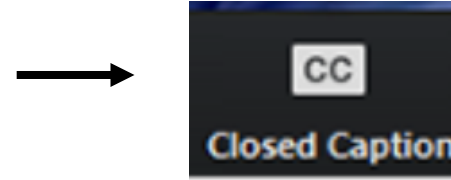


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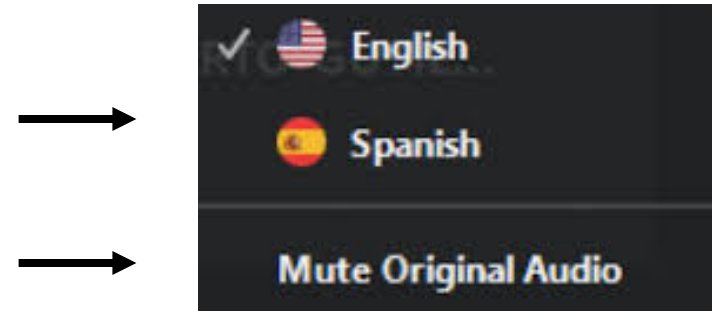
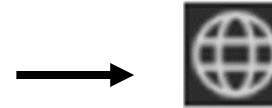
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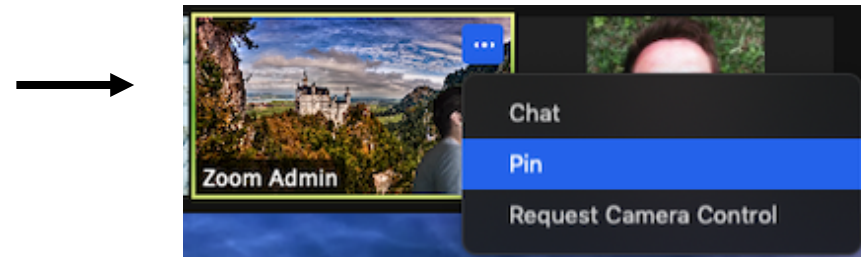
Uso de la interpretación de idiomas

- Hagan clic en el icono de interpretación
- Seleccionen "Spanish"
- Después de seleccionar "español", hagan clic "Mute Original Audio"



Using ASL

- To pin the interpreter, hover over the video of the participant you want to pin and click ...
- From the menu, click Pin.

