

Stand and Deliver: Power Skills Every Project Leader Needs

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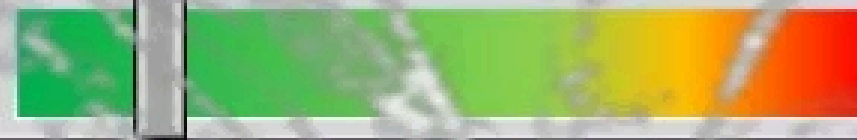


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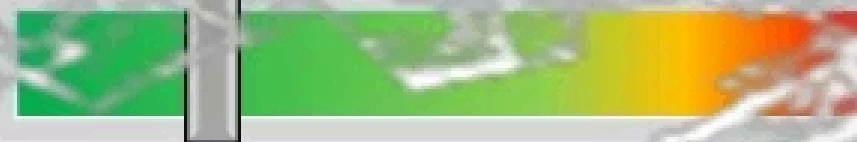
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Distractions



Stage Set



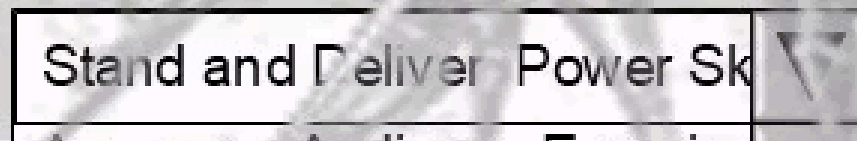
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Technical Proficiency

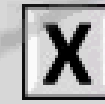


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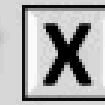


Audience Activated

Lights



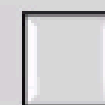
Camera



Action



Call Mum!



Volume



OK

Exit Now!





FAILURE!

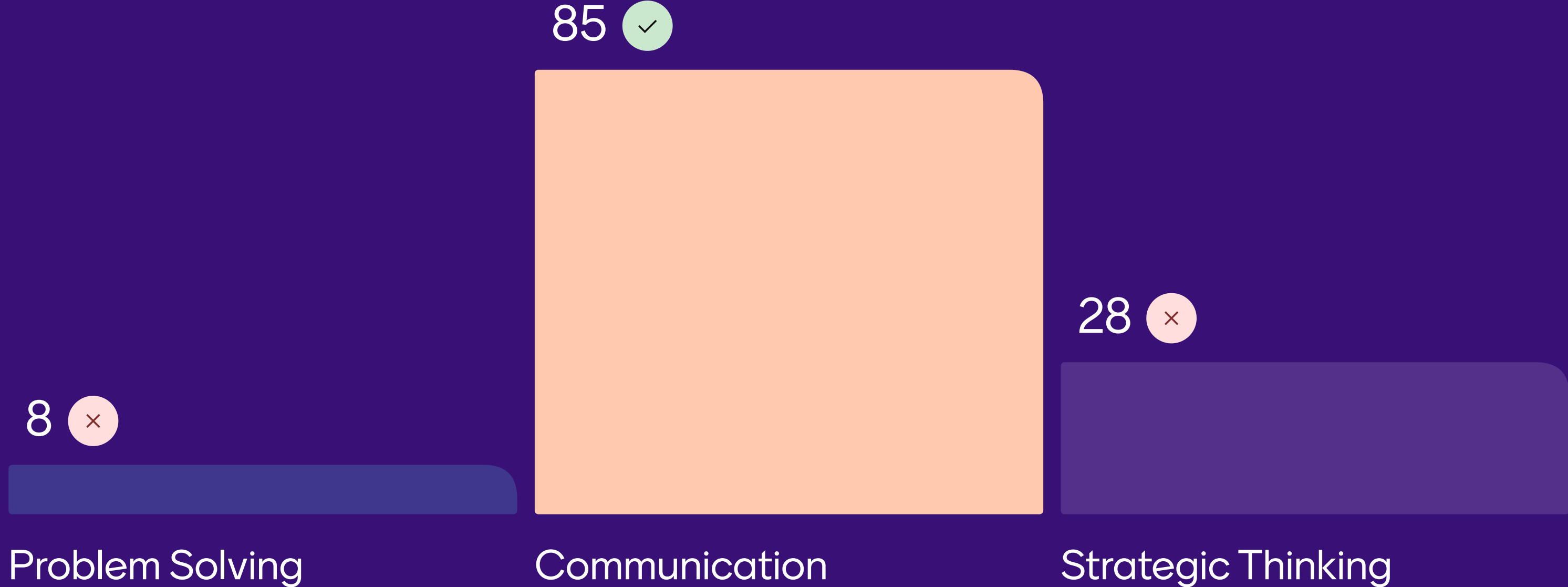
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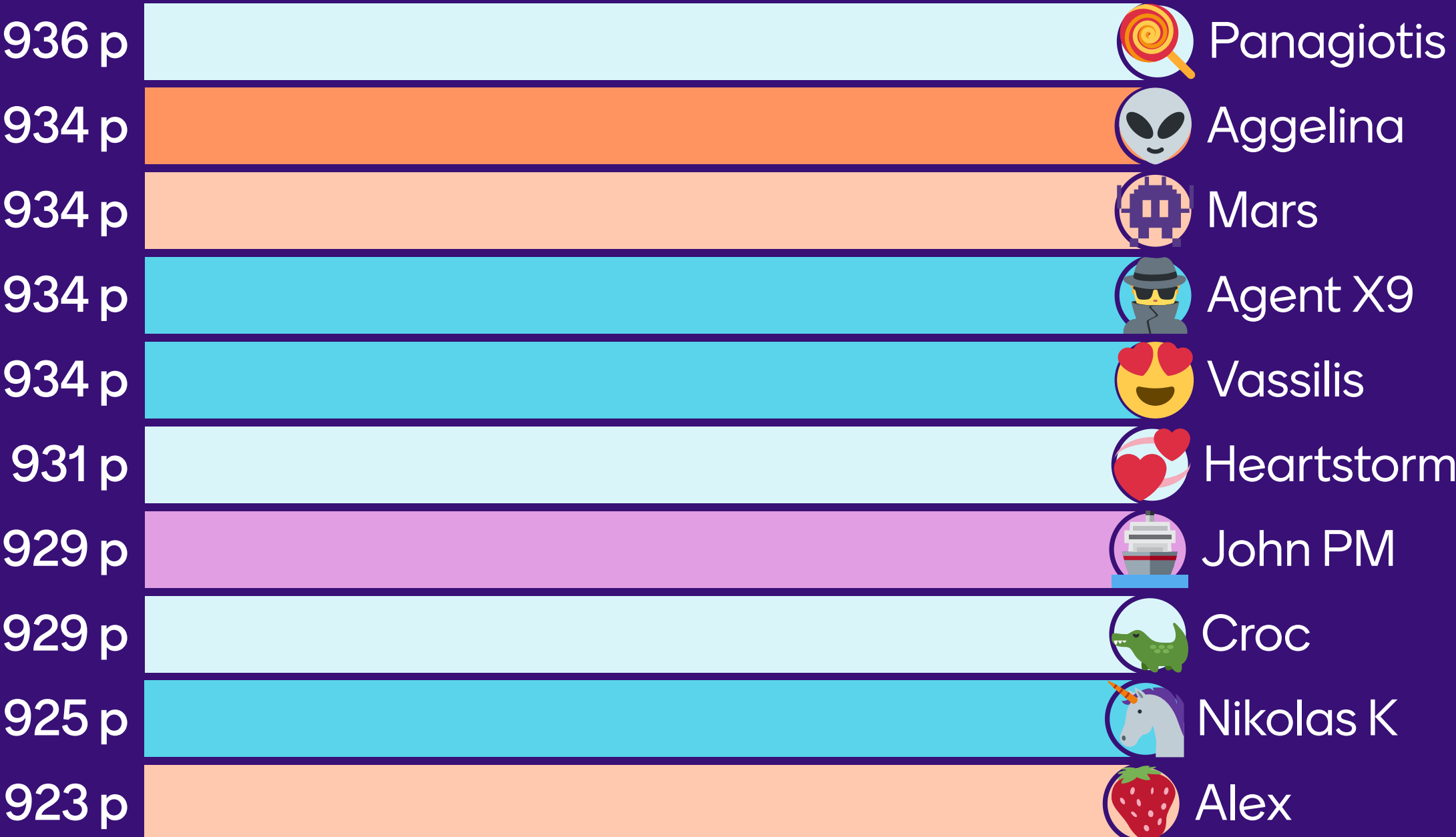
PMI Talent Triangle®



According to the PMI 2023 'Pulse of the Profession' Survey which power Skill has the most impact on project success?



Who's got off to the best start?



Masterclass Aims

- ✓ Communicate Confidently in Project Environments
- ✓ Present Powerfully to Maximise your Impact
- ✓ Use AI tools for Evaluation and Actionable Insight

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Power Skills are the difference between projects that succeed and those that don't.

