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# Mentoring and coaching entrepreneurial teams: team building and crisis management



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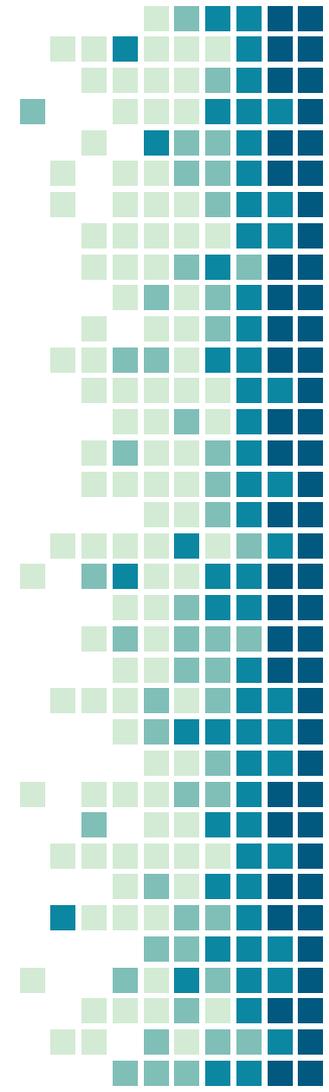
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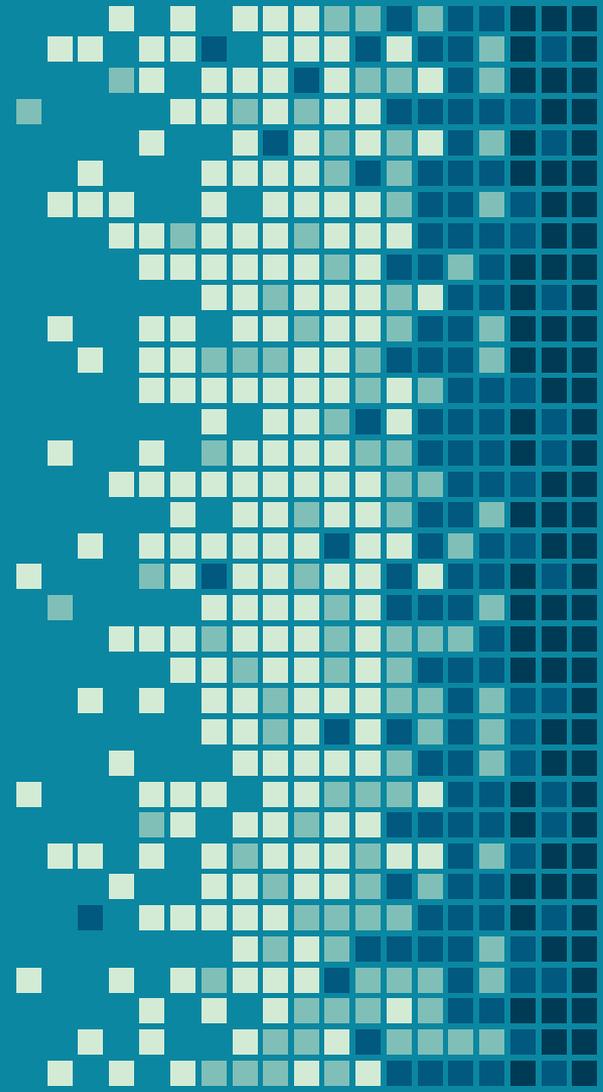
# TEAM BUILDING

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“  
*Coming together is a  
beginning. Keeping  
together is progress.  
Working together is  
success.*

