



PMO Self-Assessments: Getting Started

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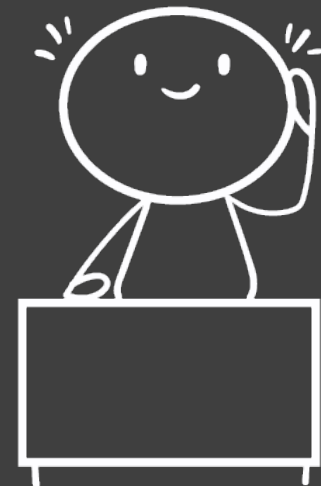


What People Get Out of Self-Assessments?



What is a self-assessment?

- **Self-evaluation**
- **Study performance in order to make improvements**



What is a self-assessment?



Why do people do them?

Gain insights

Set goals

Direct your
future

Gain
confidence

Feel more
valued

Motivated to
learn

Become more
accountable

Make
(continuous)
improvements

Select training

Have more
meaningful
conversations

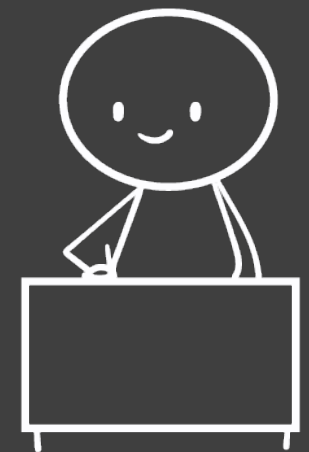
Better
planning

Shared
understanding



What it means for you?

- **More ownership is placed on you**
- **Have to think about your work and experience deeply:**
 - **That takes time and reflection**



What it means for you?

Commitment

A commitment and interest in developing yourself plus doing an assessment regularly

Communication

An assessment opens up conversations and actions with managers and peers

Preparation

You have to give yourself time to carry out an assessment, it's a time for self-reflection

