









Looking Ahead using Wardley Mapping


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“Does this strategy make sense?”



“I was beginning to feel as though the entire field of strategy was either a cosmic joke played by management consultants or that there was some secret tome everyone was hiding from me.”

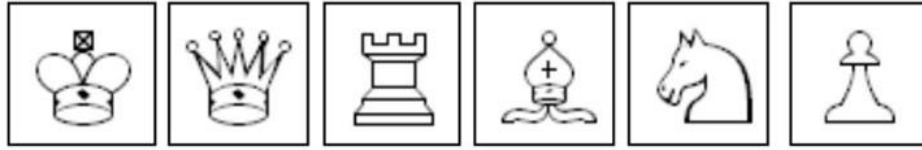






Our strategy is cloud based. We will lead a disruptive effort of the market through our use of blockchain and leaders to build a learning organization. By being both digital first and innovative, our sustainable approach will drive competitive advantage throughout the organization. Synergies between our insight from data and value will enable us to capture the upside by becoming secure in a collaborative world. These transformations combined with digital transformation due to our social media will create an artificial intelligence through digital business and data leaders.

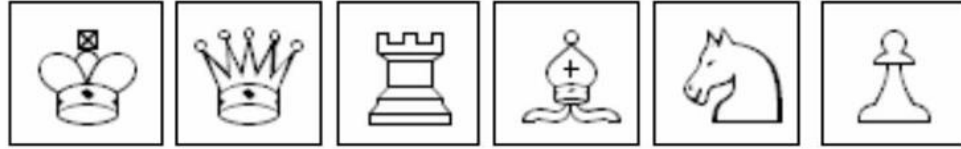




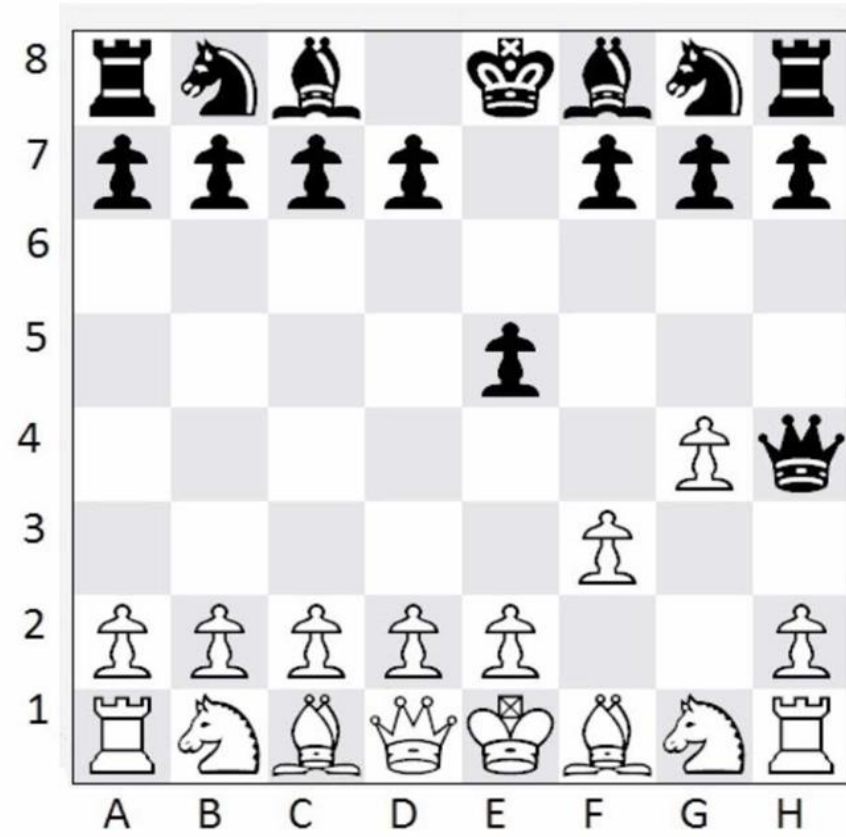
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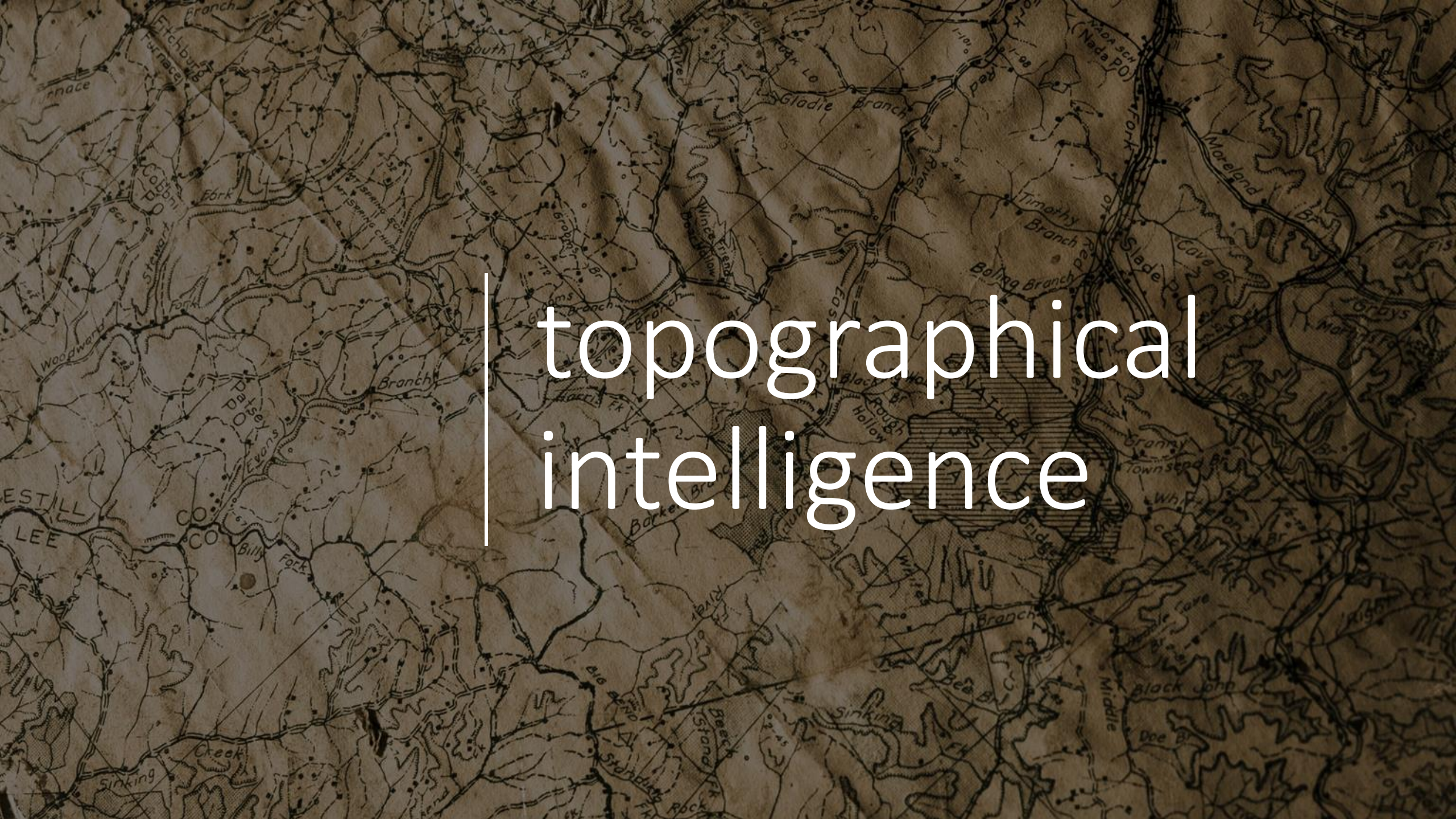


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Pawn (w), Pawn (b), Pawn (w),
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intelligence





