The Art & Science of Communication

Supercharge Your Career

6 reasons why we suck at communication

5 reasons why you want to care about it (as a (a))

2 experiments

1 framework to improve communication

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Even if you're an introvert 69

Wour career

Probably make you a little uncomfortable...

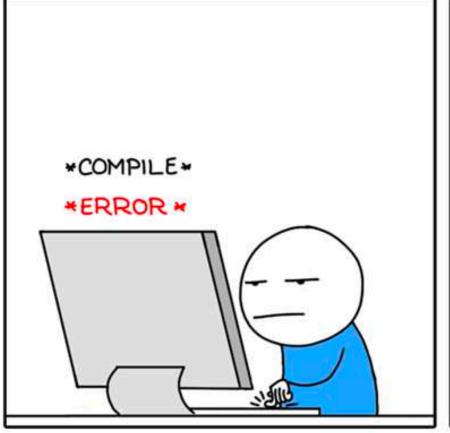


We are engineers.

We want to be better engineers

Rigorous thinking, flawless code and hearning

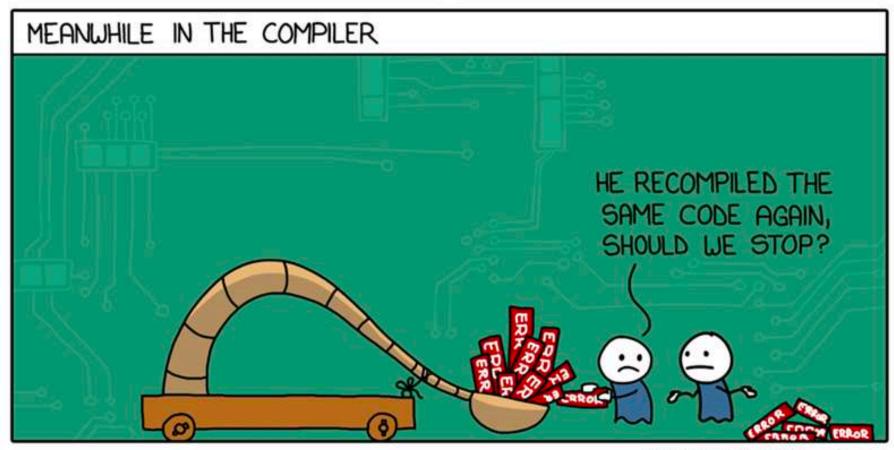
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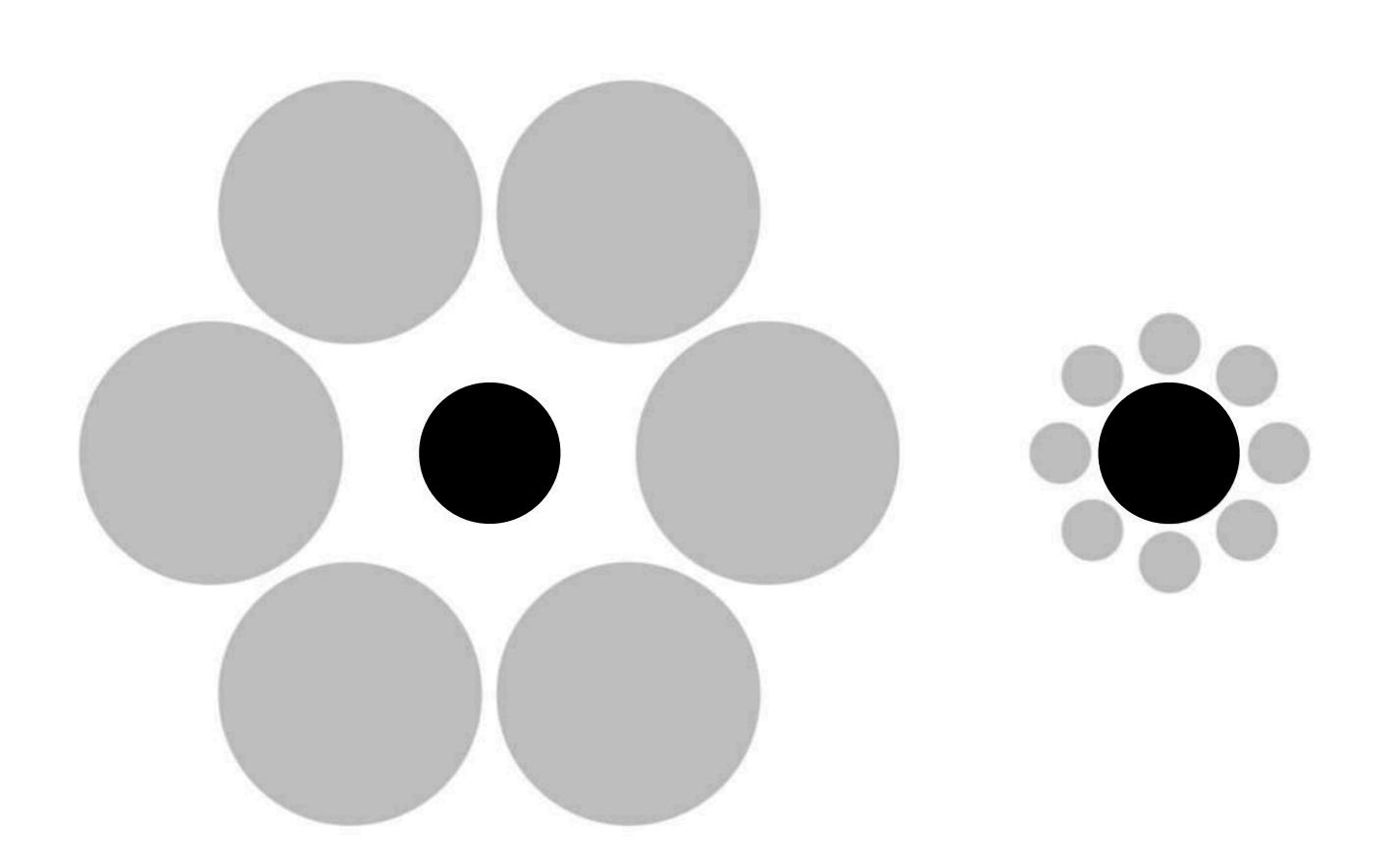


