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## Are We Stuck in the Past? The Need for New Thinking

# Differing Levels of Maturity Across Bidders

- 3 responses to the same requirements, Florida eProcurement, 2001...

Bidder A

State of Florida Department of Management Services  
Procurement Services  
April 18, 2001

has helped a variety of institutions, such as the State of California and Purdue University, transform the way they do business with their vendors. These agencies are now realizing the benefits of having installed web-based procurement systems.

**2.05.1 Business Process Re-engineering Services**

To help the State of Florida achieve business process re-engineering, we organized along four key success areas: strategy, people, business processes, and technology (Figure 2.05-5). We organize around business issues, not just technology issues, and we consider all of these dimensions.

**Strategy**—Strategy provides the basis for a common understanding of an organization's vision. Our strategic services professionals will help Florida develop a customer-driven strategy that is aligned with established processes to deliver value to its customers. These professionals provide expertise in information technology strategy, business operations strategy, and organization and change strategy.

**People**—Successful organizations recognize that Florida's greatest assets and the keys to the government's ultimate success are people. Adapting to a changing environment is often the most difficult component of a project. Successful organization and human performance professionals are committed to helping clients successfully manage change and to empowering organizations through the use of new technologies, systems processes, and policies.

**Technology**—Information technology enables our clients to change the way they do business to better support their organization's strategy. Information technology professionals are experienced in areas such as network design, database administration, web architectures, interface architectures, operations, reporting and warehouse architectures, performance tuning, client/server computing, and technical infrastructures.

**Business Processes**

Figure 2.05-5: Information's Core Competencies. Our vision guides our people to choose the proper technology and process re-engineering to enable business integration.

2.05-4

Rank 1/16 Score 94.80

Bidder B

**Table - Objectives:**  
Strategic sourcing, organizational alignment and skill enhancement leading to \$175 million in annualized cost reduction. Facilitated transformation of procurement from a back-end operation to proactive, supply chain oriented partner within the corporation.

Tasks and Objectives	Approach
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver bottom line value by strategic sourcing, organizational alignment and skill enhancement in procurement</li> <li>Specific tasks include: procurement and organizational analysis, leading and supporting change management, training and skill development, system strategy, and executive coaching</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct baseline analysis of needs, gaps and opportunities</li> <li>Developed multi-year improvement program to execute strategies and tactics identified during first phase of work</li> <li>Implement a comprehensive change program across all levels of the organization with systematic overhaul of processes, systems, performance measures and work environment</li> <li>Form a Purchasing Council of key users to help guide transformation efforts</li> <li>Engage client personnel in highly interactive, joint team environment on a long-term basis</li> </ul>

**Results**

- Achieved over \$175 million in annual sustainable cost reductions and supply chain improvements
- Full transformation of the procurement function from a back-end tactical operation to transaction-oriented and price buyers to a proactive, supply chain oriented strategic sourcing partner within the corporation
- Client was recently ranked as one of Purchasing Magazine's "Best Places to Work" and scored as top quartile of purchasing best practices in ranking of over 150 organizations worldwide

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Rank 4/16 Score 78.60

Bidder C

Analysis also has major alliances and partnerships with key industry companies outside of the Figure Group. These include:

- IBM (SAP)
- IBM (SAP) (We are the largest worldwide reseller of IBM platform solutions and the only supplier leader IBM authorized to field services support their mission critical data center IBM platform solutions)
- Oracle/Bea (we are one of Oracle's largest worldwide resellers and system integrators of their applications)
- Microsoft (we are the primary strategic data center outsourcing partner for Microsoft's Application Service Provider (ASP) offerings worldwide)
- Capgemini Business
- IBM
- Bea
- Oracle
- Microsoft (we are the primary strategic field services and maintenance providers for all Oracle data centers worldwide)
- Microsoft Agreement
- IBM (we are one of the largest worldwide resellers of their storage management solutions)

**IT Service Provider Ranking**

Just Announced: \$18.6B  
\$18.6B Passes EQO at \$18.6B

Revenue: \$18.6B, \$13.97B, \$6.79B, \$4.17B, \$2.17B

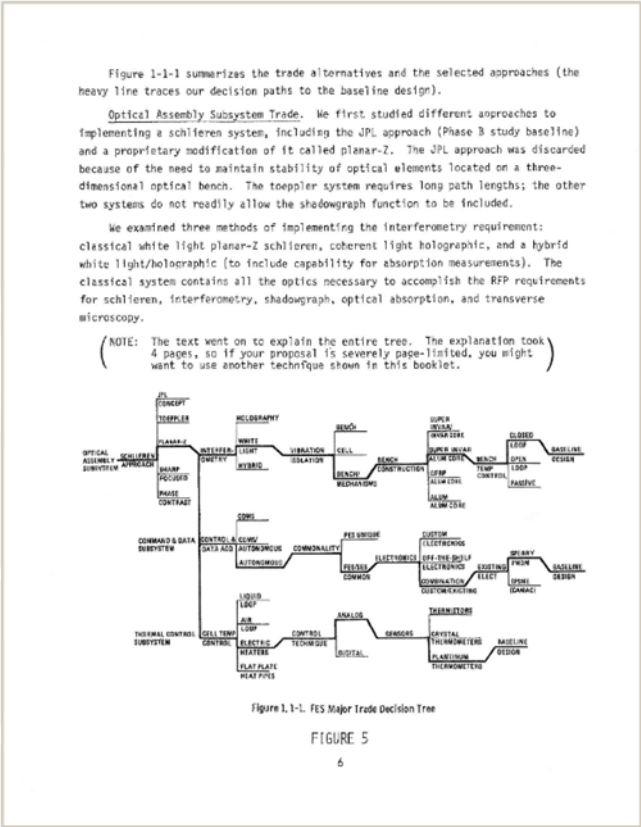
Growth Rate: 19%, 11%, 13%, 20%, 18%

Source: Gartner

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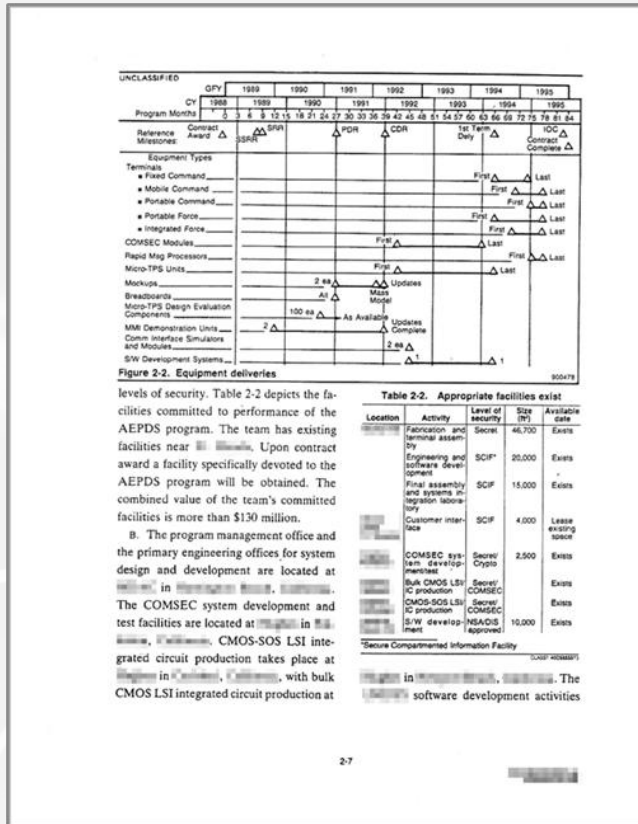
Rank 13/16 Score 49.25

