

# Constructing a Culture:

## A Framework to Incubate E-Learning at McMaster's Health Sciences Library

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# Rationale

## Planning vs Reacting

- Duplication of content

## Long-term Maintenance

- Typically taken on by co-op students

**eLearning requires planning and maintenance**



# Rationale

“Do we need an eLearning team? What would it look like?”

“How could the library choose technologies?”

“How can we have greater consistency between eLearning objects?”

“Who will be creating them?”

“How do we prioritize projects?”



# Overcoming Challenges

## Wide Open Expectations

- With great power comes great responsibility
- Define first...
- ... then build and deliver

*“Framework for  
eLearning  
at McMaster’s  
Health Sciences  
Library”*

# Overcoming Challenges

## Learning While Creating

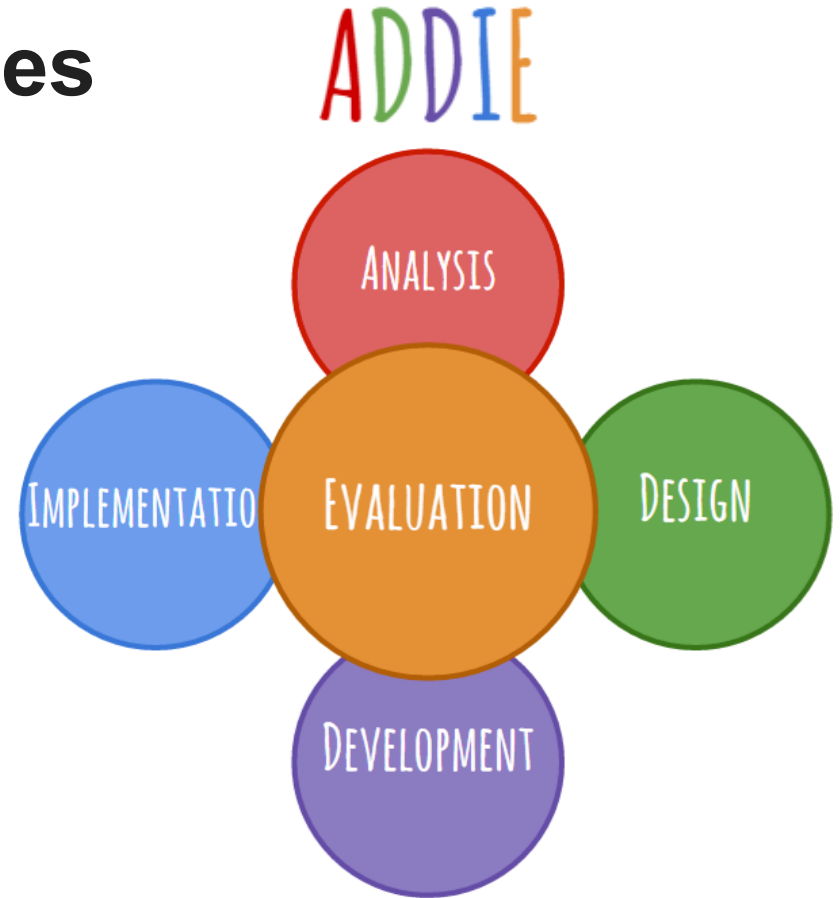
- Changed directions
- High-level approach
- Iterative process



# Overcoming Challenges

## Striking A Balance

- Between strategic and practical
- Identified scope & considered sustainability
- eLearning Best Practices



# The eLearning Team

## Team Responsibilities:

- Support
- Development
- Evaluation



# Establishing the Team

## Terms of Reference

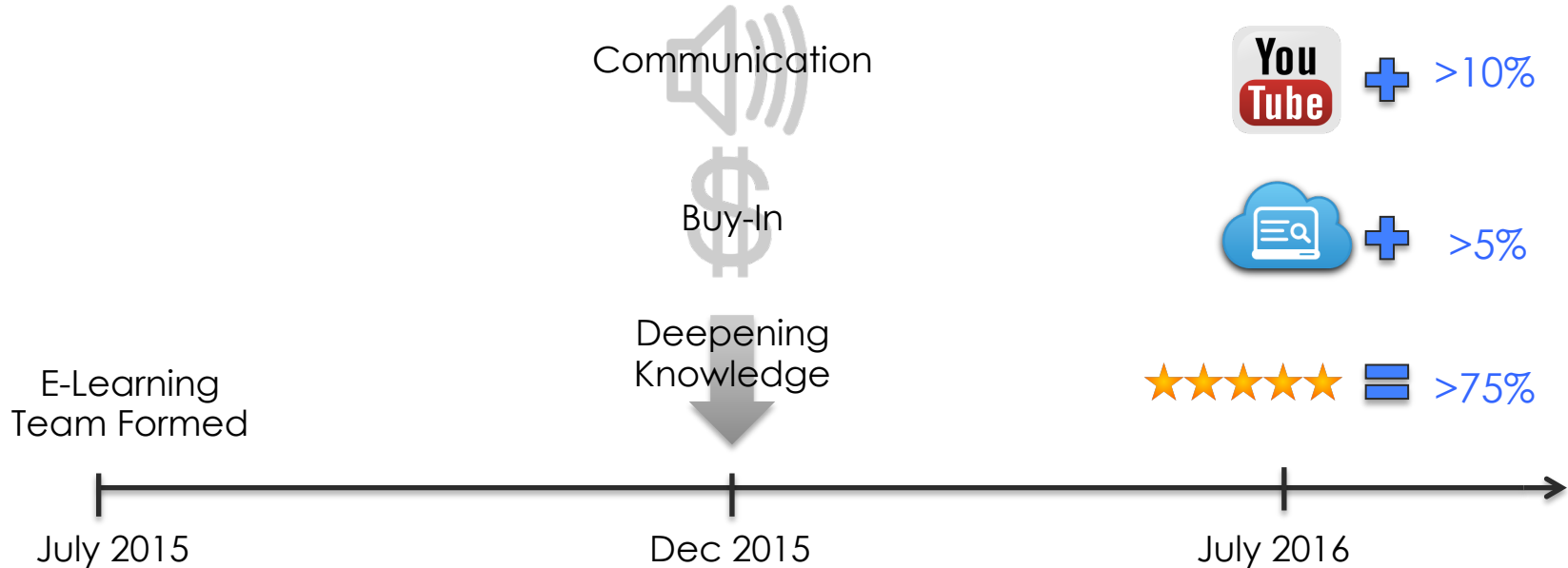
- Membership
- Authority
- Accountability





