



## TEAM CHEMISTRY

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  - Work design
  - Teamwork
  - Leadership
  - Organizational culture
  - Performance, creativity, well-being

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- 1. Increasing your **self-awareness** for improving **emotional intelligence** (incl. empathy and collaboration capability)
- 2. Understanding the risks of attribution biases
- 3. Identifying your **own strengths and development areas** as a team worker



### **EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE**

**AWARENESS** MANAGEMENT **RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT SOCIAL AWARENESS Empathy** Social roles Social interaction Interpersonal sensitivity Conflict management, etc. **SELF-MANAGEMENT SELF-AWARENESS Emotional balance** Self-reflection Adaptability Knowing yourself Responsibility Understanding how others see you

(Daniel Goleman, Leadership the power of Emotional Intelligence)

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## How self-aware are you?

Research shows that most people believe they are self-aware, but

only 10-15% really are





### internal self-awareness

how clearly we see our own values, passions, aspirations, fit with our environment, reactions (including thoughts, feelings, behaviors, strengths, and weaknesses), and impact on others.

### external self-awareness

understanding how other people view us - our own values, passions, aspirations, strengths and weaknesses. People who know how others see them are more skilled at showing empathy and taking others' perspectives.

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	Low external self-awareness	High external self-awareness
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	Low external self-awareness	High external self-awareness
High internal self-awareness		
Low internal self-awareness	SEEKERS  They don't yet know who they are, what they stand for, or how their teams see them. As a result, they might feel stuck or frustrated with their performance and relationships.	

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High internal self-awareness	INTROSPECTORS  They're clear on who they are but don't challenge their own views or search for blind spots by getting feedback from others. This can harm their relationships and limit their success.	
Low internal self-awareness		

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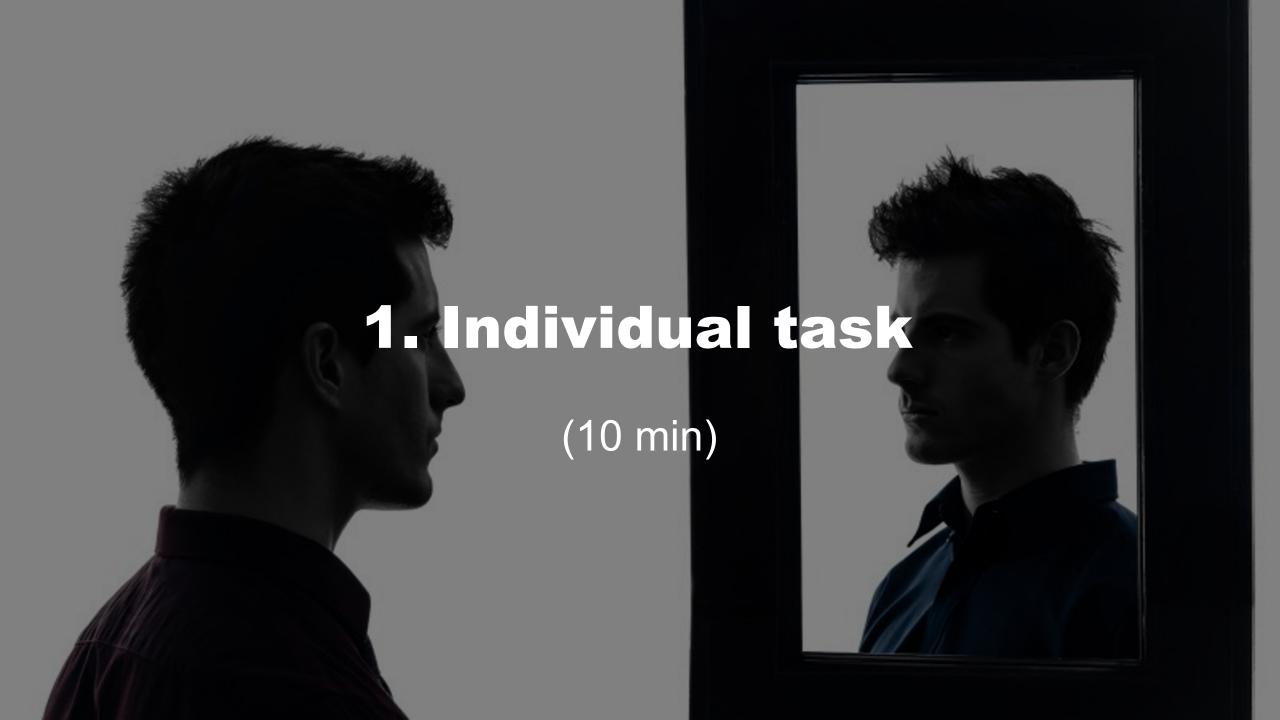
	Low external self-awareness	High external self-awareness
High internal self-awareness		
Low internal self-awareness		PLEASERS  They can be so focused on appearing a certain way to others that they could be overlooking what matters to them. Over time, they tend to make choices that aren't in service of their own success and fulfillment.