”

— *PMI Pulse of the Profession, 2023*

3 in 4

Project leaders say Power Skills are critical to success

Top 1

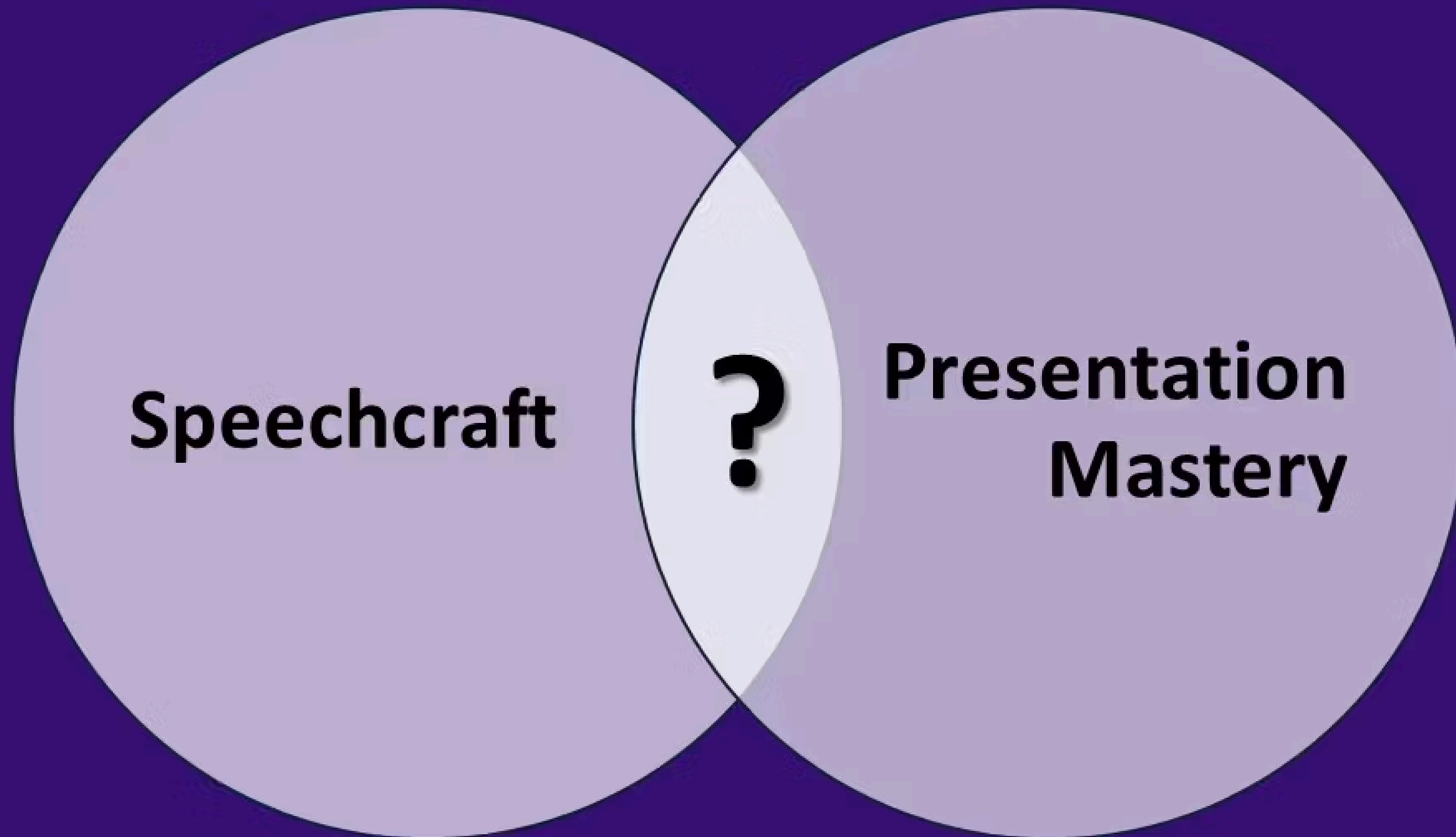
skill cited: Communication across all project types

2x

More likely to meet goals with strong Power Skills

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Speechcraft

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**Presentation
Mastery**



**Crumbling in front of
a project sponsor.**

*No confidence. Stuttering.
Zero impact.*

vs



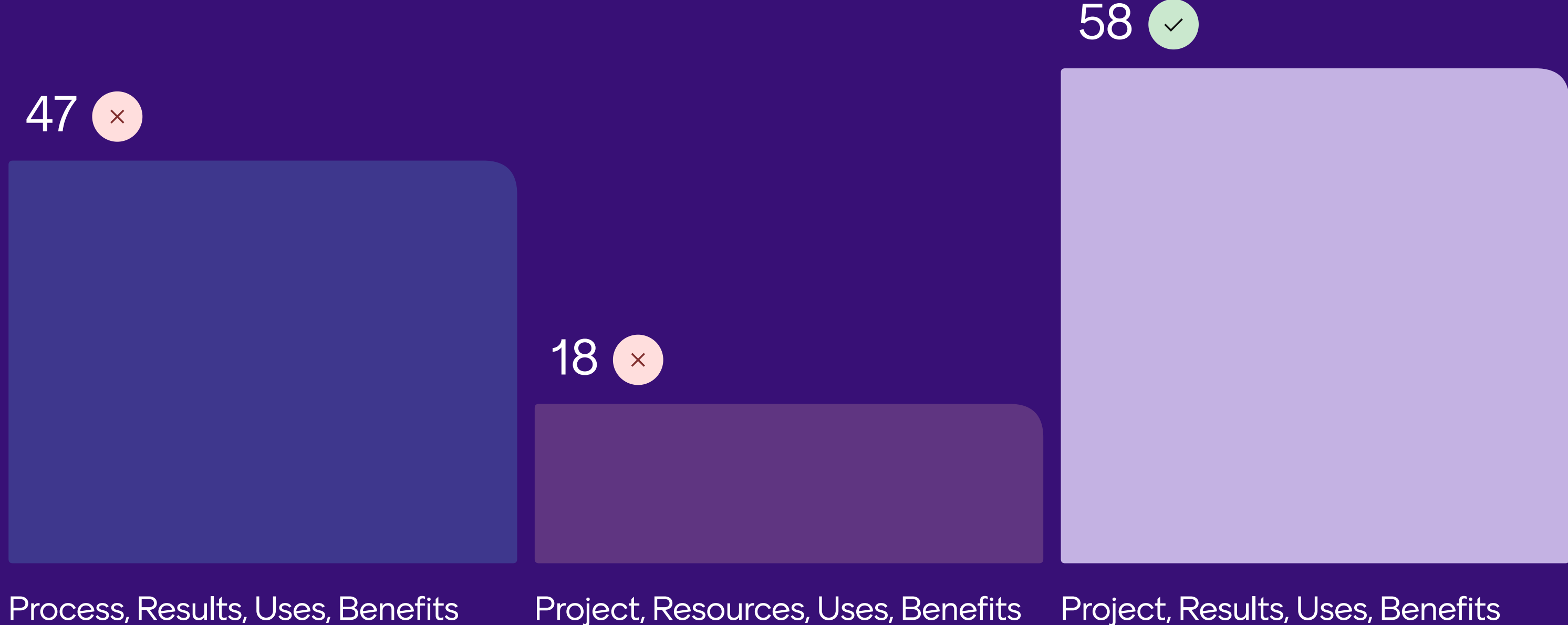
**PMI Global Summit
200+ professionals**

*Same person.
Transformed.*

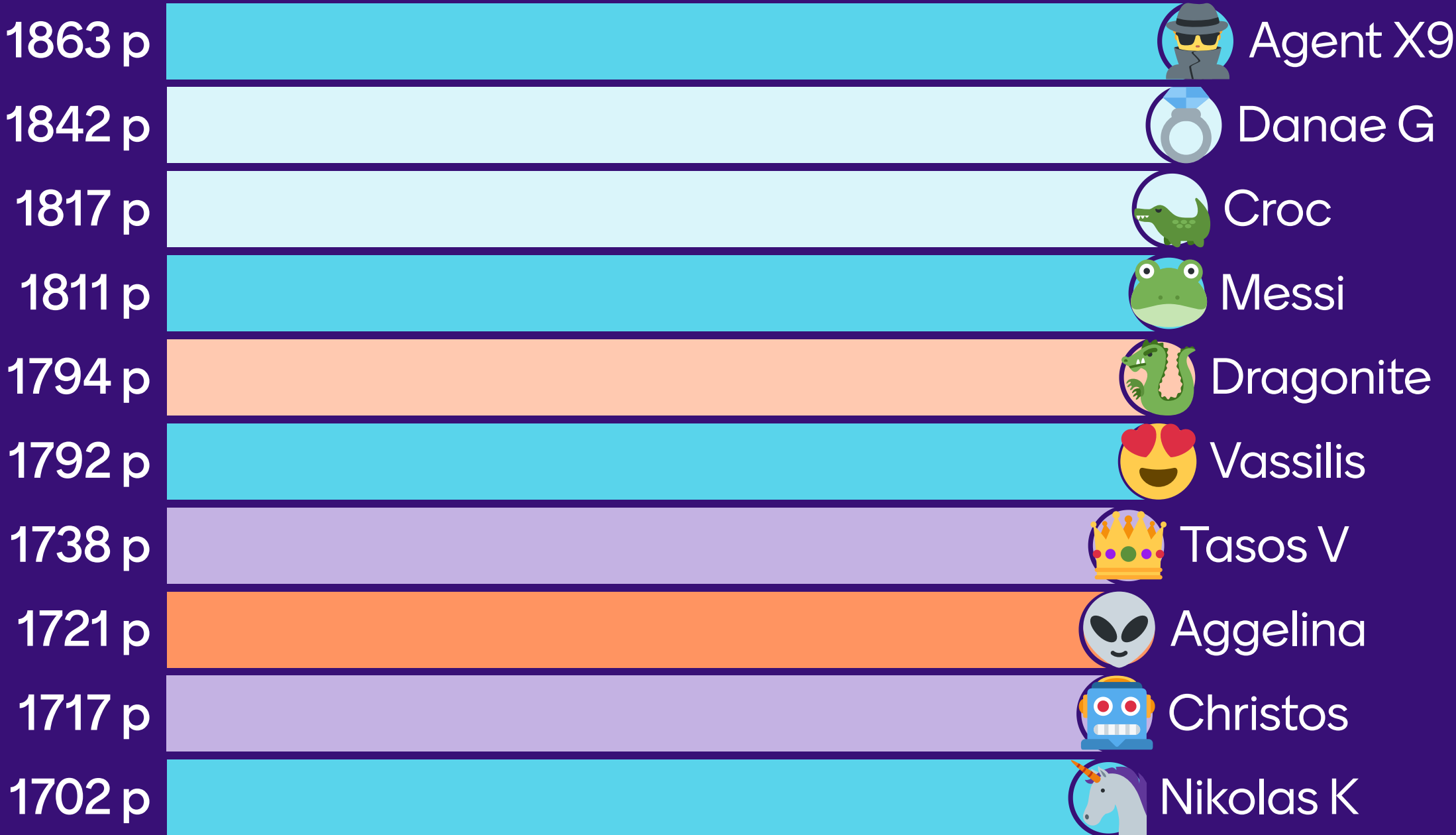
The only thing that changed? The decision to start



In Phil Driver's presentation on PRUB-Logic, what does PRUB stand for?



