



# Talent retention strategies during a crisis: Being Intentional at an Institutional and an Individual Capacity

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# Your Expectations?



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## Purpose

To provoke your thinking on attracting and retaining key talent

## Outcomes

- A shared understanding of emerging trends at work
- Toolsets for being a talent magnet – at individual and team levels

**Structure:** Presentation, discussions, role play

**Timing:** 90 minutes

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# Talent..

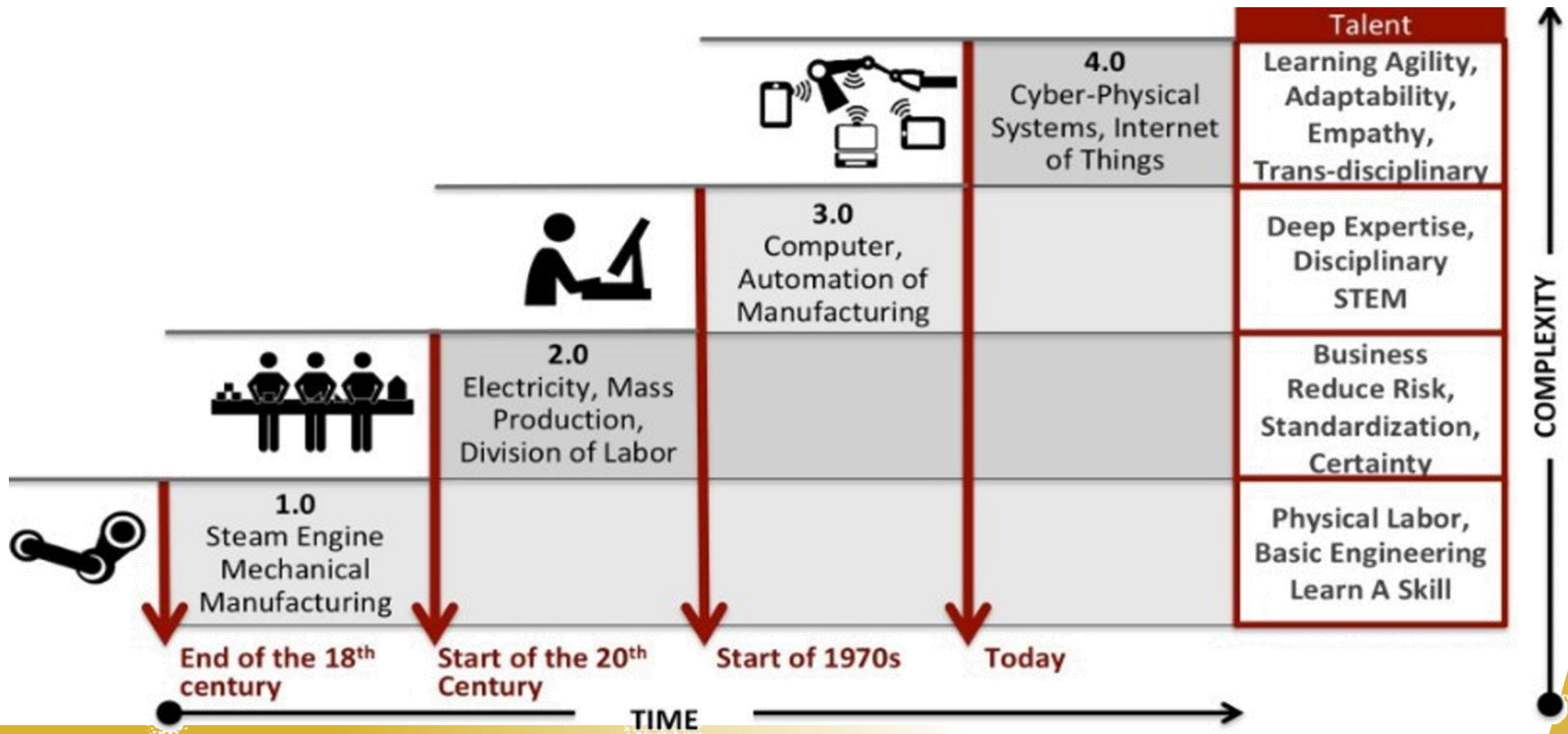


"Organization doesn't really accomplish anything.  
Plans don't accomplish anything, either. Theories of  
management don't much matter.

Endeavors succeed or fail because of the people  
involved.

Only by attracting the best people will  
you accomplish great deeds."

