



# The Power of the 5 Moments of Need: Enabling Performance in the Flow of Work

*“Learning at the moment of need is revolutionizing our industry.  
Learn how to use a Digital Coach to ensure highly successful workflow  
learning implementations.”*

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# What are the greatest challenges Trainers and Learners face during, and **AFTER**, instruction?

Overwhelmed

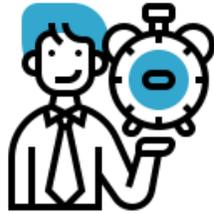
Covering “everything”

Applying what they learned

Remaining current!!!!

**These are, and HAVE been, the “elephants” in the room...**

# What the Research Supports:



The time training new hires to perform effectively in their jobs, takes, on the average, **twice as long** as necessary.



Employees waste work time attempting to remember how to do their work and/or resolve challenges – **up to 8 hours per week**.



Generally, **half of the time required to train** replacements due to turnover, is unnecessary.



# The "I'd like 5 Days of Training on..." Problem

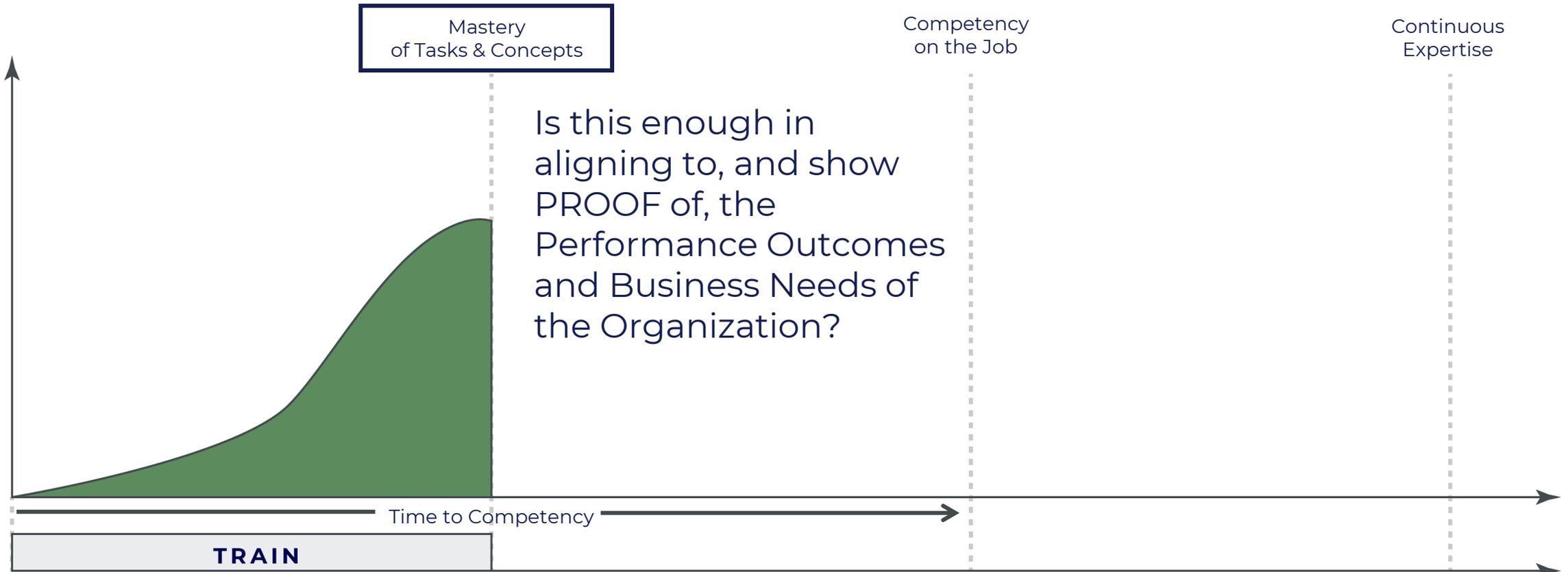
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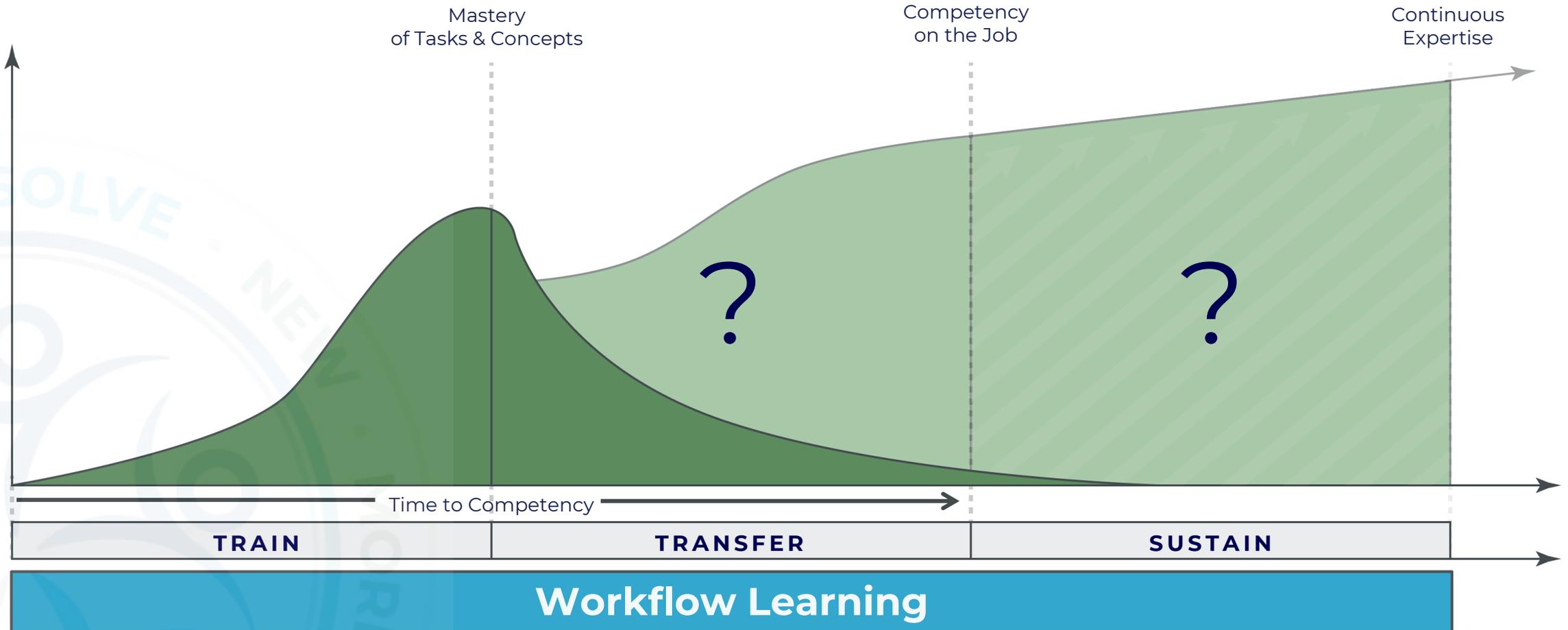
**This is what happens when every performance issue is a "Training Problem"**



