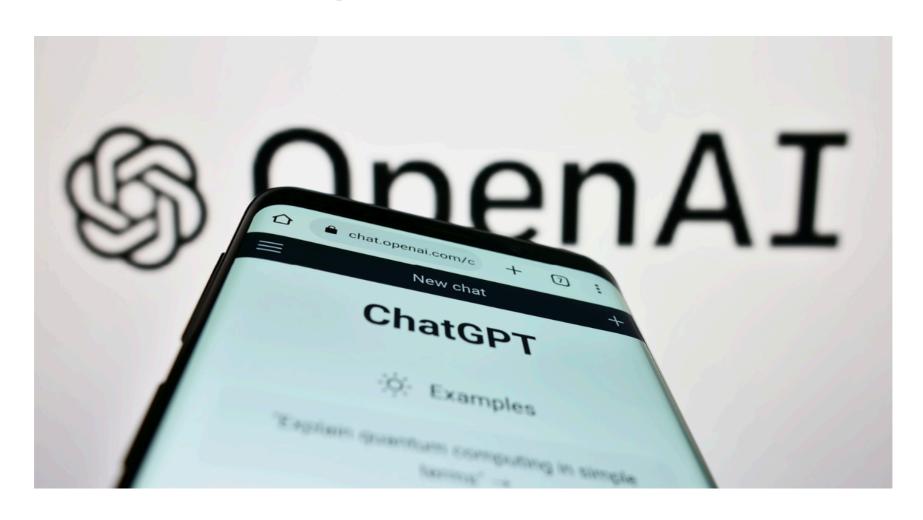


### **Strategic Business Analysis**

Secrets for Surviving and Thriving in the Era of ChatGPT



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Write a set of use cases to implement two-factor security in a mobile app.



Implementing two-factor security in a mobile app is crucial for enhancing user account security. Below are several use cases outlining how two-factor authentication (2FA) can be implemented in a mobile app:





#### **Use Case 1: Enabling Two-Factor Authentication**

Actor: Registered Mobile App User

#### Preconditions:

- The user has installed and logged into the mobile app.
- The user has provided a valid phone number or email address during registration.

#### Main Flow:

- 1. The user navigates to the app's settings or security section.
- 2. The user selects the "Enable Two-Factor Authentication" option.
- 3. The app prompts the user to choose a 2FA method (e.g., SMS, email, authenticator app).
- 4. The user selects their preferred 2FA method.



We'll never again need to hire someone to write a pretty good press release, a pretty good medical report or a pretty good investor deck. Those are instant, free and the base level of mediocre. The opportunity going forward remains the same: Bringing insight and guts to interesting problems.



# "Bring insight and guts to interesting problems"



An executive asks for a dashboard to monitor KPIs. What would be good questions to ask so the best solution for the executive's problem is found?



As an Al-powered business assistant, I can help you identify the right questions to ask when an executive asks for a dashboard to monitor Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). Here are some questions to consider:

- What are the specific business goals and objectives that the
  executive wants to monitor through the dashboard?
  Understanding the executive's strategic priorities and
  desired outcomes will help tailor the dashboard to meet
  their needs.
- 2. Who are the intended users of the dashboard? Identifying the target audien will help determine the response will help determine the dashboard? Identifying the target audien the target audien the dashboard? Identifying the target audien the tar