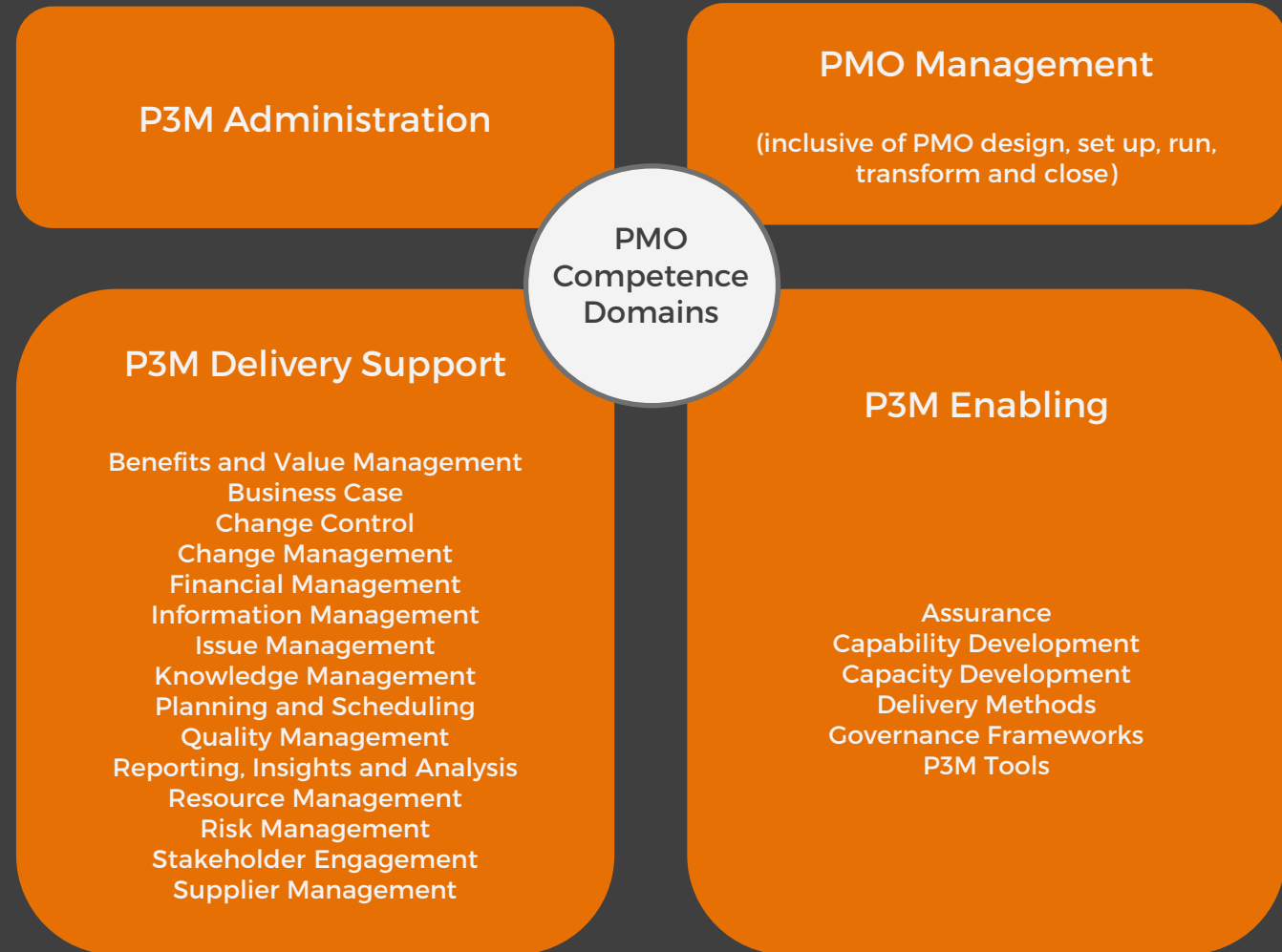
Evidence

With any assessment, you need to have the evidence to back up your scoring



PMO Competency Framework

- Published in February 2021
- 24 Competencies in 4 Domains



PMO Competency Framework

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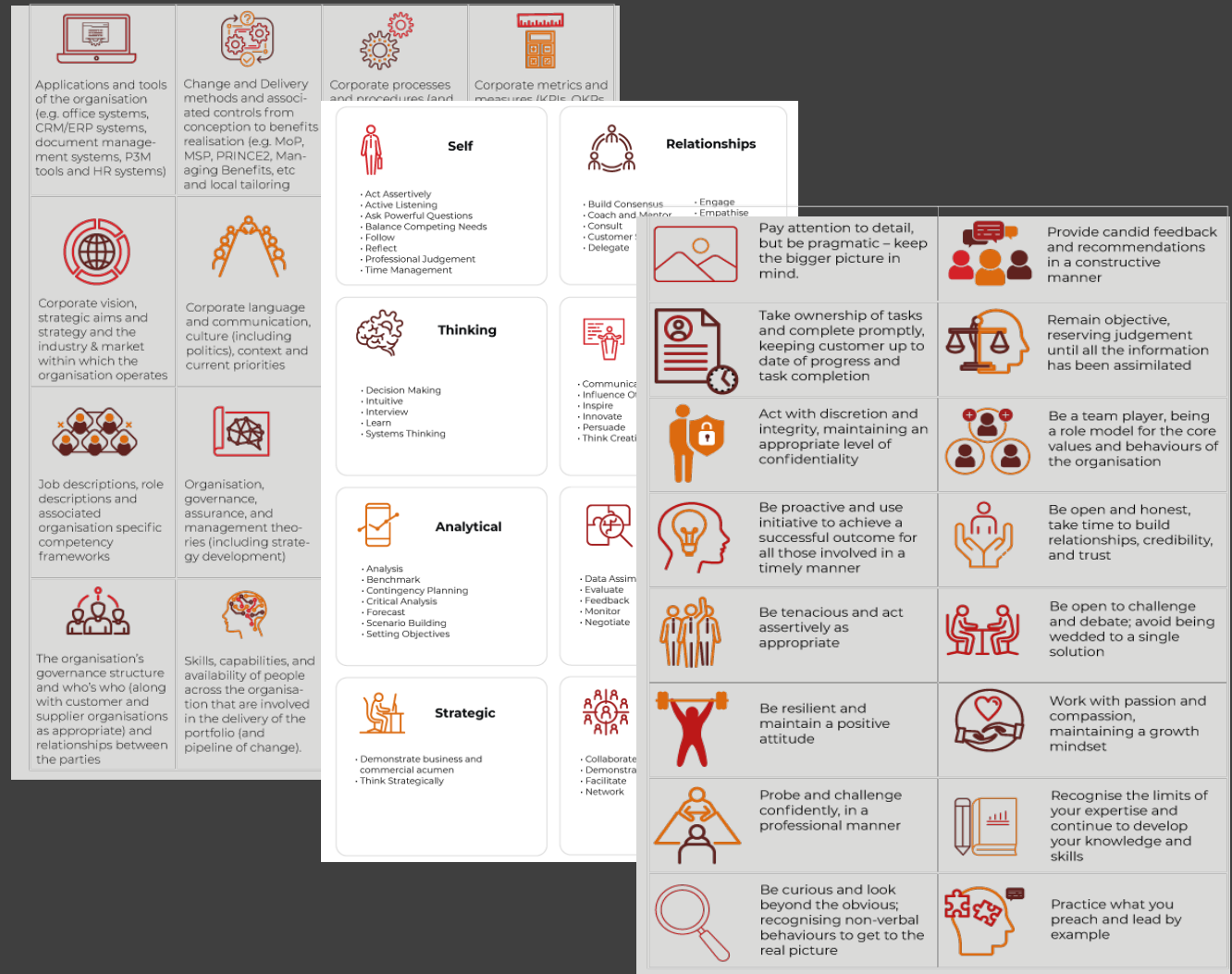
A portfolio, programme and project management standards office, which defines standards (processes, templates and tools), skills and training, manages knowledge and may provide independent assurance