Who's taking the lead now?



Where the Transformation Began



SPEAK

Find your voice



LEAD

With presence
and inspiration



LISTEN

Active and Deep

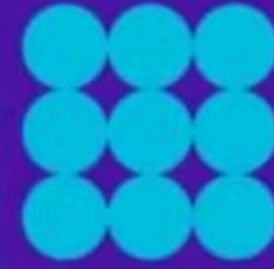


COMMUNITY

Safe space to
grow

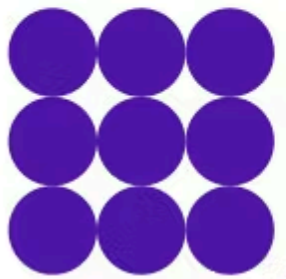
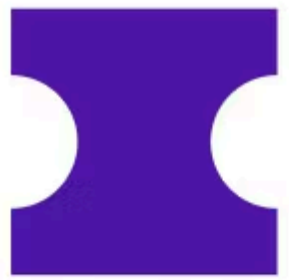
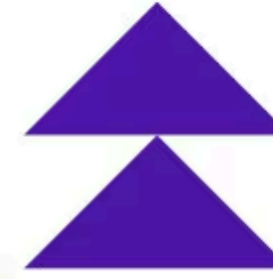
A club built by project professionals, for project professionals.





I am a changemaker.

WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE



PMI UK Changemakers Toastmasters

Exclusively Online

5th May 2026 at 6.30pm



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Greece

150 miles (241 km) Radius

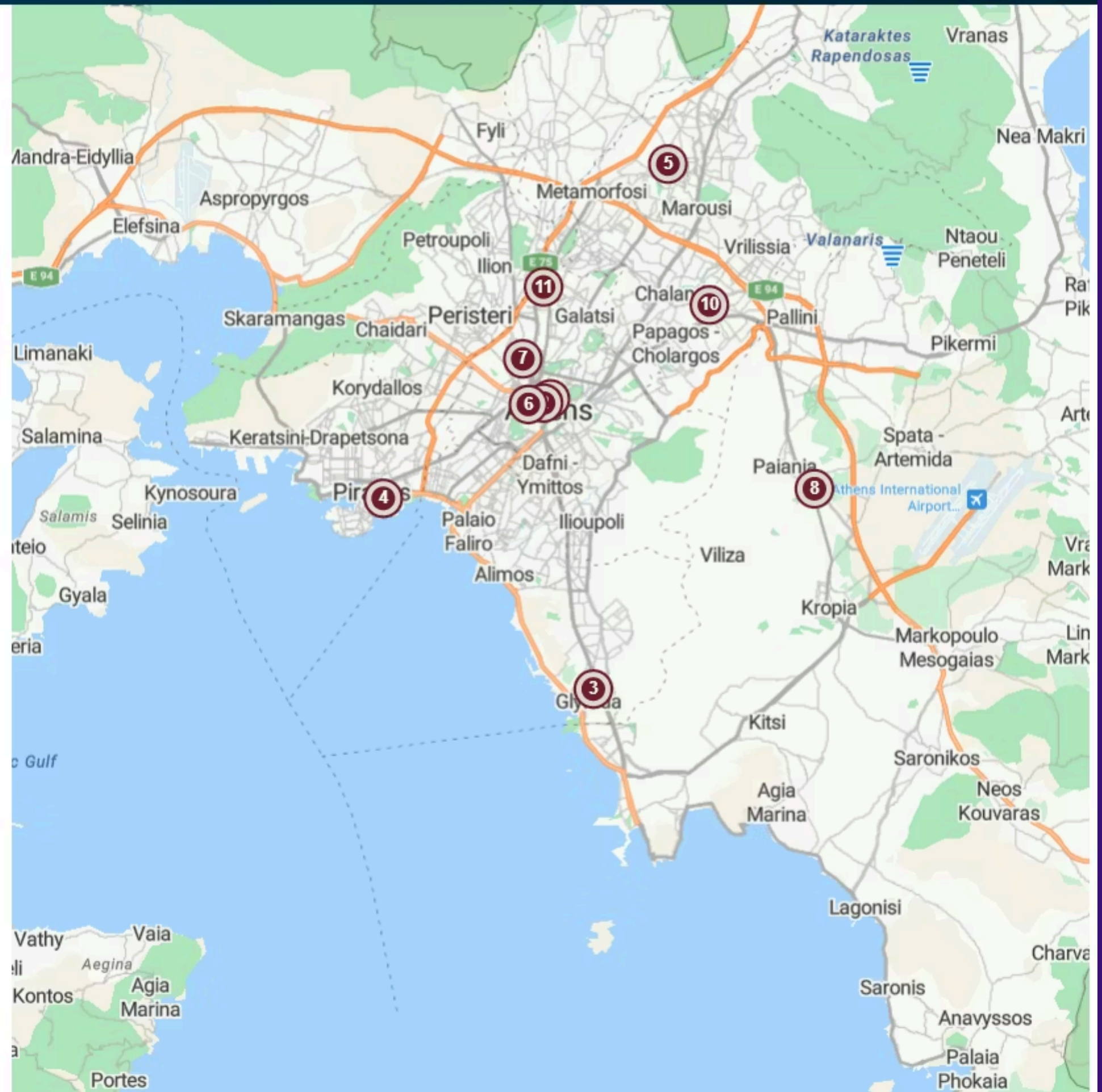
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Athens, Greece
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 "Hello Paul" Speech by Paul Stern. PMI UK Toastmasters (Feb 26)

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






YouTube Speech Evaluator [Production]

Master Guideline Version

Recent

-  YouTube Link Speech Type Selection
-  SPE EVAL 'Hello Paul' - PAUL STERN
-  YouTube Speech Type Identification

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3NzEYt7hV0>



Fast



Speech Evaluator Gem (Gemini) 

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TOASTMASTERS EVALUATION

"Hello Paul"

👤 Paul Stern

🕒 6 minutes, 49 seconds

✅ Qualified

🎯 The Speech at a Glance

THE NARRATIVE OVERVIEW

This speech explores the concept of 'memory triggers'—sensory inputs or thoughts that instantly transport us back to past experiences. Paul uses a personal and professional narrative from his career as a hydrographic surveyor to illustrate how a simple, polite greeting in the present can trigger intense memories of a high-pressure, adversarial encounter from years prior. The speech is a reflection on resilience, professional integrity, and the lasting impact of workplace environments on mental health.

"Hello Paul" Toastmasters Evaluation Report [🔗](#)





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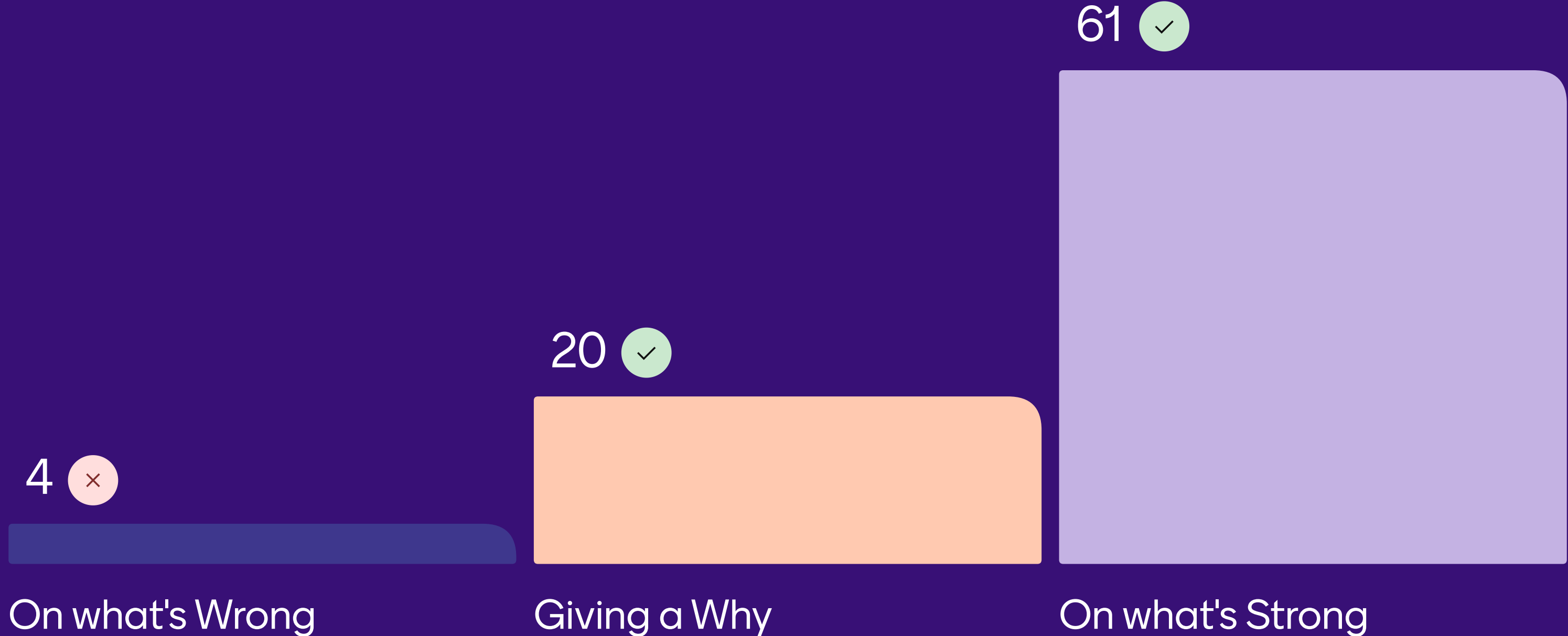
Open House