# The 1970s



- Technical report format
- “River-raft” technique common: graphic rafts on a river of text
- No widespread use of thesis statements
- However, STOP in use at Hughes
- Single column
- Simple layout
- Not easy to revise
- Hand-drawn illustrations
- Simple covers
- Typewriters
- Carbon paper and mimeographs
- X-Acto knives and Magic Tape

# The 1980s



- Some double column formats
- Foldouts
- Word processor-based revisions, e.g. WordStar, WordPerfect, Word
- Tables made with IBM character set special characters
- Laser printers with monospaced fonts
- Simple vector graphic programs, e.g. GEM Draw Plus
- Desktop publishing using mainframes and workstations, e.g. LaTeX, Interleaf
- Color covers using photographic montages



# The 1990s (with a bit of innovation)

- Innovative template design
- Use of pull quotes

**MEETING THE CHALLENGES WITH A PERFORMANCE-PROVEN, FULL CAPABILITY TEAM**

The Common Ground Station (CGS) gives the Army warfighter the competitive edge to rely on into the next century for rapid, all-weather, 24-hour a day intelligence. It is the first significant intelligence capability to extend down to the brigade and fire support levels. In many respects, the CGS represents a new approach to intelligence. Our challenge is to push the edge of the envelope and produce a CGS that provides a near-real-time, multi-format, integrated picture of the battlefield never before available.

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After discussions with numerous companies, we chose [redacted] and [redacted] to join us in producing the CGS. Together, we possess every critical skill and technology necessary to guarantee a CGS of unmatched capability and quality. That is our solemn pledge to the Army.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
System management and migration	Imagery processing using ETRAC software	PIR effects	PIR effects
System interoperability	SID system software processing	Electrical technical manuals	Integration of data
MTI targeting	SAI PIR effects	Analysis of recognition for PIR	ETRAC target recognition

**OUR APPROACH REFLECTS STREAMLINED ASARC PROCESS AND BEST VALUE TO GOVERNMENT**

- ✓ Twelve years of outstanding [redacted] performance by [redacted] in a role that during Desert Storm (42 months, over 50% availability)
- ✓ Tailored through empowered integrated product teams (IPTs) with government representation, using online communications and common databases to resolve issues early
- ✓ Baseline configuration with all new [redacted] features plus discontinued [redacted] Secondary Imagery Distribution (SID) system capability
- ✓ Open, flat-based architecture meets C4I Technical Architecture requirements and emphasizes commercial state-of-the-art technologies
- ✓ Comprehensive five-year performance warranty
- ✓ Proven, F3I technologies already analyzed for operational military utility
- ✓ Proven, cooperative integrated logistics support (ILS)/capabilities
- ✓ Two prototypes to demonstrate critical CGS capabilities before award
- ✓ We leverage a combined \$1M [redacted] investment in [redacted] related technologies ( [redacted] and Command Vision Center) to ensure a low-risk program.

**Using two company-funded [redacted] for [redacted] prototypes, we...**

- ✓ Verify the ATP architecture prior to contract start
- ✓ Provide new multiple window screens
- ✓ Integrate ETRAC imagery processing/SID
- ✓ Provide UAV imagery processing (IR, SAR)

**General Gordon R. Sullivan**

"What you saw in the jungles and cities of Panama and in the desert of Iraq was a window on the future of warfare. We essentially told the Panama Defense Forces and the Republican Guard, 'I know where you are and where you are not. I know where I am, and I'm coming after you, day and night, in all weather. And I will not let up until I take you down. That's what we did. Look 'em down.'"

**Configuration**

# The 2000s

- Consistent application of themes
- Improved crosswise integration of win themes through graphics, text and cost
- Big improvement in cost volumes
- Big improvement in IMP/IMS
- Visually, not much changed from the 1990s
- Use of the same tools (Word, PowerPoint, Illustrator) – just on faster PCs with different aesthetics

**3.0 SYSTEMS ENGINEERING APPROACH [SOW 3.3]**

We tailored our proven, comprehensive engineering process to directly align with the established USMC Program Office's processes. We provide a low-risk path to a successful CDR, DT events, and resulting Milestone C decision.

Our CMMI® qualified engineering processes are tailored using the Systems Engineering Plan to cover all facets of the program. In addition, this same approach is flowed to all subcontractors to ensure a unified and collaborative process.

During the [redacted], we streamlined and tailored these processes to produce the tested configuration, the transportability study and the architecture study, all in a rapid development cycle.

Our system capitalizes on maximum reuse of Configuration Items (CIs) from Phase 1. These CIs include the [redacted] Track Manager, the [redacted] Display, and the [redacted] data link manager.

To these, we add our [redacted] Software and Component Products, as described in Section 5.0, Figure 5-5, our [redacted] Transportability Package (or [redacted]), as described in Section 6, elements from the [redacted]

**Our systems engineering capability ensures a design that leads to a successful Milestone C decision and Limited Rate Initial Production.**

- [redacted] and [redacted] continue their successful Phase 1 intercompany teamwork into Phase 2
- [redacted] successes on the Risk Reduction Effort continue into Phase 2
- Our tailored systems and specialty engineering processes provide continuous collaboration with the customer to drive out risk
- Our specialty engineering disciplines are integrated throughout the development cycle to ensure a holistic solution that meets all threshold requirements and provides customer satisfaction
- Our IA approach is tailored, based upon customer feedback, to reduce IA risk and ensure 100% compliance

[redacted] such as the [redacted] product, and improvements based upon the Government response to our [redacted] studies and onsite testing (see Figure 3-1). Our pre-proposal efforts combined these various inputs into the solution provided in this proposal.

Consistent and rigorous application of these principles ensures a successful Milestone C for the proposed system.