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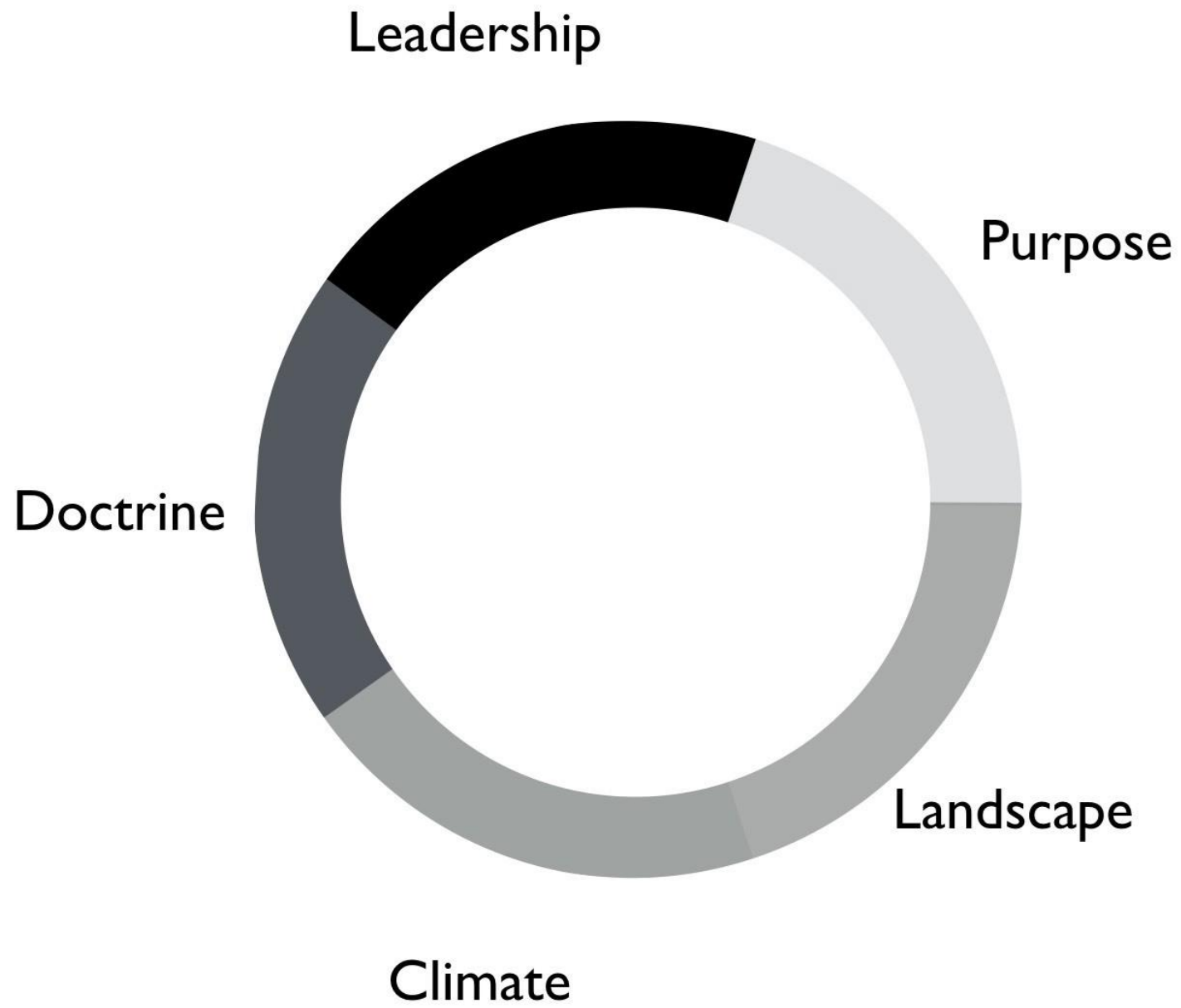
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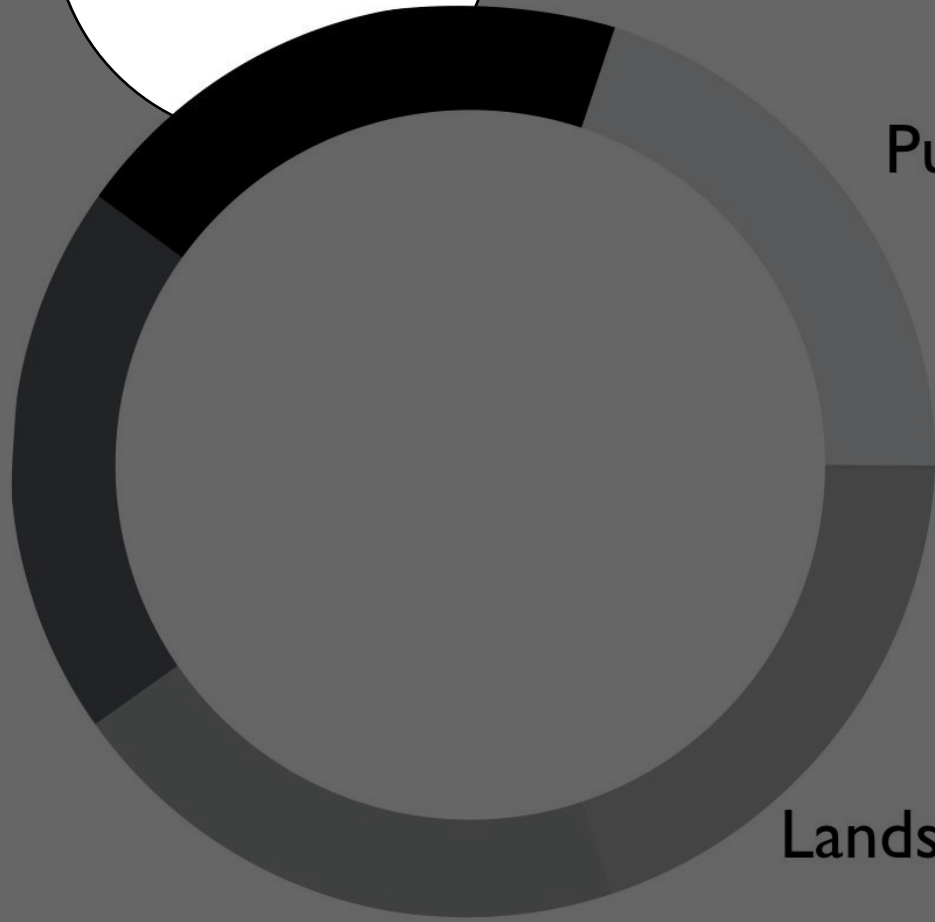
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Landscape

