Sharing experience: One learning pattern at a time
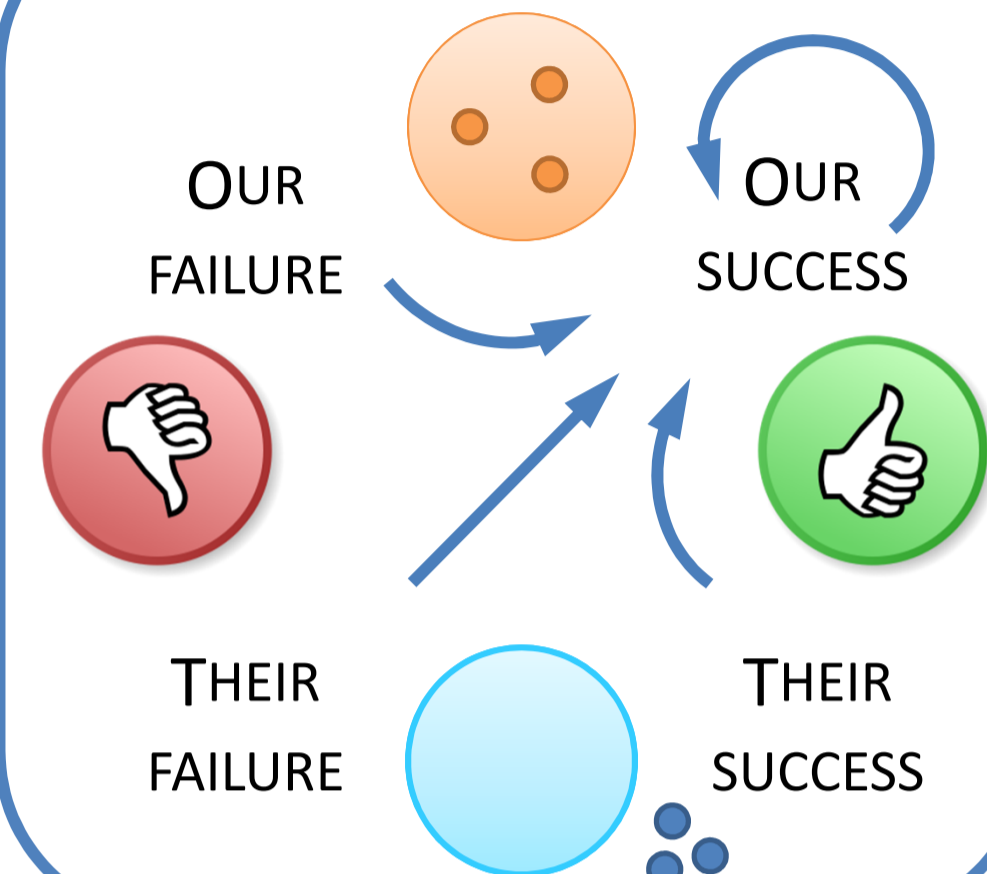
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When is your experience worth sharing?

- When you are the first / only one to do something (e.g. you invented / coded / performed ... it)
- When you have done something many times and under various conditions, and know the difference
- When you have performed better than the others, and know the reasons why ☺
- When you have failed epically, but understood the reasons why ☺

What we learn from?

OUR FAILURE → OUR SUCCESS

THEIR FAILURE   THEIR SUCCESS

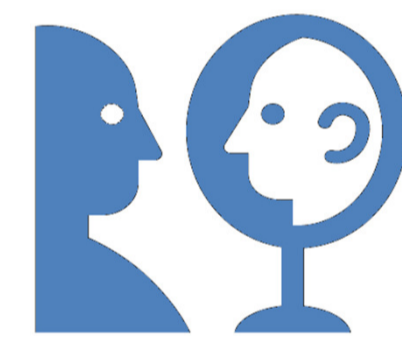### How to share experience in learning patterns?

- Try walking again in newbie's shoes. Learn from it.
- Don't take for granted that others know what is obvious to you.
- Specify who is the target user of your learning pattern. And why.
- Find the right balance between being *Unique* and being *Similar*.
- Find the right balance between too *Abstract* and too *Concrete*.
- Divide your experience in larger or smaller, but "chewable" bites.
- Give examples, things to consider, ideas for adapting the LP.