Our Systems Engineering (SE) approach, described in the SE Management Plan (SEMP) in Appendix 3-1, covers the entire [redacted]

**Technical Approach Overview**

**Challenges with Fielded [redacted]**

- Large SOW, single deployment and support of USMC expeditionary doctrine
- High sustainment costs driven by unique hardware and software across the agencies
- High cost to update for changing operational needs
- No modularity prevents flexible deployments of agencies

**Phase 2 Starting Point**

- [redacted] Factor
- [redacted] Costs
- [redacted] Priority
- [redacted] Simulation
- [redacted] Network Architecture
- [redacted] Our Risk Products

**Our Modular Building Blocks... Stand per Agency**

**Key Benefits of Our Offering**

- Modularity: Modular design directly supports the three [redacted] agencies with growth
- Low-Risk Design: Uses proven Phase 1 products resulting in 100% threshold and 20% objective SSS compliance
- Reduced SOW: Innovative [redacted] coupled with [redacted] directly supporting expeditionary operations
- Open Architecture: Open interfaces used throughout allow easy expansion to changing operational needs
- Commonality: Reduces sustainment costs

**Figure 3-1. Low-Risk, Low-Cost Approach to [redacted] Phase 2**  
Our modular approach builds upon the key configuration items of the Government's Phase 1 design to meet 100% of the threshold SSS requirements

Part IV: Technical Volume – 3-1

# When Did We Start Doing it This Way?

Ideas we accept as Best Practice have early origins:

- ..... Thesis sentences
- ..... Modular proposals
- ..... Text and graphics
- ..... Thematic unity within modules
- ..... Page allocations
- ..... Storyboards
- ..... Wall-based storyboard reviews
- ..... Proposal theme
- ..... 1st person, active voice
- ..... No superfluous words
- ..... Discriminators, Aha's, Ghosts
- ..... Benefits, not just features
- ..... Action titles on graphics

'Writing the Technical Report,' Nelson, 1940



'Sequential Topical Organization of Proposals (STOP),' Tracey, Rugh & Starkey, 1962



'The Anatomy of a Win,' Beveridge, 1964



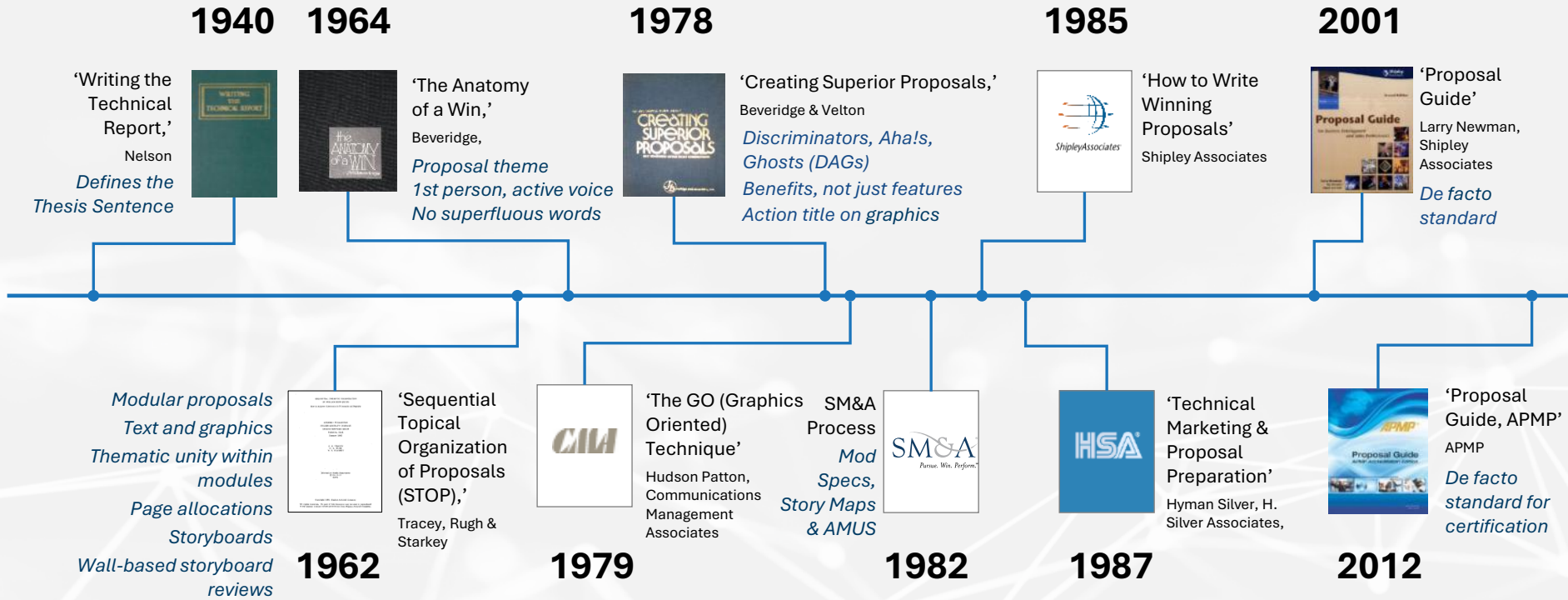
'Creating Superior Proposals,' Beveridge & Velton, 1978





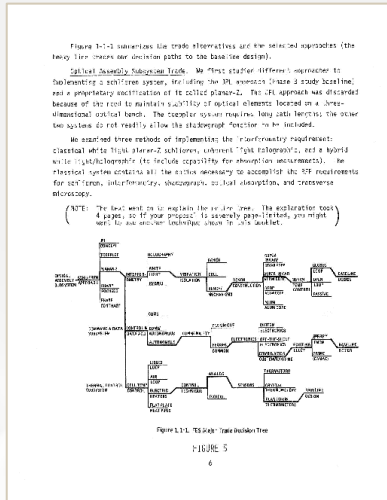
# Current “Best Practice” Has Early Origins

...and have since become codified into command media

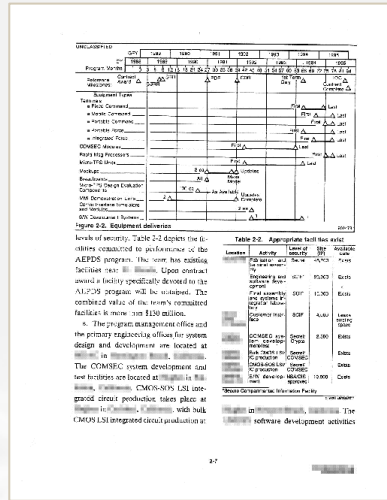


A slow evolution over 40 years...

