# Media in Mind 

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# Media $_{\text {s show we think }}$ in broad definition $^{\text {br }}$ Mind 






# psychology 

Mind

Each slide (12 in all) has a question about a word

For each question:

- write the number of the question
- then write Y or N next to it,
depending on whether your answer is Yes or No


## 1 practic

Is the word in upper case? BALL

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1 Y
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## $2_{\text {practice }}$

Does the word rhyme with pencil? blood
1 Y
$2 N$

3 practice

Do you like to ...?
drive
1Y
$2 N$
$3 Y$

## READY

1

Do you like to ...? $\quad$ RUN

| Is the word in upper case? | ink |
| :--- | :--- |

3

Can you ...?

## 4

Does the word rhyme with pencil? head

## 5

Are you ...?
angry

6

| Is the word in lower case? | sea |
| :--- | :--- |

8

Is the word in upper case? LOW

Are you ...?
tall

## 10

| Does the word rhyme with fan? | MAN |
| :--- | :--- |

11

| Is your name ...? | BILL |
| :--- | :--- |

12
Does the word rhyme with hair? CHOOSE


## Media


is embedded in "academic" theory

scientific

... infused in the theory




## Media



## Medium

$X$

## Medium



## Medium

I could do that ...
You only have to walk straight I can walk straight Go on, give us a job Go on give us a go
I could put the nets up as well.

## Good

Episodic = story
FORTUNE


- END

ILL
FORTUNE


Rate the following in terms of $X, Y$, and $V$ on a scale of 1-3

$\square$

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## Plato/Socrates

## Skinner box

X Chemistry - nutrient - affordance
Y I could do that (feeling of...)
V Story devices

## Social Identity Theory

## Feynman diagrams





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## B






## Not teaching Bart

Teaching Meno - headline


Get into Meno's LTM with associations of warm excitement.
And Meno will reconstruct in his own way later
Rigged conversation
Sleight of hand
Driven/held together by Plato's Socrates' WILL TO EXPLAIN

Bart is conjuror's assistant
Theory of cognition entangled in the media and pedagogy.

## Good




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$\square$


Memory models

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Feynman diagrams


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## Memory models

Computer System Block Diagram


## Memory models



## Memory models



Memory

## Memory models



## Memory models



## Memory models



## Memory models

| Automatic | 20 secs aprox |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Capacity: |
|  | $7+/-2$ chunks |
| Duration: | Coding: |
| 3 secs auditory | Visual/auditory |

Duration:

20 secs aprox
Capacity:
7 +/- 2 chunks
Coding:
Visual/auditory

Reflective
Duration: Indefinite

Capacity:
Unknown Coding: Semantic

interference


## User profile




End of a day's works
Non-specialist
Kids
Interested ...in principle
(Later)...alone


## Three types?



## Three types?



## Three types?



## Three types?



## "Tune-in-the-head"



Intermittent work schedule

## "Tune-in-the-head"



## "Tune-in-the-head"

## I'm going to die to Boney M!


growable "Tune-in-the-head"- "ear worm"



### 1.3.1 Eight main topics and the pitstop

[size: S] [activity type: Acquisition][Difficulty: 1]
This image highlights the failures that may have occurred in the Formula 1 pitstop incident and shows the links to each of the topics covered in this course.


- Modules 2-4 and Modules 7-10 Fixing the problem?
- Module 2 What were the errors?
- Module 3 Human-device interface
- Module 4 Cognition, attention and perception
- Module 7 System malfunction
- Module 8 Safety culture / Factors implicated in the pitstop episode
- Module 9 Training
- Module $\mathbf{1 0}$ Human (not) in the loop when a machine makes decisions


## Feynman's ants

Paradigms
wiw rank rives atatatuth
"Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!"
 MILEATIS

Research Question

Can ants 'tell each other where food is, like bees can.
Do they have a sense of geometry?' (Feynman \&
Leighton, 1985).



Island
Paradise


Terminal B



Challenger
Science to critical practice Disaster


Science to critical practice


## Why is he doing this? What does he want us to think?

- natural curiosity
- enquiry takes on a life of its own;
- the thrill of the scientific chase; laws to be discovered.
- amateur enthusiast dabbling in biology AND physicist impatient with non-physical explanations.

Science to critical practice



## Feynman - prisoner of his time!

Joined up thinking but wrong
Outsmarted by ants!

Ecological or social !!!!!!

Atomic bomb in 1945 effectiveness of the methods of physics.

Skinner box - isolate individual ants and to control the conditions as tightly as
Social factors ?

Science to critical practice


F doesn't do all these things

He is not all these thing
F is the tune-in-the-head that carries these things

| "RADICAL <br> HUMANIST" <br> Liberating | "RADICAL <br> STRUCTURALIST" <br> Exposing |
| :--- | :--- |

## Hypothesis testing

## Inductive and deductive reasoning <br> Statistical tests



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# List all the words in red that you can remember 

Any order

run
tall
sing
Bill

## self

Psychology of the tune in the head


# List all the words in red that you can remember 

Any order

run
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Bill

## se $e^{\text {tr }}$




You are a super-secret agent in a virtual world

Task
Retrieve a stolen formula from the BadGuys' safe

The safe has a voice-activated combination lock

It's located in the core of a gravity-free sphere of white light at the heart of the BadGuys' secret complex

All your physical devices were lost;
phone, pen, watch, everything.


Your partner has gone to find the code for the combination lock
while you climb into the ventilation shaft
into the White Sphere.

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## Half-remembered

(tune-in-the-head)
$s$


Lawson, R. (2006). The science of cycology: Failures to understand how everyday objects work. Memory \& cognition, 34(8), 1667-1675.





## Yet－We Can＇t Retain Mechanism

－For artifacts，biological systems，and non－ living natural systems．．．the same story
－Even when there is mastery，it decays rapidly
－Mechanistic details seem to decay more rapidly than our immediate intuitions suggest

citris and sycle.


KREBS CYCK




## White sphere

## Memory

## $X-Y-V$ activity

Feynman's Ants

## Joining the dots



## Joining the dots



White sphere
$\square$ Memory
$\square X-Y-V$ activity
$\square$ Feynman's Ants



Tell me about fish

## Media in Mind Tune-in-the-head



## Media in Mind Tune-in-the-head

User driven
Built-in interactivity
Encourages, in user, creative responses to the material

Encourages, $M / A$, careful thought about what counts as "material" or "content"

Information is a small component.

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## "Tune-in-the-head"