# 4th Industrial Revolution: The Evolution of Work



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## Emerging trends in work, workplace, and workforce

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generations in the  
workplace

4.2

years average  
Job tenure

40%

contingent  
Workers by 2020

70%

organisations offering  
flexible working by  
2020

# The Jobs Landscape in 2022

emerging  
roles,  
global  
change  
by 2022

**133  
Million**

## Top 10 Emerging

1. Data Analysts and Scientists
2. AI and Machine Learning Specialists
3. General and Operations Managers
4. Software and Applications Developers and Analysts
5. Sales and Marketing Professionals
6. Big Data Specialists
7. Digital Transformation Specialists
8. New Technology Specialists
9. Organisational Development Specialists
10. Information Technology Services

declining  
roles,  
global  
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by 2022

**75  
Million**

## Top 10 Declining

1. Data Entry Clerks
2. Accounting, Bookkeeping and Payroll Clerks
3. Administrative and Executive Secretaries
4. Assembly and Factory Workers
5. Client Information and Customer Service Workers
6. Business Services and Administration Managers
7. Accountants and Auditors
8. Material-Recording and Stock-Keeping Clerks
9. General and Operations Managers
10. Postal Service Clerks

Source: Future of Jobs Report 2018, World Economic Forum

# Some Research..



"Only 7 per cent of CEOs believe their companies  
are building effective global leaders,  
and  
a paltry 10 per cent are convinced that their  
leadership development initiatives have a clear  
business impact"

Fortune Survey, 2017

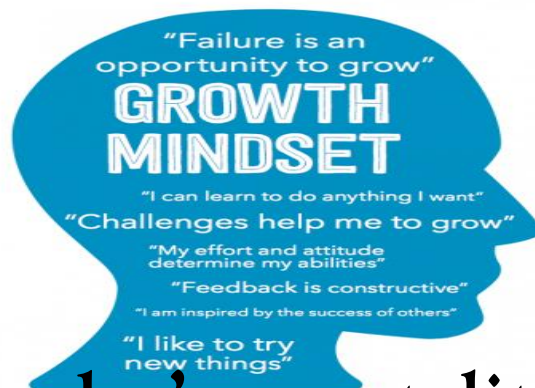
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# Key Talent Considerations

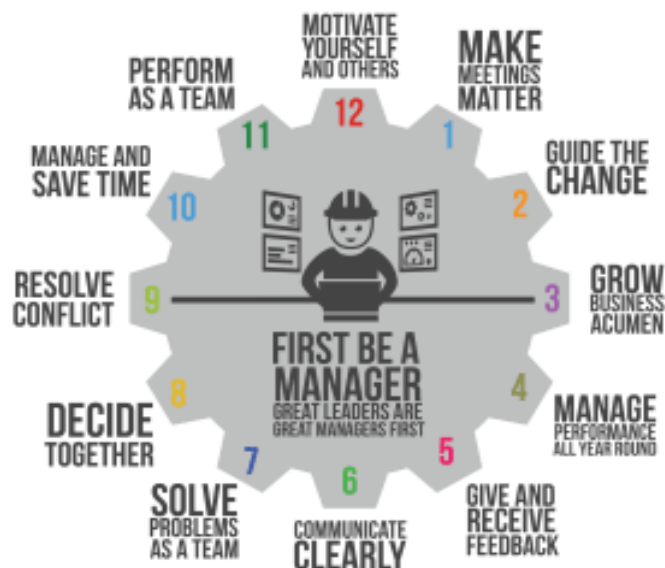


## | Mindsets



## Founder's mentality

## | Toolsets



## | Skillsets

### KEY SKILLS TO PUT ON A RESUME:



Decision Making



Leadership



Problem-solving



Teamwork



Active Listening



Communication



Critical Thinking



Customer Service

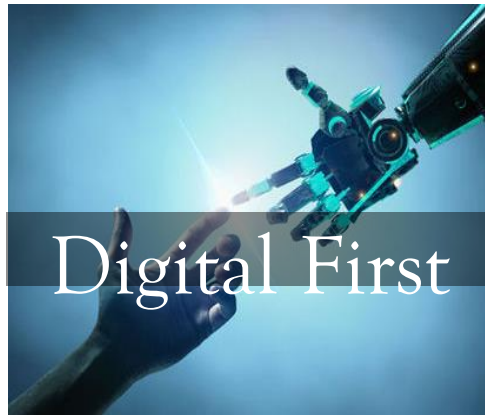
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# Example of Skillsets



