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The analytics mindset



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What is the analytics mindset?

The analytics mindset is the ability to:

- ▶ Ask the right questions;
- ▶ Extract, transform and load relevant data (i.e., the ETL process);
- ▶ Apply appropriate data analytic techniques; and
- ▶ Interpret and share the results with stakeholders



Where are you on your journey to teaching analytics?

1. I am just starting to learn more so I can try to do something soon.
2. I have begun to talk with my students about the importance of analytics in the accounting profession.
3. I am developing or currently offering at least one analytics learning project/requirement integrated into my course.
4. I am developing or currently offering a full course integrating analytics.
5. I am in denial or hoping to retire soon!



Analytics mindset competency framework

Ask the right questions	
Understand and define the objective of the relevant stakeholders	
Understand the business context and the problem if one does, or could, exist	
Develop an expectation of what you expect to see before analyzing your data, if appropriate	
Recognize that questions are iterative and answers may lead to more questions, and judgment is needed to determine if deeper analysis is warranted	
Extract, transform and load relevant data (i.e., the ETL process)	
Understand data characteristics and their relevance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Variety – financial, customer, social media, video, voice, text, machine data, and other structured and unstructured ▶ Volume – general size parameters and implications ▶ Velocity – frequency of data updates and implications ▶ Veracity – trustworthiness of sources
Understand the flow of data in accounting information systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Types of accounting information systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Size – Real-world application ▶ Modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Purpose – Relationships between modules ▶ Capabilities and limitations ▶ Routine and non-routine flow ▶ Who generates and oversees the data and in what capacity
Capture data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Extractions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What to ask for – How to ask – In what format <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ AICPA data standards ▶ Transformation (data cleansing) – before and after loading ▶ Loading, including knowing which tool the data should be loaded into for the most efficient and effective analysis ▶ Maintaining data integrity (data validation) ▶ Automation

Analytics mindset competency framework

Apply appropriate data analytics techniques			
Understand the purpose of different types of data analytics techniques and how to determine which techniques are most appropriate for the objectives of your analysis (objectives might include a need to prove or disprove an expectation, if one was developed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Master <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ratio – Sorting – Aggregation – Trends – Comparison – Forecasting – Basic descriptive statistics (mean, standard deviation, maximum and minimum, quartiles) – Querying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Working knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cluster analysis – Inferential statistics (T-statistics, P-values) – Correlation analysis – Regression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Artificial intelligence – Machine learning – Cognitive computing – Neural networks – Data mining – Other emerging technologies
Gain familiarity with analytics tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Master <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Excel – Basic database (Access) – Visualization (Tableau, Spotfire, Qlik, Microsoft BI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Working knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Querying languages (SQL) – Career-path specific <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Audit – ACL, IDEA, TeamMate ▶ Tax ▶ Managerial ▶ Forensic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Programming languages (VBA, Python, Pearl, Java, PHP) – Statistics (R, SAS, SPSS) – Database tools (SAP, Oracle, Microsoft) – SSIS packages
Interpret and share the results with stakeholders			
Interpret results of your analysis appropriately, based on your question and expectations, if appropriate			
Summarize results from your analysis in a manner conducive to and compelling for your stakeholder			
Apply appropriate visualization design techniques			

- ▶ **Master level** – This is the ability to understand and apply the subject matter at a relatively in-depth level. The student should be confident in their abilities and need minimal support. The student should not have to spend additional time learning when given an assignment.
- ▶ **Working knowledge level** – This is the ability to understand and apply the subject matter at a moderate level. The student should be confident in their ability to figure out the answer, possibly with some support (either from additional personal study or from another person). The student may need additional time for research or to learn (often to refresh) skill sets to complete assignments.
- ▶ **Awareness level** – This is the ability to understand the subject matter at a basic level, but with a limited ability to apply this understanding to an assignment. The student should know the possibilities of the subject matter in order to engage in a broad discussion with a specialist.