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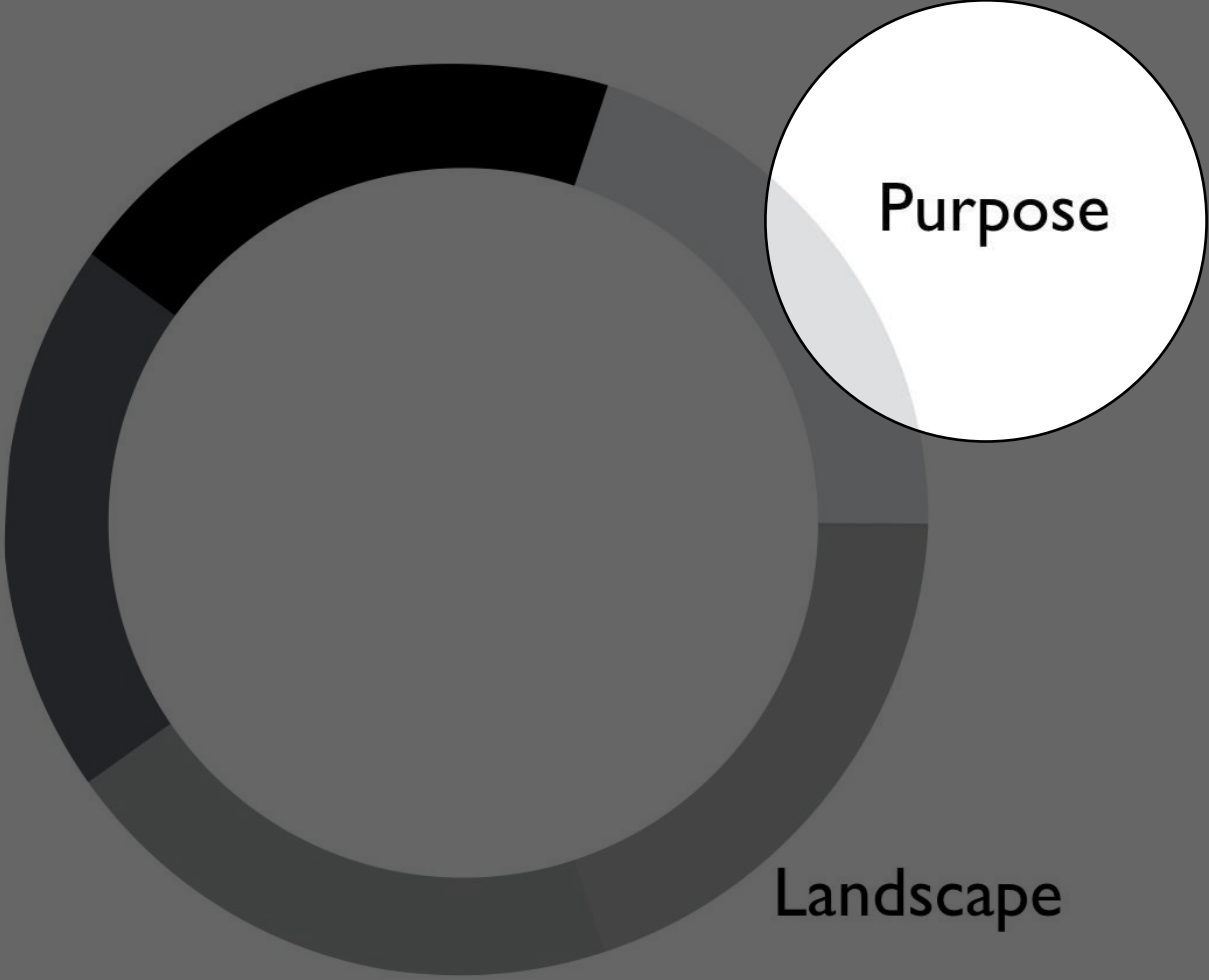
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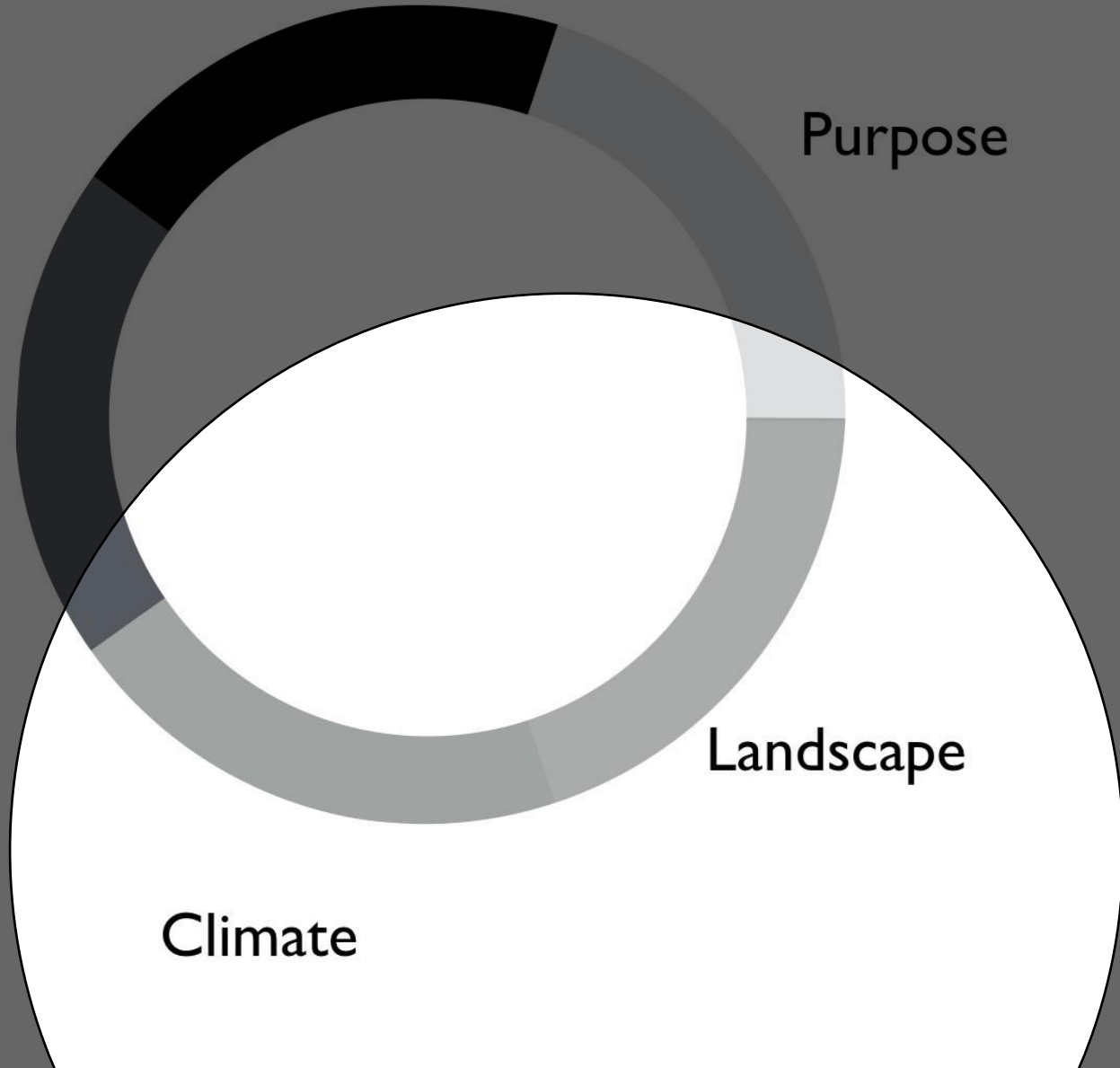
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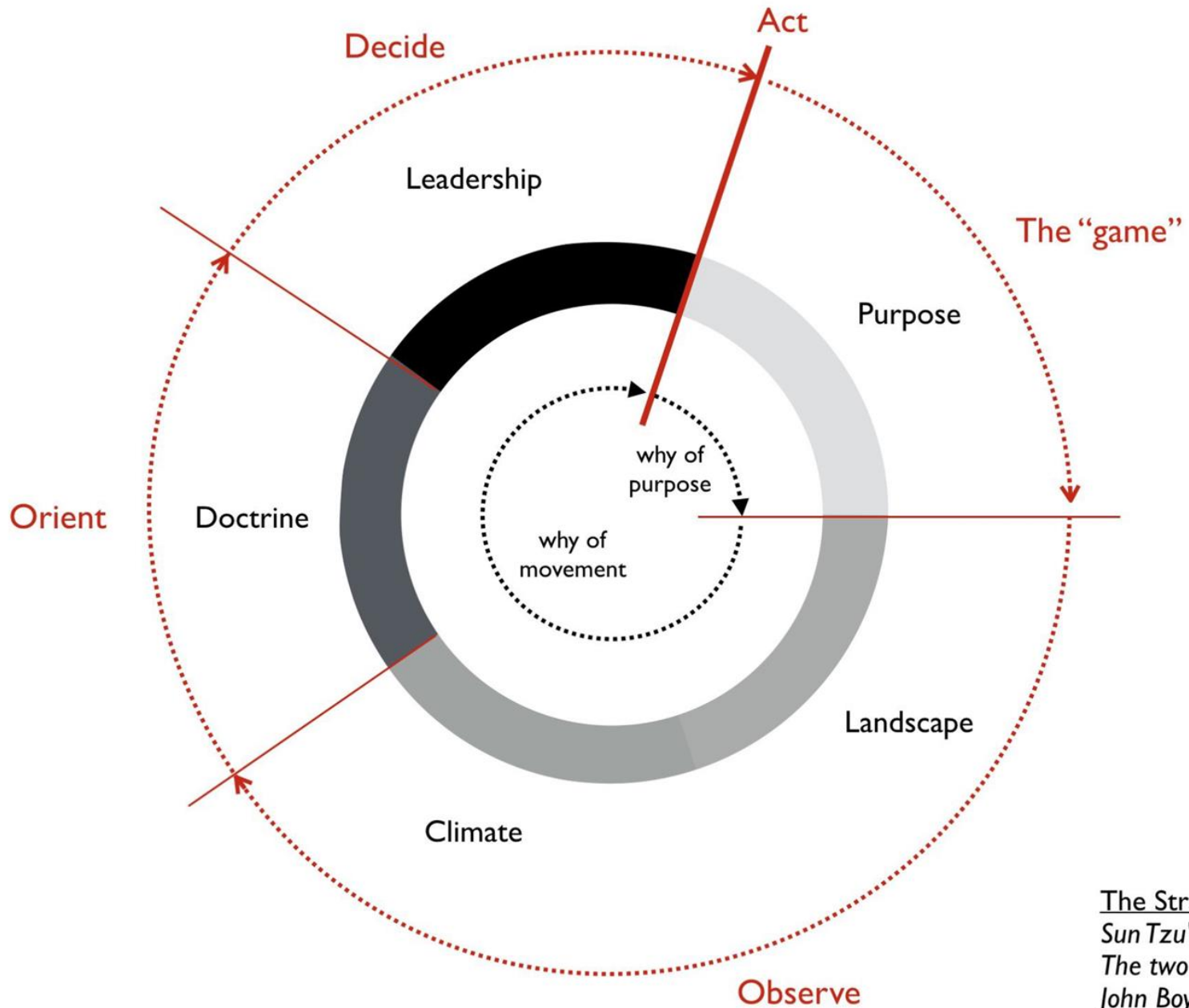
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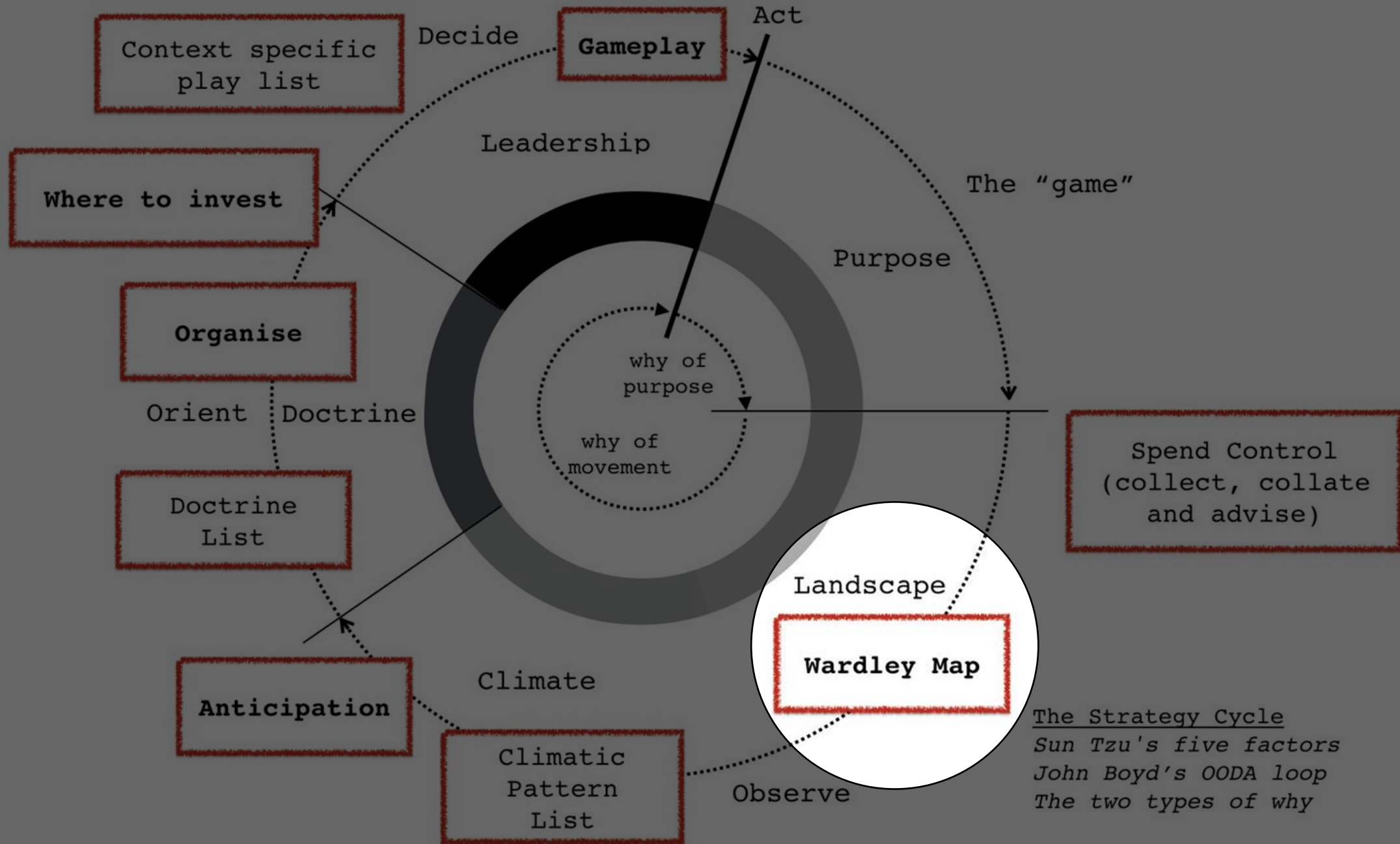
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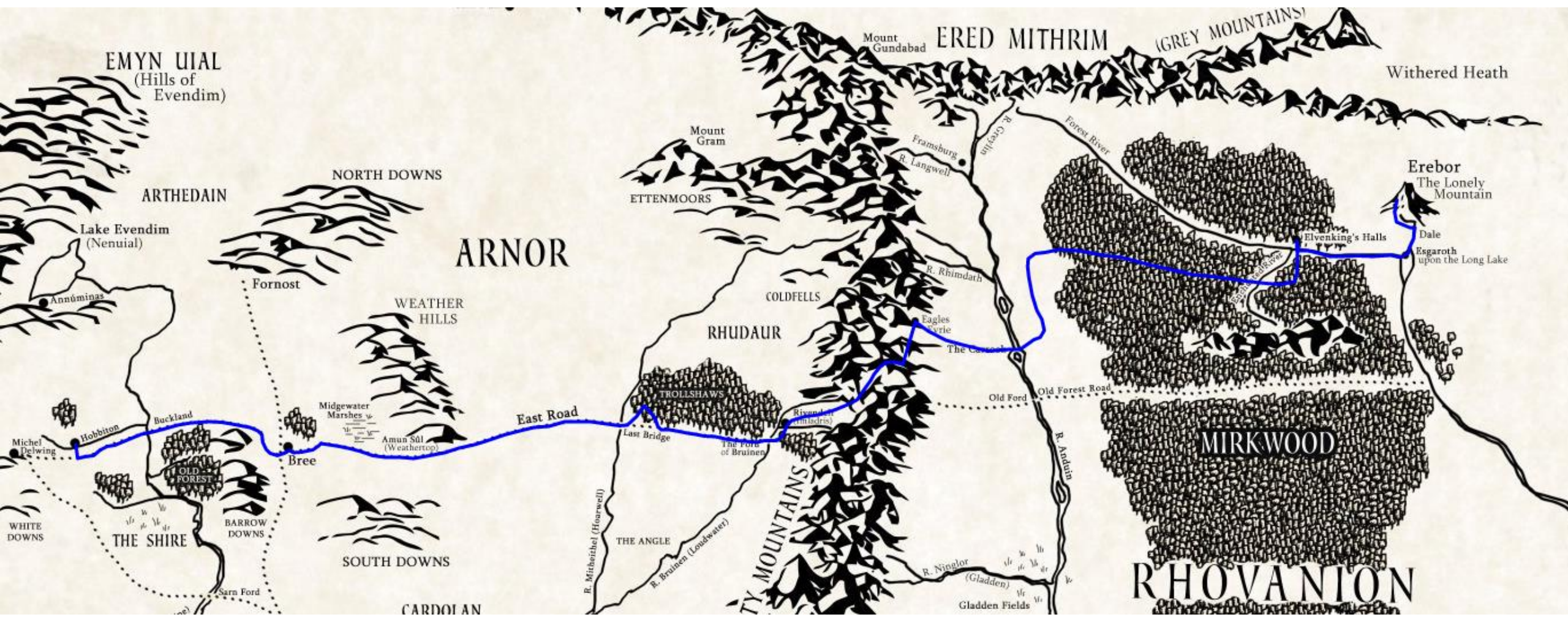
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A world map is rendered in a dark, textured style against a light-colored wooden background. The map shows the continents of North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. Numerous small blue dots are scattered across the map, primarily concentrated in North America, Europe, and Asia. A vertical white line is positioned to the right of the text.