# Through the Decades, Side by Side



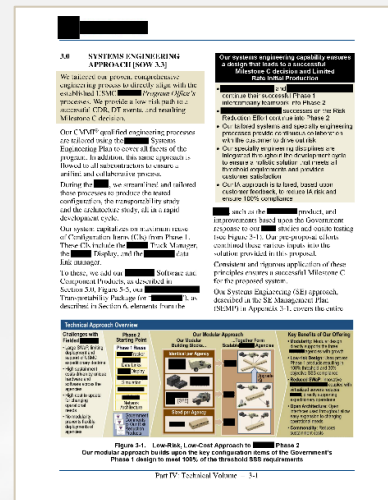
1970s



1980s



1990s



2000s

Large gaps  
in  
proposal  
trade/craft

1995: DoD starts accepting 'paperless' proposals

Rise of the  
Information Age

1989: APMP founded

1993 Birth of the World Wide Web  
First graphical web browser

2004 APMP  
Certification begins

Best practices



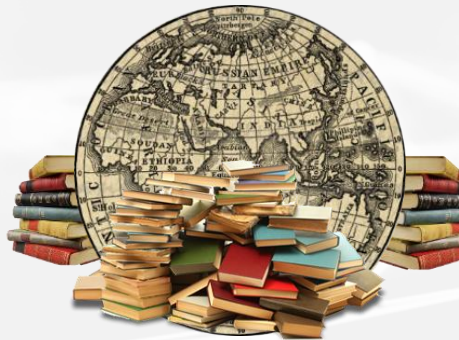
'Proposal Guide'  
Larry Newman,  
Shiplely Associates

De facto standard

# Persuasion on the Cheap

Conventional wisdom now widely adopted in our profession as a best practice is that “a picture is worth a thousand words”<sup>1</sup>, yet there is a visual persuasion gap

## What We are Taught in School (K-to PostDoc)



*Since the advent of Gutenberg’s printing press, our culture of learning is about reading and writing.*

*We are discouraged to learn how to read pictures (comics) in school.*

## Where the World is Heading



*Five exabytes (one billion gigabytes) of content were created between the birth of the world and 2003. In 2013, 5 exabytes of content were created each day<sup>2</sup>, the vast majority of this as a visual representation of information.*

## What We Need is Visual Literacy



*We are flooded by information in images, from photographs to illustrations to flow charts to tables and information graphics, yet we were never taught how to read a picture in school. Is this skill so innate in our genetic makeup that it does not need to be taught?*

Sources: 1) Arthur Brisbane, 1911 (exact reference cannot be cited with certainty) 2) Newstex, The Data Explosion in 2014 Minute by Minute – Infographic, October 21, 2014

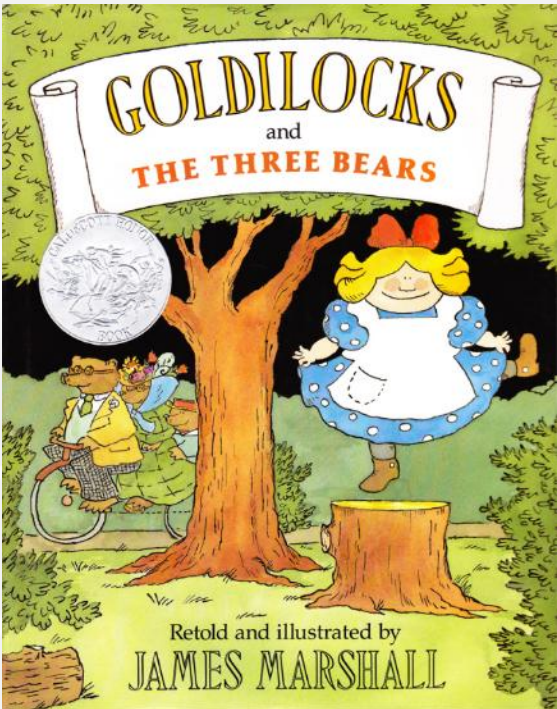
# What is this?

Trade Study				
Product Feature		Defining Trait		
A		Temperature		
B		Dimensions		
C		Modulus		
Company	Defining Characteristic	Product Maturity	Confidence	Cost
Company Alpha	Light	8	High	Low
Company Beta	Dark	12	High	High
Company Gamma	Medium	11	Moderate	Medium
Company Delta	Exotic	3	Low	Medium-Low

***Moral of the story: Selfish disrespect of property rights can put you in peril***

# Use of Narrative to Show Complexity

## Reference



## Memorable

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Goldilocks. She went for a walk in the forest. Pretty soon, she came upon a house. She knocked and, when no one answered, she walked right in. At the table in the kitchen, there were three bowls of porridge. Goldilocks was hungry. She tasted the porridge from the first bowl. “This porridge is too hot!” she exclaimed...

## Not Memorable

*Trade Study*

Product Feature		Defining Trait		
Porridge		T°		
Chair		Size		
Bed		Firmness		

Character	Traits	Age	Hunger	Size
Goldilocks	Blonde	8	High	Petite
Papa	Brown	12	High	Big
Mama	Tawny	11	Moderate	Medium
Baby	Red-Brown	3	Low	Small

# What is this?

**Context:** Challenge to address diminishing supplies of scarce resources

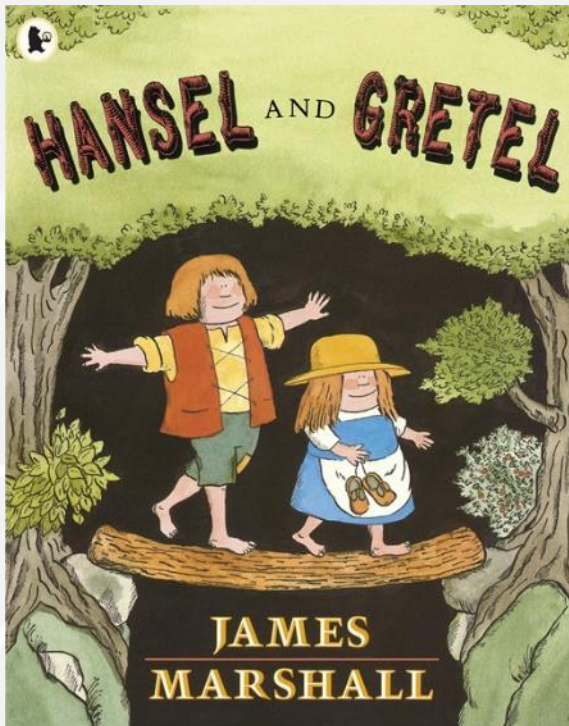
## Supply Strategies

Competitor	Strategy	Teaming Approach	Critical Competency
Company Alpha	Monopolize supply	Go Alone	Profitability
Company Beta	Find adjacent sources	Team with similar size to take on larger competitors	Reliability
Company Gamma	Eliminate competitors	Team with similar size to take on larger competitors	Innovation
Company Delta	Find new sources	Opportunistic M&A	Past Performance

**Moral of the story:** *be cautious around strangers, don't judge solely on appearance, and beware of evil influences that lead you to abandon your values*

# Use of Narrative to Show Complexity

## Reference



## Memorable

Once upon a time, there lived a poor woodcutter with his wife and two children. The little boy called Hansel, and the girl named Gretel. There was never much to eat in their home...

“At the crack of dawn, let’s take the children down into the deepest part of the forest. We’ll make a fire for them out there and give them each a crust of bread...they’ll never find their way back home, and we’ll be rid of them...”