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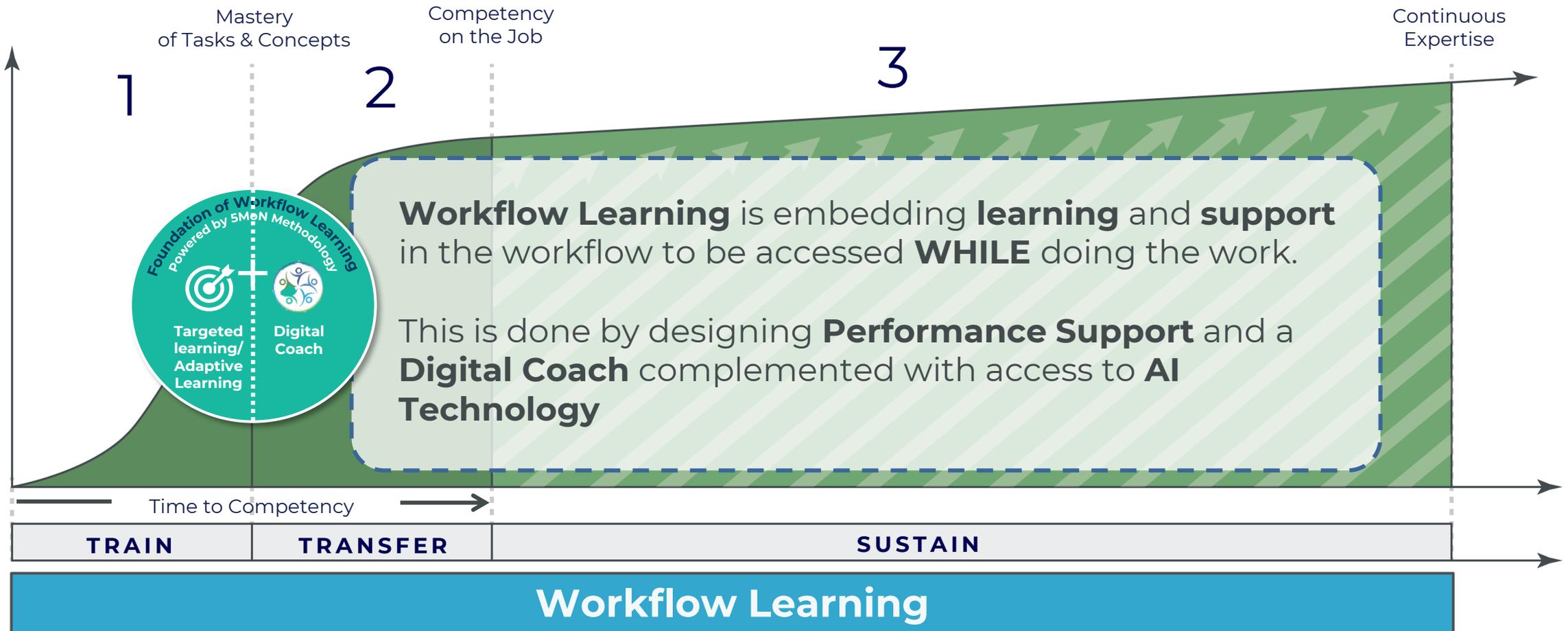