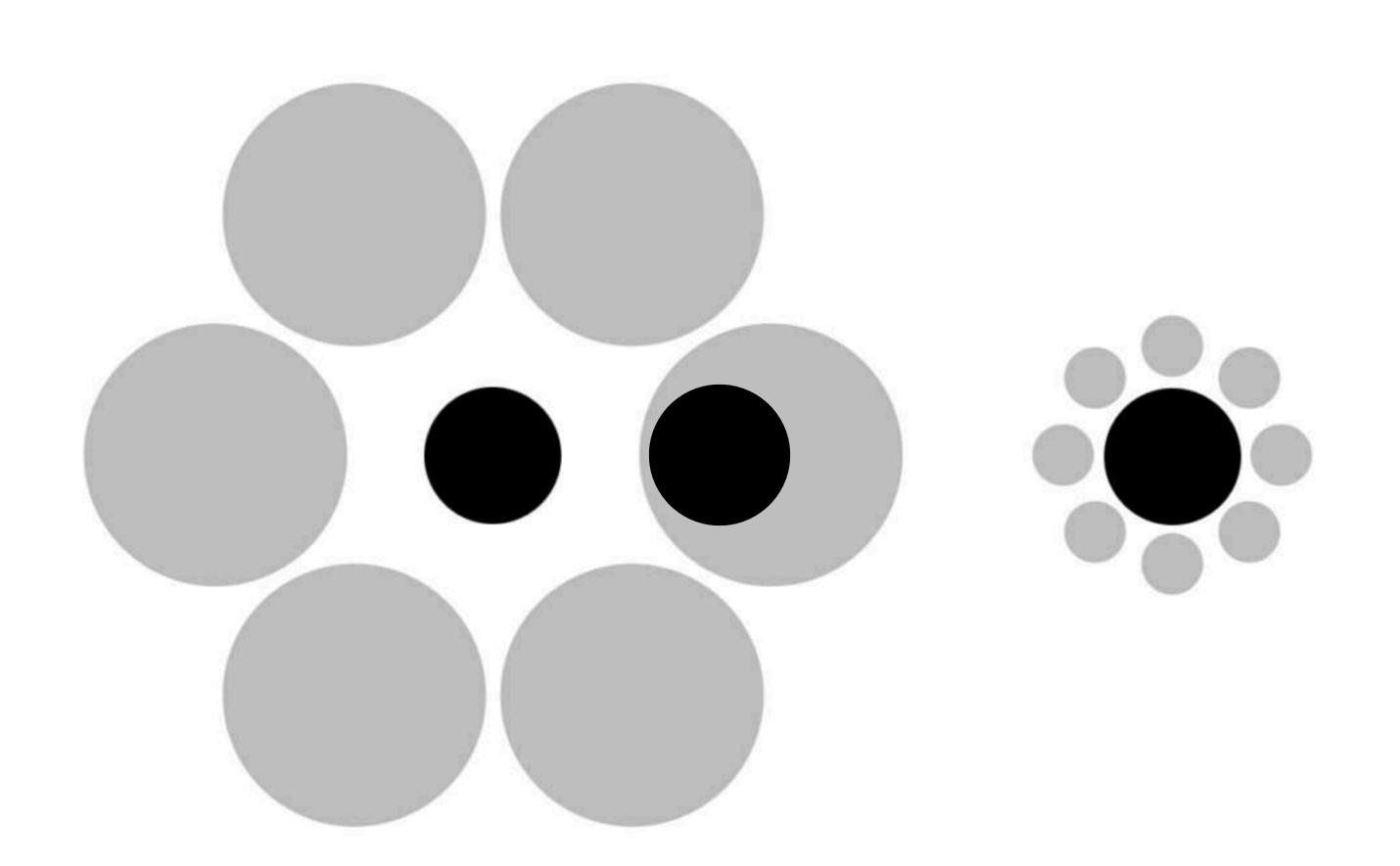


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Why

As humans, we don't make any sense





Everything is relative to us







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Print only: \$125	Not Shown	0%
Web+print: \$125	32%	84%

We're rational right?

We don't make any sense

But we think we do.

How many blogs and newsletters have you read about Swift?

How many blogs and newsletters have you read about leadership?

So we're not improving something we do daily...?

The hard truth

"We question all our beliefs, except for the ones that we really believe in, and those we never think to question."

