

# SOLE Model

Student Owned Learning Engagement Model

“More interesting than thinking about what’s possible in 10 years, is thinking what’s possible now but that no-one has built.”

(Clay Shirky, Observer Magazine, p12, 15 Feb 09) (cited from LDSE)

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# Foundations

- **Biggs: Constructive Alignment**

- Biggs, J. B. and Tang, C. (2007, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition) *Teaching for Quality Learning at University*, Maidenhead, UK: Open University Press/McGraw Hill, 2007.

- **Laurillard: Conversational Framework**

- Laurillard, D. (2002). *Rethinking University Teaching: A Conversational Framework for the Effective Use of Learning Technologies* (2nd ed.). London: Routledge Falmer.

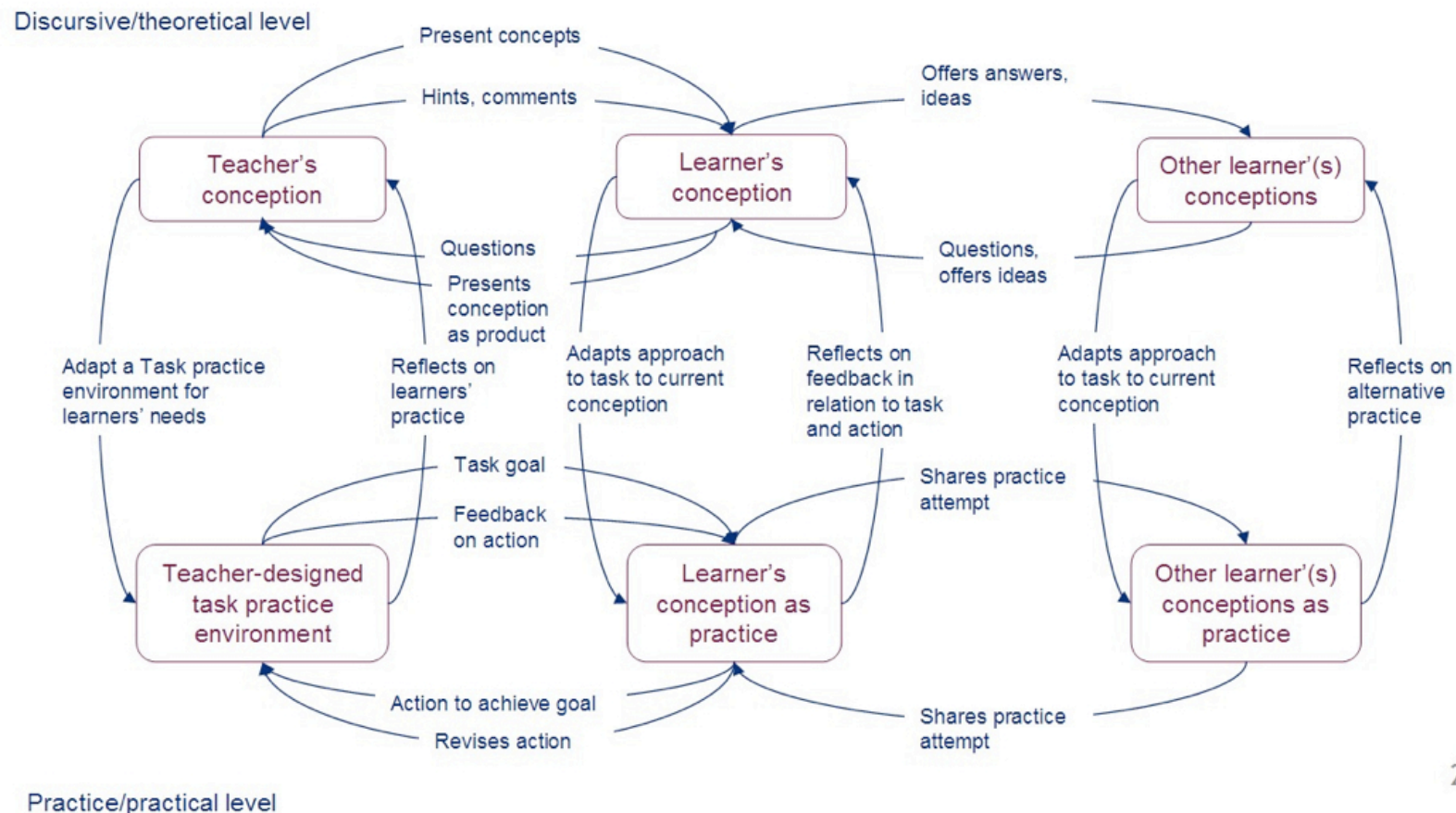
- **Conole: Learning Design Toolkits**

- Gráinne Conole and Karen Fill (2005). A learning design toolkit to create pedagogically effective learning activities. *Journal of Interactive Media in Education* (Advances in Learning Design. Special Issue, eds. Colin Tattersall, Rob Koper), 2005/08. ISSN:1365-893X (PDF/HTML open access)

# Laurillard: Conversational Framework

## The Conversational Framework - the learner's experience of the teaching

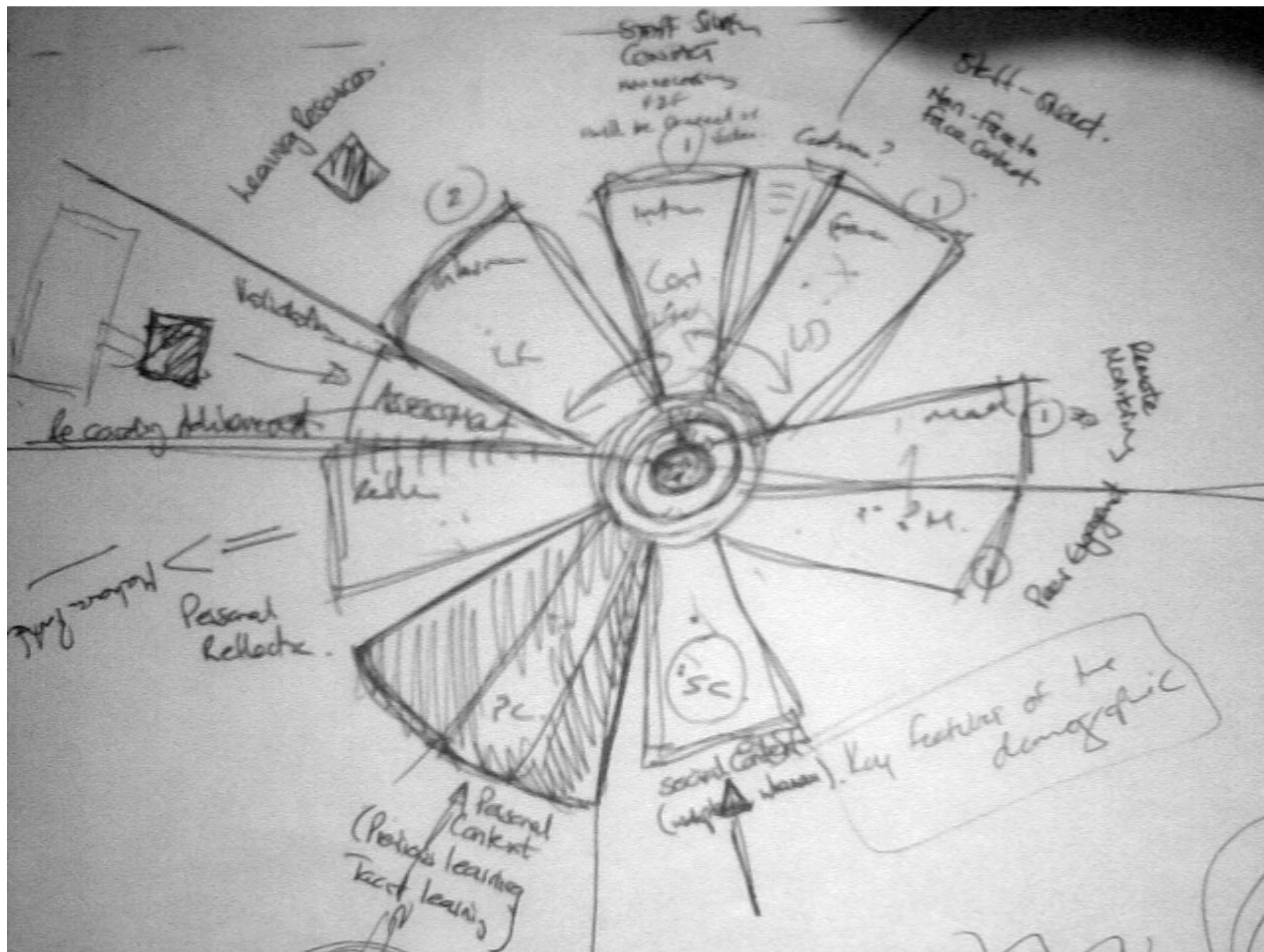
This diagram represents a learning activity that covers the full Conversational Framework through a combination of Teaching Methods, such as lecture/book/web resource + tutorial/discussion environment + fieldwork/lab/simulation + collaboration environment