*Henry Ford*





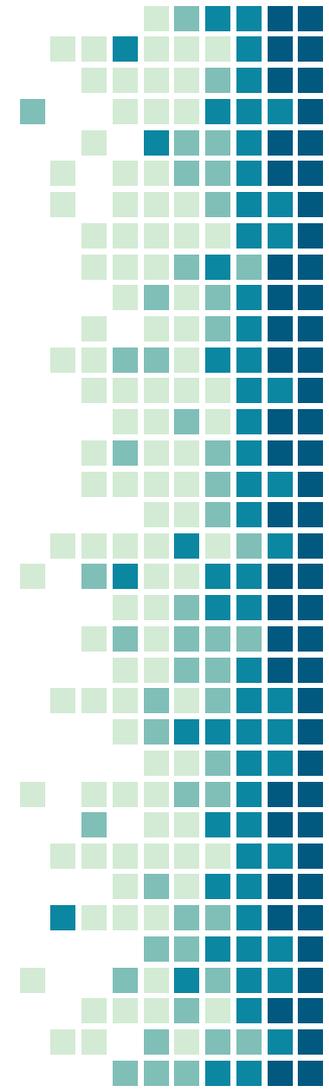
# Team Structure

☞ Hierarchy

☞ Roles

☞ Cohesion

☞ Communication rules



# Stages of a typical team

Formation

Conflict

Rule Creation

Performance

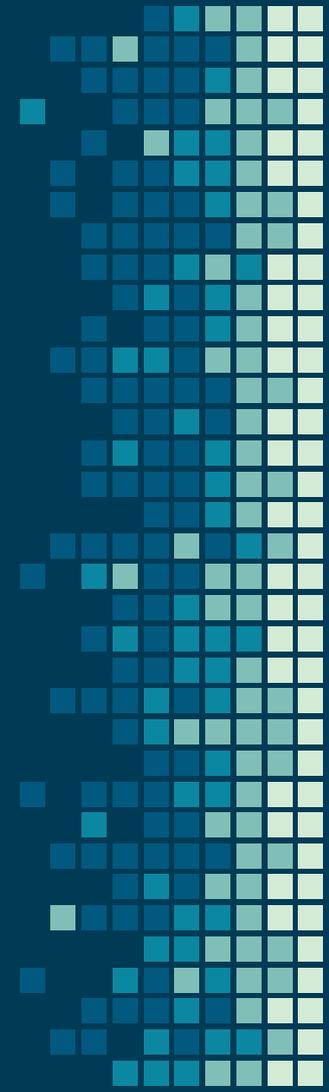
Break up or  
Change



# Team Roles\*

- Plant (creates ideas)
- Resource Investigator (explores opportunities and contacts)
- Coordinator (clarifies goals, promotes decision making)
- Shaper (drives the team forward)
- Team worker (provides support and encourages cooperation)
- Monitor Evaluator (discerning judgment)
- Implementer (turns ideas into action)
- Completer (attention to detail)
- Specialist (technical knowledge and skills)

\*(The Belkin Model)



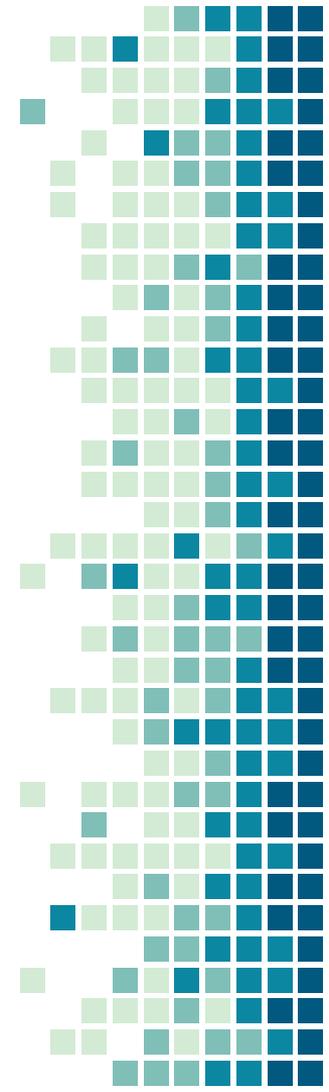
# Small Team vs. Big Team

## Small team

- ✓ Leader is less important
- ✓ Less idea production and more resistance to change
- ✓ Less confidence
- ✓ Better grasp of the team's position and achievements

## Big Team

- ✓ Increased complexity
- ✓ The role of the leader becomes more important
- ✓ "Active" members vs. less "active" members
- ✓ More resources, less efficiency
- ✓ More ideas, less agreement
- ✓ Difficulty in communication



# Managing a successful team

## 1. Get to Know Your Team

Teams are made up of people with different needs, goals and personalities. Getting to know them, and helping them to get to know each other makes for a successful team.

## 2. Work Toward a Common Goal

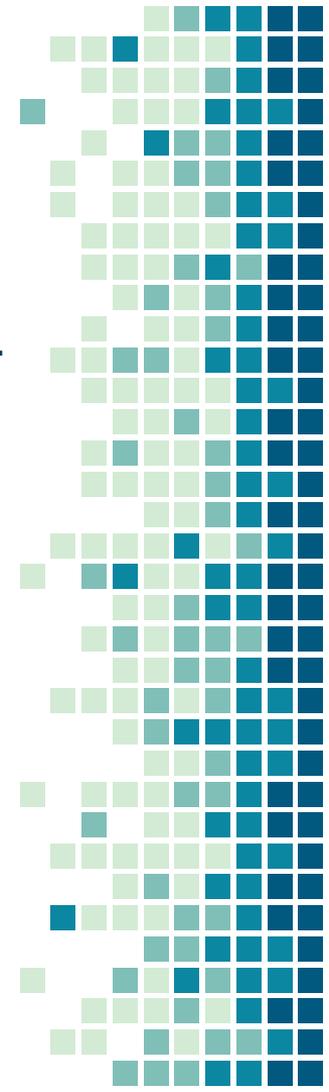
Inspire the team to get behind a shared vision or goal.