Orson Scott Card

Maxim, I've been communicating to other humans for like years now

Research shows we suck at it 🚱



We only know very little about things we use all the time.

— Drs. Leonid Rozenblit and Frank Keil

We think we're better at things we do all the time than we really are.

- Drs. Justin Kruger, David Dunning

Ouch.

"I just suck at people skills"

– people

People become experts by learning and practising, not because they were born that way.

- Dr. K. Anders Ericsson

"I'm an introvert, so I prefer to just quietly go about my work"

— maybe you?

Introverted leaders who are proactive have the biggest advantage at work

— Drs. Adam Grant, Dave Hofmann, Francesca Gino

Soft skills are fluffy and for non-technical roles.

— experts

"Why is this my job? Can't others understand better?"

– some engineers

The more we know, the less we listen to new ideas.

— Dr. Victor Ottati









Wour career

Every year, because of *communication*, an employee might lose the business more than \$26,000 in productivity.

If a business has 100 employees, they spend 17 hours every week clarifying communication.

This is estimated to lose them over \$530,000 every year.

Who cares



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import passport from 'passport';
import LocalStrategy from 'passport-local';
import ( Strategy as JWTStrategy, ExtractJwt ) from 'passport-jwt';
                                                import request from 'superagent';
                                               import User from '../models/user.model';
import constants from '../config/constants';
import ( createUser ) from '../helpers/auth.helper';
                                                · Local Strategy Auth
                                               const localOpts = { usernameField: 'username' };
                                               const localLogin = new LocalStrategy(
                                                localOpts,
                                                          ername, password, done) => {
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                                                    if (user.length === 0) {
  const userData = {
                                                        username,
                                                        password,
                                                   const createdUser = await createUser(userData);
return done(null, createdUser);
) else if (!user[0].authenticateUser(password)) {
   return done(null, false);
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                                                   return done(null, user[0]);
                                                 } catch (e) {
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                                             * JWT Strategy Auth
                                             const jwtOpts = {
                                               // Telling Passport to check authorization headers for JWT
                                              jwtFromRequest: ExtractJwt.fromAuthHeaderWithScheme('JWT'),
                                               // Telling Passport where to find the secret
                                              secretOrKey: constants.JWT_SECRET,
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Impact on the business matters





We have a surprising number of forces working against us...

We think others agree with us more than they really do.

- Drs. Ross, Greene, and House

We predict what comes next because of what happened before.

Dr. Gina Kuperberg

And when reality isn't what we think it is... we're confused



And you're just as human at work as you are in the rest of life.

Our feelings act faster and sometimes stop us from thinking clearly.

- Daniel Goleman

Cultural differences

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Cognitive load

It's a miracle we understand each other at all!

So what can you do about it?