Agile  
Leaders

Empathy  
Coaching



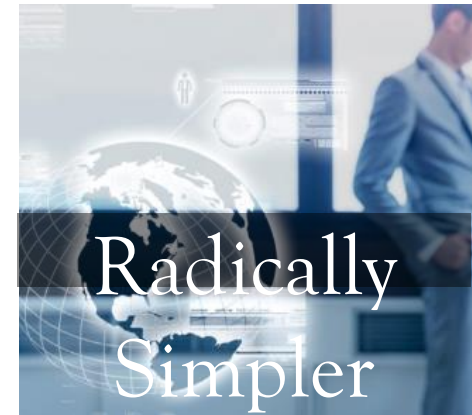
Digital First

Data Analytics  
AI & Automation  
Cloud

DevOps & CI/CD  
Digital Marketing  
Cyber Security  
API & Microservices



Scaled  
Platforms

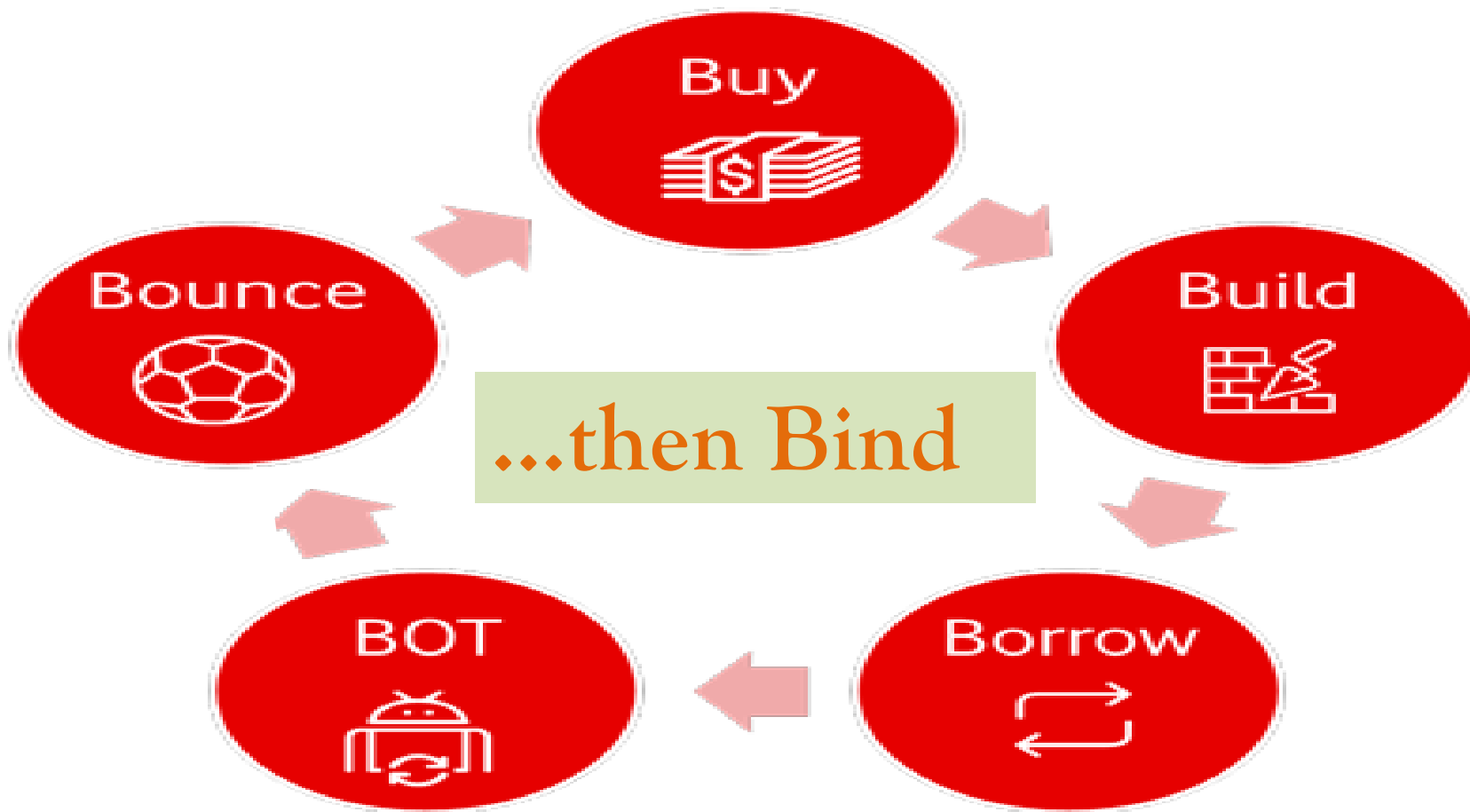


Radically  
Simpler

Agile  
Design

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# 6 'B's of Talent



Yet...