EYARC analytics mindset curriculum resources

Introduction to the analytics mindset:

- ▶ Lecture and slides
- ▶ Competency framework

Introduction to data visualization: *(coming soon)*

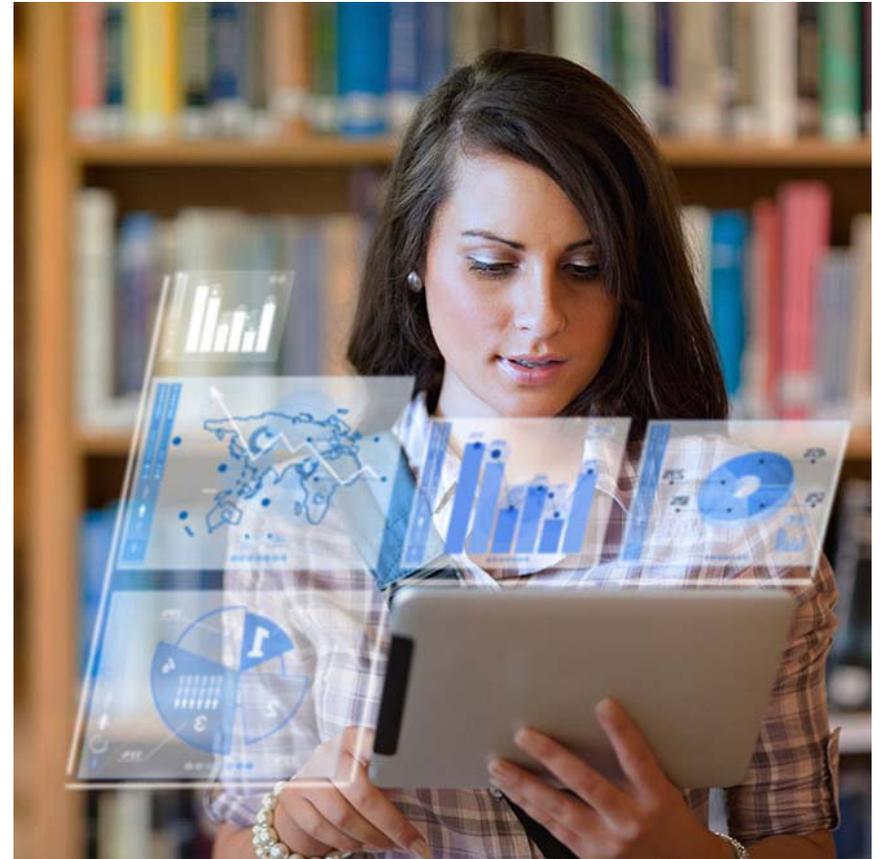
- ▶ Lecture and slides

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Case studies:

- ▶ User guide, case, solutions, data sets, analytic workbooks, how to videos
- ▶ All cases focus on the development of the analytics mindset, but to different degrees and emphasis on detailed competencies
- ▶ Many ways to modify the cases to shorten or focus on select learning objectives



Case study guide

Course/competency *Optional **Variable based on topic/student choice	Big Deals	DuPont	TechWear	Gamification	PCard	Viz-a-thon	Timp Health	IntegrateCo	Tech Explorer	Peach State University Hotel
Introduction to accounting						**				
Cost/management accounting						**			**	
Intermediate financial accounting			I&II			**			**	
Accounting information systems									**	
Auditing (including both external and internal audit)						**			**	
Tax						**			**	
Fraud			IV		VII	**			**	
Data analytics									**	
Business statistics										

Cases highlighted in blue will be coming soon to the EYARC website

Relevant case parts are listed as roman numerals for specific reference, if appropriate

Case study guide – Extract, transform and load relevant data

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Extract, transform and load relevant data (i.e., the ETL process)										
Understand data characteristics and their relevance	*	II	I		II			I		
Understand the flow of data in accounting information systems			I							
Capture data – extractions; AICPA data standards			III		III					
Capture data – transformation (data cleansing)			I&IV		III			II		
Capture data – loading	*	II			III			II		
Capture data – maintain data integrity (data validation)		II			II, III			III		
Capture data – automation										

