

The resources and structure to provide a personalized leadership coaching program for **Charles Poulton**

A key message for Charles Poulton

Many people talk about investing in themselves, you are doing it - congratulations!



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Terminology Note: 'Coachee' and 'Client'

This Coaches Companion is used by the person in the coach role in a coaching relationship. It is used by professional coaches and in coaching relationships between colleagues within the same organization.

The most common term for a person being coached is a "coachee" however, because this is often used by professional coaches with their clients, this document uses 'coachee' and 'client' interchangeably to refer to the 'person being coached'.

Section 1: Introduction



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About this Companion and Your Coaching Relationship

This Coaches Companion provides you as the coach, with everything you need to guide your coachee/client through a step-by-step, personalized, professional, coaching and development program to strengthen their REACH and help them grow as a person and as a leader.

This 'Coaches Companion' is best described as the equivalent of a 'Trainers Guide' or 'Teachers Notes', however it is designed to support a coaching relationship rather than a training course.

This is a best-practice coaching relationship based on the GROW model, with the added benefit of focusing on growing the 'REACH' of the client. Which gives the relationship structure and the added benefit of making the coaching relationship measurable.

What does all this mean?

In this coaching relationship you will be provided with the tools, insights, resources and structure to help your coachee grow, and conclude the program by showing them how they have grown.

A measurable, structured coaching relationship

This coaching program follows a best-practice approach to coaching. It is based on the GROW model and sets up coaching questions and dynamic coaching process in its traditional form. And encourages powerful personal growth opportunities through practice, reflection and journaling.

In addition, it provides the coachee and the coach an additional set of tools, and the simple yet powerful REACH construct to give focus, targeted development, resources and the ability to measure the individuals growth.

What is REACH, and what are we measuring?

REACH is the measure of a person's agility to adapt to different people, tasks, and situations.

By growing people's REACH you are growing their awareness of 'self' and 'others', together with the development of skills to draw on to be more effective in different situations and positively influencing other people.

This combination of awareness and development of transferrable skills improves is proven to help people develop improve performance in their current role, future roles, and to become more effective leaders.

Global studies have demonstrated that:

- Individuals with greater REACH exhibit higher Emotional Intelligence.
- Managers with greater REACH enjoy higher engagement among their direct reports.
- Team leaders with greater REACH receive higher performance appraisal ratings from their managers.
- Supervisors with greater REACH devote more time to employee coaching.
- Sales professionals with greater REACH close more sales.

In short, growing REACH develops transferrable skills, and improves performance now and in the future.

Understanding REACH – Awareness, Strengths, Agility & Skills

Part 1: Awareness, Strengths and Current Agility (REACH)

A visual of the coachees personal style and current REACH (shown as the shaded area). This represents natural tendencies and area of agility. Provides the basis for awareness and opportunity to grow.

Counselor Profile

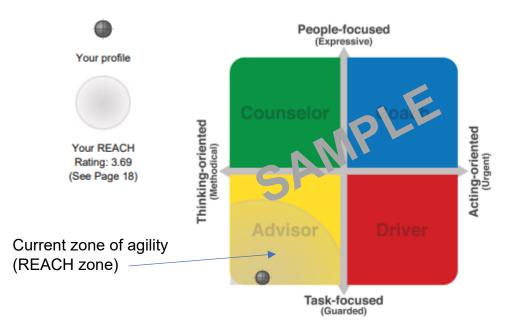
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- Learning with active, "big picture" understanding



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Driver Profile

Drivers are best recognized for being: Acting-oriented and Task-focused. The key "markers" or behaviours of the Driver Profile include:

- Communicating with a focused, intense style
- Conflict-handling by directly confronting the issue
- Delegating by "directing" the course of action
- Planning through an urgent, adaptive approach
- Learning with active, "big picture" understanding

Part 2: REACH Skills to grow agility (REACH)

To develop REACH the provides a clean table with 16 high-level skills, grouped in alignment with the individual's natural strengths and current adaptability.

As this coaching relationship unfolds, it will guide the coach to help develop the coachees awareness and skills, to grow their REACH zone.

REACH Skills

Counseling Characteristics	Population Average	Self- rating	0	1	2	3	4	5
Assimilating team members	3.81	4.00						
Cultivating team spirit	3.80	4.00						
Identifying personal needs	3.57	4.00						
Recognizing others' efforts	3.87	4.00						
Average:	3.76	4.00	More Challe	nging	Mod	lerate	Comfor	More rtable
Coaching Characteristics	Population Average	Self- rating	0	1	2	3	4	5
Building rapport	3.67	2.00						
Easing tensions during conflict	3.53	2.00						
Finding opportunities for synergy	3.55	3 70						
Rallying others around a cause	: . 19	2.00						
Averag >	3. 1	2.25	More Challe	nging	Мос	lerate	Comfor	More rtable
Driving Characteristics	Population Average	Self- rating	0	1	2	3	4	5
Establishing clear expectations	3.68	2.00						
Evaluating individual performance	3.59	3.00						
Exercising control over processes	3.51	3.00						
Guiding team during change	3.43	3.00						
Average:	3.55	2.75	More Challe	nging	M	oderate	Comf	Mor fortabl
Advising Characteristics	Population Average	Self- rating	0	1	2	3	4	5
Addressing quality concerns	3.58	4.00						
Aligning resources with needs	3.48	3.00						
Designing team structure/function	3.50	4.00						
Integrating diverse perspectives	3.58	3.00						
	0.54	3.50	More		M	oderate		Mo
Average:	3.54	3.50	Challe	nging			Comf	fortab

Achieving Goals





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Program Structure



The program is structured into three clusters of 10 modules.

The logic behind the structure is that one firstly needs to have a good understanding of themselves to identify their growth areas, and, then build skills and deepen their awareness of self and others while building skills and confidence

Recommended Timetable: 6-months

In this recommended structure you meet every 2nd week for 25 weeks. The following timeline represents a very thorough, six-month coaching relationship.

Cluster 1: Getting to know 'me'

This cluster develops an understanding of their own traits, strengths and tendencies.

Module 1: 1 session (week 1)

Module 2: 2 sessions (weeks 2 & 3)

Module 3: 2 sessions (weeks 4 & 5)

Module 4: 4 sessions (weeks 6 - 9)

Cluster 2: Developing my REACH

Module 5: 3 sessions (weeks 10-12)

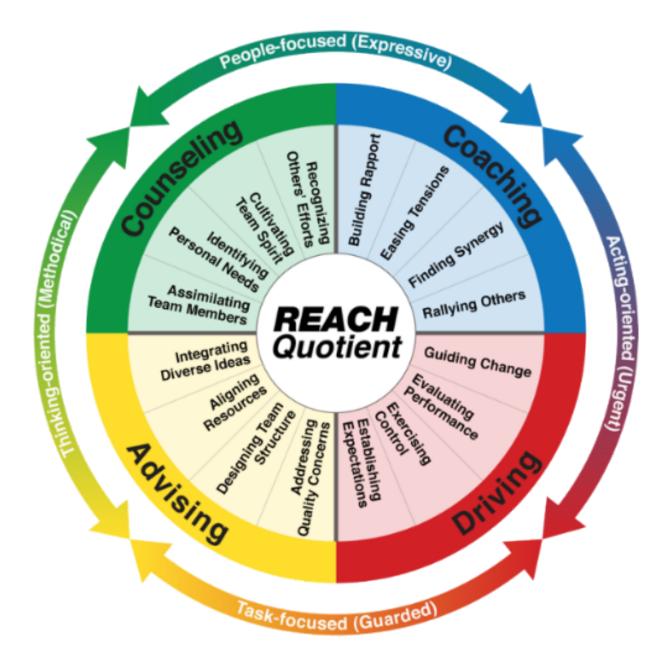
- Module 6: 4 sessions (weeks 13-16)
- Module 7: 3 sessions (weeks 17-19)

Cluster 3: Developing REACH in others

- Module 8: 2 sessions (weeks 20 21)
- Module 9: 2 sessions (weeks 22 23)
- Module 10: 2 sessions (weeks 24 25)

Please adapt this to suit your needs and competing demands. Spend longer on modules if there is value and shorten others. This is your coaching relationship, let the program give you guidance, but keep it real and personal.

Remember: However you choose to adapt this structure, be sure to commit to mutual expectations and understanding.



Preparation

Before you begin, please ensure you have reviewed your client's Leading Profile before you meet. Be sure to review their particularly strong traits, and their REACH Skills. What you will need...

You will use several different REACH reports + the REACH 360 during the program as outlined below.

Module1 Kick off. Scene setting. **REACH Personal Style Profile** Module 2 **REACH Personal Style Profile** Personality dimensions and unpacking the REACH profile Module 3 Spheres of influence and **REACH Leading Profile** recognizing strengths **REACH** Quotient Module 4 Cultivating a growth **REACH 360** mindset Module 5 **Development Targets** REACH 360 **REACH Personal Style Profile** Module 6 Practicing REACH **REACH Communication Profile** Module 7 Expanding REACH REACH360 **REACH** Quotient Module 8 Facilitating REACH **REACH Communication Profile** Module 9 Creating a REACH Culture REACH Culture survey Module 10 Multiplying REACH

Journaling

Encourage your coachee to journal during this coaching program and ongoing.

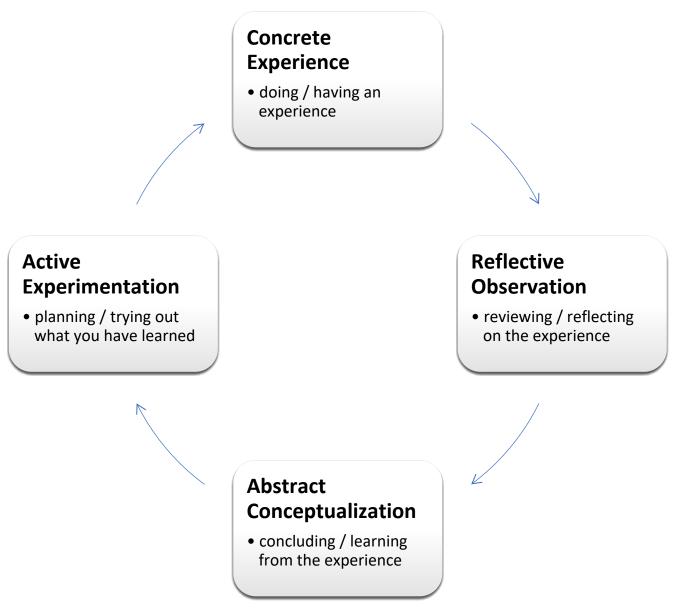


Pro Tip: Some great coaches order journals with their client's initials on the cover and help them develop the journaling habit from day one.

If your client is open to it, you will find a new dimension to your relationship and their growth develops more quickly.

The Power of Journaling

Journaling is a powerful aspect of learning and growing and can really accelerate Kolb's Learning Cycle as it provides people with the opportunity to think ahead, plan, reflect and grow.



Many people find it hard to develop the discipline to journal, best practice is to make an entry every day (any length that feels right on the day from one word to a page or two), other people make entries once per week.

Understanding your coachee - Charles Poulton

While people's responses differ at times, Charles's responses indicate they tend to exhibit Advisor style markers most commonly.

The chart below shows Charles's primary profile visually. It is a good time to reflect on the contrasting styles of all four profiles and begin thinking about adapting your style for the best outcome with Charles.

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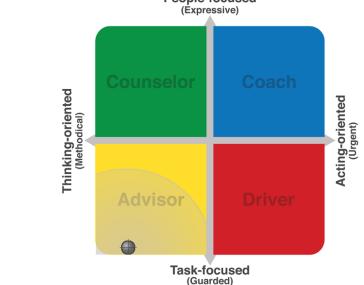
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People-focused



Charles Poulton's **REACH rating: 3.7**



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Your challenge as Coach – Be intentional about your approach with each session.

Prior to each session, consider your greeting, planning, activities, your questions and responses.

How are you going to use your reach to be purposefully adapting your natural style to give the best impact for Charles?

Charles is a Advisor. To help REACH Charles be intentional about your approach and maximise your time spent with them.

Try to:

- Focus on the details
- Emphasize logic and rationale
- Draw out specific concerns

Avoid:

- Using emotional arguments
- Offering vague expectations
- Pushing for a conclusion

Section 3: The Coaching Program



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Cluster 1 Getting to Know Me

Module 1 - Laying the foundations

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Module 1: Laying the foundations (week 1)



What You Will Need:

- A suitable, confidential environment
- GROW handout
- Materials for notetaking and sharing the actions to be accomplished before next meeting



The following initial steps will help to launch the coaching relationship successfully, creating an environment of trust, openness and efficiency. Your focus in Module 1 is on:

- Gaining consensus on the ideal relationship between facilitator and client, emphasizing candour and confidentiality.
- Building rapport, seeking mutual and genuine comfort level in sharing insights, perspectives and experiences.
- Arranging the space to remove physical barriers; sitting in an open casual posture and making the setting comfortable and non-threatening. For example, face each other in two comfortable chairs in a casual setting avoid sitting across a desk in office chairs, which can create imbalance and formality.
- Observing body language that demonstrates areas of tension, or repeated themes that may demonstrate hidden layers of concern. Address any such concerns early and candidly prior to moving from one module to the next.

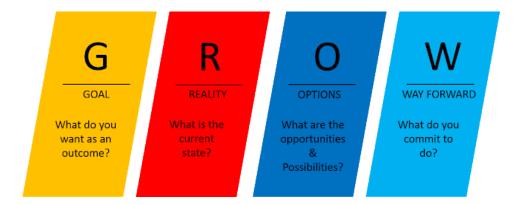
Part 1: Ground rules, trust and expectations.

During this conversation, address the following 'basics':

- 1. At the highest level, what does your client want in their role?
- 2. How can you, as facilitator, serve your client in becoming a stronger leader?
- 3. Clarify the client's expectations for the timing of the program.
- 4. Agree on a timeline for each module, including session times and venues.
- 5. Establish a communication plan for addressing questions, concerns and accountability between the sessions. For example, will you communicate via phone, email, or other medium?
- 6. Ask your client for any questions or concerns they may have before progressing in the module.

Part 2: Discussion (GROW)

The GROW model is a well-established approach to setting goals, solving problems and advancing one's potential within a training and development context. The model leverages four stages, with each focusing an essential aspect of personal and professional development.



Each module within the REACH Growth Program will be addressed using the GROW mindset. As such, each session should emphasize these four stages, encouraging the client to work continually from goal to the way forward.

During this initial session, use some of the following questions (or create some of your own) to address the Goals (G) for the REACH Growth Program. For each question, be sure to encourage further exploration using probing and follow up questions (see clarifying questions later in this section).

- What do you want to achieve through coaching?
- What is most important to you right now? How might this change considering future roles for which you may be preparing?
- In what aspect of your leadership do you feel most effective right now?
- What would you like to take away from this first session?
- What do you want to happen as a result of this session?
- What do you not expect to happen?

R

Next, discuss your client's current Reality (R). Consider using one or more of the following questions or create some of your own.

- How would you describe your current professional role?
- How does your role impact the workplace and/or organization?
- To what extent are your unique contributions recognized and/or valued?
- How would you describe your opportunity for advancement?
- How would you describe your skill as a leader?
- How are your ideas typically received?
- What is working well right now?
- Who are your biggest detractors?
- With whom do you tend to have the most frequent conflict?
- To what extent is any of this conflict constructive?
- To what extent is any of this conflict destructive?
- To what extent is any of this conflict personal?
- How is interpersonal conflict typically initiated?
- How is interpersonal conflict typically resolved?
- To what extent do you have access to the resources needed to perform your role most effectively?
- How would you describe the obstacles that keep you from performing at your best?
- How would you categorize such obstacles (such as according to personal, motivational, organizational, resources or outlook)?
- What might hold you back from becoming the best leader you could otherwise become?

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Next, discuss the Options (O) that may prevent your client from accomplishing the goals described in the earlier portion of this discussion:

- What are your options?
- How have you tacked this or a similar situation before?
- What could you do differently?
- Who do you know who has encountered a similar situation?
- Give me five options!
- If anything was possible what would you do?
- What would your best friend /mother suggest?

W

Finally, discuss the way forward (W) with your client using the following questions or some of your own:

- Who are your biggest advocates?
- To whom can you go to for candid, constructive advice?
- Who might be able to provide accountability as you pursue your goals?
- What options are available to you in overcoming the obstacles discussed earlier?
- What more can you do that will help you move forward in your leadership role?
- What commitment are you willing to make (and to whom) in taking the next step in this program?



Clarifying Questions:

- So, can I just clarify, what you have said is?
- Can you just tell me a bit more about....?
- If I have heard you correctly, you have ...?
- Tell me more about what has shaped your perception of ...?
- What might have worked better for you?
- What options do you have for moving forward?
- What else could you do?
- If anything was possible, what would be your ideal next step?
- If it was up to you, what would be the best-case scenario?
- How have you handled this successfully in the past?
- Who do you know who has been in a similar situation?
- How have other people you know handled similar situations?

