



What if I told you that Security is here to help?

The 7 habits of highly
effective security leaders

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Big fan of learning by doing

I believe in learning from my mistakes
...so I had **a lot** of learning opportunities

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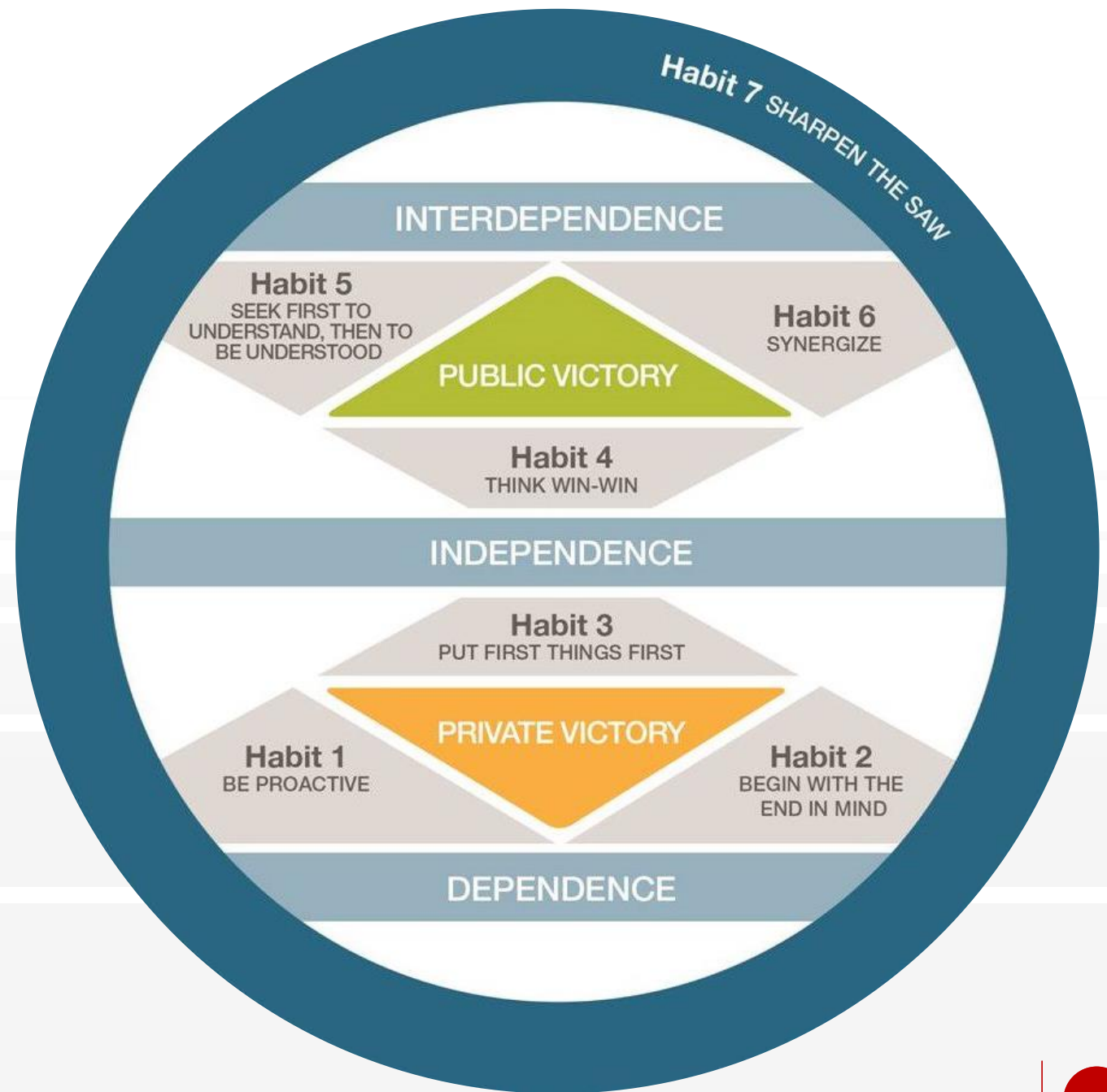


Effective security is driven by effective collaboration

- Security is not a goal in itself; security is about protecting the organization - and about being part of it
 - Security IS a team sport; if not for anything else, then at least because all security teams are understaffed
- Effective collaboration is the result of intentional habits

“The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People”