# Design for The 5 Moments of Need



Build for **APPLY** first

# Designing for Performance-First based on a Workflow Learning Framework!





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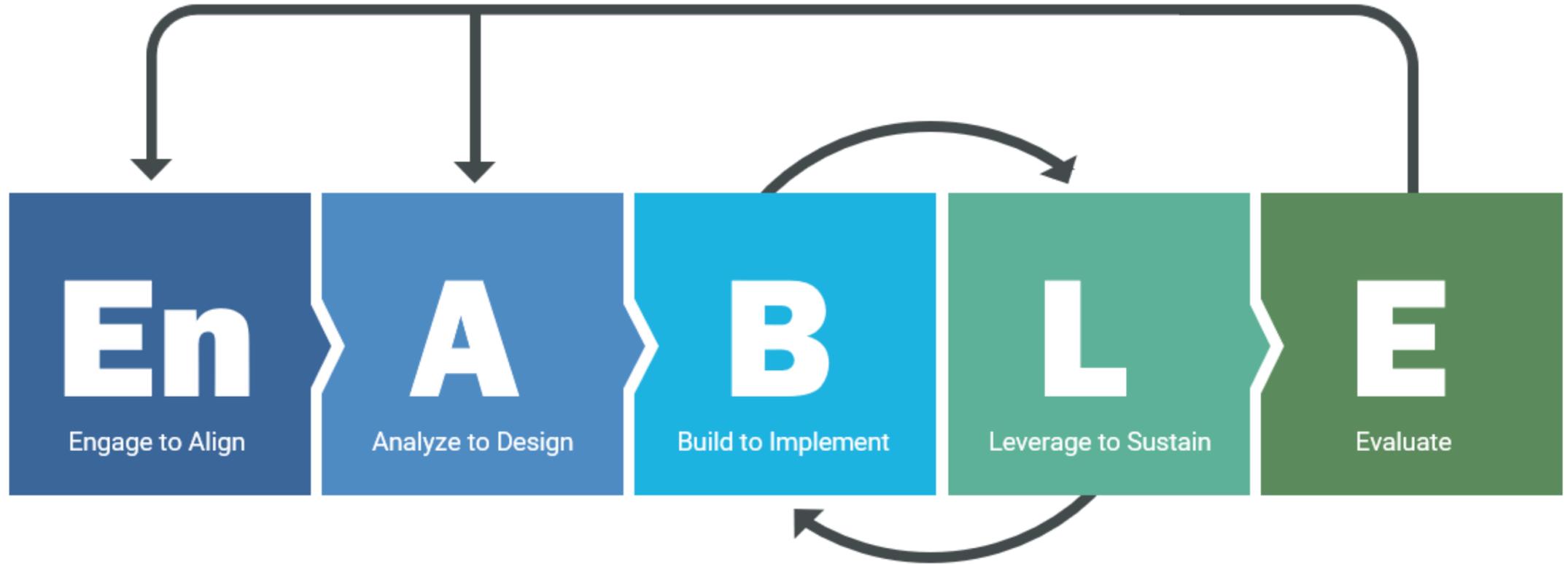