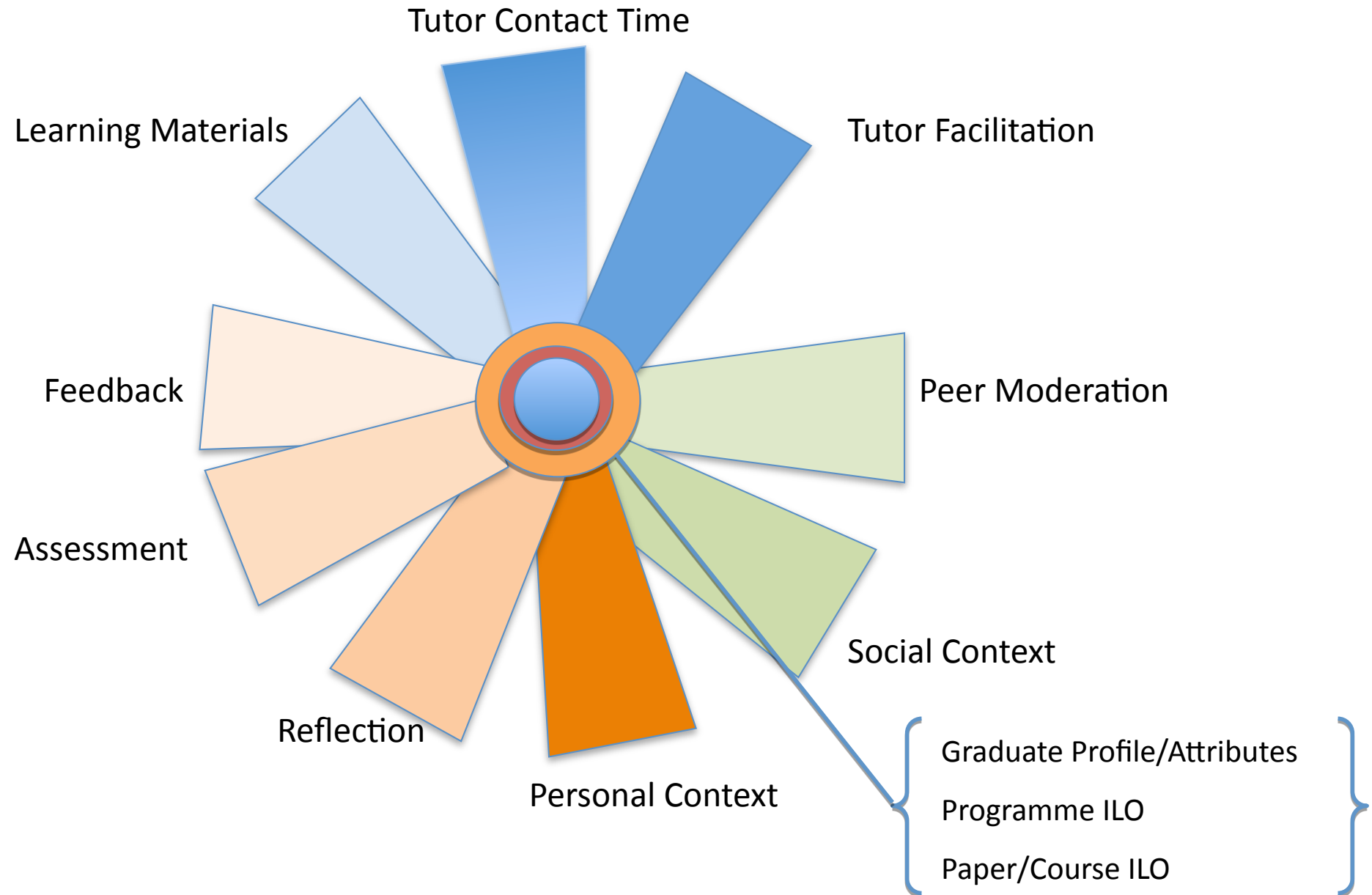
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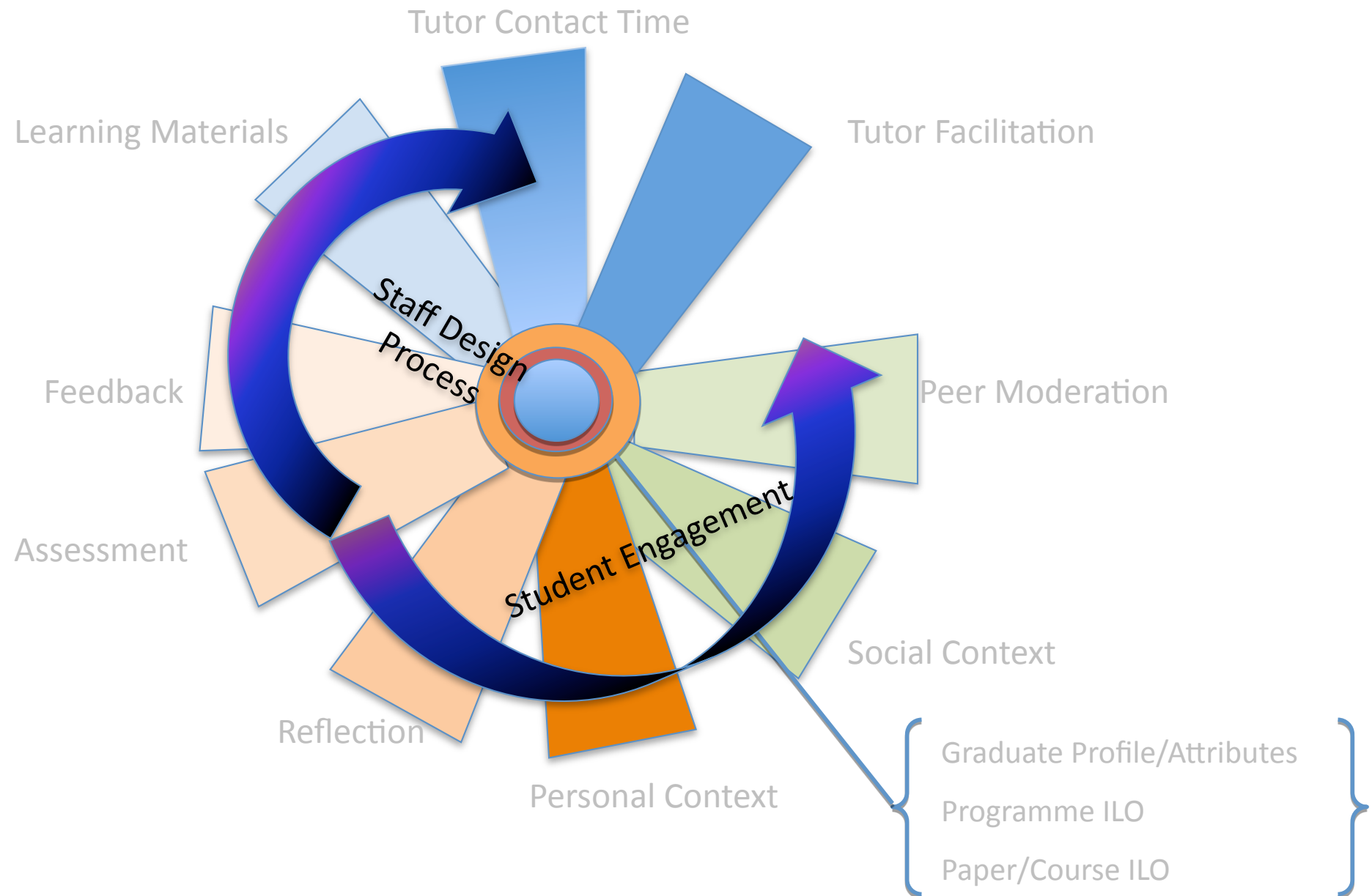
- Embody pedagogical theory
- Embed pedagogical guidance
- Capture 'conversational' and 'engagement' patterns
- Practical, accessible, means of staff sharing
- Transparency: make students OWN learning



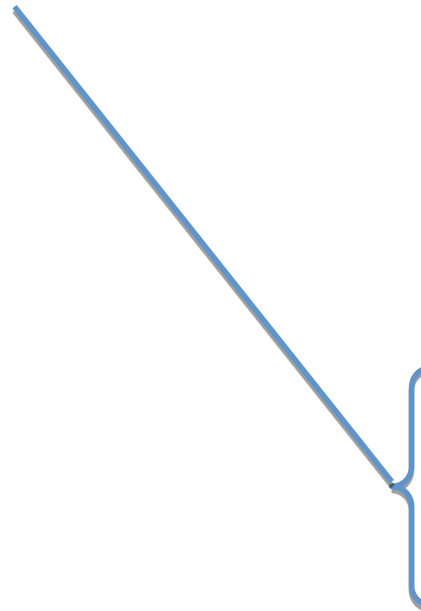
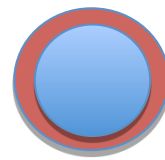
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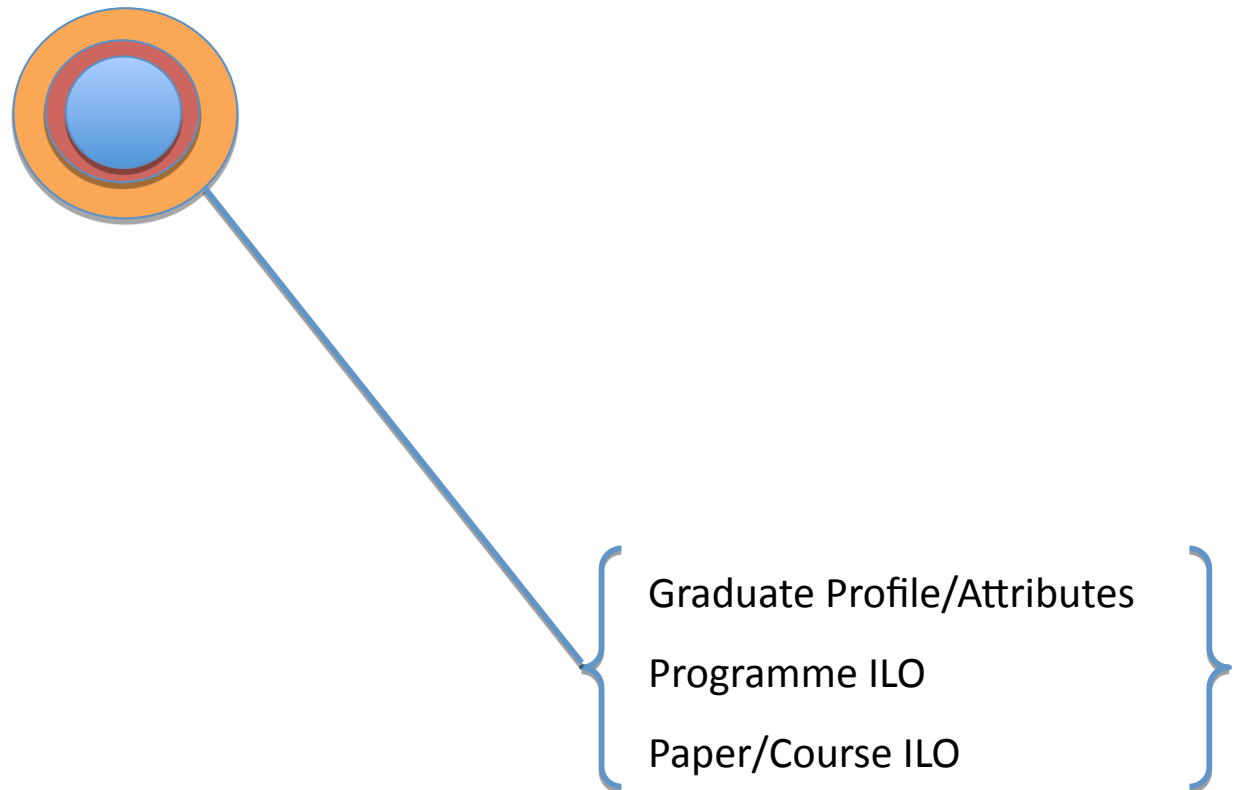


