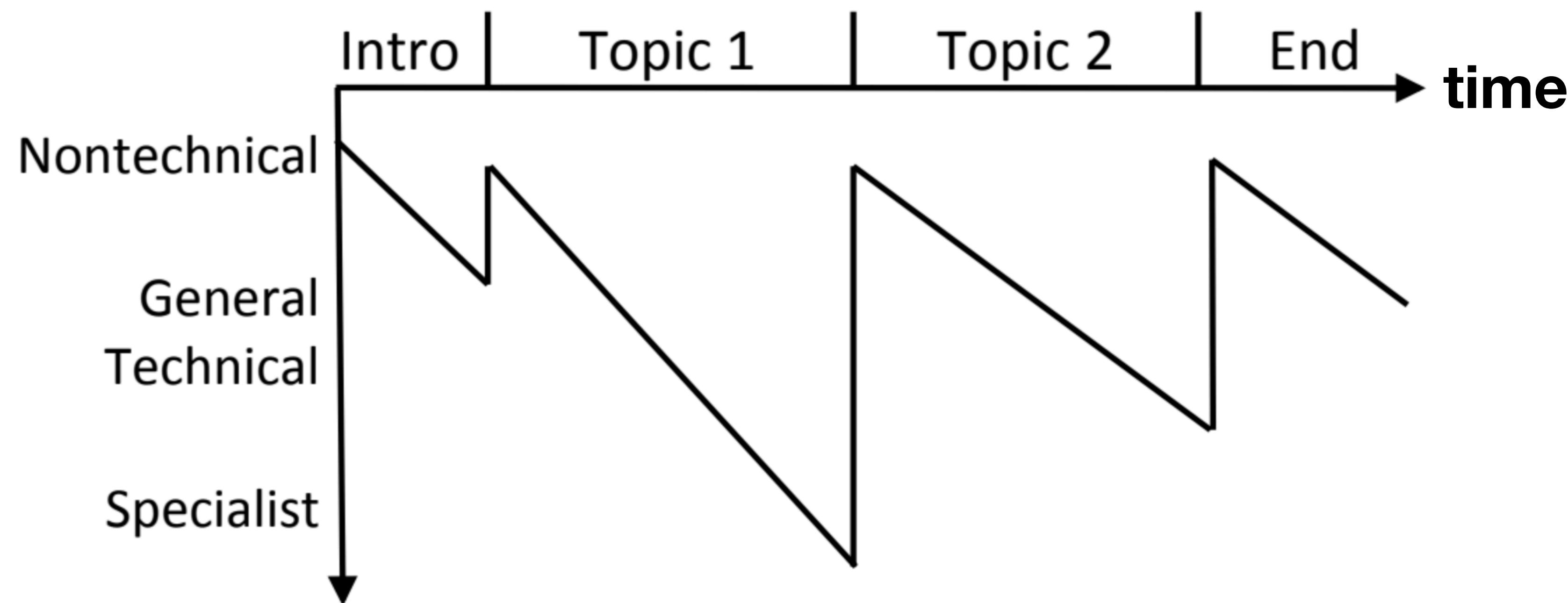
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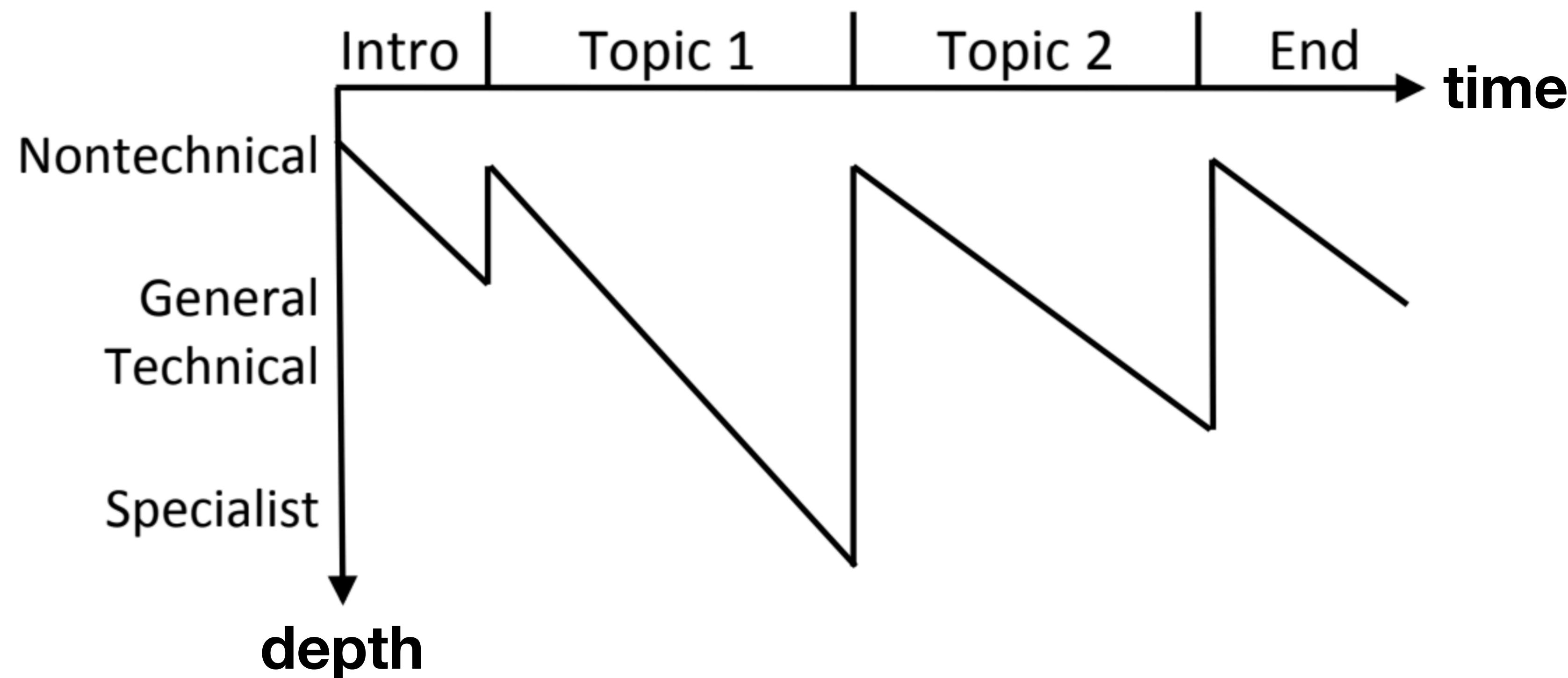
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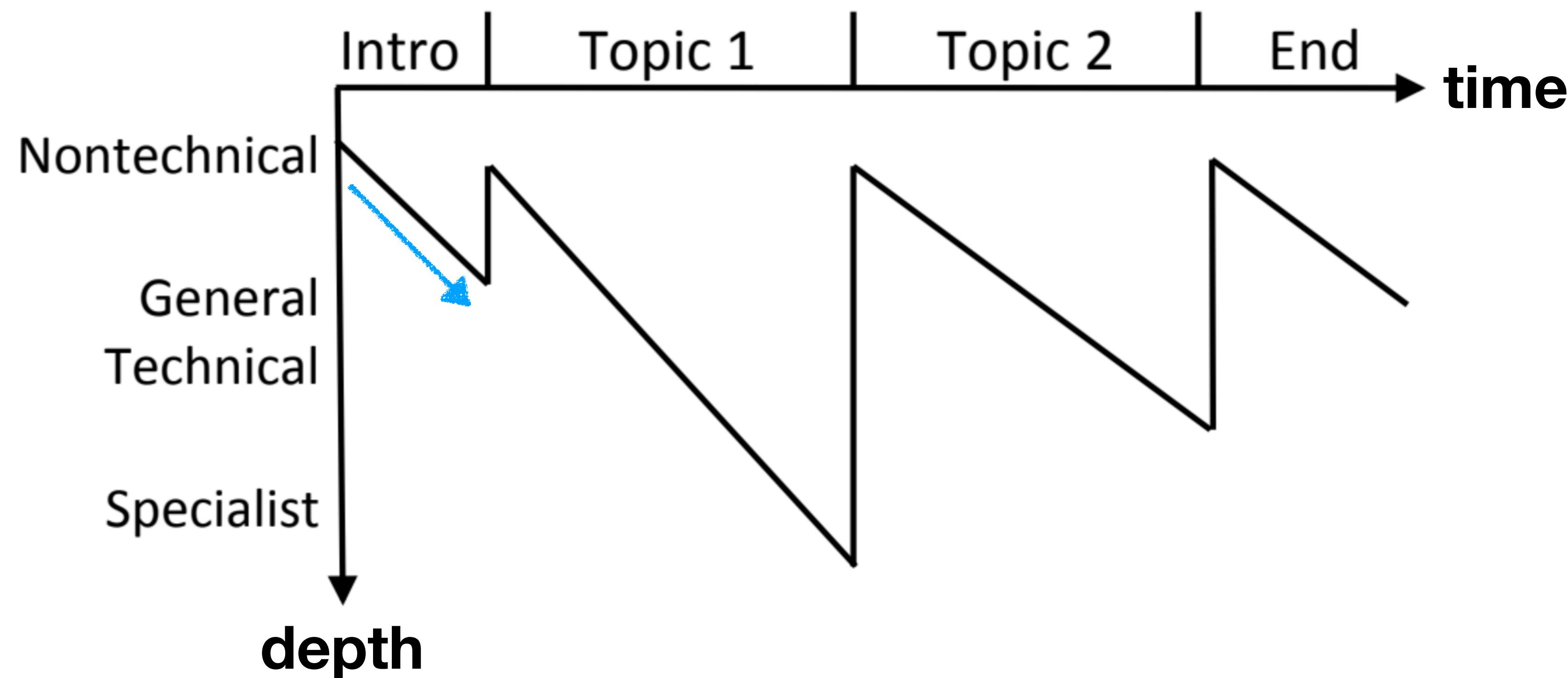