- 4 Contexts
- 4 Proficiency Levels

Foundation	Intermediate	Advanced	Expert
<p>Has basic knowledge of the activity and terminology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates this competency in familiar, day to day situations. • Follows established methodologies and codes of conduct • Works with guidance and seeks advice on non routine activities • Influences immediate colleagues in own team 	<p>Has broad knowledge of the activity and terminology and how it is applied in the current organisation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates this competency in new situations at an operational and tactical level. • Interprets guidelines and codes of conduct and applies them to all situations. • Works with little guidance, seeks review of outputs and approach to work as required. • Influences colleagues, customers, suppliers and partners on short term issues. 	<p>Has extensive knowledge of the competency and terminology and how it is applied in the current and other organisations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates this competency in complex and ambiguous situations. • Takes initiative in creating and managing own workload and that of others. • Advises others on the application of guidelines, code of conduct and methodologies. • Influences widely within the organisation at all levels on medium and long term issues. 	<p>Contributes to developing new knowledge and understanding of the activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates this competency organisation-wide, focus is on future and strategy. • Sets direction and standards. • Accountable for the contribution and performance of others to the overall success of the organisation. • Influences externally, contributing to development of policy, standards and thought leadership.

PMO Competency Framework

- 16 Knowledge Areas
- 51 Skills
- 16 Behaviours



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How does a PMO self-assessment work for you?



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How they can help in our careers?

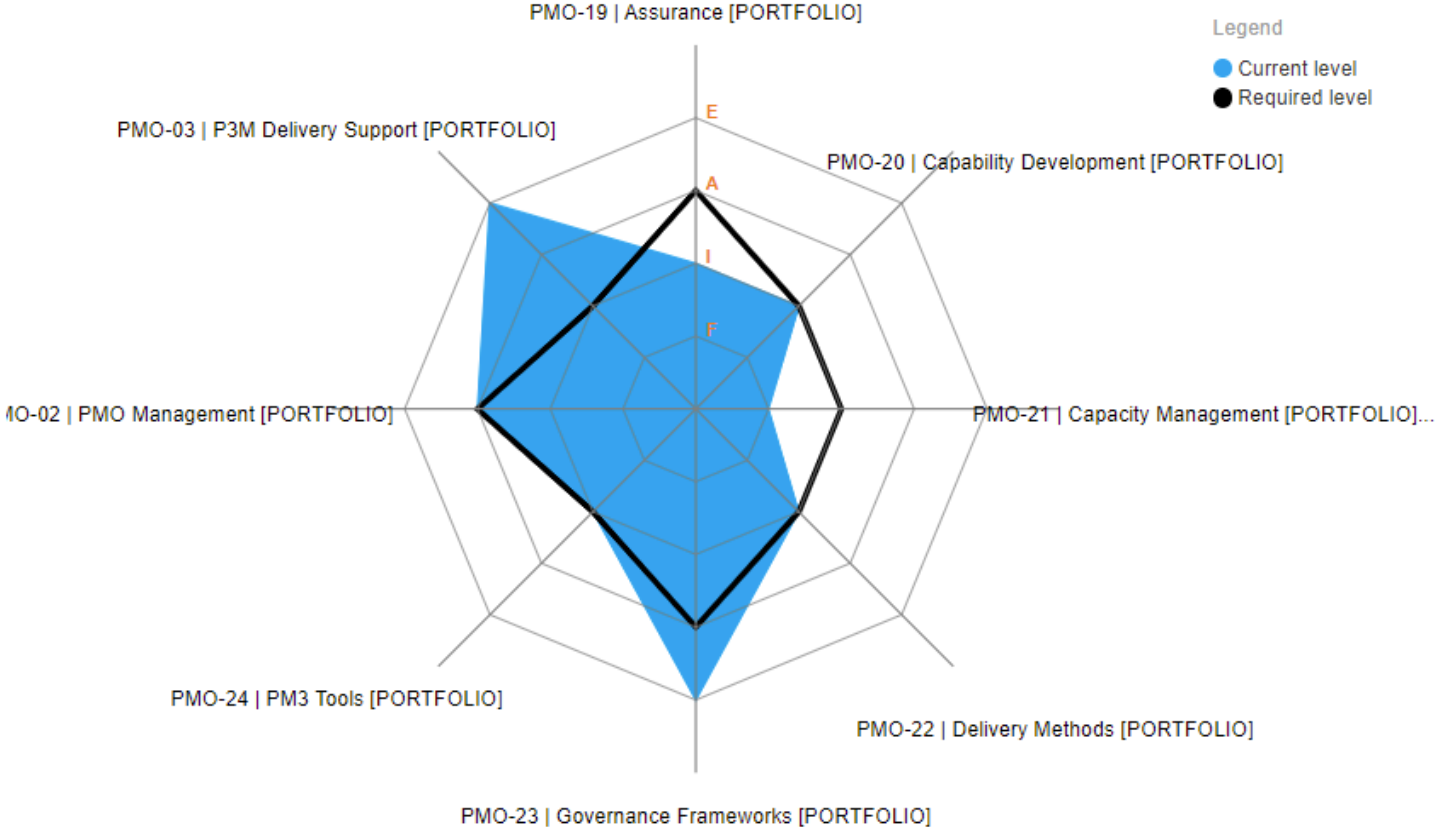
1. Self-assessment against a standard
2. Identifying skills gaps
3. Choosing how to close identified gaps
4. Benchmark yourself
5. Find out what you need for the next level up