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## What they want

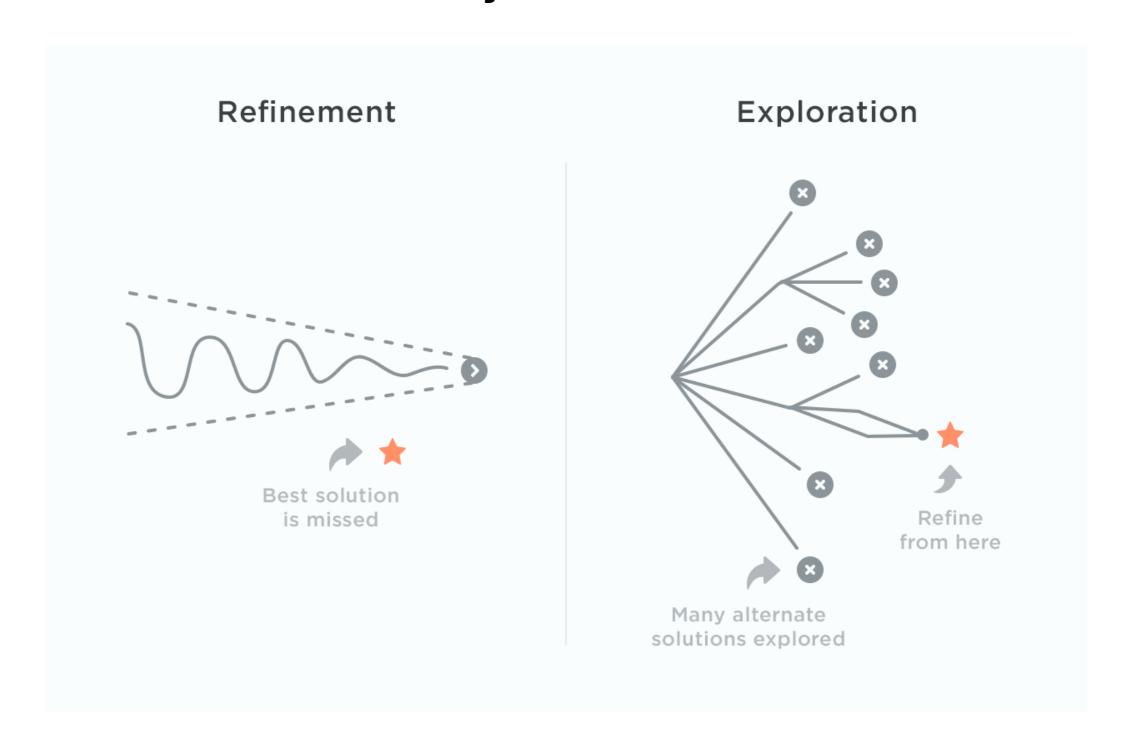
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# What stakeholders ask for

## What they want

"Dashboard" Insights

# Strategic BAs ensure challenges are explored before they are refined



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#### **SOLUTION-BASED THINKING**

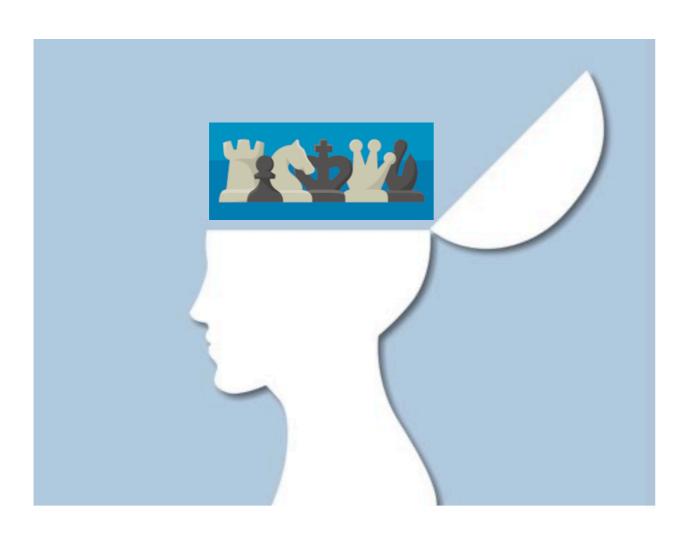
#### PROGRESS TO BE MADE

"Dashboard" Insights

"Two-factor authentication" Security

"Quarter-inch drill" ------ A quarter-inch hole

# The strategic BA formula



Repertoire of good questions to ask

Checklists of things to think about when formulating the problem and the optimal solution

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The strategic BA

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# Social intelligence is the key to a compelling WIIFT

"There are brilliant ideas which failed, not because the technology was not there, not because the pricing is not right but because nobody has worked out fundamentally how to present them to us in a context or location or mood or a story that makes them sufficiently attractive.