by
Stephen Covey



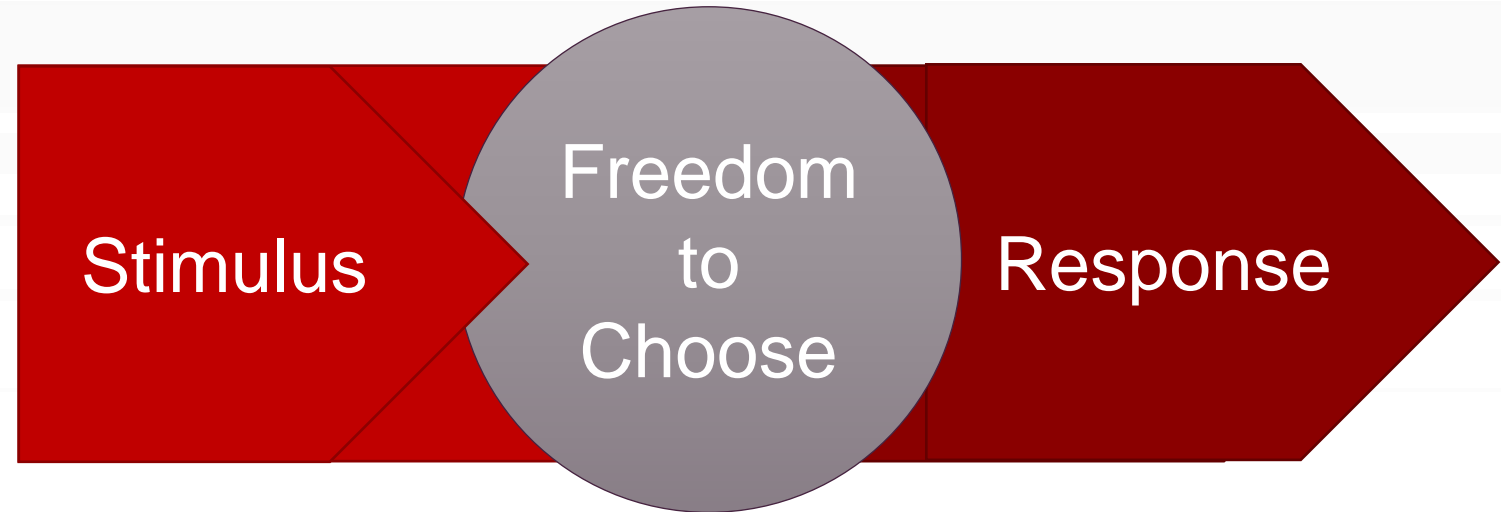
Habit 1