How they can help in our careers?

6. Learn what competent looks like for your role
7. Understand the common language and terms
8. Use it within your performance review
9. And negotiating a salary increase or promotion
10. Use it to write your CV or resume

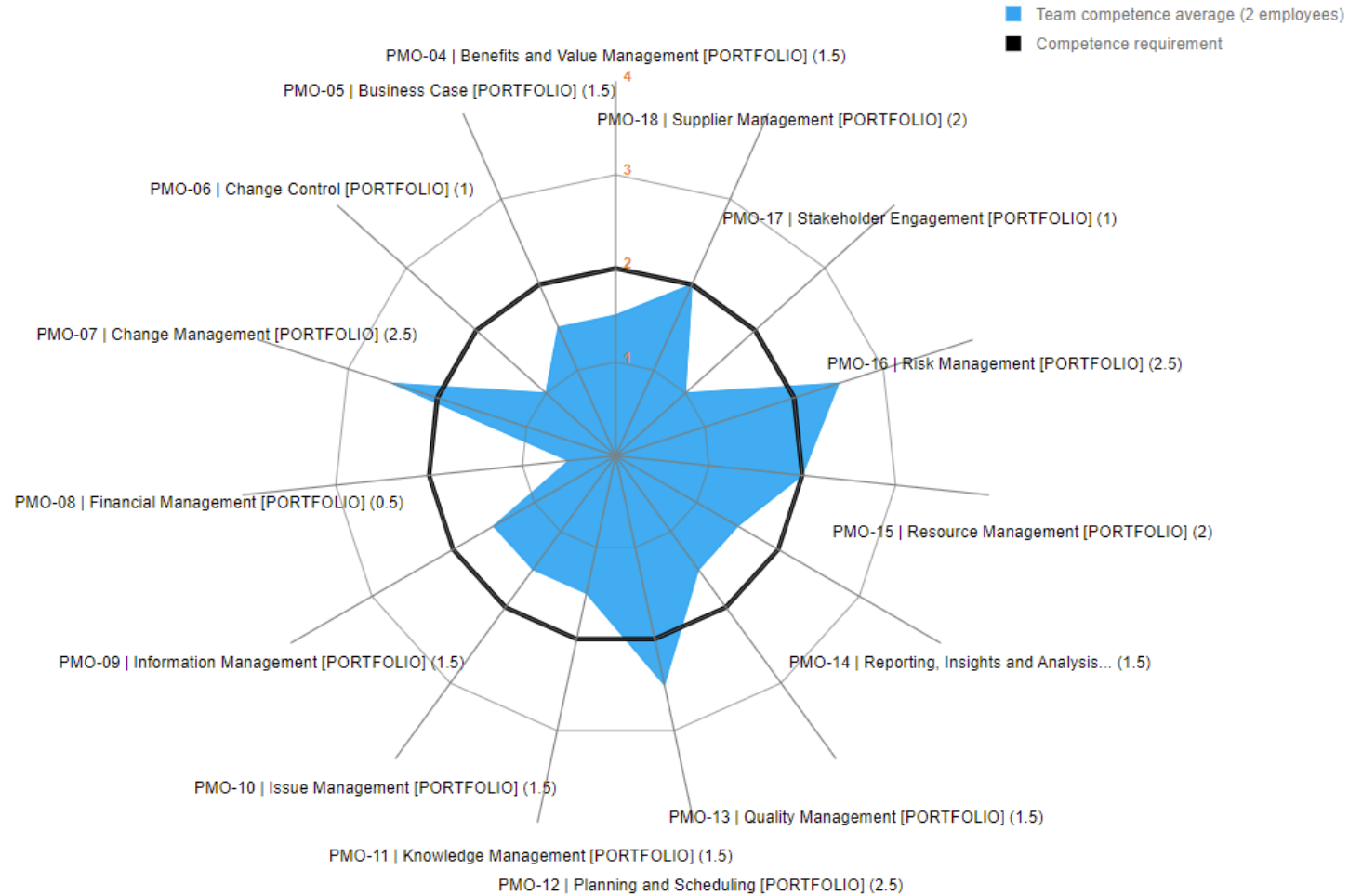
Individual

33. PMO Manager [PORTFOLIO] | Core Competencies [Current]



Team

PMO Analyst [PORTFOLIO] (2 employees) - Choose at least five from the following competencies