29th April at 18:45

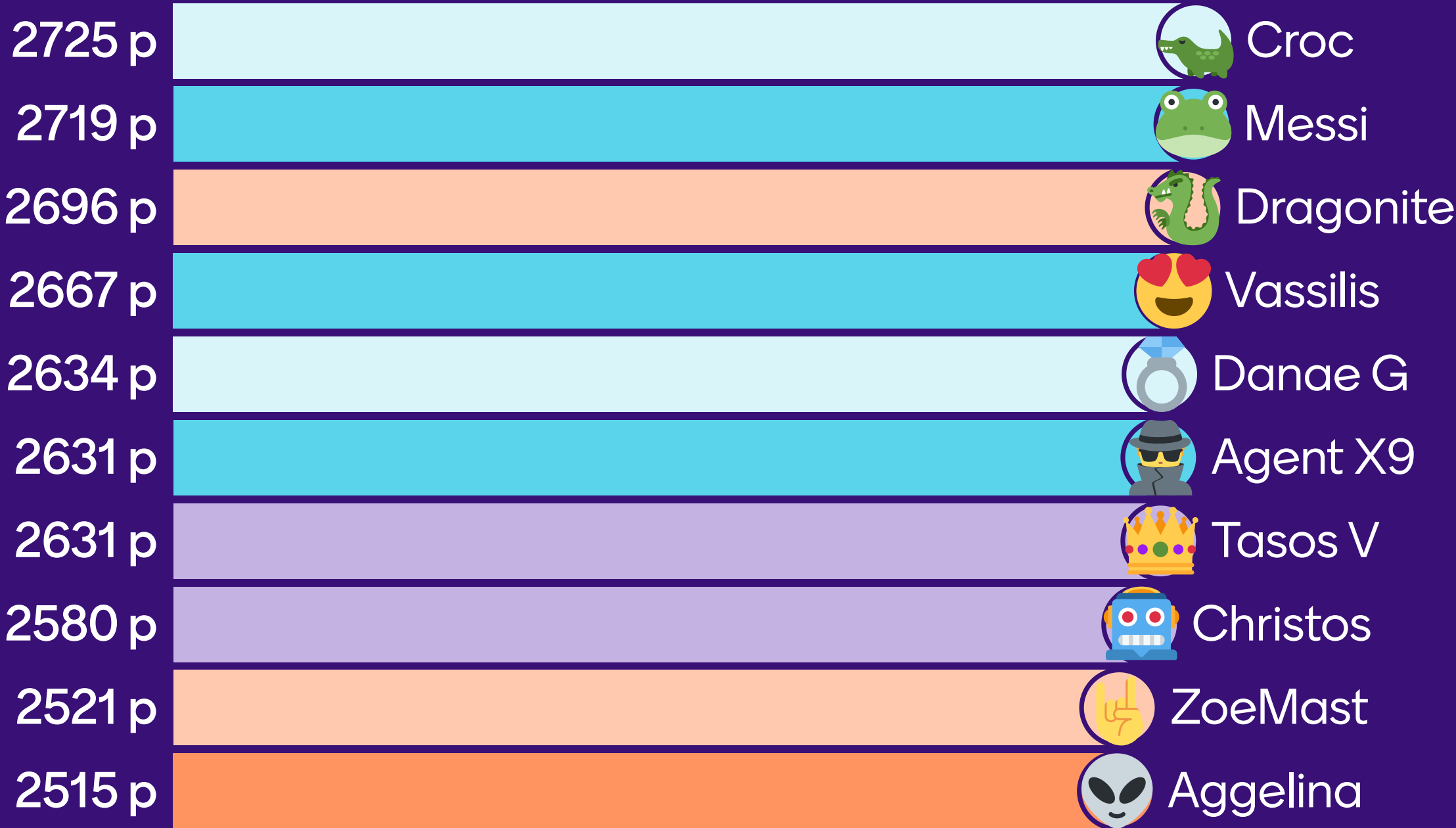
Hybrid Meeting



In Christian's 'More TaDaas, Less ToDos' session, he encouraged us to focus on what?

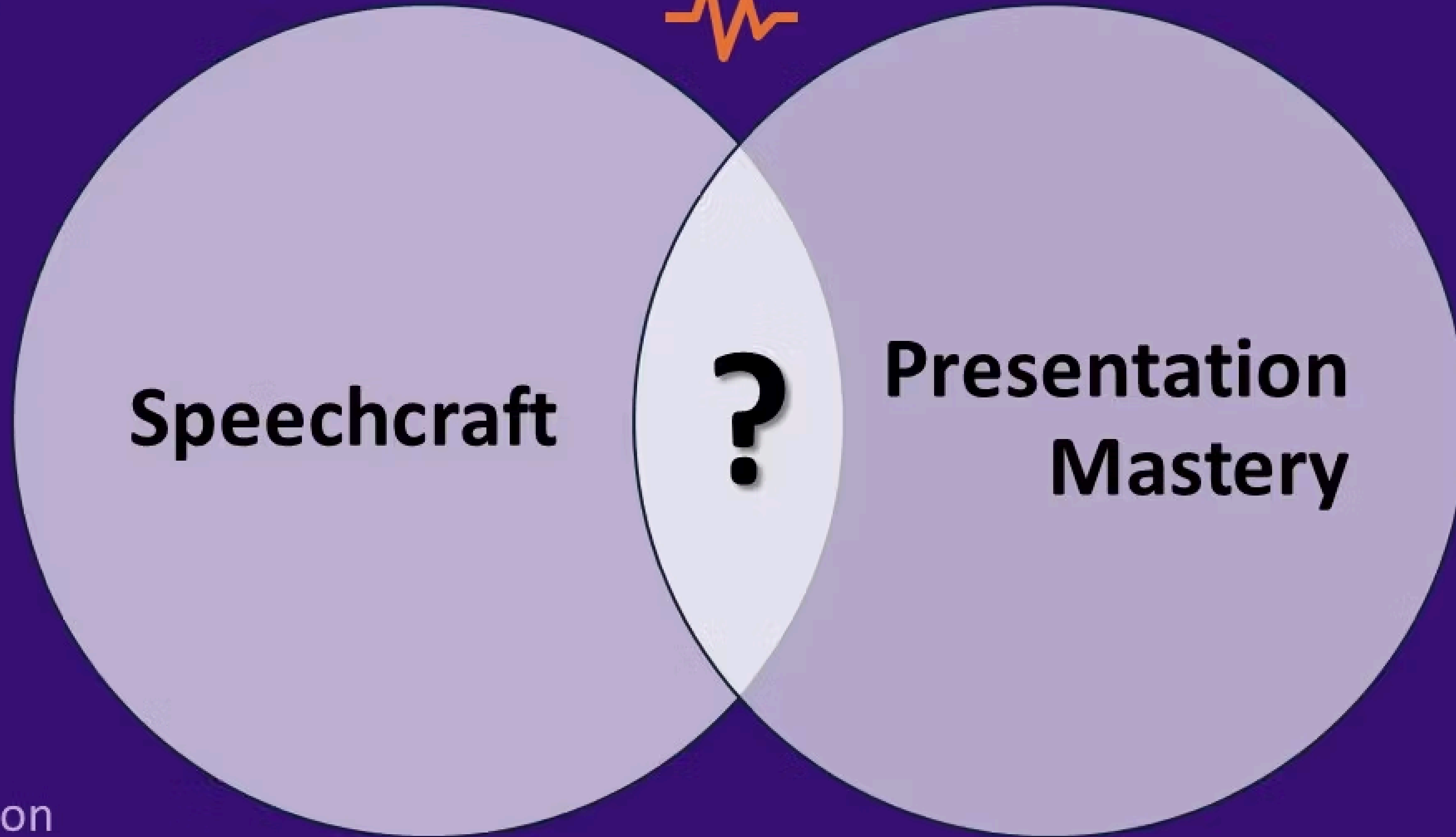


How's it shaking out now?



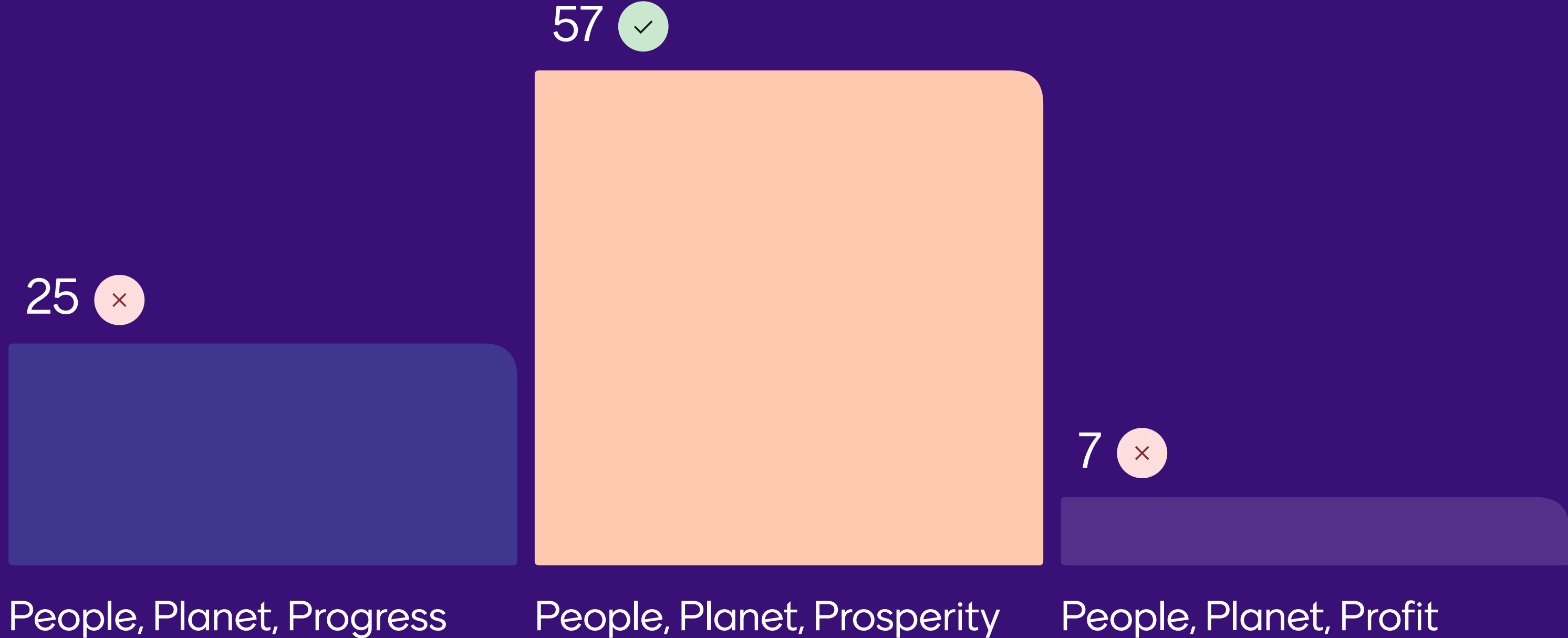
Public Speaking = Internal Resonance

Purpose
Structure
Content



Voice
Stories
Connection

In Lucila's talk on Green Project Management, what did the 3 P's stand for?