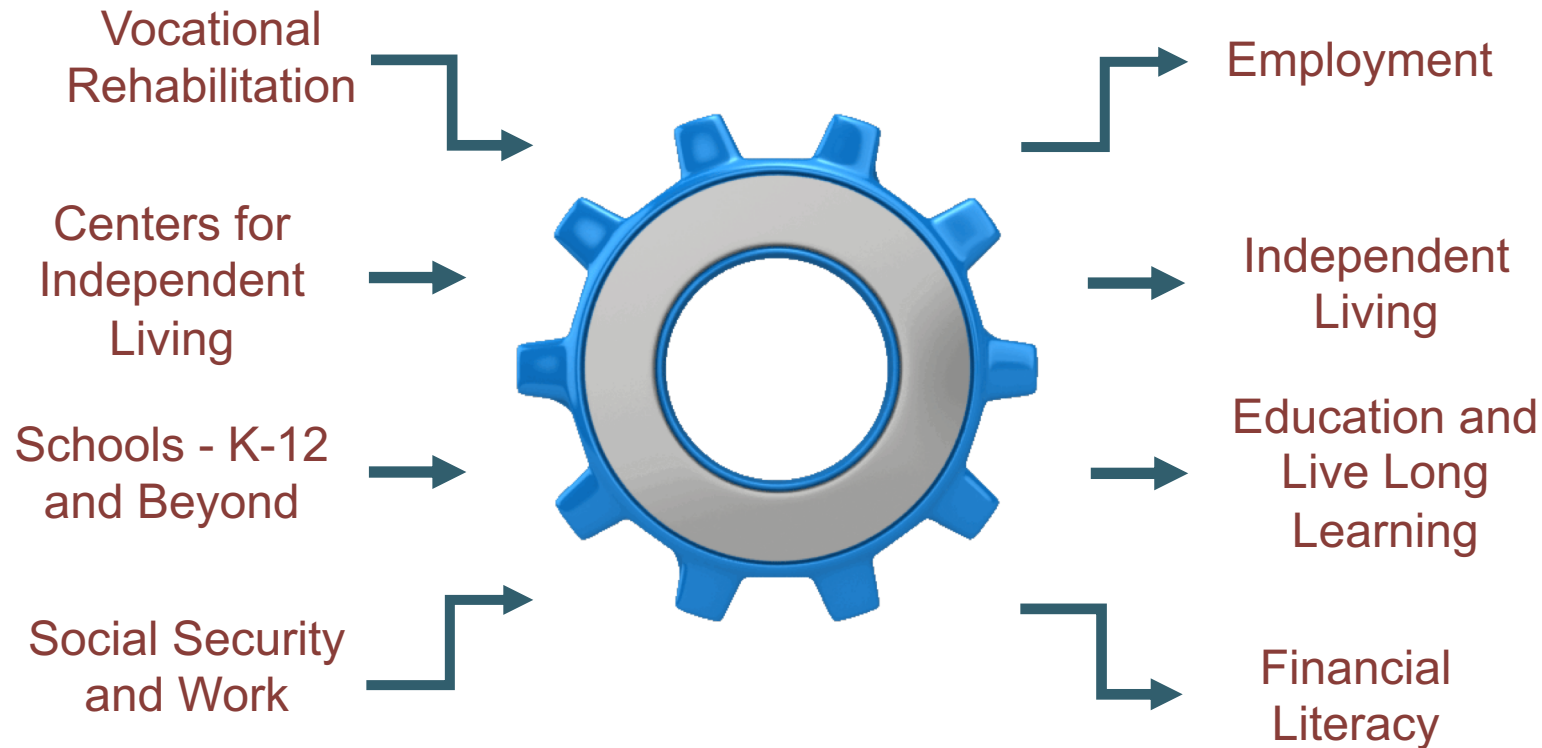


Overview:

- Welcome!
- Transition road trip – present day reality
- Transition road trip – what the future holds
- Changing our “systems” thinking
- How do we get there?



What is a System?



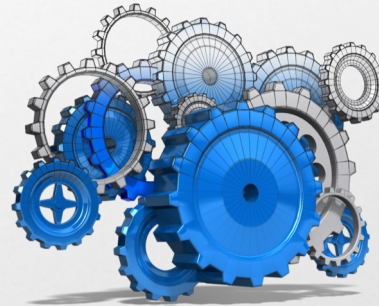
A system is a mechanism that consistently produces and maintains an outcome. The mechanism is designed by the collective values, worldviews and priorities of its developer to achieve specific outcomes.

How Systems Work





People Create Systems



Changing systems means changing people



Systems Thinking



Present Day Reality – Systems Thinking

- School system
- Adult systems –
developmental disabilities,
vocational rehabilitation,
social security
- Wait lists
- Program thinking
- What are you “eligible” for?
- Gives structure to
professionals
- Compliance focus

What Needs to Change? **EVERYTHING!**

How we think about services. How we organize services.
How we deliver services.