Case study guide – apply appropriate analytic techniques

Master level

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Apply appropriate data analytics techniques										
Analytic techniques – ratio		III	II, III			**				
Analytic techniques – sorting		III	II, III, V			**				
Analytic techniques – aggregation		III	II, III, V			**				
Analytic techniques – trends		III	II, V			**				
Analytic techniques – comparison		III	II, V			**				
Analytic techniques – forecasting		III				**				
Analytic techniques – descriptive statistics (mean, standard deviation, maximum and minimum, quartiles)		III				**				

Case study guide – apply appropriate analytic techniques

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Apply appropriate data analytics techniques										
Analytic tools – Excel			I&II		II, III			II, III, IV		
Analytic tools – Basic database (Access)					III, IV, V			II, III, IV		
Analytic tools – Visualization (Tableau; Power BI, etc.)			III, IV, V			**				

Case study guide – apply appropriate analytic techniques

Working knowledge level

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Apply appropriate data analytics techniques										
Analytic techniques – querying					IV, V, VI, VII			II, III, IV		
Analytic techniques – cluster analysis										
Analytic techniques – inferential statistics (T-statistics; P-values)										
Analytic techniques – correlation analysis										
Analytic techniques – regression										

Case study guide – apply appropriate analytic techniques

Working knowledge level

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Apply appropriate data analytics techniques										
Analytic tools – Querying languages (SQL)										
Analytic tools – career-path specific (audit)										
Analytic tools – career-path specific (tax)										

Case study guide – apply appropriate analytic techniques

Awareness level

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Case study guide – apply appropriate analytic techniques

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Analytic tools – Statistics (R, SAS, SPSS)										
Analytic tools – Database tools (SAP, Oracle, Microsoft)										
Analytic tools – SSIS packages										

Which analytics mindset competency do you think will be the most challenging to develop with your students?

1. Ask the right questions (ARQ)
2. Extract, transform and load relevant data (ETL)
3. Apply appropriate data analytic techniques (AAAT)
4. Interpret and share the results with stakeholders (ISR)



Big Deals

- ▶ Courses: introductory financial accounting class, cost/managerial accounting, data analytics
- ▶ Data: three years of financial and product data for 24 countries
- ▶ Overview: Two-part case
 - ▶ A global big box retailer, Big Deals, sells computer, audio and visual products and needs help with optimizing their product line and revenue stream.
 - ▶ **Simple** ARQ: to understand and identify business and strategy issues
 - ▶ **Simple** ETL: ETL already complete (data in three Excel files)
 - ▶ **Simple** AAATs: Can provide the analytics output and visualization to students directly (solution shown in Tableau). Alternatively, you can make this a requirement.
 - ▶ **Simple** ISR: recommend business and product strategy answering specific questions



DuPont

- ▶ Courses: introductory financial accounting class, intermediate financial accounting, accounting information systems, data analytics
- ▶ Data: three years of balance sheet and income statement data for 174 companies in six industries
- ▶ Overview: Four-part case
 - ▶ Students learn about the DuPont Method to evaluate company performance and make a recommendation of which companies to invest in.
 - ▶ **Moderate** ARQ: learn DuPont model
 - ▶ **Simple** ETL: extract and transform already complete (data in Exel file); focus on loading. How to videos provided.
 - ▶ **Moderate** AAAT: create the analytics based on the DuPont model and a visualization (solution shown in Tableau). How to videos provided.
 - ▶ **Moderate** ISR: effective use of dashboards



TechWear

- ▶ Courses: intermediate financial accounting (Parts I&II), accounting information systems, auditing, fraud (Part IV), data analytics
- ▶ Data: three fiscal years of transaction level data for the order-to-cash cycle
- ▶ Overview:
 - ▶ Students assume the role as auditor for TechWear, a start-up company that manufacturers and sells high-tech sportswear, and assigned to audit the order-to-cash cycle.
 - ▶ **Robust** ARQ: understanding order-to-cash cycle and audit risk assessment
 - ▶ **Robust** ETL: required to do all aspects of ETL; students also complete an audit data-planning analysis template; can provide completed ETL as well (data in Excel); How to videos provided
 - ▶ **Robust** AAAT: students fully develop the analytics and visualization (Excel and Tableau); How to videos provided
 - ▶ **Robust** ISR: board presentation of audit findings (fictitious sales, cutoff issues, valuation)