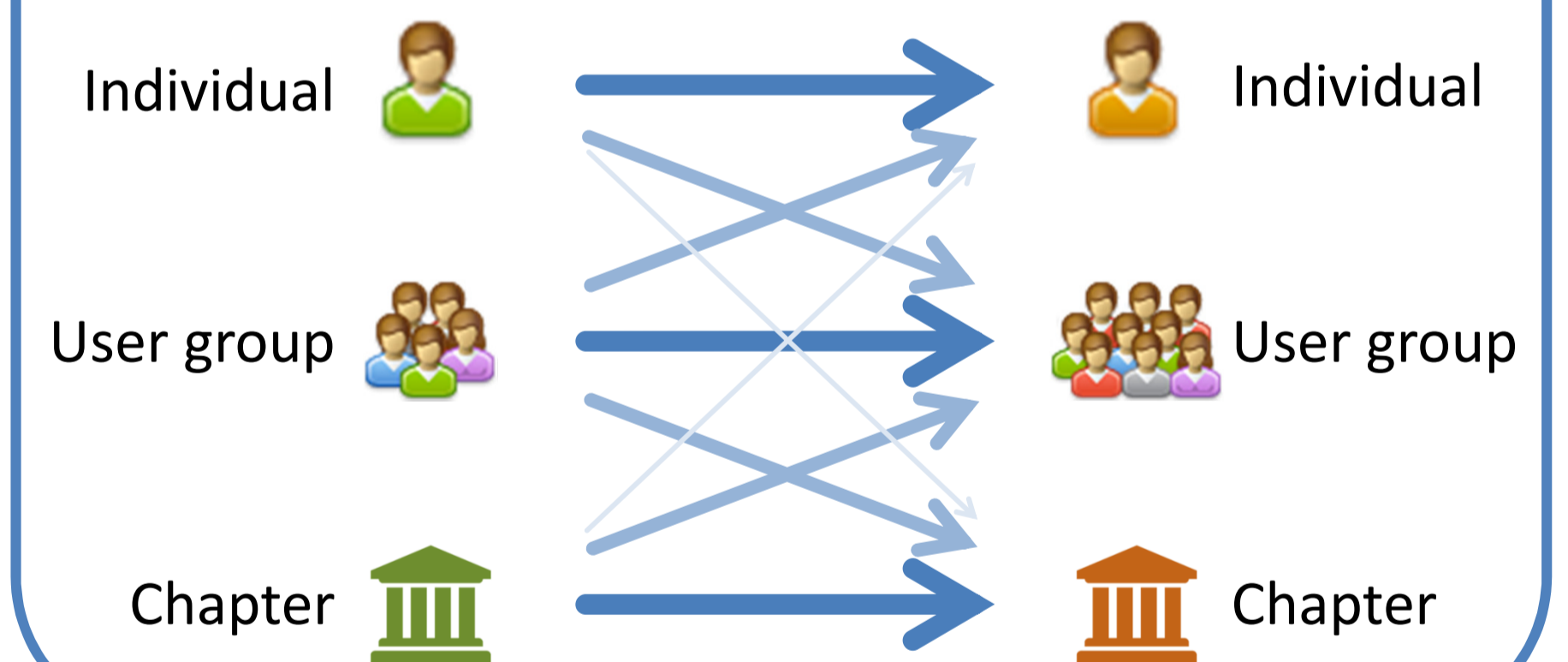### What makes you unique and outstanding?

A novel idea

A new approach to implementing an existing idea

Exclusive access to resources or settings

Specific profile of the people involved

Something else?

What makes you similar to others?

Size / dynamics of wiki community

Problems with content / users (copyvio, machine translation, tests)

Engagement with GLAM / Education

Engagement with media and audiences

Cultural settings (e.g. attitudes to volunteering)

Legal status (chapter / informal user group / none)

Whom you share experience with?

Individual → Individual

User group → User group

Chapter → Chapter

How can experience, shared in a learning pattern, be adapted in order to help others?

Implement in another wiki project

Mind the project-specific rules (e.g. no fair use in some versions of Wikipedia, or in Wikisource). Mind the local wiki community's size and internal dynamics.

Increase the scale of the project

For example: 20 ➤ 60 people. Can be very tempting, but may open a lot of new, unexpected issues. Worth considering: venue capacity, wifi bandwidth, time for processing, queues, parking.

Implement in another language

This may require preliminary preparation for translation and localization of project pages and interface messages. Again, mind the local wiki community's size and internal dynamics.

Modify the goal or the scope

Not always possible ☺ Experience from a GLAM project with an Archaeological Museum may not be directly transferrable to a project with a Museum of Modern Arts (due to copyrights).

Change the time or duration

For example, some countries organize the Wiki Loves Earth contest in different months. A wiki education project can be rescheduled for the summer, not in the school year, etc.

Modify only the budget

Not always possible ☺ Experience gathered from a funded project may not always be directly utilised in a project without a budget. True the other way round, too.