Key Points

Roles



Progression



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Indicators

Guide - PMO-01 | P3M Administration [PROJECT]

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Basic Recommended learning History

PMO-01 | P3M ADMINISTRATION [PROJECT]

This competence goes beyond Personal Assistant activities for the Project / Programme / Portfolio Manager. It can include supporting anybody or everybody within the delivery function.

It is a fundamental PMO competence where the skills and behaviours are transferable from any other part of the organization and the competence is developed and honed by the gaining of contextual P3M knowledge.

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SELF-ASSESSMENT LEVEL
TARGET LEVEL
JLR

1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5
E

Close
Save
Save & Close
Save & Next

Evidence



Yes / No

Your PMO Competency Self Assessment

- There are 4 main steps to your self assessment
- You should set aside a couple of hours to complete it properly
- Previously a self assessment has only been possible using the textbook

Select

Choose to use a role profile as a starting point for your assessment or carry out the full assessment

Reflect

Take time to reflect on your career to date, thinking about the difference experiences you have.

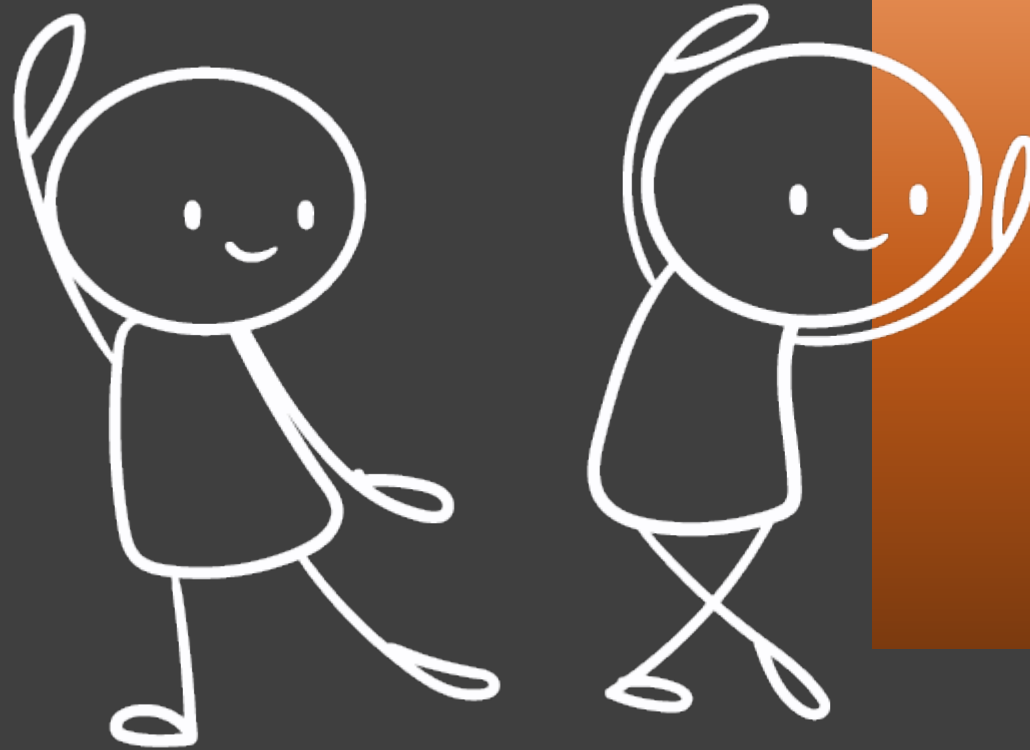
Assess

Set aside quiet time to work through the assessment, the first time should take a couple of hours.