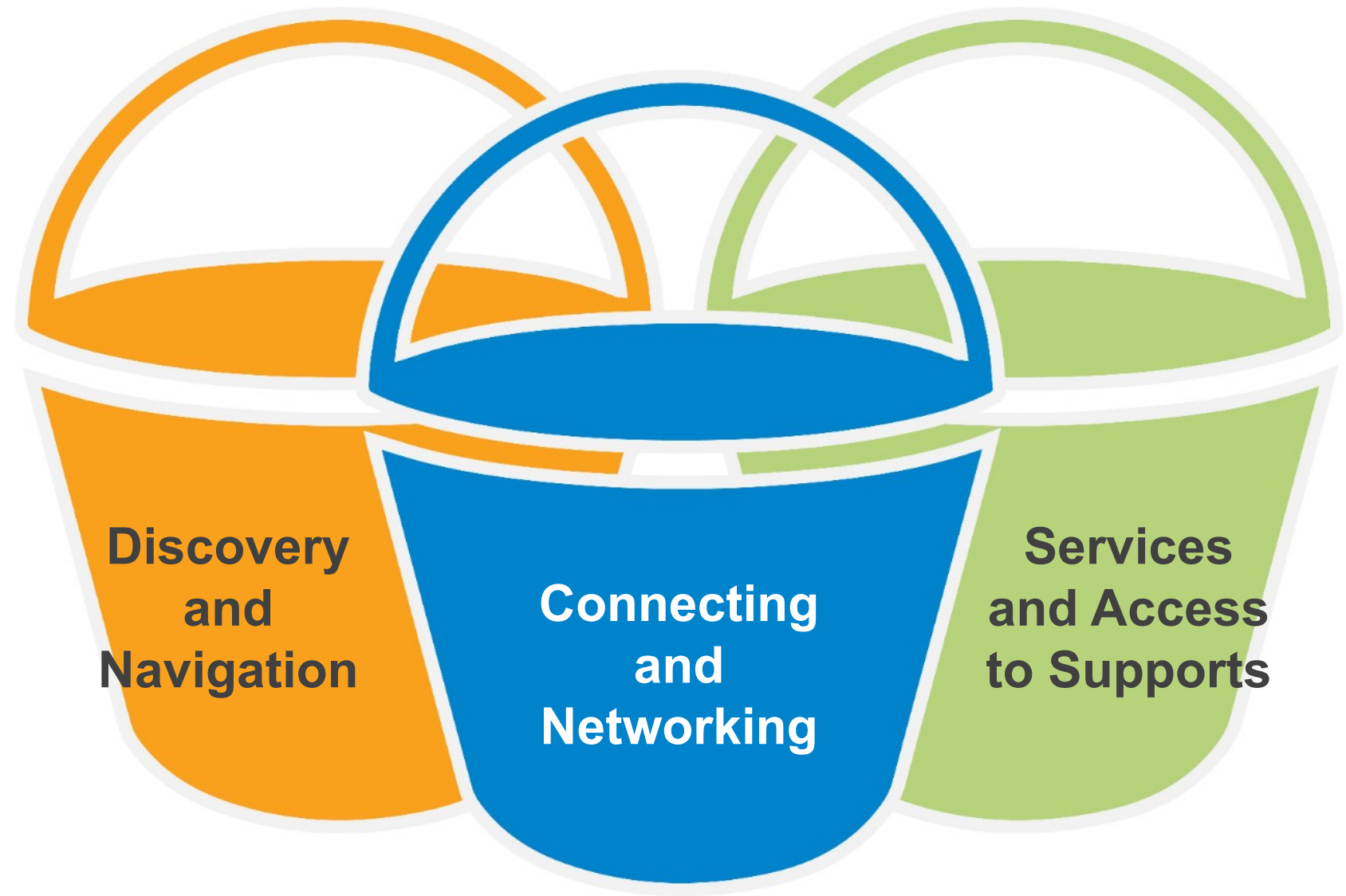
Impact of Systems Thinking

- We don't stop doing the old, we just add the new
- Leading to more rules to prevent abuse and misuse
- Leading to layers of programs and layers of rules
- Resulting in decreased effectiveness or efficiency

Imagine This

- One road
- Finding community supports to keep you on track
- Continuous movement forward
- Growing across the lifespan
- Put Life span verbiage here
- Embracing a bright future of possibility early

Three Buckets of Support Families Need



What We Can Do...

- Create
 - A shared vision with a clear sense of direction and goals
 - A sense of urgency – change starts now
- Enlist allies and partners who share the vision
 - Families, self-advocates, providers, educators
- Need the skills and support to “pull” and “push” the system in the direction of the vision and
- Talk about successes and defend the vision

From Person Centered Planning to Person Centered Systems!