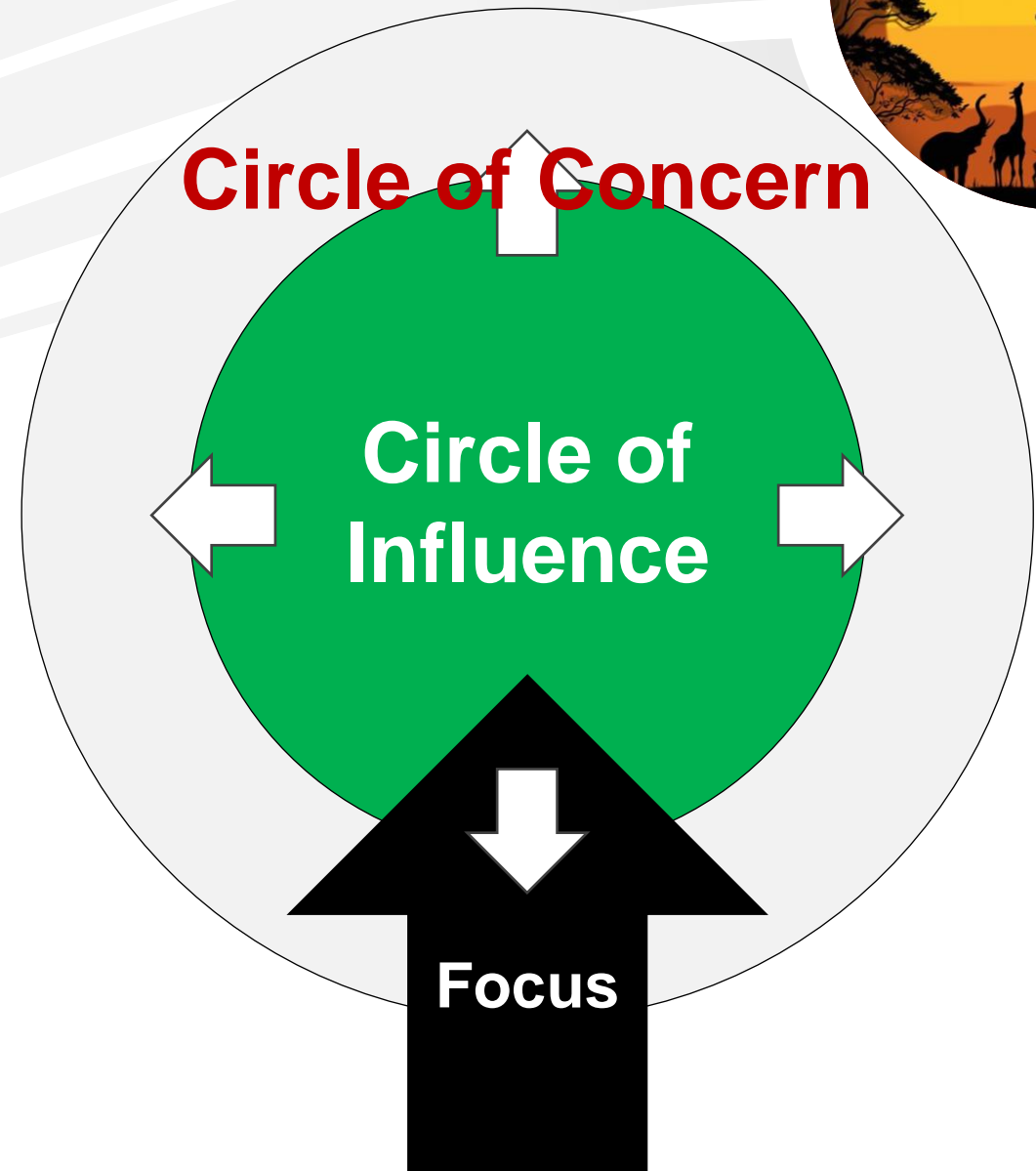
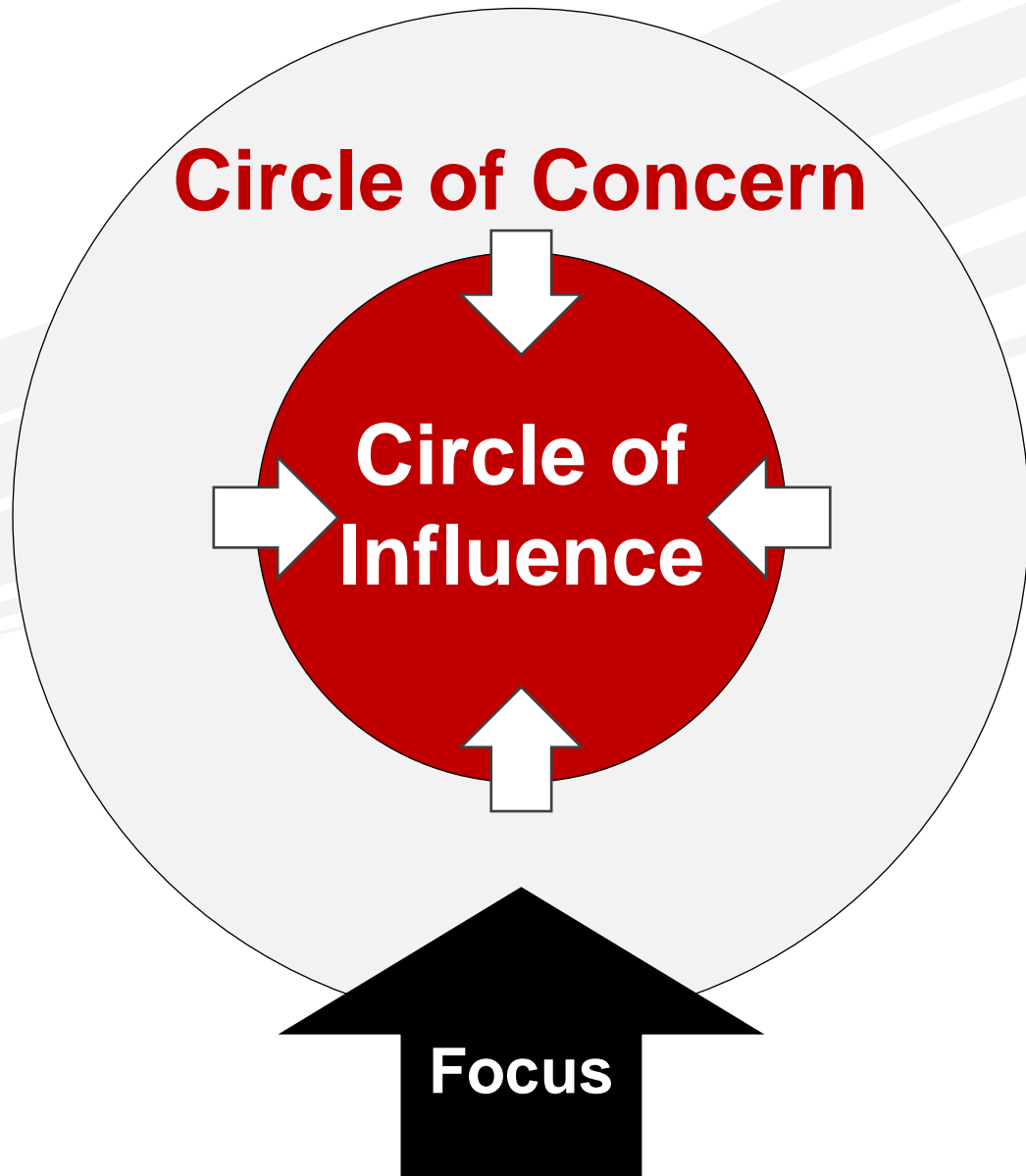
Be Proactive