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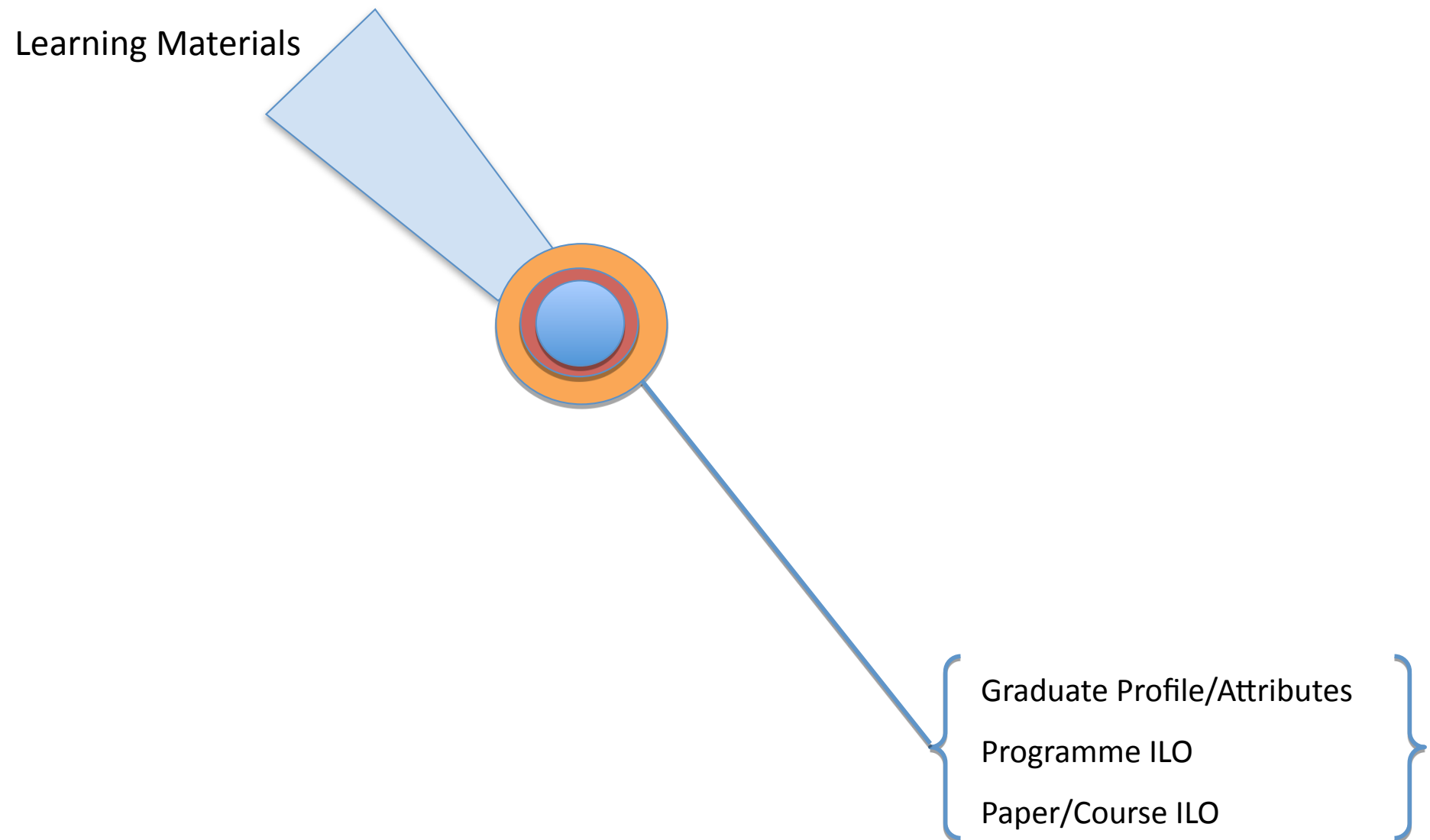
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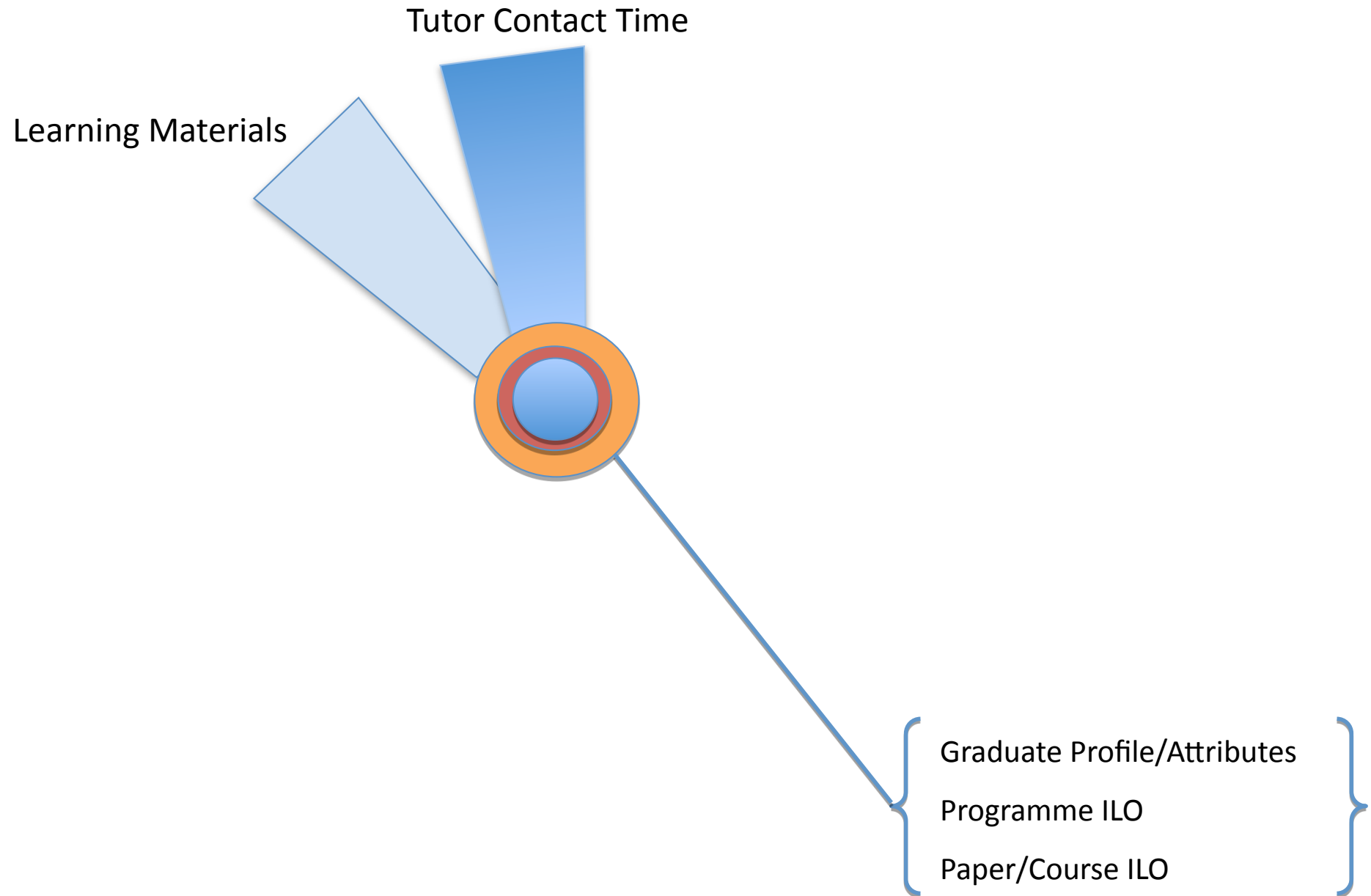
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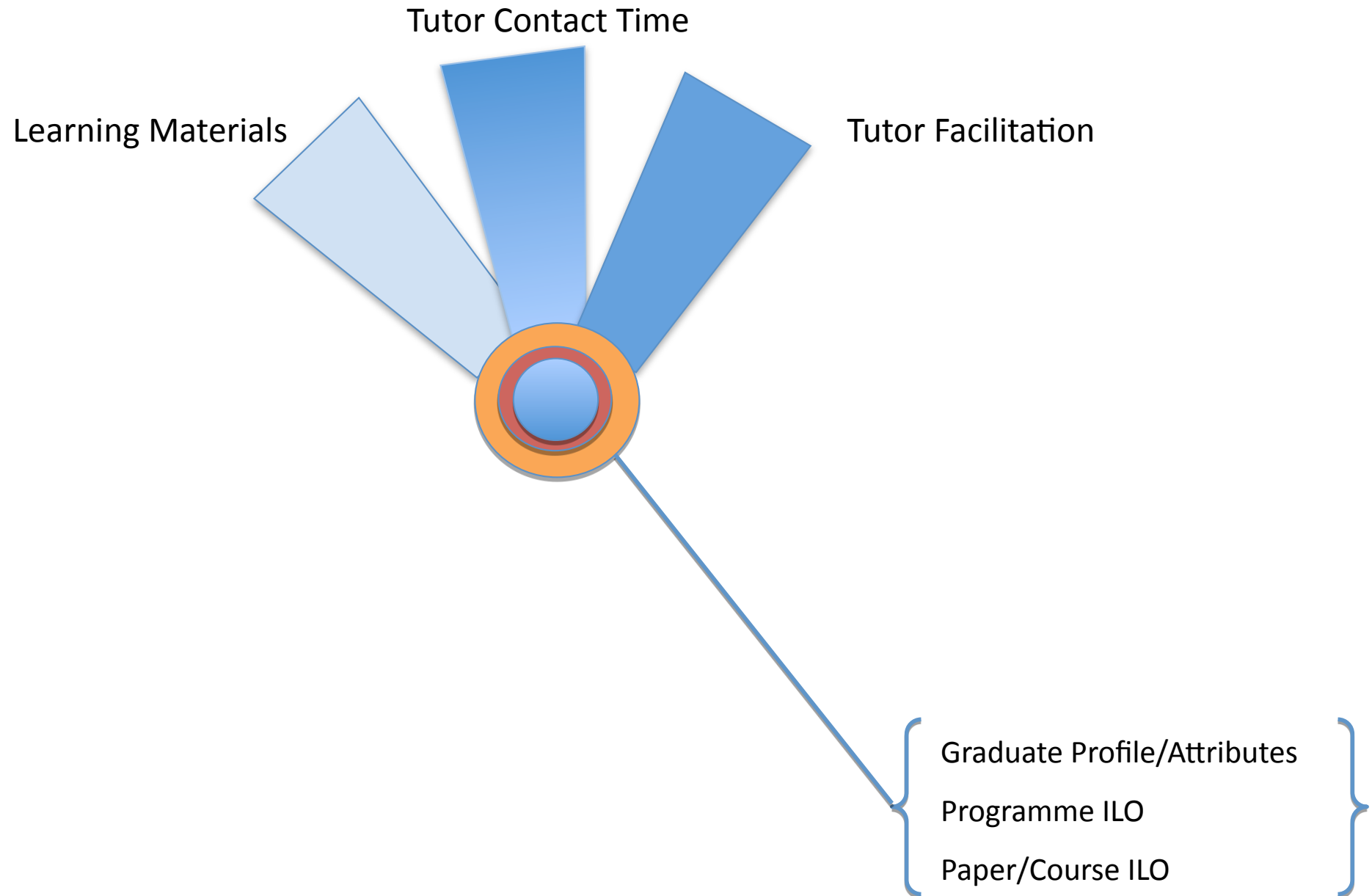
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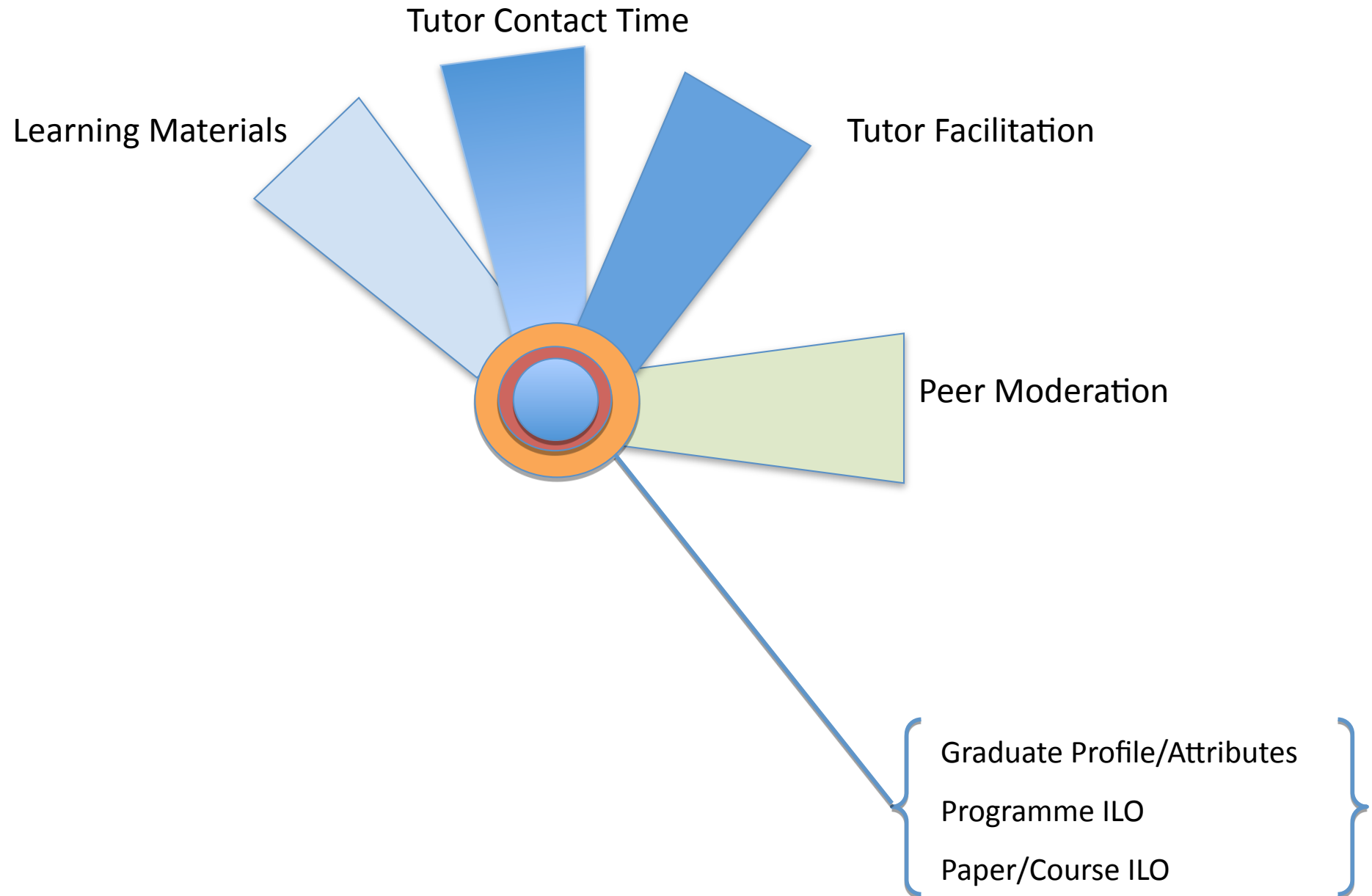