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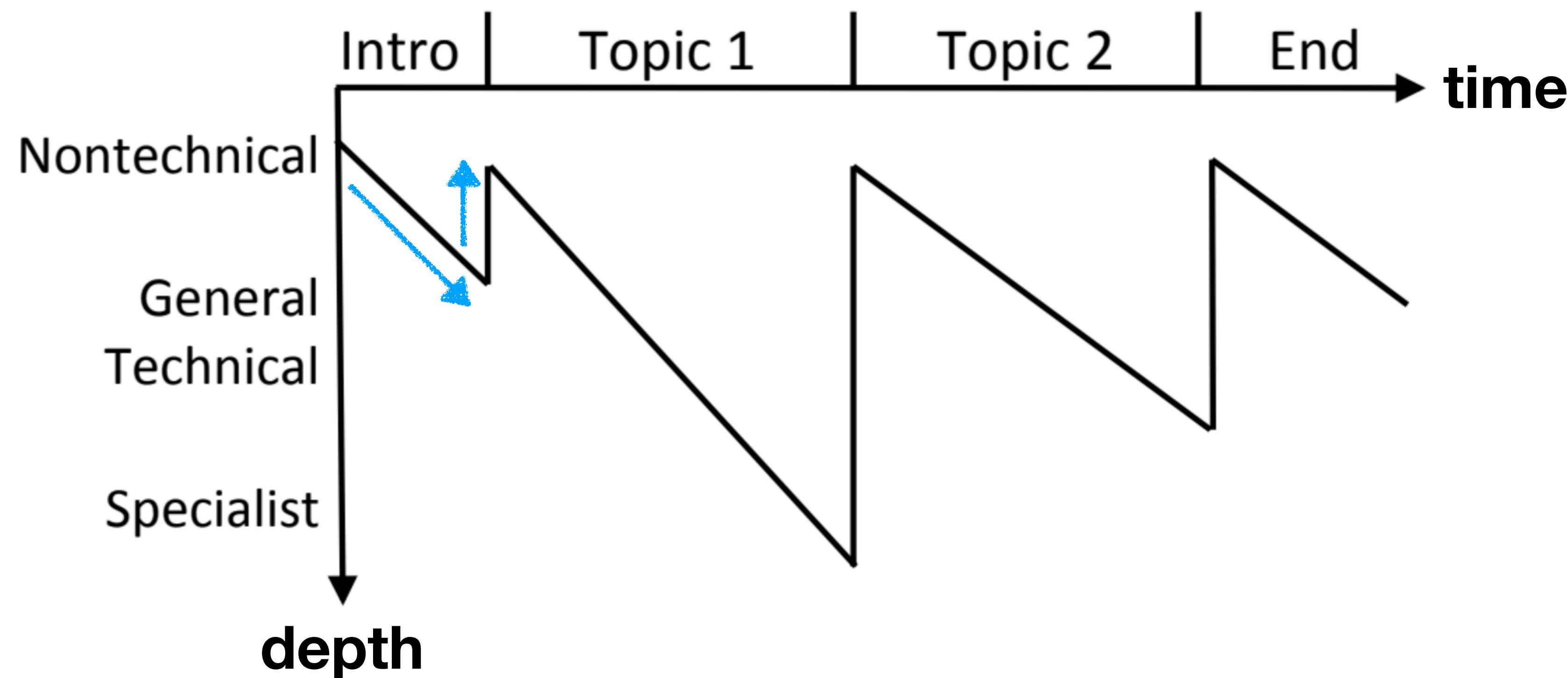
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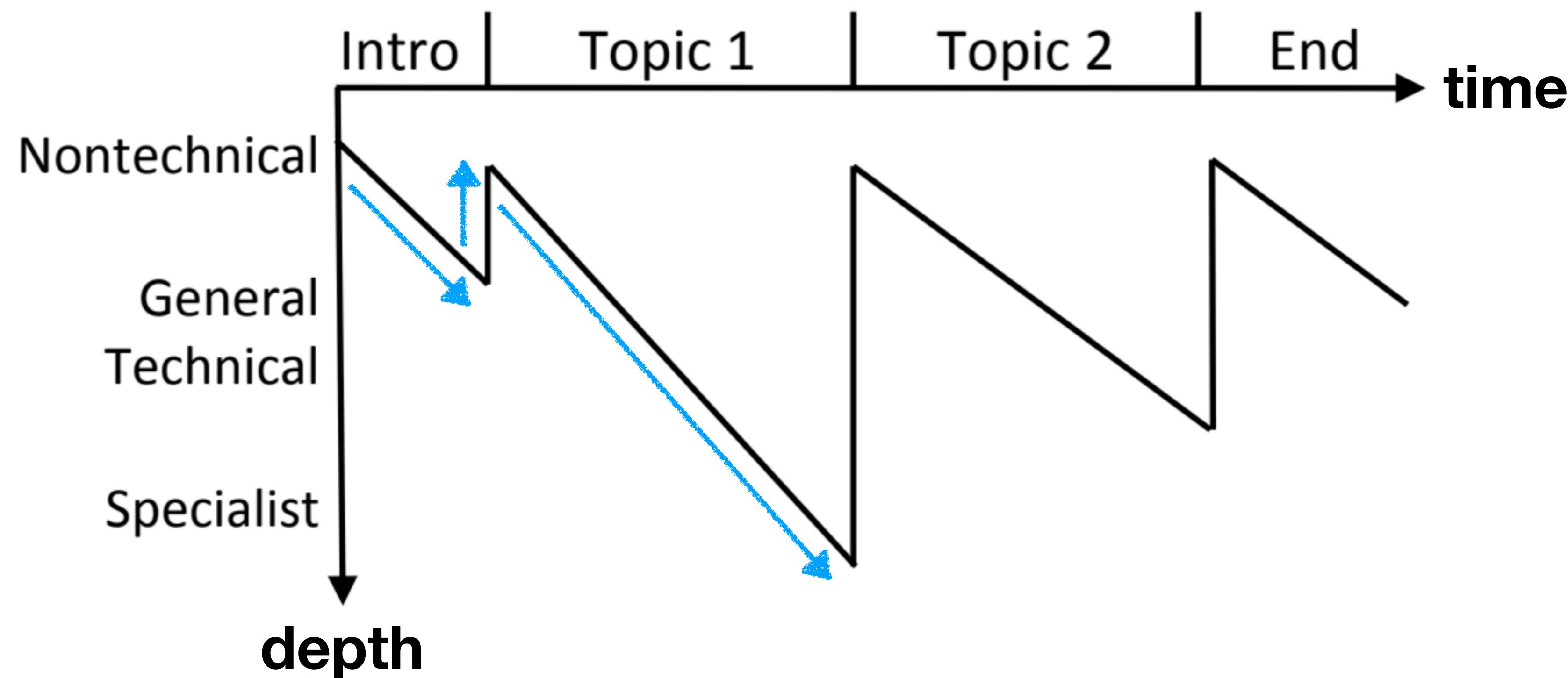