One simple model

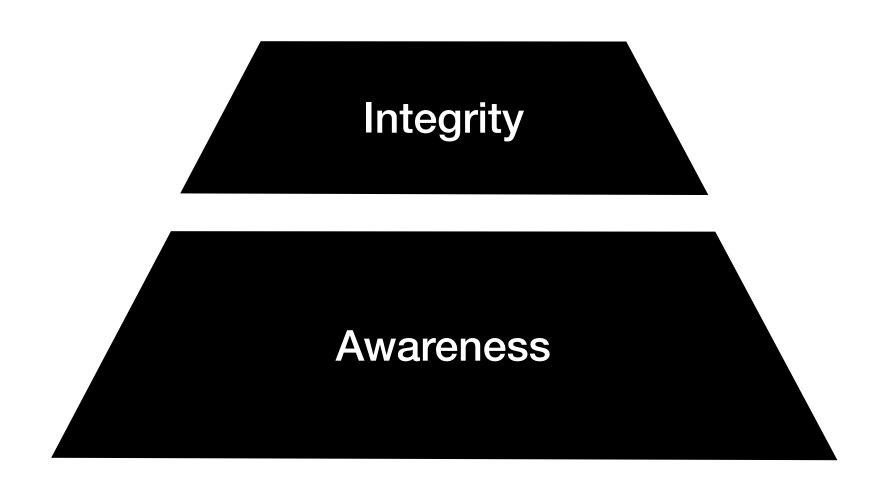
Six questions



Awareness

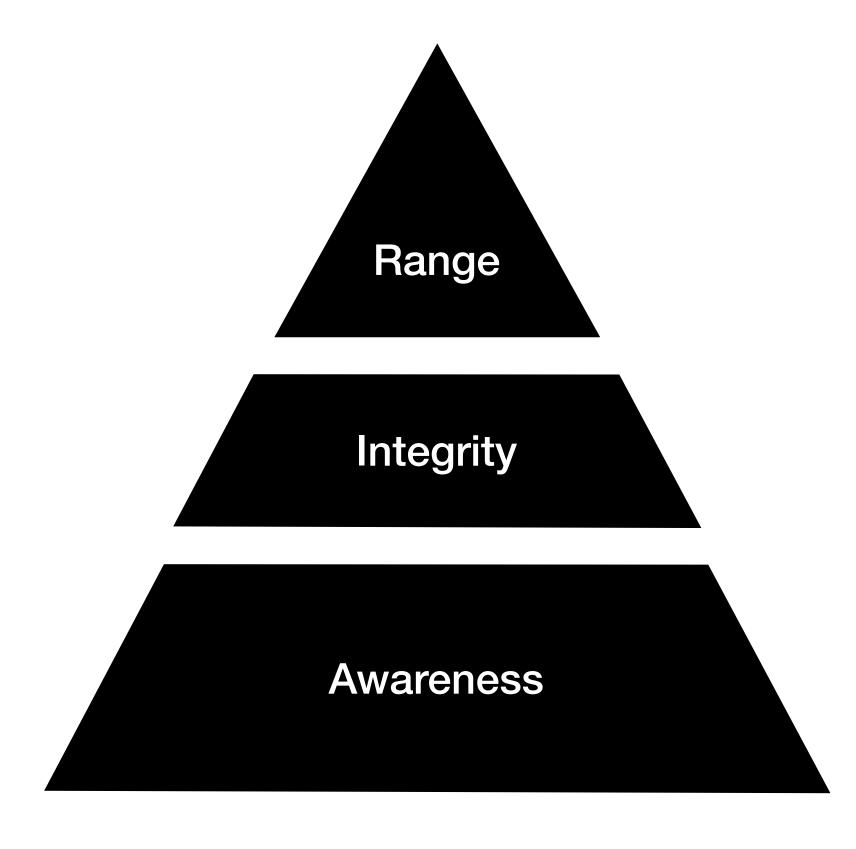
Yourself

How am I feeling?



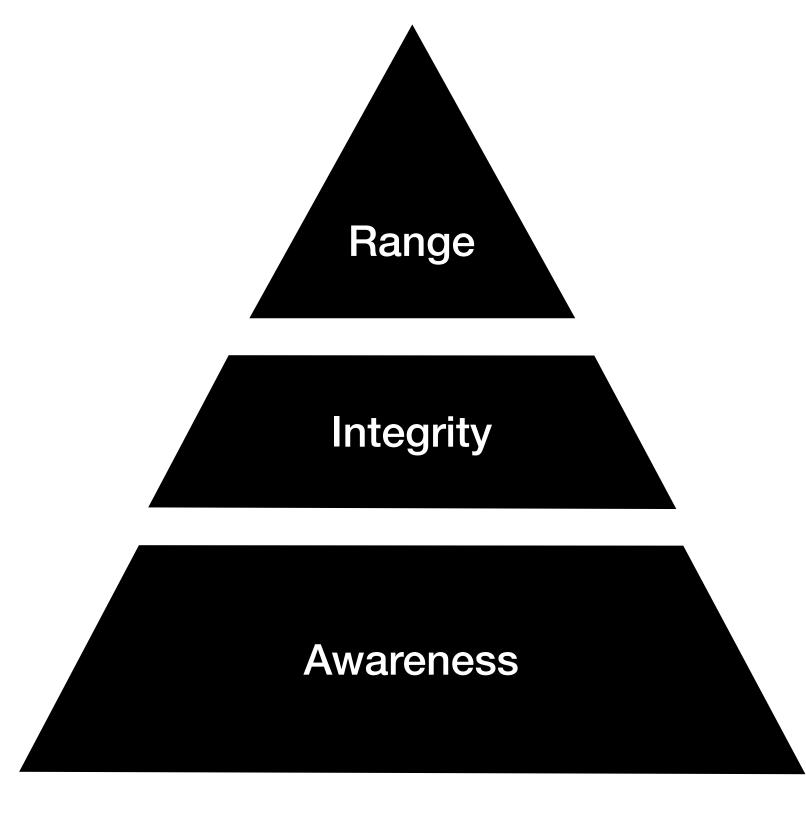
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Am I being honest?