Hey, where  
are you going?

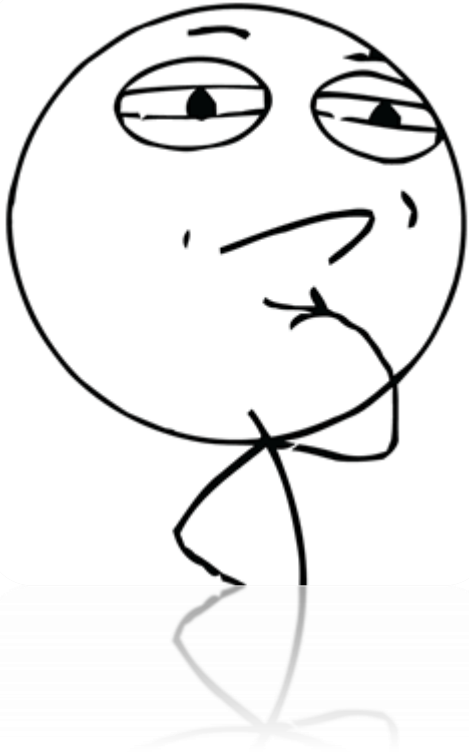


UP TO 20% OF STAFF TURNOVER  
HAPPENS WITHIN THE FIRST  
**45 DAYS**  
OF EMPLOYMENT

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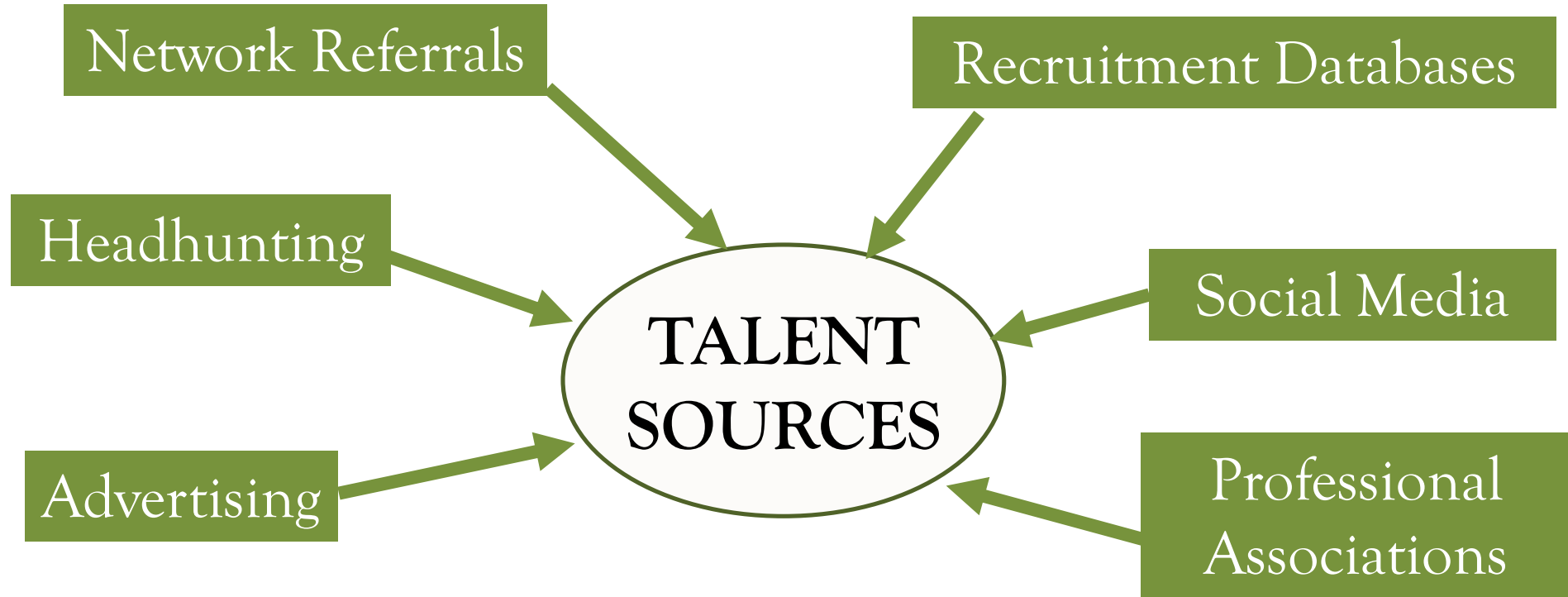
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# Minimize Recruitment Accidents