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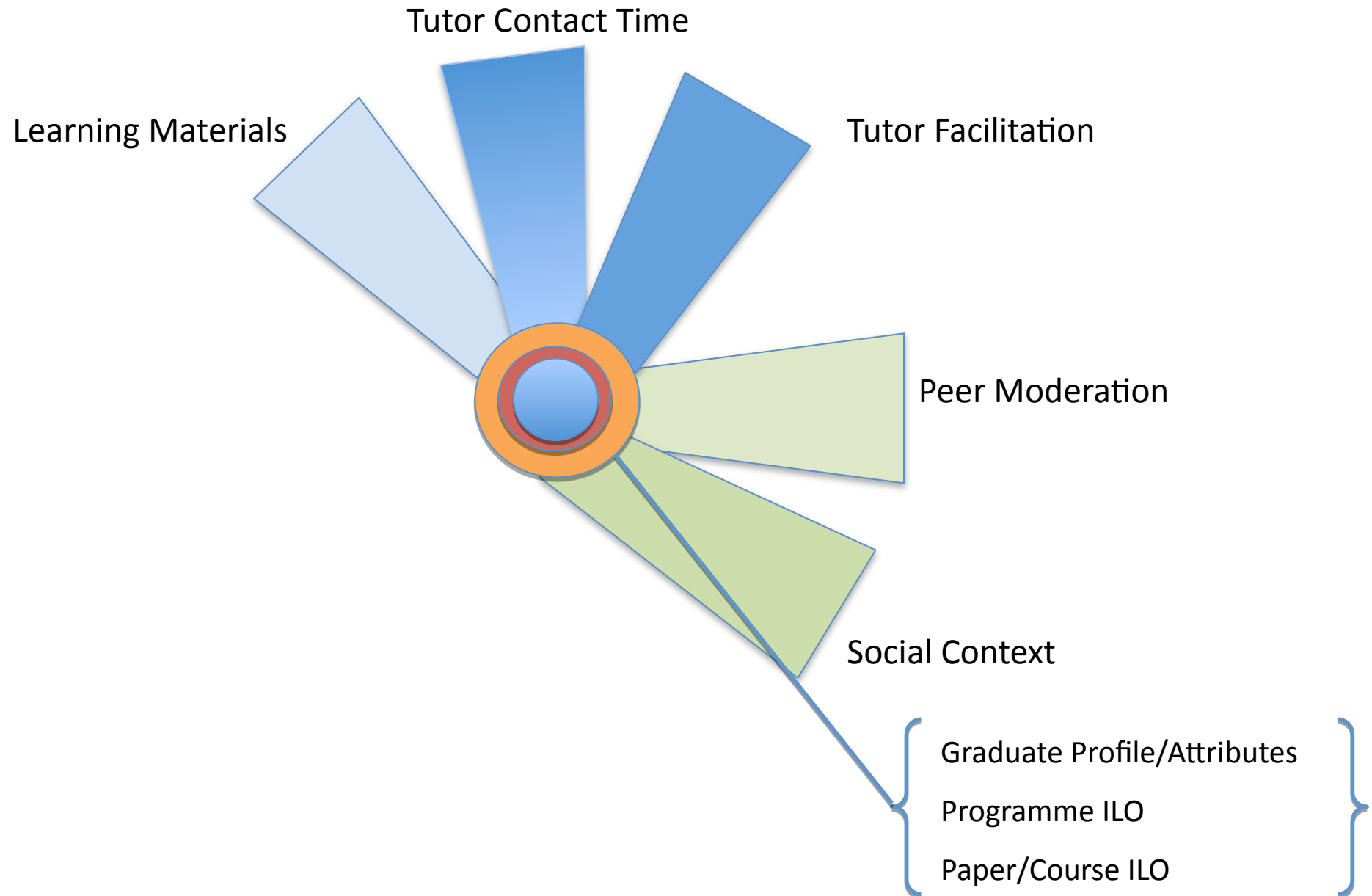
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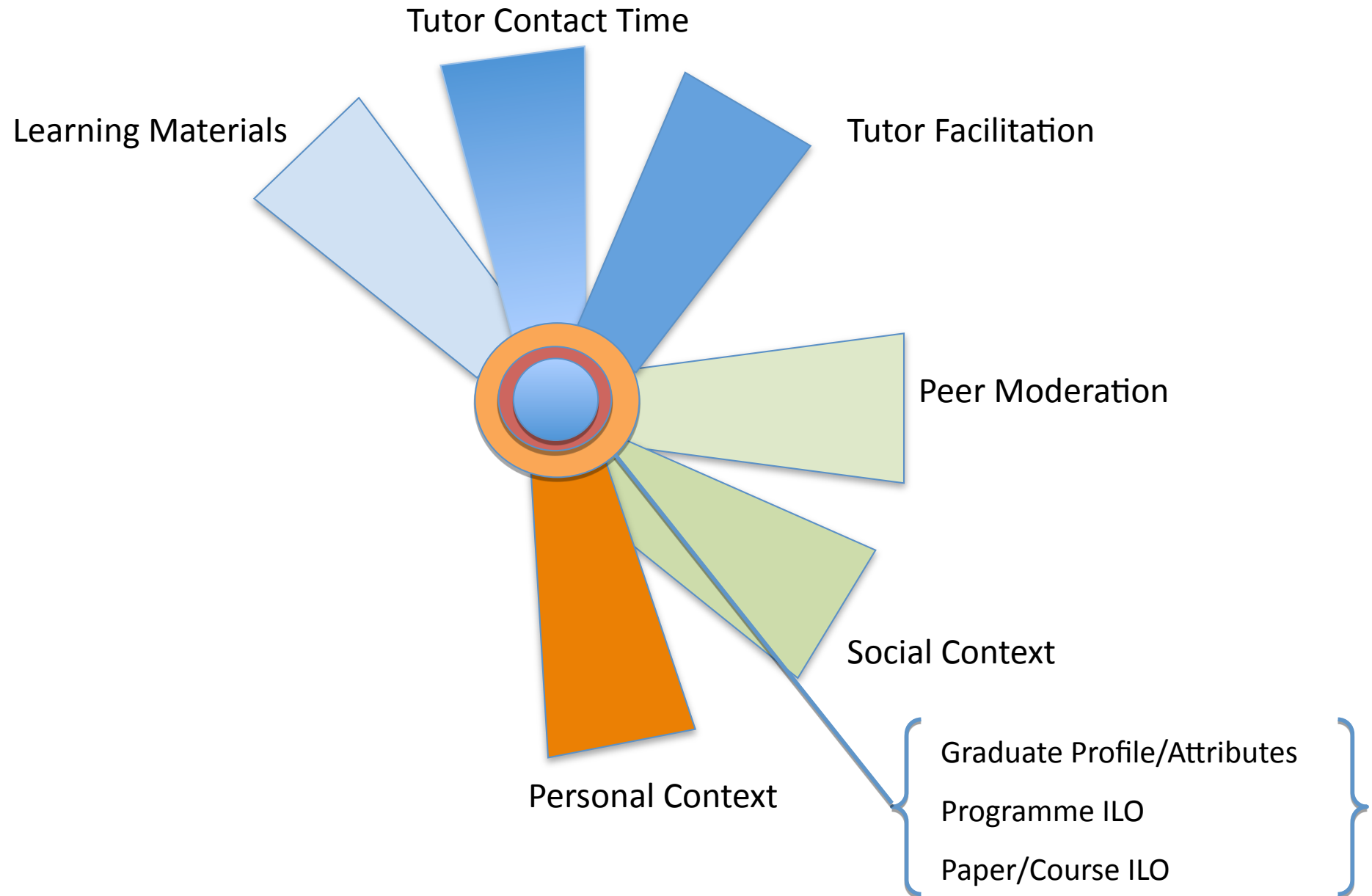
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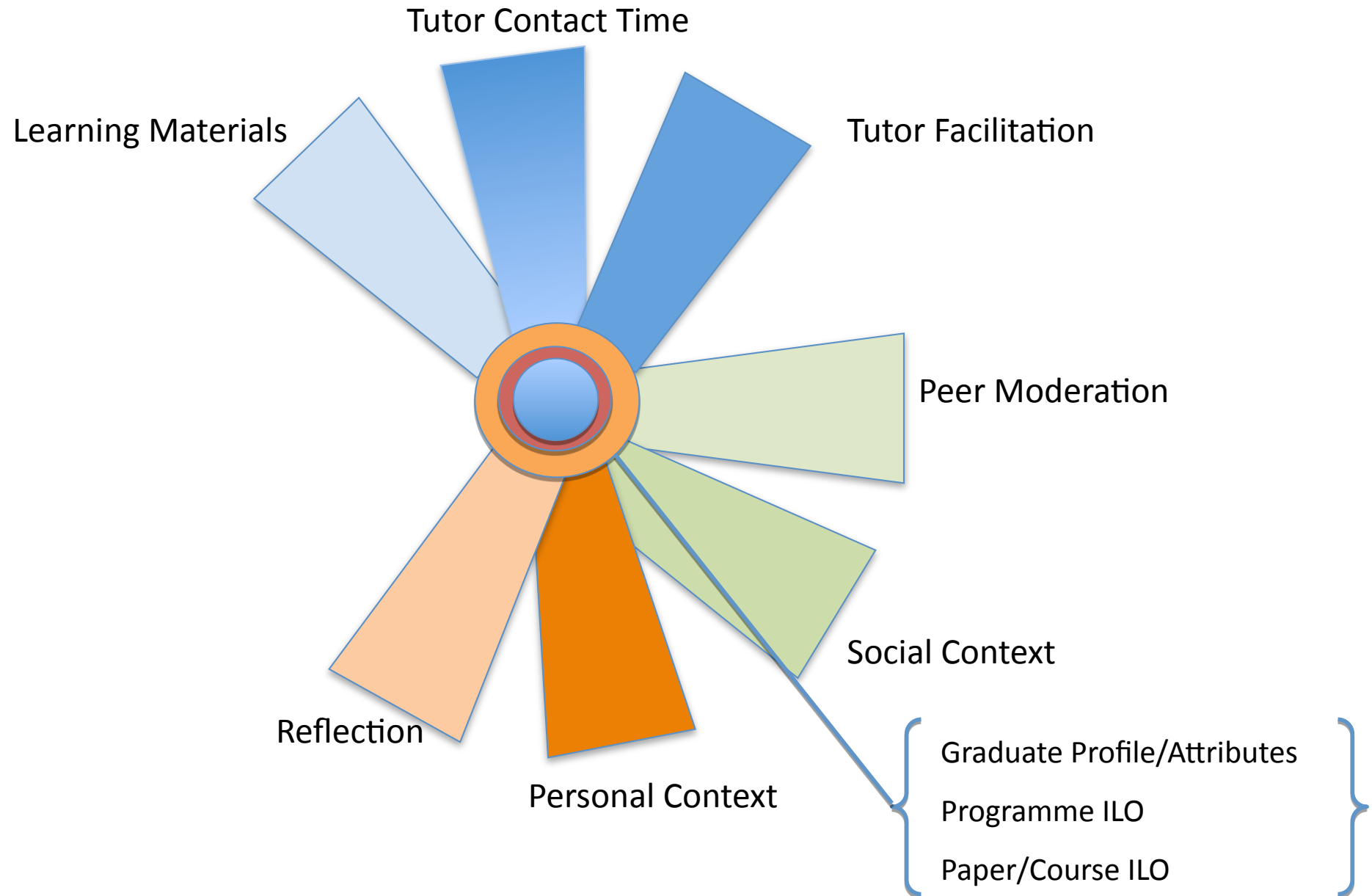
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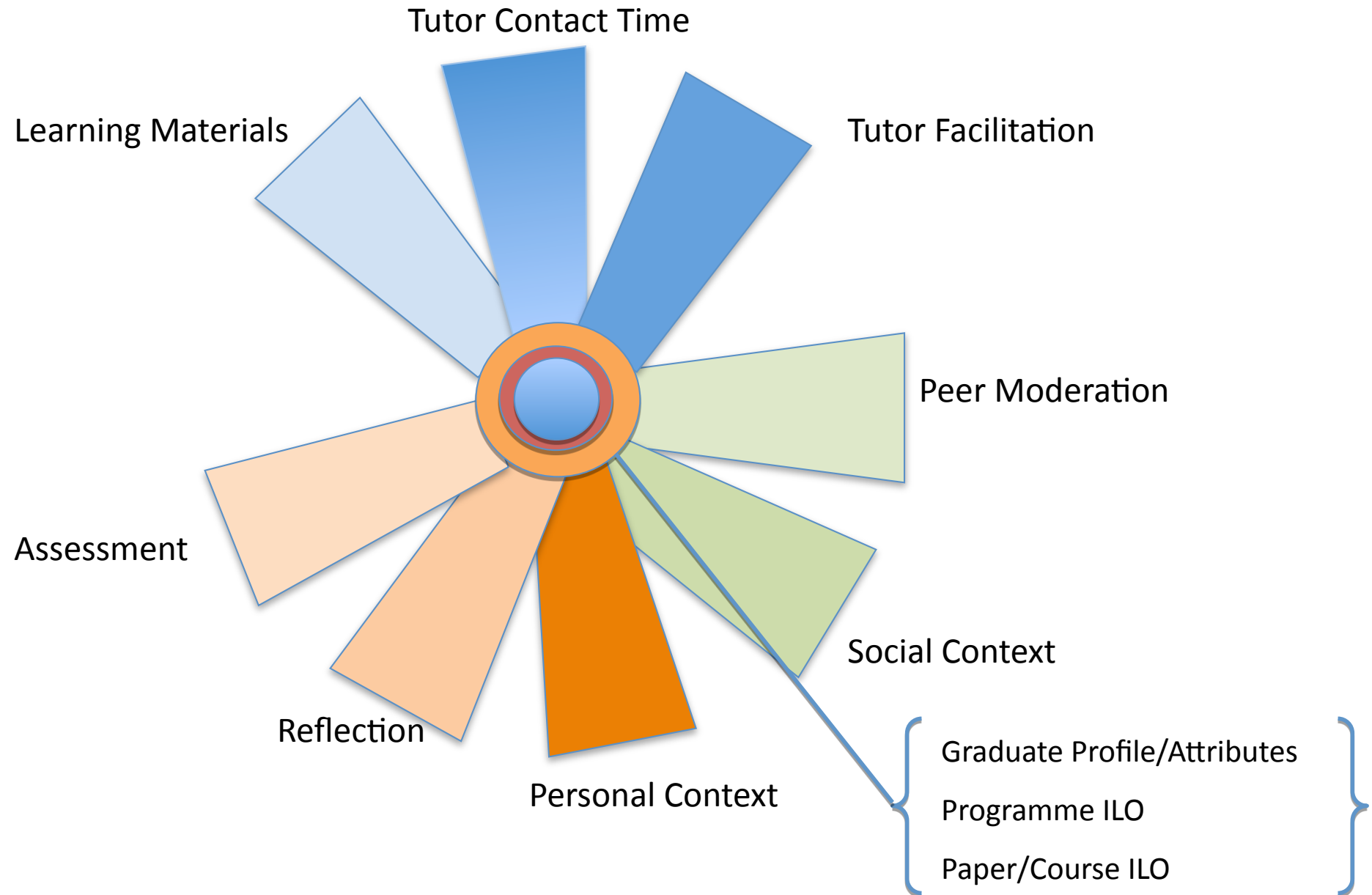