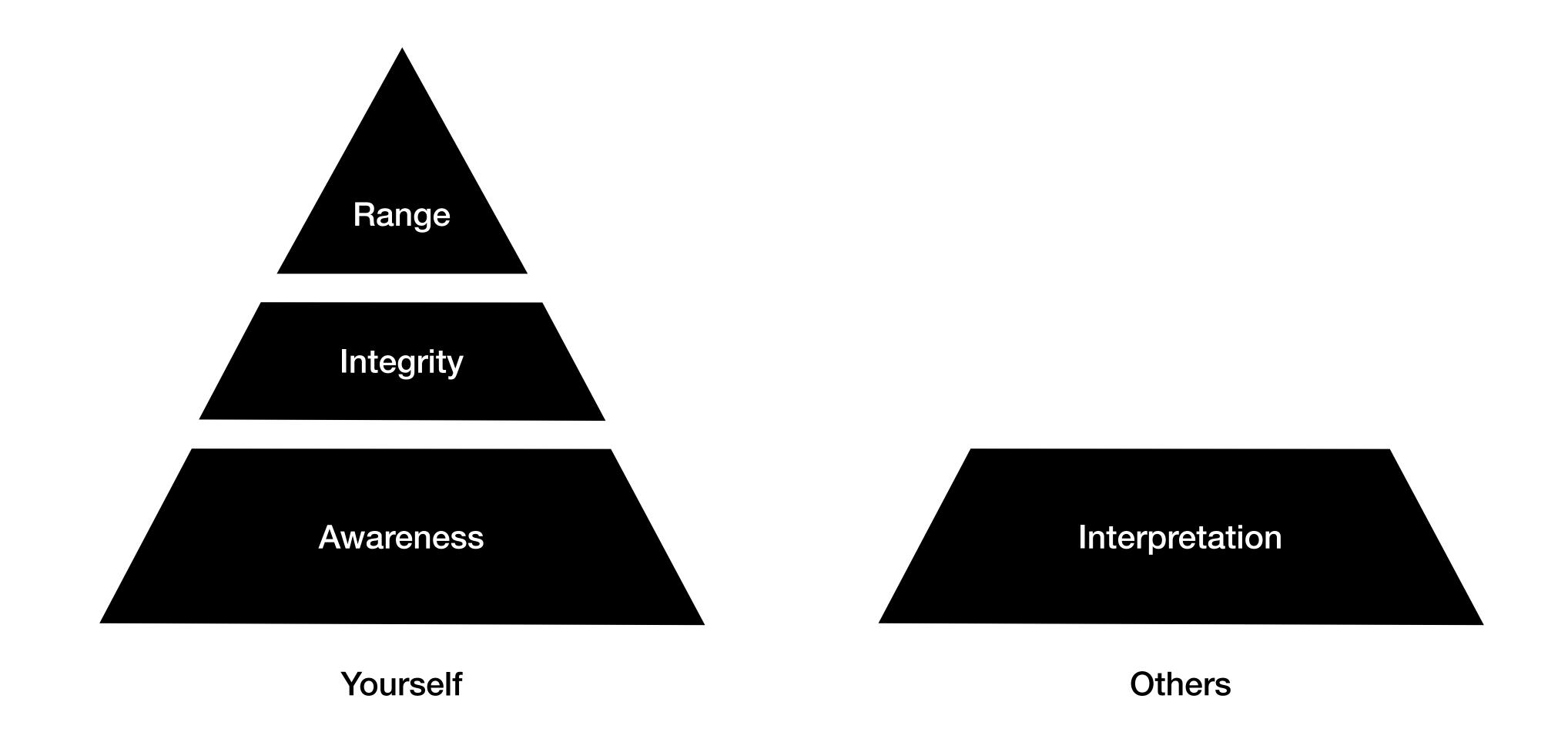


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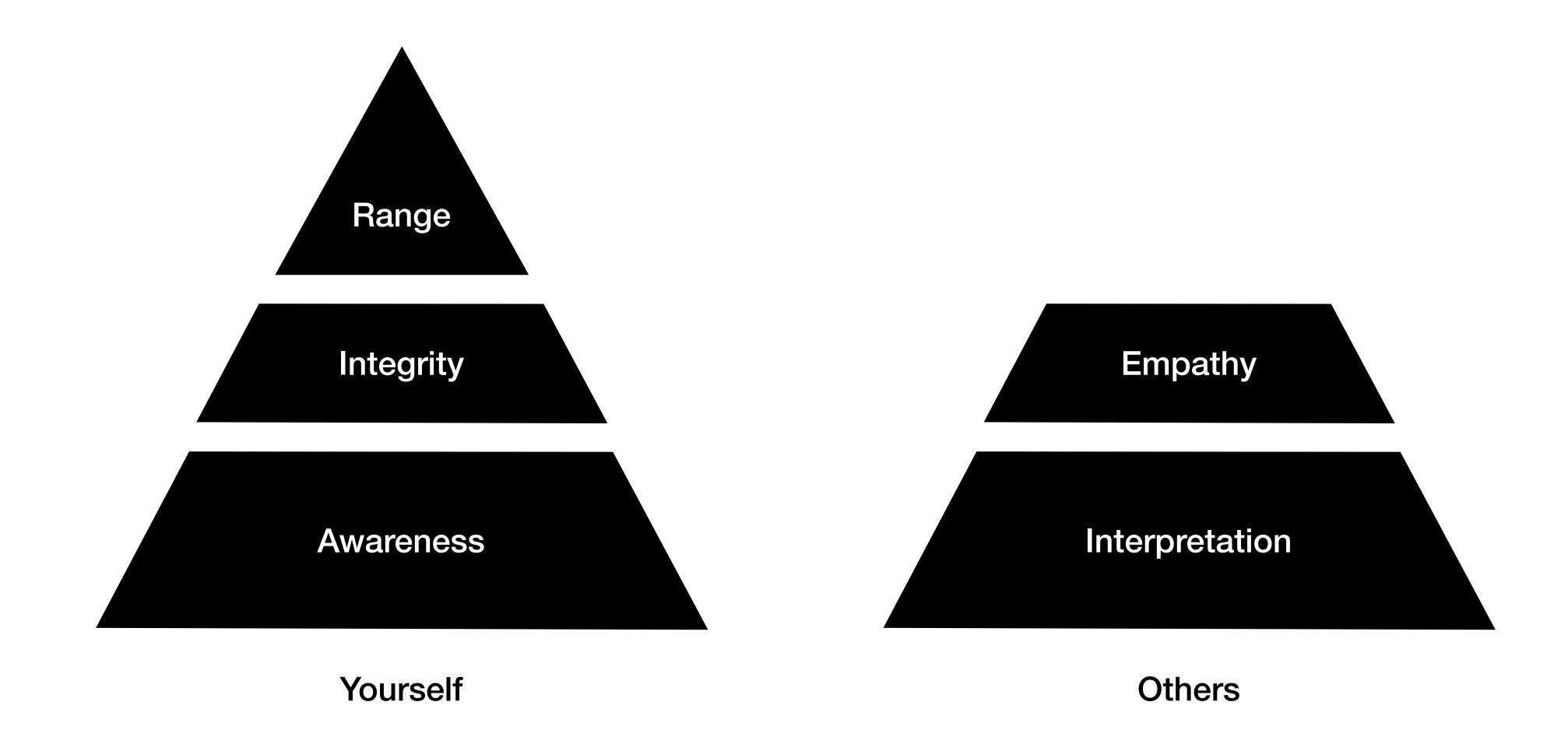
What's my default way of expressing myself?