Evidence

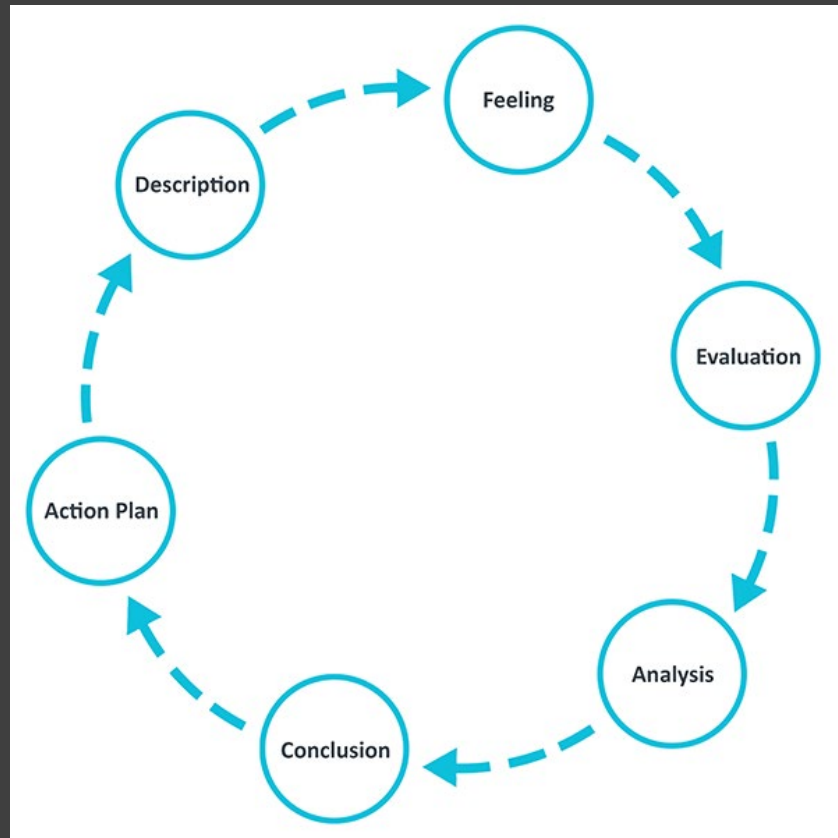
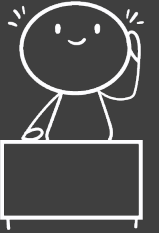
Gathering evidence to support your assessment is required, this is where most of your time for the assessment is taken up.

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Where You Should Put Most of Your Energy

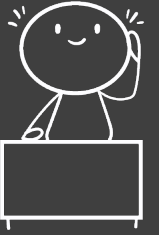
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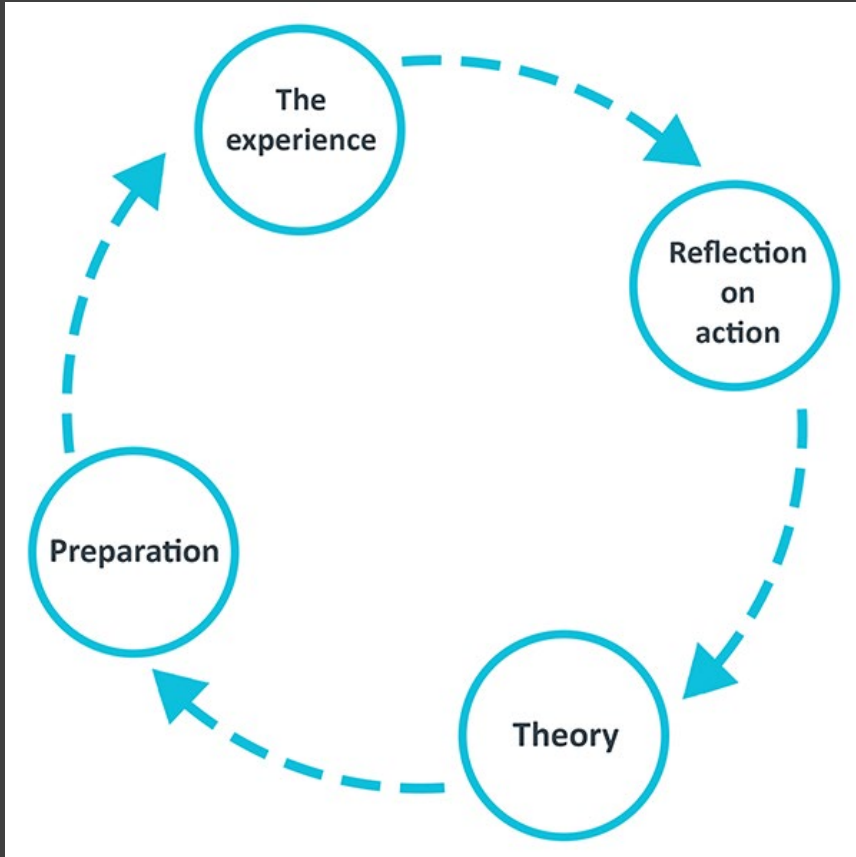
Gibbs' Reflective Cycle (1988)

- **Description** of the experience
- **Feelings** and thoughts about the experience
- **Evaluation** of the experience, both good and bad
- **Analysis** to make sense of the situation
- **Conclusion** about what you learned and what you could have done differently
- **Action plan** for how you would deal with similar situations in the future, or general changes you might find appropriate.