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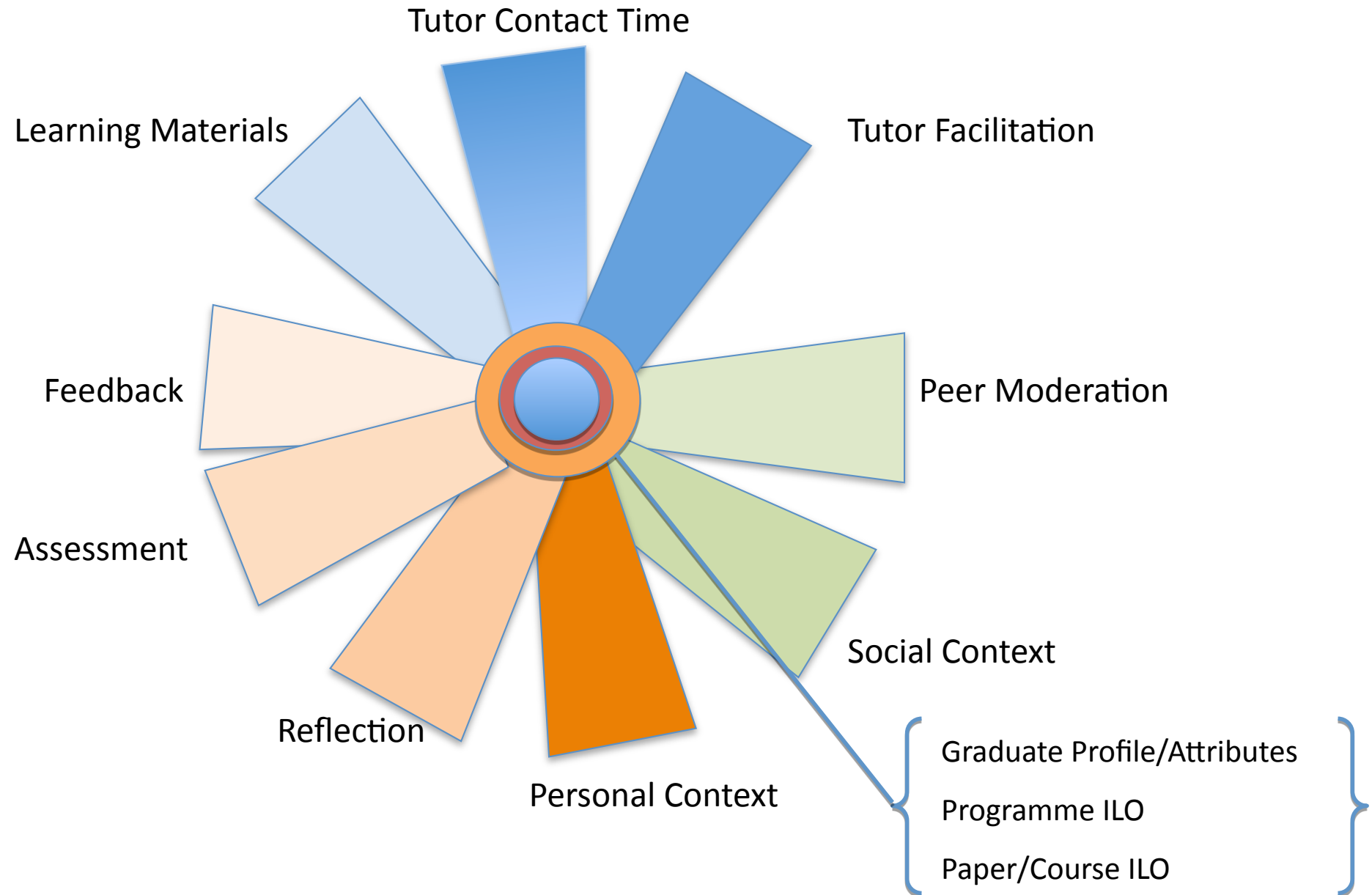