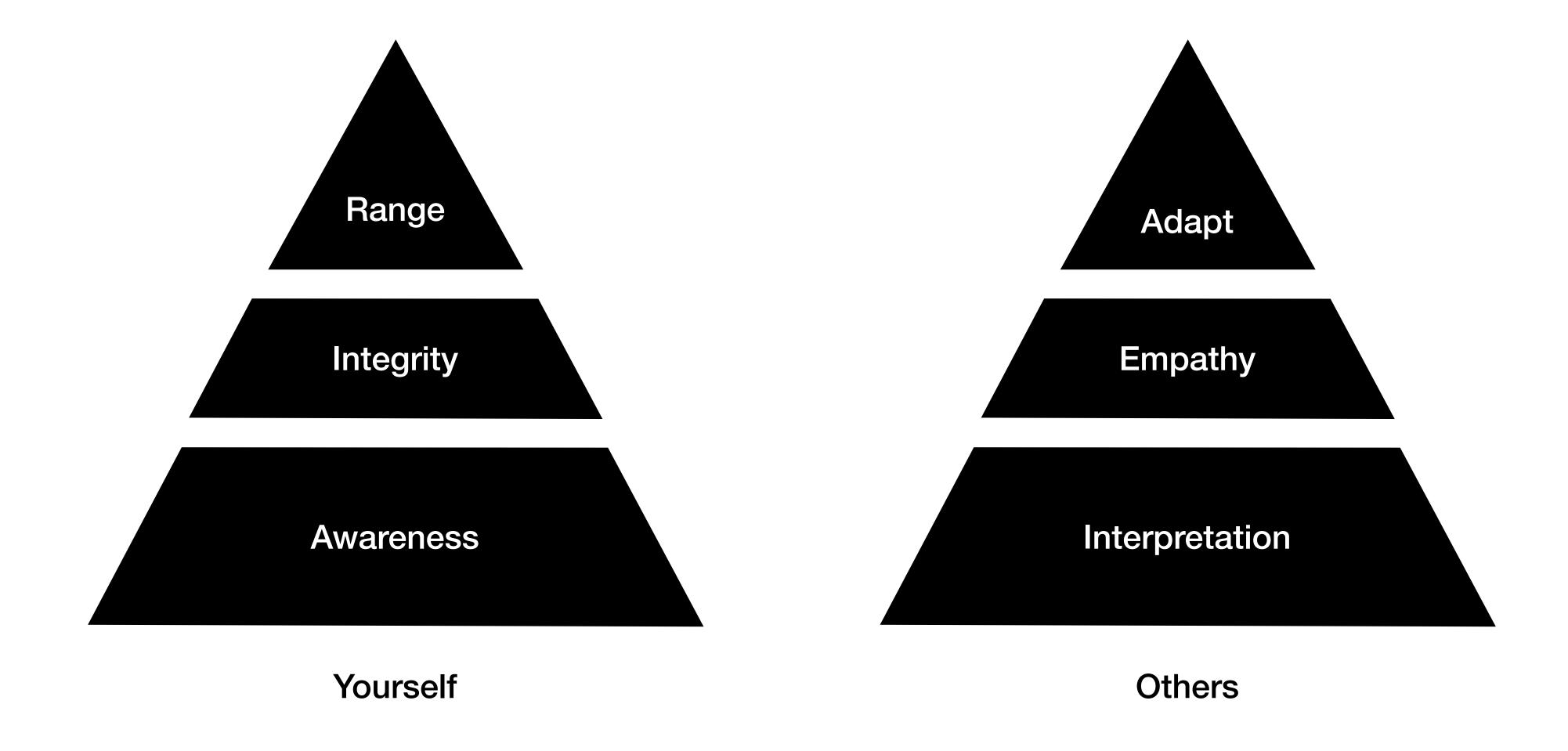
Yourself Others



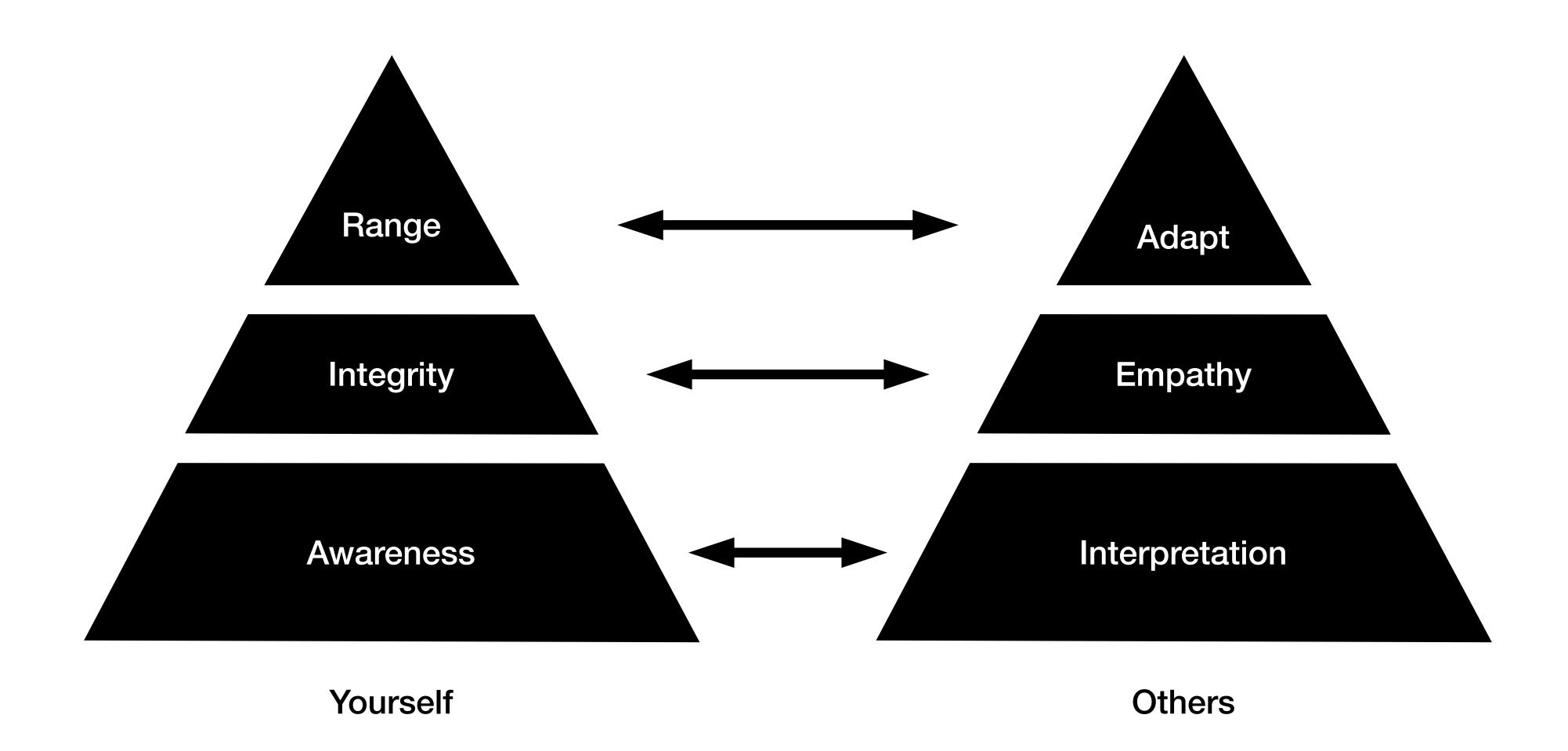
Are there questions I can ask to better understand?