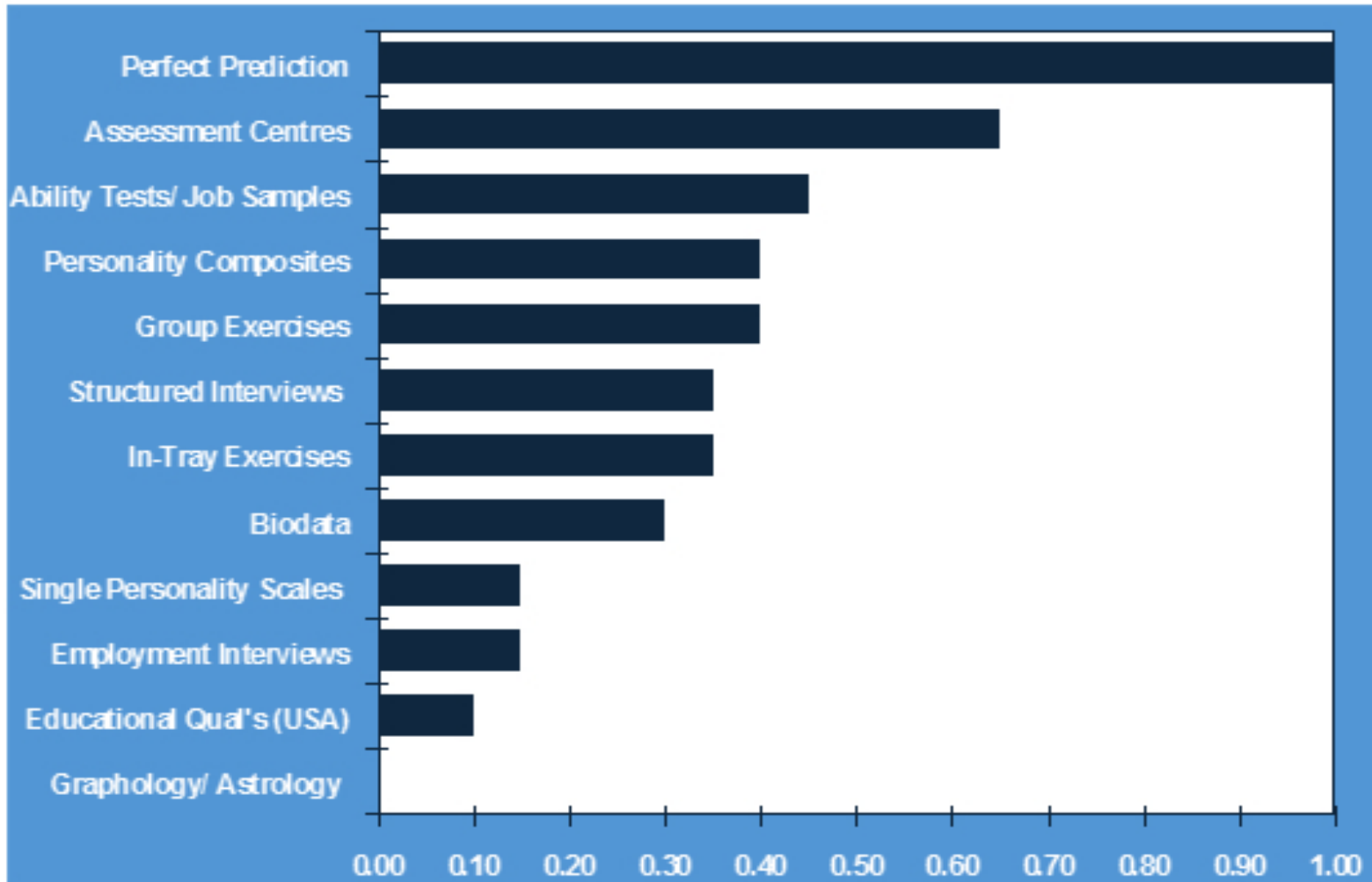
If you hire right, will you have a better chance of retaining the talent you need?

