Strategic Thinking Mental Architecture

Amplifier 1:
Transforming habits into insight

Amplifier 3:
Converting insight into action

5 Habits of Strategic Thinkers

1. Ask better questions
2. Recognize patterns
3. Zoom in – zoom out
4. Learning mindset
5. Time horizons

Systems Thinking Lenses

1. Connection lens
2. Feedback lens
3. Time lens
4. Assumption lens
5. Leverage lens

Mindset Shifts

1. I know to I'm learning
2. Best practice to best for the situation
3. Control outcomes to influence conditions

Problem Solving

1. Step 0 – Problem recognition
2. Problem solving process (reframe, validate, options, decide)
3. Dealing with uncertainty

Strategy Formulation

1. Beyond process to strategic intelligence
2. Dynamic baseline
3. State of the system
4. Work backwards
5. AI pattern recognition

Perceptual sharpeners

Amplifier 2:
Internalizing mental models (cognitive recalibration)

Influence strategic direction

Strategic Thinking in Action

A Practical Toolkit to Sharpen Your Strategic Mindset and Elevate Your Impact as a Leader

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