Between the stimulus and the response there is a space





Habit 2

***Begin with the
end in mind***





Beginning with the end in mind

- Define outcomes before you act
- Create Mission Statements, Visions and Plans; and live by them
- Move from managing emergencies to leading according to the plan



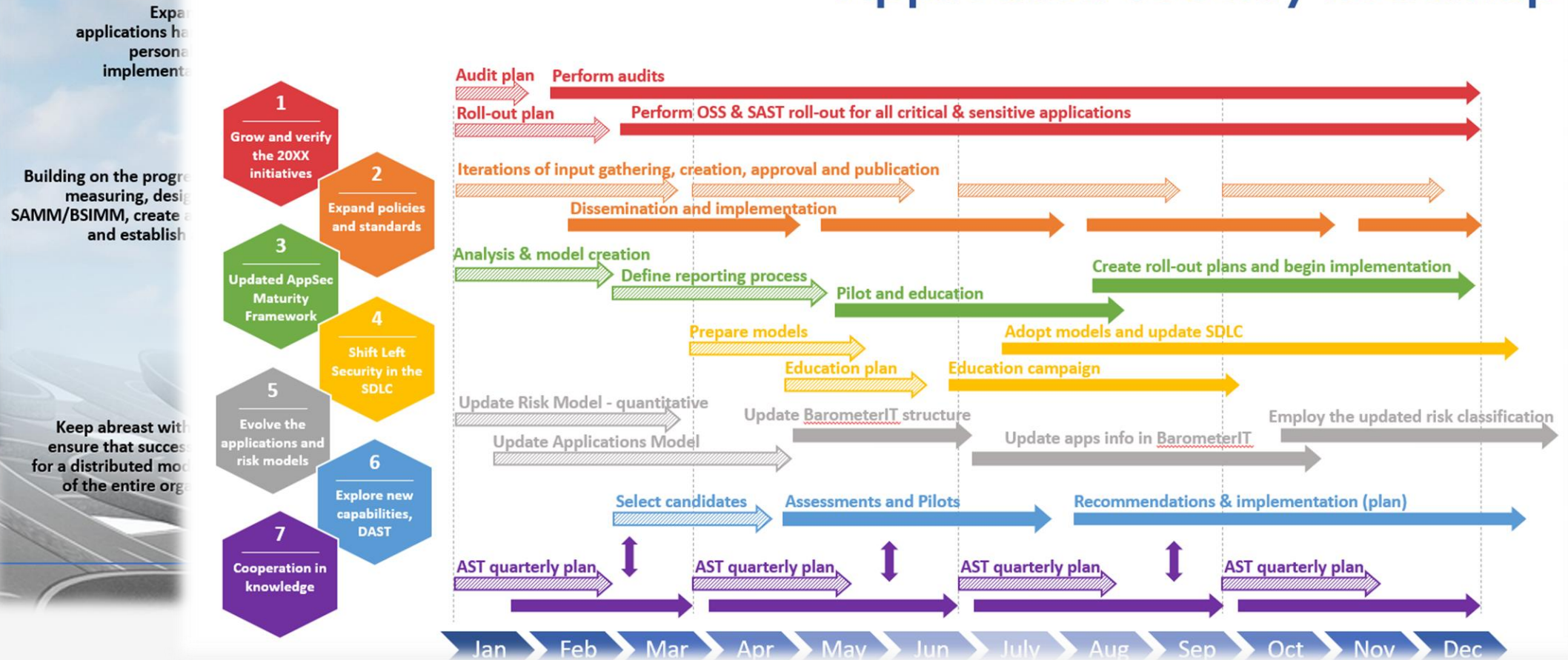
Application Security Vision

Security is a built-in quality of our applications, of measurable maturity across the entire organization

Application Security Strategic Initiatives

collaboration

Application Security Roadmap



Habit 3



***Put first things
first***





Management vs. Leadership

- Management is hacking through the jungle; Leadership is knowing you're in the right jungle
- Putting out fires is addictive and satisfying, but might prevent you from seeing the big picture



The Time Matrix ®



Important

Not important

Urgent

Not Urgent

Q1: Necessity

Crisis
Emergency meetings
Unforeseen Events
Last-minute deadlines

Q2: Effectiveness

Proactive work
Planning & prevention
Creative thinking
Learning & renewal
Important goals
Recreation

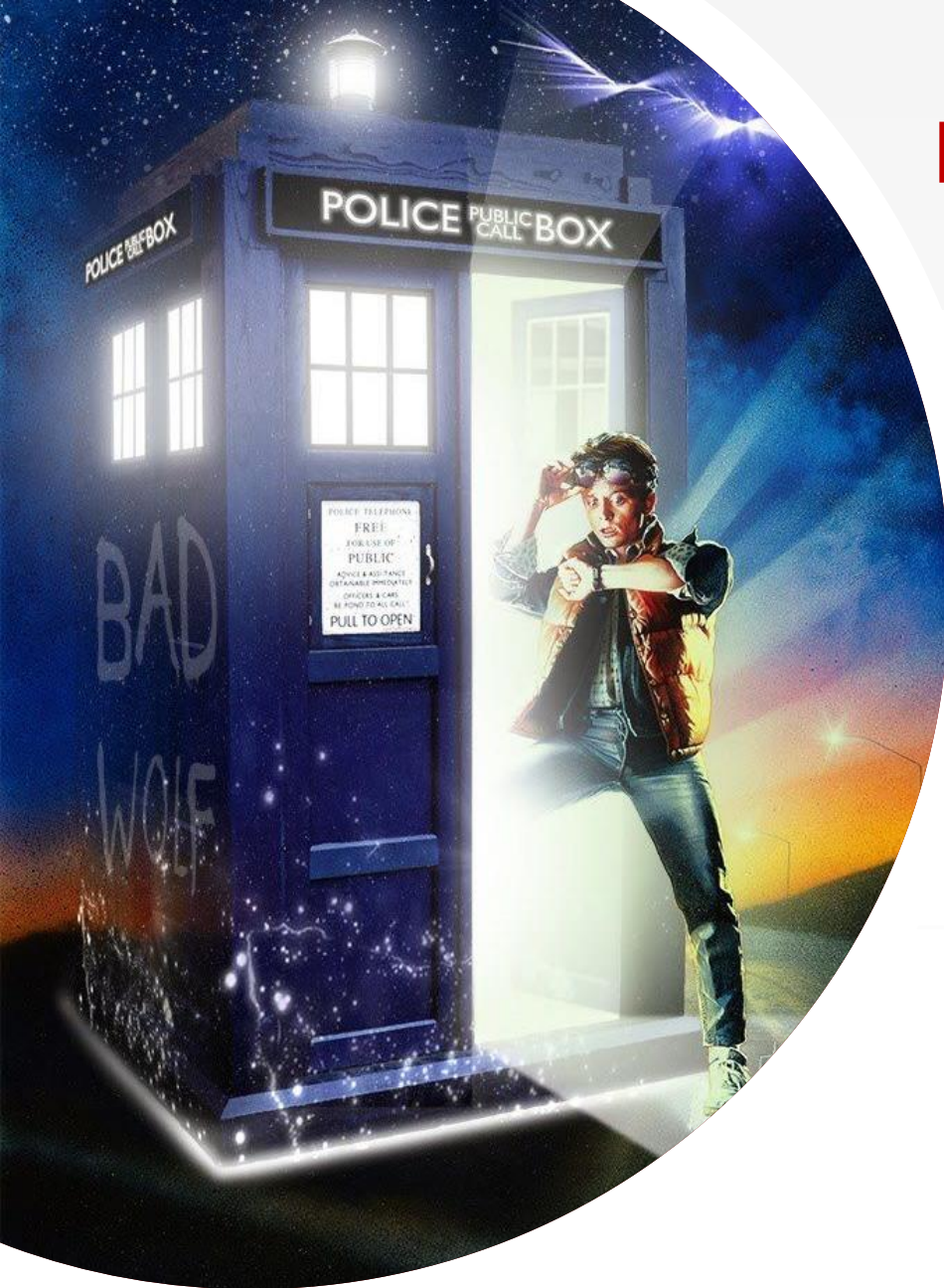
Q3: Distraction

Needless interruptions
Unnecessary reports
Irrelevant meetings
Unimportant email, call,
status posts etc.