How do you
know it's a
map?



How do
you know
it's a map?

Visual

Context

Anchor

Components

Position

Movement



Visual

BELEGAER
(the Great Sea)



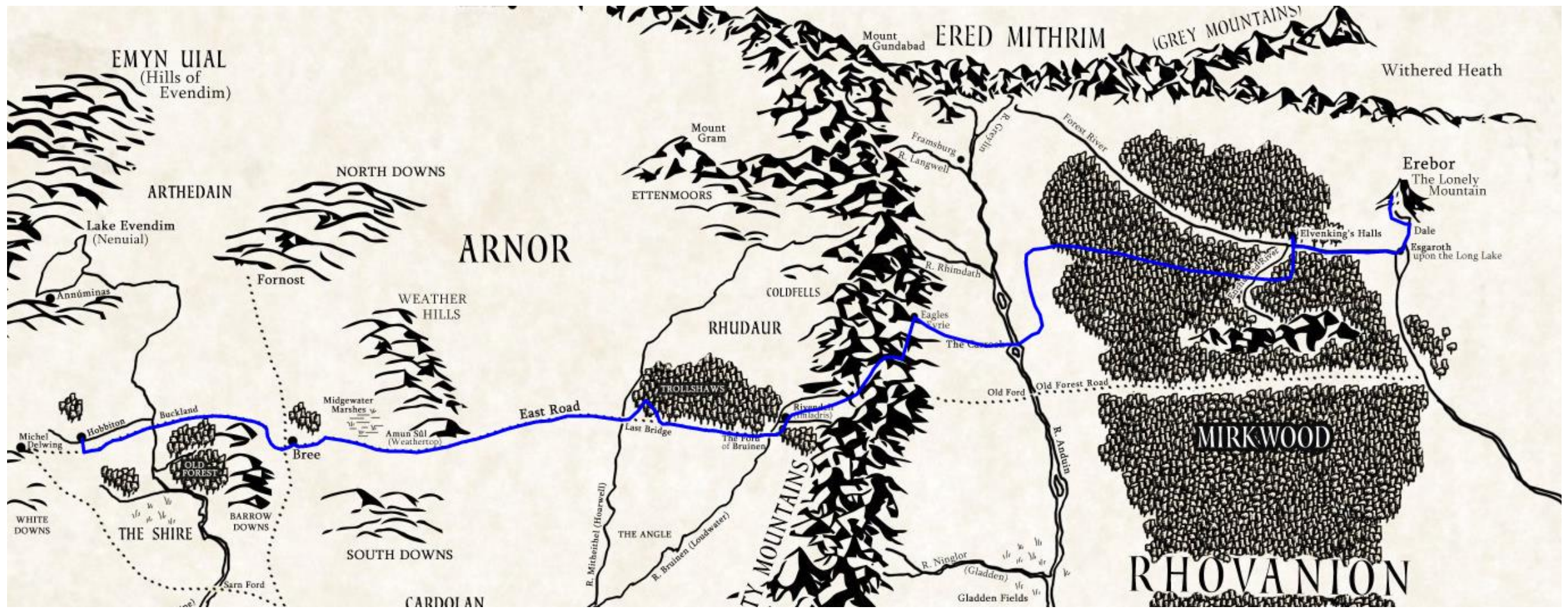
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Anchor