System Thinking to One Person at a Time

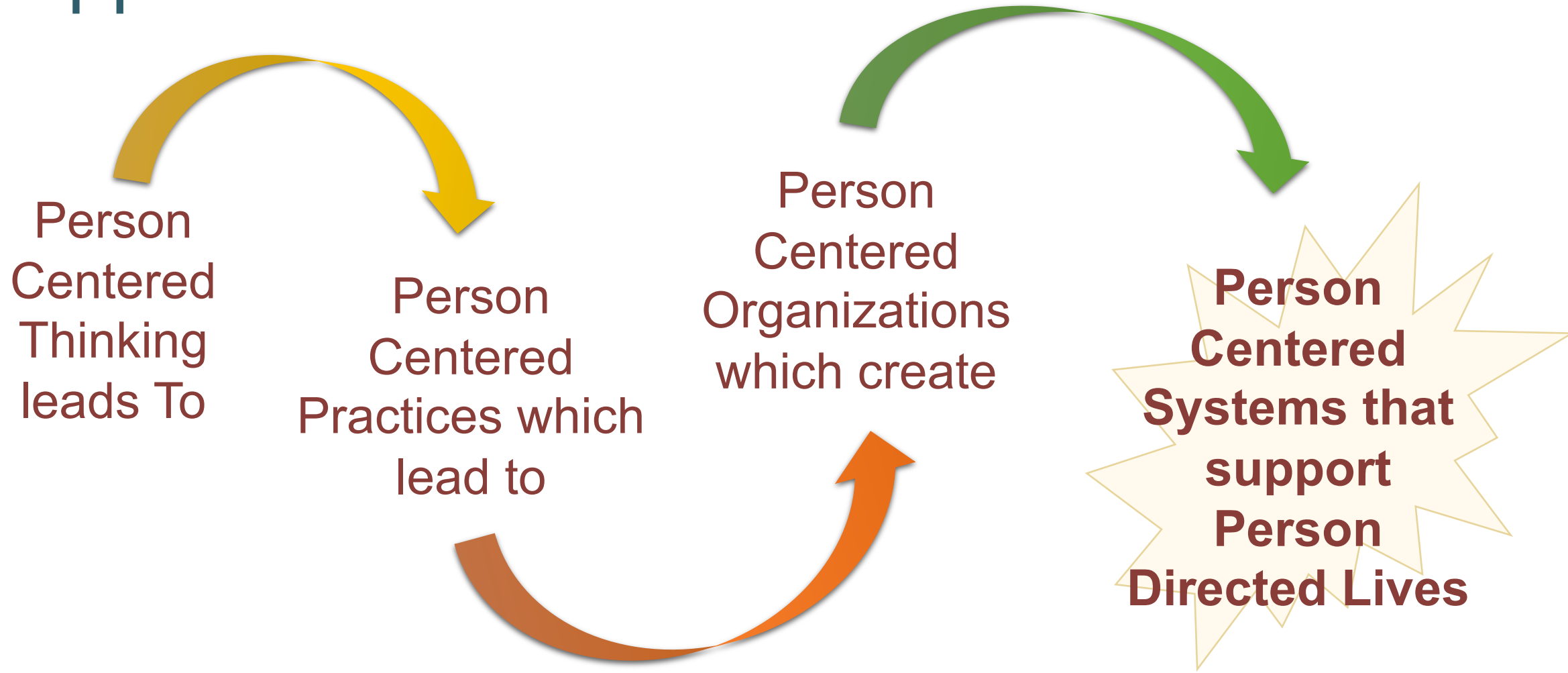


We Want a Person-Centered System

The people who use the services (with the support of their families)

- Tell us how they want to live
- Make use of the public resources to have the life they want (or as close as we can determine)
- Get the support they need to make the first two to happen

Approach



How Do We Get There?