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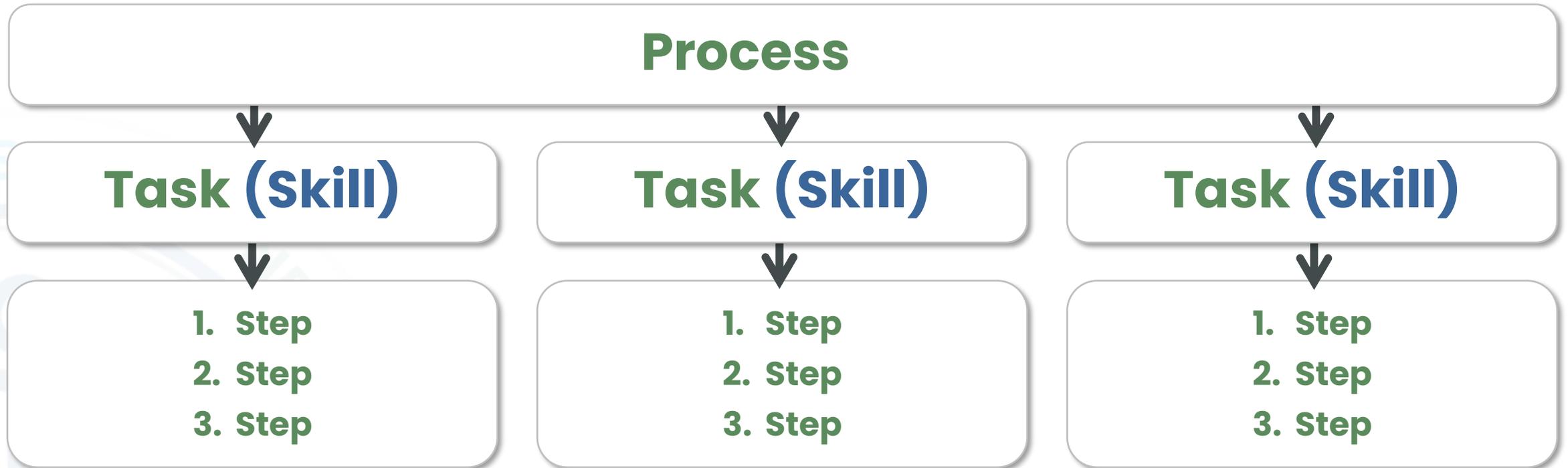
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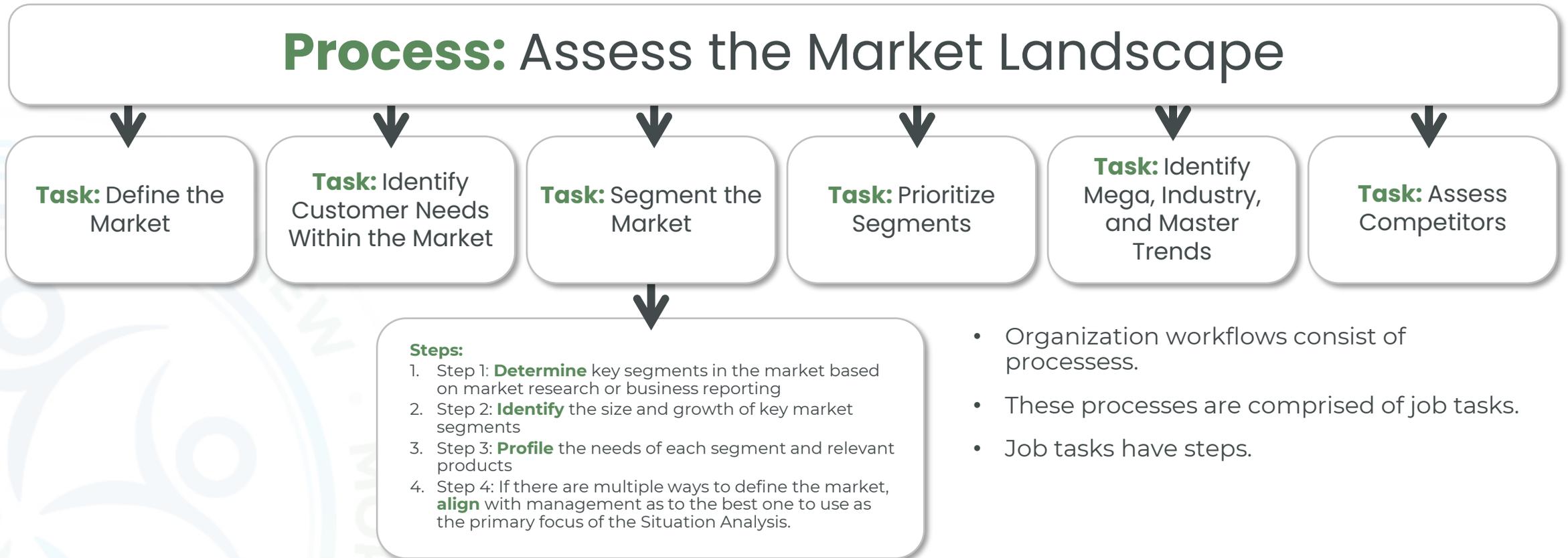