Part 3: Wrap It Up

As you finish this initial session, please recap key observations and restate:

- G: The primary Goal for this REACH Growth Program
- R: Summarize the current Reality.
- O: The main or most pressing Obstacle in completing the program.
- W: The key focus of the Way forward

Make sure you have taken sufficient notes in order to follow up on items discussed as the program unfolds. Ask your client if they have any questions or concerns prior to concluding the session. It is essential that the facilitator and client are on the same page regarding expectations, limitations and timing, so make sure any concerns are addressed proactively in this initial session.



Part 4: Looking Ahead

Before concluding, agree to a date and time for your next session. Comment on the key elements of the upcoming Module 2, with its focus on promoting self-awareness.

Specifically, you will introduce your client to the REACH framework, while unpacking his or her REACH results.

Your client can look forward to discovering their primary Leading Profile in Module 3.

Cluster 1 Getting to Know Me

Module 2: Personality Dimensions (weeks 2 and 3)

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What You Will Need:

- A suitable, confidential environment
- GROW handout
- A printed, color copy of the client's REACH Personal Style Profile
- A printed, color copy of your own REACH Personal Style Profile
- Materials for notetaking and sharing the actions to be accomplished before next meeting



Your focus in Module 2 is on:

- Providing an understanding of the REACH Personal Style profile and the four personal styles Counselor, Coach, Driver, Advisor
- Providing an understanding of the ACHieving and RElating dimensions
- Discuss the coaching points indicated in the report
- Revisit the goal from Module 1 considering the new information provided by the REACH profile

REACH

Part 1: Unpack the REACH Personal Style Profile

Introducing REACH, personality styles and build trust. We recommend asking your client to complete REACH prior to the engagement, so you can prepare.

It's useful to work through their profile with them.

It's vital that you explain to them that this is NOT an assessment, nor is it a value judgement of them; it is a *description* of their natural style and approach. They will develop an awareness of the strengths of their approach, the things they tend not to do, and how their default style affects people with other styles.

Be sure to focus on their strengths and discuss which areas feel 'spot on' and which areas they don't identify with.

As they grow their REACH, they'll find it easier to adapt their style to better connect and be understood by other people, and to make the most of their strengths and those of the people around them.

Many people find it very powerful to build trust, openness and respect (fundamentals of the coaching relationship) by working through your own REACH profile at the same time as you explore the client's. You can compare your profile with theirs, this helps make it clear one is not better or worse, it is simply a style, and awareness helps us grow and be more effective.

It is suggested you include in the exploration/discussion of the REACH Profile the following points:

- The profile matrix and the relative position of the client (and yourself) on the matrix.
- The relative position of the client's plot to the corners or the centre of the matrix and what this means:

The closer your plot is to any corner of the matrix, the more your profile will be similar to the profile shown in the respective quadrant. The farther away your plot is from any corner, the less likely your profile will reflect the profile indicated. The closer your plot is to the centre of the matrix, the more you may tend to exhibit characteristics of all four profiles. There will be occasions when you may exhibit characteristics of each profile, depending on the situation.

- Markers for the four profiles and people the client may recall who exhibits characteristics of these four markers.
- ACHieving and RElating dimensions and where the client exhibits a particular strength.
- The five key strengths indicated in the report.



Part 2: Review the Goal from Module 1

Work with the client to review the primary goal from Module 1

- How has the awareness of your personal style contributed to how you will achieve your goal?
- How has the awareness of your relational and achievement strengths contributed to how you will achieve your goal?
- How has the exploration of your Profile impacted the obstacles you identified in Module 1?
- Can you use the information you have learned today to redefine the goal from Module 1 to make it more explicit?
- Now revisit the GROW model considering this redefined goal to arrive at the next steps in the (W)rap up.

Cluster 1 Getting to Know Me

Module 3: Spheres of Influence and Recognizing Strengths (weeks 4 & 5)

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Module 3: Spheres of Influence and Recognizing Strengths (weeks 4 & 5)



What you will need:

- A suitable, confidential environment
- A printed, color copy of the client's REACH Personal Style Profile
- A printed, color copy of the client's REACH Leading Profile
- Sphere of Influence worksheet (Appendix B)
- Strengths Card pack (available from PD Training) and/or Strengths Character inventory (Appendix C)
- Materials for notetaking and sharing the actions to be accomplished before next meeting

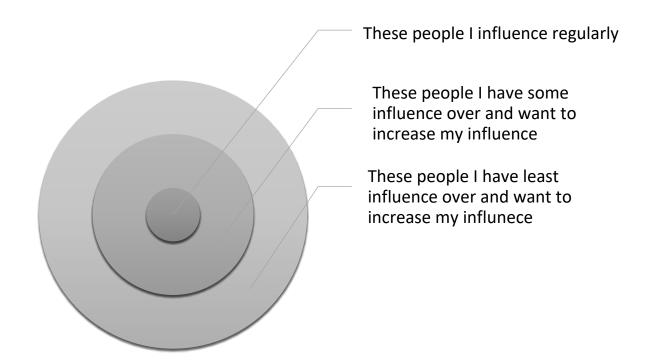


Your focus in Module 3 is on:

- Having the client understand who is in their sphere of influence and who isn't
- Recognizing strengths
- Exploring the client's REACH Leading Profile and REACH Quotient and making the link between growing one's REACH and increasing one's influence
- Revisiting the GROW model considering any new information

Part 1: My sphere of influence

Use the Influence Worksheets in Appendix B or create your own in a larger format according to the following principle:



Invite the client to write down the names of people in each section of the diagram.

Say to the client that we will revisit this diagram shortly, but first we need some other information to add to the mix.



Part 2: My strengths

The REACH Personal Style Profile highlights the relational and achievement strengths of the client. It is suggested that an additional activity is used to identify further strengths for the client.

Here are two ways you can work with your client to identify strengths.

1. Strengths Poker

In this game, we play a 3-4 round game of modified poker, however, there's no betting and no winner. Here are the rest of the suggested rules for a 2-player game:

- Deal 9 cards per person, place one card face down in the middle of the table.
- Each player needs to take some time to read the 9 cards, and pick their top 5. They can discard the other 4 on the table face-up, or if they recognize one as being a strength they see in the other player, they can offer it to them, saying something like "this reminds me of you".
- Players get an opportunity to review the discarded cards, and see if there is any they want to pick up.
- Deal again by placing 1 card face up and dealing each player with another 3-cards.
- Go through the same process, of selecting the cards that resonate with you most, each player can use the additional card that has been placed face up, and players can 'trade' strengths each round.
- You want to end with 3 final cards that resonate with you most.
- Repeat this deal, review and trade/offer strengths to the other player for 3 rounds of card dealing.
- Make sure each player gets to their final 3 cards.
- At the end, each player reads out their final 3 core strengths and explains why they selected them, and even why they retained their final 3 over some of their shortlisted cards.

It's a great idea to ask your client to take a photo of their final 3 cards so they are all readable and fanned out, then set the picture as their phone, tablet or PC lock screen or wallpaper.

You can order these cards from the REACH Ecosystem website, or contact your REACH Partner.

2. Character Strengths Inventory

An alternative or adjunct to Strengths Poker is the Character Strengths inventory in Appendix C. These strengths were originally developed through the work of Peterson and Seligman (2004).

Part 3: Leading Profile

Now is a good time to review with the client, their Leading Profile. The detail in the report shows for each achieving and relating dimension where the client sits, relative to most people, with the same preferred style as the client. It also shows whether certain dimensions make REACH skills more or less comfortable. Competencies are influenced by leading dimensions.



Examples are given below.

Your Assertiveness Dimension Percentile Compared to REACH Population Norms This is the relative position of the client's assertiveness dimension This shows the range for the 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 Driver profile (in this case, the More Reflective More Confident client's preferred style) Most leaders preferring the Driver Profile tend to score in the 43-92 percentile

The image below shows the Assertiveness dimension for a client.

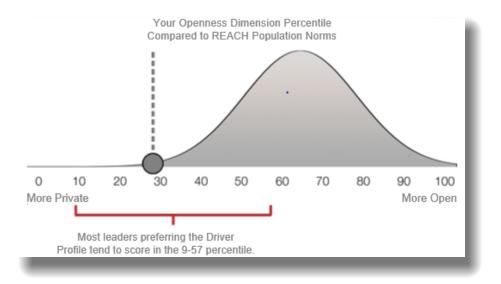
In the example above, the client is well within the range for assertiveness for a Driver.

The client now gets insight on how their level of assertiveness is related to the competency of *Evaluating Individual Performance*:

	Tends to	be more challe	enging	Tends to be more comfortable
Evaluating Individual Performance	0	1	2	3 4 6
		Popu	lation Avera	age Self-Rating

The example above shows that the client has self-rated above the population average and is very comfortable with conducting performance evaluations. This makes sense because the client has also rated above average on assertiveness – a competency that will be desirable when evaluating another's performance.

Consider another example. The image below shows the openness dimension for a client.



You can see that the client is at the 'more private' end of the continuum. The client is also well within the range for the Driver profile.

The client now gets insights on how their level of openness is related to the competency of *Building Rapport*. The client's self-score for 'Building Rapport' is now compared to the population average.



The example shows that the client is less comfortable and will have more of a challenge with establishing rapport than the population average. This not surprising given that the client prefers to be more private than open.

This report contains a good deal of insightful information for your client, further highlighting their relative strengths and opportunities for growth.

Part 4: Strengths and Influence

As mentioned in the introduction, each coach relationship is different, and each person's needs are unique, so if your client has some specific areas they want to work on, stick with those in the time you have; their goals and current needs always come first.

In every session it is important to maintain a growth focus on the specific challenges and opportunities your client has identified as you work through the GROW model, and work through the next steps by identifying anything new that has arisen during the time since the last session.

Review how strengths are related to influence

Leaders succeed by getting things done and with other people. Influence is the ability to persuade others to do things. One's ability to influence is related to the strengths of an individual and the extent to which exercising those strengths persuades others. Because we are all different, we will be persuaded in different ways. Growing a client's REACH through developing their strengths will give your client a greater range of persuasive ability.

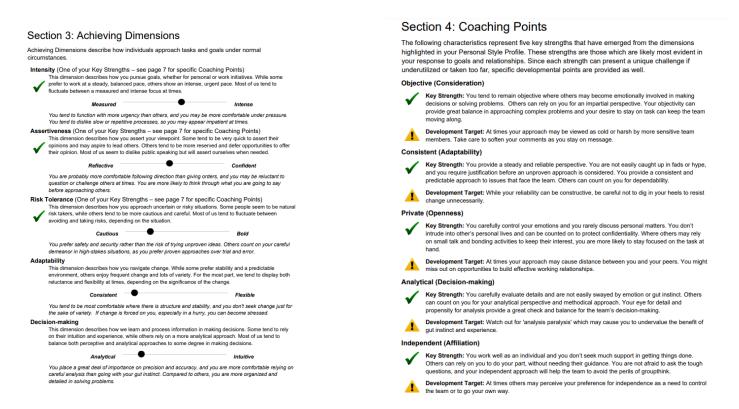
It is suggested that you share with your client the six principles of influencing put forward by Robert Cialdini in the 1980's and discuss how each of these may be related to the REACH Competencies (some suggestions in the following table).

Influencing Principle	What it means in practice – why it creates influence	REACH Competencies
Reciprocation	Think of this as "You scratch my back; I'll scratch yours." If you do something nice for someone, they'll do something nice for you	Finding opportunities for synergyRecognizing other's efforts
Scarcity	If it is scarce, we want more	Identifying personal needsAligning resources with needs
Consistency and Commitment	People who make commitments tend to follow through with those commitments. They have decided, through consistency, that a certain action coheres with who they believe themselves to be. Thus, they make commitments. You cannot get people to commit to you or your vision if they don't see your commitment.	 Recognizing other's efforts Setting clear expectations Controlling processes Addressing quality concerns Finding opportunities for synergy
Authority	Whether for good or ill, authority figures wield enormous influence. If people believe you know what you are talking about and accept your expertise, they are far more likely to follow you. Influence by authority is an incredible source of power.	 Establishing clear expectations Evaluating individual performance Exercising control over team processes Designing team structure/function
Social Validation - Consensus	"Monkey see, Monkey do" As independent as we like to consider ourselves, we love to be part of a crowd. It will always be a part of us, that school age desire to be accepted, no matter how many times our parents tell us, "If everyone jumped off a cliff, would you join them?" People will always jump on a bandwagon if their friends like the band.	 Assimilating team members Building rapport Easing tensions during conflict Rallying others around a cause Integrating diverse perspectives
Friendship and Liking	Likability is a huge form of influence. Successful salespeople are those who are likeable. They smile. They say nice things. They establish likeability in order to get the sale. People listen to their friends. If they know you and like you, they are far more likely to support you.	 Cultivating team spirit Building rapport Easing tension during conflict

Review the strengths to develop to increase influence

Review the sphere of influence worksheet from Part 1. Work with the client to determine how they believe they could exert greater influence over some of the key people they identified. Discuss what strengths could be developed to enable this.

Recommendation: Pick up to 2 x Strengths or Gaps as the focus and create action plans with them.



If the action plans include workshops or formal training, as a REACH Subscriber you have several options.

- 1. You can leverage the REACH Course Materials you have as part of the subscription and either:
 - a) Pick some activities from the relevant courses to run together in a private coaching style session with your client.
 - b) If you are a facilitator as well as a coach, you may have the opportunity to run a session for a group of staff in your client's workplace on a relevant topic (such as team building, negotiation skills, customer service, communications, conflict resolution or other relevant topics depending on the needs).
 - c) Hire an external facilitator or if your client's workplace has internal trainers, provide them with the training materials to run a session internally.
- 2. Go to an external training provider, such as global partner PDT, that uses the same frameworks and training materials and have one of their facilitators run a session internally.

Whichever approach you use, you have access to world-class training materials that are built around the same REACH frameworks that will give you targeted solutions to help your client grow their skills.

Cluster 1 Getting to Know Me

Module 4: Cultivating a Growth Mindset (weeks 6-9)

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Module 4: Cultivating a Growth Mindset (weeks 6-9)



What you will need:

- A suitable, confidential environment
- A printed, color copy of the client's REACH360 Feedback Report
- Copy of the Johari Window worksheet (Appendix D)
- Materials for notetaking and sharing the actions to be accomplished before next meeting



Your focus in Module 4 is on:

- Having the client understand the concept of a growth mindset and look at inhibitors to this
- Exploring the application of the Johari Window tool
- Exploring the client's REACH360 feedback report
- Revisiting the GROW model considering any new information

Part 1: The concept of a Growth mindset.

This module uses the results of REACH360 to identify areas for growth. The client needs to be on board with the idea that a growth, as opposed to a fixed, mindset is the best way of mentally approaching the task of growing their REACH.

You can frame the discussion of what a growth mindset is by drawing on the research of Carol Dweck.

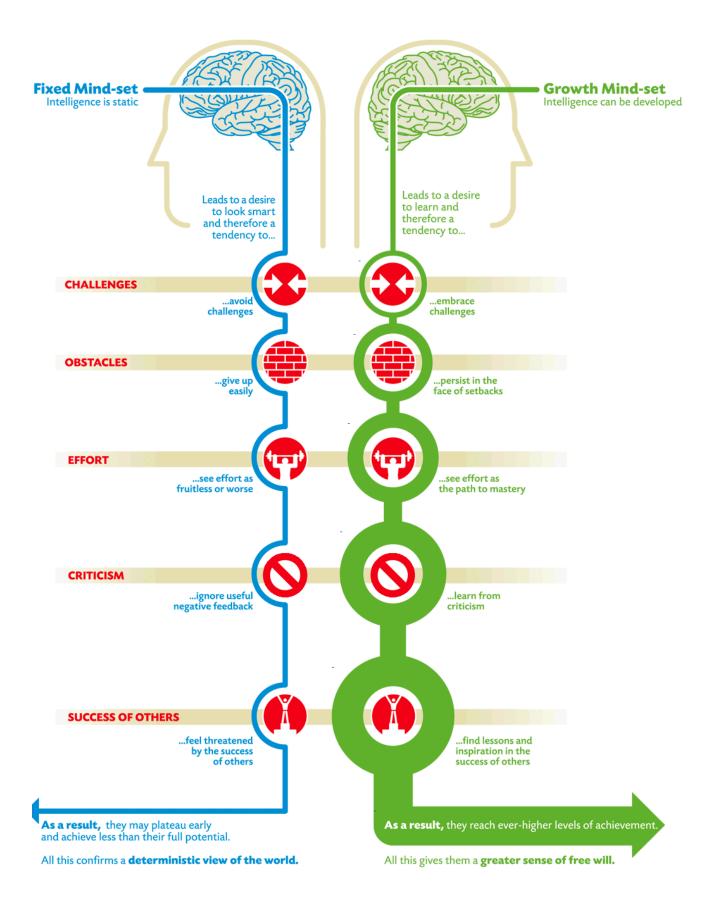
The model on the next page provides a summary of fixed vs growth mindsets.

