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Seven Habits of Highly Effective Architects

Inspired by Stephen R. Covey

How to grow to an
independent
and
interdependent
visionary architect

"Balance is the Challenge"

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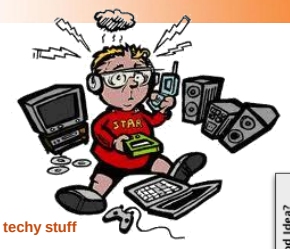

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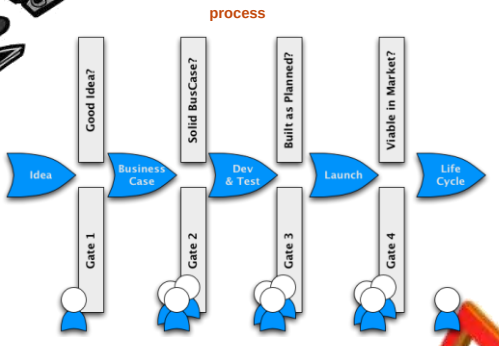

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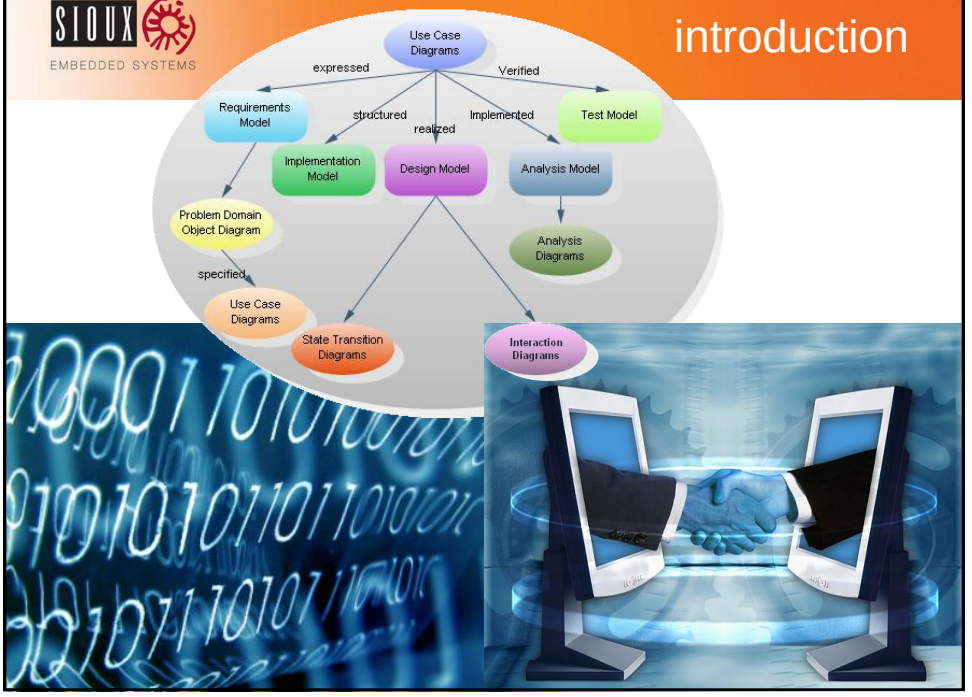