## 3. Develop Strong Team Skills

A team needs to develop the right skills and competencies to achieve its goals. Matching people to the roles best suited to them is crucial.

## 4. Manage conflict

Conflict should not be ignored. It is important that issues are addressed straight away.



# Problematic phenomena

Social laziness



The Freeloader phenomenon



The Sucker phenomenon



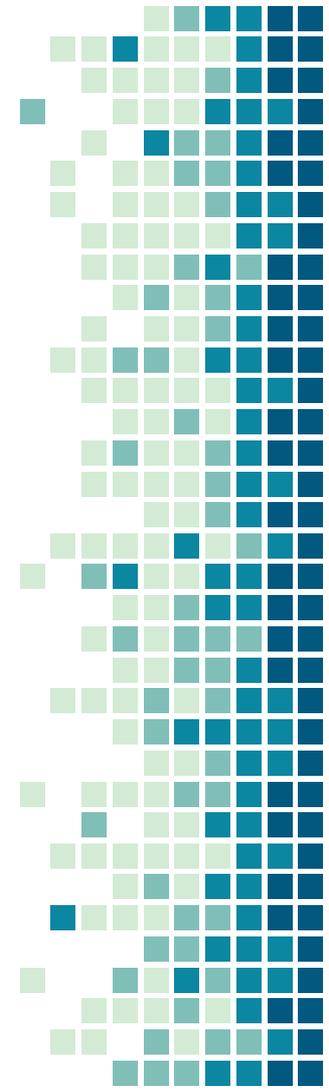
The scapegoat phenomenon



Team polarization



Bad team decision





## What makes a great team

- 🎯 Maturity
- 🎯 Engagement
- 🎯 Openness
- 🎯 Focus
- 🎯 Trust
- 🎯 Humility
- 🎯 Measurement





**Even the best teams can benefit from team building exercises; they're a great way of improving communication, morale, motivation and productivity!**

Four (4) main types of team building activities:

- Communication activities,
- problem solving and/or decision making activities,
- adaptability and/or planning activities,
- activities that focus on building trust.



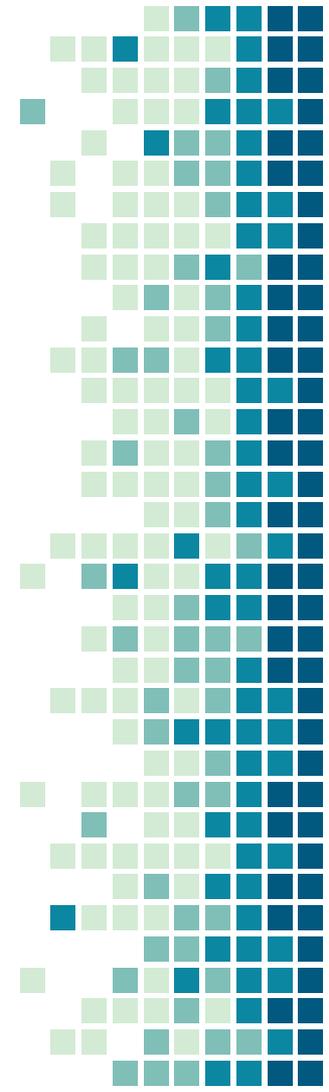
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# Preventing a Team Crisis

- Are there conflicts between certain people that are creating divisions within the team?
- Do team members need to get to know one another better?
- Do some members focus on their own success, and harm the group as a result?
- Is poor communication affecting the group's progress?
- Do people need to learn to work together, instead of individually?
- Do some members affect the group's ability to move forward through resistance to change?
- Does the group need a morale boost?



# 4 Roles that emerge in a crisis



## The Panicker

**What to do:** Acknowledge the picnicker's concerns and let him know a solution is being implemented.

## The Finger Pointer

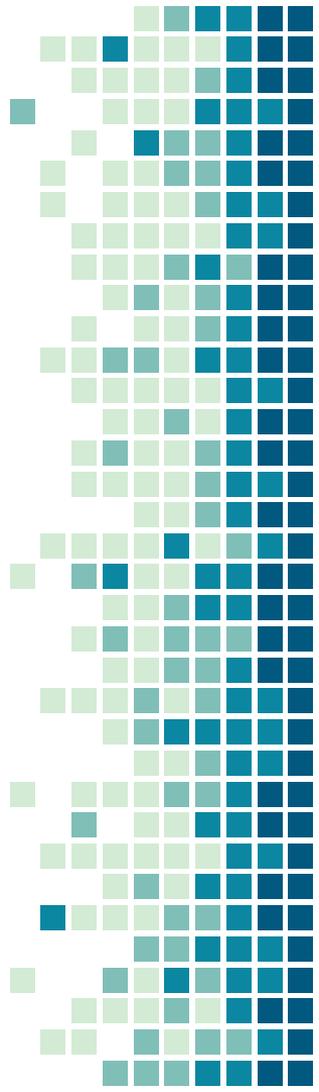
**What to do:** Discuss what went well and what needs to be changed in the future, so that neither the crisis nor the finger pointing repeat themselves.

