



CS114

Academic Strategies for the IT Professional

Seminar 6

Agenda

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1. Critical Thinking (Lesson Activity)
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Critical Thinking

According to Paul, Elder, and Bartell (1997), Socrates and many others have contributed to what we know about critical thinking (as cited in The Foundation for Critical Thinking). According to Richard Paul (1992), critical thinking is “thinking about your thinking while you are thinking” for improvement of your thinking (as cited in The Foundation for Critical Thinking).

Using the chat, define critical thinking in your own words.

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Everyone uses logic each day. When you are cold, you decide to put on a sweater. When you are tired, you decide to go to sleep. With every decision you make, there is a logical order of steps in the thinking process that you can follow.

Using the chat, how does this apply to coding?

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In the chat, give the number of the true statements about why critical thinking is important...

1. **True or False:** Critical thinking helps individuals analyze and evaluate information to make informed decisions.
2. **True or False:** Engaging in critical thinking can lead to increased susceptibility to misinformation and biases.
3. **True or False:** Critical thinking encourages open-mindedness and the ability to consider multiple perspectives.
4. **True or False:** Critical thinking is only necessary in academic settings and has little relevance in everyday life.
5. **True or False:** Developing critical thinking skills can enhance problem-solving abilities in both personal and professional contexts.
6. **True or False:** Critical thinking involves accepting information at face value without questioning its validity.
7. **True or False:** Strong critical thinking skills can improve communication by allowing individuals to articulate their thoughts clearly and logically.
8. **True or False:** Critical thinking is a skill that can be cultivated and improved over time through practice and reflection.

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In the chat, give the number of the true statements about why critical thinking is important...

1. **True:** Critical thinking helps individuals analyze and evaluate information to make informed decisions.
2. **False:** Engaging in critical thinking can lead to increased susceptibility to misinformation and biases.
3. **True:** Critical thinking encourages open-mindedness and the ability to consider multiple perspectives.
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Next to each step place the step number (in order) according to our reading to critically evaluate arguments in the real world. Do this for yourself, and then we'll go over the order together.

Step	Number
Stick to the Point	
Always be Reasonable	
Clarify your Points	
Question Everything	

Lesson Activity

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Next to each step place the step number (in order) according to our reading to critically evaluate arguments in the real world.

Step	Number
Stick to the Point (stay on-topic)	2
Always be Reasonable (be willing to listen)	4
Clarify your Points (ask clarifying questions)	1
Question Everything (do not believe everything at the onset; what data do you need?)	3

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Critical thinking is the act of evaluating all the information you have available, deciding what is true or not true, and making your own decisions about what you believe.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

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Although identifying statements as fact or opinion is part of critical thinking, it is only the beginning.

Critical thinking is really an ongoing process of recalling, understanding, applying, analyzing, making judgments, and creating your own new thought or idea.

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The university has a policy that requires the use of appropriate sources of research in ones' writing. Identify the resource that is NOT accepted in your written work.

- ☐ Wikipedia or wikis
- ☐ Journal Articles
- ☐ Government Resources

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Sarah is conducting research on repairing a personal computer. What Keywords should she use to locate a computer repair service?

Bloom's Taxonomy

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YouTube Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ve-Evb5bGoc>

Understanding

➤ **Students explain ideas or concepts**



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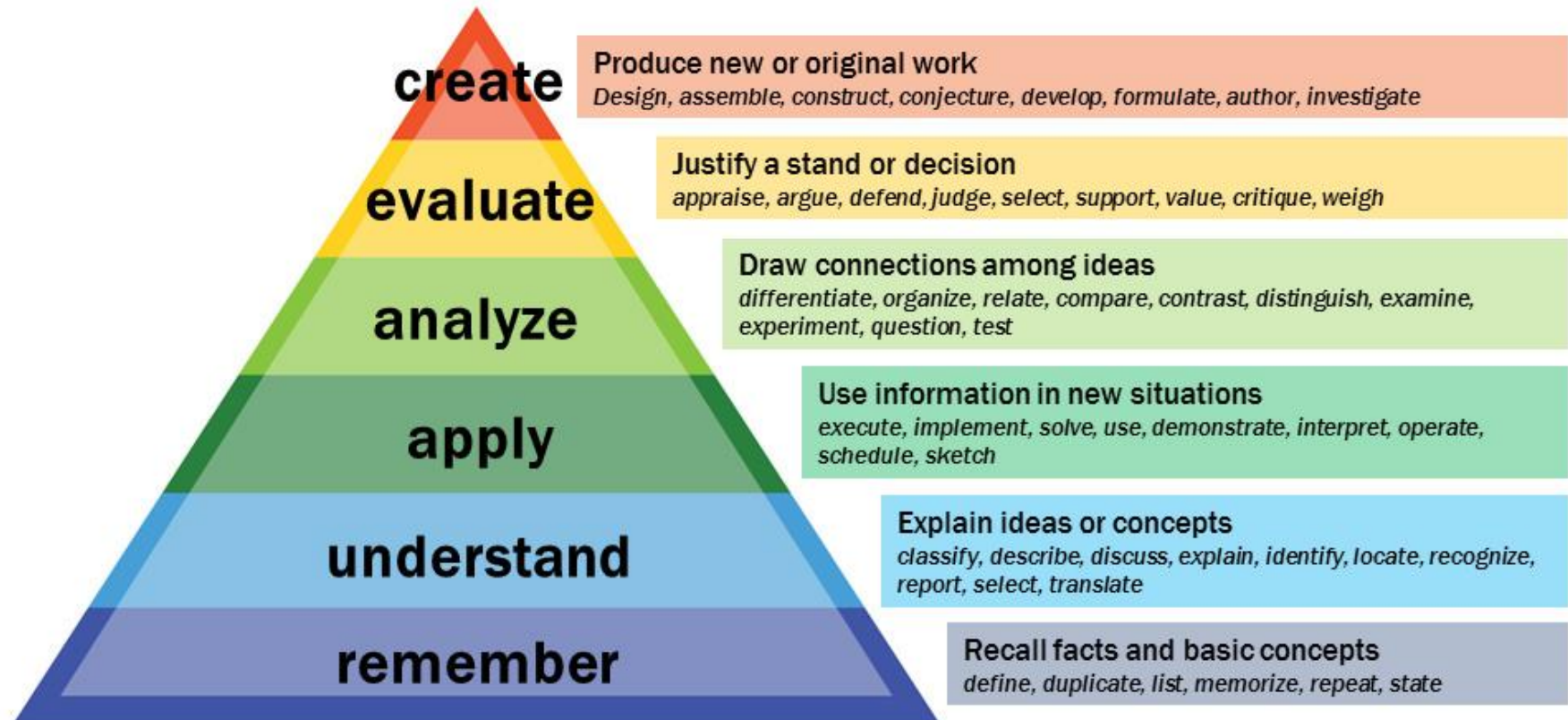
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Simplest		
Hardest		