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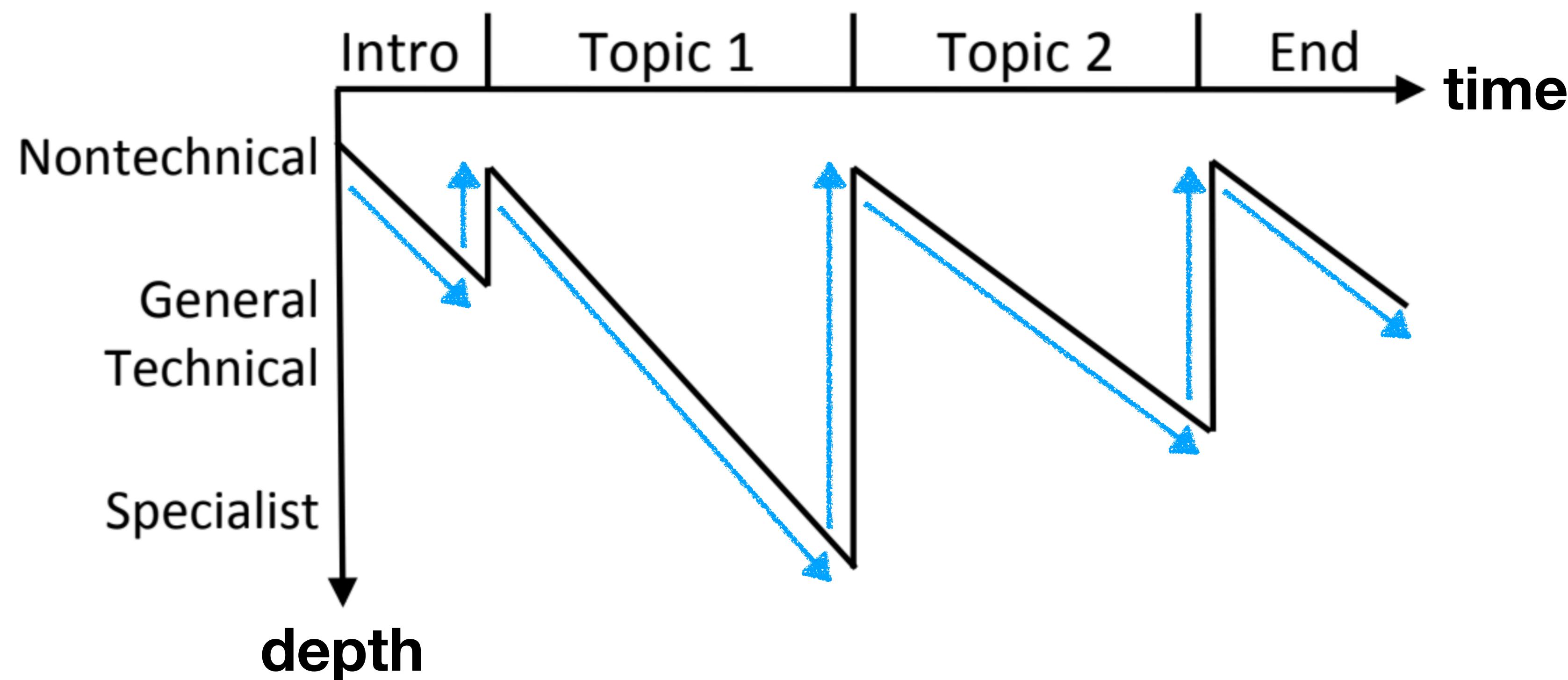
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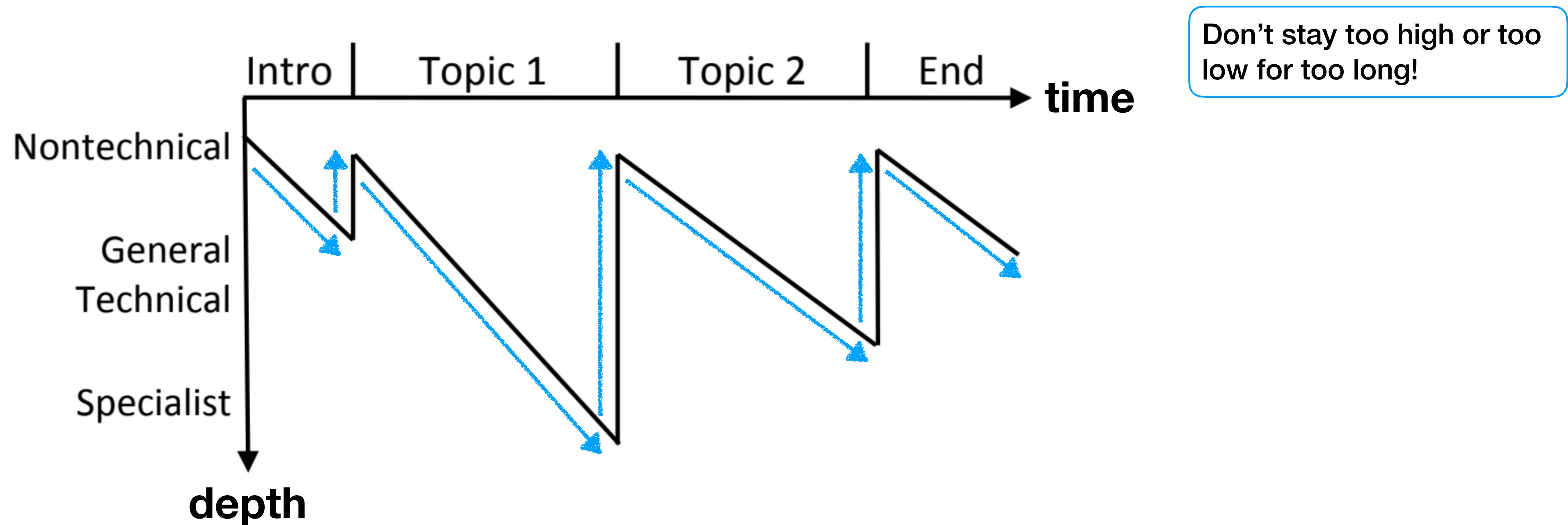
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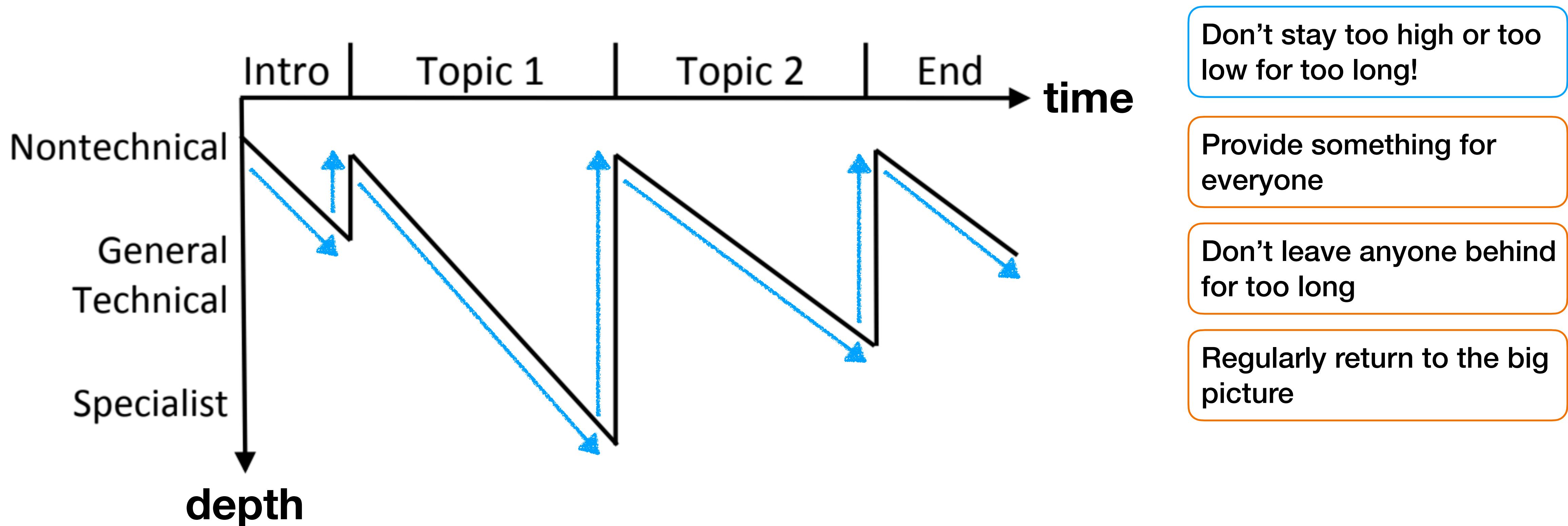