**PROCESS:** A collection of tasks that results in the completion of a **broad** performance outcome.

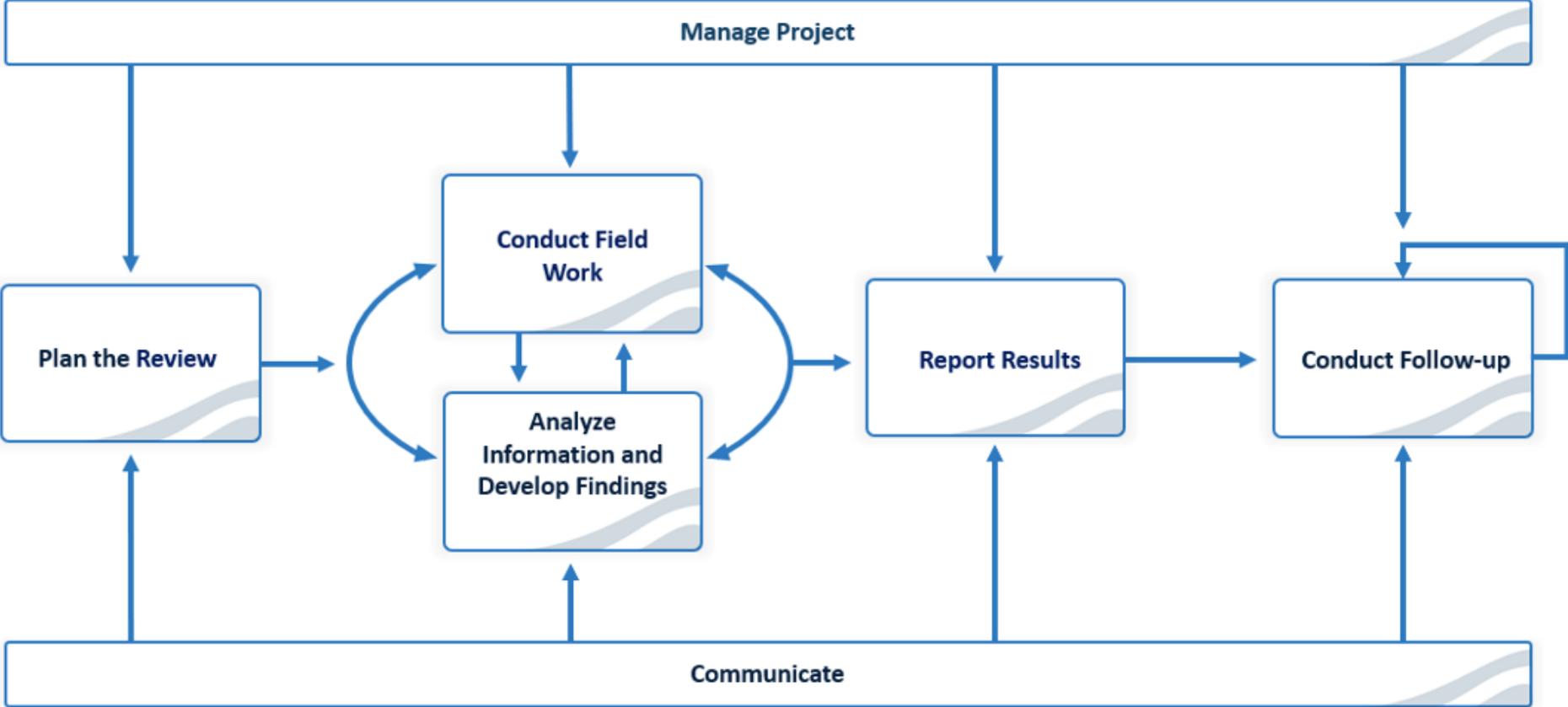
**TASK:** A collection of steps or guidelines that results in the completion of a **specific** performance outcome.

**STEP:** A discrete action or guideline within a task that does **not** stand alone but is performed as part of a task.

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# How do we blend formal with workflow learning?



## Minimal Impact

Decreased but recoverable efficiencies in performing the work.

- The consequences, impact and outcomes are negligible.
- There could be some initial decrease in workflow efficiencies and/or increase in workload, but the consequence does not last for a long time.

**Digital Coach**



## Moderate Impact

Limited (but noticeable) impact on the success of the situation.

- The event may impact the attitude and workload of yourself and others.
- If there is a reputation or monetary loss, it would have moderate or temporary harm, damage or loss to the organization.



## Significant Impact

Requires sizable commitment to repair or has lasting consequences.

- Significant client or colleague harm would occur with potentially permanent consequences.
- Work environment and/or culture adversely affected.
- Relationships between employees, clients or organization compromised.