Who profited from that?





Presentation Mastery

Interesting Facts about Hummingbirds



Interesting Facts about Hummingbirds

1. They are the smallest migrating bird. They don't migrate in flocks like other species, and they typically travel alone for up to 500 miles at a time.
2. The name, hummingbird, comes from the humming noise their wings make as they beat so fast.
3. Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backwards.
4. Hummingbirds have no sense of smell. While they can't sniff out feeders, they do have good color vision. Some birds like the Ruby-throated Hummingbird prefer orange or red flowers. Despite this, red dye should not be used in nectar as it could harm the birds. Instead, plant naturally red or orange flowers or use feeders that have red coloring in their structure.
5. The average weight of a hummingbird is less than a fifty pence piece.
6. Their tiny legs are only used for perching and moving sideways while perched. They can't walk or hop.
7. Hummingbirds drink the nectar found in feeders by moving their tongue in and out about 13 times per second. They can consume up to double their body weight in a day.
8. The average number of eggs laid by female hummingbirds is only two. These eggs have been found in nests smaller than a half dollar and compare in size to a jellybean or a coffee bean. Some species, like the Black-chinned Hummingbird make their nests with plant down, spider silk, and other natural resources that can expand as their babies grow after hatching.
9. A flock of hummingbirds can be referred to as a bouquet, a glittering, a hover, a shimmer, or a tune.
10. There are over 330 species of hummingbirds.



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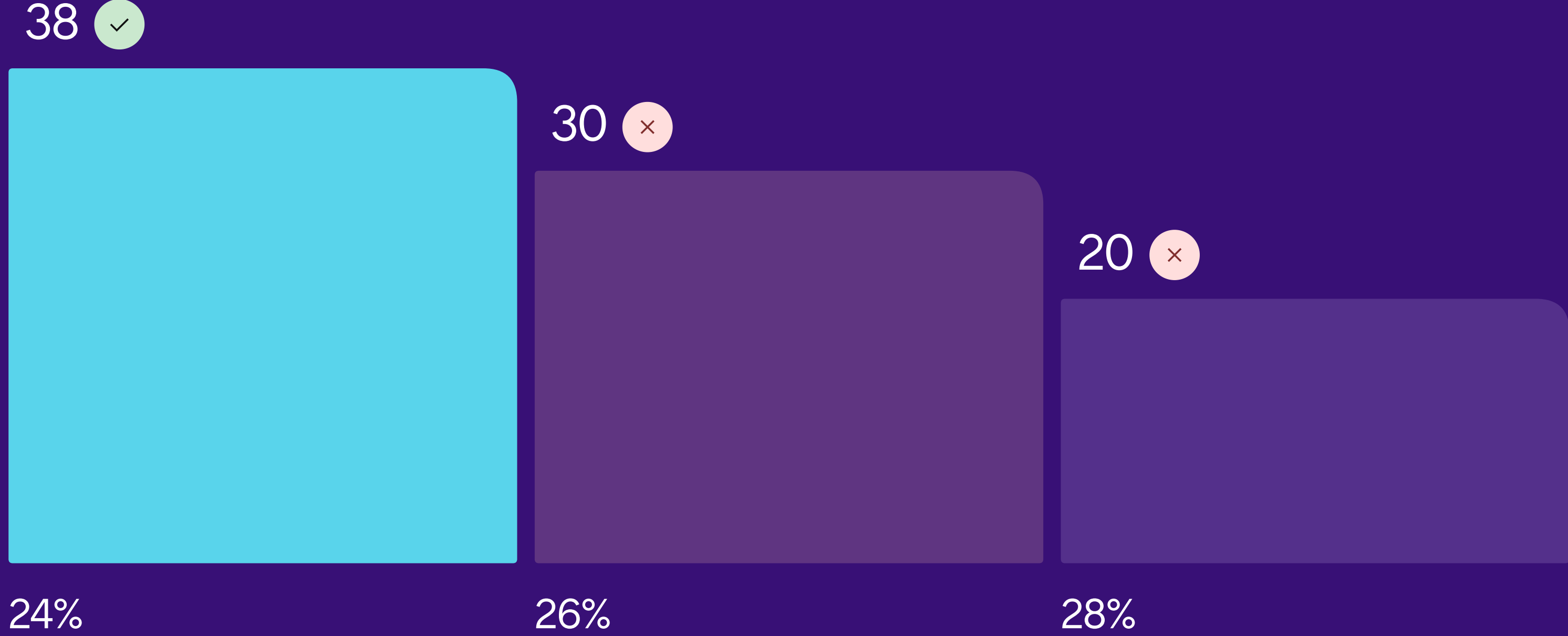


Better still...a blank screen...

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In Nigel's DISC session what percentage were the 'D's - Commanders in the room?



Any change?





How to avoid death By PowerPoint | David JP Phillips | TEDxStockholmSalon [🔗](#)



David JP Philips'

Slide Design Principles



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S - Single Message per Slide



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S - Single Message per Slide

M - Magic Number Six



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T - Tone through Contrast



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PowerPoint Impact Analyser (PIA)

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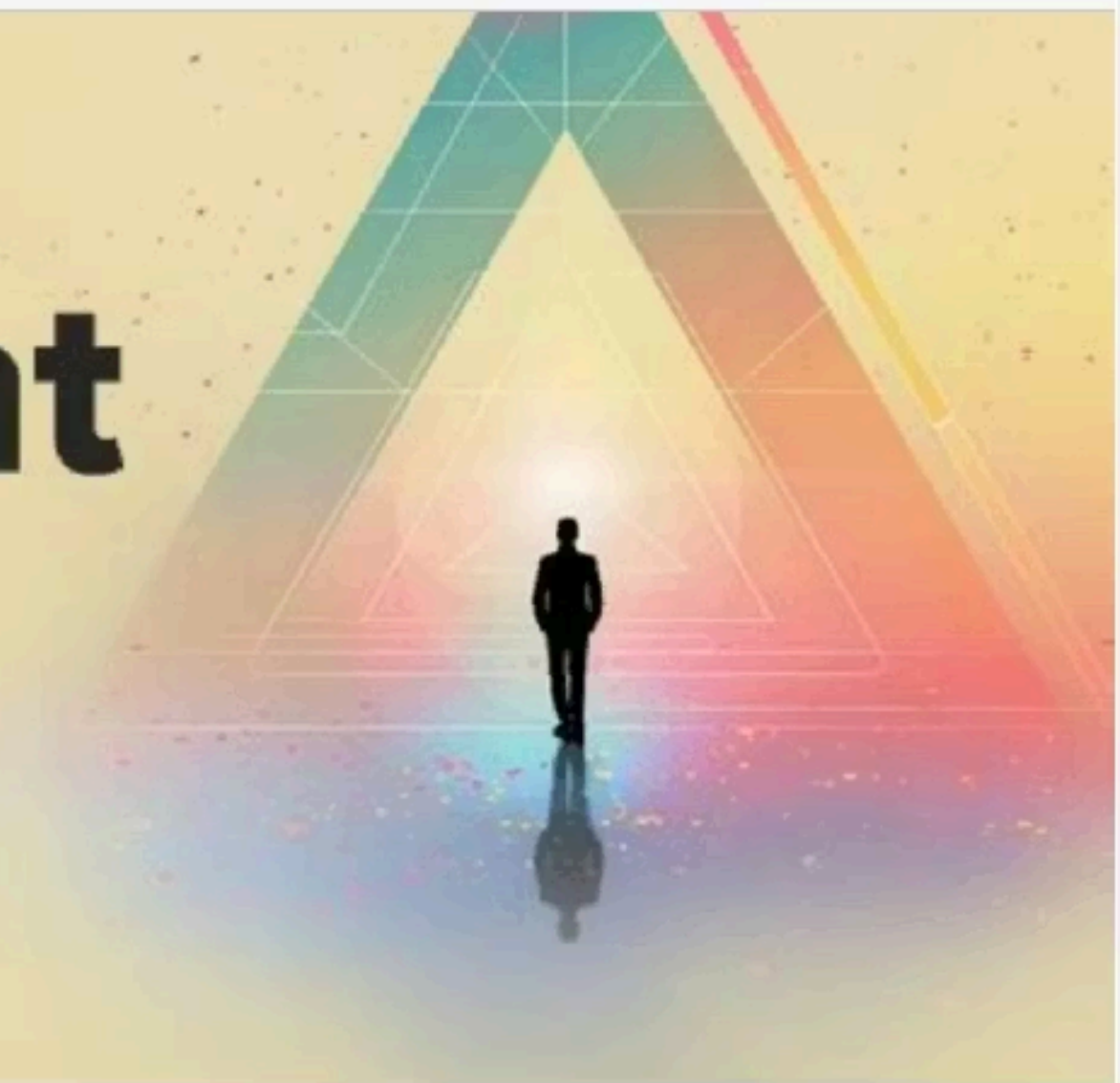
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It is designed to transform dense "slide-uments" into effective presentations.



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events presents

Project Management conference



**Are you a Commander, a Cheerleader,
a Carer or a Critical Thinker?**

Nigel Smith

Past Director of Professional Development, PMI UK Chapter

28th April 2026



PQI FRAMEWORK

DAVID JP PHILLIPS

TOASTMASTERS

ARE YOU A COMMANDER, A CHEERLEADER, A CARER, OR A CRITICAL THINKER

PRESENTER: NIGEL SMITH · 28 APRIL 2026

"This is a masterfully designed 'Brain-Efficient' deck. The presentation serves as a visual anchor for your narrative rather than a document to be read."

OVERALL PQI

8.6





9/10

COGNITIVE LOAD

Minimal text ensures the audience listens to you instead of reading.