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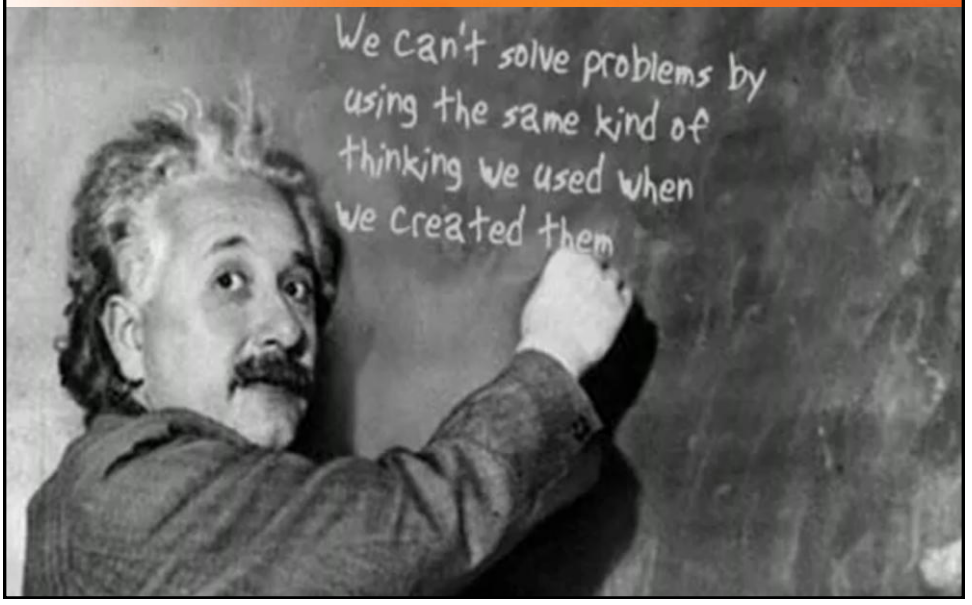

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7 Habits, Steven Covey

The Interdependent Architect
4. Thinks Win-Win
5. Seeks First to Understand, then to be Understood
6. Synergizes

The Independent Architect
1. Is Proactive
2. Begins with the End in Mind
3. Puts First Things First

The Self-Rejuvenating Architect
7. Sharpens the Saw

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From Dependence to Independence

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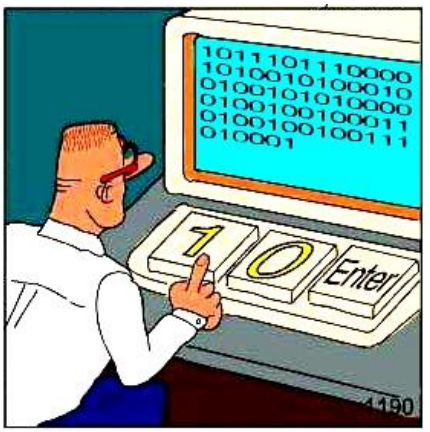

RESPONSIBILITY:
THE ABILITY TO
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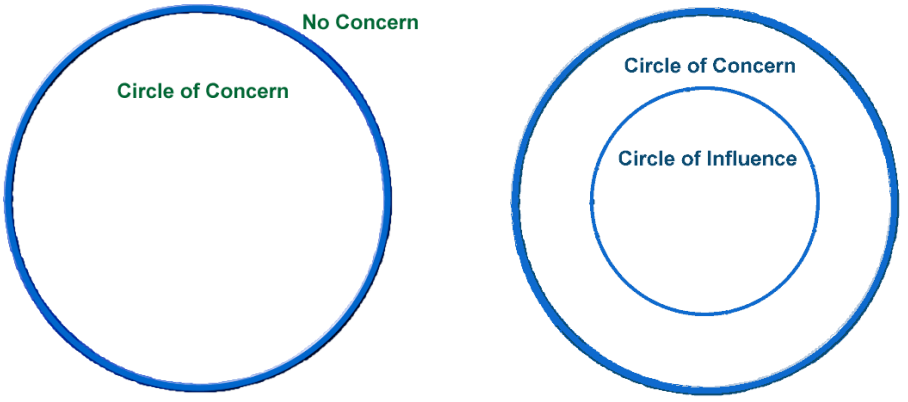

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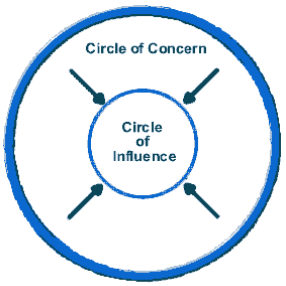

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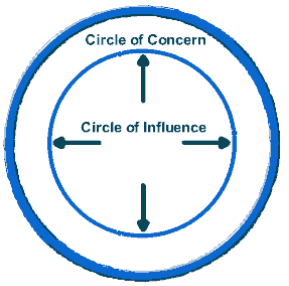