**Targeted Training AND Digital Coach**



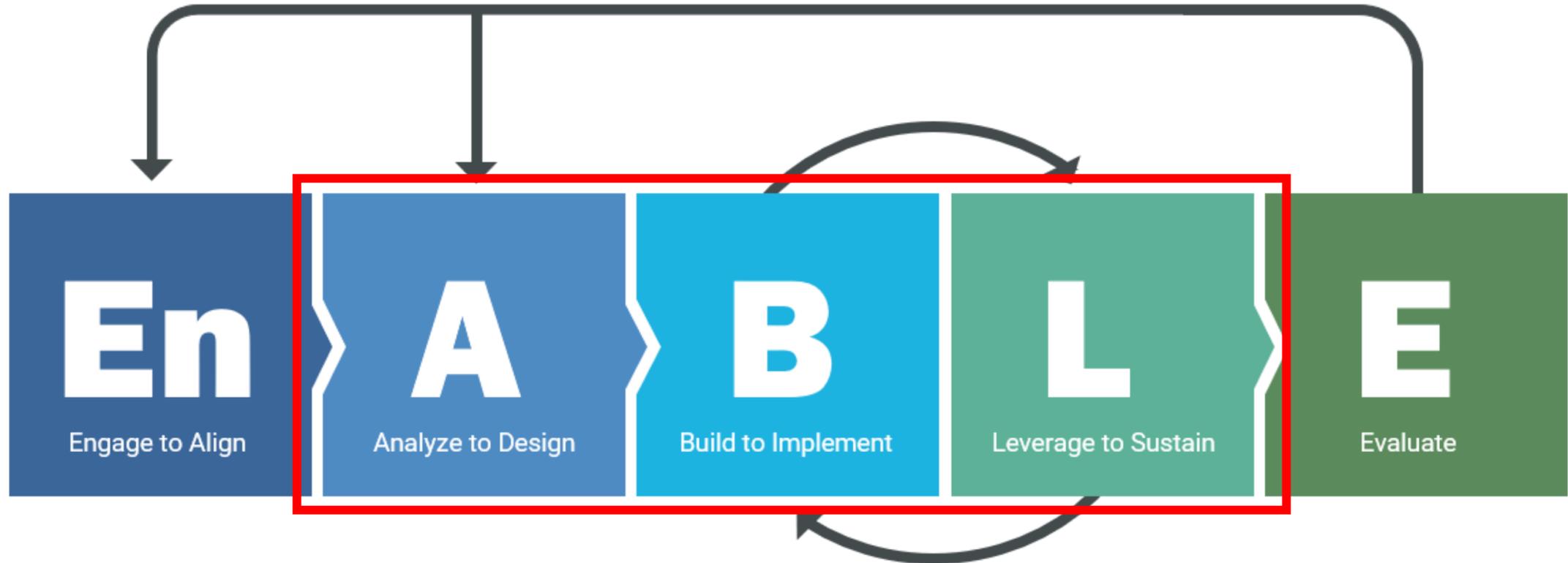
## Catastrophic Impact

Create a major problem for employees, clients or the organization.

- Irreparable/permanent damage and loss or harm to the organization and its status of mission compromised. Damage to relationships between employees, clients and clients.

# AI changes EVERYTHING!!!

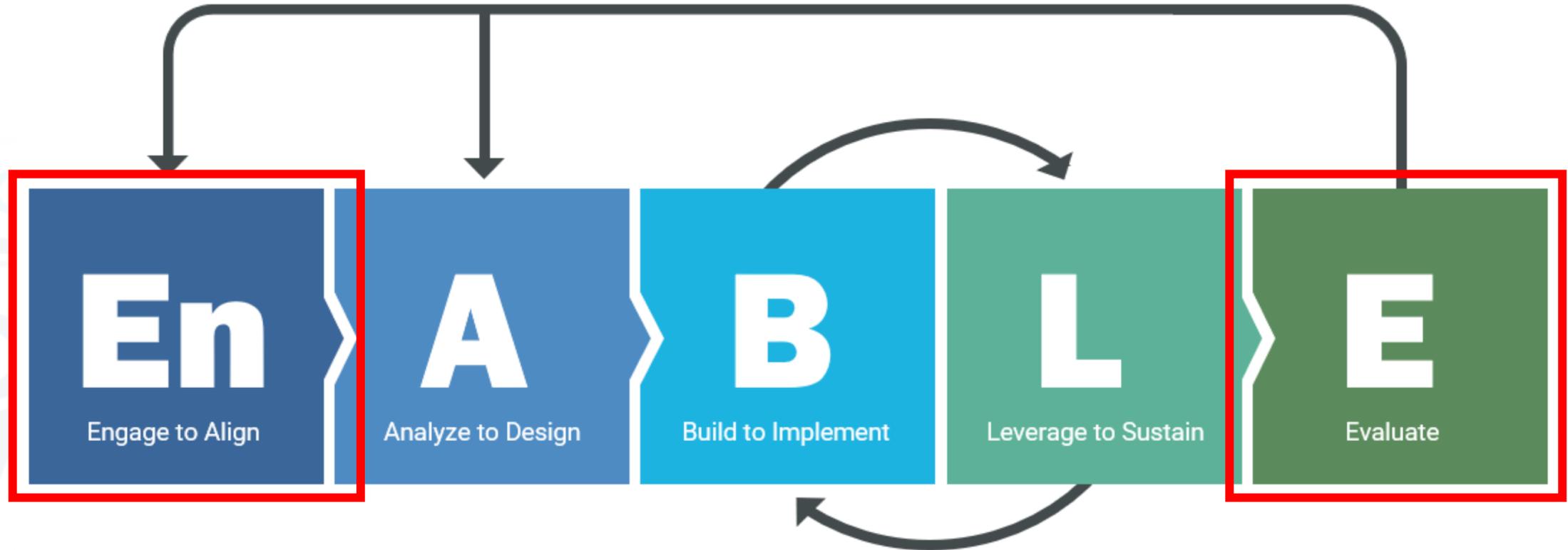
Including our Role and what we're allowed, or able, to do...



## Building Workflow Learning/ 5 Moments of Need Deliverables:

1. Rapid Workflow Analysis – Process Mapping, Tasks, Supporting Knowledge
2. Critical Impact of Failure Analysis
3. Complexity Analysis
4. Governance Strategy