Reflection

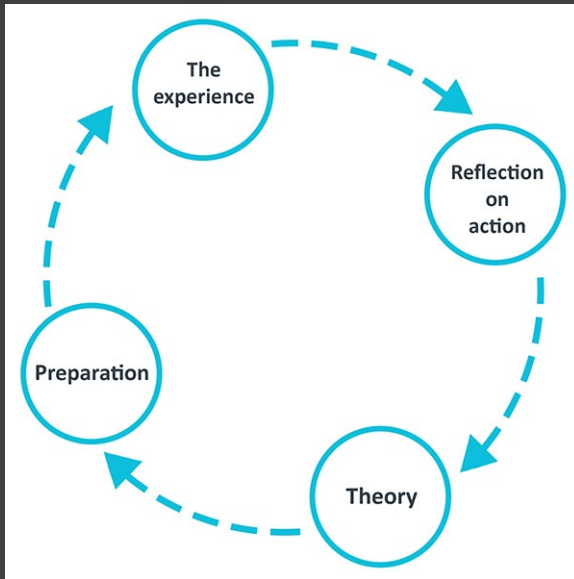


The Integrated Reflective Cycle (Bassot, 2013)



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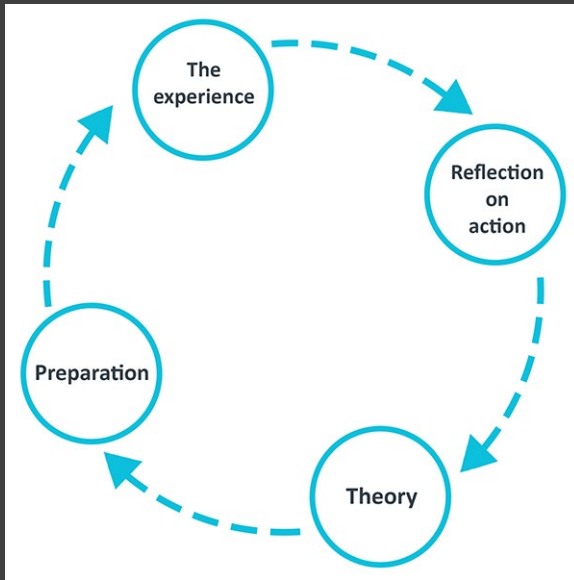
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The upfront preparation went well but I felt I lost control of the attendees

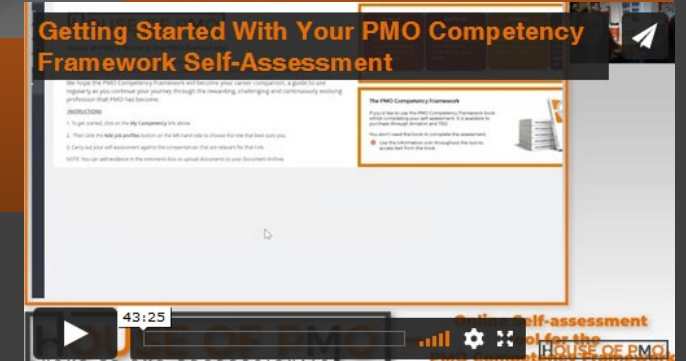
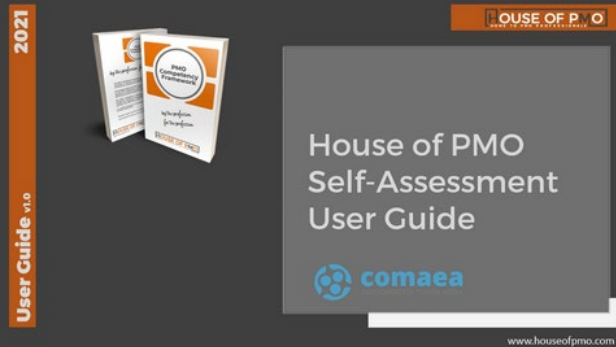
Why?