Proactive Focus

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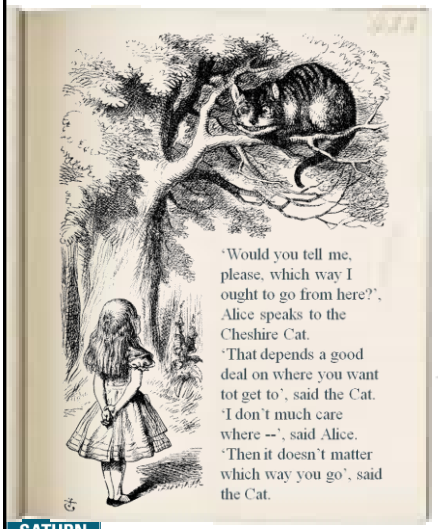
2 – The Architect with the End in Mind



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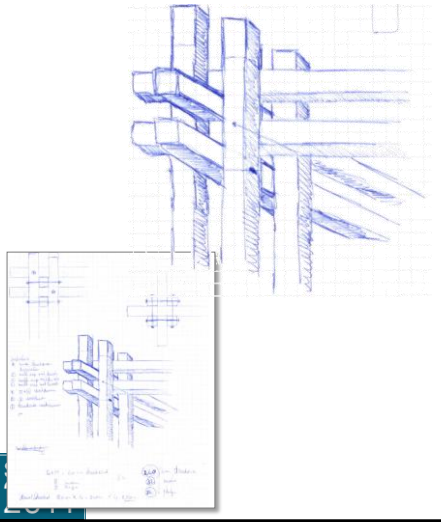
2 – The Architect with the End in Mind

the mental plan



physical representation

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3 – The Architect putting First Things First

	Urgent	Not Urgent
Important	I Crisis Pressing Risks Deadline	II Prevention Relationship building New Opportunities
Not Important	III Interruptions Some calls Some E-mails Some meetings	IV Trivia Time wasters

daily issues
coaching
troubleshooting

architecture
vision
technical debt

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Philippe Kruchten

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First Step

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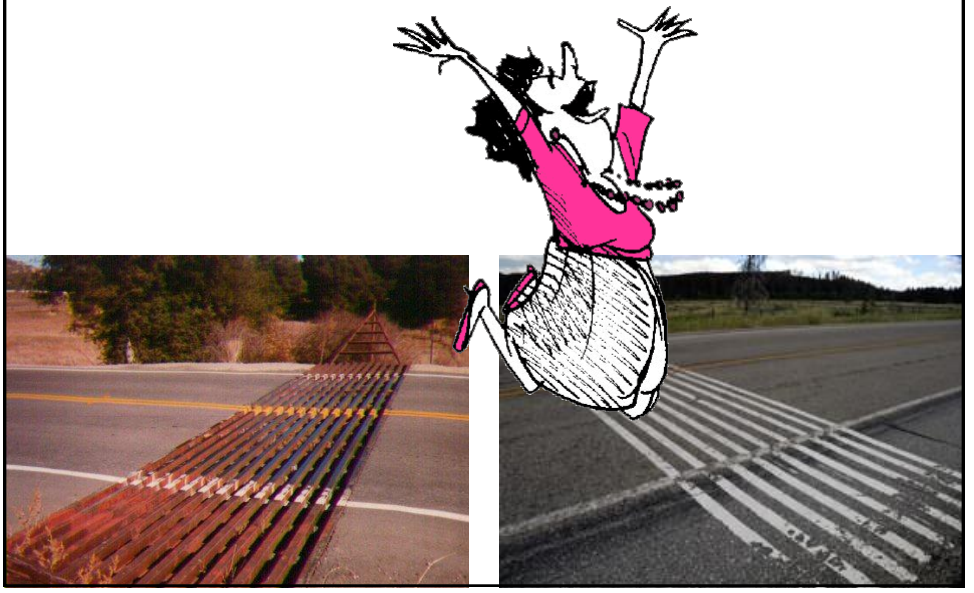
From Dependence to Independence



