Lecture Overheads

Communication Strategically

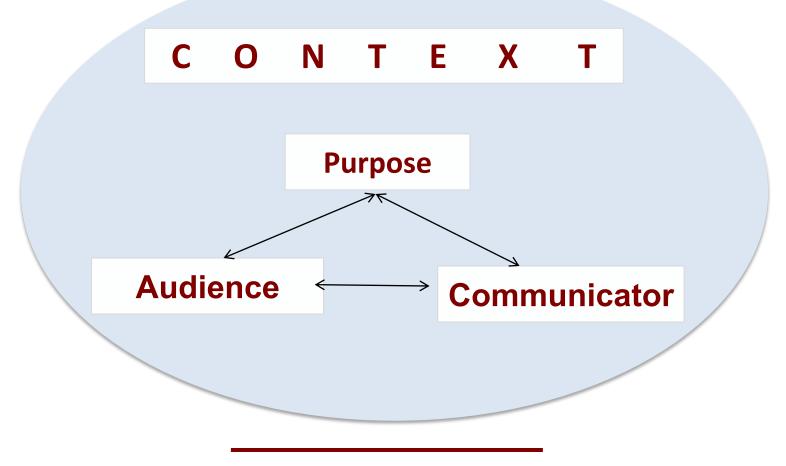
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Strategic communication =

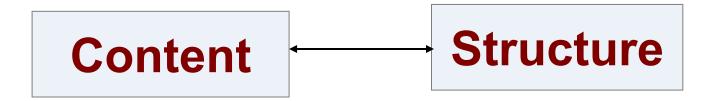
Thinking purposefully about your message, which will allow you to

Interact effectively with others Achieve your goals

A communication strategy requires analyzing certain variables . . .



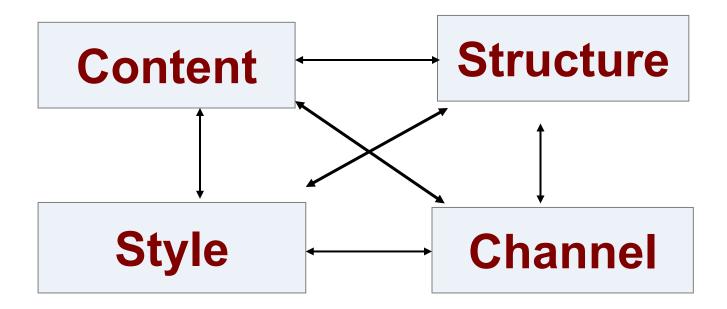
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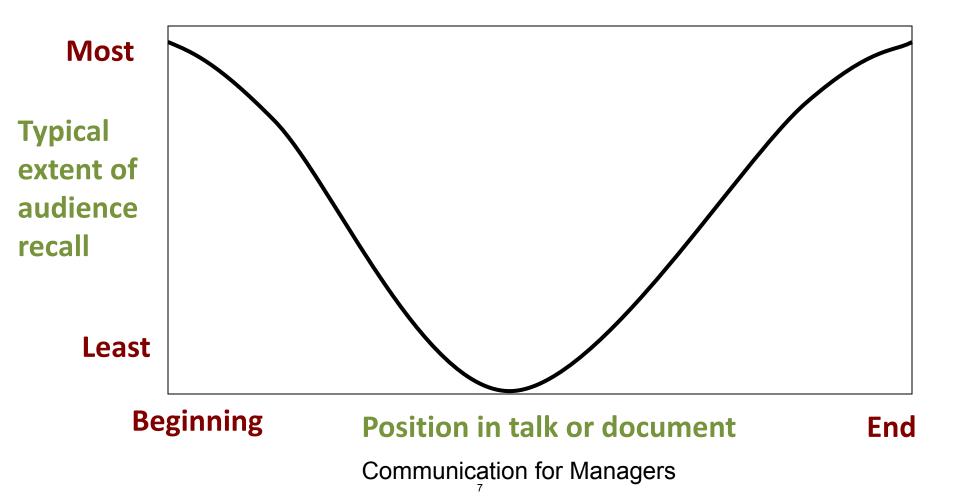
Structure can be relatively direct or indirect

	Direct	Indirect
Informative	Main points followed by subsidiary points	Subsidiary points preceding main point
Persuasive	Recommendation backed by arguments	Arguments leading to recommendation

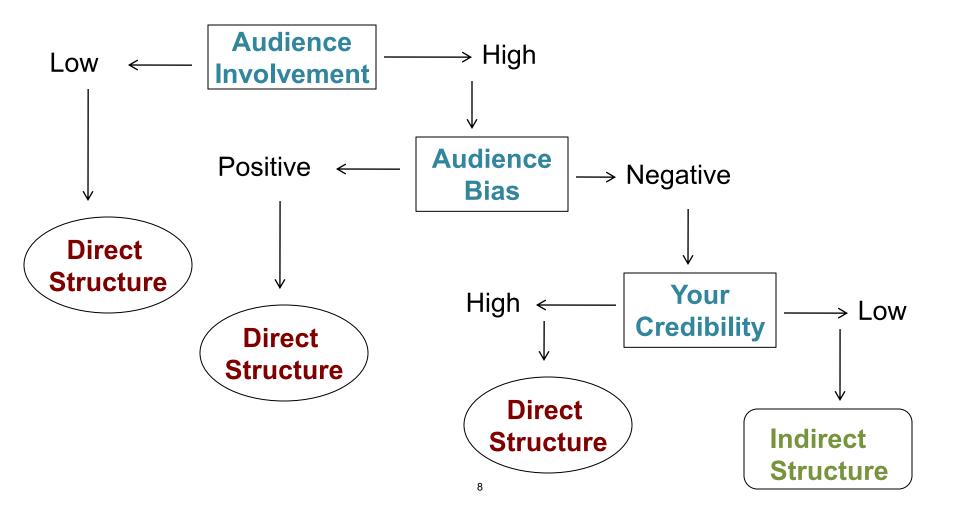
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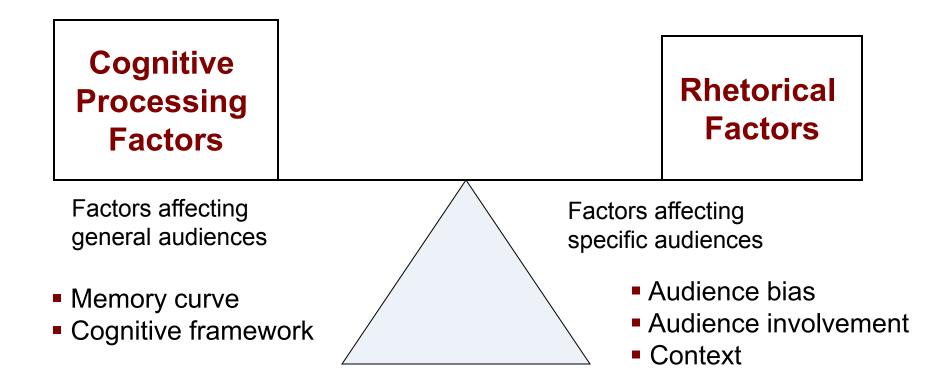
Think about cognitive processing constraints when deciding on structure



The rhetorical situation can also affect structure



To decide on a structure, you need to balance factors



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