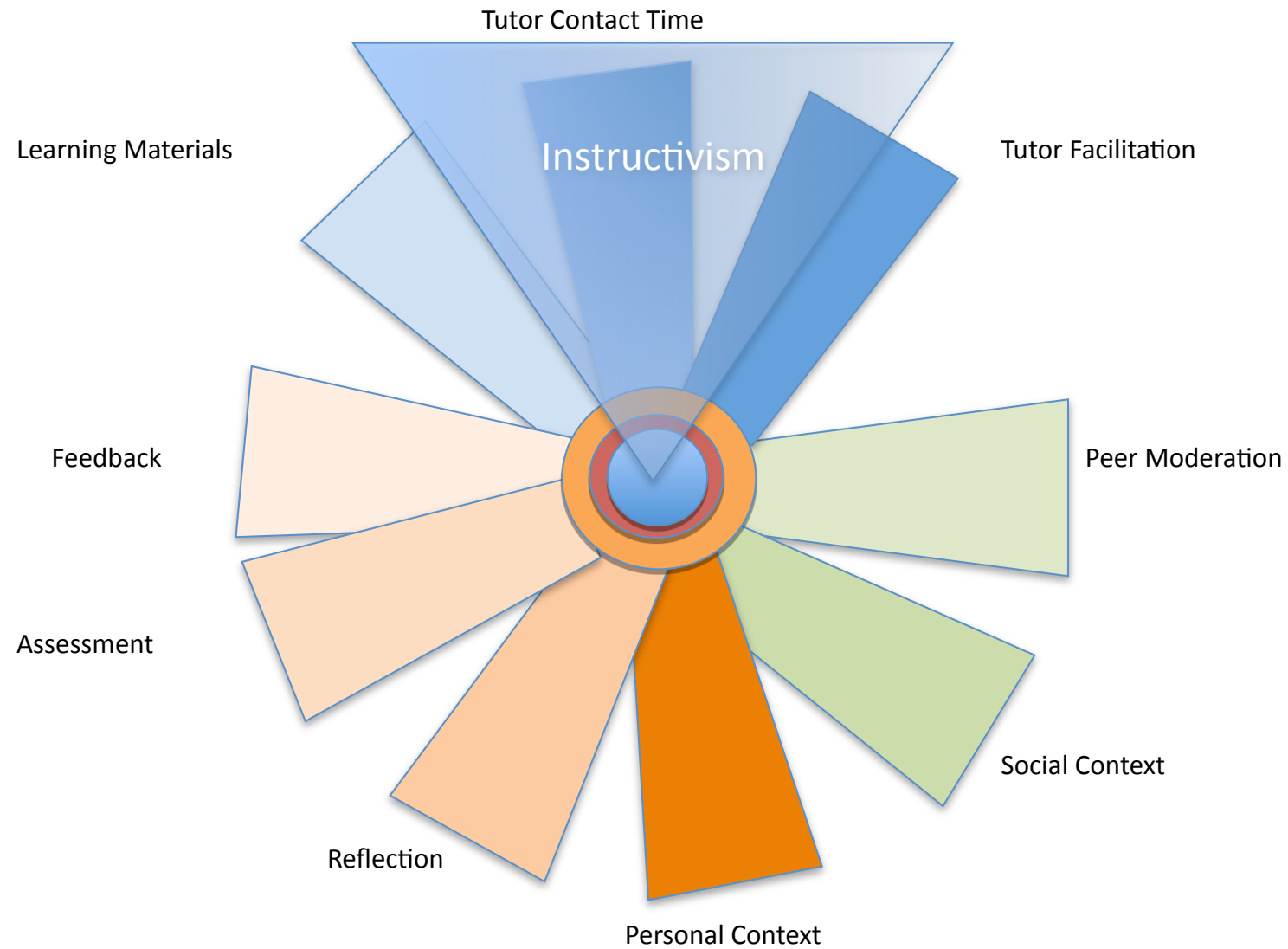
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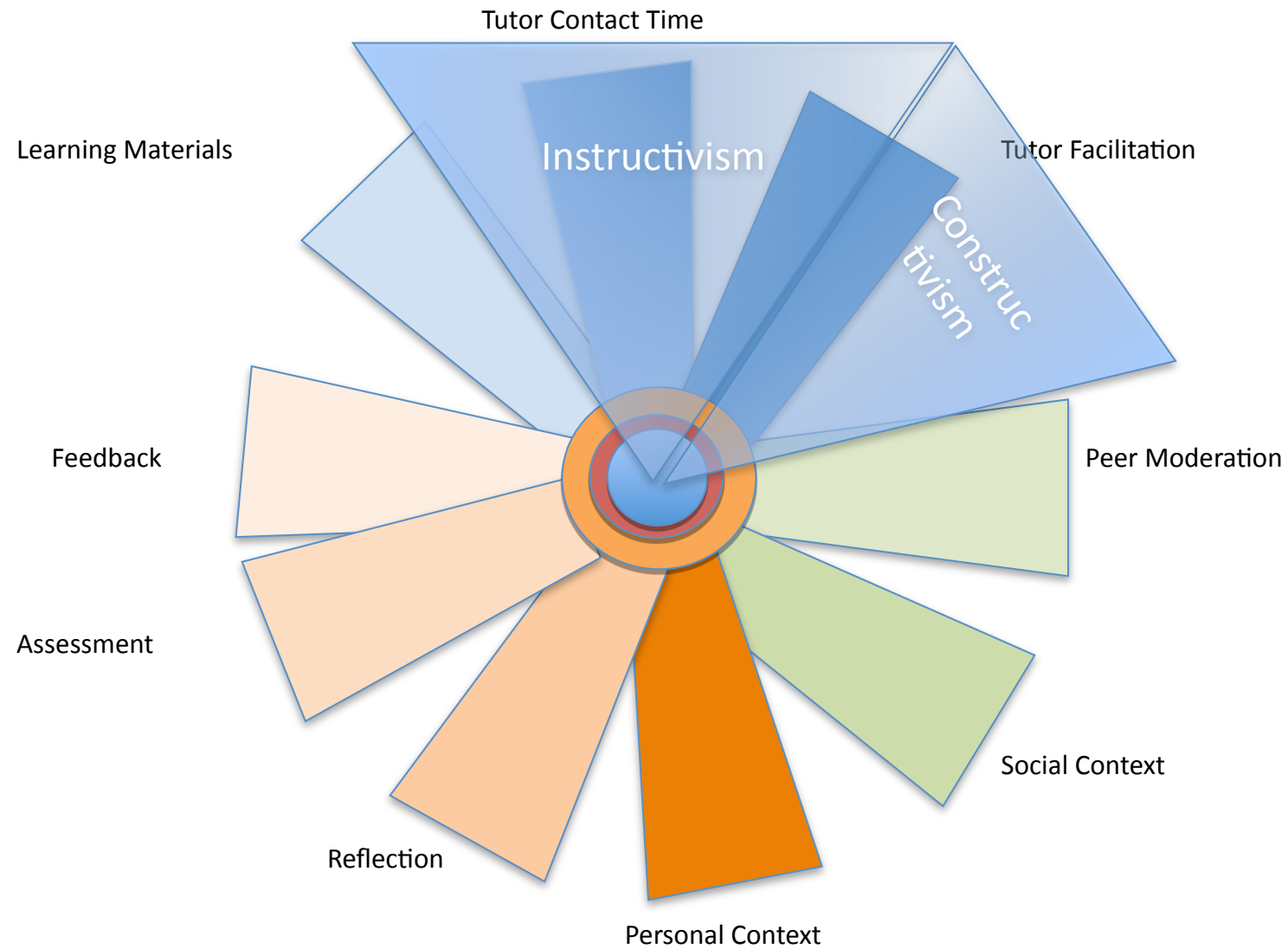
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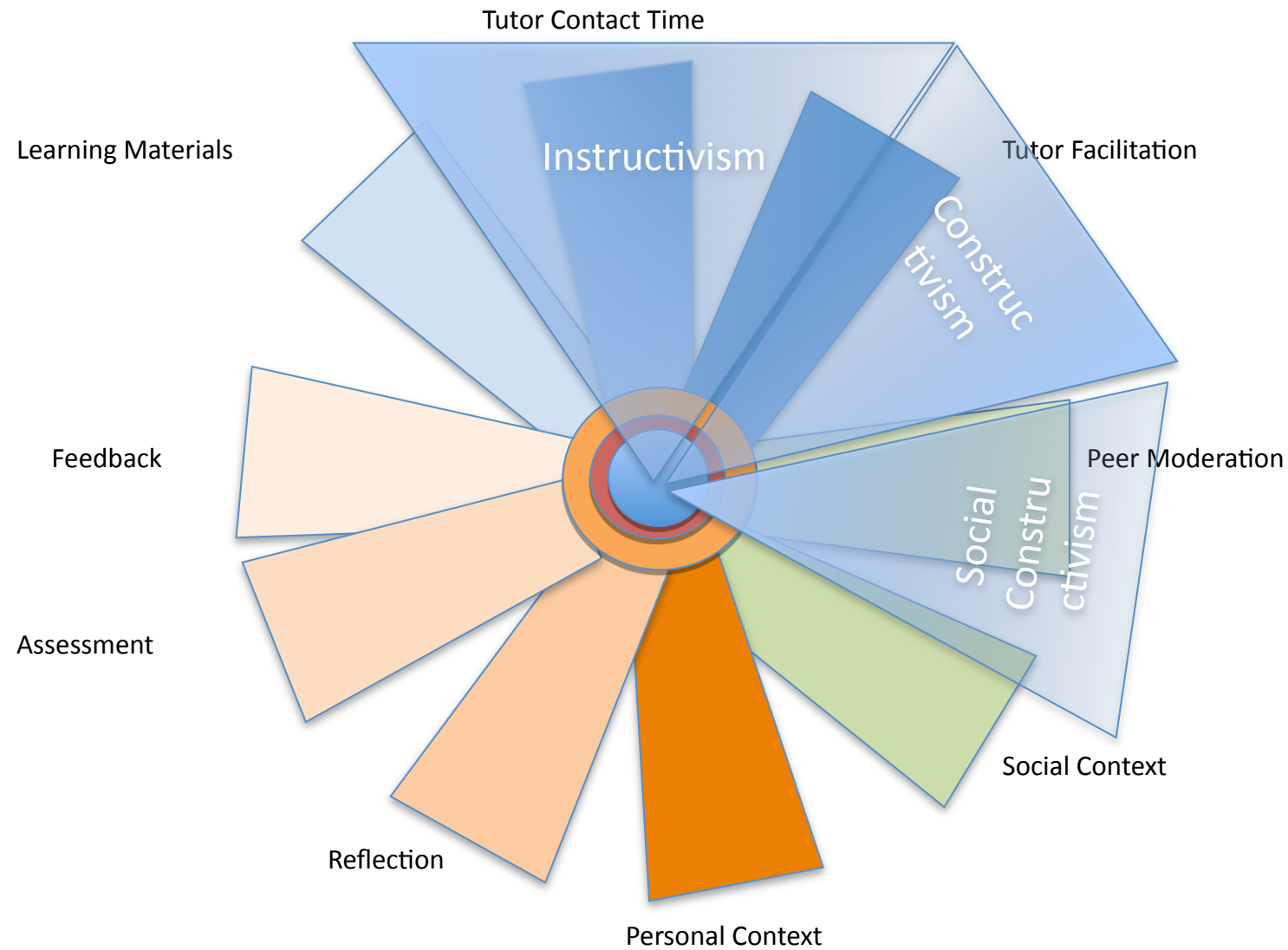
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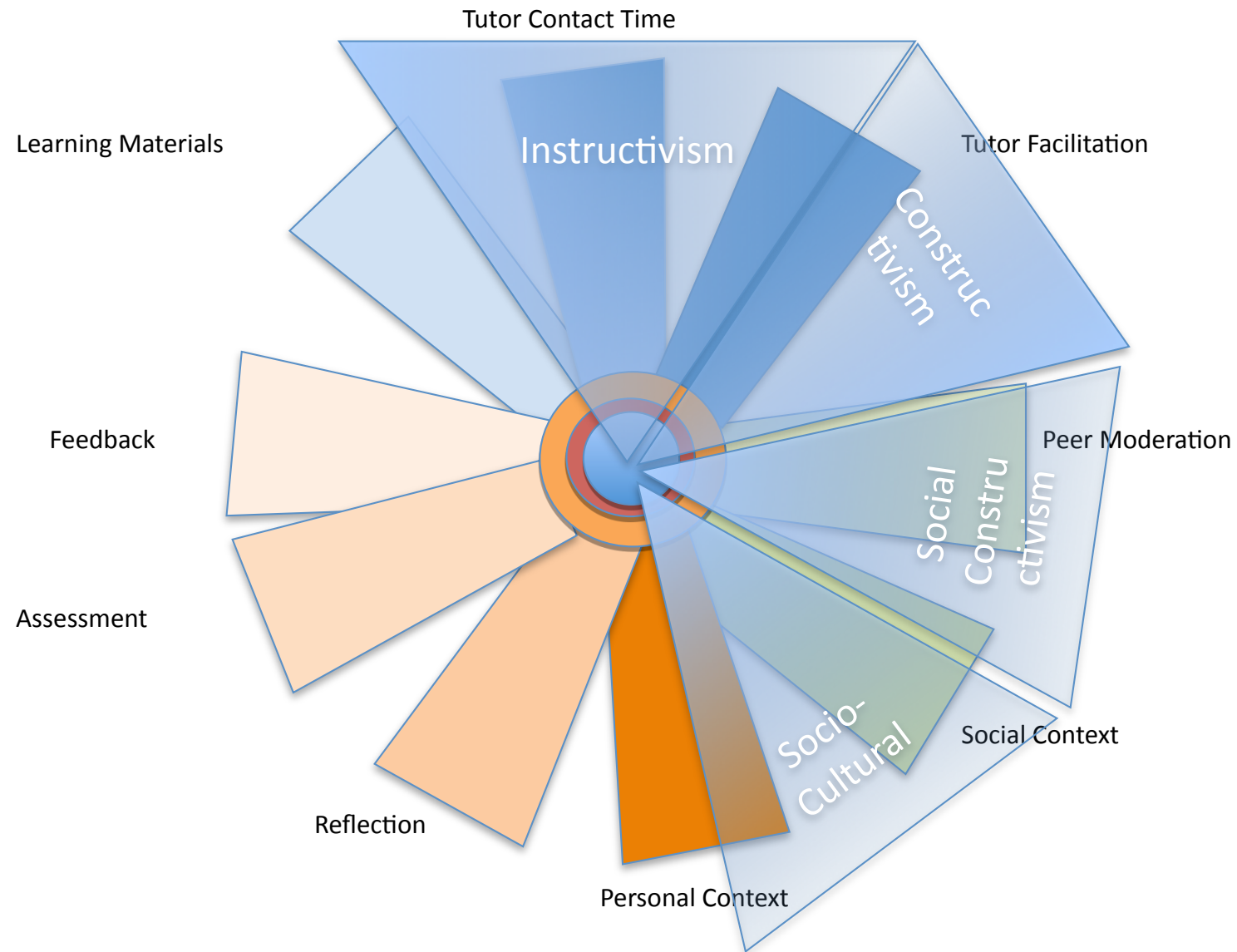
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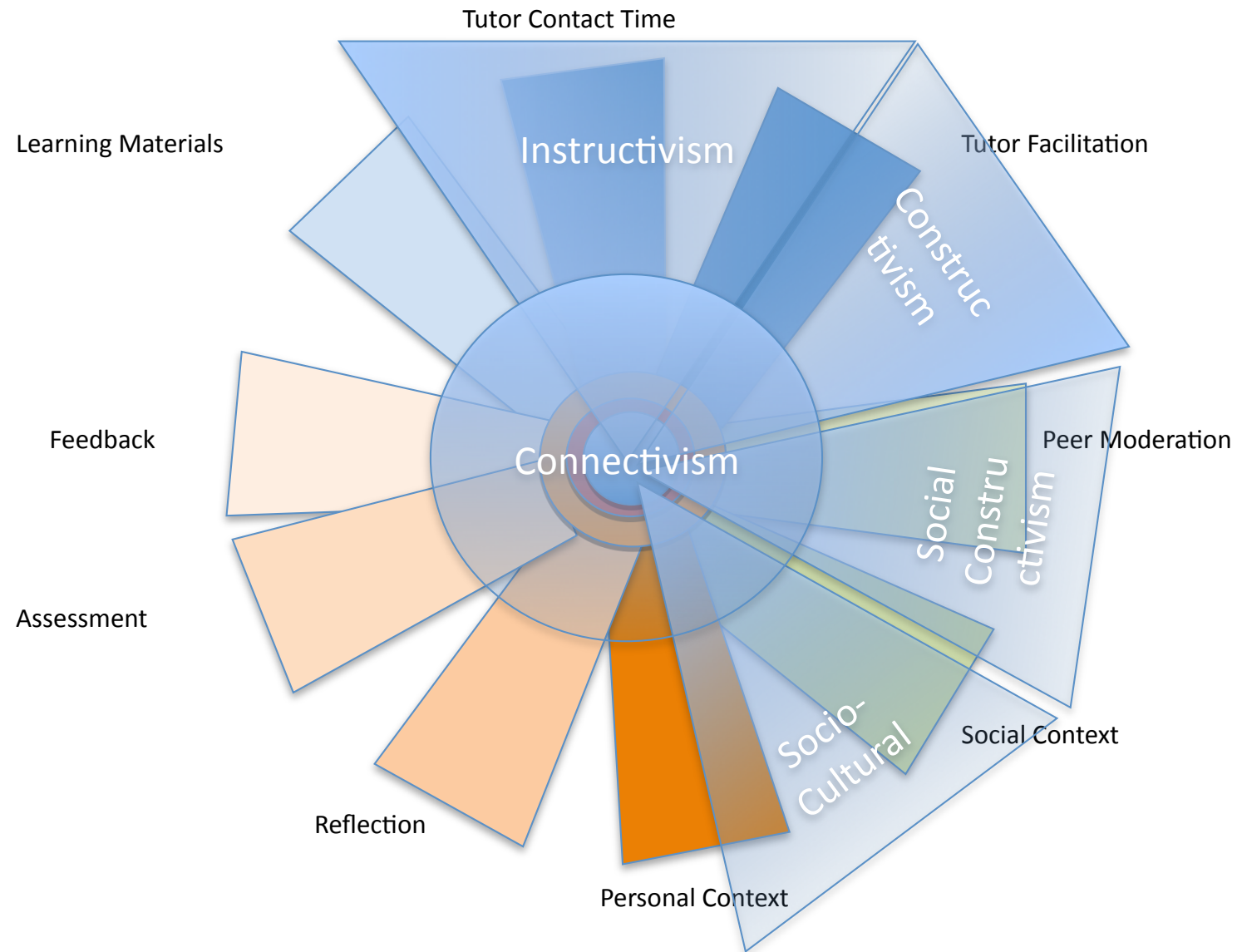
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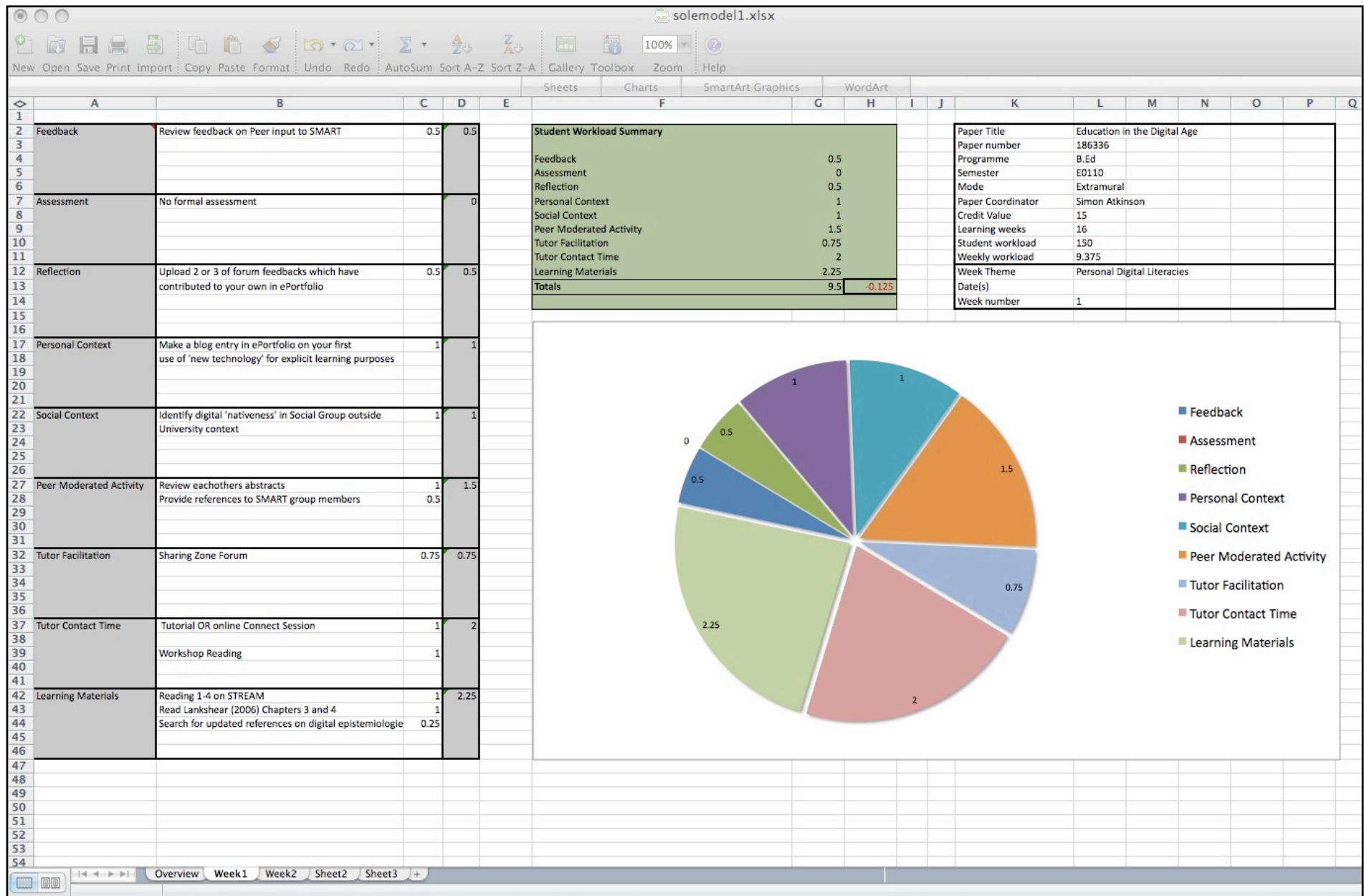
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# Toolkits