Utilize a multi-pronged sourcing strategy.....rather than over-rely on one channel



Always be a talent scout - and go where the talent might be

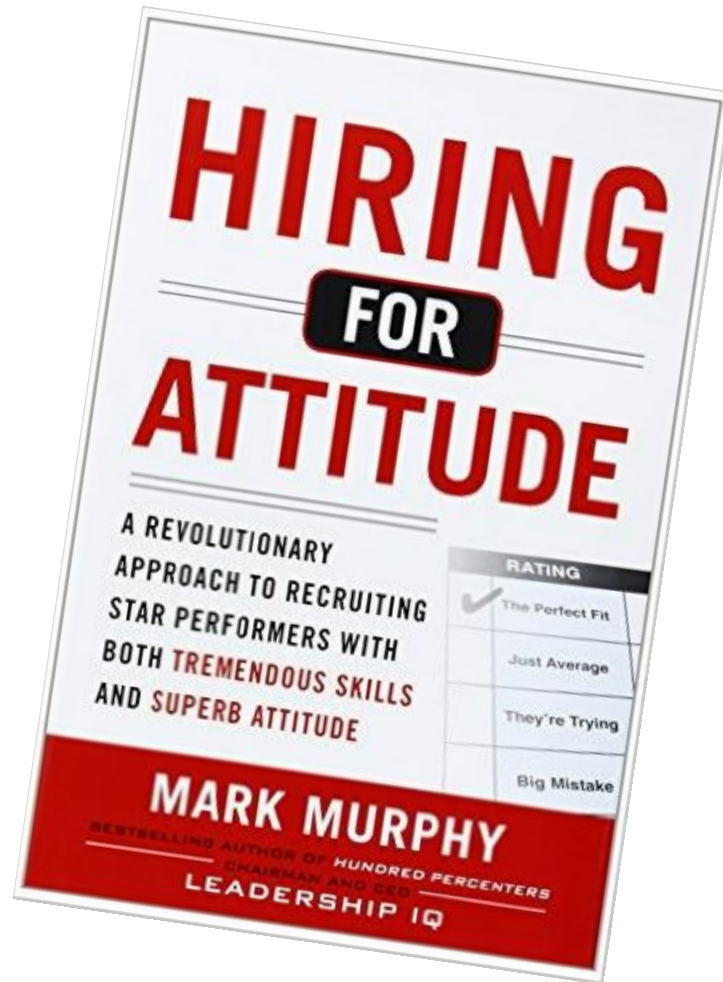
# Don't over rely on interviews!



- Assessment centres increase the predictive validity of selection methods



# Hire for Owner's Mentality



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# The Bus!



The  
**BusConcept**™

If you can attract the right people...and get them ON your bus...then get them in the Right Seats...

and

You can get the Wrong People off your bus...you are headed toward greater.....success

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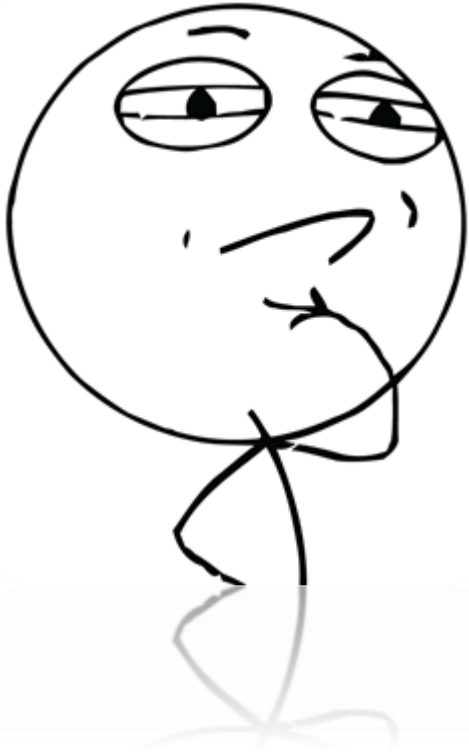
# Role Play – 15 minutes



Jan is an industry high flier who joined the Exco of your company 8 months ago but has just tendered her resignation as she ‘cannot breathe’. Even COVID-19 has not spared her from ‘the toxic culture which only allows a certain DNA to thrive’. She is taking a salary cut to go to the competition.

You are certain that Jan is a definite future talent and have one last chance to have her change her mind. You only have 10 minutes to convince her otherwise.