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High internal self-awareness		AWARE  They know who they are, what they want to accomplish, and seek out and value others' opinions. This is where leaders begin to fully realize the true benefits of self-awareness.
Low internal self-awareness		

multi-rater self-awareness assessment is available: <a href="https://www.insight-book.com/quiz">https://www.insight-book.com/quiz</a>





- 1. What is important for you in life/studies/work?
- 2. What are your strengths and weaknesses in teamwork?
- 3. How may others perceive you (your role and approach) in teamwork?

## Save your notes! We will get back to them later

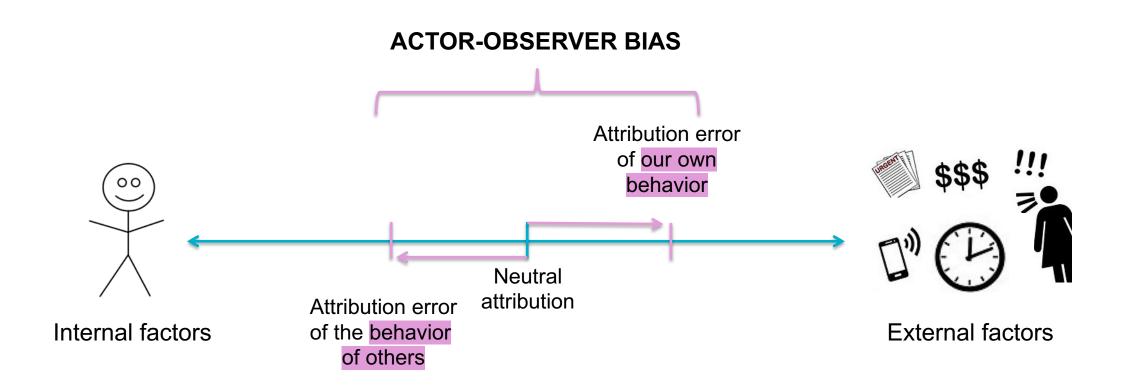
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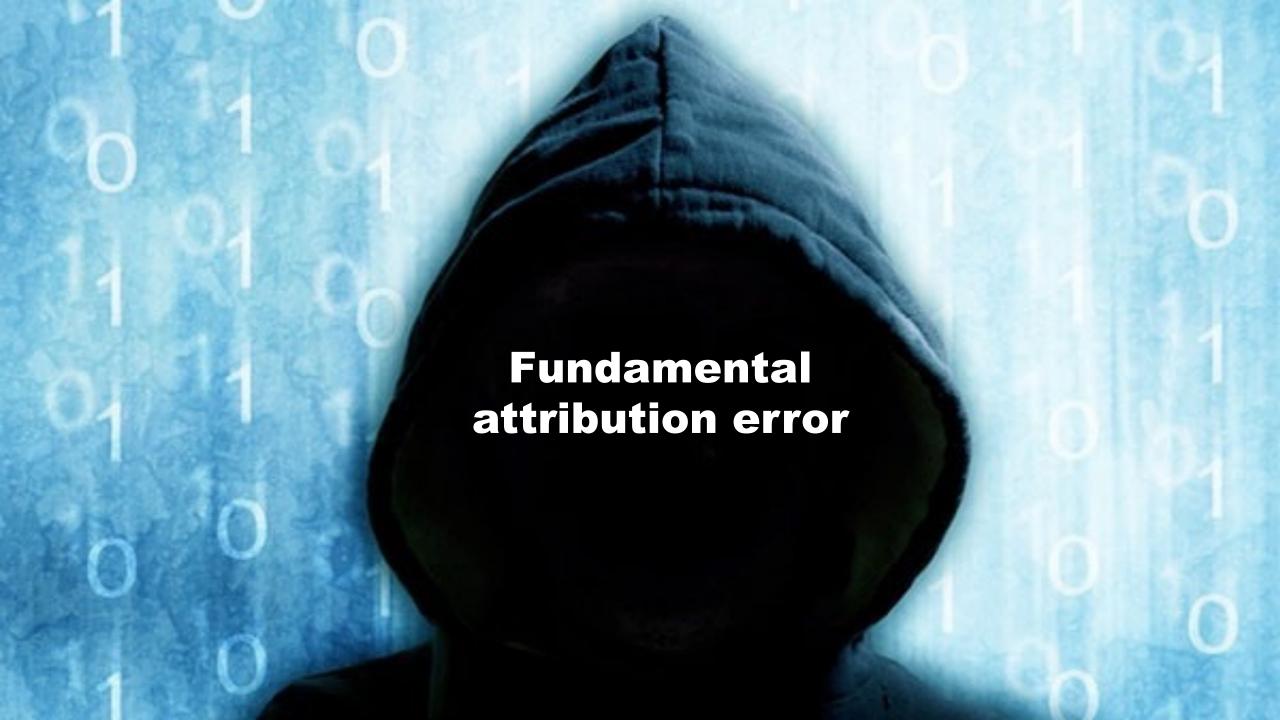
IDBM