- ***Developmental***
- ***Descriptive***
- ***Diagnostic***
- ***Evaluative***





# SOLE 'Toolkit'

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## Introduction to the SOLE Model and Toolkit

Versions 1.2 Devs: Simon Atkinson - June 2010

### Help

SOLE and Conversational Framework (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fuHRWV56cE>)  
 Project Paper (blog) (<http://simon.atkinson.warwick.ac.uk/learning-design>)

Deleting Sheets from Workbook to follow (note formulae on Overview will need editing)  
 Printing Sheets from Workbook to follow  
 Adding Sheets to Workbook to follow (note formulae on Overview will need editing)  
 Amending Guidance for Course Team to follow  
 Incorporating Learning Outcomes to follow

### Example

On the right is an example of an spreadsheet completed for one week and the Overview.  
 You are free to change the Workbook in any way you like. Be aware that deleting or adding a sheet will affect the formulae on the Overview sheet so they will need to be amended.  
 Areas shaded Grey should not need to be amended but the worksheets are NOT protected.  
 If you do change the toolkit I would be interested to hear your rationale, so that it can be improved.

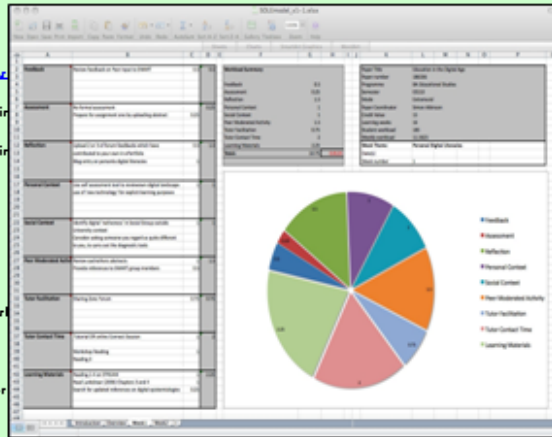
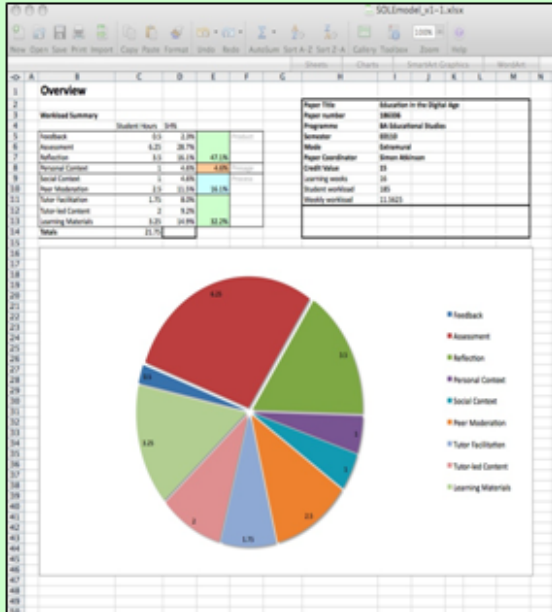
### The Toolkit Workbook

Introduction : Overview and link to the SOLE Project resource. Sheet can be deleted prior to distribution.  
 Using the SOLE Model: Explanation of the underlying model and the learning design elements in the SOLE Model. Sheet can be deleted prior to distribution.  
 Overview: The summary view compiled from weekly data, and where course wide parameters are set. **DO NOT DELETE SHEET: Formulae require Sheet to be retained**  
 Weekly Unit Sheets: Detailed view of week or unit breakdown, providing indicative workload. **DO NOT DELETE SHEET: Formulae require Sheet to be retained**

### An Invitation to Share

The SOLE model is designed to embody and embed sound pedagogical practices. This Workbook represents the toolkit designed to accompany the model. There are no restrictions on the toolkit and the Workbook is left open for you to amend, embellish and enhance in any way that suits your context. I would love to hear from you if you make use of the SOLE model and/or toolkit and what your experiences of it are.