The concept of resilience is also inextricably linked to a growth mindset:

- Embrace challenge
- Persist in the face of setbacks
- See effort as the path to mastery
- Learn from criticism

You may also like to play the following video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiiEeMN7vbQ



Part 2: Where to grow for maximum positive influence on others at work.

People looking to increase their effectiveness in Supervisory Roles and above have a Growth Mindset, that is a mindset oriented around learning and growing. A simple way of framing the difference, is the language of a person that says "I am no good at that" (fixed mindset) vs "I am not good at that yet" (a growth mindset actively aiming to improve and take the next step).

Most people that seek coaching are in a growth mindset, so if your client is in a supervisory role (or above) and is already open to learning to maximize their positive impact, this is a great time to introduce the REACH360.

This is a tool that provides people with feedback about their strengths and opportunities to grow from people around them. Generally, seek input from 8-16 people that are a mix of direct reports, peers, their managers and ideally suppliers or other people that are impacted by their conduct as a leader.

Using the REACH360 is simple, your client will have already completed their self-rating, so it's just a matter of identifying the additional raters and sending them a feedback request link by email. The REACH360 only takes raters about 5-minutes and involves 16 simple questions.

You will be best to frame this activity in one session and debrief in the next.

It's important to reiterate with your client that this can be a confronting activity, the opportunity is to learn from the perception of others, so you can adapt your approach, delegate certain functions you regularly don't focus on, or where to consciously change your habits or approach to have a more positive impact.

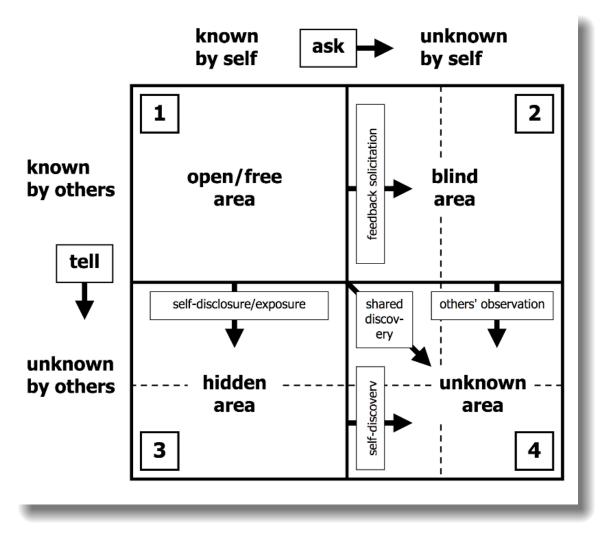
This is a powerful opportunity to boost REACH growth!

(REACH Subscribers can use unlimited 360's, this has no additional cost, and adds a lot of value at the right time in a person's growth journey).

Part 3: The Johari Window

This activity explores the degree to which someone (your client) is willing to disclose things about them. It could be argued that a precondition of personal growth is vulnerability – exposing to others what you think and feel and conversely opening yourself up to what others think and feel about you.

The Johari Window created by Jo Luft and Harrington Ingham is a tool that attempts to inform the subject what they disclose about themselves to others and what others perceive about them.



Use the Johari Window template and word list in Appendix D to run the activity.

Your client is to tick/circle 10 adjectives from the list that best describe them. You do the same, selecting 10 adjectives that you believe best describe your client. Then plot both sets of word on the template:

- Words in common write these in the 'open' quadrant
- Words only the client chose plot these in the 'hidden' quadrant
- Words only you (the coach) chose plot these in the 'blind' quadrant

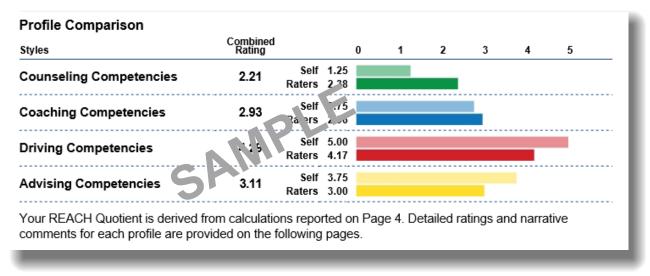
Debrief / Discussion with client

- Was the client surprised by the result?
- Are there qualities that the client wants others to see in them that are not being clearly communicated? What can the client do about this?
- Are there qualities that you as the coach see in the client that the client is surprised or uncomfortable with? Discuss how the client can become more aware of the impact of these qualities.

Part 4: REACH360 Report

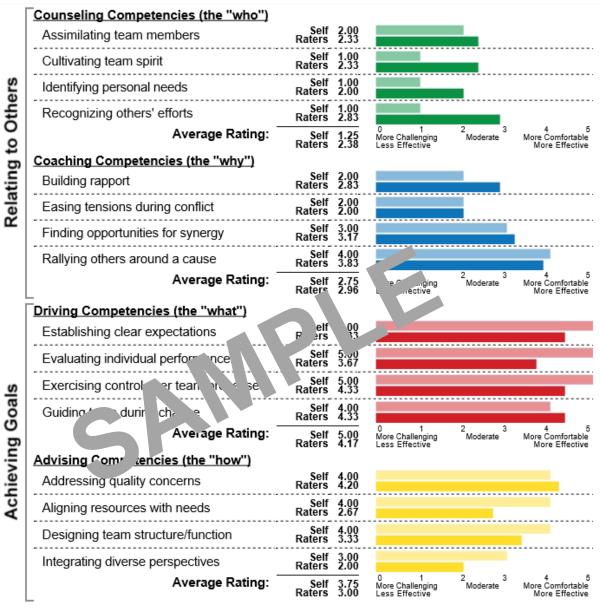
Now that you have explored openness for feedback with your client, it is time to review the information in their REACH360 Report.

The REACH is derived from the Self and Rater scores against the four groups of REACH skills:



Page 4 of the report provides a drill down on each of the skills.

REACH Competencies Summary



REACH Quotient: 3.14 out of 5.00

Your REACH Zone, shown on the LDP Matrix throughout this report, is derived from Overall REACH Ratings. On the pages that follow, you will find more detailed information regarding the ratings and observations gathered via the LDP:360 program. The REACH360 report then goes on to explore each competency cluster and breaks the raters down into:

- Superiors
- Direct Reports
- Peers

An example is given below

REACHing to the Counselor Profile

The Counselor encourages a welcoming and nurturing climate in which team members recognize and care for each other's interests. The Counselor answers the "who" questions to ensure that team members are appreciated and supported.

Raters were asked to evaluate the frequency and effectiveness with which you may leverage this profile. The summary and detailed results are presented below:





Observation Statistics

Raters were asked to evaluate the extent which you REACH to the Counselor Profile based on the following observations of your leading interactions.

Characteristic	Rati	Rating		1	2	3	4	5	Gap	Hi	Lo
Assimilating team members	Self	1.00								4	4
	Superiors (1)	3.00							1.00	3	3
	Peers (1)	3.00							1.00	3	3
	Direct Reports (1)	1.00				_			3.00	1	1
Cultivating team spirit	Self	4.00								4	4
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	Peers (1)	2.00							2.00	2	2
	Direct Reports (1)	2.00							2.00	2	2
Identifying personal needs	Self	4.00								4	4
la char fing percentar neede	Superiors (1)	2.00							2.00	2	2
	Peers (1)	3.00							1.00	3	3
	Direct Reports (1)	1.00							3.00	1	1
Recognizing others' efforts	Self	4.00								4	4
	Superiors (1)	3.00							1.00	3	3
	Peers (1)	3.00							1.00	3	3
	Direct Reports (1)	3.00							1.00	3	3

Information that can be gleaned on each profile type includes:

- The overall gap between the self-rating and the rater categories (average)
- Nuances in how superiors, direct reports and peers rated

In the example above the client rated themselves quite low in comparison to the 'raters' and is more closely aligned to how Direct Reports rated (on average). Peers rated the client consistently higher than the client did (self) for all four skills.

Questions to explore with the client:

- Gaps between self and rater scores
- Variance in how peers, superiors and direct reports rate
 - Back to the Johari window is the client showing different sides of themselves to different subgroups in their workplace and if so why?
 - How does the client's ability to influence different subgroups relate to the ratings observed?
- Which skills scored the lowest for self and raters and what steps can the client take to build those skills?



Part 5: For the next meeting

Ask the client to study both their REACH Profile and their REACH360 to highlight where they would like to focus their development/growth. In the next session you will work with the client to develop some personal growth targets.

Conclude by adopting the GROW process:

- What will be the Goal in reviewing the reports?
- What is the current Reality to what extent do they understand the way forward in using these reports to map a growth path?
- What options do they have to develop a better understanding? This may include:
 - $\circ~$ Having confidential discussions with peers, direct reports and superiors on the perceptions they have of them
 - Discussing the results with trusted people (e.g. family) outside of work
 - Meditation and self-reflection
 - o Other?
- Wrap up what steps will they take to achieve their goal in readiness for the next meeting

Cluster 2: Developing my REACH

Module 5: Development Targets (weeks 10-12)

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Module 5: Development Targets (weeks 10-12)



What you will need:

- A suitable, confidential environment
- A printed, color copy of the client's REACH Personal Style Profile
- A printed, color copy of the client's REACH360
- Materials for notetaking and sharing the actions to be accomplished before next meeting



Your focus in Module 5 is on:

- Reviewing all the information thus far to identify which development goals the client wants to pursue using Section 4 of the REACH Personal Style Profile as a guide
- Checking with the client if the development goals identified align with the original overall goal of the program exploring how they are or are not supporting that original goal
- Planning with the client on how these development goals will be obtained use the GROW model for each of them to develop steps for actions prior to the next session



Part 1: A review of your coaching toolkit

Use your coaching questions toolkit to establish rapport at the beginning of the session:

- How was your weekend?
- How has the last week been?
- How did you get on doing x that you mentioned last week?
- How did your children enjoy...?

Opening the session / reviewing actions:

- What have been your highlights since we last spoke?
- What has gone well for you?
- What progress have you made?
- What have you been most pleased with since we last spoke?

Goals in Focus:

- What is important to you right now (has it changed)?
- What would you like to achieve from this session?
- What do you want to happen as a result of this session?
- By the end of the session what will you feel pleased to have achieved?
- If anything was possible what would you want?
- Describe your 10/10
- What do you want to happen?

Building on success:

- What is working well right now?
- What can you do more of that will help you move forward?
- How can you ensure this happens again?

Clarifying:

- So, can I just clarify...what you have said is....?
- Can you just tell me a bit more about....?
- So, if I have heard you correctly you have done ...?

Exploring options:

- What would work for you?
- What options do you have for moving forward?
- What else could you do?
- If anything was possible what would be your ideal course of action?
- How have you handled this successfully in the past?
- Who do you know who has been in a similar situation...(wait for response)... how did they handle the situation?
- If you were advising a friend what would you suggest?
- If you did know what to do what would the answer be?

Challenging:

- Last session you said x and now you are saying y...which is the truth/reality/more important?
- If I were to challenge you to complete this by next week what would be your reaction?
- Using the coaching questions toolkit to unstick/get movement
- If you did know the answer what would it be?
- What question would you like me to ask you?
- What question should I be asking you?

Measurement of progress or commitment:

- On a scale of 1 -10 what progress have you made so far in achieving your goal?
- On a scale of 1 10 how committed/motivated are you to carrying out this action?
- On a scale of 1 -10 where are you in relation to ...?

Stimulate deeper thinking:

- What are you not facing up to?
- What are you pretending not to know?
- If you did know the answer what would it be?
- What is the real issue here?
- What would your best friend be saying to you right now?
- What is really important to you?

Exploring values/unlocking motivation:

- What is really important to you right now?
- What would you like people to say about you?
- When things were going well for you what was happening?
- When did you last feel energized...what was happening for you?

Agreeing on Action:

- What is your way forward?
- Which option most excites you?
- What one small action/step are you now going to take?
- How are you going to do it?
- When exactly will you do it?
- Who will help you?
- On a scale of 1 -10 how committed/motivated are you to achieving this?
- How will you ensure you do it?



Part 2: Link Back to Previous Sessions

Refer to their Personal Style Profile from Session 1.

Ask them to reflect on how their default approach may have positively contributed to situations and relationships.

Ask them how they may have been able to adapt their approach in certain situations (whether that be situationally "I could have spent more time or less time planning", or interpersonally "I shouldn't have avoided the conflict" or "I could have been more diplomatic").

If you used any Strengths Poker or a Strengths Finder tool of some type before, refer back to the strengths they identified and ask your client how often they lived in alignment with those strengths, how they felt, and how it impacted those around them.

Part 3: Review your client's Development Targets

One way to bring clarity to your client on what growth opportunities to pursue is to revisit the Development Targets in their Personal Style Profile.

Part of a typical client report is given below.

Section 4: Coaching Points

The following characteristics represent five key strengths that have emerged from the dimensions highlighted in your Personal Style Profile. These strengths are those which are likely most evident in your response to goals and relationships. Since each strength can present a unique challenge if underutilized or taken too far, specific developmental points are provided as well.

Objective (Consideration)



Key Strength: You tend to remain objective where otilers multiple come emotionally involved in making decisions or solving problems. Others can rely convil unit random provide great balance in approaching complete ortalems and your desire to stay on task can keep the team moving along.



Development Target: At times your approach may be viewed as cold or harsh by more sensitive team members. Take care to soften you, comments as you stay on message.

Consistent (Adaptability)



Key Strength: You provide a steady and reliable perspective. You are not easily caught up in fads or hype, and you require justification before an unproven approach is considered. You provide a consistent and predictable approach to issues that face the team. Others can count on you for dependability.



Development Target: While your reliability can be constructive, be careful not to dig in your heels to resist change unnecessarily.

A suggested way to approach a discussion on development targets is as follows:

- Discuss each development target in turn:
 - Ask the client for their understanding of what the statement means
 - Ask the client if they can point to any examples where they were aware of exhibiting the behavior
 - o Alternatively reflect with the client on how that behavior could manifest itself
 - Reflect on instances known to the client where others have behaved in this manner and what impact this had on others
 - Reflect on the Johari Window activity could the client be blind to these behaviors at times, and if so, what could the client do to increase their awareness of these behaviors within themselves
- Invite the client to select one to two development targets that they would like to work on
- Use the GROW model to determine the next actions the client could take to develop competence in the chosen areas

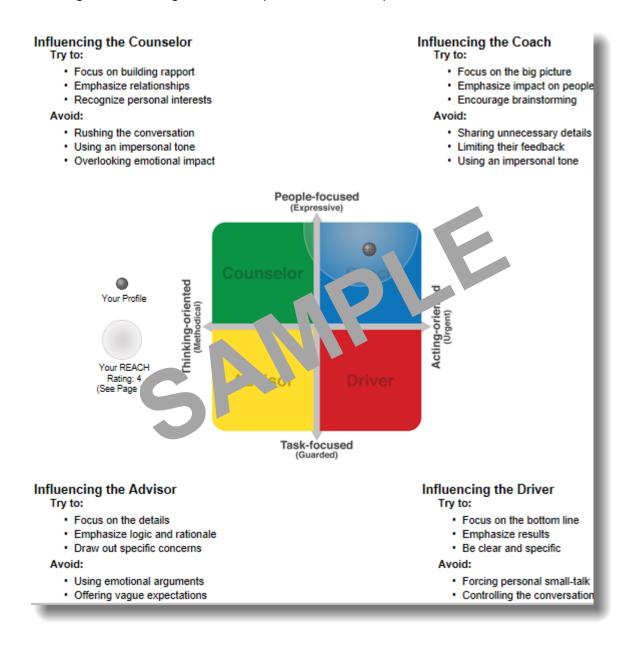
Part 4: Review your client's REACH360

If you haven't already done so earlier, in this session review the REACH360 report now that your client has had a chance to consider it more deeply.

The REACH360 report contains a lot of rich information on the client's current level of REACH into each of the four profiles

In this session take the time to identify situational behaviors of these important people as being traits of their style and reflect on how your client can recognize those traits for what they are, how they can work with those traits for greatest mutual benefit, and how they can purposefully make the most of the combination of personality approaches.

The image below (included in the Leading Profile Report) is a great page to use to frame the linking and coaching focus for impactful relationships and REACH Growth.



When considering the REACH360, work with your client to determine which part of the report the client would like to focus on.

As an example, consider the sample report below which is showing the section on *'REACHing to the Advisor Profile'*

As was highlighted in Module 4, the first image shows the Self and Rater scores against the four skills and a summary of the Self Rating and Rater Average.

REACHing to the Advisor Profile

The Advisor is recognized for maintaining a stable and structured work process in which resources are used to maximize team members' efficiency. The Advisor answers the "how" questions to ensure the team operates in an orderly and consistent manner.