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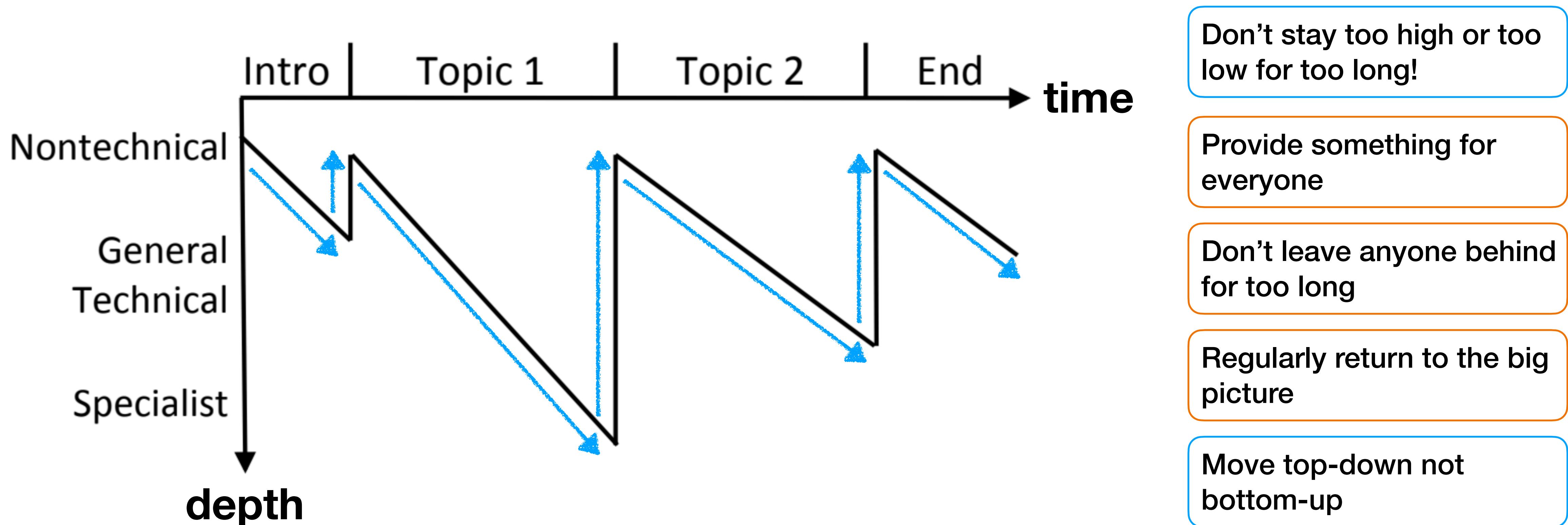
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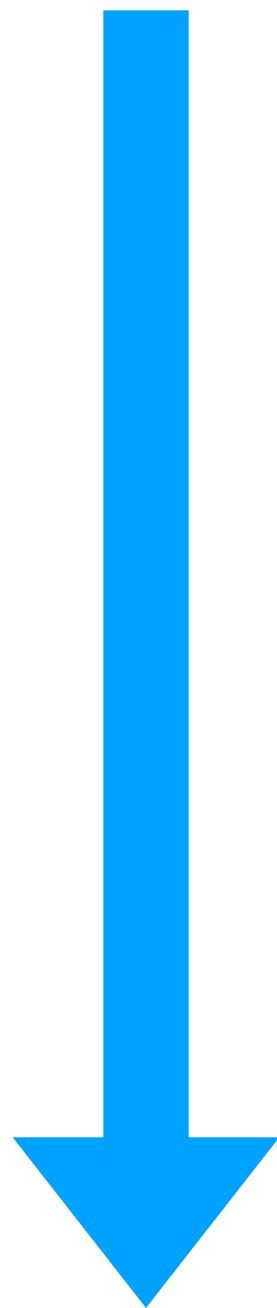