You may use the following vocab words: Creating, Evaluating, Applying, Remembering, Understanding, and Analyzing

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Who wrote the article?



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Published: October 16, 2024



NEW YORK—With the struggling newspaper admitting this was the final nail in its coffin, *The New York Times* announced this week that it would permanently cease publication, saying there

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Where did the quotes come from?

Are they reasonable?



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A spokesperson confirmed that upon the launch of *The Onion's* newest venture, all 13 members of the New York Times Company's board had immediately resigned in shame, placed the site's domain name up for sale, and ordered all 173 years of the paper's archives destroyed to conceal any evidence of their glaring inferiority.

“Being an employee of *The New York Times* was one of the most shameful, useless things I've ever done in my life,” said longtime columnist David Brooks, noting that while he had continually applied to work at *The Onion* over the years, he had been promptly rejected every time. “Compared to the editorial staff at *The Onion*, my intellectual faculties are that of a cockroach, and I wish I'd never tried to compete with what is so clearly a superior newsroom filled with brilliant, brave reporters who have a moral conviction I wholly lack.”

“My entire career has been a waste,” Brooks added. “I've spent decades of my life writing the most pathetic drivel here every day and never gotten a single story right.”

The New York Times was reportedly in early-stage talks to be acquired by *The Onion's* parent company, Global Tetrahedron, but CEO Bryce P. Tetraeder swiftly declined to purchase the publication, citing its current standing as one of the least respected and most highly discredited newspapers in the world.



“For all its so-called accolades, *The New York Times* surrendered swiftly and painlessly to *The Onion's* print relaunch,” said Tetraeder, who appeared delighted while speaking from a boardroom located in one of the company's many covert black sites. “Global Tetrahedron currently dominates the world's most lucrative industries, including weapons manufacturing, human trafficking, and child slavery. Now, after securing the demise of *The Times*, we control the booming print industry as well.”

“I advise anyone mourning this periodical to save their breath and instead subscribe to a superior product,” the media magnate continued. “I am simply happy I could assist *The New York Times* by ending its pathetic run once and for all.”

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What is the purpose of the article?



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When was the article created?



The screenshot shows the homepage of The Onion website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the site's logo, "the ONION", and the tagline "America's Finest News Source". Below the logo, there is a row of five small thumbnail images of newspaper front pages. To the right of the thumbnails is a call to action: "Get The Paper. Become A Member." Below this, there is a date and weather widget showing "Sunday, October 20, 2024" and "64°". To the right of the date and weather is a navigation menu with links for "News", "Local", "Politics", "Entertainment", "Sports", "Opinion", and "More".

The main content area features a "Share" button on the left, followed by a vertical stack of social media sharing icons (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Messenger, and Email). To the right of these icons is the article title, "New York Times' To Cease Publication", in a large, bold, black serif font. Below the title is a subtitle in a smaller, gray serif font: "We Just Can't Compete With The Onion's Newly Relaunched Print Edition," Says Publisher. Below the subtitle is a large photograph of the New York Times building entrance, with the words "The New York Times" visible in a large, white, serif font on the building's facade.

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Is the article reputable?



The screenshot shows the homepage of 'the ONION', a satirical news outlet. The header features the site's logo and the tagline 'America's Finest News Source'. Below the header, there's a navigation bar with links to News, Local, Politics, Entertainment, Sports, Opinion, and More. The main content area displays a satirical article titled '‘New York Times’ To Cease Publication' with a sub-headline '‘We Just Can’t Compete With The Onion’s Newly Relaunched Print Edition,’ Says Publisher'. The article is accompanied by a photo of the New York Times building. To the left of the article, there are social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and others. The date 'Sunday, October 20, 2024' and the temperature '64°' are also visible.

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In the chat, answer the following: The World Wide Web can be an outstanding resource for college students; however, it must be used with care and caution. Critical thinkers always take time to think before using online sources. Explain why it will be worthwhile for you to take the time to find and utilize reliable, accurate online sources in the future.

Looking Ahead

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Next week, we will go over Goals and Planning activities.

We'll use the **S.M.A.R.T. goal setting process**.

And we'll prepare for an **interview**.

THANK YOU

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