## Not Memorable

### Supply Strategies

Strategy	Character	Critical Competency
Monopolize supply	Stepmother	Greed
Find adjacent sources	Hansel	Faith
Eliminate competitors	Gretel	Cleverness
Find new sources	Witch	Duplicity

# What is this?

## Evaluation of Competing Approaches

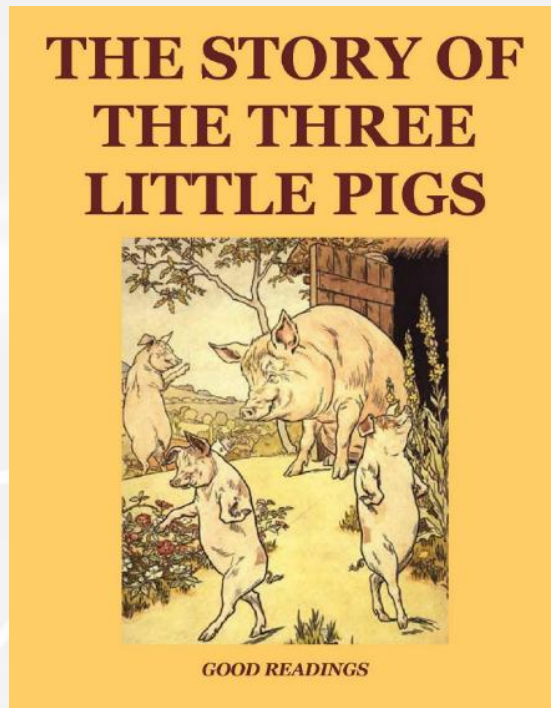
Main Choice	Company	Traits	Outcome
Bid at threshold KPPs	Company Alpha	Poor past performance	Lose
Bid above objective KPPs	Company Beta	Overpromising	Lose
IRAD investment to create low-risk bid above objective KPPs	Us	Practical & clever	Win
Bid below threshold KPPs	New Entrant	Overconfident	Embarrassed

***Moral of the story:*** hard work and dedication pay off; take the time and expense necessary to do things the right way. You may get by for awhile with shortcuts and shoddy work, but in the long run it will cost you.



# Use of Narrative to Show Complexity

## Reference



## Memorable

... Presently came along a wolf, and knocked at the door, and said, "Little pig, little pig, let me come in."

To which the pig answered, "No, no, by the hair on my chiny chin ."

The wolf then answered to that, "Then I'll huff, and I'll puff, and I'll blow your house in." So, he huffed, and he puffed, and he blew his house in and ate up the little pig.

The second little pig met a man with a bundle of furze, and said, "Please..."

## Not Memorable

### Evaluation of Competing Approaches

Main Choice	Name	Key Traits	Outcome
Mud (straw)	Browny	Wallowing, but disobedient	Rescued from imprisonment
Cabbage (Sticks)	Whitey	Greedy & insatiable	Rescued from imprisonment
Brick	Blacky	Practical & clever	Savior
Deceit, Huff and Puff	Wolf	Deceptive beyond own good	Scalded to death

# Use of Narrative to Show Complexity

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## Narratives are Second Only to First-Hand Experience

Direct experience produces “experiential knowledge”

Analysis produces “evidentiary knowledge”

Narratives bring both alive for readers not at the creation

Captures complexity while communicating insights clearly

Moves others to understanding and motivates behavior

Provides the arc from mystery to discomfort to curiosity to credibility to empathy to solace to inspiration

Raison d'être for graphics to convey facts, data and evidence, processes and frameworks and abstract concepts

**REASONED,  
COMPELLING  
AND MEMORABLE**

# Use of Narrative to Show Complexity

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We have a very hard job to perform

Our Audience	What We Want of the Audience	What Gets in Our Way
Mental capacity for processing information for most of us is 7, plus or minus 2 (2.5 bits)	Greater Knowledge transfer	Overly specified structure and other constraints imposed by the customer
Most evaluators have a day job with more things to do than time	Higher level of understanding	Complexity of subject and numerous subtleties
All proposals are greeted with skepticism, cynicism, lassitude, or derision (pick one)	Relief from boredom	Unclear burden of proof in sufficiency of data
	Longer retention	Conventional wisdom and over-reliance on best practices
	Fewer interpretative errors	

Source: Miller, George, "The Magical Number Seven, Plus or Minus Two: Some Limits on our Capacity for Processing Information, Psychological Review, 63, 81-97, 1956

# Role Reversal

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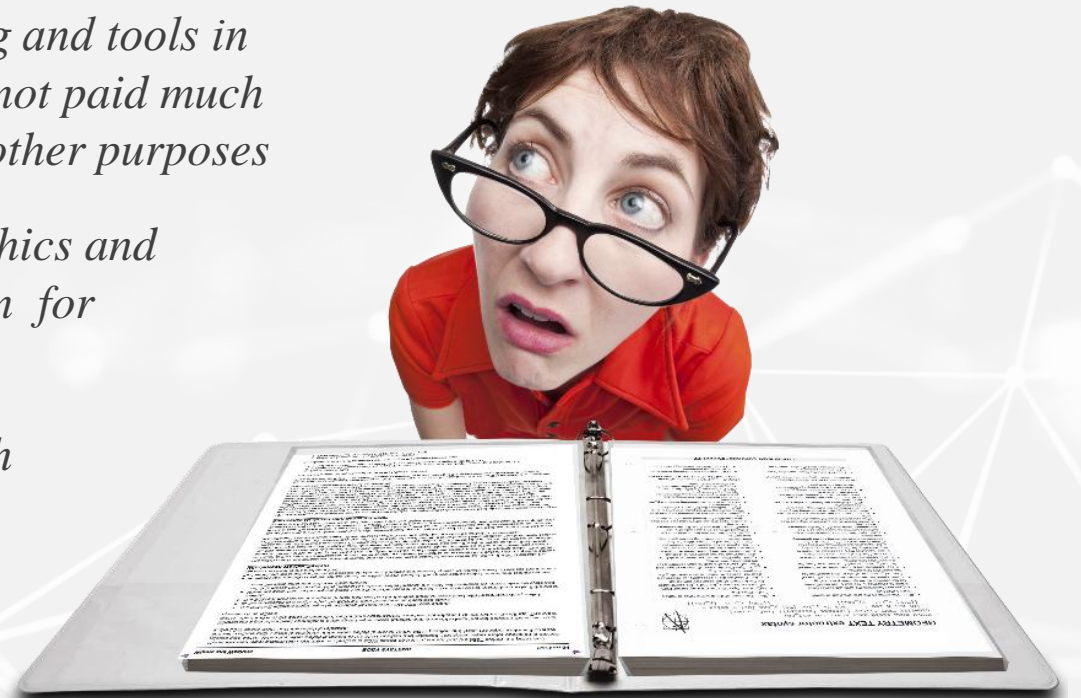
Time to re-examine the role of text in proposals, and incorporate new methods of the “art of narrative”

*For the past 20 years we’ve incorporated state of the art thinking and tools in the creative act of graphics in our proposal tradecraft, but have not paid much attention to new methods for narratives now in common use for other purposes*