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Do #3

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Do #3

Wrong

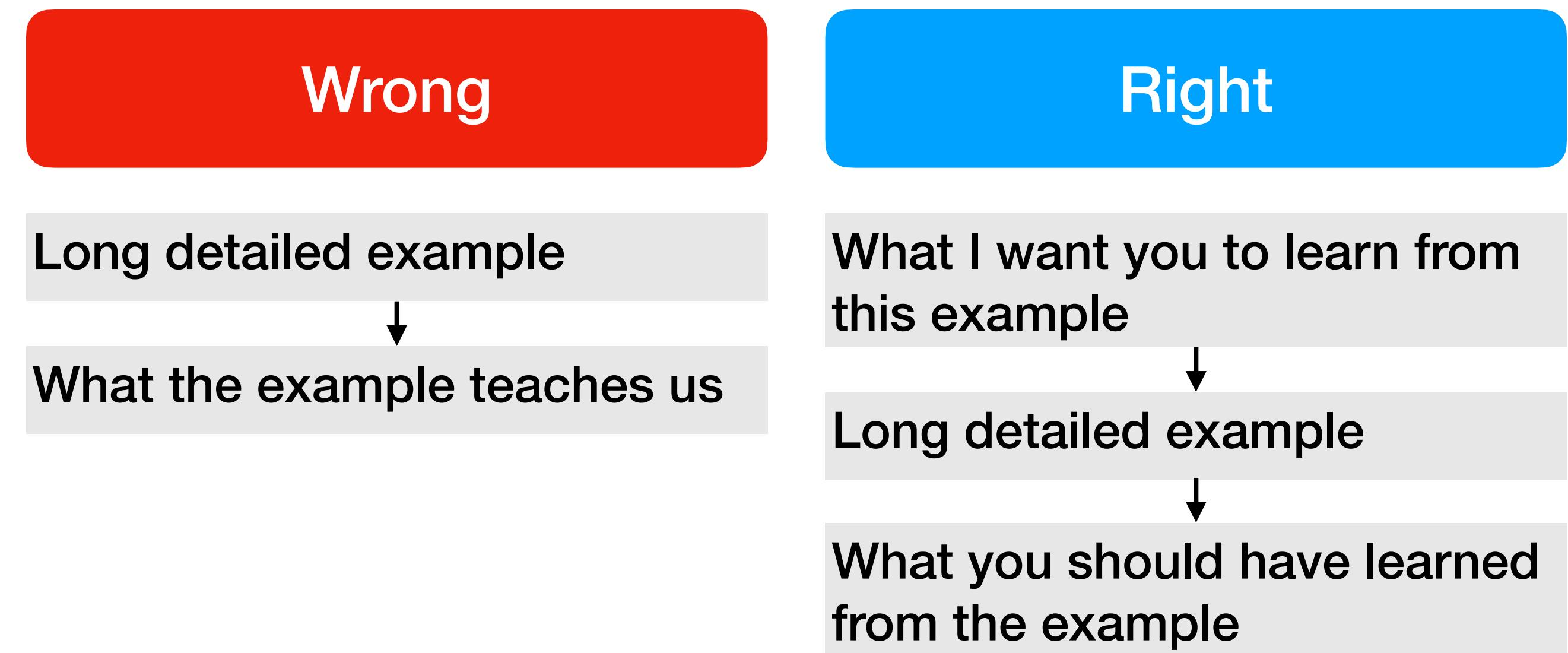
Long detailed example



What the example teaches us

Explain *why* before *what*

Do #3



Explain so *what* before *what*

Do #4

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Do #4

What = Information

So what = A message

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Do #4

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Convey a **message** in every slide!

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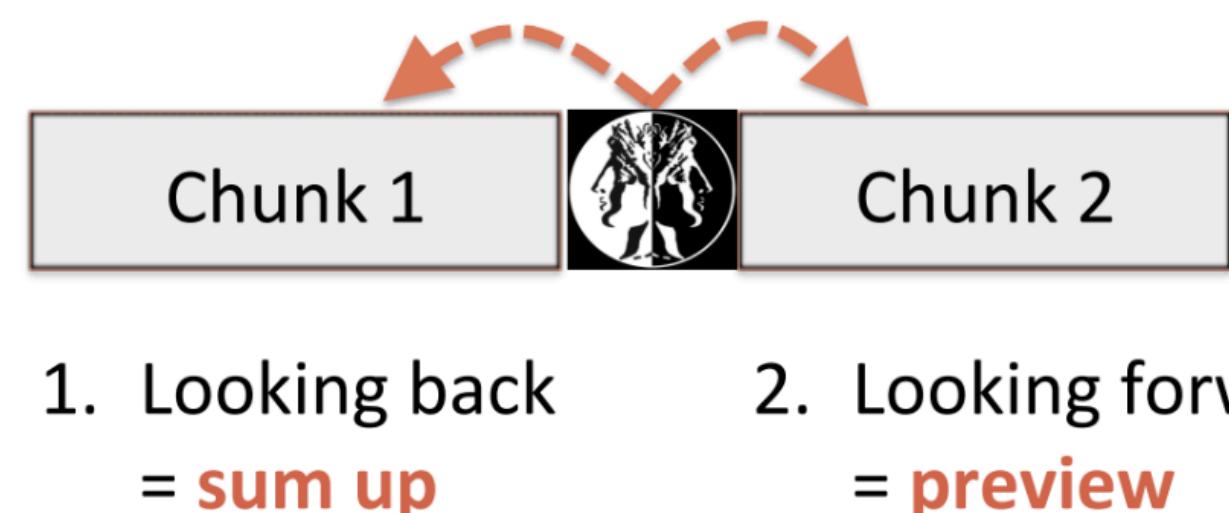
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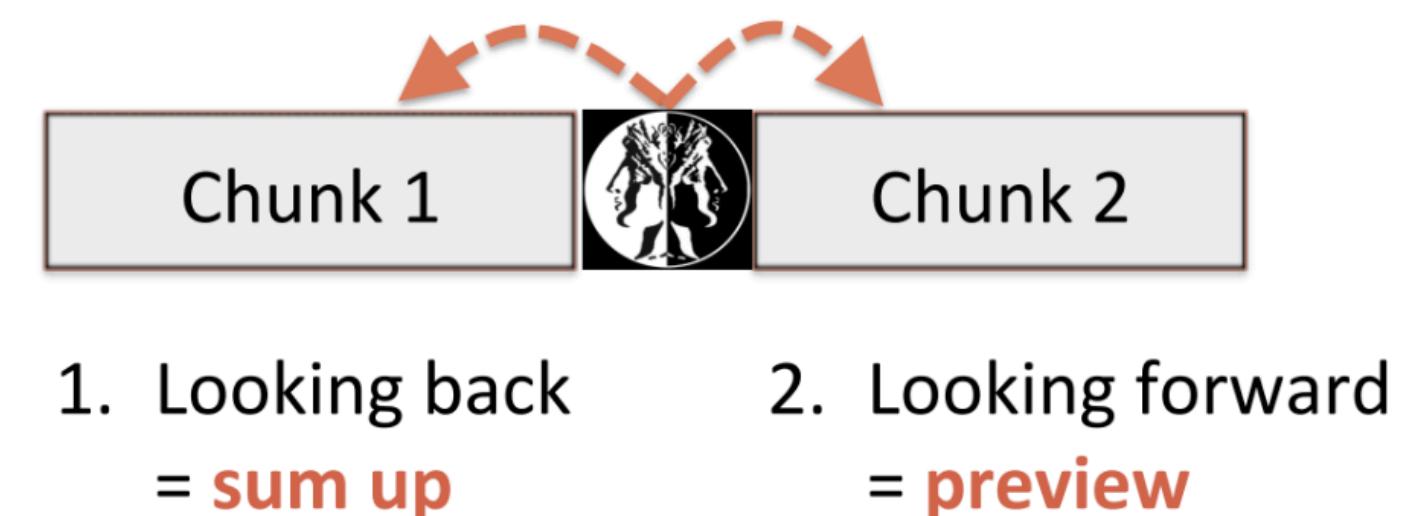
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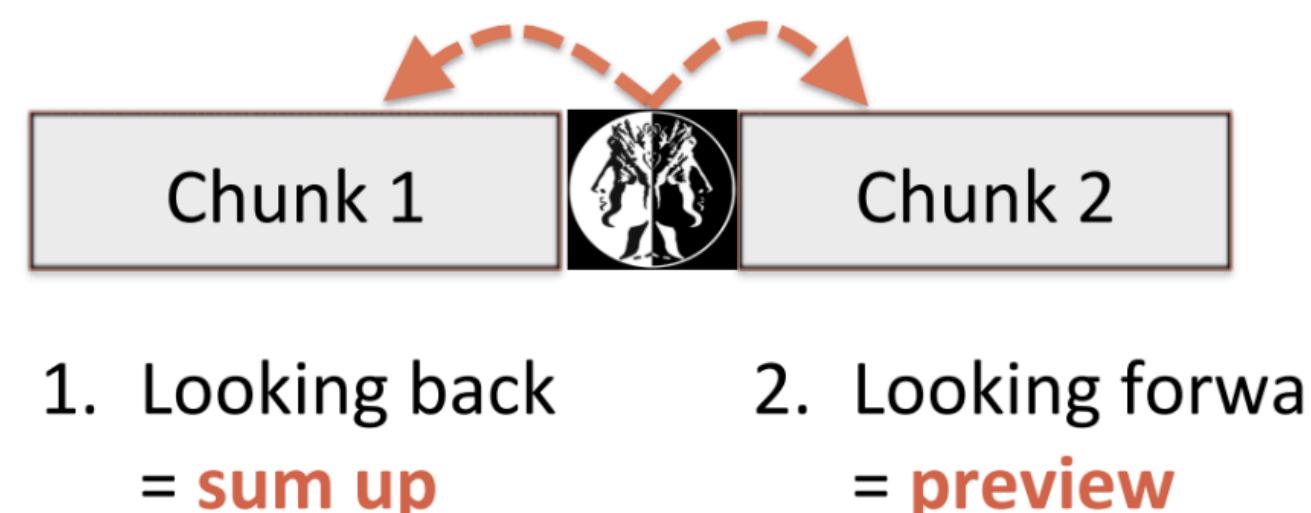
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Link forward:

“Instead of using a global lock, what if we were to use fine-grained locks <click> on each ...”

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Don't be vague

*This **stuff** does result in a slight delay, but ...*

*The work **over there** relies on ...*

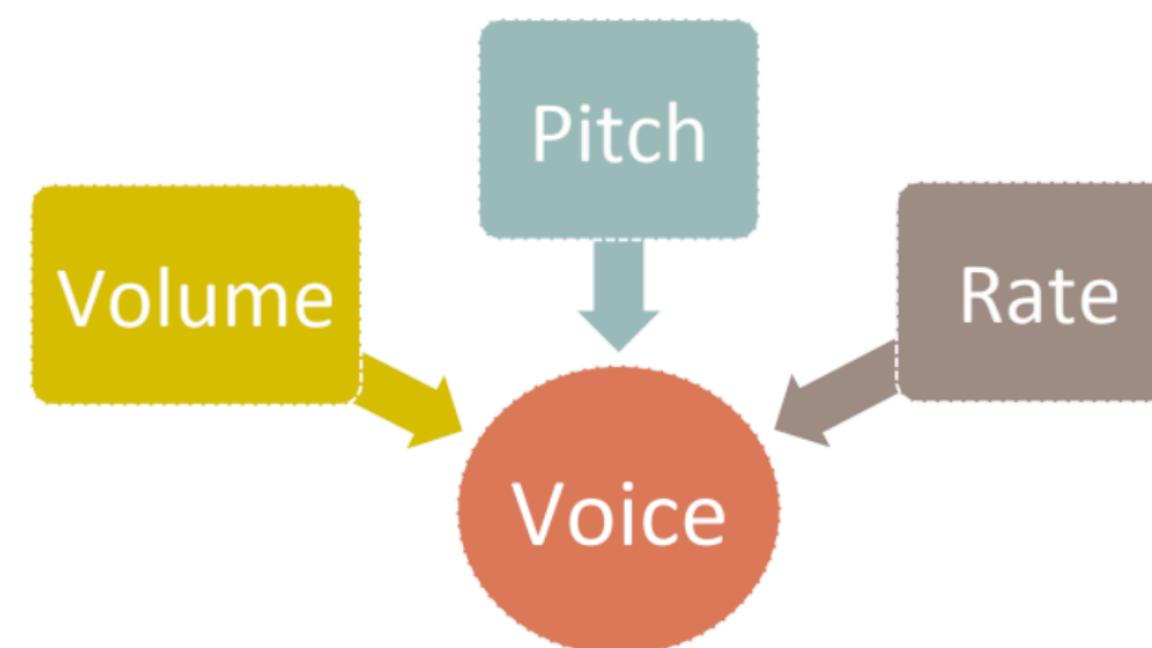
Optimize your vocal delivery

Do #7

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Do #7

Vary your voice according to the importance and the difficulty of material



Think about these **explicitly** when **rehearsing!**

- Conversational style, but a bit heightened!
- Use inflection for emphasis



That's **precisely** what we want.



But that's not what **we** really want.

Know where you're going to stand

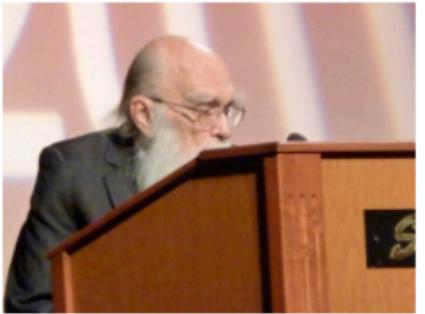
Do #8

Know where you're going to stand

Do #8

- Don't hide behind podium
 - Especially if you're short
 - Audience should see your hands
 - Get a remote!

- Get close to the screen, but don't block it
 - Will you be pointing?
 - If so, with which hand?
 - Don't turn your back



Optimize your visual delivery

Do #9

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Do #9

- Stand tall and straight, but not stiff
 - Set feet hip-width apart
 - Balance weight evenly on both legs
 - Face audience squarely



- Stay put, and don't distract
 - Avoid meaningless movement
 - Don't shift weight, rock back and forth, or kick
 - When not gesturing, keep hands at your side

Practice: surf the bus!

- Make large, deliberate **gestures**
 - Use upper arms and shoulders too!
- Convey emotion with your **face**
 - Concern, surprise, enthusiasm
- Make almost-constant **eye contact**
 - Look at everyone, but one at a time



Show your enthusiasm

Do #10

Great speakers are invariably passionate speakers.



If you don't even seem interested in your material, why should the audience?

- Maintain an open, not a **closed** posture



- Keep **hands off** of face and neck



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Do #11

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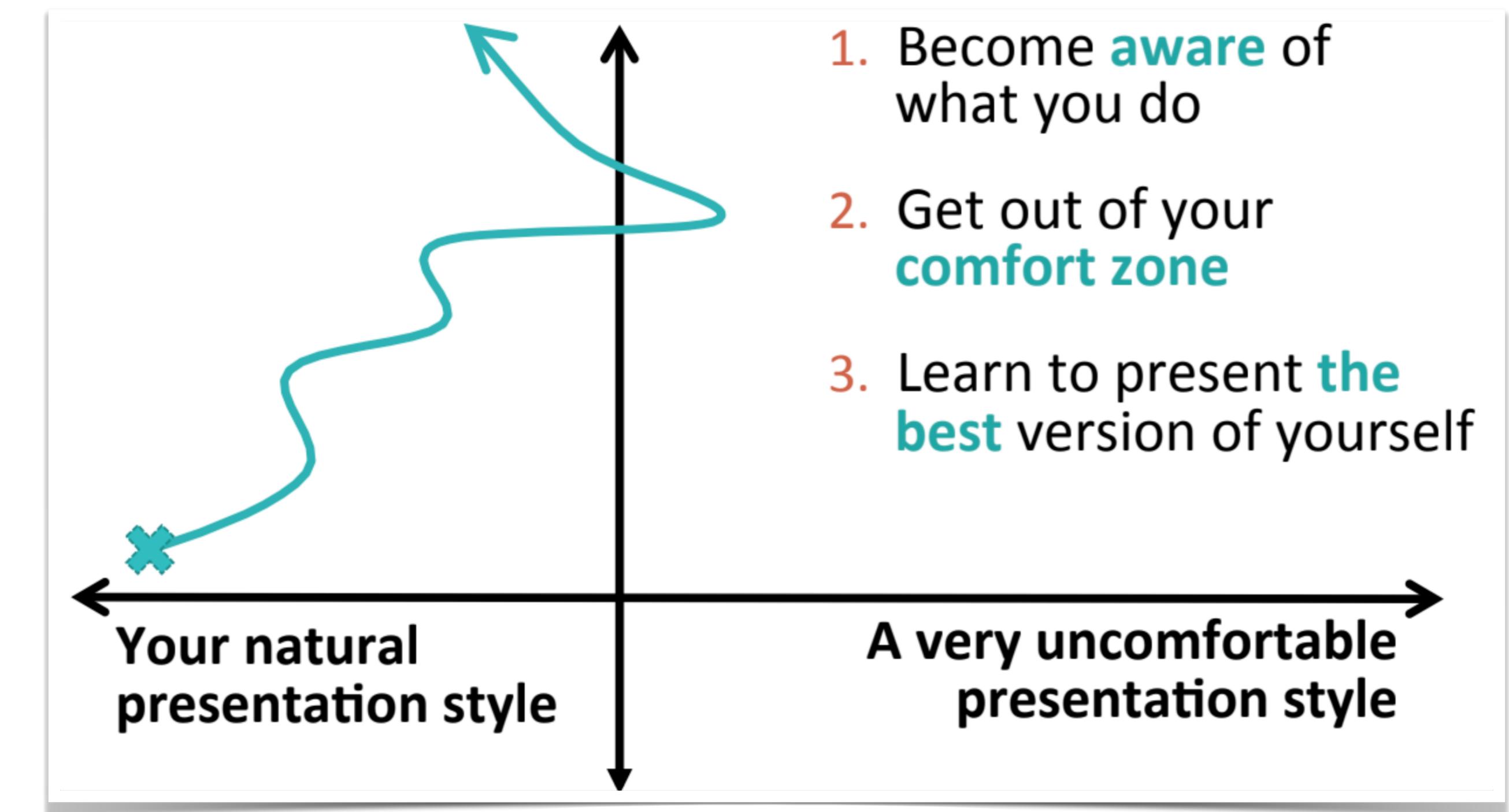
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Time to practice