Need to read up on facilitation techniques around managing participants

I'm going to add in a different exercise that brings people back together again

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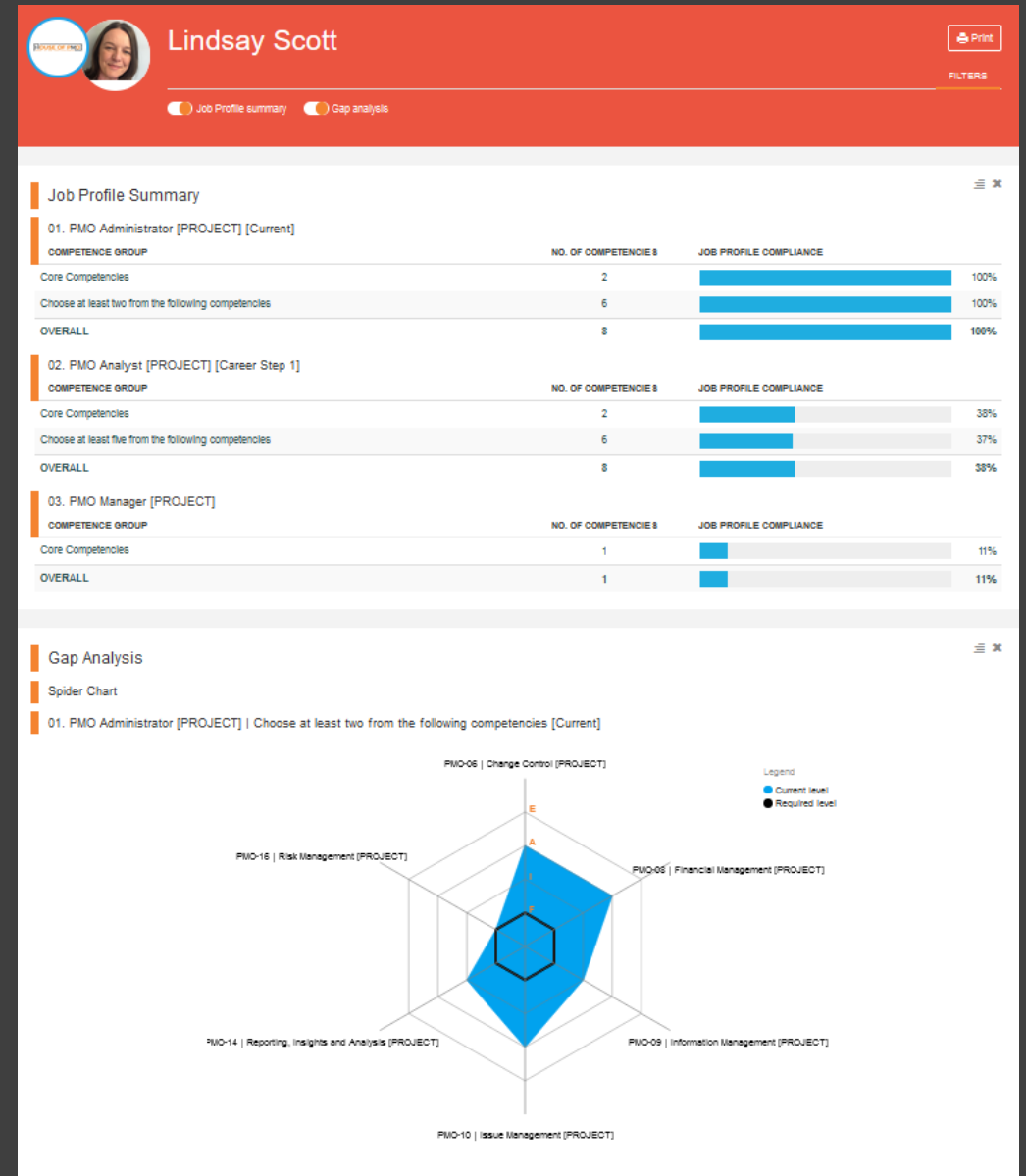
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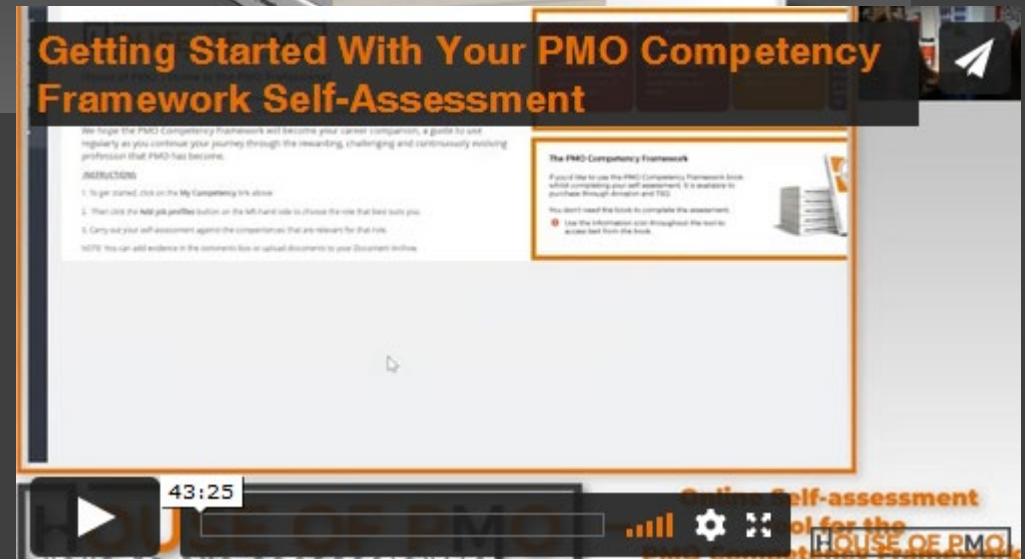


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Thanks!

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