Gamification

- ▶ Courses: cost/management accounting class, accounting information systems, data analytics
- ▶ Data: two sets of survey data
- ▶ Overview: Two-part case
 - ▶ Students assume the role of a Chief Technology Officer and decide whether the IT compliance training for their organization should be changed to a “gamified” training model.
 - ▶ **Moderate** ARQ: understand issues for learning strategy
 - ▶ **Simple** ETL: understand data; data provided in Excel
 - ▶ **Robust** AAT: option between simple to more advanced (Tabeleau); How to videos provided
 - ▶ **Moderate** ISR: create a story for management presentation



PCard

- ▶ Courses: accounting information systems, auditing, fraud (Part VII) data analytics
- ▶ Data: two sets of survey data
- ▶ Overview: Seven-part case
 - ▶ Students are asked to assume the role of an internal auditor and perform various audit procedures on purchasing card transactions for Oklahoma State University.
 - ▶ **Robust** ARQ: understand policies and risks
 - ▶ **Robust** ETL: focus on understanding data characteristics; AICPA audit data standards; full ETL process requirements; data provided in Excel;
 - ▶ **Robust** AAT: develop queries to assess data for policy compliance and fraudulent transactions (Access; data files too large for Excel analysis); How to videos provided
 - ▶ **Simple** ISR: Interpretation is based on querying results and there is no overall requirement to compile findings.



Viz-a-thon

- ▶ Courses: this case can be used in virtually all accounting courses based on the topic chosen for their visualization
- ▶ Data: Open-students are expected to find their own data; we offer select resources
- ▶ Overview: Two-part case
 - ▶ Students must generate their own question, find and ETL data, develop their own visualization and present their findings to the class. It is structured to be delivered as a competition at a student or group level.
 - ▶ **Robust** ARQ: students must identify a relevant question to research within a larger question:
Where is the best place in the world to do business?
 - ▶ **Robust** ETL: Data is not provided; however, you could do this for the students
 - ▶ **Robust** AAT: Tableau
 - ▶ **Robust** ISR: heavy focus on the class presentation for judging; we provide select visualization presentations as an example



Timp Health *(coming soon)*

- ▶ Courses: cost/management accounting, data analytics, business statistics
- ▶ Data: Text files of seven months of drug costs and other relevant data
- ▶ Overview: Four-part case
 - ▶ Students assume the role of an analyst at Timp Health, a pharmacy benefit management (PBM) company, and analyze drivers of gross drug costs and ultimately develop a model to best predict future gross drug costs.
 - ▶ **Moderate** ARQ: understanding PBMs and understand important elements to predicting drug costs through review of provided models
 - ▶ **Moderate** ETL: focus on understanding and loading data; Text files are provided
 - ▶ **Robust** AAT: Forecasting, descriptive statistics, interpretive statistics, correlation, regression; Performed in statistical program R
 - ▶ **Moderate** ISR: heavy focus on the class presentation for judging; we provide select visualization presentations as an example



