

Strategic Thinking for Everyone, Everyday

Embrace Mindset

- Make time to be strategic in your thinking
- Question assumptions – yours and others
- Observe: self, others, your organization
- Reflect on what you observe
- Make it a habit to think

Discuss:

- What could you do differently and get a better result?

Look for Trends

- Read voraciously & widely
- Identify & interact with well-informed people
- Review the past and ask why
- Consider multiple ways the future may happen
- Find patterns everywhere

Discuss:

- Discuss three possible futures for your current role.

Act Deliberately

- Recognize your assets (skills and experiences)
- Determine your key relationships
- Identify your constraints and prepare responses
- Break your strategy down to goals & tactics
- Do one thing fully

Discuss:

- What are your strongest skills? Who are your biggest supporters?



Closing: Strategic Thinking for Everyone, Everyday



Resources: *Strategic Thinking*

LinkedIn Learning

- How to Make Strategic Thinking a Habit (~ 34 minutes) <https://www.linkedin.com/learning/how-to-make-strategic-thinking-a-habit/why-make-strategic-thinking-a-habit?resume=false&u=50844473>
- Increasing Strategic Thinking (~ 3 minutes) <https://www.linkedin.com/learning/improving-employee-performance/increasing-strategic-thinking?u=50844473>
- Leading in Government (~50 minutes) <https://www.linkedin.com/learning/leading-in-government/leading-in-government?u=50844473>
- Strategic Thinking (~ 36 minutes) <https://www.linkedin.com/learning/strategic-thinking/welcome-to-strategic-thinking?u=50844473>
- Strategic Thinking (~3 minutes) <https://www.linkedin.com/learning/executive-leadership/strategic-thinking?u=50844473>

Online Sources

- 4 Ways to Improve Your Strategic Thinking Skills <https://hbr.org/2016/12/4-ways-to-improve-your-strategic-thinking-skills>
- 6 Habits of Strategic Thinkers <https://www.inc.com/paul-schoemaker/6-habits-of-strategic-thinkers.html>



More Resources: *Strategic Thinking*

More Online Sources

- How to Demonstrate Your Strategic Thinking Skills
<https://hbr.org/2019/09/how-to-demonstrate-your-strategic-thinking-skills>
- Strategic Thinking: The Pathway to the Top
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/joefolkman/2021/02/05/strategic-thinking-the-pathway-to-the-top/?sh=20ed932b6553>
- Why Managers Need to Think Strategically <https://www.amanet.org/articles/why-managers-need-to-think-strategically/>

JMU Talent Development Resource Collection Books

- *Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less* ©2014 by Greg McKeown
- *Loonshots: How to Nurture the Crazy Ideas that Win Wars, Cure Diseases, and Transform Industries* ©2019 by Safi Bahcall
- *A More Beautiful Question: The Power of Inquiry to Spark Breakthrough Ideas* ©2014 by Warren Berger
- *Seeing What Others Don't: The Remarkable Ways We Gain Insights* ©2013 by Gary Klein
- *Six Thinking Hats* ©1999 by Edward de Bono
- *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference* ©2002 by Malcolm Gladwell