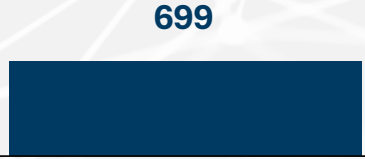
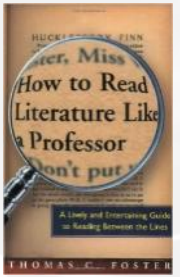
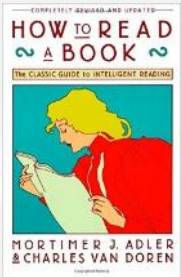
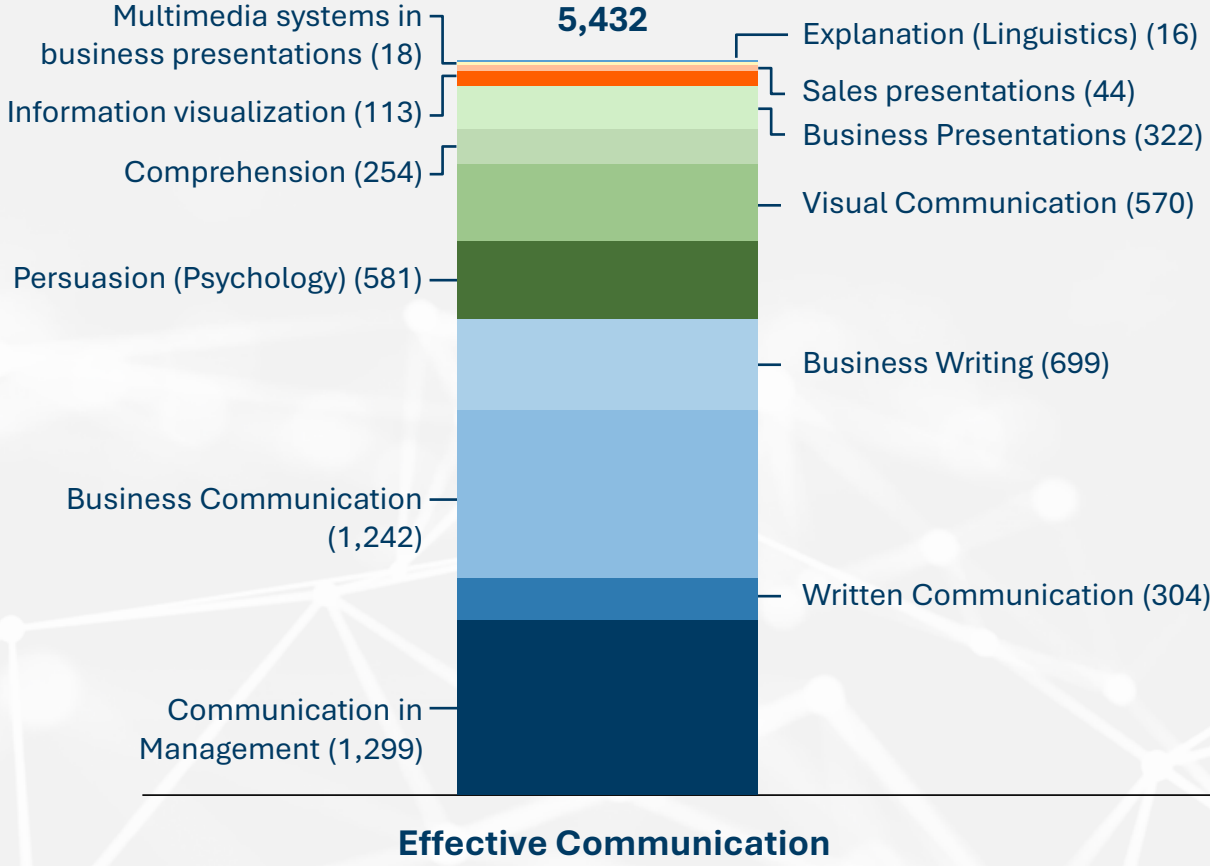
*Lacking visual literacy as an innate skill, surplus of data in graphics and proliferation of meaning creates a burden on the reader to reason for him/herself.*

*Tracey and others in 1965 set out to solve this same problem with STOP to shift the burden of logical coherence back to the author.*

*Have We Come Full Circle?*



# Books by Subject (Library of Congress)



Effective Reading

**Formative Literature**  
 4 Levels of Reading  
 Elementary  
 Inspectional  
 Analytical  
 Synoptical

# Five Models of Non-Fiction Storytelling

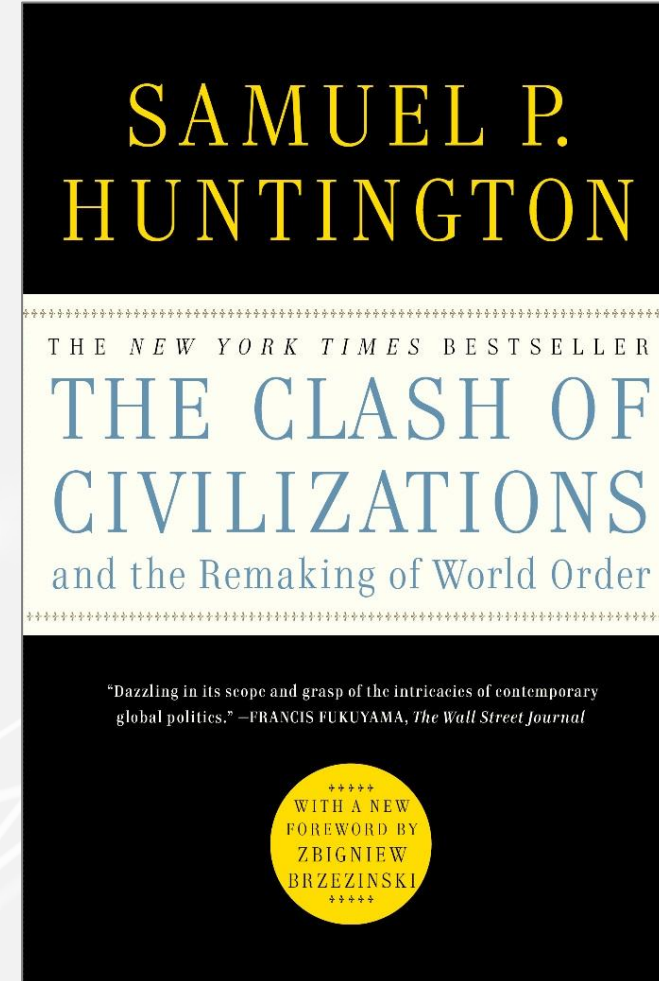
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*Think of these as models for: Communication, Persuasion,  
Engagement and of course... information sharing  
(but in many cases, that's not really the most important function)*