# We can FINALLY Align to Business Needs & Evaluate ROI!



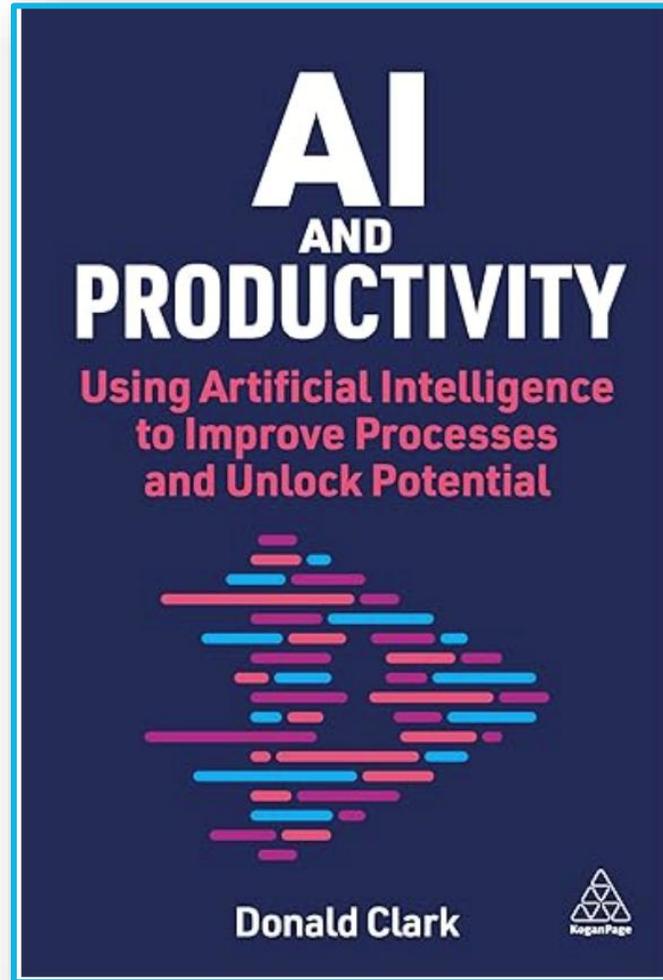
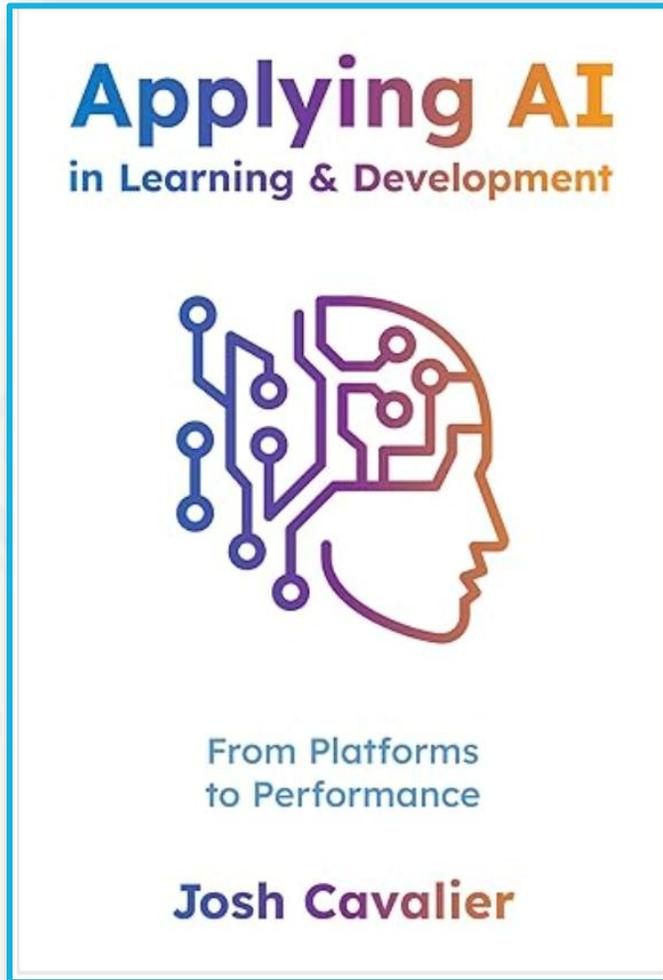
## Engage to Align:

1. Determine Business Impact Requirements
2. Identify Initiatives and Potential Solutions
3. Scope Learning & Performance Solutions