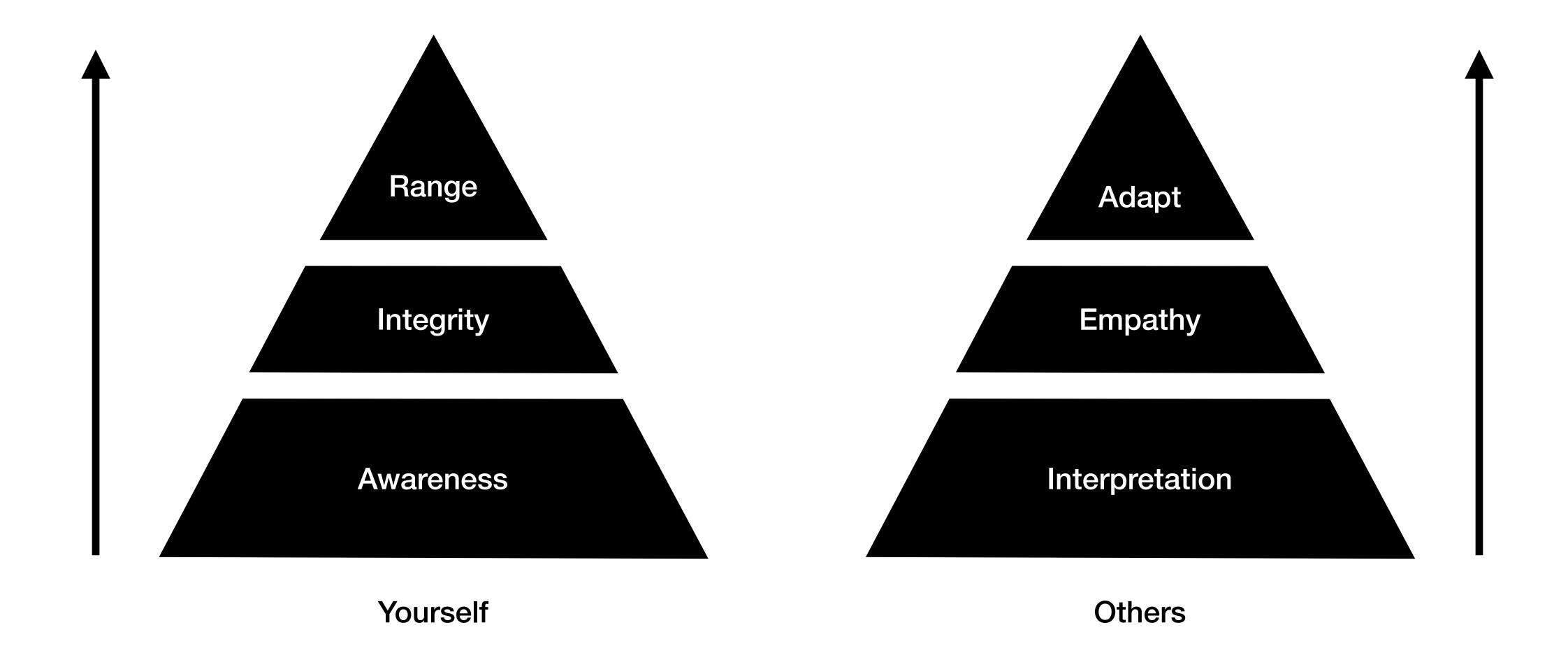


Why is this important (to them)?



Can I adjust my communication to better match the situation?





Trust

Trust = speed

Who here felt they've been super clear, yet the person didn't do what you expected?

Do you think they...

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D: Thought they did what you asked