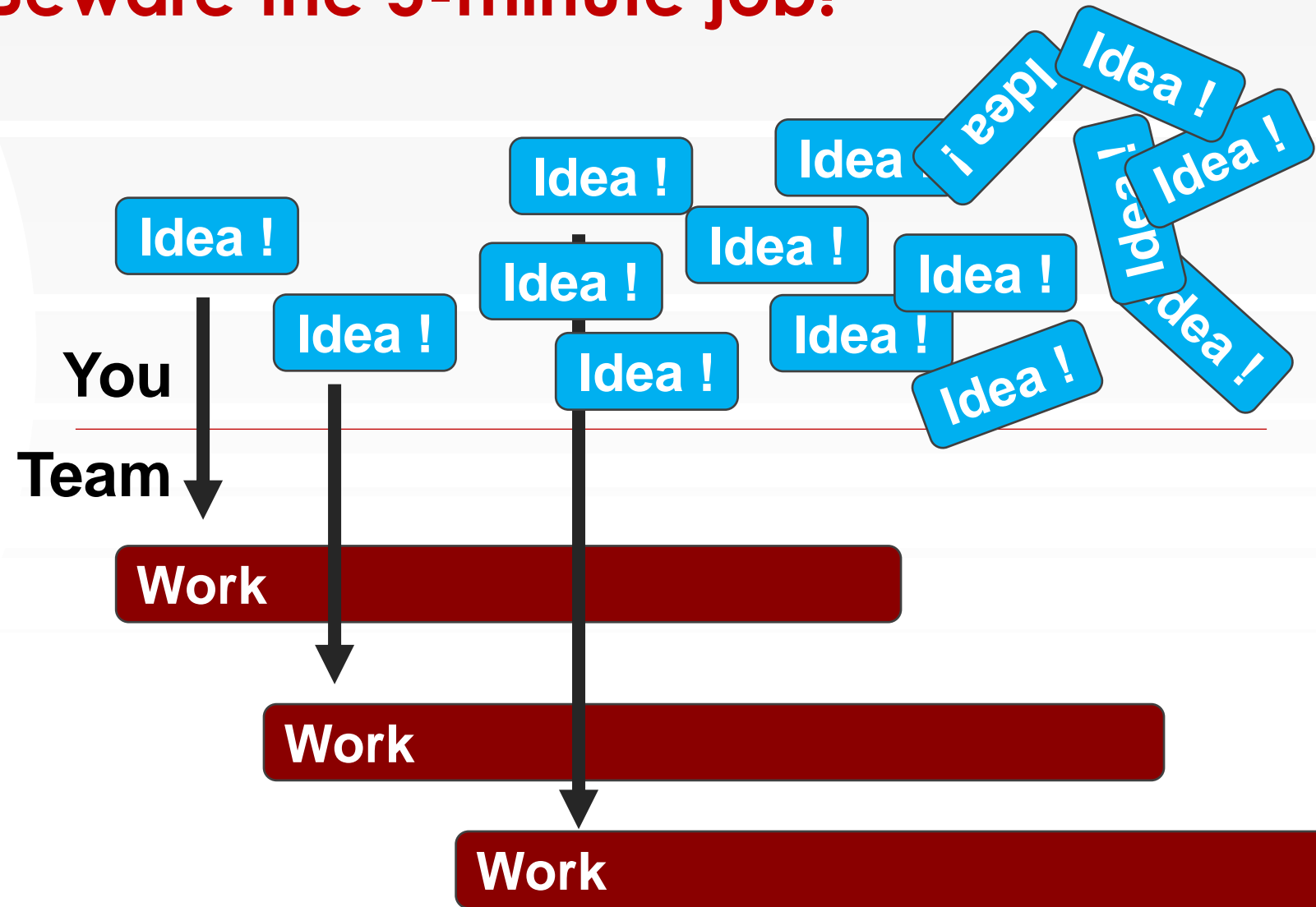
Q4: Waste

Trivial work
Procrastination
Excessive relaxation (TV,
games, social media)
Gossip





Beware the 5-minute job!