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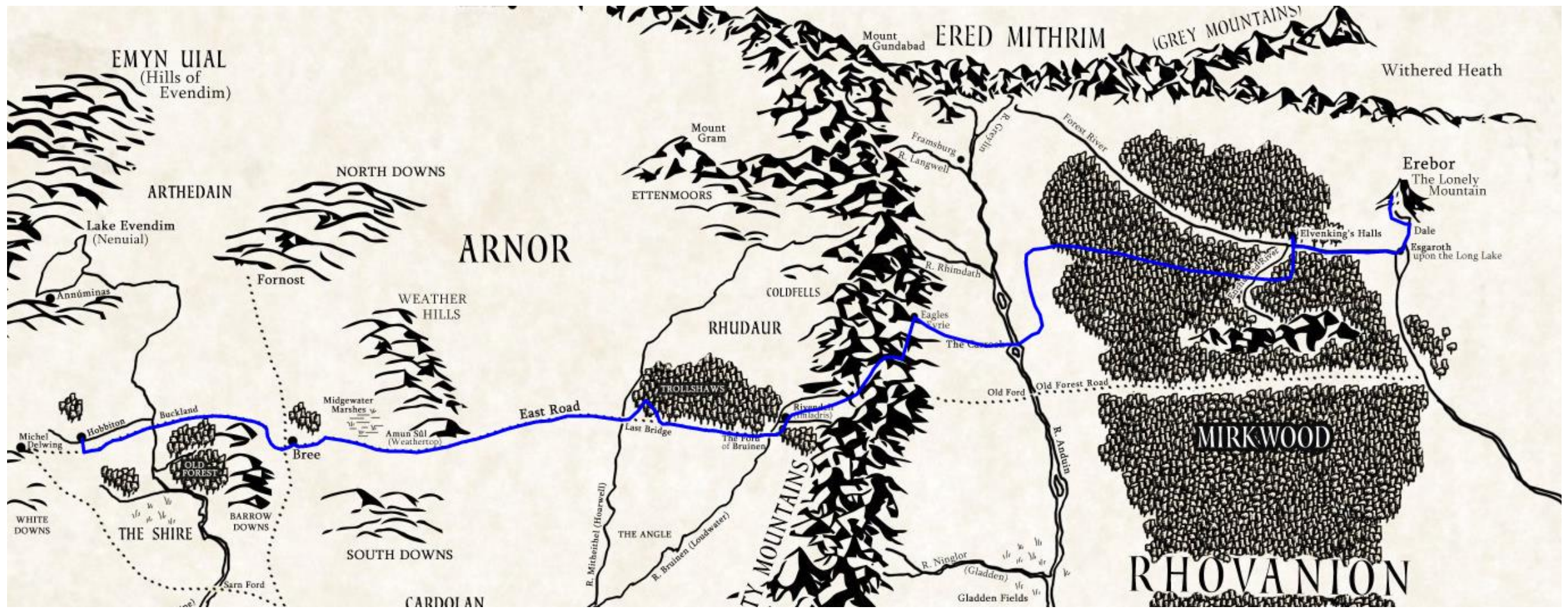
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Where to start?





Components

Users
Needs
Capabilities

1 User

1 Need

3-5 Capabilities

Conference Attendee

Exercise – Identify Components

- Write “Conference Attendee” at the top
- Write a “need” of a conference attendee
- Write 3 to 5 capabilities that may help meet that need or support another capability

Conference Attendee
Need
Capability
Capability
Capability

Conference Attendee

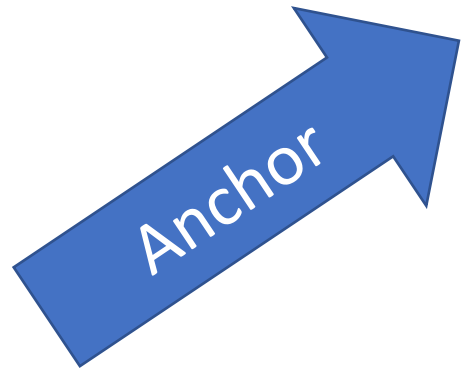
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Capability

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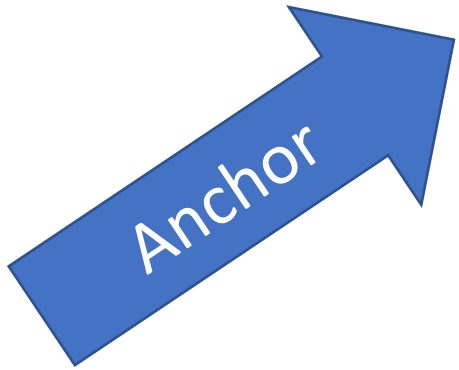
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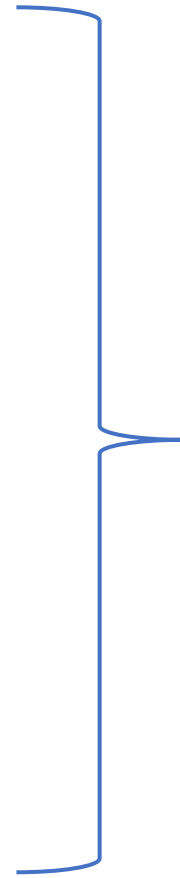


Need

Capability

Capability

Capability



Share your list with your
neighbor (groups of 2-3)