# Iconic Social Science Argument Trajectory

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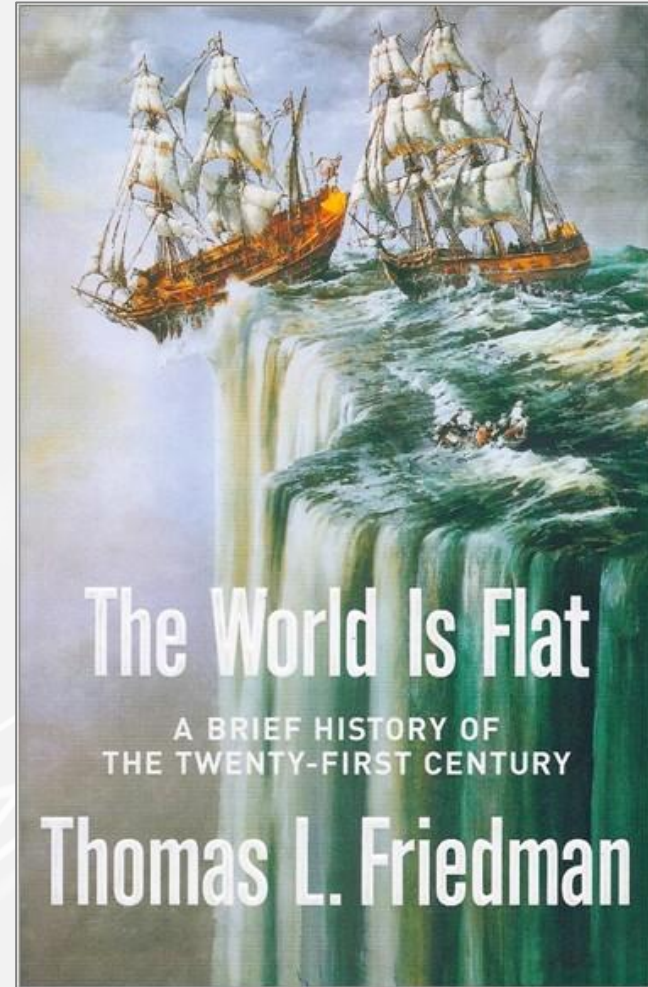
- What's the question/problem?
- Where does the question come from?
- What's the (hypothesized) answer?
- How did we arrive at that 'answer'?
- So what? If our answer is correct, what else of interest happens?



# Medical Rounds

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- Presenting Snapshot, then SOAP
- Subjective
- Objective
- Assessment
- Plan

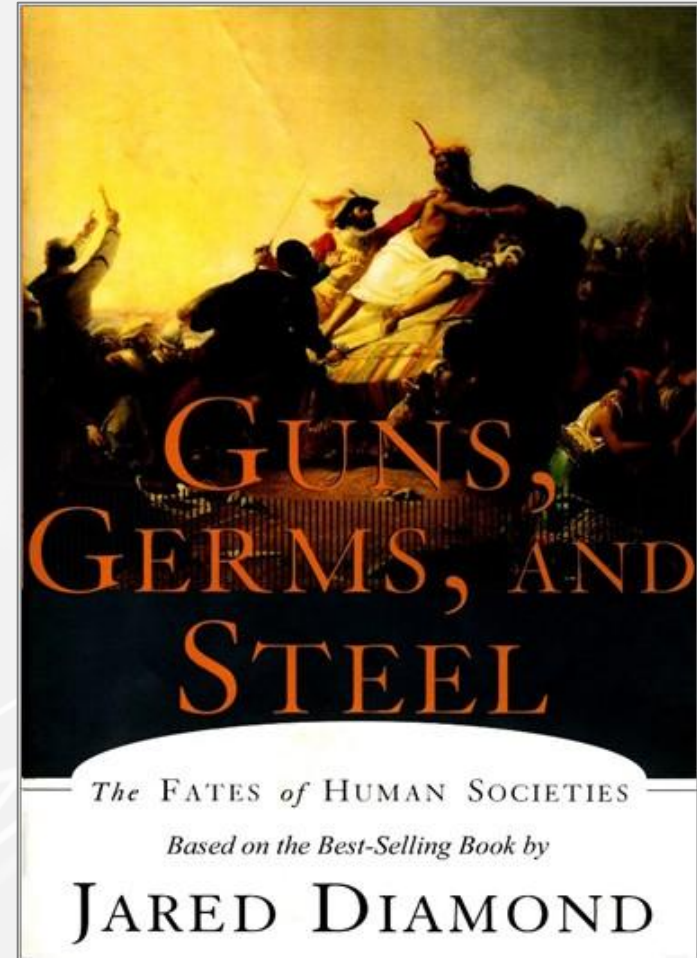




# Iconic Inductive Reasoning Path

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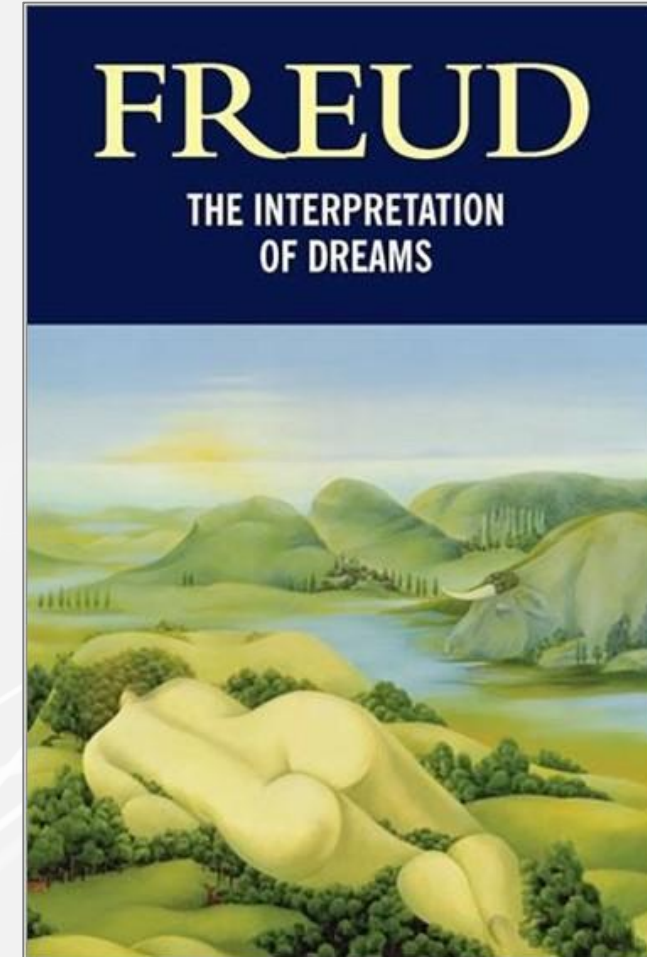
- From Data Points, to Generalizations
- No 'theory' per se, at least not as guiding principle for the story
- The story emerges from the details
- The more data, the better