Habit 4

Think win-win

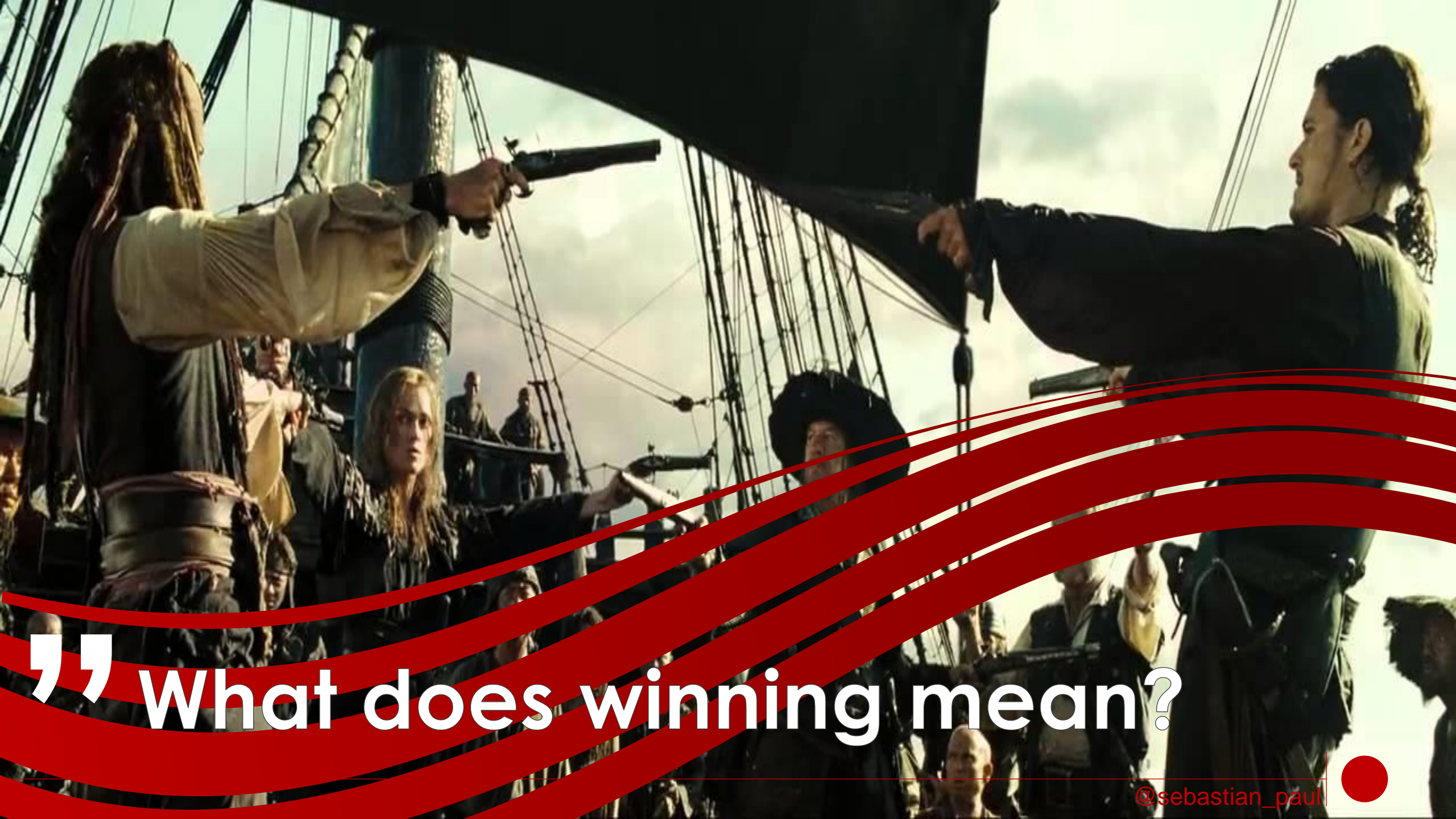




“All right; we'll call it a draw.”

- The paradigms of human interaction are driven by a *balance* between courage *and* consideration
- Cultivate the Abundance Mindset, in yourself and those around you
- Remember the difference between Reacting and Responding





” What does winning mean?



Win-Win Agreement Example



Security team's wins

- The applications to have no security vulnerabilities
- Have logs to be able to investigate during incidents
- Security requirements to be collected and implemented
- No “by next day” security approvals

Development team's wins

- To be able to meet deadlines
- Most work time spent on functional requirements
- Clarity of expectations
- Leverage automated CI/CD tools and processes
- Don't change tooling too often

Our agreement

The security team to help integrate SAST & DAST tools into the CI/CD pipeline, and to assist in the creation of Threat Models and security use cases that will feed into the application requirements. The long-term tools planning will be created jointly by the security and development teams. The process for the interaction between the teams will be documented and have clear SLAs in order to manage expectations.



Habit 5



***Seek first to
understand, then
to be understood***





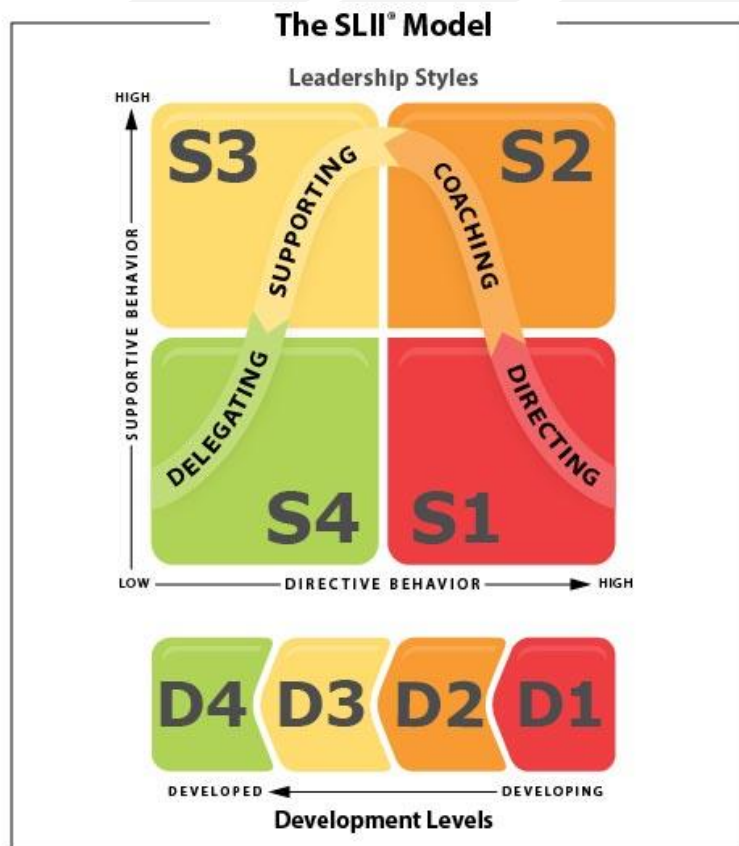
Get yourself out of the way first

- Don't think in terms of security risks, but in terms of risks to the organization
- Practice Empathic Listening rather than Autobiographical Listening
- Empathic Listening is listening with the intent of understanding someone within *their* frame of reference
- Then you can seek to make yourself respectfully understood