Share from the audience

Conference Attendee

Charge a phone

Conference Attendee

Charge a phone

USB-C Cable

Charger

Outlet

Conference Attendee

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Know the schedule

Conference Attendee

Know the schedule

QR code to online schedule

Printed schedule

Internet connection

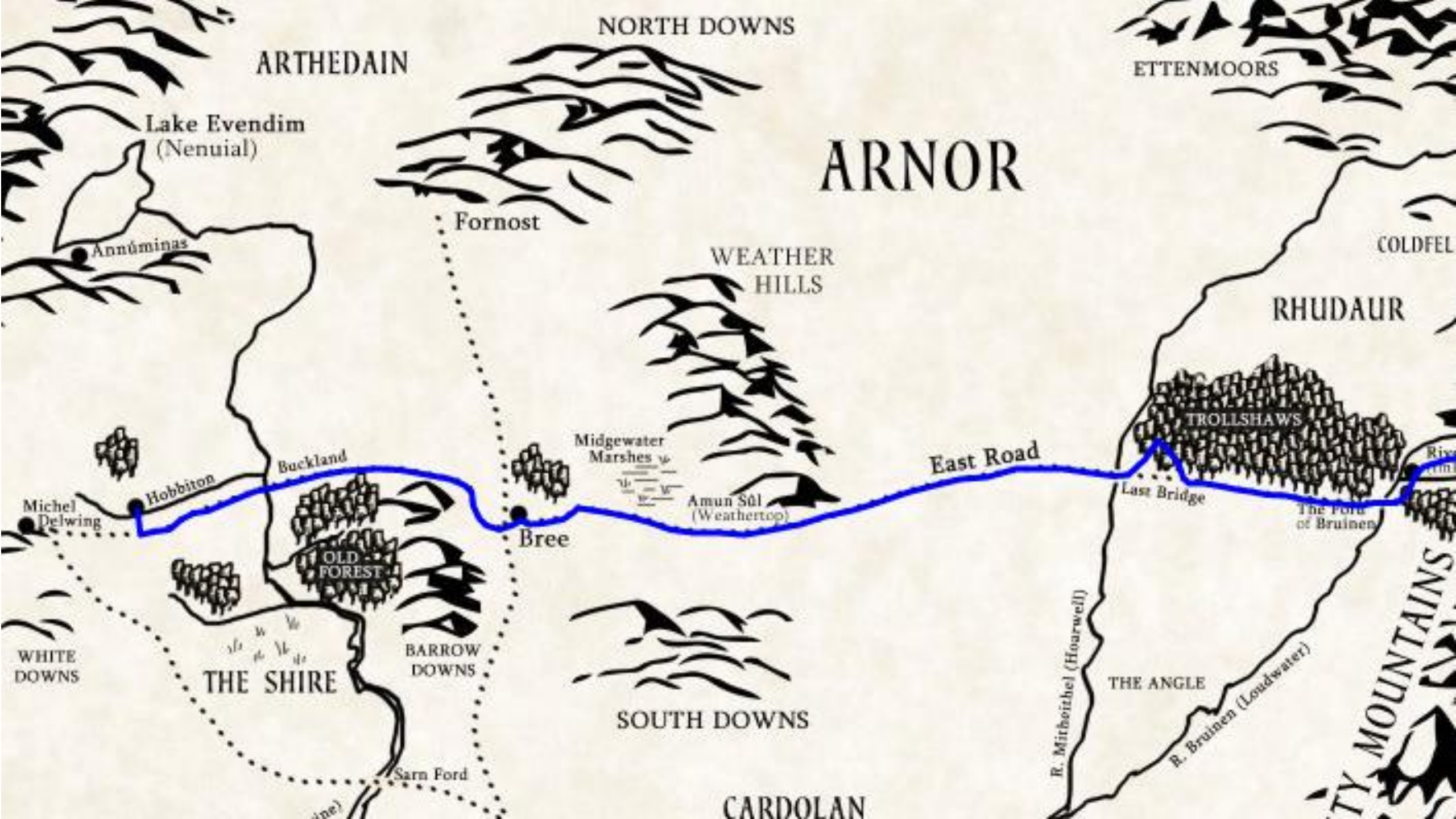
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NORTH DOWNS

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Lake Evendim
(Nenuial)

ARNOR

COLDFEL

Fornost

WEATHER
HILLS

RHUDAUR

Annúminas

Michel
Delwing

WHITE
DOWNS

THE SHIRE

BARROW
DOWNS

Bree

Midgewater
Marshes

Amun Sûl
(Weathertop)

East Road

TROLLSHAWS

Last Bridge

The Foru
of Bruinen

SOUTH DOWNS

THE ANGLE

R. Mitheithel (Hourwell)

R. Bruinen (Loudwater)

CITY MOUNTAINS

CARDOLAN

Sarn Ford

Buckland

Hobbiton

OLD
FOREST

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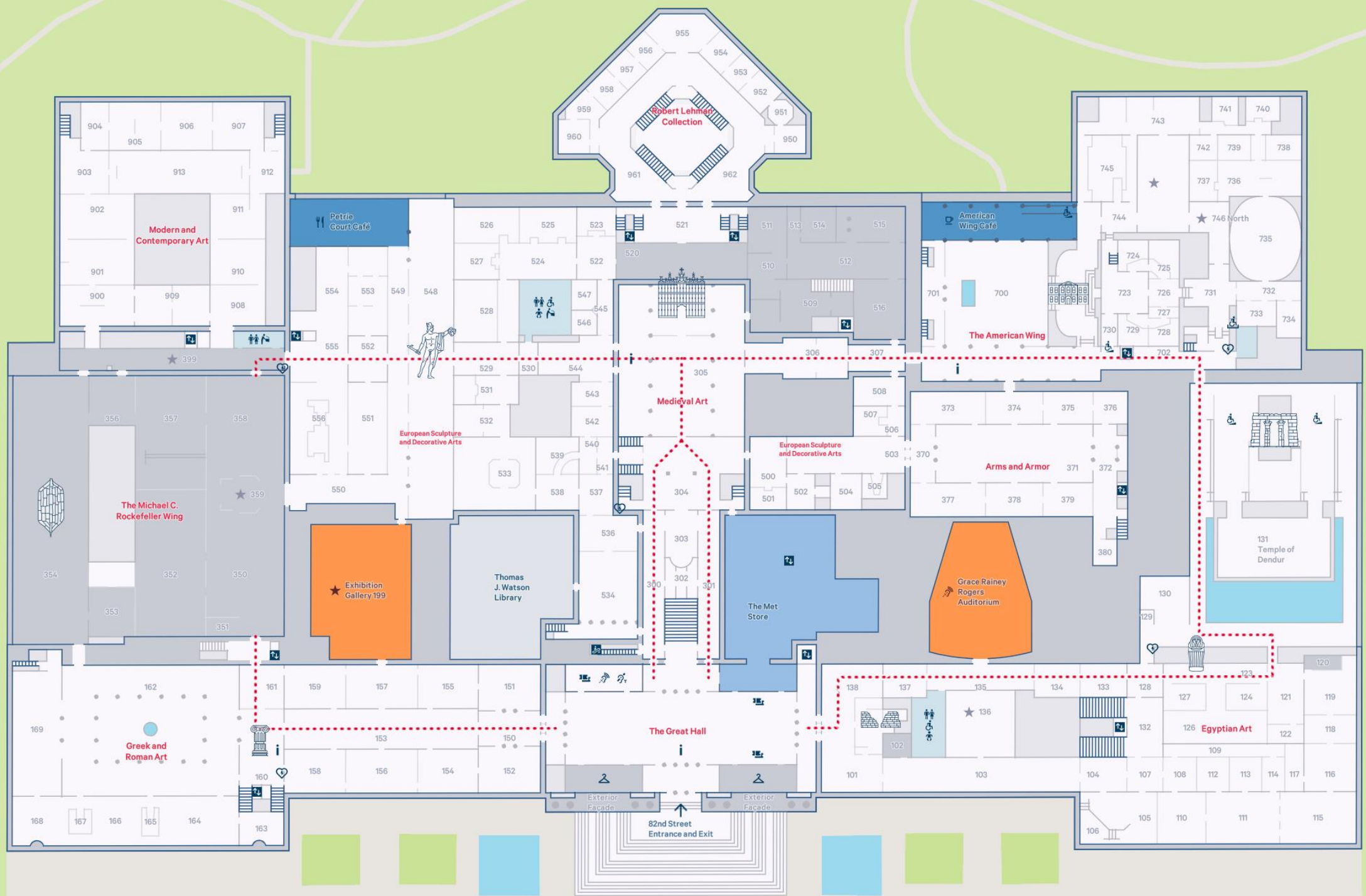
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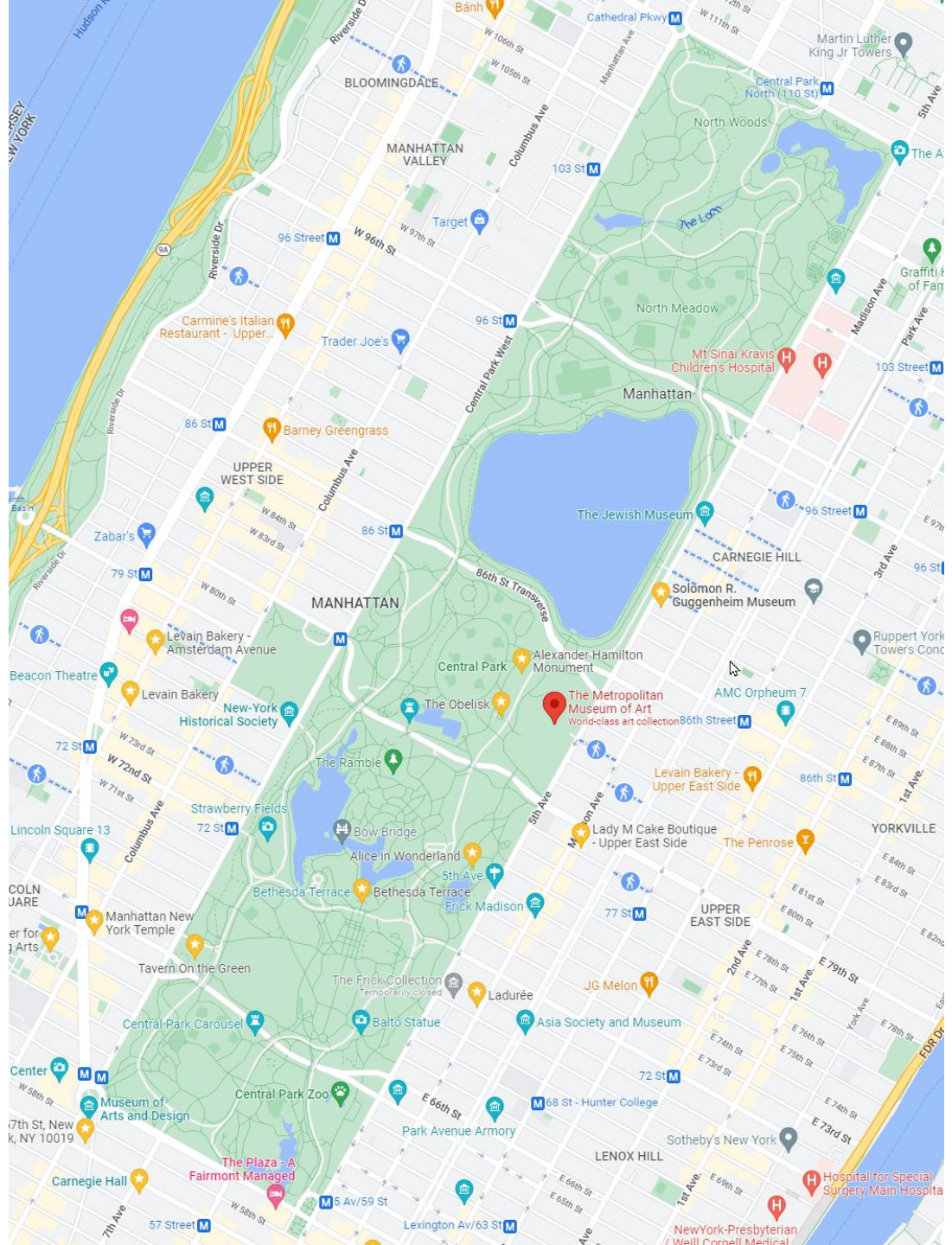
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wiring