Part III



Time to practice

5 min prep + 2 min talk

- * Give us your bio in 2 minutes
 - * Where you were born
 - * ...
 - * How you ended up at CEU

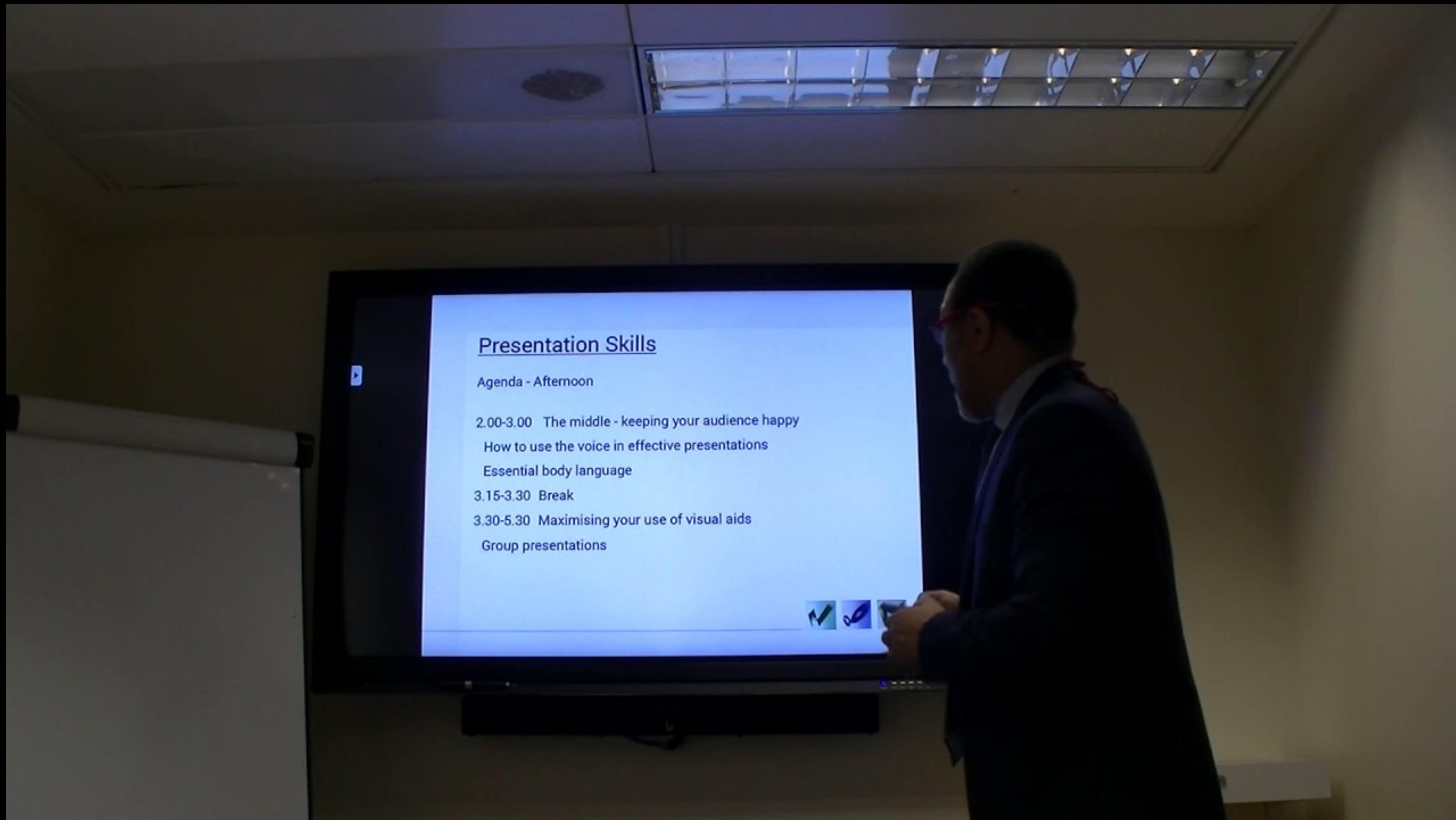
- * Pay attention to your delivery
 - * Stand with weight on both feet
 - * Keep hands at side if not gesturing
 - * Convey enthusiasm
 - * Avoid filler words (um, like, you know, right ...)

Time to judge

Part IV



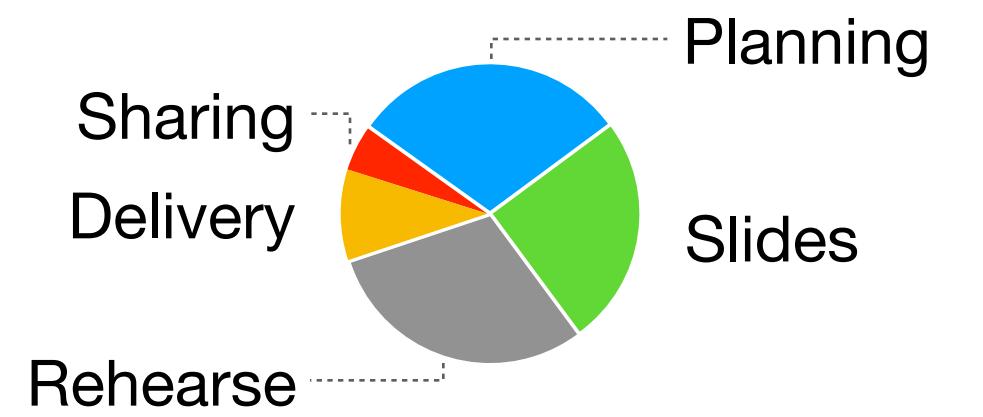
How many mistakes did you spot?