## The Retribution Seeker

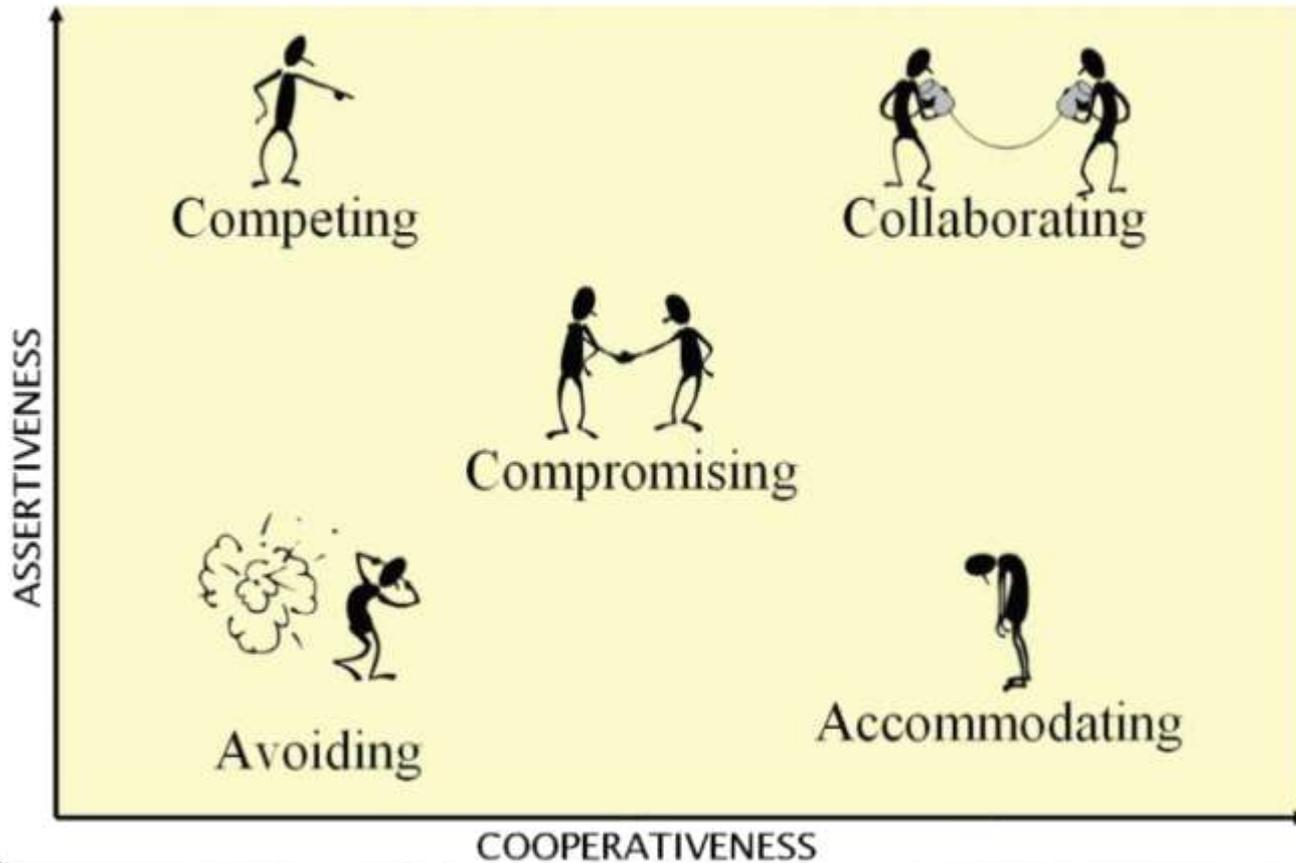
**What to do:** Put out the flame by being neutral.

## The Moral Contortionist

**What to do:** Rather than pointing out the fault directly, revisit (publicly and broadly) the company's vision and core values.



## Dealing With Conflict – Thomas/Kilmann model



# Resolving a Team Crisis

 With planning, the number of crises a team encounters should decline. But you can't plan for everything, so what can you do when a team faces a crisis?

## Analyzing

- What happened?
- What were the direct causes? What were the indirect causes?
- What will happen next? What could happen next?
- Who else needs to know about this?

## Planning

Once data is analyzed, it's time to form a plan.

- identify the problem,
- decide on a solution

## Executing

- As the plan is executed, make sure that:
  - You evaluate if the plan is working.
  - You make sure that the plan stays applicable.
  - You learn from the crisis

# THANKS!

Any questions?