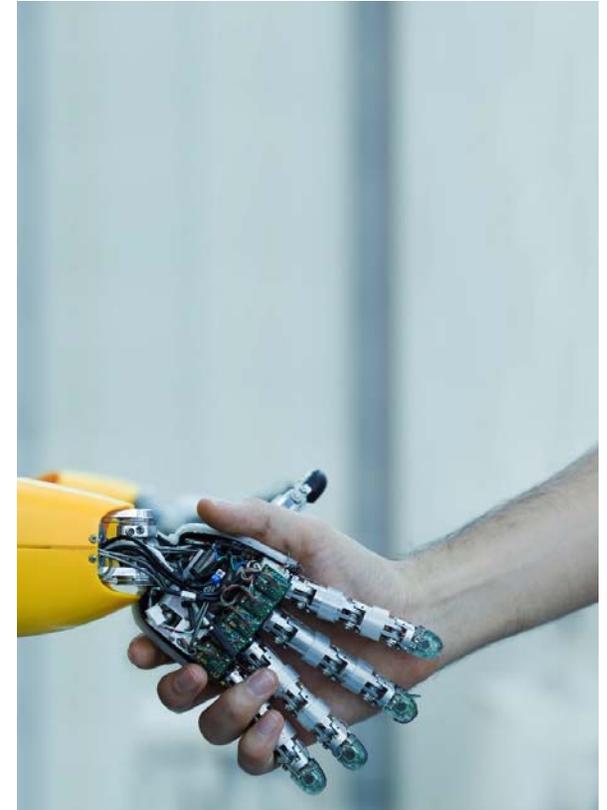
IntegrateCo *(coming soon)*

- ▶ Courses: cost/management accounting, accounting information systems, auditing, data analytics
- ▶ Data: Two years of payroll data
- ▶ Overview: Three-part case
 - ▶ Students assume the role of an analyst for IntegrateCo, a company that installs and services integrated building management systems, and are asked to review payroll between two years and analyze variances
- ▶ **Moderate** ARQ: Develop questions to perform payroll variance analysis
- ▶ **Robust** ETL: entire ETL process; Data comes from multiple systems so this adds complexity; Excel files are provided
- ▶ **Robust** AAT: Develop analysis to analyze payroll; Full solutions in Access and Excel
- ▶ **Moderate** ISR: a report for management on findings and recommendations

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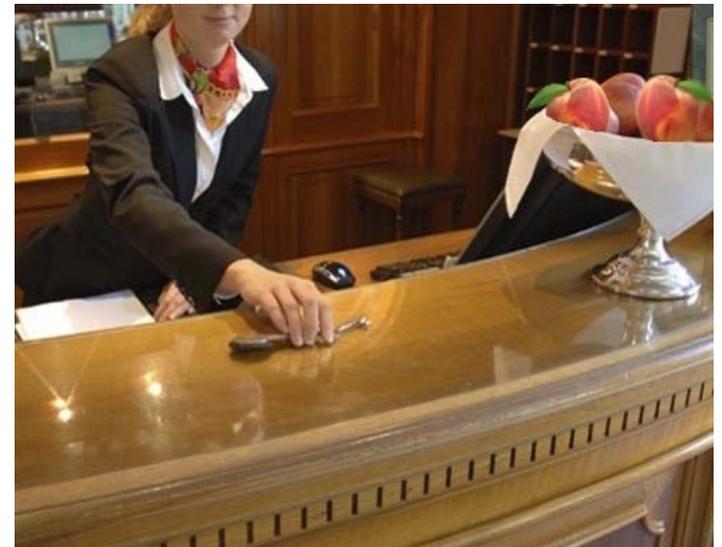
Tech Explorer *(coming soon)*

- ▶ Courses: this case can be used in virtually all accounting courses
- ▶ Data: N/A
- ▶ Overview: One-part case
 - ▶ The case asks student groups to research emerging data and technology topics, prepare and present a presentation to the class on the topic and to write a memo about the topic.
 - ▶ The case is designed to help students achieve the **awareness** level competency for emerging developments in data (and better facilitation of ETL) and analytic techniques and tools.
 - ▶ We provide some resources that you can share with students to aid with research or you can require them to do exclusively on their own.
 - ▶ A grading rubric is provided.



Peach State University Hotel *(coming soon)*

- ▶ The most exciting feature of this case is that it offers students the ability to use more real-world (although simplified) auditing analyses and tools based on EY's audit analytics platform, *EY Helix*.
- ▶ This is a very robust case for all aspects of the analytics mindset that has students simulate the role of the auditor for Peach State University Hotel.
- ▶ Please plan to attend our Analytics mindset session at the [AAA annual conference](#) or the [Accounting is Big Data conference](#) to learn more!