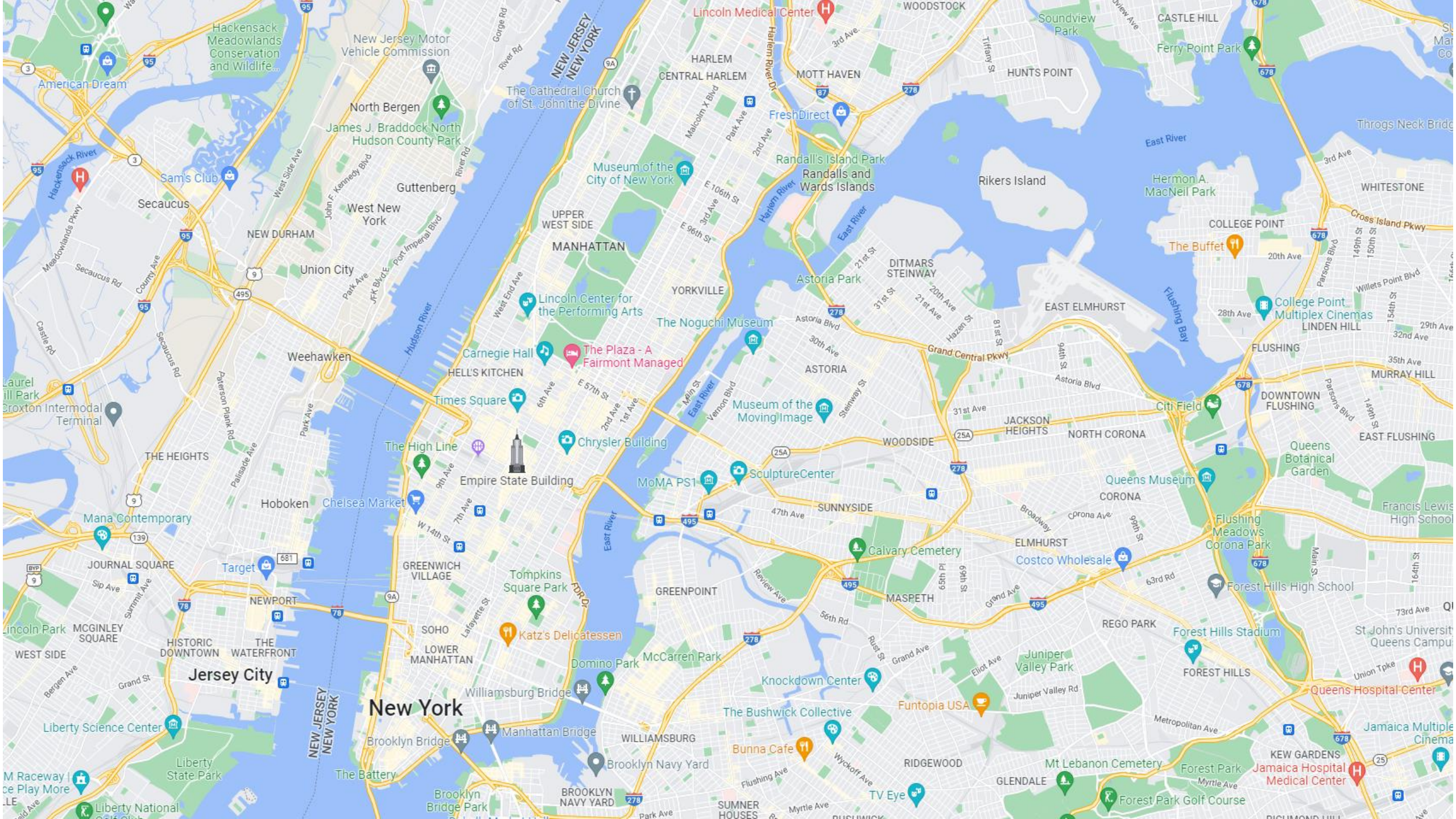
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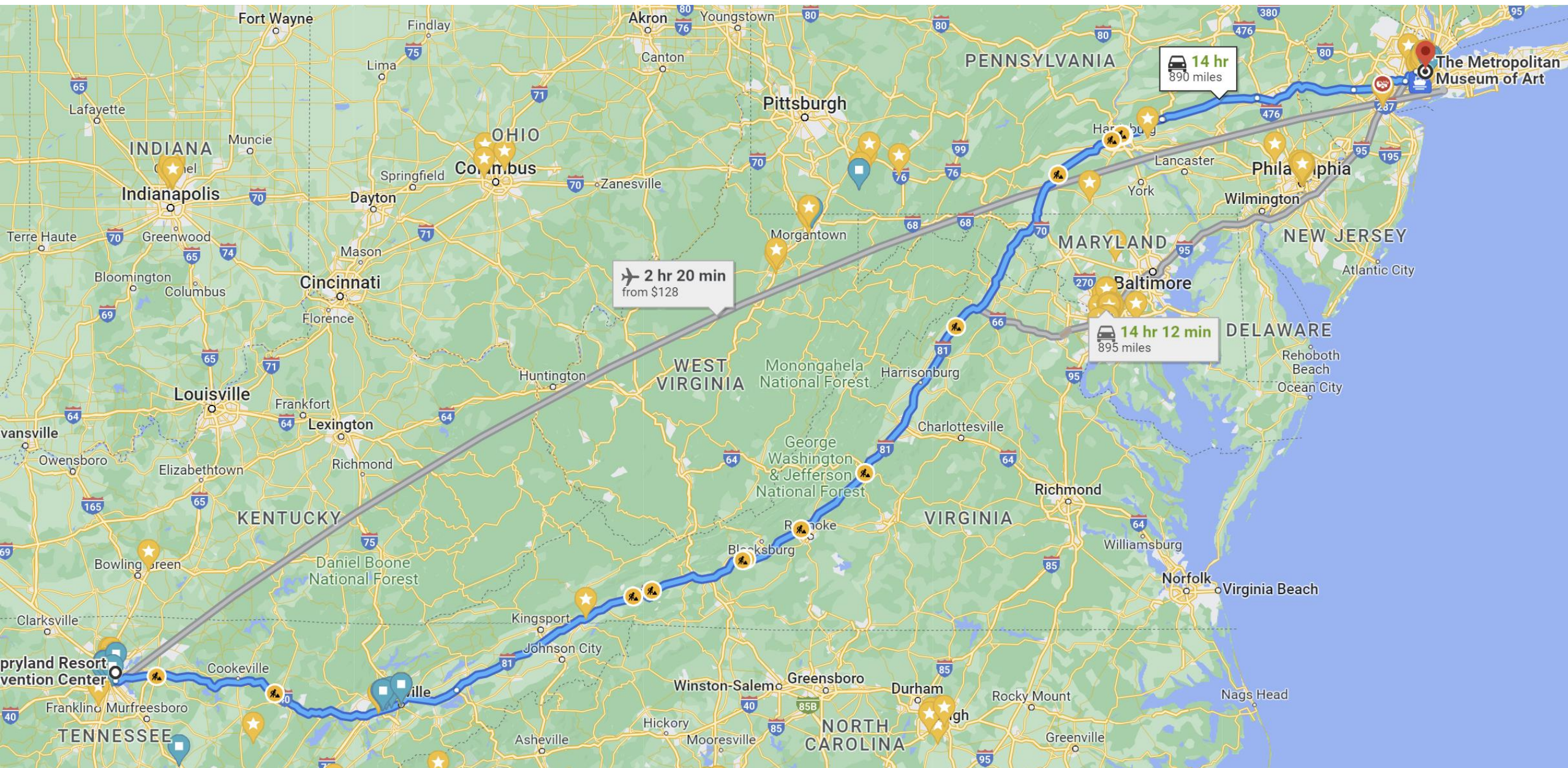
Power grid