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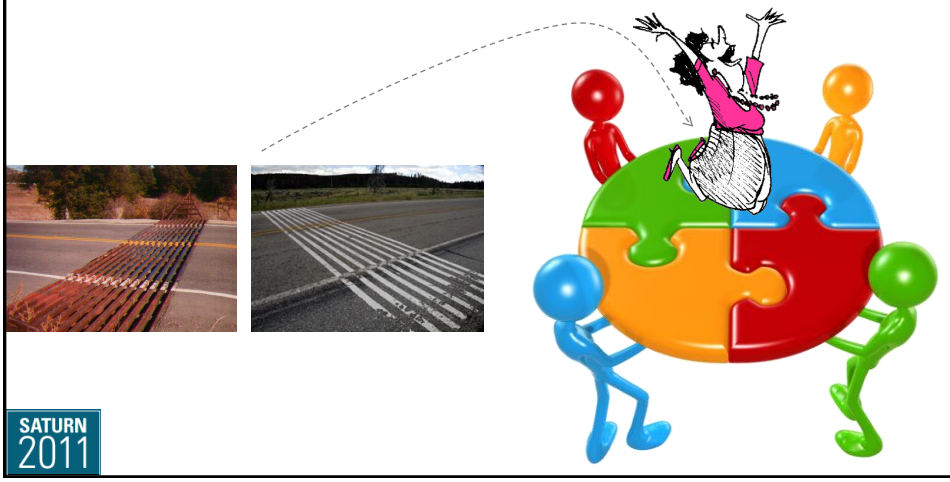
From Independence to Interdependence



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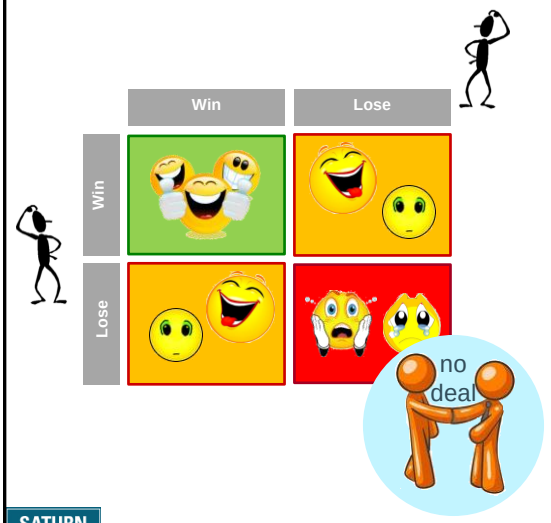
4 – The architect who thinks in Win-Win



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5 – The Architect who First seeks to Understand than to be Understood

Stakeholder needs/concerns
- Customers
- Management
- Engineers
- Suppliers
- ….

Empathic Listening

Attentive Listening

Selective Listening

Pretend to Listen

Ignore

Levels of Listening

Vision

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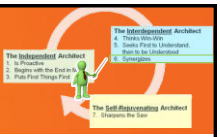
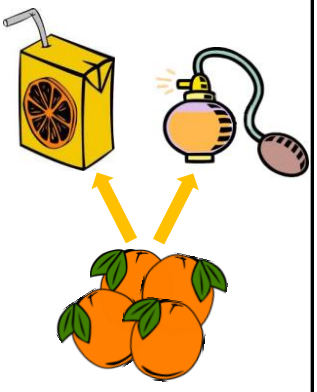
6 – The Synergetic Architect



the whole is more than the sum of the parts



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From Interdependence to Self-Rejuvenation

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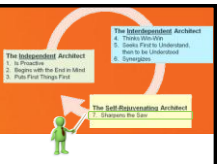
7 – The rejuvenating Architect



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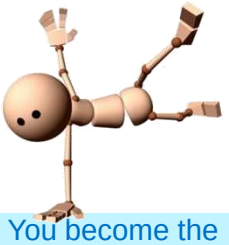
Summary

- **Independence**:
  1. Proactive – you are the 'programmer'
  2. End goal – plan with the end in mind
  3. Priorities – Important & not Urgent
- **Interdependence**:
  4. Win-Win – Mutual benefits
  5. Empathic – Listen and Experience
  6. Synergy – Finding the 3rd alternative
- **Self-Rejuvenation**
  7. Upward spiral – Balance energy, health, lifestyle



You become the **independent** and **interdependent visionary architect**

"Proactively able to create the best system by synergistically working together in a continuous fashion"

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