How am I feeling? Am I being honest? How am I expressing myself? What questions can I ask? Why is this important to them? How can I adjust my communication?

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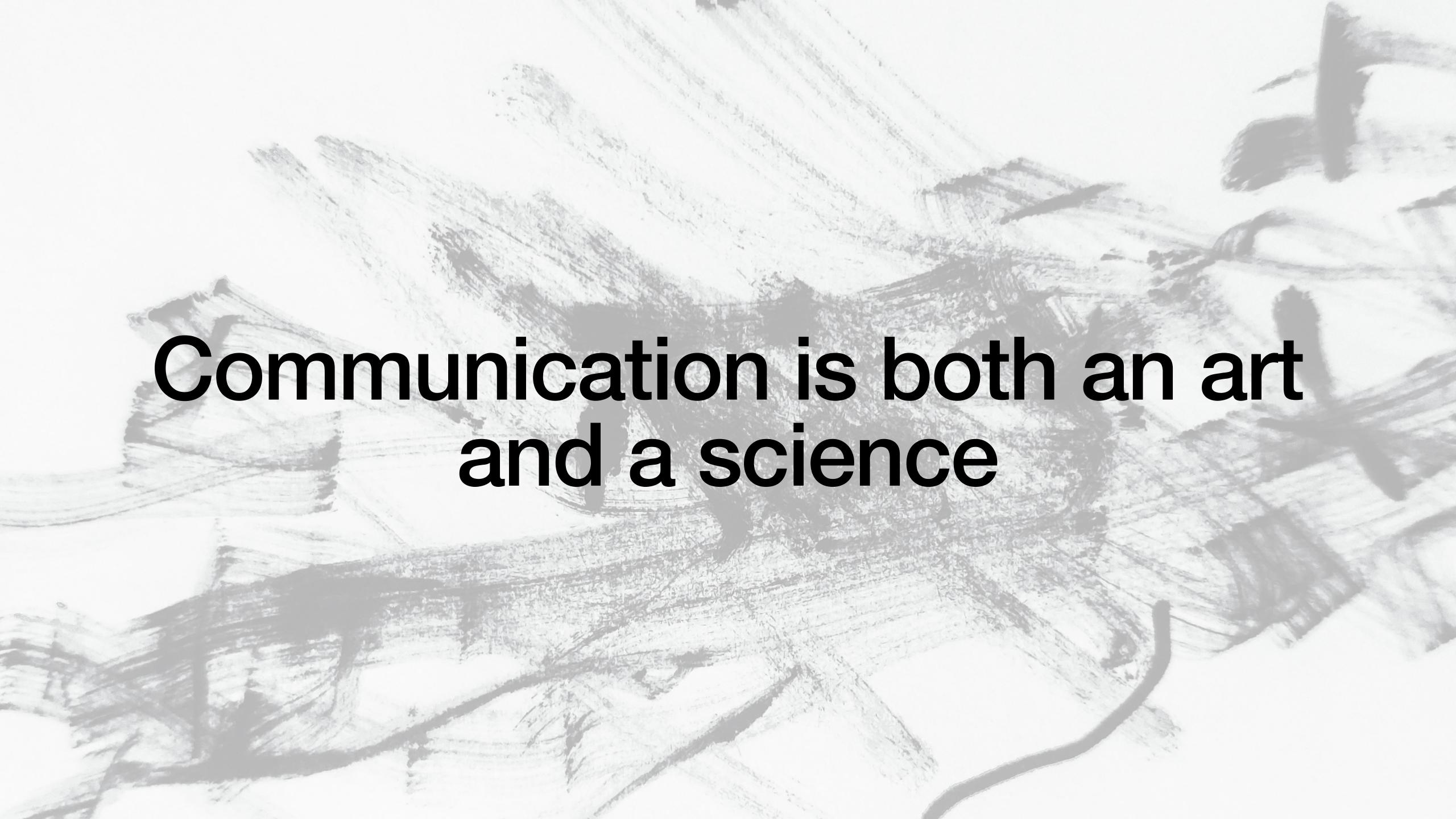
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You have to

- 1) tell people what you did
- 2) tell them why it mattered and
- 3) get their buy-in to do more things you know are essential.



It's simple to get started