Design, create, lead.

Explains how we interpret others' behavior

(Fiske & Taylor, 1991)





### 2. Individual task

(12 min)





What do you think about **designers**? What do they value? How do they approach project work?





What do you think about **engineers**? What do they value? How do they approach project work?





What do you think about **business people**? What do they value? How do they approach project work?

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## Stereotyping

Stereotyping means attributing certain characteristics to a group of individuals, i.e., over-generalizing.

Disadvantage – It's inaccurate! Advantage – Allows rapid assessment





## Stereotype threat

Stereotypes can be a self-fulfilling prophecy. People internalize stereotype messages, living up/down to those expectations.

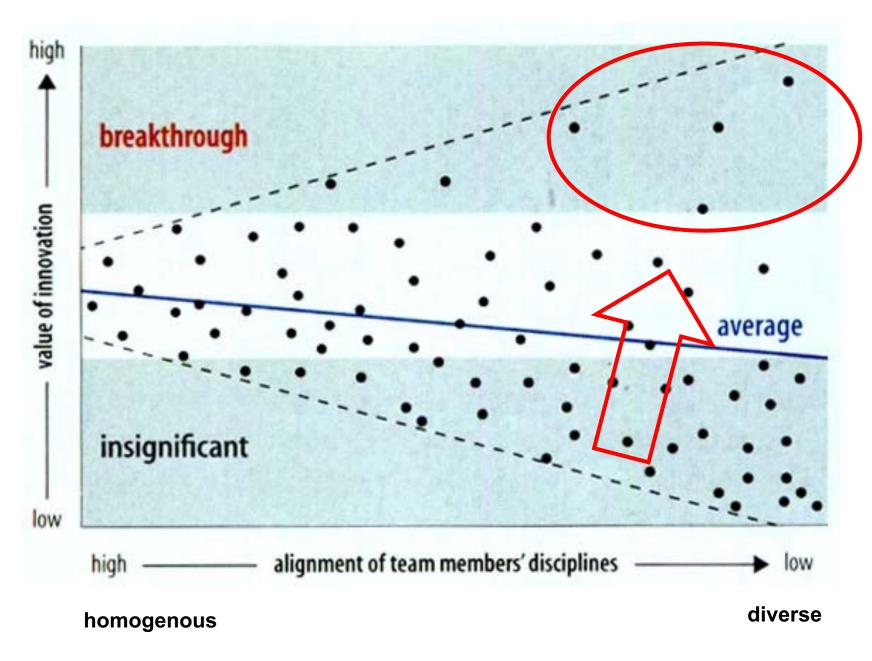
For example, exposure to negative stereotyping while conducting a task can cause a decrease in performance.

## BREAK





## TEAM DIVERSITY



# BREAKTHROUGH INNOVATIONS WITH MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMWORK

COLLABORATION
BECOMES MORE
DIFFICULT WHEN
DIVERSITY
INCREASES



## MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAMS OFTEN STRUGGLE WITH

How to integrate each member's diverse expertise

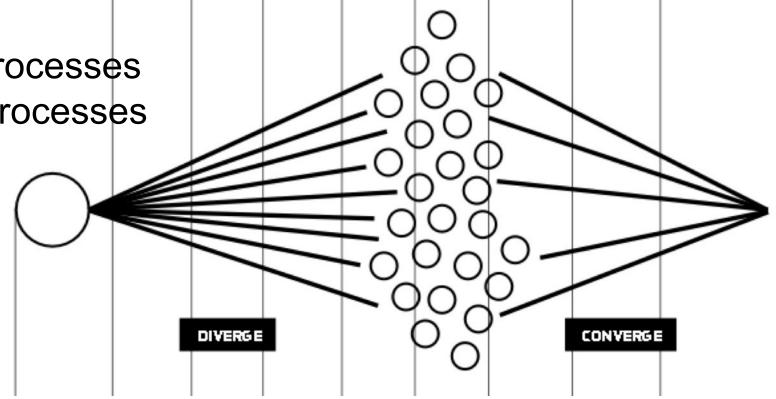
How to manage conflict

How to leverage diversity during all phases of a project

### **TEAM DIVERSITY**

DBM
Design, create, lead.