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Raters were asked to evaluate the frequency and effectiveness with which you may leverage this profile. Summary and detailed results are presented below:

Self-Rating: 4.50 Rater Categories: 3.13 (Rater Average) Direct Reports (2) 3.13 Peers (1) 4.25 Others/Undisclosed (1) 2.00 Gap: 1.38



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Observation Stations

Raters were a ed to evalue one excent to which you REACH to the Advisor Profile based on the following observations c out leading interactions.

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Characteristic	Rati	ng	0	1	2	3	4	5	Gap	Hi	Lo
Addressing quality concerns	Self	5.00								5	5
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Direct Reports (2)	3.50							1.5	4	3
	Peers (1)	5.00							0.0	5	5
	Others/Undisclosed (1)	3.00							2.0	3	3
Aligning resources with	Self	5.00								5	5
· ····································	Direct Reports (2)	3.50							1.5	4	3
needs	Peers (1)	5.00							0.0	5	5
	Others/Undisclosed (1)	2.00							3.0	2	2
Designing team	Self	5.00								5	5
	Direct Reports (2)	3.00							2.0	3	3
structure/function	Peers (1)	4.00							1.0	4	4
	Others/Undisclosed (1)	1.00							4.0	1	1
Integrating diverse	Self	3.00								3	3
integrating arteree	Direct Reports (2)	2.50							0.5	3	2
perspectives	Peers (1)	3.00							0.0	3	3
	Others/Undisclosed (1)	2.00							1.0	2	2

Particularly poignant is the comments section.

In our example, the comments left by raters were as follows:

Comments on REACHing to the Advisor Profile

Raters were asked to provide optional comments regarding your utilization of the Advisor Profile. Any comments provided are shown below:

- Charles should listen more to the ideas of hir term as we are best placed to improve things. Some of my team are discouraged is in flering suggestions for improvement as nothing appears to ever happen.
- All good
- Charles has led the quality control of the business for many years to his credit. He can at times be a little headstrong in his decision making and could benefit from taking on more diverse perspectives especially in making strategic decisions.

The comments provide a narrative for the raw scores and a meaningful basis for reflection by the client.

As stated in Part 3 above, you can lead a discussion with the client to explore the meaning they attribute to the scores and comments and then to crystallize one or more development targets.

A suggested way to approach a discussion is as follows:

- Ask the client for their understanding of what the rater's scores and comments mean and how the client's behaviors and actions/inaction may lead to those views being expressed
- Ask the client what areas of growth they can identify for themselves based on the information presented
- Establish one or more developmental goals. Make sure the goal(s) is well defined and achievable. You may like to use a helpful method SMART:
 - S = specific/significant/stretching
 - M = measurable/meaningful
 - A = achievable/acceptable
 - R = realistic/relevant/reasonable
 - \circ T = time-based/time-bound
- Use the GROW model to determine the next actions the client could take to develop competence in the chosen areas

Cluster 2: Developing my REACH

Module 6: Practicing REACH (weeks 13-16)

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Module 6: Practicing REACH (weeks 13-16)



What you will need:

- A suitable, confidential environment
- A printed, color copy of the client's REACH Communication Profile
- Materials for notetaking and sharing the actions to be accomplished before the next meeting



Your focus in Module 6 is on:

- Discussing the essential attributes for communicating with different profiles
- Reviewing the strengths of your client's communication profile and the coaching areas identified
- Planning a forthcoming scenario with your client to enable them to practice their REACH
- Check in on goals identified in previous sessions and progress to date. Use the GROW model for each of them to develop steps for actions prior to the next session

Part 1: Review of Communication Profile

REACH PROFILES

Advise your client to review their REACH Communication Profile ahead of this session.

This report provides general information on each of the profiles, how best to interact with each profile type and more detailed information on the client's profile type and how it influences specific behaviors including communication.

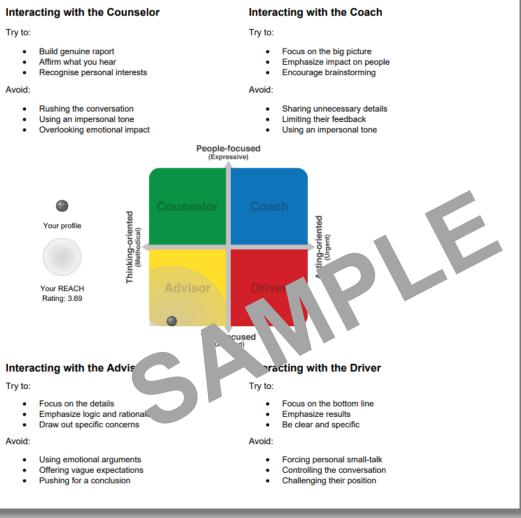
The specific behaviors comprise:

- Focus
- Communicating
- Conflict-handling
- Decision making

Section 2 of the report contains generic information on interacting with each of the four profile types.

Section 2: Profile Interactions

Whether building rapport with strangers or discussing a challenging topic with a long-time associate, communication can be enhanced when you learn to "stretch" or mirror the other profiles. Although difficult early on, practice can make the stretching feel more natural over time – allowing you to recognize and interact with people from all four profiles with ease



Note the sentence in the opening paragraph about 'practice'. The aim of this session is plan with the client how they can practice exercising their REACH.

Section 3 of the Communication Profile provides more specific information on the client's communication profile.

Section 3: Profile Overview

Our personality drives how we approach people and tasks. This section provides practical observations regarding how your preferred profile influences specific behaviours

Focus: Knowing

Advisors tend to enjoy developing expertise in themselves and others. As such, they may be most motivated when their efforts are focused on learning new things and then instructing others. Advisors tend to expect themselves and others to seek perfection in their work. So, where others may be looking only at the bottom line, the Advisor may be far more concerned with the incremental details and processes involved.

Communicating: Reserved

is typically The Advisor's communication style is usually quite reserved and formal. The reluctant to share personal information or experiences with rs (outside on air close friends or family). The Advisor's primary mode is best described from and focuse on primary mode is best descri instruction or guidance around processes and processes and

Conflict-handling: Compromisin The Advisor is typically know relu an oprovide conflict. As their attention is mostly focused on maintaining an efficient wow row the dwor view conflict as something that must be avoided whenever possible wile other as to a promodate or even compete during conflict, the Advisor seeks to pick riggeth and apromise where necessary. They tend to approach conflict of an and the are consumed with minimizing any lingering disruptive impact on the pup's performance. oup's performan

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The dvise typically known for taking careful action, while mitigating uncertainty and risk. The erers to focus their efforts on establishing a detailed plan of attack before taking the first Advis step. While others may be quick to act and then adjust course as the need arises, the Advisor tends to be very cautious and meticulous in their preparation. As such, they are more likely than others to value planning and analysis, and they are most comfortable addressing challenges in an objective and rational manner.

Potential Strengths

Potential Challenges

Concerned for accuracy and efficiency
 Concerned for accuracy and efficiency
 Rule conscious
 Frustrated by change

Focused on task accomplishment

- Focused on practicality
 Consistent and reliable in their decisions
 Self-reliant
 Formal and professional in demeanor
 Lacking in confidence
 Hesitant to explore unproven ideas
 Reluctant to offer feedback or ideas
 Uncomfortable in a highly collaborative environment
- Objective and rational in decision-making
 Considered cold or harsh when under stress
 - · Viewed as impatient and uninterested with others

You will note the potential strengths and potential challenges.

Suggestions for exploring your client's communication profile is as follows:

- Reviewing the REACH360 and the rater scores and comments and identifying any that be may be linked to communication style and potentially to the challenges highlighted in the Communication Profile report.
- Review the sphere of influence activity from Module 3. Ask the client to revisit the key people he/she would like to influence more. Work with the client to classify these people according to their potential profile type. Then review how each of them would prefer to interact. Some questions for the client to consider:
 - Do you usually interact with people in the same way? 0
 - Are there some people that you would like to influence more who may require 0 a different communication approach based on their profile?
 - What can you do to change how you interact with them what do you need to 0 be conscious of?



Part 2: Plan (or review) an opportunity to practice REACH

Across this journey we have looked at the most important people, strengths, gaps, personal awareness and situational awareness.

A very impactful coaching session can be achieved by asking your client to share a situation they can either foresee coming up this week, or that happened in the previous week.

You'll add value to your client if you identify a scenario with them that they want to handle really well, and plan it together using the following structure:

- What is the scenario?
- What are the best and worst outcomes?
- Who else is impacted?
- Where will it take place?
- When will it take place?
- What strengths does your natural profile bring to the situation?
- What will your natural profile tend to focus on too much/overlook without adapting?
- How can you adapt your approach to be more effective?
- What are the personality types of other people in the scenario?
- How can you adapt your approach to be more conscious of their profile needs and approach?

Then, together work through planning by asking questions that lead your client to reach their own conclusions and develop their own strategy.

Tip: You can lead them by using materials from your relevant training materials such as conflict resolution, performance appraisals, negotiation skills etc

Remember to debrief with your client next session to see how it went and use the experience as a learning opportunity – regardless of the outcome.

Cluster 2: Developing my REACH

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What you will need:

- A suitable, confidential environment
- A printed, color copy of the client's REACH REACH Quotient
- Materials for notetaking and sharing the actions to be accomplished before next meeting



Your focus in Module 7 is on:

- Developing your client's ability to grow their REACH into each of the four profile types
- Check in on goals identified in previous sessions and progress to date. Use the GROW model for each of them to develop steps for actions prior to the next session

Part 1: Preamble

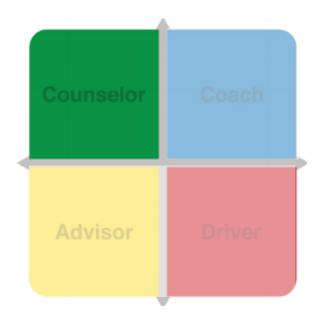
Developing agility and REACH stems from awareness and purposeful stretching and adapting for a sustained amount of time – the longer people maintain the purposeful choice to '*shift gear*', the easier and more natural it will become – their REACH will grow.

During your coaching relationship you will identify situations, or simply a desire from your coachee, to actively focus on one or more specific dimensions of their REACH.

Growing is hard and takes conscious effort – as well as a willingness to fail as part of the process. As such, the activities and suggestions below will frequently put your coachee well out of their comfort zone; sometimes virtually setting them up for failure on their first attempts. Responsible coaches will pick when to try different approaches, and frame for the coachee that as Wayne Gretzky (one of the greatest ice hockey players of all time) is famously quoted as saying "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take", however to get good at something you need to take the shot and practice.

Help your coachee pick their times to take the shot to practice for the 'main event' – which is a better quality of life and better relationship every day.

Grow your client's ability to REACH into 'Counselor'



Start the conversation:

When you recognize someone could benefit from growing their REACH into Counselor, listen for comments like the ones below or use these as conversation starters (ask something like "can you relate to comments like these?") if you sense there is something, and then dig deeper (see digging deeper).

My Team needs me to be more of a Counselor

- a) I work with someone who is clearly a Counselor, I don't think the way I am managing things is useful for me, them or the team.
- b) We have significant change going on at work and some people who I expect are Counselors, are struggling, I am finding it difficult to relate, I want to do better.

My plans at work aren't working out, what am I missing?

- c) I get great ideas to improve things at work, I see how it can work and the great results we can get, but no one really gets on board.
- d) I find I am always chasing my tail, details and things keep springing up and surprising me, I can make decisions on the fly, but they're not always right, where am I going wrong?

I have customers who want to talk talk talk, I just want to get things sorted with them and move on, how do I get them to stop talking?

- e) I am in sales, and I have prospects who research everything and just want to chat about their kids and families, I need them to make a decision, so I can get to the next prospect, time is money!
- f) I am in Customer Service and I want to help as many customers as I can (I don't like seeing people on hold) and I am measured on the amount of calls I resolve, so it's my job, some customers spend forever telling me about all this stuff, but I don't need to know to help them, what can I do?



Digging Deeper

When you hit on a point that strikes a chord, it's important to really understand the challenge, use some of the following techniques:

• Paraphrase three to five times using statements like:

"So, have I heard correctly that you find _____"?

"Have I got the most important parts if I describe the situation like this _____"?

- Ask clarifying questions when you're confused about the facts or to fill in blanks.
- Remember, avoid problem solving or coaching, just get clear about the situation.

Opening up for REACH Growth

Try the following sequence with your coachee:

- 1. Remind ourselves what a 'Counselor Profile' tends to focus on People and Detail (to keep it simple).
- 2. Contrast it to your coachee's default approach.
- 3. Ask your coachee to think of a time when a stronger focus on people or detail than their natural approach was important (family, sport, work teams, product design etc).

Use the specific situation to unpack the differences

Referring to the situation of concern, ask your coachee to look at why the Counselor profile has benefits in this situation? Here are some examples matching to different Conversation Starters above to help frame the conversations:

Conversation starter	Coach reframing questions
a) We have significant change going on at work some people, who I expect are Counselors, are struggling, I am finding it difficult to relate, I want to do better.	If you have a lot of change going on, if Counselors are concerned with people, do you think they may be resisting out of concern for their colleague's position? Or if Counselors value detail, thinking about the communication so far, do you think they have been provided with enough information for them to get on board?
b) I find I am always chasing my tail, details and things keep springing up and surprising me, I can make decisions on the fly, but they're not always right, where am I going wrong?	You're not naturally inclined to focus on people and details to the extent a Counselor is, so are any of the things that caught you out; detail or people oriented?
c) I am in sales, and I have prospects who research everything, and just want to chat about their kids and families, I need them to make a decision so I can get to the next prospect, time is money!	My impression of sales in the current world is that having a good quality conversation to build trust with a prospect is rare, when coaches are sharing about their family or their research into the process, could this be an opportunity?



Moving Forward:

Now it's time for your coachee to begin to grow their REACH, and there's many options to take here, which will depend on the circumstances. In general, they break down to two different approaches:

- 1. This month when the situation arises, I am going to shift gear into 'Counselor Profile' and _____ (from the conversation starter scenarios):
 - and deliver my communication with enough detail to meet the needs of Counselors,
 - and approach a Counselor to help me plan the people impacts of a project, so I don't miss those details again,
 - and see the opportunity to build trust, then use the _____ technique to progress the conversation.
- 2. This month I am going to proactively seek out the input from _____ (a Counselor profile in my team) and seek their input, so I gain a different perspective before the situation arises:
 - and plan my communication including their input,
 - schedule meetings with agenda that reflect their perspective,
 - ask them to help me explain situations in ways that other Counselors will relate to.

Set a plan

On _____ or when _____ happens I am going to _____ with a goal to _____

(Encourage reflection)

Set an expectation for review for reflection and growth

"Next session let's discuss how it went, what we can learn, and what we'll add to be more effective stretching to Counselor next time"

Part 2A: Activities to develop specific Counseling skills

Depending on where your coachee is at with their confidence in applying the models, you may want to help them develop their skills by using the activities that follow. Two activities have been suggested for each competency. You and the coachee may decide to use either or both of these activities.

Assimilating team members [competency]

Activity: New manager assimilation

This activity can be completed when a manager (your client) is relatively new to their team and ideally should be conducted after the team has had time to settle in - say approximately three months.



Part 1 – Preparing reflective questions

In this activity brainstorm with the client a series of questions that the client can have their team answer any questions they can answer themselves.

The client should then distribute the questions to their team, allowing sufficient time for them to reflect on the answers, and bring those answers with them to the facilitated assimilation session.

Part 2 - Facilitated assimilation session

This should be a facilitated session between the client and their team. During the session (allow up to two hours) the client reveals the answers to the questions they asked of themselves. The team then reveal the answers to their questions.

The desired outcome of the session is to gain a greater understanding of each other.

In a follow up coaching session, you can debrief the results of the facilitated assimilation session.

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The following are suggestions only. Work with your client to produce a list that is meaningful to her/him.

Reflective questions for the team to consider

'About Us' Questions:

- What do you want your new boss to know about this team?
- How can your new manager help this team be successful?
- What do you enjoy doing outside of work?
- What do you see as the biggest challenge the team is facing?
- What is it that you enjoy about working here?
- How would you describe this team in one word?

Expectations of the manager:

- What do you expect of your new manager?
- What do you need your boss to be aware of when it comes to managing this team?
- How do you want your manager to communicate with you? Email, phone, etc?
- How much contact do you expect/need from the manager?
- What can your new manager do to make him/her successful?
- What 'hot buttons' does your new boss need to be aware of?

Reflective questions for the manager (client) to consider about themselves

'About You' questions:

- What do you enjoy doing when you are not working?
- How would your family and friends describe you?
- What are the values that drive you?
- What has been your career progression?
- How do you maintain work/life balance?
- Where would you like to go on vacation if you had a month off and money was no object?
- What are your career aspirations?
- Tell us about your family, kids, hobbies.
- Where did you grow up? Where else have you lived?