## Evaluate for Impact:

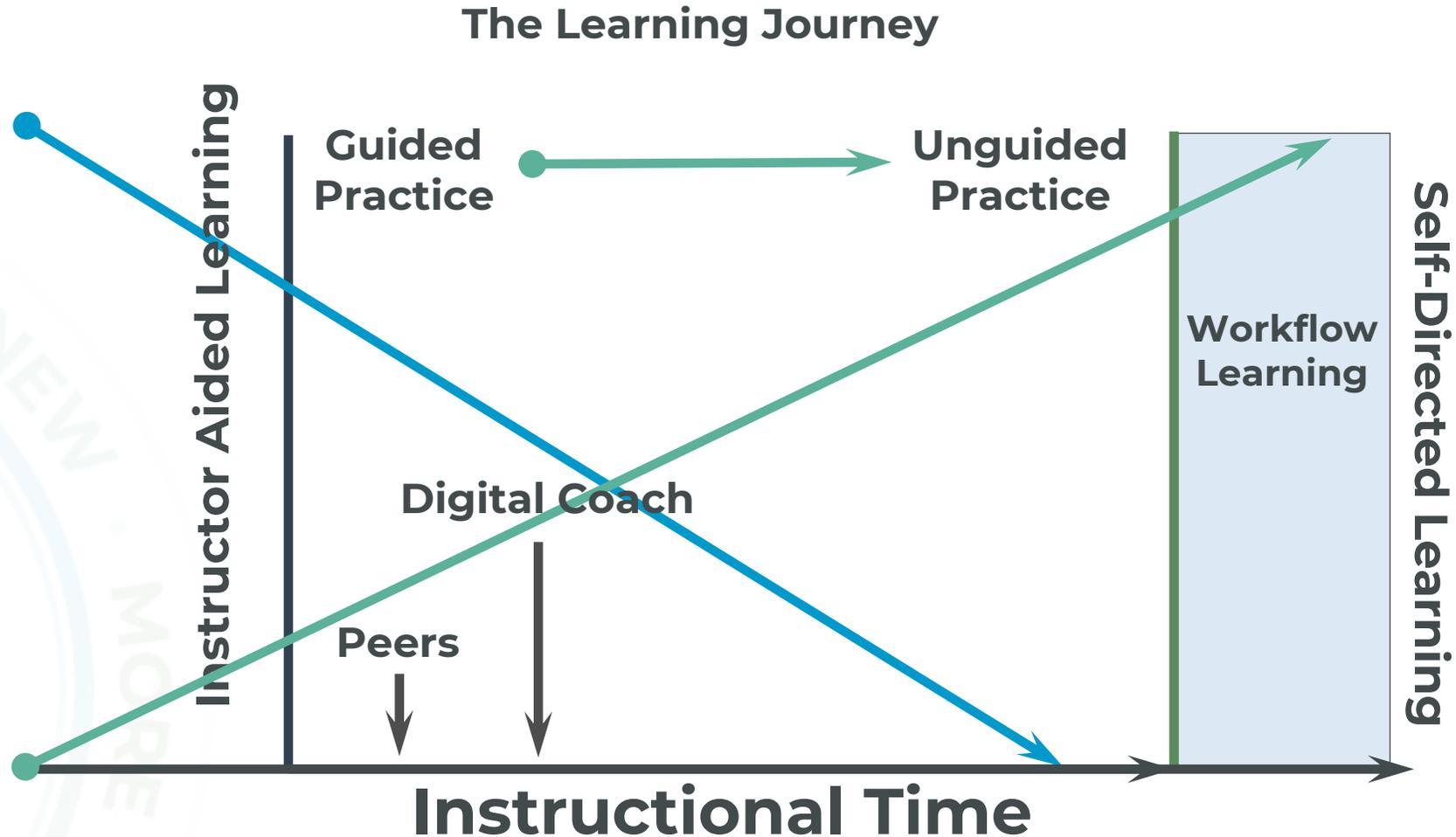
1. Develop a Data Plan
2. Gather Data
3. Analyze and Report

# MUST read...



# Targeted Training: Learn to Learn

Train to independence using the Digital Coach in the training



# AFTER an Implementing a 5 Moments of Need Solution:

A TRUE Blended Learning Success Story



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# Tracking Business Impact, not completion or “passing”

Organization:	Impact on Training:	Time to Competency:	Productivity Impact:	Thru put:
<b>International Management Consulting Firm</b>	Training Effort reduced from <b>2 weeks to 2 hours</b>	Reduced from <b>18 months</b> to 5 Months in 2 years and to <b>3 months</b> in the following year	Reduced Coaching load from a <b>1:7 Ratio to a 1:3</b> due to the learner's ability to stand self-reliant	Accelerated skills for 230 employees <b>increasing their overall capacity by 25~30%</b>
<b>US Government Agency</b>	Training Effort reduced by <b>50%</b>	Auditors were able to be productive/engaged <b>on their first day on the job</b> using their Digital Coach. <b>In the past this had taken weeks if not months, depending on the department.</b>	Were able to <b>standardize</b> on an agreed upon auditing process <b>across 75 departments</b> by using their Digital Coach to help teach, support and oversee the process	Went from only serving a <b>fraction</b> of their workforce through the old residential model to <b>reaching their entire user population.</b>
<b>Multinational Insurance Agency</b>	Their digital coach was able to be used in one of their “onboarding” programs to help employees better understand their career progression.	It <b>became the go to</b> approach for performing effectively, so much that it was <b>one of the first tool an employee looked for when changing roles!</b>	Their digital coach has become the <b>foundation</b> of how they <i>change business processes and implement change</i> management across the business. <b>It's not viewed as just a “tool”. It's integral to them doing their work.</b>	The digital coach has become a <b>single-source of truth for all institutional knowledge</b> that used to be scattered across the enterprise.
<b>International Manufacturing Company</b>	New Hire Training Reduced by <b>33%</b> - reduced from <b>1.5 months to 1 month</b>	Allowed Line workers to <b>move across manufacturing lines</b> with a minimum amount of training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met or exceeded all operational goals</li> <li>• Operating efficiency increased by 3% over baseline</li> <li>• Asset Utilization increased by 4% over baseline</li> <li>• Unplanned Downtime decreased by 3% over baseline</li> <li>• Product Changeover improved by 20% in 12 months</li> </ul>	<b>100% of users wanted Digital Coaches installed on every line</b> and increased the use of their DC to 52 plants across the globe

# Questions???



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