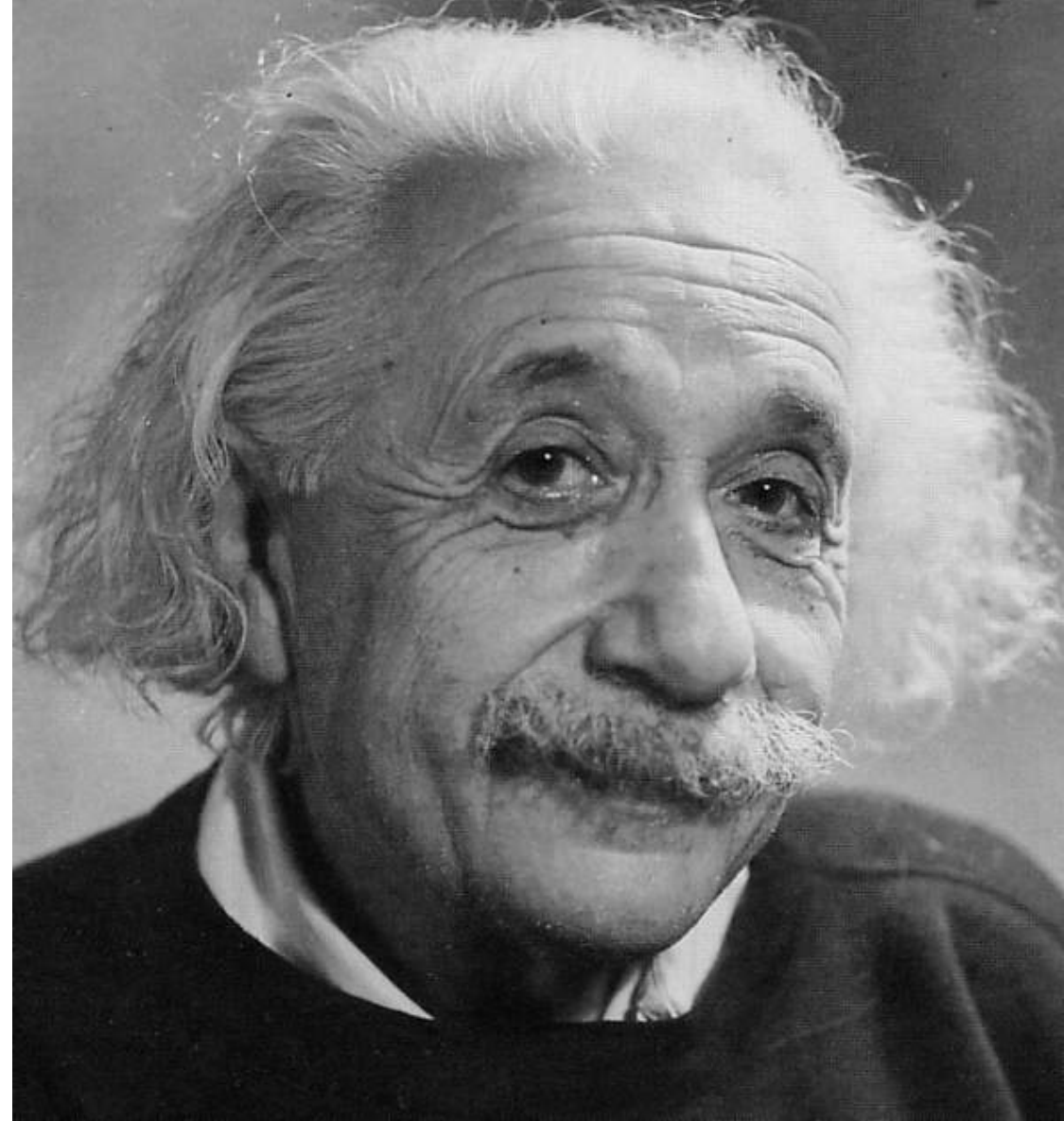
THE HARD WAY

THE EASY WAY

Ask Yourself
“What do we know?”
Before asking
“What do we do?”

**If I had an hour to save
the world, I'd spend 55
minutes defining the
problem.**

— Albert Einstein —



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