

OODA LOOP WORKSHEET

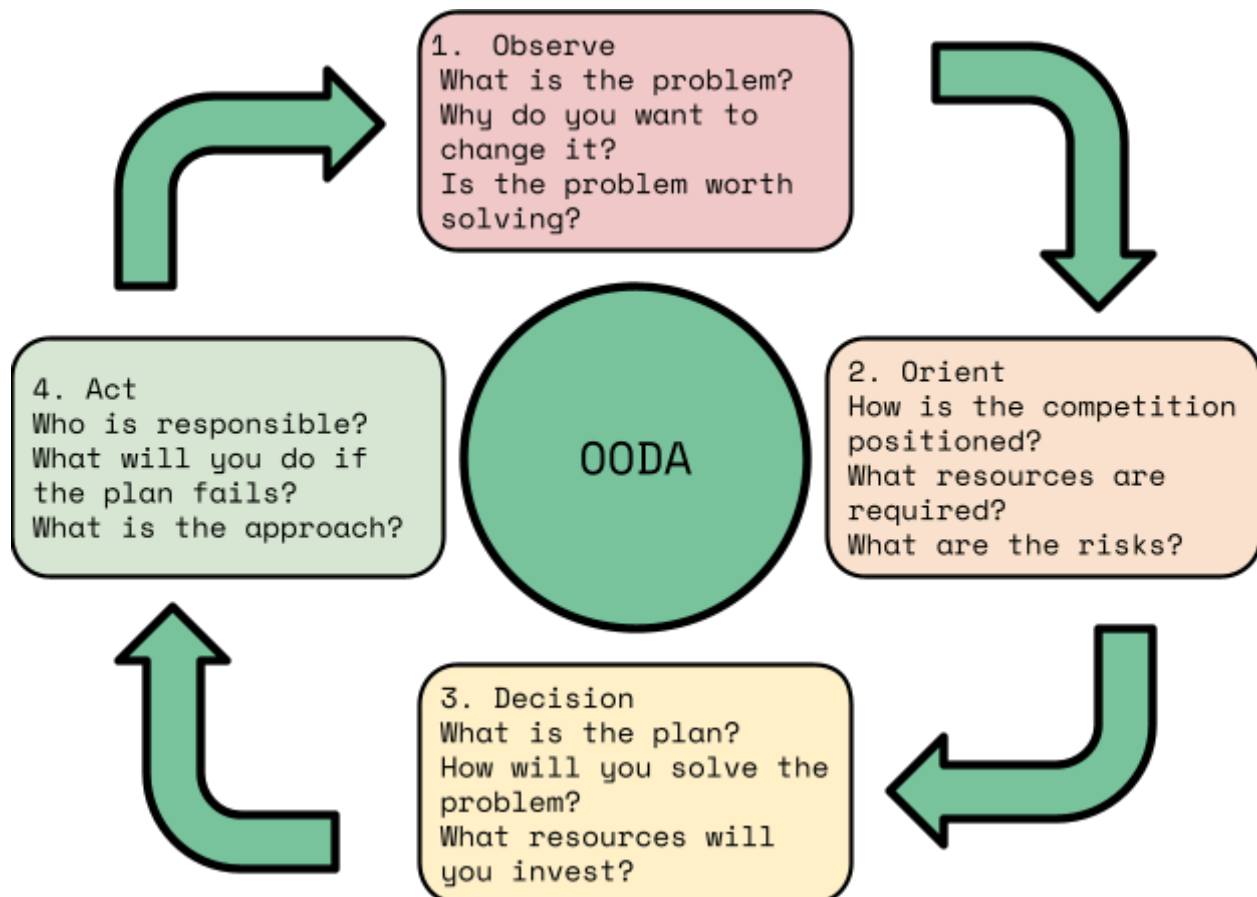
Purpose: Make quick, iterative decisions.

1. What's happening? (Observe)
2. What does it mean? (Orient)
3. What will you do? (Decide)
4. Take action & adjust. (Act)
5. Do it again. (Loop)

1. Observation:

2. Orientation:

3. Decision:



HOW TO USE (PRO TIPS)

Rapid Cycle Execution:

- Break down complex decisions into cycles of observation, orientation, decision, and action.
- Use a loop diagram in a worksheet to map out each stage and the time allocated to it.

Continuous Learning:

- After each cycle, set aside time for reflection—what worked, what didn't, and why.
- Update your situational awareness continuously as conditions change.

Scenario Simulation:

- Regularly simulate scenarios where you must quickly cycle through the OODA loop.
- Incorporate real-time data and feedback to improve your “orient” stage, which is critical in adapting to new information.

Integration with Other Tools:

- Combine OODA loops with decision trees or SWOT analyses to create a robust framework for rapid, yet informed, action.
 - Document lessons learned from each cycle to refine your process over time.
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QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON

Cycle Optimization:

- What are the key indicators you use in the “Observe” phase to capture the true state of your environment—financial trends, customer feedback, or operational data?
- How can you refine your “Orient” process to quickly reinterpret evolving information in light of changing circumstances?

Rapid Decision-Making:

- How do you determine the optimal moment to transition from “Decide” to “Act” in scenarios ranging from emergency response to strategic business pivots?
- What potential biases might slow your cycle, and how can you structure your loop to mitigate these delays?

Feedback and Learning:

- After acting, what systematic methods do you use to capture feedback, and how does this new information feed back into your next OODA cycle?
 - Reflect on a past decision cycle: what would you do differently if you could speed up or adjust one phase of the loop?
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