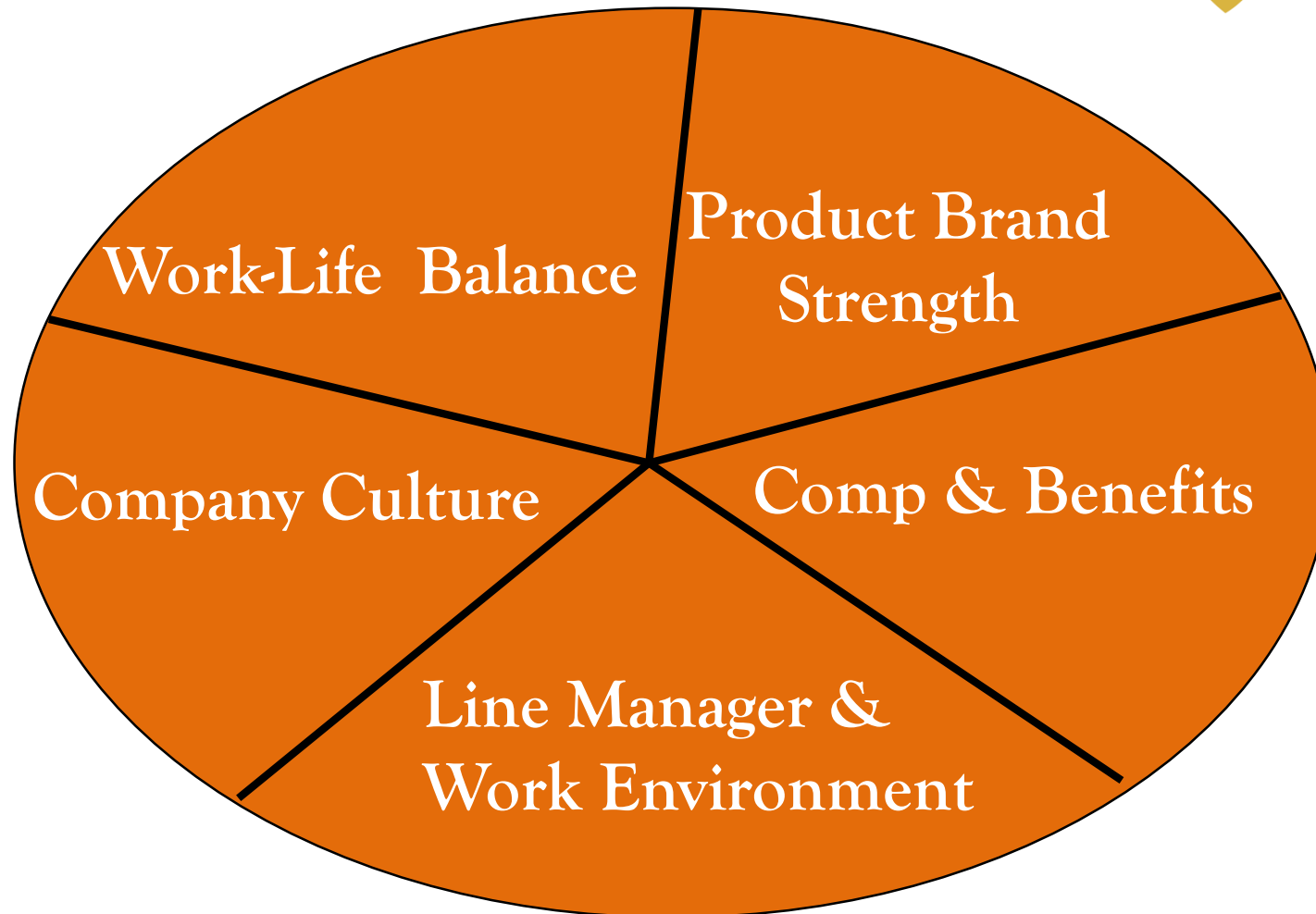
# Discussion



What are the factors that:

- a) 'Push talent' out of an organization?
- b) 'Pull' talent into an organization?

# Talent 'Pull and Push Pie'



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# 8 Talent Imperatives

## – Korn Ferry



So what? *The 8 emerging talent imperatives*



Make choices and focus



Talk career, not development



Aim for the best people with no compromise



Put simplification at the heart



Think person not process



Focus on mindset not tools



Think capability not role



Structure for transformation not tradition

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# Remember...



“The number one practical competency for leaders is **empathy.**”

- Peter Drucker



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40 to 50 percent of an organization's profit margin fluctuations are predictable based on **employee feelings and opinions.**

Surcon International,  
Chicago-based research firm, international research across industries.