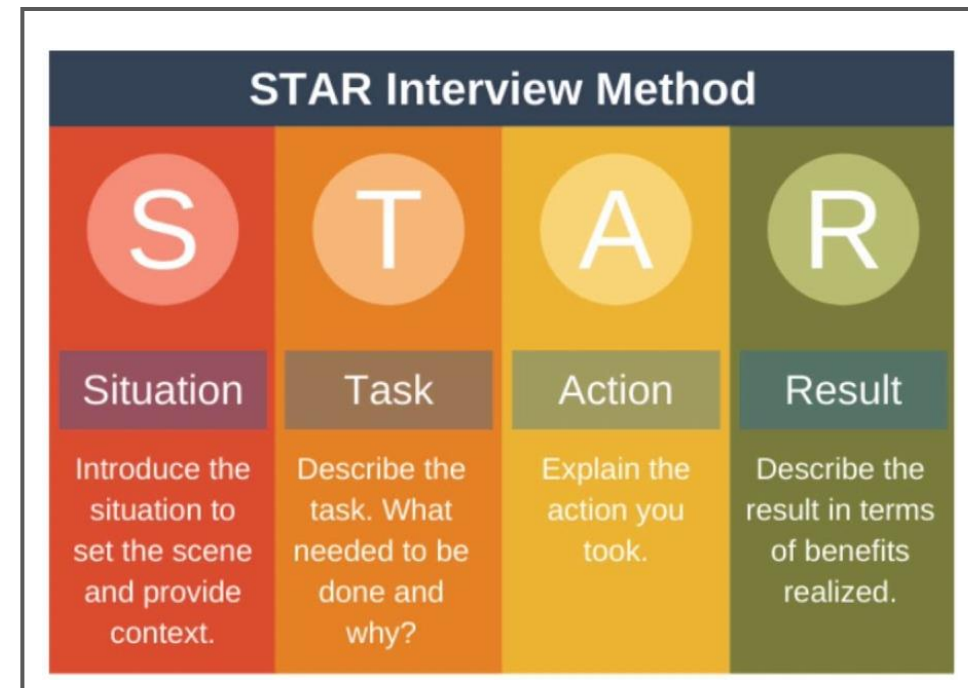
Use the Frameworks, Luke!



Kate Blanchard's Situational Leadership



The STAR Interview Method

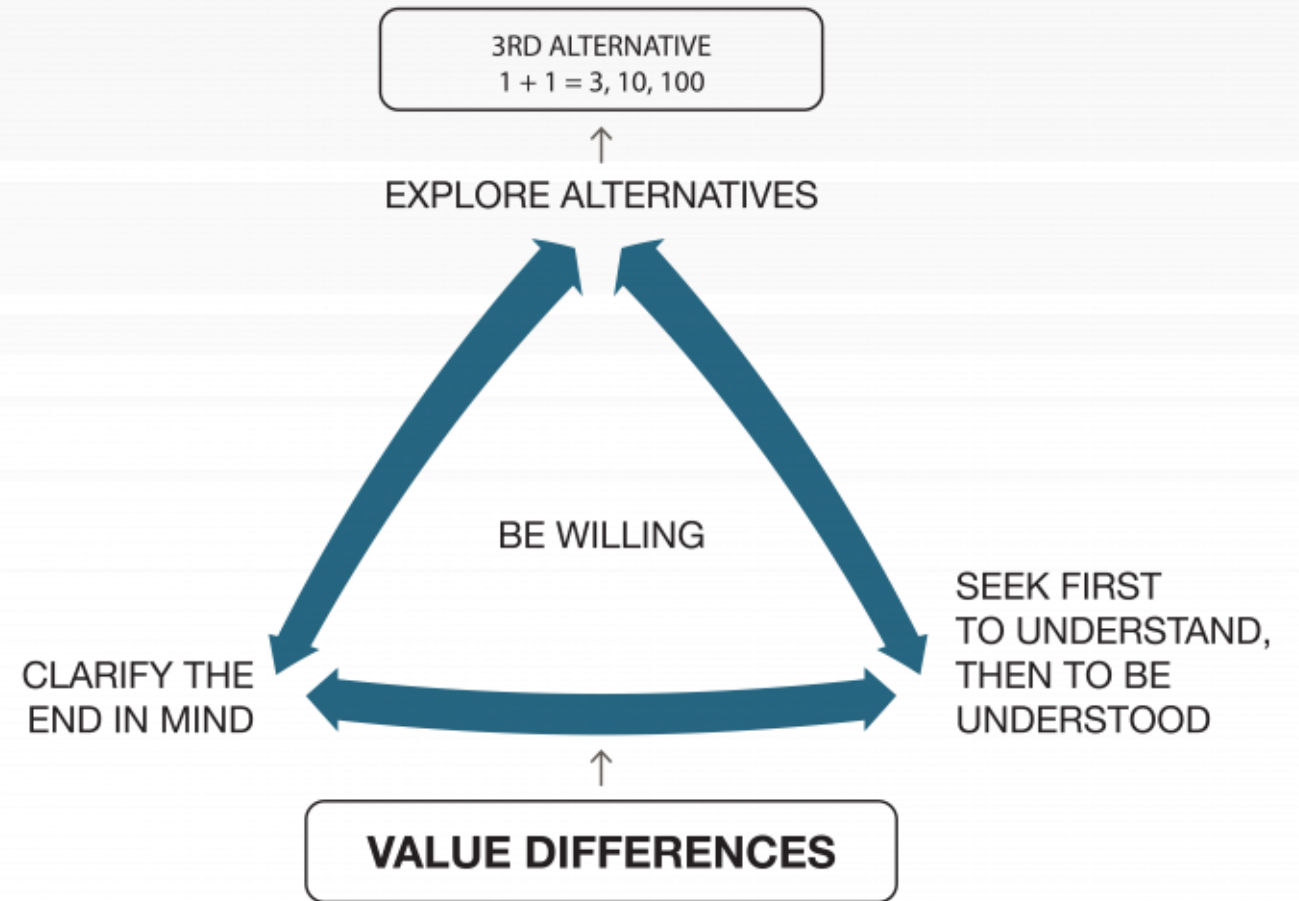
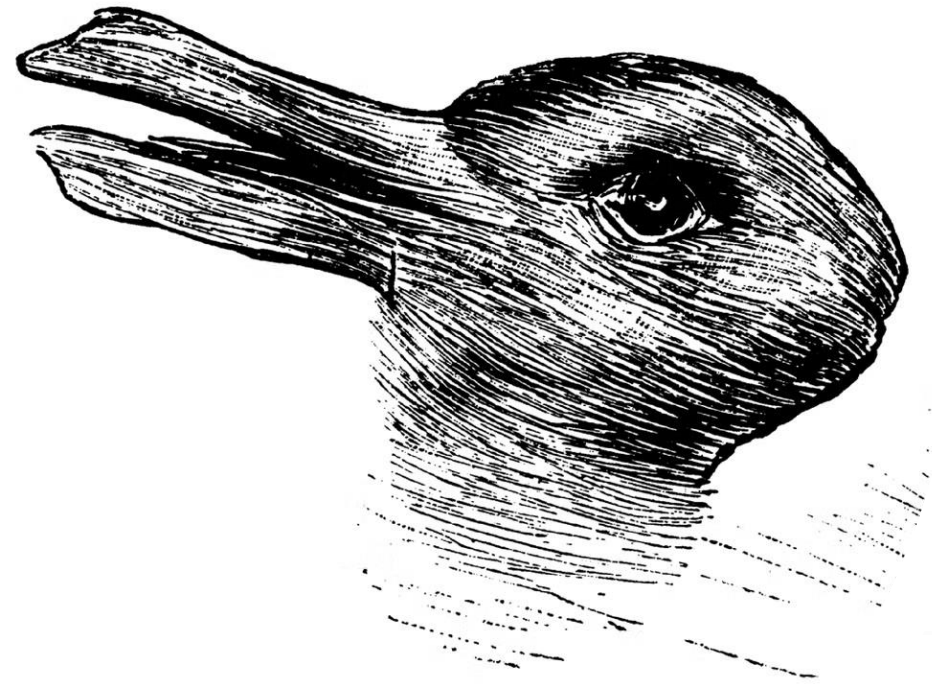