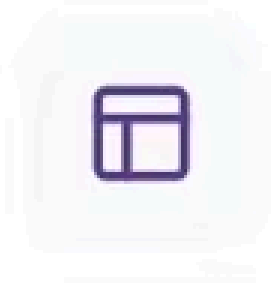


9.5/10

VISUAL ACCESSIBILITY

High-contrast images and massive, legible fonts ensure visibility.





8.5/₁₀

RHETORICAL STRUCTURE

Excellent use of curiosity (e.g., 'OPPORTUNITYISNOWHERE') to drive engagement.



7.5/₁₀

DELIVERY SUPPORT

Strong visual cues, though sequence-heavy sections require tight timing.



SLIDE WORD DENSITY

COGNITIVE LOAD DISTRIBUTION

#6

ANALYSIS TOTAL

SLIDE 1: OPENING / ILLUSION

STRONG - 3 WORDS

3w

SLIDE 9: THE GOLDEN RULE

STRONG - 8 WORDS

8w

SLIDE 25: CELEBRITY ARCHETYPES

STRONG - 5 WORDS

5w

SLIDE 40: COFFEE BLEND

BORDERLINE - 12 WORDS

12w

SLIDE 55: KEY TAKEAWAYS

BORDERLINE - 19 WORDS

19w

SLIDE 61: AI THREAT

STRONG - 6 WORDS

6w

TOTAL SLIDES

6

AVG WORDS

8.8

PEAK DENSITY

19w



CRITICAL INSIGHTS

SUCCESS FACTOR

"Death by PowerPoint" avoided. The deck is a masterclass in visual anchors.

RHYTHM RISK

Sequence-heavy DISC trait slides require surgical timing to avoid cognitive fatigue.

CLARITY SCORE

9/10 Result. Inferred font size consistently 24pt+, maximizing legibility.



SLIDE 9 · SCALES



"On a scale of 1-10, how effective is the Golden Rule in modern project management?"

MENTIMETER PROMPT CARD



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SLIDE 61 · WORD CLOUD



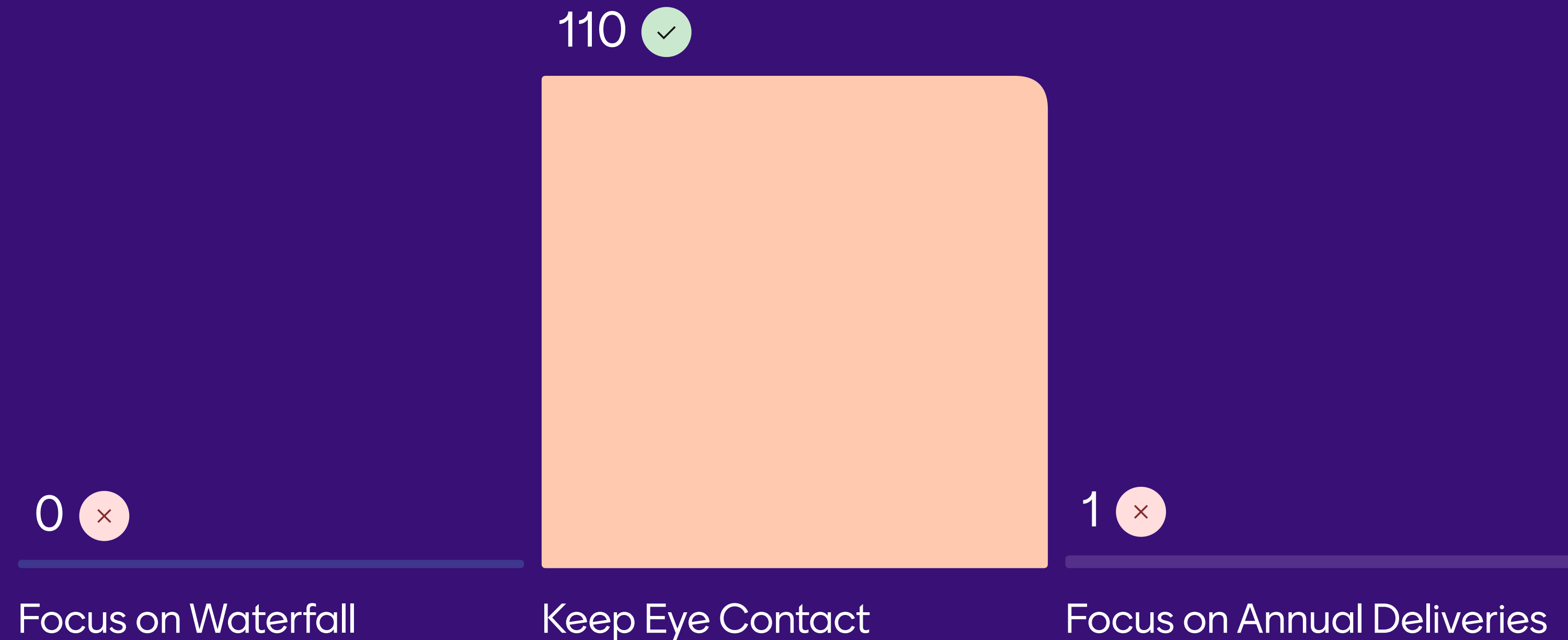
"In one word, what human skill can AI NEVER replace?"

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What did Lorenzo ask us to do in his presentation?



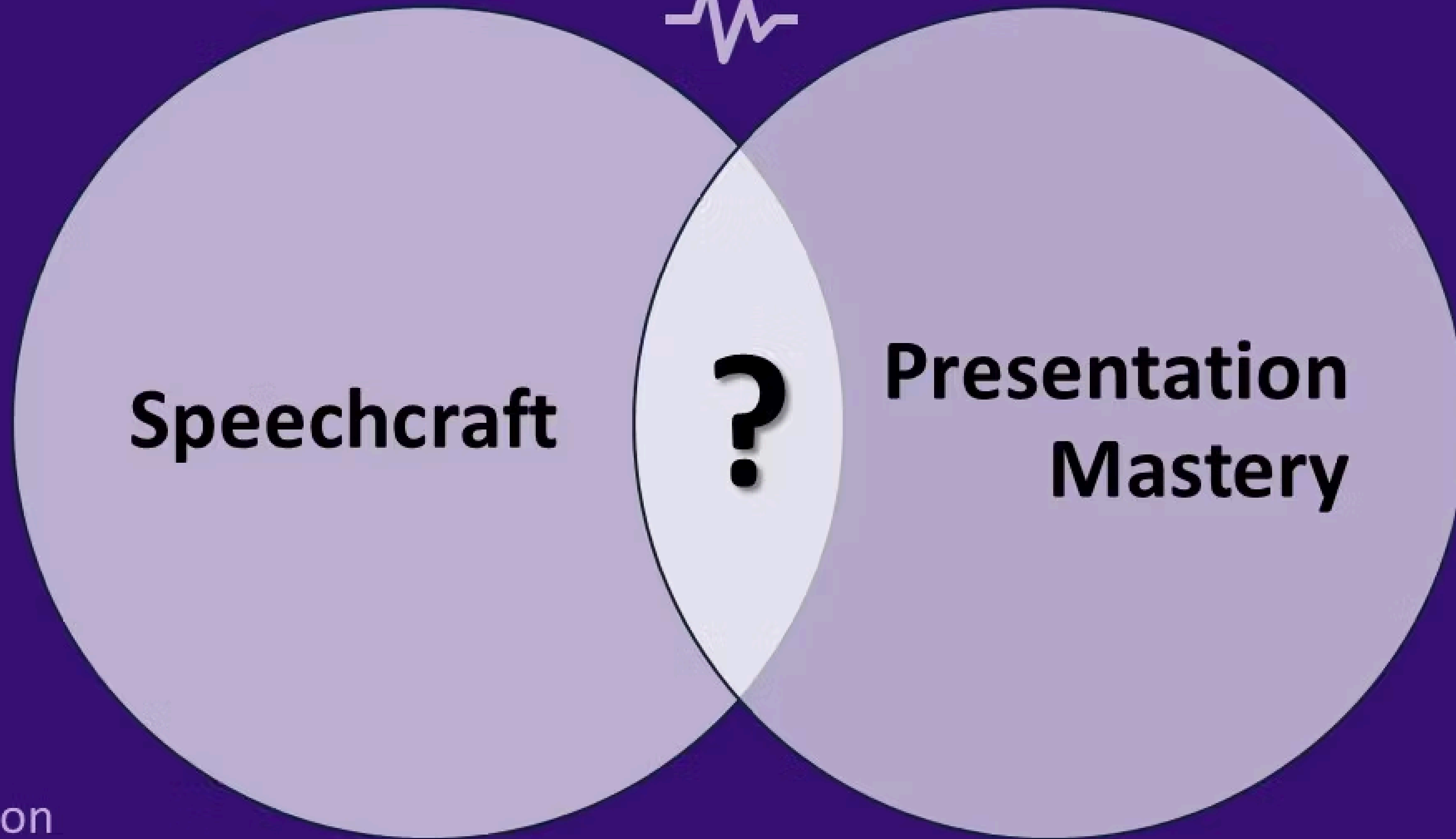
One to go, who's it gonna be?