Rory Sutherland



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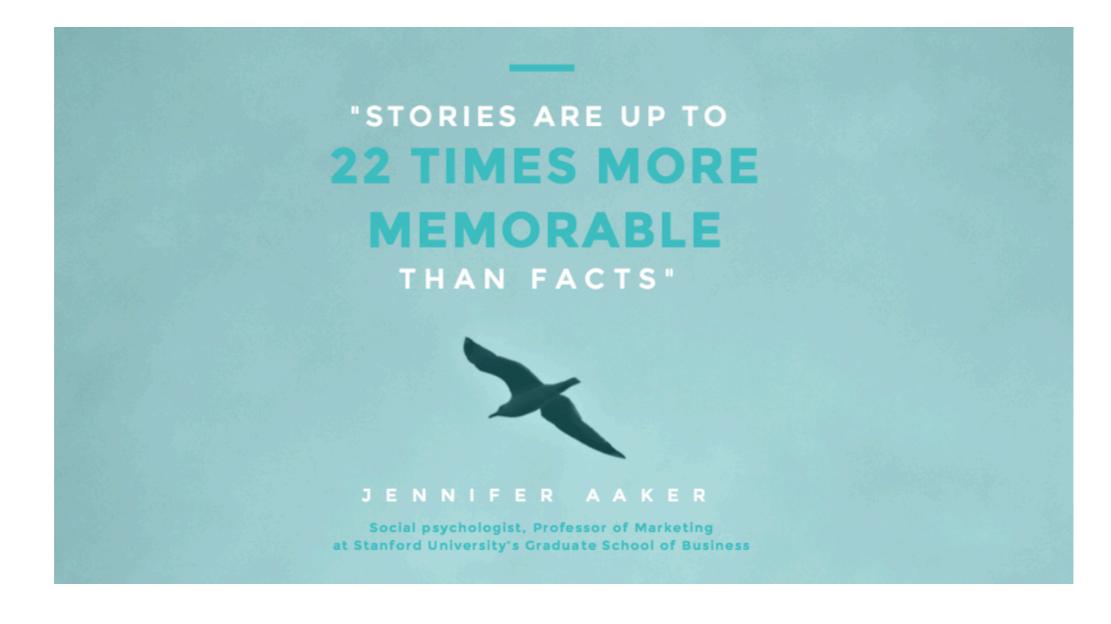
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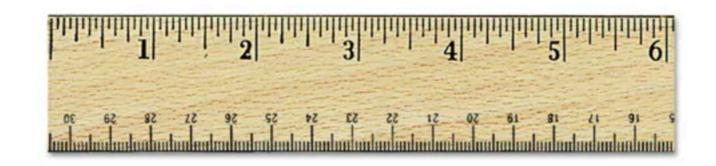
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# Justifying and elevating the BA role in your organization

# Evidence + Storytelling = Compelling WIIFT





## **EVIDENCE**

#### Performance measurement

- Doesn't need to be perfect
- Goal is to reduce uncertainty
- Focus on outcomes rather than specific tasks

## Performance measurement

Compare outcomes in projects with and without a skilled BA:

- Number of requirement changes after a solution is rolled out
- Percentage of system enhancements that elicited positive (and negative) customer reactions
- Percentage of projects delivered on time with agreed requirements