Habit 6

Synergize



The habit of creative cooperation



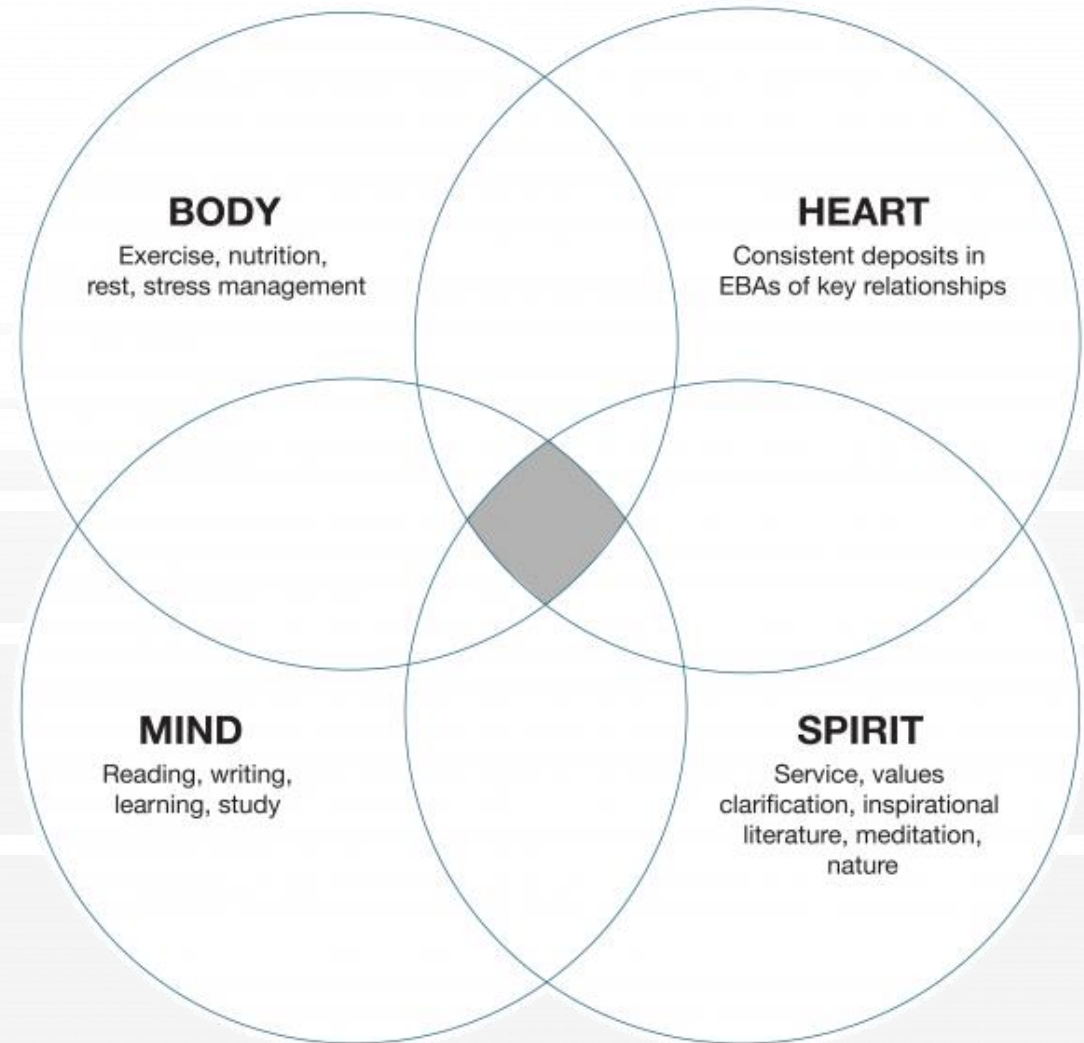
Habit 7

Sharpen the saw





Four dimensions of renewal



The 7 Habits

1. Be proactive
2. Begin with the end in mind
3. Put first things first
4. Think win-win
5. Seek first to understand, then to be understood
6. Synergize
7. Sharpen the saw





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Find your balance
Tell your story



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