- Disciplinary backgrounds
- National backgrounds
- Gender, age, experience
- Personal traits
- > helps in divergent processes
- > harms convergent processes



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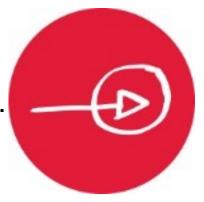
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### **SOCIAL ROLES IN TEAMS**

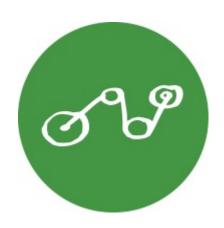




"Pioneers" seek *possibilities*.
They spark energy and imagination.
Motto: *Have fun. It's just work.* 



"Drivers" seek *challenge*. They generate momentum. Motto: *And your point is...?* 



"Integrators" seek *connection*. They bring teams together. Motto: *Consensus rules!* 

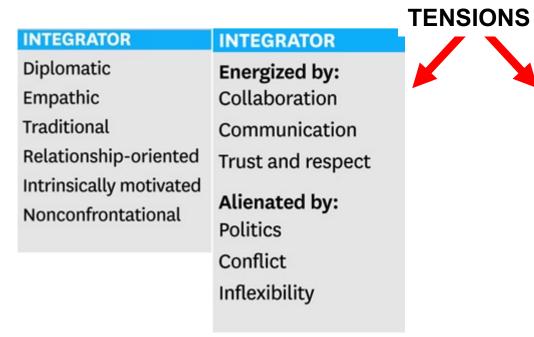


"Guardians" seek *stability*. They bring order and rigor. Motto: Changing the world, one spreadsheet at a time

If you want, take a test to know which team roles you most often take: <a href="https://bc20questions.deloitte.com/#/">https://bc20questions.deloitte.com/#/</a>

PIONEER	PIONEER
Outgoing	Energized by:
Focused on	Brainstorming
the big picture	Spontaneity and
Spontaneous	trying new things
Drawn to risk	Enthusiasm
Adaptable	
Imaginative	Alienated by:
J	Rules and structure
	The word "no"
	A focus on process

DRIVER
Quantitative Logical Focused Competitive Experimental Deeply curious





Organization

Predictability and consistency

A detailed plan

### Alienated by:

Disorder

Time pressure

Ambiguity and uncertainty

### **GUARDIAN**

Methodical

Reserved

Detail-oriented

Practical

Structured

Loyal

### YOUR PRE-READING

Adam Grant (2013) Give and Take, Chapter 1.





## Other/self-orientation in social interactions

Prof. Adam Grant divides people into three groups based on their reciprocity style:

### **Takers**

Self-focused, try to get as much as possible from others without giving much

### **Matchers**

Operate in the principle of fairness:
Reciprocate and expect reciprocity

### **Givers**

Other-focused, seek out ways to be helpful and give to others

What do you think about this categorization?

### We all have moments of giving and taking

What matters is which style you choose most of the times.