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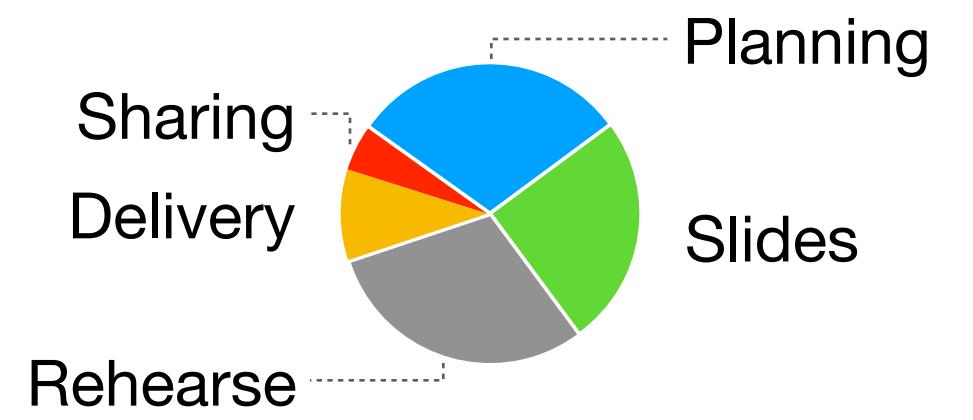
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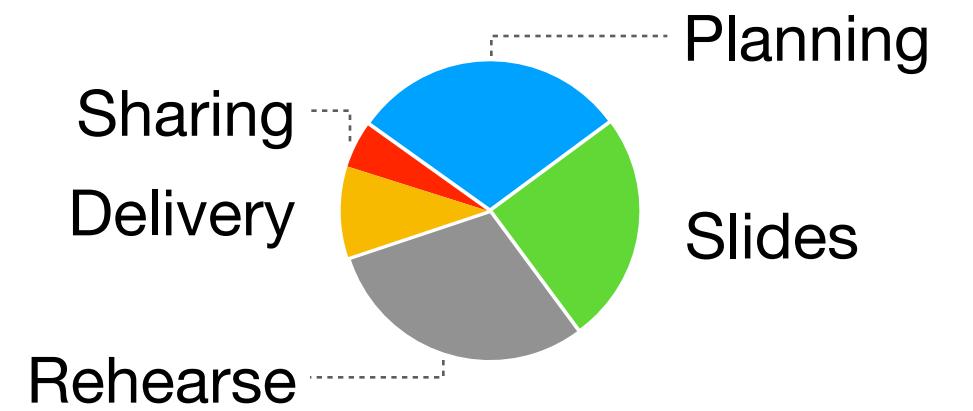


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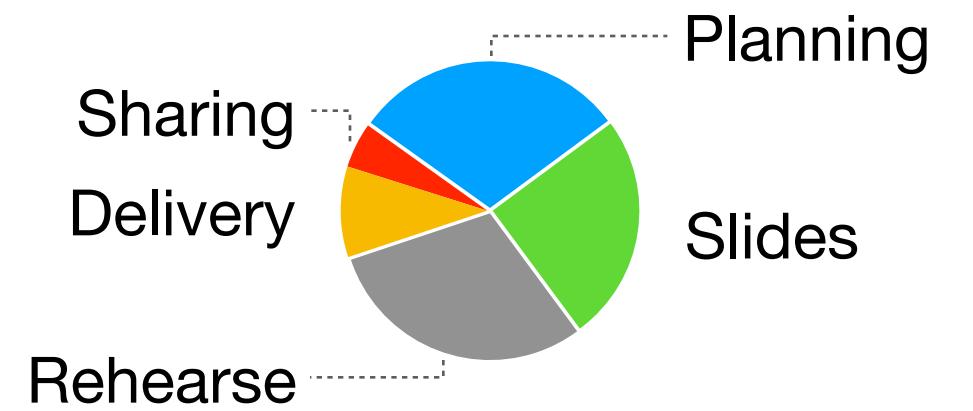
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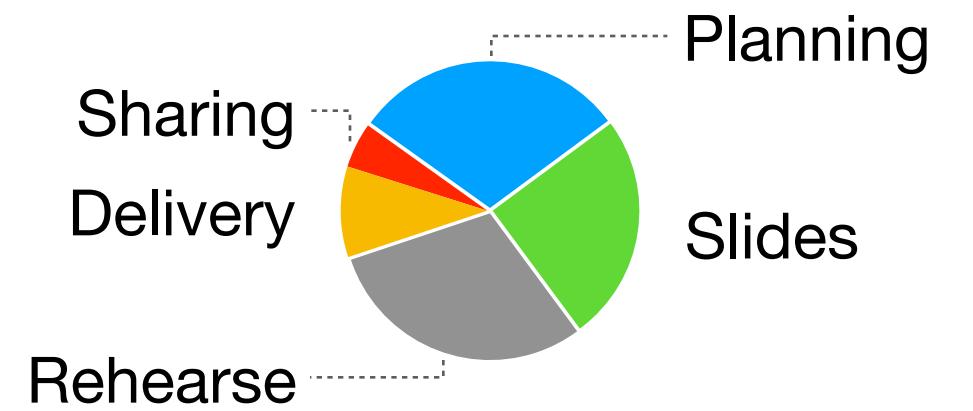
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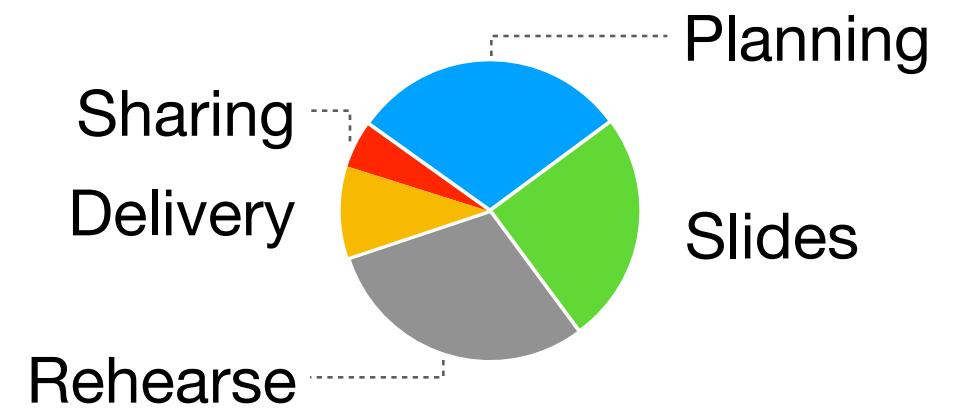
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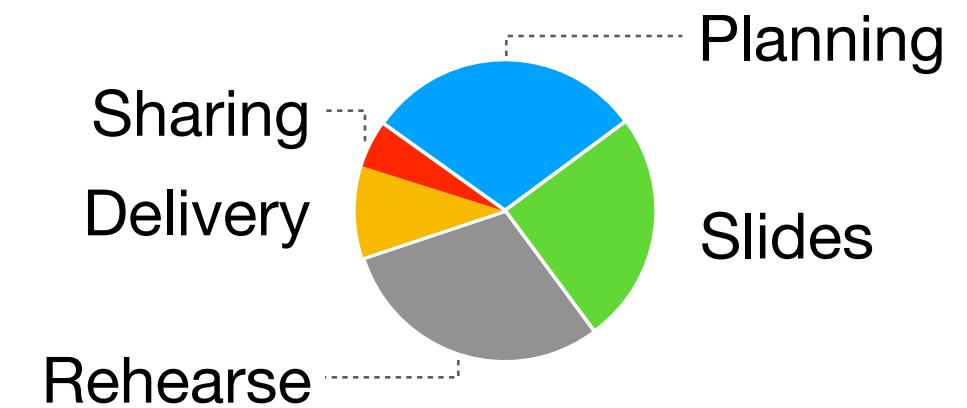


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Backups

Do you see the difference?



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