



Elegance in Simplicity

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*An elegant solution to a complex
problem always appears so simple and
obvious in hindsight – Anonymous*

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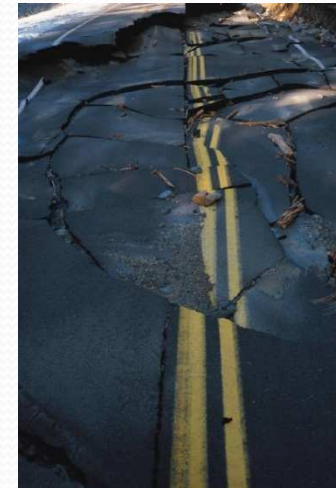
Elegance in Simplicity

- Easy to make a problem more complex and solve it by brute force – using everything in your arsenal
 - Solutions are unnecessarily comprehensive presenting a data avalanche problem
 - Resources used greatly exceed the resulting benefit
- Take the time to scope the problem and apply just the necessary effort to derive the expected benefit
 - Look for a smarter and more elegant alternative – “tell the tree from the forest”
 - Much smaller problem and corresponding effort

To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield

- Your time at ASI
 - Respect your teachers, enjoy your friends, learn and grow
- Beyond ASI
 - Discovery
 - **Goals, Commitment,**
 - **Hard work, Challenges,**
 - **Perseverance, Time**
 - **Management, Mentors,**
 - **A fork in the road,**
 - **Friendships**
 - Destination

*Life is full of
twists and turns*



*Not everything
will go smoothly*

Goals

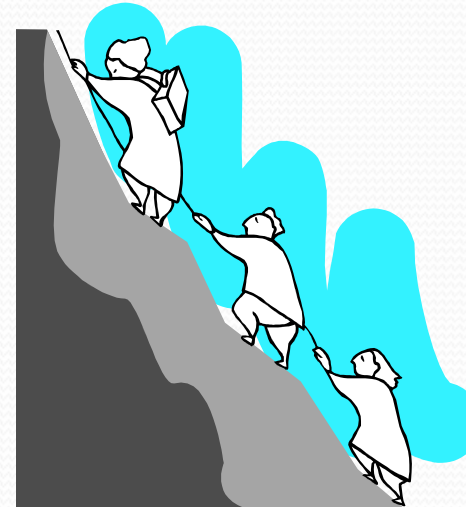
In the absence of clearly defined goals, we become strangely loyal to performing daily acts of trivia
– **Anonymous**



- What do you want to be?
- What is your passion?
- How do you enrich your life?
- How do you go about achieving them?

Commitment

*A journey of a
thousand miles
must begin with
a simple step –
Lao Tzu*



- It's a long journey but you have to start somewhere
- Have a plan, take it a step at a time
- Believe in yourself and your decision
- Make the commitment and adhere by it

Hard Work

*Success is 10 percent
inspiration and 90
percent perspiration
– Thomas Alva
Edison*



- Set goals – know what you want
- Work efficiently – be resourceful, use your leverage
- Step up – “walk the talk”
- Be prepared to do it all yourself

Challenges

The Road Not Taken

– *Robert Frost, 1915*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference*



- Don't take the easy way out – you'll only scratch the surface
- Push the envelop – what is your potential?
- Face adversity – build character and resilience
- Some see a problem, do you see an opportunity?
- Learn a lesson from each difficult situation

Perseverance

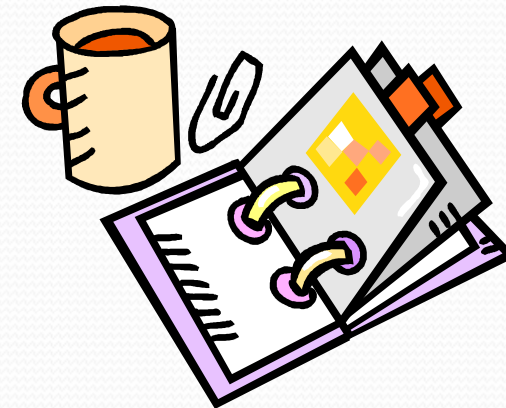
*It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer – **Albert Einstein***