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3		<b>Element</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Questions</b>	<b>Resources</b>								
4		<b>Feedback</b>	Supportive guidance on quality and level of evidence being demonstrated in achievement of the learning outcomes	What opportunities exist for feedback within your course? Feedback could be self-generated, peer generated, or generated by a tutor. Are there resources such that feedback will be generated? Would learning be more effective if support was provided? If I am teaching online, am I supporting the learning?	<b>Reading for Comprehension</b>  There are significant differences between native and non-native speakers and between expert and novice texts. Individual cultural differences have yet to be thoroughly researched. Chambers (1994 : 108) suggests that effective reading for comprehension indicates 100 words/min for "easy text" and 40 words/min for "difficult text" (drawing on experimental findings of Whalley, 1982, and Lockwood, Williams and Roberts, 1988).  It is also noteworthy that screen-reading and paper based reading speeds will differ. The impact of sustained reading, 'practice', also changes the ability to read for comprehension. Students individual preferences for annotation and note-taking will also have an impact.  Consider an early intervention where students are asked to undertake some guided reading for comprehension and are asked to record the time they spend, benchmark themselves against your 'norm' so they can manage future workload.  For the basis of 'rough' calculation 70 words/min is considered advisable. A 5000 journal article therefore requires an allocated reading time of an hour and ten minutes.  See: Chambers, E. (1994). Assessing learner workload. In F. Lockwood (Ed.), Materials Production in Open and Distance Learning (pp. 103-111). London : Paul Chapman (Sage).  Whalley, P. (1982). Argument in Text and the Reading Process. In A. Flammer, & W. Kintsch (Eds.) Discourse Processing. North Holland.  Lockwood, F.G., Williams, A.L. & Roberts, D.W. (1988). Improving Teaching at a Distance within the University of the South Pacific. International Journal of Educational Development, 8(3), 265-267								
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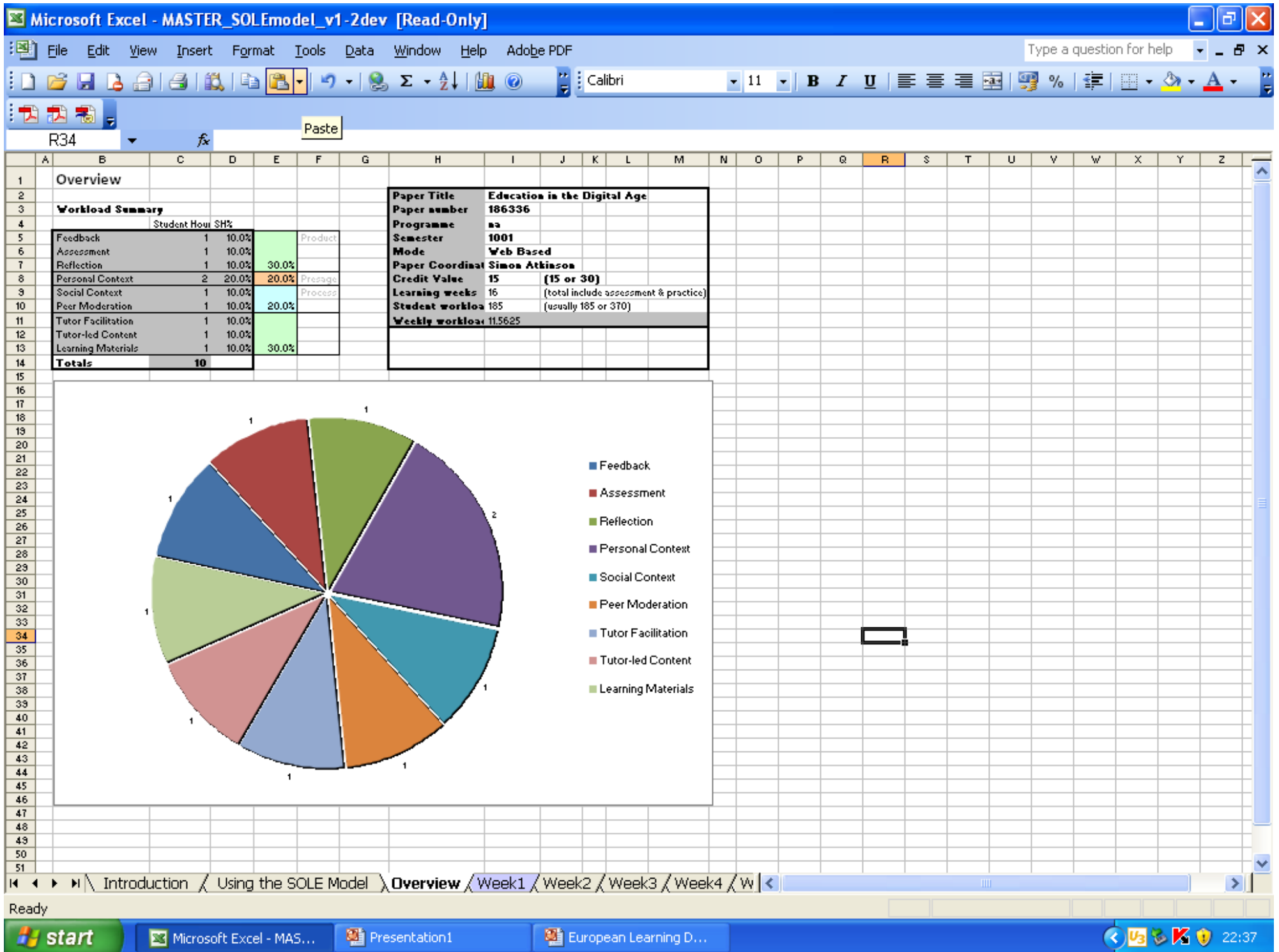
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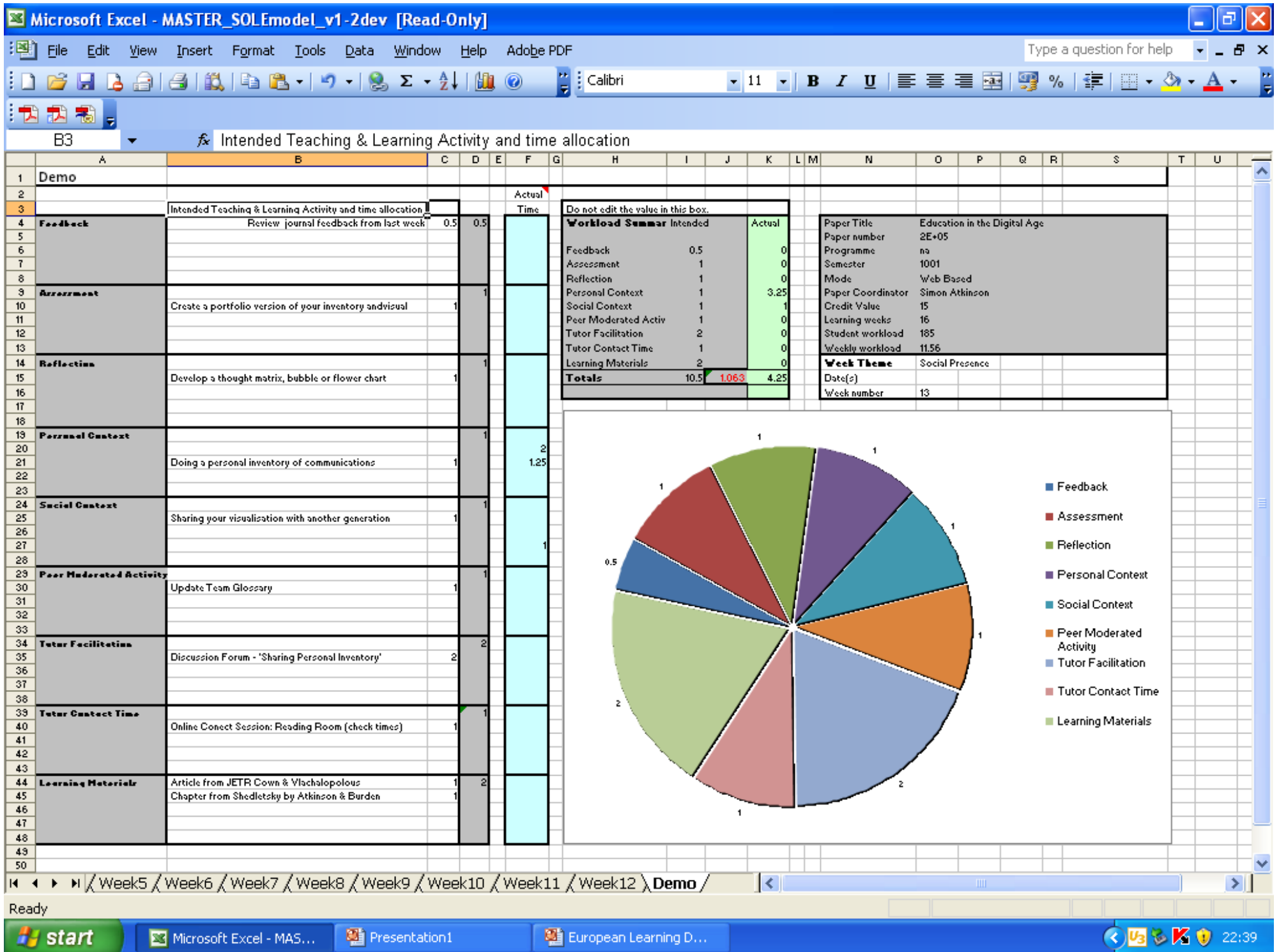
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3		Intended Teaching & Learning Activity and time allocation			Time
4	Feedback	Review journal feedback from last week	0.5	0.5	
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9	Assessment			1	
10		Create a portfolio version of your inventory and visual	1		
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14	Reflection			1	
15		Develop a thought matrix, bubble or flower chart	1		
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19	Personal Context			1	
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21		Doing a personal inventory of communications	1		1.25
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24	Social Context			1	
25		Sharing your visualisation with another generation	1		
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29	Peer Moderated Activity			1	
30		Update Team Glossary	1		
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34	Tutor Facilitation			2	
35		Discussion Forum - 'Sharing Personal Inventory'	2		
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39	Tutor Contact Time			1	
40		Online Connect Session: Reading Room (check times)	1		
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44	Learning Materials	Article from JETR Cown & Vlachalopolous	1	2	
45		Chapter from Shedletsky by Atkinson & Burden	1		
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# Toolkits

- ***Developmental***
- ***Descriptive***
- ***Diagnostic***
- ***Evaluative***

- ***Accessible***
- ***Transformative***
- ***Customisable***
- ***Rapid Development***



# Ongoing work

## **Version 1.1**

- Pilot with individuals (May-June)
- Pilot with Programme Teams (May-June)

## **Version 1.2 +**

- Structured research projects (July 2010-July 2011)
- Integrated Staff Development: Course Design
- Student 'Actual Time'
- Embedded pedagogical guidance

# Happy to talk.....



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