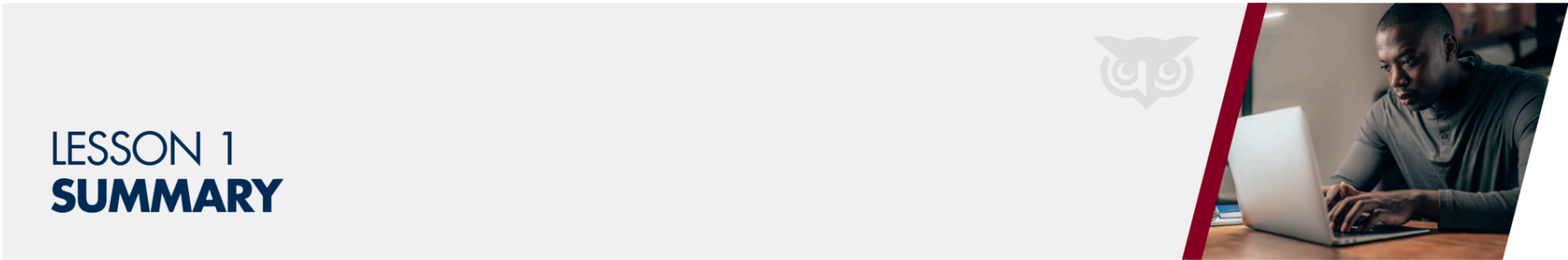


Introduction to Systems Thinking

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Take a moment to think about what you learned in this lesson. When drawing causal loop diagrams:

- Begin with a broad theme or issue and a time horizon long enough to see it holistically.
- Use a BOT graph to identify key variables in the system.
- Focus on main points, not too many details.
- Include significant delays in your diagram.
- Consider the ten guidelines The Systems Thinker advocates in the "Guidelines for Drawing Causal Loop Diagrams" article.
- Determine if each loop is reinforcing a change or balancing it.
- Make the goals of the system explicit in the diagram.
- Focus on causes instead of mere correlations.

## Next Step

Now move on to the lesson quiz.

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