## Who are the most "successful" in terms of career development?

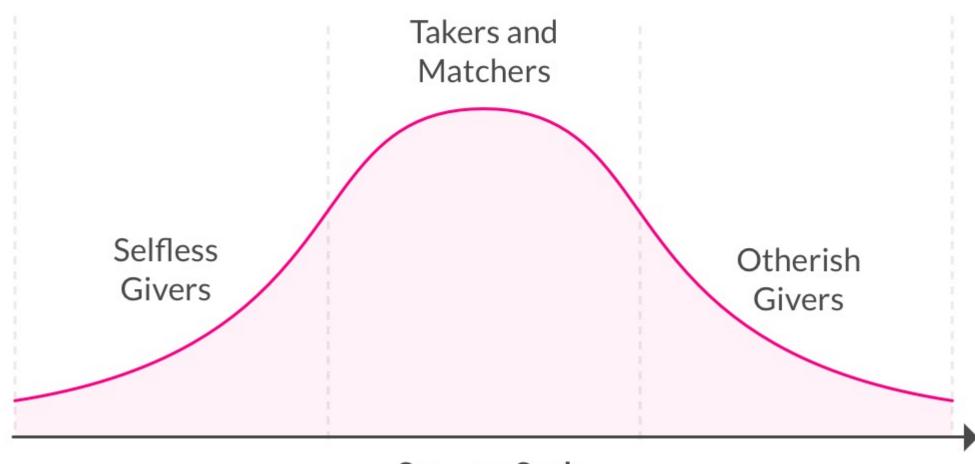








### Givers, Takers, and Matchers at Work



**Success Scale** 

### **OTHER-ORIENTATION**



LOW

HIGH

**HIGH** 

Selfish Taker

"Otherish" Giver

SELF-ORIENTATION

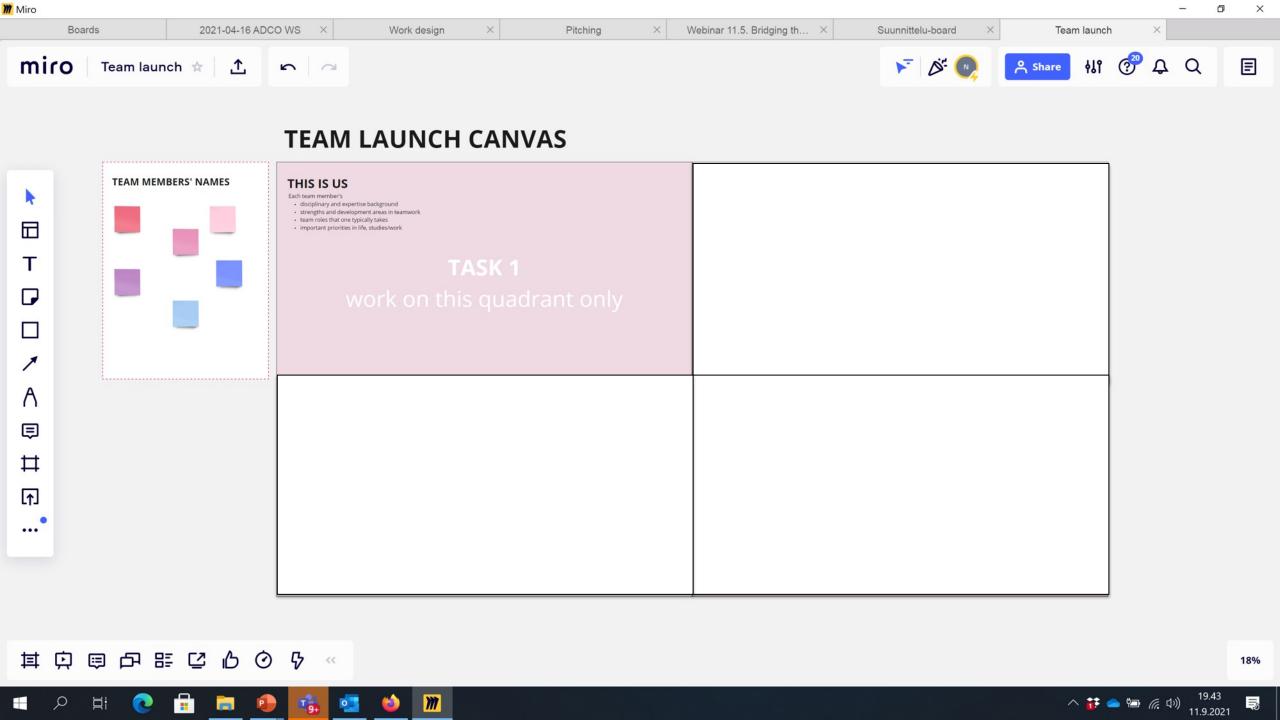
**LOW** 

Apathetic

Self-sacrificing Giver

## WORKSHOP

Group task (Breakout room 20 min)



## Wrap up

Were your "stereotypes" of design / tech / business students accurate?



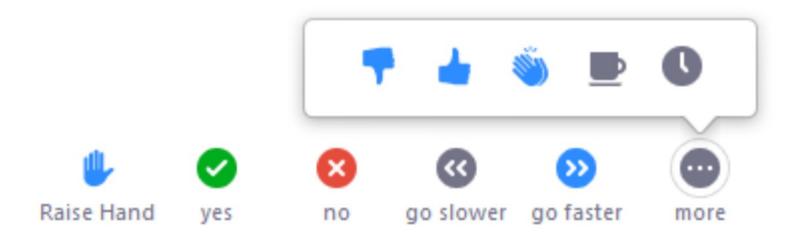


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## OUR OBJECTIVES FOR THIS SESSION WERE:

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