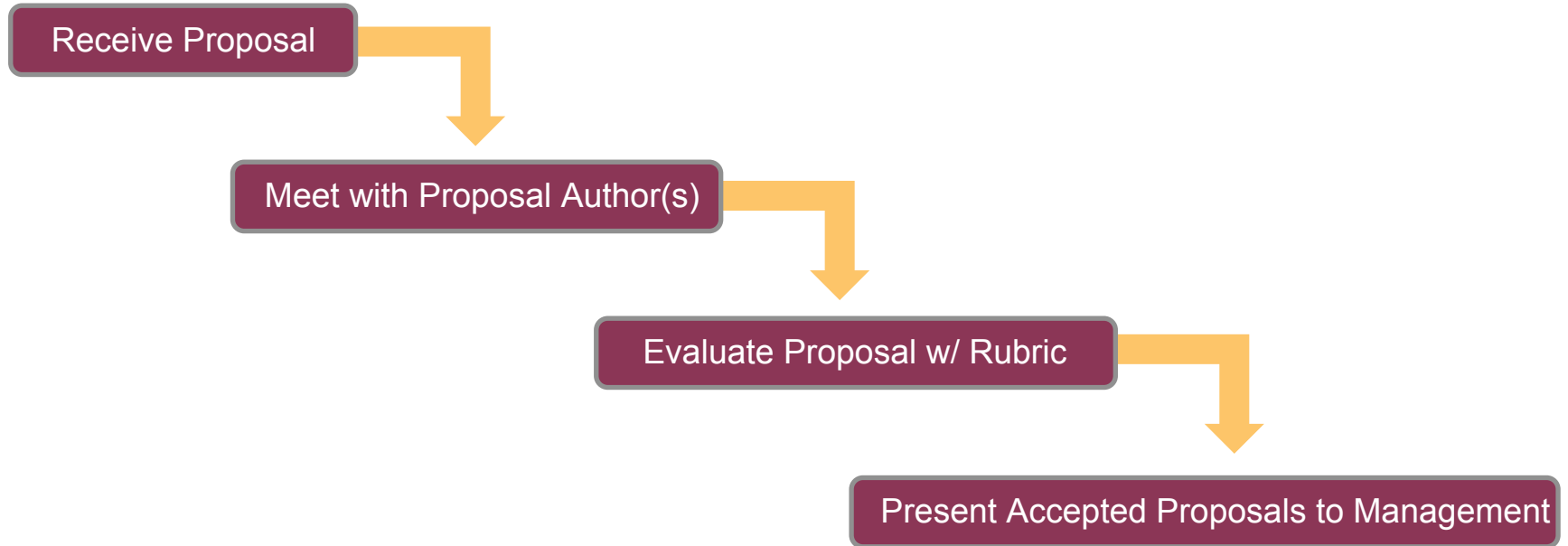
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## Setting Goals



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## The Proposal Process



# Challenges

## Fostering Confidence in the E-Learning Environment

- E-Learning Hub
- Proposal Form Revisions
- Continuing Education Workshops



# Success Stories

## Our Week of E-Learning

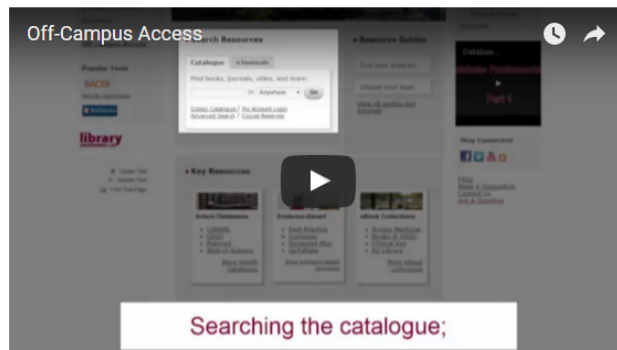
**Monday** – Received project proposal

**Wednesday** – Met with proposal author, formulated a plan, approved project

**Thursday** – Writing for the Web CE Session

**Friday** – Completed project posted to library website

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### Questions?

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# Next Steps

We're Just Getting Started!

- Beyond the Basics of Evaluation
- Curriculum Integration
- Strengthen Collaborations



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**Questions?**