# Iconic Deductive Reasoning Path

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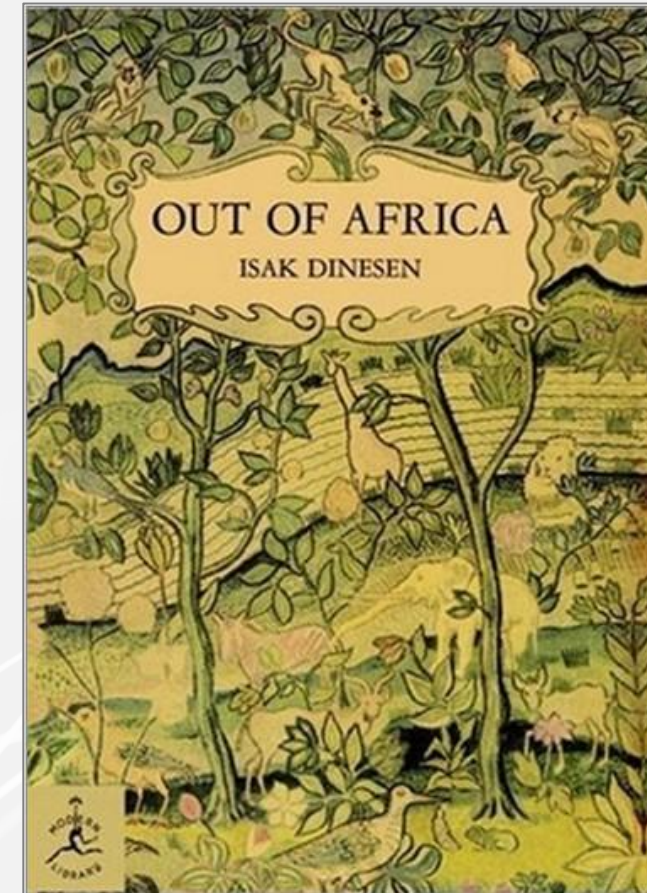
- From Theory to Hypotheses
- A big 'story' generates expectations about what you will see in the world
- The details follow from the theory
- The more generative and precise the theory, the better



# Ethnography

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- ‘Deep’ narrative
- ‘Embedded’ storytelling — the storyteller puts herself in the position of the subject
- Capturing ‘Culture’ is more important than explicating causality



# Communication & Persuasion Has Changed

Spew!

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## Memorable and Compelling



# What's Next for our Industry?

## Typical proposal for the last 10+ years

**3.0 SYSTEMS ENGINEERING APPROACH [SOW 3.3]**

We tailored our proven, comprehensive engineering process to directly align with the established USMC Program Office's processes. We provide a low-risk path to a successful CDR, DT events, and resulting Milestone C decision.

Our CMMI<sup>®</sup> qualified engineering processes are tailored using the Systems Engineering Plan to cover all facets of the program. In addition, this same approach is flowed to all sub-contractors to ensure a unified and collaborative process.

During the we streamlined and tailored these processes to produce the tested configuration, the transportability study and the architecture study, all in a rapid development cycle.

Our system capitalizes on maximum reuse of Configuration Items (CIs) from Phase 1. These CIs include the Track Manager, the Display, and the data link manager.

To these, we add our Software and Component Products, as described in Section 5.0, Figure 5-5, our Transportability Package (or ), as described in Section 6, elements from the

**Our systems engineering capability ensures a design that leads to a successful Milestone C decision and Limited Rate Initial Production.**

- continue their successful Phase 1 intercompany teamwork into Phase 2
- successes on the Risk Reduction Effort continue into Phase 2
- Our tailored systems and specialty engineering processes provide continuous collaboration with the customer to drive out risk
- Our specialty engineering disciplines are integrated throughout the development cycle to ensure a holistic solution that meets all threshold requirements and provides customer satisfaction
- Our IA approach is tailored, based upon customer feedback, to reduce IA risk and ensure 100% compliance

such as the product, and improvements based upon the Government response to our studies and onsite testing (see Figure 3-1). Our pre-proposal efforts combined these various inputs into the solution provided in this proposal.

Consistent and rigorous application of these principles ensures a successful Milestone C for the proposed system.

Our Systems Engineering (SE) approach, described in the SE Management Plan (SEMP) in Appendix 3-1, covers the entire

**Technical Approach Overview**

<p><b>Challenges with Fielded</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large SWaP: limiting deployment and support of USMC expeditionary doctrine</li> <li>High sustainment costs driven by unique hardware and software across the agencies</li> <li>High cost to update for changing operational needs</li> <li>No modularity prevents flexible deployments of agencies</li> </ul>	<p><b>Phase 2 Starting Point</b></p> <p>Phase 1 Reuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Link</li> <li>Agency</li> <li>Simulation</li> <li>Network Architecture</li> <li>Government Contracts to Our Risk Reduction Products</li> </ul>	<p><b>Our Modular Approach Building Blocks...</b></p> <p>...Together Form Scalable Agencies</p> <p>Upgrade</p> <p>Stand per Agency</p>	<p><b>Key Benefits of Our Offering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modularity: Modular design directly supports the three agencies with growth</li> <li>Low-risk Design: Uses proven Phase 1 products resulting in 100% threshold and 30% objective SSS compliance</li> <li>Reduced SWaP: Innovative coupled with virtualized servers reduce</li> <li>Directly supporting expeditionary operations</li> <li>Open Architecture: Open interfaces used throughout allow easy expansion to changing operational needs</li> <li>Commonality: Reduces sustainment costs</li> </ul>
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**Figure 3-1. Low-Risk, Low-Cost Approach to Phase 2**  
Our modular approach builds upon the key configuration items of the Government's Phase 1 design to meet 100% of the threshold SSS requirements

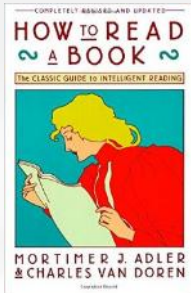
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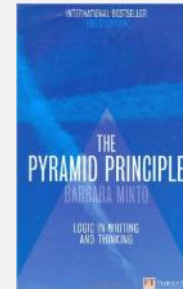
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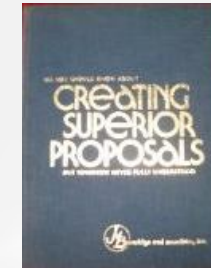
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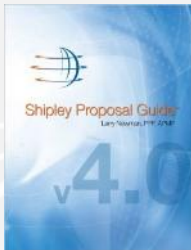
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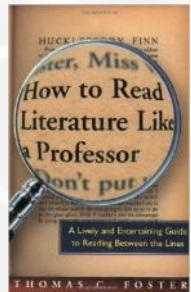
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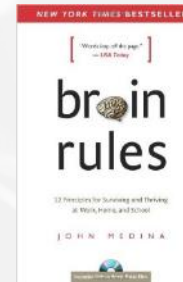
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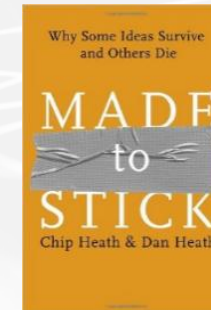
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