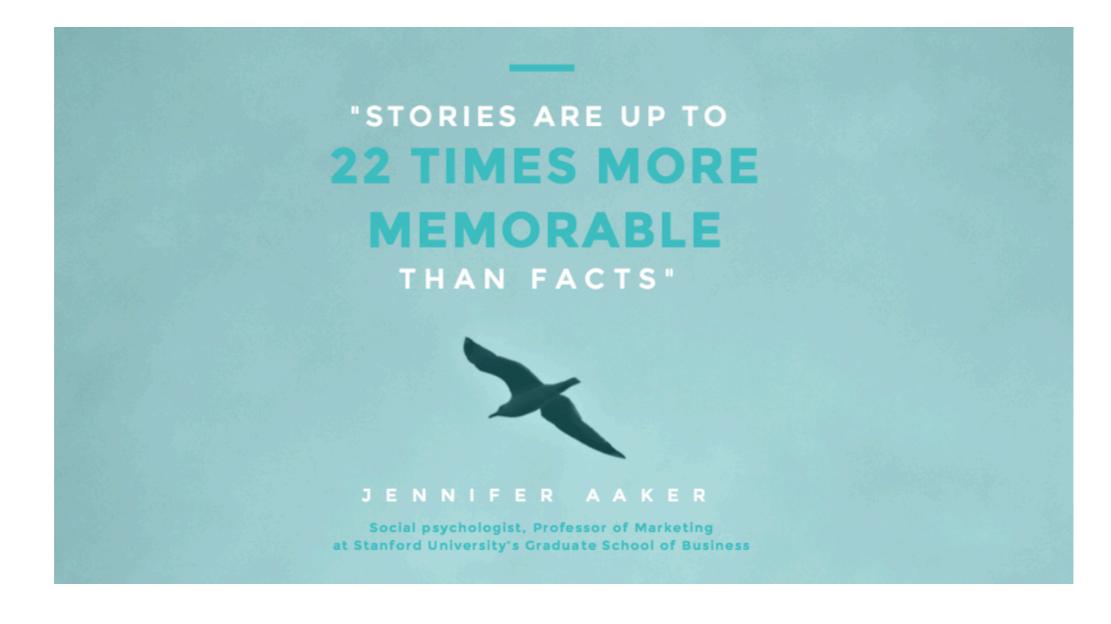
## Individual metrics

### **Example**

 Given what I know of this person's performance, I would always want him/her on my team.

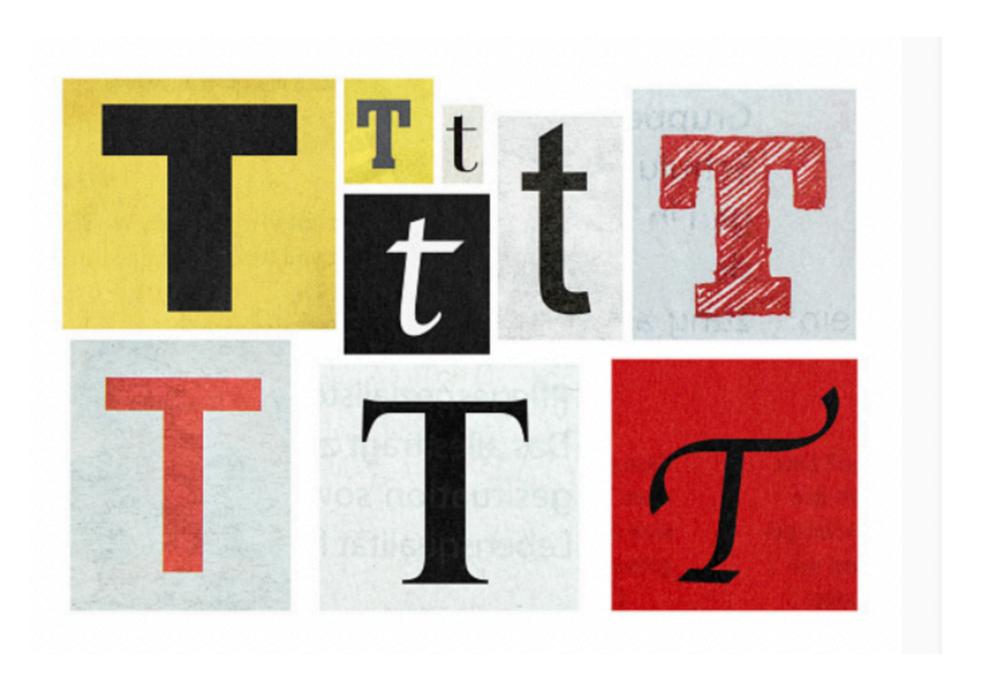
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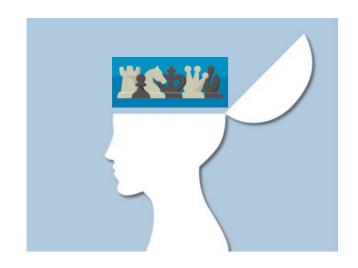
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# How to structure your skill-building activities to ensure your work delivers clear and quantifiable benefits

# Figure out your your ideal T-shaped profile





### Resources: bealprojects.com/iiba

# The strategic BA playbook

Good Questions to Ask

Stakeholder Interview Toolkit

Useful Mental Models for Business Analysts

Use them to build of your own checklists of things to think about

First principles reasoning: How thinking like a scientist can make you a better business analyst

• Template: First Principles for Business Analysis

Premortem: One of the most powerful tools for business analysts

Knowing when to stop: The untapped science of less

Monkeys and Pedestals: Find the bottleneck and solve for that first

Invisible Solutions by Stephen Shapiro (book – Amazon affiliate link)

Social Intelligence

Social Intelligence: The Secret Tool of the Top Business Analysts