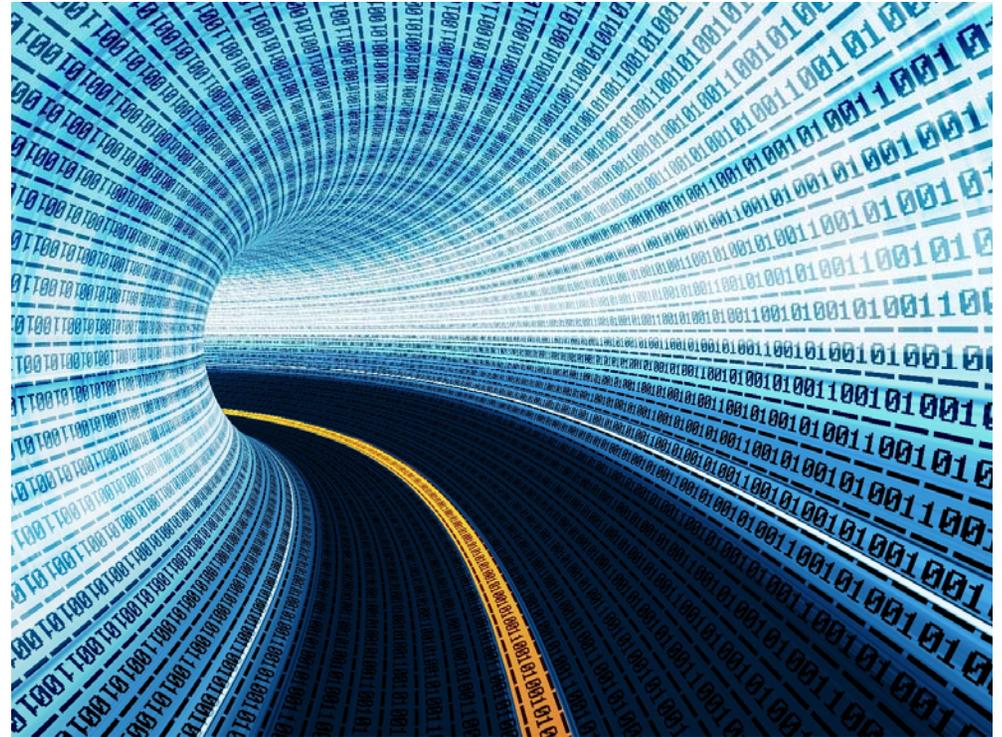
Do you think that there is at least one piece of curriculum content that will help you at this point?

1. Yes
2. No



Next steps

- ▶ Good luck with the journey forward as you help your students develop their analytics mindset!
- ▶ To access EYARC curriculum and the EYARC private website, you need an EYARC account. Contact Catherine Banks at catherine.banks@ey.com.
- ▶ Send any ideas for additional cases to Catherine. We would also be glad to develop cases around any existing data sets that you have available.



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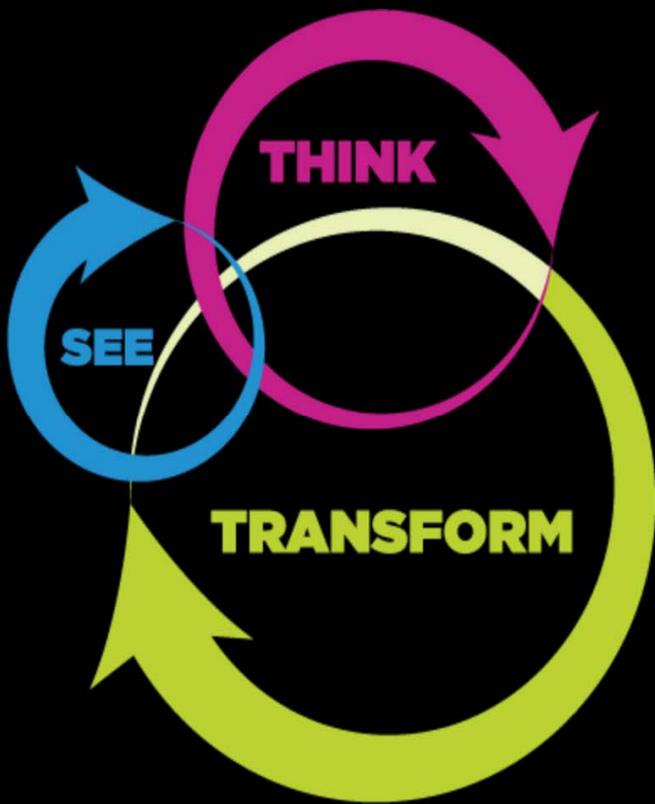
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