Management style:

- Are you a hands-on boss, overseer or highly involved manager?
- What are your 'hot buttons?' What are those things that really annoy you and that we should avoid?
- What principles do you value highly in people who work for you?
- How should we balance what you want to be kept informed of?
- How would you describe your management style? How has it changed over time?
- What is your preferred mode of communication? Phone, email, etc?

Expectations:

- What are your goals for the first 6 months and where do we fit into this vision?
- What perceptions do you have coming into our organization?
- What similarities/differences do you see in this business as compared to prior businesses you have worked in? What can you apply here?
- What are your expectations of staff work/life balance?
- What are your expectations of our working hours and accessibility?
- Do you expect staff to be engaged on weekends? Respond to weekend messages?
- What are your priorities and what do you see as the major obstacles our business needs to overcome?
- What are your top 3 priorities for us?

Activity: First Day, First Week

New team members need to feel welcome, need to feel they belong and need to feel they can make a difference from day one. Crucial to creating a sense of belonging is to plan in detail what the new employee will be exposed to on their first day and during their first week.

During this activity, work with your client to develop a checklist of the first day and first week onboarding activities that the new employee will complete.

Some broad themes to explore with the client include:

- What will make the new employee feel welcome?
- What people things need to be done on day one?
- What settling in activities need to be done on day one?
- What do you want the employee to absorb about the organization's culture?
- What expectations may the employee have?
- What support will be available for the employee?
- What would the employee like to debrief/review in week one?

Therefore...

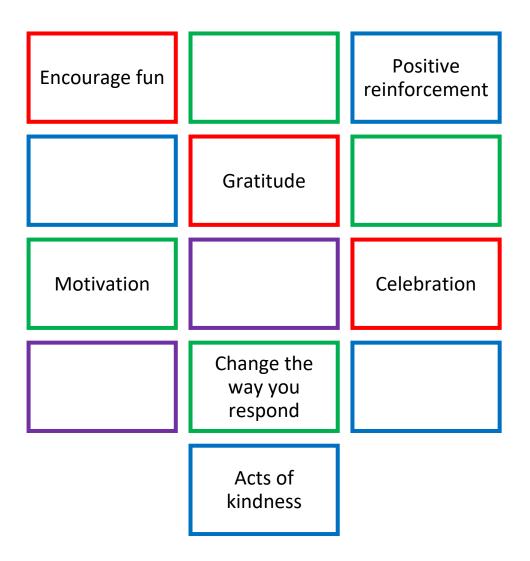
What is on the checklist for Day 1?	What is on the checklist for Week 1?

Cultivating team spirit [competency]

Activity: Involve your team in creating an upbeat culture

In the first part of this activity brainstorm with your client actions they can take with their team to create an upbeat culture.

Some suggestions are given below. Work with your client to determine what else could be added to this list:



In the second part of the activity, consider one or more of these ideas and how to put them into practice. Brainstorm with your client what they can do personally and what they could try to do with their team.

What I can do personally	What I can try with my team
	What I can do personally

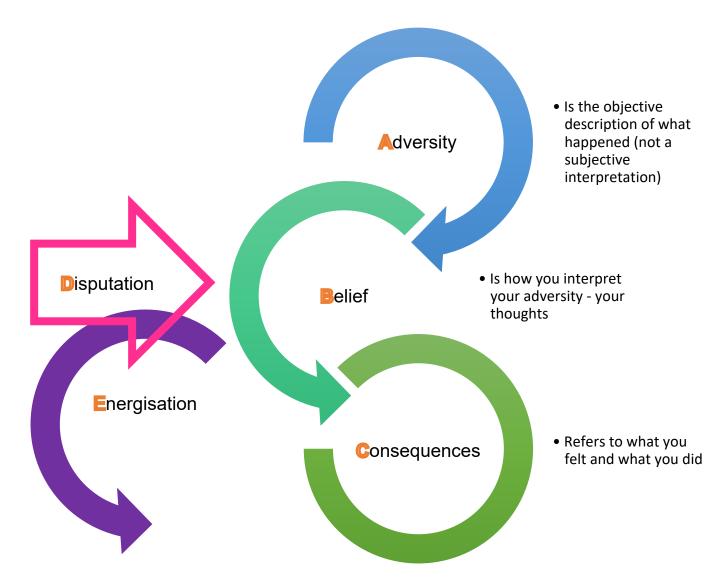
ldea 2	What I can do personally	What I can try with my team

Activity: Learning to be optimistic

(Note: this activity is taken from PD Training's "Building Creativity and Problem Solving" course)

This activity can be used by the client and the client can use the activity with their team.

Seligman (1990) argued that a person could work on their explanation for an adverse event that happens to them, and in doing so, argue against their pessimistic beliefs.



The Disputation step involves disputing your beliefs about the adverse event through examining:

- Evidence what evidence and facts support your beliefs?
- Alternatives what alternative explanations for the event exist consider changeable, specific and non-personal causes
- Implications if your belief is correct are the implications that follow correct?
- Usefulness how useful is it to hold on to this belief?

The Energisation step comes from applying the model and the net gain in energy resulting from challenging your beliefs.

An example of applying the ABCDE Model (adapted from Magya-Moe 2009)

Adversity	I received a negative review from my boss at work. She said that I am not outgoing enough to work the sales floor and therefore is going to have me work in stock control instead		
Beliefs	I have been working really hard and obviously it does not matter. I hate my boss and this stupid job. I don't want to see her or anyone at work for that matter. I am fed up with the whole thing		
Consequences	I got my review two days ago and am still furious. I really want to tell my boss off and then quit so that she can deal with covering my hours for the next week. I called in sick already yesterday since I could not fathom seeing her. I don't know what I am going to do tomorrow though. I am scheduled to work a double shift and don't have any sick days left.		
Disputation	Although I think my boss could have been fairer in my review, she is probably right that my personality is not as naturally outgoing as many of the other salespeople. I am not always comfortable talking to all the customers and that probably shows through, but at the same time, I am not completely incapable as she made it seem. I guess she must see this on some level since she still wants me to work there, just in a different position.		
	If she really disliked me, she could have just fired me. Maybe I am taking this too personally. I really do like my colleagues and the pay is pretty good. I guess in the stockroom I will have more time to interact with my colleagues and I don't have to worry so much about my wardrobe. Professional work clothes are expensive!		
Energisation	I feel much less angry. I am still a little bothered by how the review focused only on the negatives, but I know my boss had a lot of reviews to do that day, so she was probably just trying to conserve time. It was hard to admit that I am not as outgoing as some of my colleagues, but I do realize that this is the case. I am looking forward to spending more time with my colleagues in the stock room and not feeling so on edge all the time.		

Now get the client to think of an adverse situation that has occurred recently and ask them to recall their thinking and how they felt. Use the prompts in the table below to assist.

Adversity	Describe a recent adverse event Include the what, when, who and where Be specific and accurate Be objective
	Stick to the facts
Beliefs	Record what you were saying to yourself at the time What was running through your mind? Write it down verbatim Be honest
Consequences	Record the consequences of your beliefs List all the emotions you felt List all the reactions you can identify
Disputation	Generate one piece of evidence to point out the inaccuracy in your beliefs or, generate a more accurate/optimistic Alternative belief about the adversity or, if your beliefs are correct do the implications make sense, i.e. what is the most likely outcome
Energisation	Describe how the Disputation changed your energy What happened to your mood? How did your behavior change? What solutions do you see that you didn't see before?

Identifying personal needs [competency]

Activity: Identifying and overcoming a weakness

(Note: this activity is taken from PD Training's "Identifying Differences as Opportunities" course)

This activity explores potential weaknesses (as opposed to strengths) and how that weakness can be overcome. The client can explore personal weaknesses and they can also use this technique with team members to identify and overcome their weaknesses.

Describe an activity at work you dislike doing	
Describe why you dislike it	
How does doing this activity make you feel?	
Do you have all the skills and knowledge to competently perform the activity?	
Can you change when and how you complete the activity?	
Are there benefits to you or the organization in completing this activity? What is the upside, what are the positives?	
Can you utilize more of your strengths in completing the activity?	
Will gaining more confidence in performing this activity help moderate this weakness? If so, how will you do this?	

Activity: Identifying personal development needs

The American Society for Training and Development's (ASTD) Strategic Needs Analysis, have developed six steps that managers can use to better target the personal development of their team members:

- Review team members' job descriptions
- Meet with them
- Observe them at work
- Gather additional data
- Analyze and prepare data
- Determine action steps

The following questions can also be asked:

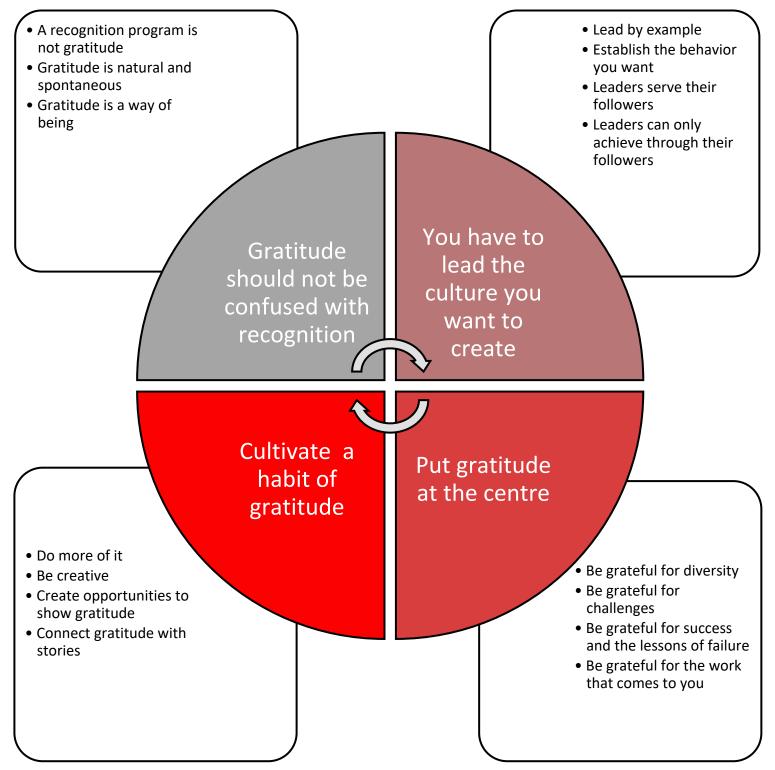
- What challenges do you face every day?
- What is most frustrating about your role?
- What areas of your role, or the organization, do you wish you knew more about?
- What skills or additional training would help you work more productively or effectively?

Encourage the client to hold a 1:1 discussion with each of their team to determine their individual development needs.

Recognizing other's efforts [competency]

Activity: Creating a culture of gratitude

Gratitude is one of the 24 character strengths identified by Petersen and Seligman – it is giving thanks and showing appreciation. It is core to attaining a state of happiness.



Workshop the following questions with your client:

What opportunities do you currently exploit to show your gratitude?

What other opportunities could you use to do so?

How do you currently show gratitude in your team?

In what other ways could you show gratitude?

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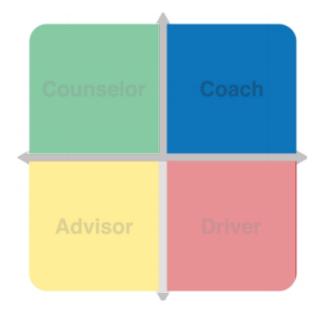
Activity: Johnny the bagger

(Note: this activity is taken from PD Training's "Identifying Differences as Opportunities" course)

This activity demonstrates the power of gratitude for both the giver and receiver. Watch the video then reflect with your client on what this means for them and for their workplace.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOZPIt3Ha0Y

Grow your client's ability to REACH into 'Coach'



Start the conversation:

When you recognize someone could benefit from growing their REACH into Coach, listen for comments like the ones below or use these as conversation starters (ask something like "can you relate to comments like these?") if you sense there is something, and then dig deeper (see digging deeper).

Engaging with my Colleagues

- a. There are people at work who talk a lot and jump from one thing to the next, I am finding it difficult to relate, they're always talking and missing important details, I find it frustrating.
- b. I need to engage people more effectively, I feel like I am the one left out all the time, how do I become more effective at sharing ideas and talking?

My ideas aren't heard, my plans aren't followed through, how do I get heard?

- c. I get great ideas to improve things at work, I work out all the details, but no one really seems interested, how do I get people more excited?
- d. _____ always talks more loudly than I do, and people like to follow their ideas more, how do I make things more exciting like _____ does?

I want to engage my customers better - how do I grow my coach?

- e. I am in sales, a few people I work with have a really good approach to 'make a friend and let them buy from you' and they sell more than I do, how can I do the same thing?
- f. I am in Customer Service and I want to have better rapport like other people do, I think it builds trust and gets better feedback scores, what can I do?



Digging Deeper

When you hit on a point that strikes a chord, it's important to really understand the challenge, use some of the following techniques:

• Paraphrase three to five times using statements like:

"So, have I heard correctly that you find _____"?

"Have I got the most important parts if I describe the situation like this _____"?

- Ask clarifying questions when you're confused about the facts or to fill in blanks.
- Remember, avoid problem solving or coaching, just get clear about the situation.

Opening up for REACH Growth

Try the following sequence with your coachee:

- 1. Remind ourselves what a 'Coach Profile' tends to focus on People and Doing (to keep it simple).
- 4. Contrast it to your coachee's default approach.
- 5. Ask your coachee to think of a time when a stronger focus on people or detail than their natural approach was important (family, sport, work teams, product design etc)

Use the specific situation to unpack the differences

Referring to the situation of concern, ask your coachee to look at why the Coach profile has benefits in this situation, here are some examples matching to different Conversation Starters above to help frame the conversations:

Conversation starter	Coach reframing questions
a) I need to engage people more effectively, I feel like I am the one left out all the time, how do I become more effective at sharing ideas and talking?	If you were going to contrast what you share and talk about, compared to how much and what other people share and talk about, what would you see as the differences? If you're uncomfortable sharing in the same ways, is there questions you can ask with genuine interest that are areas of interest for the coach (probably people or action oriented?)
b) I get great ideas to improve things at work, I work out all the details, but no one really seems interested, how do I get people more excited?	Getting people engaged with ideas is important to communicate in their style – it sounds like you have some Coach profiles you're wanting to get onboard, what type of presentation would suit them most? (details, facts, numbers, background research etc or big picture, next steps, outcomes and positive impacts on people?)
c) I am in sales, a few people I work with have a really good way to the approach 'make a friend and let them buy from you' and sell more than I do, how can I do the same thing?	The Coach communication style is to share personal things and have a people and action orientation. It's important to stay genuine, however, if you want to engage more personally, what type of personal things can you feel comfortable sharing or asking about?



Moving Forward:

Now it's time for your coachee to begin to grow their REACH, there's many options to take here, which depend on the circumstances, in general they break down to three different approaches.

- 1. This month when the situation arises, I am going to shift gear into 'Coach Profile' and _____ (from the conversation starter scenarios):
- 2. and deliver my ideas in a way that will engage the Coach personality types; I know I have done the detailed planning, and the numbers; actually it will be useful for me to think in the way they want to hear; my plan will be more balanced if I have thought through their lens; and preparing to engage with them will help my thinking to be more complete.
- 3. Open relationships with my customers/colleagues by remembering to ask _____ then share _____, so I can have more human connection with my colleagues and customers.

Set a plan

On _____ or when _____ happens I am going to _____ with a goal to _____

(Encourage reflection)

Set an expectation for review for reflection and growth

"Next session let's discuss how it went, what we can learn, and what we'll add to be more effective stretching to Coach next time"

Part 2B: Activities to develop specific Coaching skills

Depending on where your coachee is at with their confidence in applying the models, you may want to help them develop their skills by using the activities that follow. Two activities have been suggested for each competency. You and the coachee may decide to use either or both of these activities.

Building rapport [competency]

Activity: Matching and mirroring

(Note: the concept for this activity is taken from PD Training's "Influence and Persuasion" course)

One of the easiest ways to develop rapport is to mirror or match the other person's body language and non-verbal signals.

The next time you physically meet with your client, try the following exercise:

The exercise is in two parts. At the end of each part ask your client to answer the same two questions:

- How would you rate the level of our interaction in the last 5 minutes?
- Was there anything specific about my behavior that led to you give that rating?

Part 1

- Let the client assume this is a normal coaching session and continue with your coaching plan and conversation with one essential difference...
- During the next five minutes make a conscious effort <u>not</u> to mirror the behavior and body language of the client
 - If they lean forward then you lean back,
 - o If they cross their arms, then you uncross yours and vice versa
 - o If they put their hands behind their head, then you don't and vice versa
 - o If they speak slowly, you speak faster and vice versa
- At the end of five minutes say to your client that you would like them to answer two simple questions. Then give the client the questions on a slip of paper.

Part 2

- Continue on as normal with your coaching session
- This time make a conscious effort to mirror your client's body language and behavior
- At the end of five minutes ask your client to again answer the same two questions

Debrief

In most cases your client will notice a qualitative difference in the interaction but may not be able to explain why. You can then discuss what you did and the power of mirroring to build rapport with another. Then ask the client to what extent they are aware of the influence of such behavior and whether they practice it.

