# 7 EASY STEPS TO BECOMING A BETTER PRESENTER

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- This session is for you, so please participate.
- These are tricks and tips that worked for me but might not be right for everyone or every situation. Please consult a coach or physician to find a program that is best for you.
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# If you only remember one thing today:

# What's in it for your Audience?!!!



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# 7 Tips So Easy That They Can't Possibly Work

- 1. What's in it for them? Not WIIFM!
- 2. Start with the end: What's your desired outcome?
- 3. Build your case to achieve the desired outcome.
- 4. Create an emotional connection for the audience with your outcome.
- 5. Never trust your audience to reach the correct conclusion.
- 6. Focus on only what supports your outcome.
- 7. Know your material and speak with confidence.

# It's really that easy.



### **Start with the end - What's your desired outcome?**

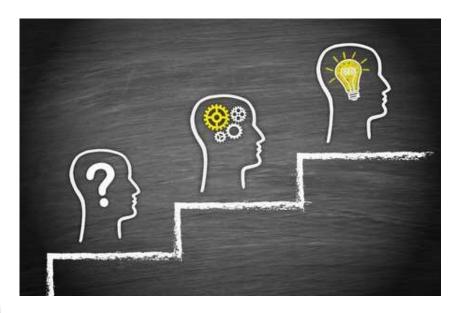
- Support or Approval
- Decision
- Advice
- Deferred action
- Three options and recommendation
  - Define the outcome
  - Present three options
  - Recommend the decision
  - Delegation poker



Source: Luis Molinero Martínez



### Build your case to achieve your desired outcome



- Distill background information.
  - Notes > patterns > themes
- Narrow to only the most important points.
- Align to your desired outcome.
- Verify: Does it support the impression you want to create.

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# Which would you choose? \$3 million budget

#### Update Security Platform

- \$4.5 million license agreement.
- Few system changes needed.
- Drawbacks:
  - No Single Sign On (SSO) support.
  - Changes typically cost 4X.
  - Current performance gaps.
  - Poor support for other systems.

#### Upgrade to Full Platform Suite

- \$5.6 million total cost.
- New technology stack aligned with future enterprise architecture.
- Full SSO support.
- Low TCO.
- Unlimited licenses for 3 years. At the end of 3 years, all licenses in use are included in annual support. \$300,000 per year.



### Create an emotional connection for the audience

- Recruit your champions.
- Align to benefit or cost/risk avoidance.
- Sell the quick win.
- Demonstrate alignment to value drivers.

Switch: How to Change Things When Change Is Hard

• Avoid scare tactics.





by Chip Heath, Dan Heath

### Never trust your audience...

...to reach the correct conclusion.

- What is good or bad?
- When should I worry or help?
- What are you doing about it?
- Tell them how to interpret.

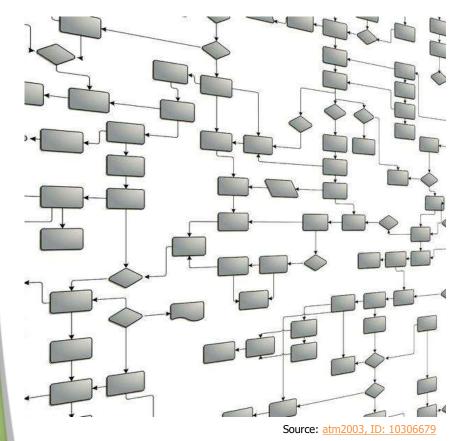
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5.0	5.0	5.0
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Source: Info-Tech Application Portfolio Management Foundations

# Focus on only what supports your outcome



- Beware of the hindrance of knowledge.
- Focus on the most important keys to reaching your outcome.
- Make sure everything supports your recommendation.
- Put everything else in the appendix.



# Be the champion for your outcome

- Know your material.
- Speak with confidence.
- If you don't know, don't make it up. Follow up.

A lack of confidence in your tone equals a lack in confidence in your outcome and recommendations.







# **Be amazing!**

#### **Three Mistakes**

- Show hesitation because of their position of power
- Talk to themselves, not the audience's WIIFM
- Let the audience interpret the information and draw their own conclusions

#### What The Best Do Best

- Focus on the audience
- Guide them to the desired outcome
- Connect them to the outcome as champions for your goal



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