

# Critical Thinking

This **BLUF** highlights what we at **The Threat Lab** are watching, listening to, reading, and thinking about. In this issue, we feature three artifacts that provide tips and techniques to improve critical thinking.



## PODCAST

From the description for the Harvard Business Review IdeaCast podcast episode, **Improve Your Critical Thinking at Work**, “Helen Lee Bouygues, founder of the Reboot Foundation, believes that a lack of critical thinking is responsible for many business failures. She says organizational leaders often rely too heavily on expertise and then jump to conclusions. Instead, leaders should deliberately approach each problem and devote time thinking through possible solutions. The good news, she says, is that critical thinking skills can be developed and practiced over time.”

### Listen to the podcast

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/5GCUuOAFHOxjPCbM2ay821>



## VIDEO

From Samantha Agoos’ Ted-Ed video, **5 Tips to Improve Your Critical Thinking**, “Every day, a sea of decisions stretches before us, and it’s impossible to make a perfect choice every time. But there are many ways to improve our chances — and one particularly effective technique is critical thinking. Samantha Agoos describes a 5-step process that may help you with any number of problems.”

### Watch the video

[https://www.ted.com/talks/samantha\\_agoos\\_5\\_tips\\_to\\_improve\\_your\\_critical\\_thinking?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/samantha_agoos_5_tips_to_improve_your_critical_thinking?language=en)



## JOB AID

From the Center for Development of Security Excellence’s job aid, **Critical Thinking Tools for Insider Threat Analysts**, “This job aid provides a list of insider threat critical thinking tools and how to use them...”

- Problem Restatement
- Pros-Cons-Fixes
- Divergent/Convergent Thinking
- Chronologies/Timelines
- Causal Flow Diagram
- Matrix
- Scenario/Decision Tree
- Weighted Ranking
- Hypothesis Testing
- Devil’s Advocacy
- Probability Tree or Matrix
- Utility Tree/Matrix”

### Read the job aid

<https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/jobaids/insider/INT250-critical-thinking-tools.pdf?ver=WM3DoBaBN9bV3f7yQHQRXQ%3d%3d>

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