Activity: Building rapport in conversation

(Note: the concept for this activity is taken from PD Training's "Influence and Persuasion" course)

Building rapport in conversation, if practiced, can be as natural as conversing with an old friend. The key things to keep in mind:

- Be sincere
- Be present in the conversation
- Be confident
- Be empathic
- Be honest
- Create shared experiences

You can have your client practice building rapport (and provide feedback to her/him) by engaging in role play.

Ask your client to describe a person at work who may be in their team, with whom they have difficulty conversing. Get them to describe the difficulty they have.

Now assume the role of this third person and ask the client to initiate a conversation. Remember to keep 'in role' and to get the client to explore different ways of initiating and engaging in conversation.

At the conclusion of the role play debrief the conversation reflecting on the actual person and brainstorm some practical strategies which the client may use to build rapport with this person. Some things to explore:

- How well the client listens
- Whether the client recognises the emotions in others and can tune into feelings and acknowledge them
- Whether the client uses praise and recognition for effort
- The degree to which the client asks open ended questions
- The degree to which the client knows what this person's interests are and attempts to engage in conversation around those interests

Easing tensions during conflict [competency]

Activity: Resolving internal conflict

(Note: this activity is taken from PD Training's "Building High Performance Teams" course)

Here is a list of strategies that team leaders can employ to resolve internal conflict:

Remove all masks.

Sincerity is the ideal mindset for conflict resolution. If we cannot achieve sincerity, at least aim for authenticity. Being authentic means not hiding behind masks but showing up as yourself.

Identify the real problem.

Often the real problem lurks somewhere behind or underneath the apparent problem. Conflict will not be resolved until the process can address the true problem.

Give up a must-win attitude.

When players compete too hard all the time, a good deal of life passes them by. They go to the wall to defend a position and will go down screaming, taking as many people with them as possible. Conflicts are not won; they are resolved.

Develop several possible solutions.

Most situations can go in a variety of directions. It may be up to you to create the choices.

Evaluate options and select a solution.

Choose the best workable choice from the possibilities you have gathered. The goal is to choose the possibility that will hold the most for both you and the other party.

Communicate in a manner certain to be received.

A great idea goes nowhere if you don't communicate it to others. Only when someone feels you have heard their message, are they ready to listen to yours, so listen actively. Communication that is full of anger, lacks clarity, and has no commitment behind it, will not bring about action.

Acknowledge and preserve the value in the relationship.

Resolving conflict is about preserving relationships. If that were not so, people would not try to resolve their conflicts. Disputes would just fester and eventually destroy the relationship.

Ask the client to recall a recent event that caused friction or tension amongst the team.

What did the client do to resolve the tension (what did they say and do and how did the team respond?)

Now move through the strategies of the previous page and ask the client to reflect on the difference that may have been gained in using each of the strategies.

Remove all masks	
Identify the real problem	
Give up must-win attitude	
Develop several possible solutions	
Evaluate options and select a solution	
Communicate in a manner certain to be received	
Acknowledge and preserve the value in the relationship	

If there are strategies that the client believes would not work, then discuss the reasons for potential blockers to this and check the client's reasoning and see if there are ways of overcoming this.

Activity: Improving trust within the team

(Note: this activity is taken from PD Training's "Building Team Synergy" course)

Trust is perhaps the most important factor in easing tension among team members.

This activity is in two parts. The first part asks the client to take a trust pulse of their team and rate the current level of trust against a suite of behaviors. The client then picks the three lowest rated behaviors and discusses with the coach what they could do to improve the situation. How would you rate (1 to 5) the current level of trust between you and your team? How do you currently demonstrate the behaviors listed?

Behaviors	How would I rate my capacity and how do I demonstrate this?	How would I rate the team's capacity and how do they demonstrate this?
To manage expectations		
To establish boundaries		
To delegate appropriately		
To keep agreements		
To be consistent		
To acknowledge people's abilities and skills		
To allow people to make decisions		
To involve others and seek their input		
To help people learn skills		
To share information		
To tell the truth		
To admit mistakes		
To give and receive constructive feedback		
To maintain confidentiality		
To speak with good purpose		

Now pick the three behaviors with the lowest rating for you. Discuss with your coach what you could do to improve this.

Behavior	What is hindering you?	What could you do differently?

Finding opportunities for synergy [competency]

Activity: Knowing my team's strengths

(Note: this activity is taken from PD Training's "Building Team Synergy" course)

Taking opportunities for team synergy comes firstly from understanding the make-up of your team and the uniqueness that each team member brings.

Consider your work team. Spend a few minutes considering the strengths of your teammates.

Name (so that you can identify them)	What are their key strengths?	How are they currently using their strengths?	How could the team make better use of their strengths?

Did you discover that in some cases you are not fully aware of the strengths of your team? What can you do to uncover their strengths?

Activity: Sharing ownership to build synergy

(Note: this activity is taken from PD Training's "Improving Employee Accountability" course)

Below are 10 ways that team leaders can create and share ownership among the team which in turn builds trust and respect for the uniqueness each member contributes.

- 1. Give employees the power to make decisions about how their job is done. When possible, give them say in the company's inner workings too.
- 2. Build rewards into the success of the company as well as individual departments. Make rewards based on results as well as actions.
- 3. Keep communication as open as possible. Share successes and failures.
- 4. Communication should be personal and intimate whenever possible a meeting of 50 people with the CEO is far more effective than a newsletter or memo.
- 5. When you hand off a project, let go completely. Be supportive and offer advice and resources, but don't problem solve. One way to do this is to focus on the end results only, not the details.
- 6. Whenever possible, let people speak for themselves. If a report must be prepared or a presentation must be given, pass it off to the project owner.
- 7. Let employees know what the long-term plan is. Give them options for how they want to be involved through ventures like career and succession planning.
- 8. Encourage a holistic approach through the company. Focus on quality as well as quantity, customer satisfaction, and other emotion-based factors.
- 9. Invest in your employees. When possible, give them opportunities to learn and do new things. If possible, give them support to try new things and don't say "I told you so" if it doesn't work.
- 10. Work on creating an atmosphere of cooperation and creativity rather than competition.

What methods do you currently use to build ownership among your team?

What else can you do to build ownership among your team?

What can you do to instil in your team a desire that they seek out each other's strengths when collaborating on work tasks?

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Rallying others around a cause [competency]

Activity: Using stories to persuade

(Note: this activity is taken from PD Training's "Influence and Persuasion" course)

Stories can help make your point more memorable and easier to understand, and importantly, a good story can be very powerful in persuading people.

Some important points to note on stories:

Stories must make you stand out.

Tell your story. You must find something that helps you stand out from the crowd. If there is nothing that makes your story stand out from all the others, your results won't stand out either.

Your story must be believable.

If your story is not authentic, you will not sound convincing.

Storytelling works when it makes something more.

If you believe storytelling, then you may believe that a different glass makes your wine taste better. Does food cooked in cookware endorsed by a famous chef taste better than that cooked in the same product without an endorsement? If you believe the story that comes with it, it sure does!

Have a beginning, middle, and end.

A story is not the same thing as a paragraph or an argument. A story is complete, with a beginning, middle, and an end. Using this format will help your story to be memorable and to carry your meaning.

Be conscious of the audience's attention span.

While we are wired to respond to and appreciate stories, we've also become accustomed to short messages on billboards and text messages. Remember your audience and think about capturing their attention without giving them license to be distracted as you deliver your message.

Now have your client construct a story on the next page.

Think of something that you want to convince your team of or something you want them to feel deeply. It could be related to the organization's vision, strategy, an event that has happened, the organization's purpose and how everyone can fulfil it, the team's recent performance, behavior that you are calling out – it can be anything as long as it is meaningful.

Use the space below to plan what you want to say, listing down persuasive words or phrases that you want to include. What stories have you heard that can inspire your own story? What story will you tell to help influence your team's decision or influence their thinking?

Activity: Applying the principles of influence

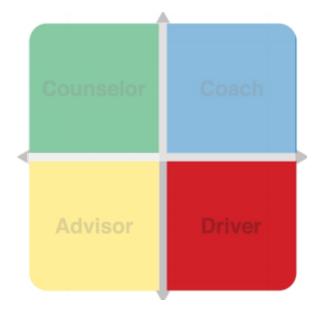
(Note: activity taken from PD Training's "Leadership and Influence" course)

Discuss with your client Robert Cialdini's five universal principles of influence and how your client currently applies them and how else they might apply them.

Principle	How I currently apply this principle	What else I could do to apply this principle
Reciprocation: People are more willing to do something for you if you have already done something for them first. To put reciprocity into action, give people something for free.		
Commitment: You cannot get people to commit to you or your vision if they don't see your commitment. Once you provide a solid, consistent example, they will feel they have to do the same.		
Authority: If people believe you know what you are talking about and accept your expertise, they are far more likely to follow you.		
Social Validation: As independent as we like to consider ourselves, we love to be part of a crowd. People will always jump on a bandwagon if their friends like the band.		
Friendship: People listen to their friends. If they know you and like you, they are far more likely to support you. More than one leader has been abandoned at the first sign of trouble because they were not very well liked.		

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Grow your client's ability to REACH into 'Driver'



Start the conversation:

When you recognize someone could benefit from growing their REACH into Driver, listen for comments like the ones below or use these as conversation starters (ask something like "can you relate to comments like these?") if you sense there is something, and then dig deeper (see digging deeper).

Engaging with my Colleagues

- a. There are people who just don't seem to have time for anyone, they're focussed and don't listen to me, they always seem to be somewhere else in their head. I feel unimportant, then they just tell me what I need to have to do.
- b. _____ is always having a chat, I get frustrated they aren't getting things done, I let them know how busy I am and just get on with it, I have seen them really upset afterwards and feel like I am damaging moral.

My ideas aren't heard, my plans aren't followed through, how do I get heard?

- c. I see how we can help people, and give ideas to the boss, they look at me like I am talking about things that aren't important and they just focus on their financial goals, how do I get them to realize people are important as well?
- d. I do so much preparation to prove I have really thought things through, but when I go to present things, people kind of lose interest and seem to pay me lip service, where am I going wrong, do they all think I am stupid?

I want to engage my customers better – how do I grow my Driver?

- e. I am in sales, and I develop great relationships with my clients, I spend good quality time with each of them, my boss just keeps pushing me to make more and more calls, I believe in quality over quantity, what can I do?
- f. I am in Customer Service and I have certain customers who call me and demand results and answers and solutions, yet I don't even know what the situation is; they're so rude!



Digging Deeper

When you hit on a point that strikes a chord, it's important to really understand the challenge, use some of the following techniques:

• Paraphrase three to five times using statements like:

"So, have I heard correctly that you find _____"?

"Have a got the most important parts if I describe the situation like this _____"?

- Ask clarifying questions when you're confused about the facts or to fill in blanks.
- Remember, avoid problem solving or coaching, just get clear about the situation.

Opening up for REACH Growth

Try the following sequence with your coachee.

- 1. Remind ourselves what a 'Driver Profile' tends to focus on Outcomes and Tasks (to keep it simple).
- 2. Contrast it to your coachee's default approach.
- 3. Ask your coachee to think of a time when a stronger focus on people or detail than their natural approach was important (family, sport, work teams, product design etc)

Use the specific situation to unpack the differences

Referring back to the situation of concern, ask your coachee to look at why the Advisor profile has benefits in this situation? Here are some examples matching to different Conversation Starters above to help frame the conversations:

Conversation starter	Coach reframing questions
a) There are people who just don't seem to have time for anyone, they're focused and don't listen to me, they always seem to be somewhere else in their head. I feel unimportant, then they just tell me what I need to do.	The people you're observing are probably Drivers (Task and What's next focused), you know that feeling you have sometimes, maybe it's when you are preparing to go on leave, or you have to leave early on a Friday afternoon, and you are madly rushing to get everything done before you go? So, you have to really knuckle down and make sure everything is finished
	Spare a thought for the Drivers, that is how they feel pretty much all day every day – they feel rushed and racing against deadlines constantly. It's important to have these people on the team – they help get things done, just in their own way.
	disinterest in your head to recognize what's in their head?
b) is always having a chat, I get frustrated they aren't getting things done, I let them know how busy I am and just get on with it, I have seen them really upset afterwards and feel like I am damaging moral.	This sounds like the comment of a Driver, can they reflect on the different roles the people have – would they personally want to swap roles (if people are working to their strengths, it's likely they wouldn't enjoy swapping roles), and reflect on whether the chatter also gets their primary deliverables achieved?
	This is a great opportunity to reflect on personality types of roles, and outcomes, is there an opportunity to be appreciative of the diversity of people and roles required?
	Flipping it around, is this a good opportunity to help the Driver see an important function of what they need to deliver is recognizing the needs of people and catering to those needs. People matter, and the role they fill matters, how can the Driver add recognizing behaviors

	and appreciating that they go along with the type of role that person fills as one of their own deliverables and choose not to be frustrated?
c) I am in sales, and I develop great relationships with my clients, I spend good quality time with each of them, my boss just keeps pushing me to make more and more calls, I believe in quality over quantity, what can I do?	Balance and perspective are a beautiful thing. Is there an opportunity to step back and look objectively at the numbers of the sales pipeline/funnel and return per customer? This activity is best done with the boss as long as both parties can come at it with a desire to learn if there is a change in balance one way or the other. Both perspectives (just like everything) are valid, this is an opportunity to grow and adapt based on the reality of this specific situation. "How I naturally do it" vs "how the situation needs me to be" is where the real growth and impact arises. Most commonly in the scenario described, the most productive outcome will be somewhere between the team members approach and the bosses drive – but maybe not, this is a golden opportunity to grow REACH.
d) I am in Customer Service and I have certain customers who call me and demand results and answers and solutions, yet I don't even know what the situation is; they're so rude!	Your customer is probably a Driver – they feel like they are under pressure to achieve and drive results constantly. By the time they force themselves to stop and resolve something, they are already personally challenged. This is the time their personality type is most on display in a raw form – they are just focussed on fixing the issue. Is there an opportunity to recognize that their anger is at the product or situation, and to focus on helping resolve their anger? In this way you keep their anger and their frustration to be about them (it's not about you personally) and switch to an outcome-oriented dialogue (this is what Drivers are all about) you can think and talk like a Driver – growing your REACH.



Moving Forward:

Now it's time for your coachee to begin to grow their REACH, there's many options to take here, which will depend on the circumstances, in general they break down to three different approaches:

- 1. This month when the situation arises, I am going to shift gear into 'Driver' or reach to connect with Driver Profiles and _____ (see below from the conversation starter scenarios):
- 2. Deliver my ideas in a way that will engage the Drivers by coming from a detailed approach, collaborate with the Drivers on my team early to get detailed thinking that doesn't come naturally to me, etc
- Open relationships with my customers/colleagues by remembering to ask ______ then to share ______ so I can have more human connection with my colleagues and customers.

Set a plan

On _____ or when _____ happens I am going to _____ with a goal to _____

Encourage reflection

Set an expectation for review for reflection and growth

"Next session let's discuss how it went, what we can learn, and what we'll add to be more effective stretching to Driver next time"

Part 2D: Activities to develop specific Driving skills

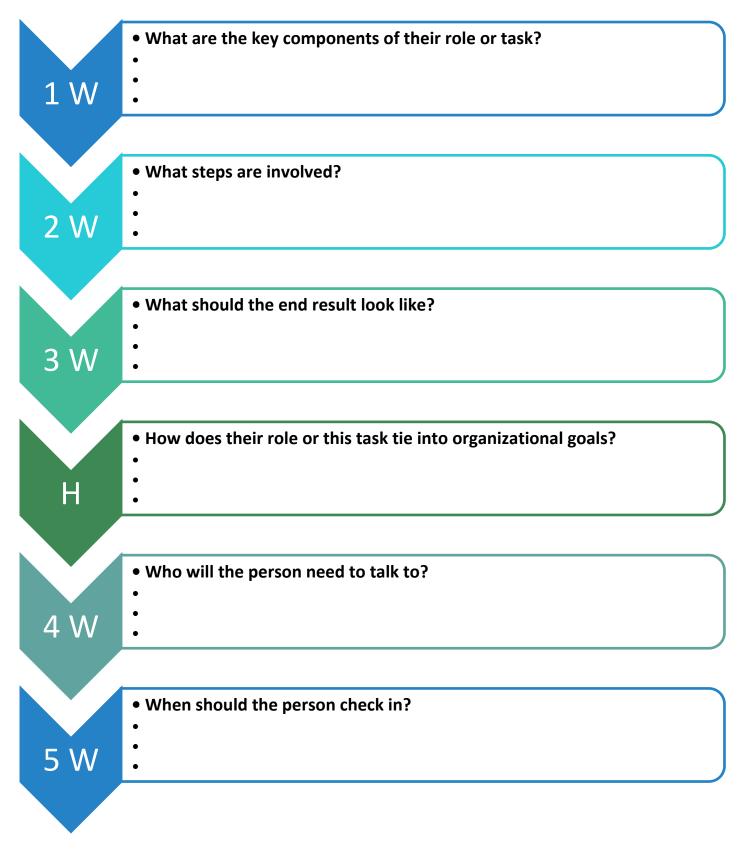
Depending on where your coachee is at with their confidence in applying the models, you may want to help them develop their skills by using the activities that follow. Two activities have been suggested for each competency. You and the coachee may decide to use either or both of these activities.