Across industries,  
one significant factor  
distinguished the upper quartile  
of the most successful managers  
from the lower quartile of  
unsuccessful managers: **Caring.**

Center for Creative Leadership



90% of all leadership failures are failures of **communication**.

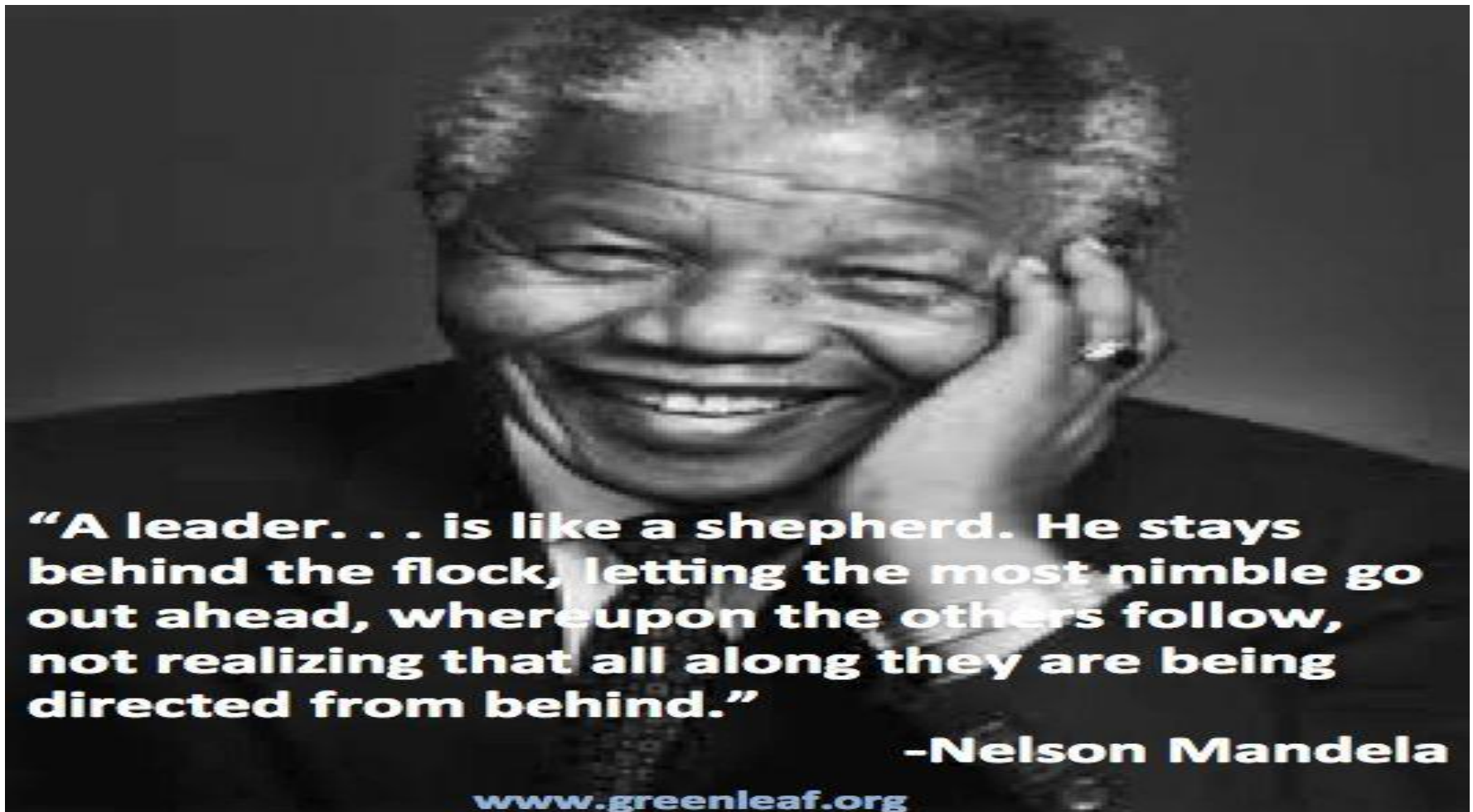
W. Edwards Deming

# Parting Shot



Empower employees with the right technology, digital processes, culture and physical spaces to:

- 1 Create an environment where **innovation can flourish**
- 2 Promote **collaboration and flexible working**
- 3 Support **diverse and inclusive** workforce
- 4 Improve **work-life integration**





Thank You