- Traverse the “valley of death” to see the light
- Stick to it – see it through
- Be persistent – don’t give up too easily
- Tell yourself – success could be just around the corner

Time Management

There's only 24 hours in a day - Anonymous



- Competing for your time: broadcast media, Internet content, school, sports, hobbies, social networks, etc
- How much can you effectively handle?
- Keep a planner to schedule activities, due dates, etc.
- Continually adjust your priorities and stay on schedule

Mentors



*Stand on the shoulders
of giants!*



- Identify your role model – strive to be like him/her
- Form the mentor-mentee relationship – get guidance and benefit from the wisdom and experience of your seniors
- Set your target – aspire to grow into his/her job
- Leverage this relationship to benefit your career

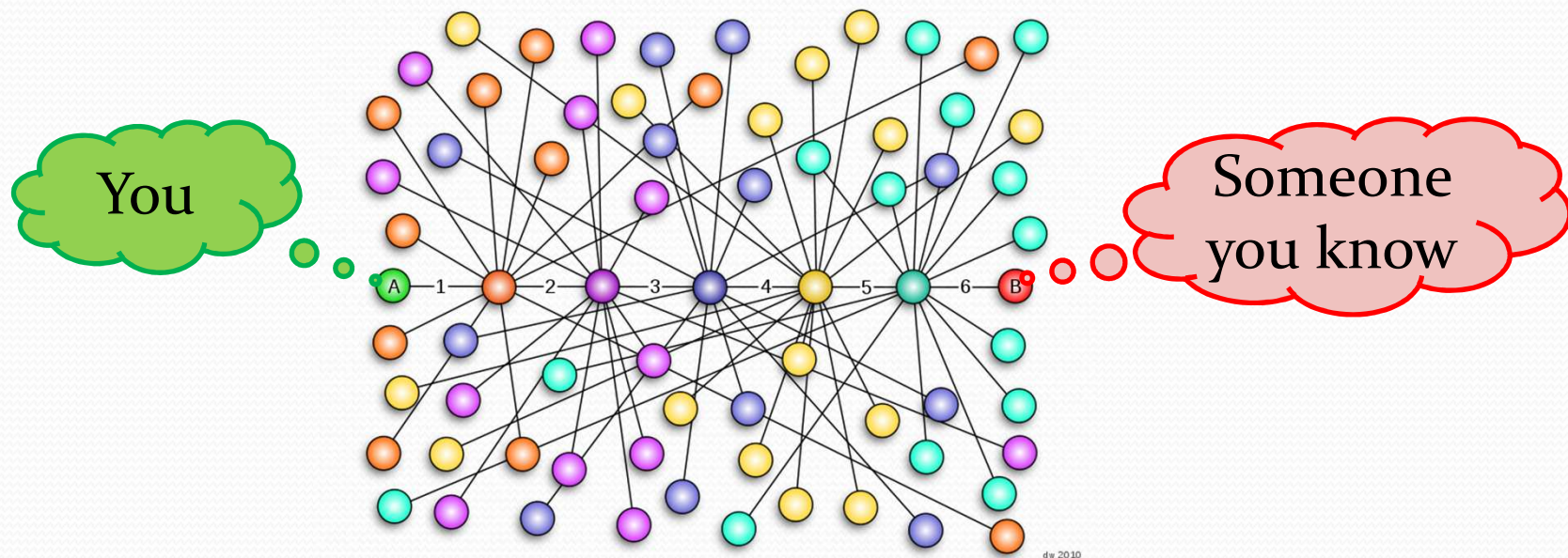
A Fork in the Road

The shortest distance between two points may not be a straight line or even a single line - Anonymous



- Defining moments require well thought out decisions
- Did I make the right decision? If you've been diligent in considering all options, there is no wrong decision; you just go down a different path
- No regrets

Value your Friendships



- Six degrees of separation – with Twitter, now only 3.43
- Friends sustain you through your life

Adage

- Be passionate – love what you do
- Be opportunistic – make use of your chances
- Be alert – not all opportunities are obvious
- Be humble – let your actions speak louder than words
- Be gracious – give credit where credit is due
- Be happy – have fun along the way