Establishing clear expectations [competency]

Activity: How clear are you in defining requirements?

Ask the client to identify one of their direct reports. The client reflects on the person's role and/or tasks and using the 5W's and the H to ensure they have communicated the requirements of their role or task clearly.





Activity: Set expectations with SMARTER goals

The client can set goals for themselves or guide their team in doing so using the following approach. Use this when establishing goals with your client.

Specific	• the goal must be specific
Measurable	• You must be able to measure if the goal has been achieved
Achievable	• The goal needs to be within the scope of the person to achieve
Relevant	• The goal needs to be relevant to the work the person does
Time bound	• The goal needs to be achieved by a certain date
Evaluate	• The goal needs to be evaluated to ensure it is still on track to achieve and that nothing has changed
Readjust	• The goal may need to be readjusted if other parameters have changed

Evaluating individual performance [competency]

Activity: Giving feedback using the SBI model

A natural extension of evaluating the performance of a team member is providing feedback to her/him. Use the following tool to role play with your client in providing difficult feedback.

Delivering difficult feedback does not have to be hard if you stick to the facts, keep your emotion out of it and remember you are addressing a person's behavior not them as a person.

Situation - Where or when

Behavior - What I saw or heard

Impact - What this leads to, the result or the outcome

When delivering the feedback, deliver it from the 'l' perspective

When you…	A statement that describes the behavior without judgement, exaggeration, labelling or motives. Just state the facts as specifically as possible.
I am concerned because…	Say who or what it impacts and what the impact is. (Fellow colleagues, department, company, clients)
Pause for discussion	Let the other person respond.
I would like… Because…	Describe the change to the other person to consider and why you think the change will address the issue/concern.
What do you think?	Listen to the other person's responses. Be prepared to discuss options.

The order does not matter, if all the elements are there.

Now practice a situation with your client.

Activity: Pitfalls to avoid when evaluating performance

With your client, reflect on the following issues that can occur when evaluating employee performance. Ask your client to consider what the implications are if these issues persist. Ask the client to propose how to avoid such issues and what may need to change in her/his current approach to evaluating performance.

- Waiting too long performance issues not being addressed as they are noticed and being left till 'scheduled' performance appraisal meetings
- Rating inflation the tendency for supervisors to give inflated rather than accurate performance appraisals because they fear the latter will damage their working relationship
- Prejudice or bias supervisors who are unaware that they favourably or unfavourably bias individuals and may overlook weaknesses or exaggerate others
- Not focusing on the issue where focus can deviate to the individual and not the issue
- Unrealistic goals or objectives if the employee is incapable of achieving the required measure because it is unrealistic
- Inadequate observation the evaluation is "guessed at" as the supervisor has had inadequate time to observe behavior
- Time interval for review is not adhered to where issues from previous review periods can be part of the evaluation
- Lack of meaningful feedback the supervisor gives either scant or opinionated feedback not based on facts and evidence
- Insufficient time to discuss where the supervisor does not allow sufficient time to discuss the evaluation results
- Lack of follow through where suggested corrective actions are not followed through by the Supervisor

Exercising control over team processes [competency]

Activity: Keeping control of tasks and operations

There are four elements you can apply when implementing control:

- 1. **Standards**: Managers need to create plans and standards of measurement to gauge performance.
- 2. **Measure**: Once standards are established, measure performance regularly. Provide feedback.
- 3. **Compare**: Compare performance with the standards of measurement. Performance reports are an example of this comparison.
- 4. **Action**: Take action to correct mistakes and guide performance such as corrective action.

Have your client identify which type of control is needed in the following scenarios:

1.	The budget for the next quarter needs to be written.	
2.	Team members are confused about their roles.	
3.	A member of management retires.	
4.	A new product is being introduced.	
5.	Employees want to organize a charity event.	
6.	The company needs to implement green ideas.	
7.	A new employee must be trained.	
8.	Production needs to be upgraded.	
9.	A new project is being created.	
10	. The product needs to be uniform.	

Discuss with your client those areas of control that are unclear to her/him.

Activity: The balanced scorecard

A balanced scorecard is a performance measurement technique that focuses on joining an organization's strategies to specific measures. Its aim is to give feedback on how successful a strategy or process is performing. The balanced scorecard links the following performance measures:

- Financial: How is our financial health? How do our shareholders see us? How can we improve our bottom line?
- Customers: How do customers see us? Do we meet their expectations?
- Internal Business Processes: What do we need to do to succeed? Which processes have the greatest impact on our customers and our bottom line?
- Learning and Growth: How can we use learning to improve in the above three areas? How can we leverage learning to grow, create value, and improve?

Benefits of the Balanced Scorecard

Creates Focus

The balanced scorecard enables everyone within the organization to be on the same page. By creating and documenting the issues that are important to the business, people can work collaboratively to figure out how they will achieve success.

Integrates Four Key Aspects of Business

The balanced scorecard allows businesses to see how the four key aspects of their company work together. Additionally, by breaking the organization down into manageable chunks, you can see where you are doing well and where you might need to focus your energy and resources.

Allows Strategic Goals to be More Transparent

When you are an employee working in a company, you hear the phrase "strategic goals" thrown around a lot. But you may still be wondering, "What are these mysterious goals? How do they impact me?" Having a balanced scorecard enables the strategic goals of the organization to be shared and understood by everyone.

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Work with your client to create a balanced scorecard using the questions below and the template on the next page.

- What is the overall mission of the business?
- What level of service is needed to attract and maintain customers?
- What processes need to be in place to ensure quality products and services?
- What training and support needs to be given to the team to optimize their performance?

Scorecard Template

Financial F	Perspective	Customer Perspective				
Actions	Measures	Actions	Measures			

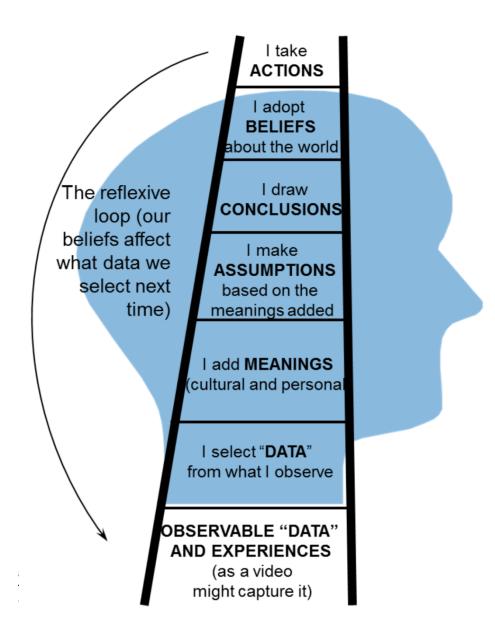
Internal Business Perspective		Learning and Growth Perspective			
Actions	Measures	Actions	Measures		

Guiding team during change [competency]

Activity: Problem solving and the ladder of inference

(Note: this activity is taken from PD Training's "Building Creativity and Problem Solving" course)

Psychologist Chris Argyris proposed the Ladder of Inference in 1992. It is a model that explains how the data we observe can lead to incorrect beliefs that can then shape our future thinking. We need to challenge the basis of our beliefs so that the actions we take as a result of those beliefs are based on well-reasoned and not faulty thinking.



This activity asks the client to apply the ladder of inference to a complex issue. The next page shows an example of the model applied.

Example

Jan has given a presentation to a group of work colleagues and has observed Bill's behavior. *Read from the bottom of the ladder*.

Action	Jan refuses to enage in future conversation with Bill
Beliefs	• Bill only cares about himself
Conclusions	• Bill thinks Jan's presentation is a waste of time
Assumptions	 Bill doesn't want to listen to Jan
Meaning	 Jan decides Bill is antagonizing her
Select data	 Bill has crossed his arms and closed his eyes during the presentation
Observable data	 Jan gives a presentation to her colleagues

Possible explanations for Bill's behavior:

- Listening intently, choosing to close his eyes to focus more on what Jan is saying
- Feeling ill, but still wanting to hear what Jan has to say
- Visualizing how Jan's idea might work
- Falling asleep
- Trying to calm himself down after an altercation, disagreement, or bad deal

How could Jan check her beliefs?

Now ask the client to apply the ladder of inference to a recent event involving themselves or a work colleague. In doing so, they should check their reasoning at each rung on the ladder.

Action	
Beliefs	
Conclusions	
Assumptions	
Meaning	
Select data	
Observable data	

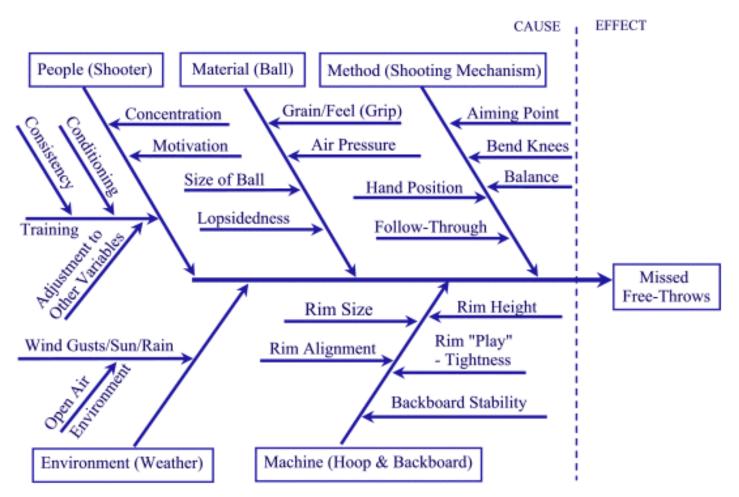
Activity: Cause and effect diagram

(Note: this activity is taken from PD Training's "Problem Solving and Decision Making" course)

This tool, also called the Ishikawa diagram, after the Japanese quality management consultant who created it, is an excellent method for solving complex problems, and for identifying the root cause(s) associated with it. It is most effective when used by a group.

The facilitator starts the discussion by drawing the outline of the diagram, and then asks for assistance from the group to identify the main causes. Each cause is listed separately (one per fishbone). The team continues making suggestions to fill out the entire diagram. Once the problem is laid out in this visual way, the team can decide what the root causes of the problem are. The causes are highlighted, and then can be acted upon.

One advantage of the fishbone diagram is that we can clearly see the reasons that a situation or problem exists, because we list all the factors that influence it. It is also possible to identify solutions that might help solve more than one problem, especially if you are applying it in a larger workplace where manufacturing, building, or other processes are taking place. This diagram can be used as a one-time exercise, or it can become a working document that is updated as various solutions are tried or more information becomes available.



Ask the client to state a problem (problem statement) that she/he would like to find the root cause for. This is written at the mouth of the 'fish'. Be as clear and specific as you can about the problem. Beware of defining the problem in terms of a solution (e.g. we need more of something).

Agree on the major categories of causes of the problem (written as branches from the main arrow). Major categories often include: equipment or supply factors, environmental factors, rules/policy/procedure factors, and people/staff factors.

Brainstorm all the possible causes of the problem. Ask "Why does this happen?" As each idea is given, the facilitator writes the causal factor as a branch from the appropriate category (places it on the fishbone diagram). Causes can be written in several places if they relate to several categories.

Again ask "Why does this happen?" about each cause. Write sub-causes branching off the cause branches.

Continue to ask "Why?" and generate deeper levels of causes and continue organizing them under related causes or categories. This will help you to identify and then address root causes to prevent future problems.

Invite the client to try this approach with their team.

Cluster 3: Developing REACH in others

Module 8: Facilitating REACH (weeks 20-21)



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Module 8: Facilitating REACH (weeks 20-21)



What you will need:

- A suitable, confidential environment
- A printed, color copy of the client's REACH Communication Profile
- Materials for notetaking and sharing the actions to be accomplished before next meeting



Your focus in Module 8 is on:

- Developing your client's ability to facilitate REACH conversations with their colleagues
- Check in on goals identified in previous sessions and progress to date. Use the GROW model for each of them to develop steps for actions prior to the next session

Part 1: Reviewing the Fundamentals of REACH

By now your client will be familiar with the REACH concept and REACH frameworks and will be talking about different people by personality style (Coach, Driver, Advisor, Counselor) and they will most likely be seeing the impacts of being aware of the different styles and approaches and recognize the stronger connections and positive impacts they have by being more mindful and adaptable (their REACH will be growing)

Some clients will be focused on personal growth, some will be exclusively looking through a work lens.

Depending on their focus, they will be feeling by this stage that they usually are longing for the opportunity to have the same conversation using the same frameworks and awareness with people around them like they have with you.

It's great timing to offer a 60-90 minute session (at work or at home) on the fundamentals of REACH REACH.

To run one of these sessions successfully, each person involved will complete the REACH (once again, no additional cost to you as an REACH subscriber), then you can use the Team Awareness activity that's been built as a lunch 'n learn type session.

You have all the resources available to you, and this will help your client have more connected relationships with people in all areas of their life.

Part 2: Guide to facilitating a REACH Session

Once the Client has revisited the fundamentals of REACH and REACH, they will be ready to attempt facilitating similar sessions with their colleagues. This section contains an outline of how the client might approach this. It is suggested that they facilitate a 1:1 session before attempting any group sessions.

The format for a 1:1 session is not dissimilar from the same pathway the client has taken during their own REACH development.

Some points to impress upon the client in their facilitator role:

- You are to facilitate understanding of the concepts of REACH and REACH through guided discussion
- A person's profile is determined by the interaction of their achieving and relating dimensions the degree to which is determined by a person's self-rating based on their survey responses
- Each of the four profiles offers its own key strengths, and no profile is better than the others
- While a person may be most comfortable acting within their own profile, they can learn to 'stretch' to the other profiles over time through observing and practicing the markers provided in their report
- Honesty, transparency and confidentiality is best established through the client (as the facilitator) revealing their own report to the other person and discussing what this has meant for them in both understanding it and using the coaching insights to develop their REACH into other profiles

A suggested sequence of steps in a facilitated session is given on the next page.



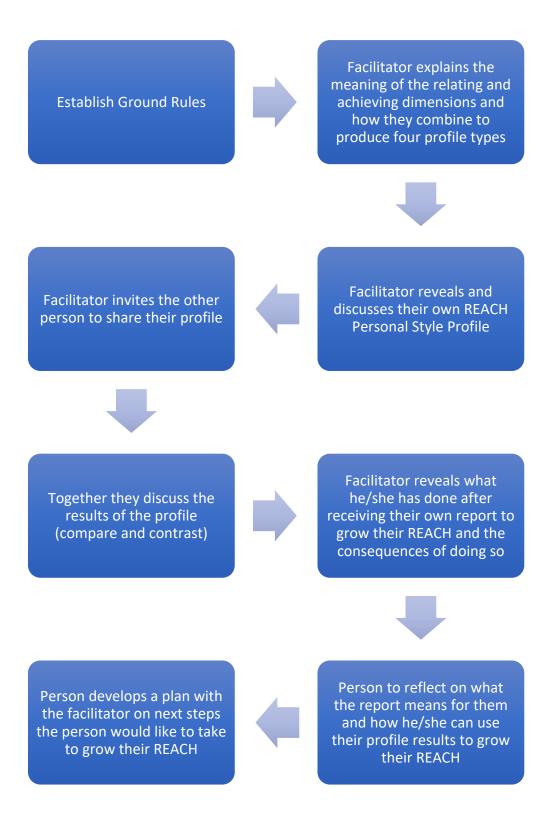
Part 3: For the next meeting

Invite the client to facilitate a 1:1 REACH session with one of the colleagues.

Conclude by adopting the GROW process:

- What will be the Goal in planning a 1:1 session?
- Can the client identify any obstacles?
- What next steps can the client take to remove those obstacles?

Plan to debrief the client's facilitated session when you next meet.



Cluster 3: Developing REACH in others

Module 9: Creating a REACH Culture



Module 9: Creating a REACH Culture (weeks 22-23)

What 400 will need.



What you will need:

- A suitable, confidential environment
- A printed, color copy of the client's REACH Culture Survey report
- Materials for notetaking and sharing the actions to be accomplished before next meeting



Your focus in Module 9 is on:

- Developing an understanding of the REACH Culture Survey results
- Developing an understanding of the linkages between an individual's REACH and REACH360 and their contribution to and influence on the overall culture
- Developing action steps based on the findings in the culture survey
- Check in on goals identified in previous sessions and progress to date. Use the GROW model for each of them to develop steps for actions prior to the next session

Part 1: Developing an understanding the REACH Culture Survey

When you have more senior clients, there are opportunities early in your relationship or later (like now) to introduce REACH Culture Surveys to the organization they work in. By introducing this tool, your client will see how the framework and mindset affects people right across the organization or within their direct team and will generally lead to a greater commitment to growing their REACH to maximize the positive impact on the organization more broadly.