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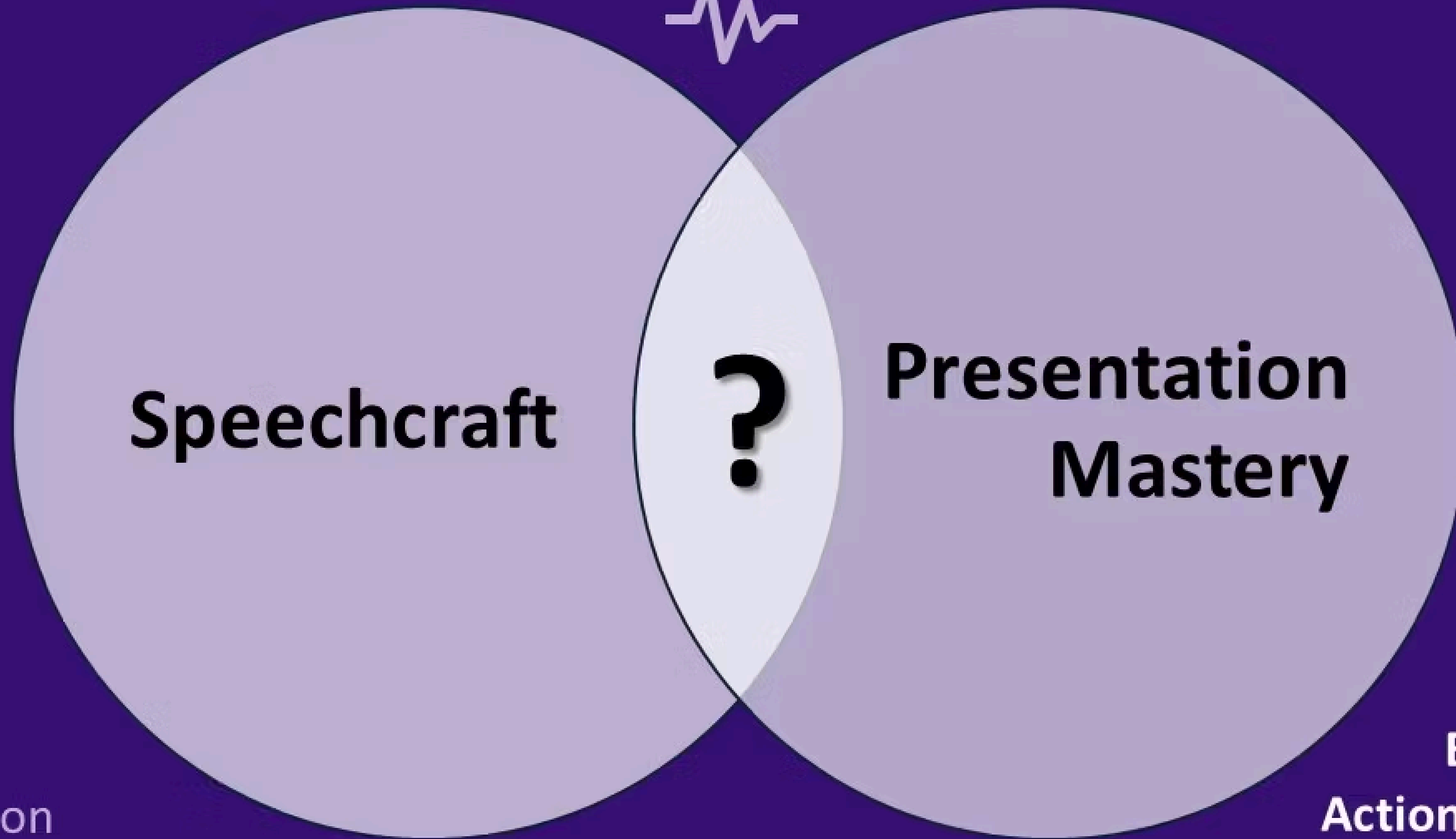


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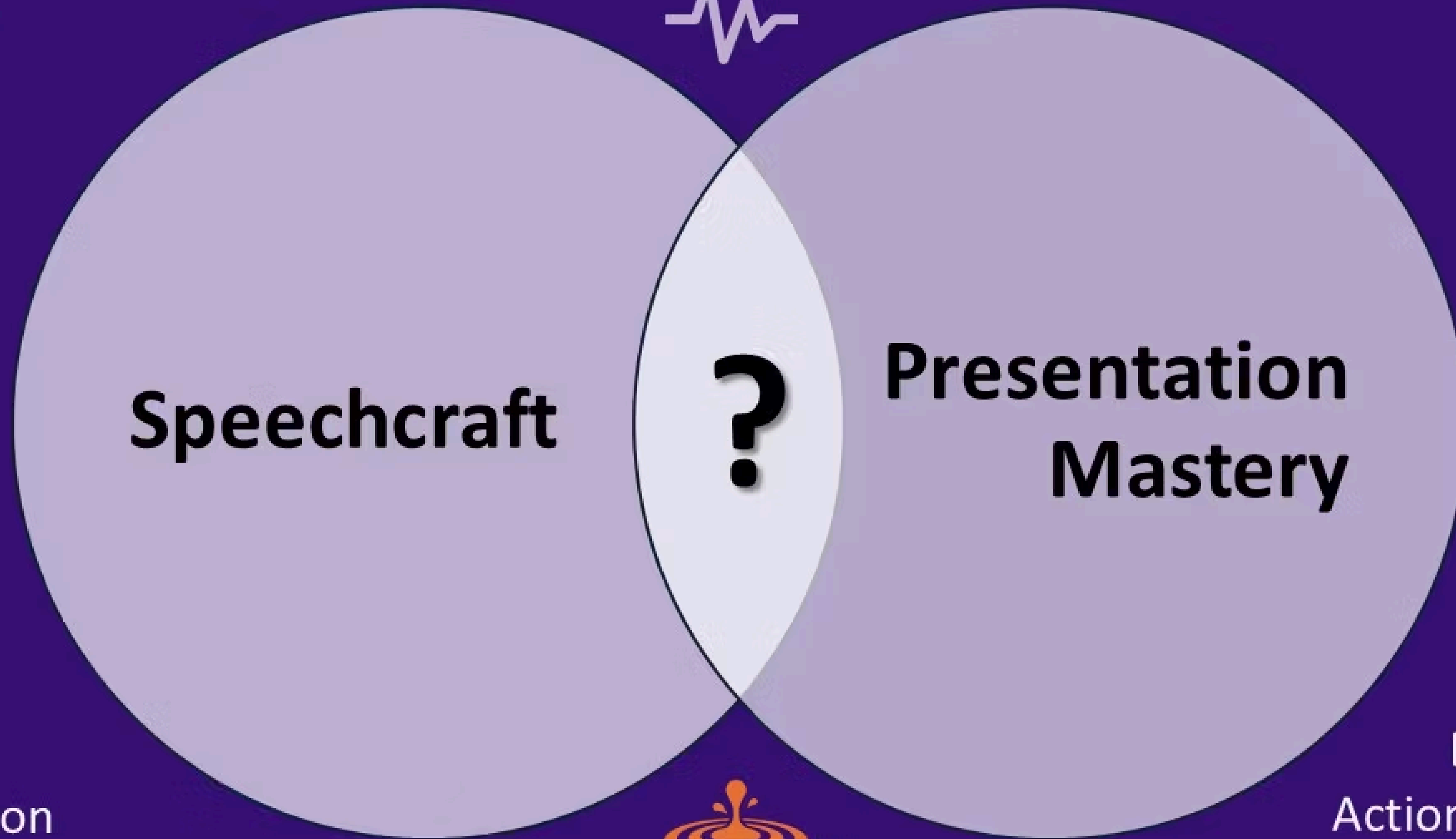
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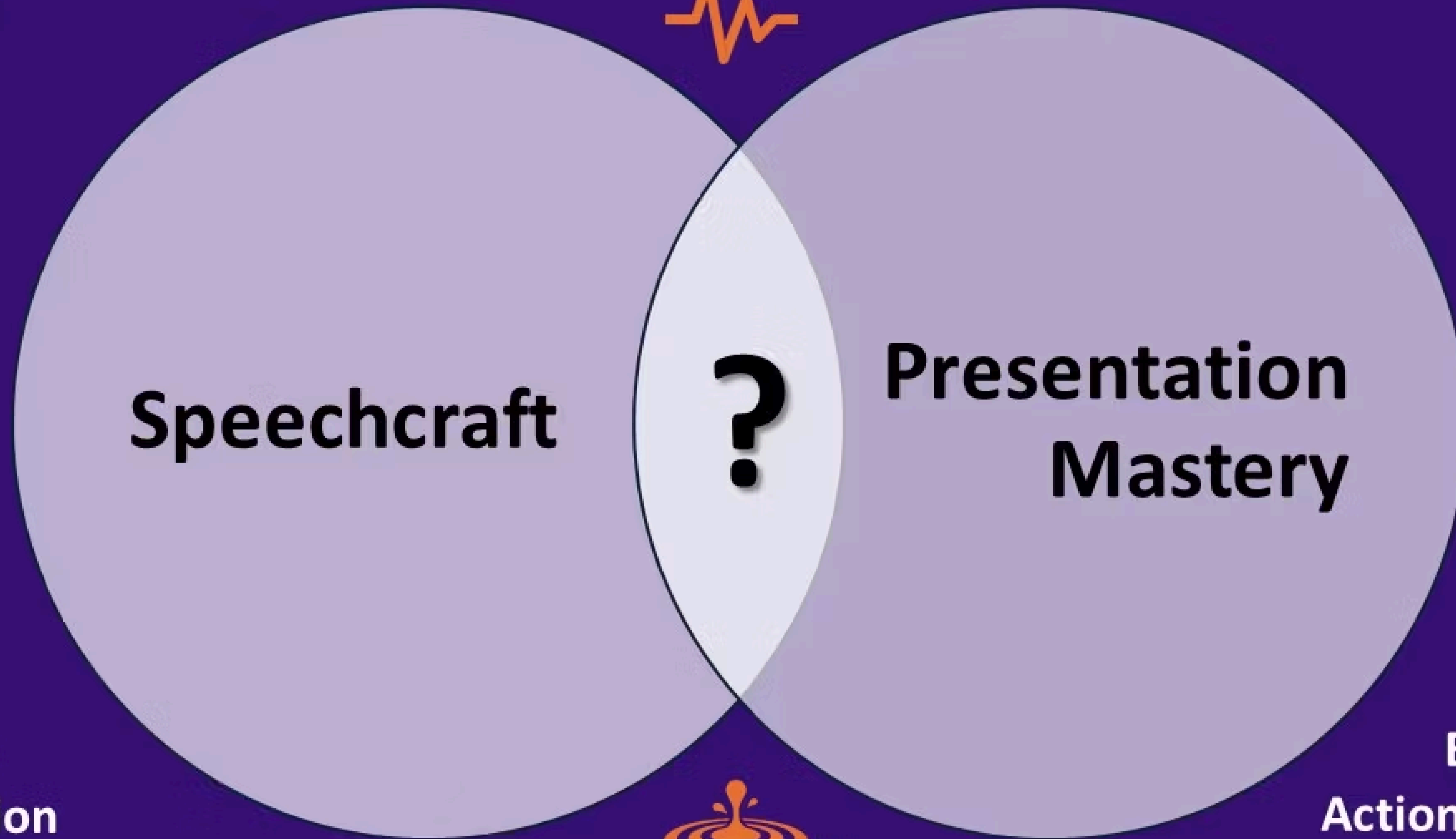
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Audience Experience = Impact