Purpose of the REACH Culture Survey

The REACH Culture Survey report reveals the extent to which a REACH culture is promoted within the organization. Team members were asked to evaluate each cultural element by rating specific skills that could be demonstrated by team leaders. Each competency was rated on a 5-point scale, with scores provided on the pages that follow. Additionally, team members were encouraged to provide optional comments to describe how they perceive leaders' effectiveness in promoting specific elements of a REACH culture.

Within the REACH framework, higher ratings are indicative of a workplace where team members are more fully engaged and better positioned to achieve higher performance outcomes. Where a cultural element is rated as less effective, leaders should be encouraged to initiate candid conversations regarding opportunities for improvement. Through ongoing training, development, and coaching, any organization can cultivate a REACH culture - while gaining the 'productive people advantage' to thrive in today's workplace.

The second part of the survey asks respondents specific questions about how they view the work environment – how they describe its 'outlook' and the extent to which they have a genuine commitment to the organization through such constructs as:

- Work enjoyment
- Respect for leadership
- That the work/team makes an impact
- Value offered by the organization
- A willingness to remain

REACH Quotient for the organization.

This part of the survey measures the extent to which the leadership of the organization is:

- Supportive
- Inspirational
- Directive
- Consultative

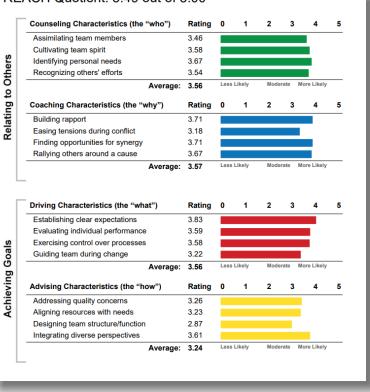
Engagement Index

The Outlook rating provides additional information for the leadership on the extent to which employees will continue to turn up and commit their efforts to the organization.

Characteristic	Rating	0	1	2	3	4	5	Hi	Lo
Recommend this organization	4.20						_	5	4
Enjoy our work	4.20							5	4
Respect our team leaders	4.20							5	3
Team has a measurable impact	4.20							5	2
Organization offers value	4.40							5	4
We intend to remain here	4.20							5	4
Engagement Index:	4.23	Less Lik	ely	Moder	ate	More Li	kely		

The engagement is the result of the employee experience – how well the leaders do the "Who, Why, What and How in leading and managing the team.

The REACH Quotient is the average score across these four areas. The example below highlights the Directive area as being the one which is in most need of improvement.



REACH Quotient: 3.49 out of 5.00

The survey then looks at each competency cluster separately including the comments raters have made. The skills in each cluster are the same as those in the individual REACH360 report.

Part 2: Linking the REACH Culture Survey to the REACH360

A review of your client's REACH360 will show where they are contributing to the overall REACH culture of the organization as the example below demonstrates.

First consider the 'Directive' dimension of the organization:

Directive Culture Characteristics

REACHing with a Driving Style

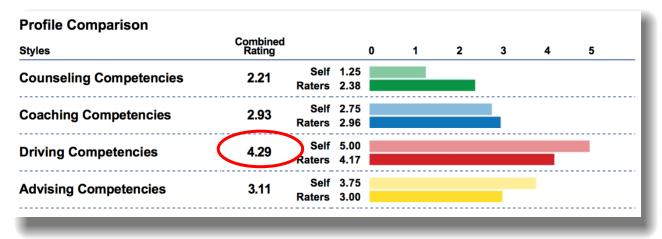
Focus: "Are team members focused on meeting and exceeding expectations?"

Participants were asked to evaluate the extent to which the organization provides a focused and directive environment. A directive culture is most recognized for driving team members to comply with expectations and meet timely performance goals. When the organization encourages this cultural characteristic effectively, its leaders focus on answering the "what" questions to ensure that team members are focused and accountable in pursuing desired outcomes.

Participants were asked to evaluate the extent to which the following characteristics, often associated with a directive team environment, are demonstrated within the organizational culture.

Characteristic	Rating	0	1	2	3	4	5 Hi	Lo
Establishing clear expectations	3.83						5	2
Evaluating individual performance	3.59						5	2
Exercising control over processes	3.58						5	2
Guiding team during change	3.22						5	1
Average	3.56	Less	Likely	Modera	ite	More Like	ly	

Now consider the REACH360 of one of its leaders:



Even though in our example the Directive Characteristics of the organization scored lowest (3.04), our sample leader has a combined rating of 4.29 which means they are doing more than most leaders to contribute to a directive culture.

If we look at the counselling skills of our sample leader, with a combined rating of 2.21, and compare that with the average rating for Supportive Characteristics of the Organization at 3.47, we notice a considerable gap.

This sort of comparison provides a conversation starter for yourself and the client:

- What are the areas for improvement that the Culture Survey highlights?
- How are you currently contributing to an optimal REACH culture for the organization?
- How will an improvement in your REACH impact the organization's REACH quotient?
- How can you assist other leader's in the organization to grow their REACH and through that the REACH of the organization or team/



Part 3: Developing an Action Plan

Work with your client to identify which aspect of the REACH Culture Survey they would like to focus on and developing an action plan with them. Your client may decide to focus on the 'Outlook' characteristics. For example, if there was a concern about staff turnover, you could discuss how the client might be able to explore possible causes, explore the relationship with REACH and identify some steps they could take to improve staff turnover. The approach may be staged:

- 1. Investigate issue
- 2. Discuss strategies to resolve
- 3. Determine which strategies to pursue
- 4. Develop strategies into actions plans
- 5. Resource and Implement
- 6. Measure and Evaluate

Alternatively, the client may decide that the long-term goal when the REACH Culture Survey is next taken is to improve the organizational REACH score by "X" or to improve a particular characteristic.

A template for planning is included on the next page.

Strategy:

Objective:

Completion date:

Step	Resources Required	Personnel involved	Expected completion date

Part 4: For the next meeting

Conclude by adopting the GROW process:

- What will be the goals in implementing the action plan?
- Can the client identify any obstacles?
- What next steps can the client take to remove those obstacles?

Cluster 3: Developing REACH in others

Module 10: Multiplying REACH (weeks 24-25)



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At this milestone, it's great to review the progress, challenges and resources you have used together with your client through the year, and for you personally to reflect on your personal and professional growth through the journey.

Look over the suggested months here and see if there are opportunities to use some of the resources in this last month to continue the growth of your client and to further expand and deepen your opportunities to help them or their organization or family grow.

REACH Growth Progress Check-in

Now is a great moment to check in on REACH growth, ask your client to re-take their REACH Survey and have a chat around their growth, Self-awareness and future direction.

Some questions to explore:

- Where have they seen the most improvement in themselves since starting this coaching journey?
- What has changed in the nature of their relationships?
- What have been the most challenging aspects of personal growth?
- What wisdom have they received from others?
- What wisdom have they imparted to others?
- How have they seen their teams and their organization impacted by growing their REACH and through the organization as a whole improving its REACH?
- What are the next important growth steps they would like to take?
- How are they looking to positively impact the lives of others by coaching others in optimizing their REACH?



You have guided your coachee through a powerful growth journey. Reflect together on your journey, shared learnings and your path forward.

Appendices

Appendix A: GROW Model

Background of the GROW Model

GROW was influenced by the Inner Game method developed by Timothy Gallwey (Performance Consultants International). Gallwey was a tennis coach who noticed that he could often see what players were doing incorrectly, but that simply telling them what they should be doing did not bring about lasting change.

The parallel between Gallwey's Inner Game method and the GROW method can be illustrated by the example of players who do not keep their eyes on the ball. Some coaches might give instructions such as: 'Keep your eye on the ball' to try to correct this. The problem with this sort of instruction is that a player will be able to follow it for a short while but may be unable to keep it in mind in the long term. So, one day, instead of giving an instruction, Gallwey asked players to say 'bounce' out loud when the ball bounced and 'hit' out loud when they hit the ball.

The result was that the players started to improve without a lot of effort because they were keeping their eyes on the ball. But because of the way the instruction was given they did not have a voice in their heads saying "I must keep my eye on the ball." Instead they were playing a simple game while they were playing tennis. Once Gallwey saw how play could be improved in this way, he stopped giving instructions and started asking questions that would help players discover for themselves what worked and what needed to change.

The GROW method is similar. For example, the first stage in the learning process would be to set a target which a player wants to achieve. If a player wanted to improve their first serve, Gallwey would ask how many first serves out of ten they would like to get in. This is the Goal. The Reality would be defined by asking the player to serve 10 balls and seeing how many first serves went in.

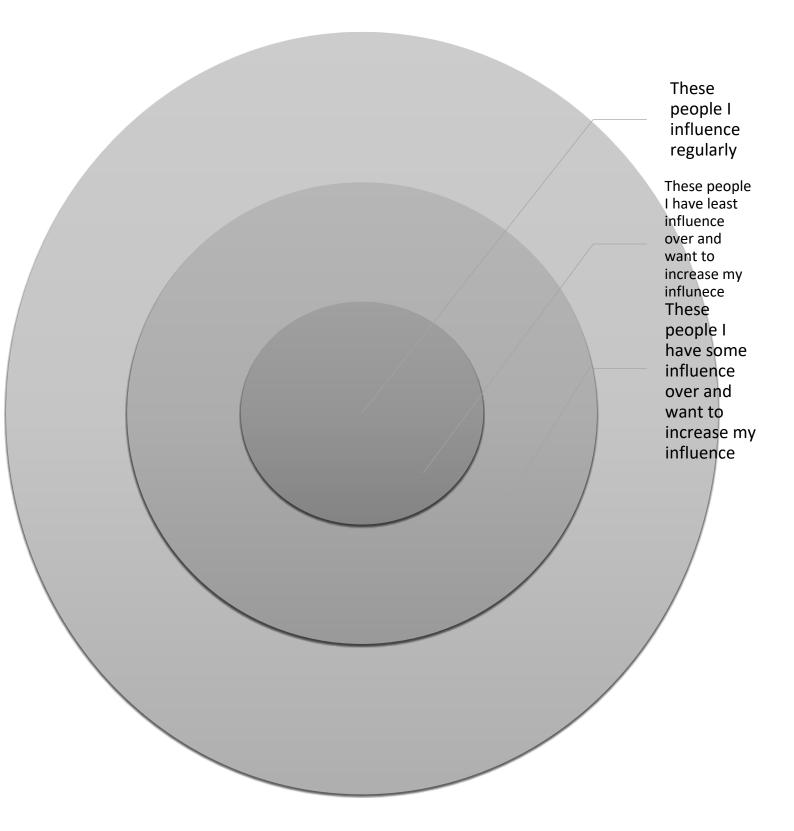
Gallwey would then ask awareness-raising questions such as "What do you notice you are doing differently when the ball goes in or out?" This question would enable players to discover for themselves what was changing about their mind and body when the serve went in or out. They had then defined their Obstacles and Options. They therefore learned for themselves what had to change in order to meet their serving targets and they had a clear Way Forward.

The originators of both the Inner Game method and the GROW method suggested that many individuals were struggling to achieve goals because they were not learning from experience and were not aware of the available knowledge that would help them.

Interestingly, this approach is consistent with Kolb's learning cycle – where each step of the process is vital, including reflection, and this active participation approach of doing vs being told what to do aids in the reflection step which is vital for growth.

G	Goal	The Goal is the end point, where the client wants to be. The goal must be defined in such a way that it is very clear to the client when they have achieved it.	 What do you want to achieve? What is important to you right now? What would you like to get from the next 30 minutes? What areas do you want to work on? Describe your perfect world What do you want to achieve as a result of this session? What will make you feel this time has been well spent?
R	Reality	The Current Reality is where the client is now. What are the issues, the challenges, how far are they away from their goal?	 Where are you now in relation to your goal? On a scale of 1-10 where are you? What has contributed to your success so far? What skills/knowledge/attributes do you have? What progress have you made so far? What is working well right now? What is required of you?
0	Obstacles	There will be Obstacles stopping the client getting from where they are now to where they want to go. If there were no Obstacles the client would already have reached their goal.	 What do you feel is holding you back? How long have these blockers been in place
	Options	Once Obstacles have been identified, the client needs to find ways of dealing with them if they are to make progress. These are the Options.	 What are your options? How have you tackled this/a similar situation before? What could you do differently? Who do you know who has encountered a similar situation? Give me 5 options If anything was possible what would you do? What would your best friend /mother suggest? What else?
W	Way Forward	The Options then need to be converted into action steps which will take the client to their goal. These are the Way Forward.	 Which options work best for you? What one small step are you going to take now? What actions will you take? When are you going to start? Who will help you? How will you know you have been successful? How will you ensure that you do it? On a scale of 1 -10 how committed /motivated are you to doing it?

Appendix B: Sphere of Influence



Appendix C: Character Strengths

Consider each strength in the table below and indicate if it is mostly like you, sometimes like you or nor often like you.

Strength	Description	Mostly like me	Sometime s like me	Not often like me
Creativity	I like to think of new and better ways of doing things			
Curiosity	I am always asking questions and love to discover new things			
Judgment	I look at all sides of an issue to come up with the right answer			
Love of learning	I love to learn new things			
Wisdom	I am considered wise because I evaluate things from different perspectives			
Bravery	I speak up for what is right, even if others do not agree with me			
Perseverance	I finish what I start, even if it becomes difficult			
Honesty	I speak the truth and I take responsibility for my feelings and behaviors			
Zest	I live life as an adventure filled with excitement and energy			
Love	I value the close relationships I have with others			
Kindness	I enjoy helping others, even if I do not know them well			
Social intelligence	I pay attention to the motives and feelings of others			
Teamwork	I always do my share and I work hard for the success of my group			
Fairness	I treat all people in a fair and just manner			
Leadership	I am good at providing leadership and direction when I am with a group of people			
Forgiveness	I am willing to forgive someone who has done something wrong			
Humility	I am humble and let my actions speak more than my words			

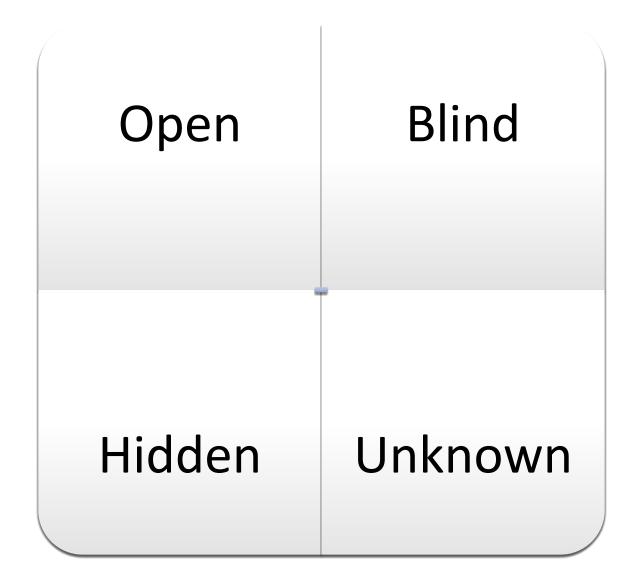
Prudence	I am careful about what I do and strive not to do things I might later regret		
Self-control	I pay attention and am always in control of what I do and say		
Appreciation of beauty and excellence	I appreciate the beautiful and wonderful things in life		
Gratitude	I pay attention to the good things that happen to me and express my thanks		
Норе	I believe that good things are coming to me now		
Humor	I like to laugh, smile, and see the good in all situations		
Spirituality	I have strong and coherent beliefs about the higher purpose and meaning of the universe.		

Determine:

- What are your five most important strengths?
- What five strengths would you most like to develop?

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Appendix D: Johari Window template



Word List:

- violent
- insecure
- hostile
- needy
- ignorant
- blasé
- embarrassed
- insensitive
- dispassionate
- inattentive

- intolerant
- aloof

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- irresponsible
- selfish
- unimaginative
- irrational
 - imperceptive
- impercloud
- self-satisfied
 - over dramatic
- over dramaunreliable

- inflexible
- glum
- vulgar
- unhappyinane
 - distant
 - chaotic
 - vacuous
- passive
- dull

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timid

brash

childish

panicky

smug

foolish

impatient

predictable

unhelpful

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- simple
- withdrawn

cowardly

- cynical
- boastful
- weak
- unethical
- rash
- callous
- humourless

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The Winners Bible

5 Dysfunctions of a Team – Patrick Lencioni

5 Temptations of a CEO – Patrick Lencioni

7 Habits of Highly Effective People - Steven Covey

Mindset: The New Psychology of Success – Carol S Dweck