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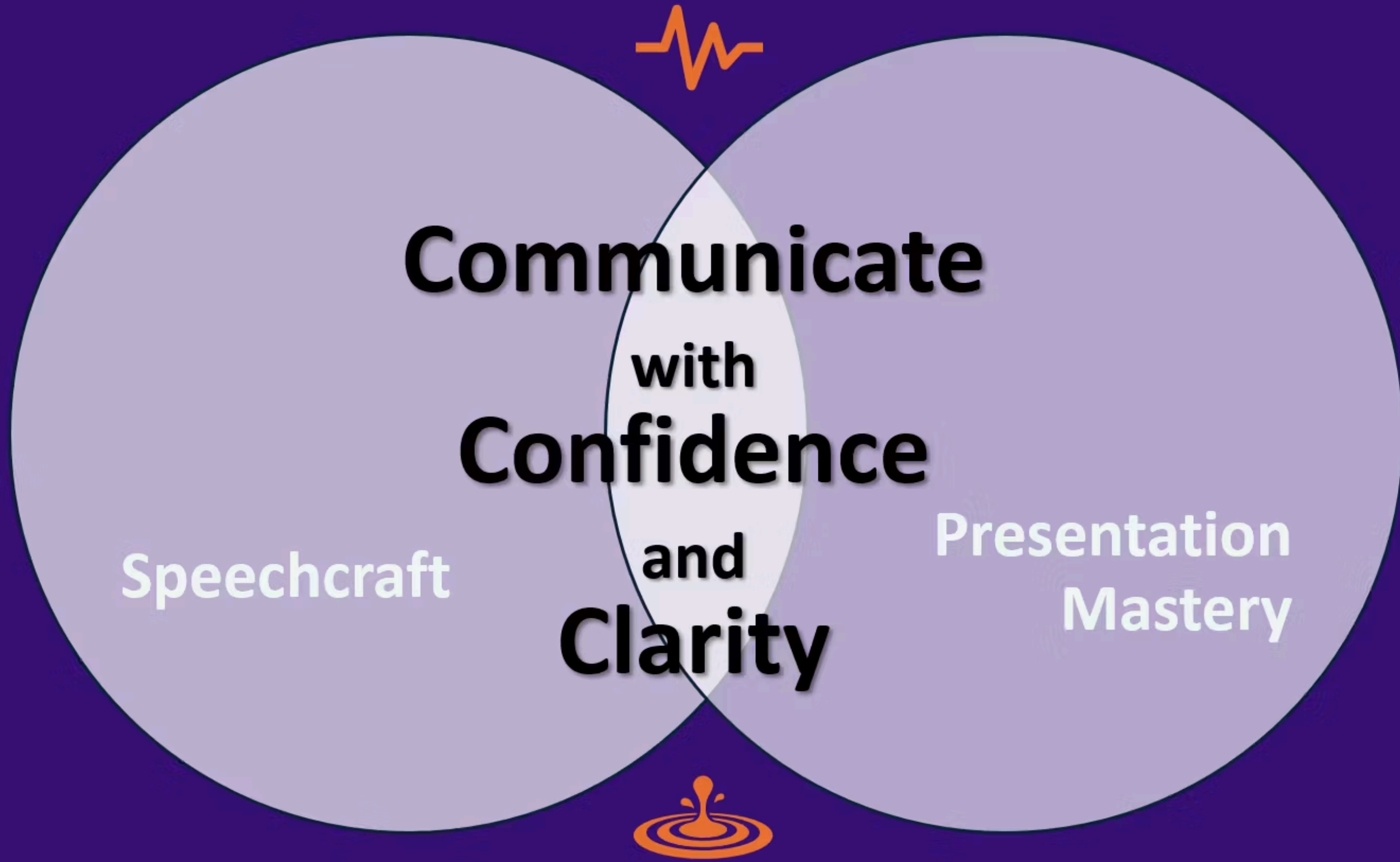


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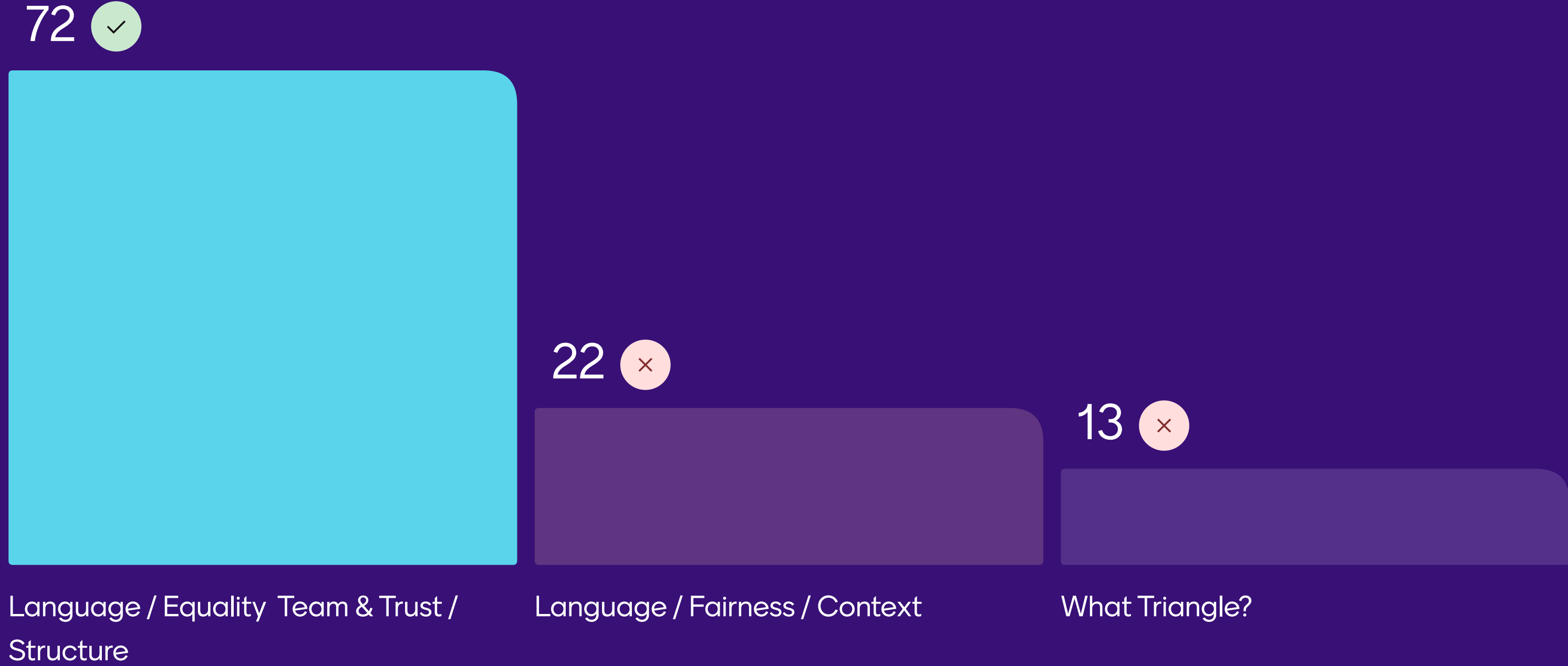
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What did the 3 sides of the triangle represent in Franziska's presentation?



And our Celebrated Winner is...?



Key Takeaways

- ✓ Your practical action plan for speaking powerfully
- ✓ Best practice to gaining presentation mastery
- ✓ Opportunity to gain an AI evaluation of your speech or presentation

What have you learned or will you do differently as a result of attending this masterclass?

Eye contact to camera

Communicate concisely
- eye contact - empathy

Ppt preparation

looking at the camera

SMART

Communication,
Confidence, Clarity

Sign up toadmasters

Join Toastmasters

What have you learned or will you do differently as a result of attending this masterclass?

Hello Paul!

Try to improve my presentation skills

There are tools that can help us

More exciting ppts

Variety of size and tone

Keep eye contact

Improve power skills

Nothing new

What have you learned or will you do differently as a result of attending this masterclass?

Looking in the eyes with confidence

interactive presentations

Extend presentation skills online

Open the camera and keep eye contact

Use the Webcam!

Communita with confidence & clarity

Eye contract

Use the PIA to improve my presentation

What have you learned or will you do differently as a result of attending this masterclass?

make gestures and pauses when presenting

Rule of 6

Leaner slides, confident presentation

Simplify slides and use more colour contrast

Key points for power point presentation

Revise the way presentations are made, practice for strong speeches

Always communicate with confidence and clarity

How to make and communicate presentations.

What have you learned or will you do differently as a result of attending this masterclass?

Put a hummingbird in the presentation

Start with a hook

How to improve my ppt

Assistance of AI

Eye contact in your meetings Loud clear voice and important pauses And keep time strictly

AI evaluation

I will keep my camera on!

Communication is crucial Use the camera

What have you learned or will you do differently as a result of attending this masterclass?

Speak with courage, confidence and clarity

communicate with clarity with focus and confidence

From now on I will focus more on making the right pauses in order to emphasise the right thing

Treat others like they want to be treated and not as I want to be treated

Maintain eye contact

Build on my presentstion skills and get feedback to become better

Be more confident when doing a presentation.

Look at the camera when talking online Pause Open my camera Improve power point slides and focus on my speech rather than whats written on it

What have you learned or will you do differently as a result of attending this masterclass?

Impactful presentations

On point presentations

To be more confident in my next presentations

clarity on communication
Toastmaster

Design ppt differently

Eye contact

Leaner slides confident presenting

communication and less wording in slides

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Eye contact

Presentations Eyes
contact with all - camera
on Voice tone

Communicate
confidently

Communicate with
clarity



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