Power plant









✈️ 2 hr 20 min
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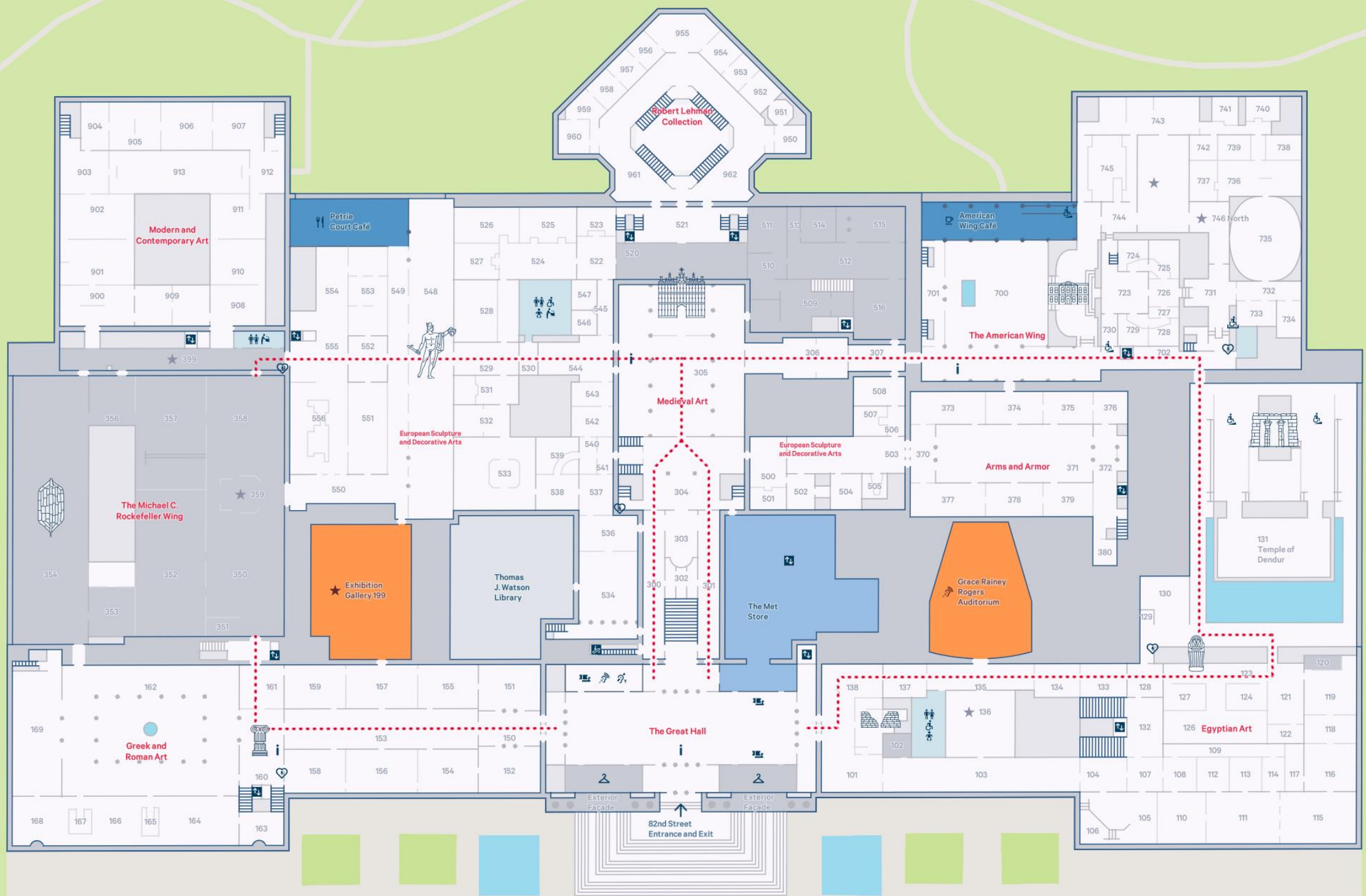
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890 miles

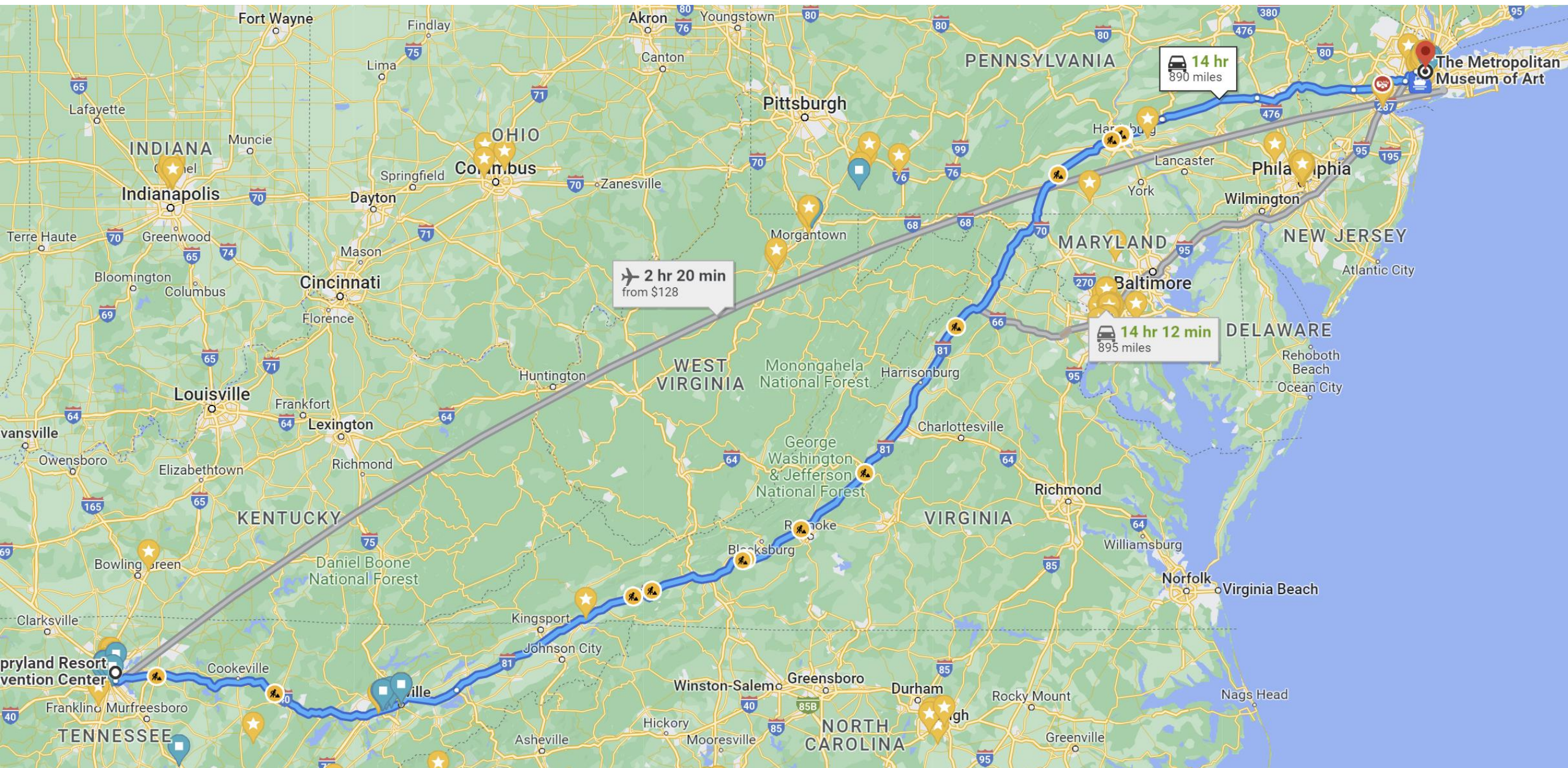
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The Metropolitan
Museum of Art

What's the context for the current map?

What zoom level would be
useful right now?

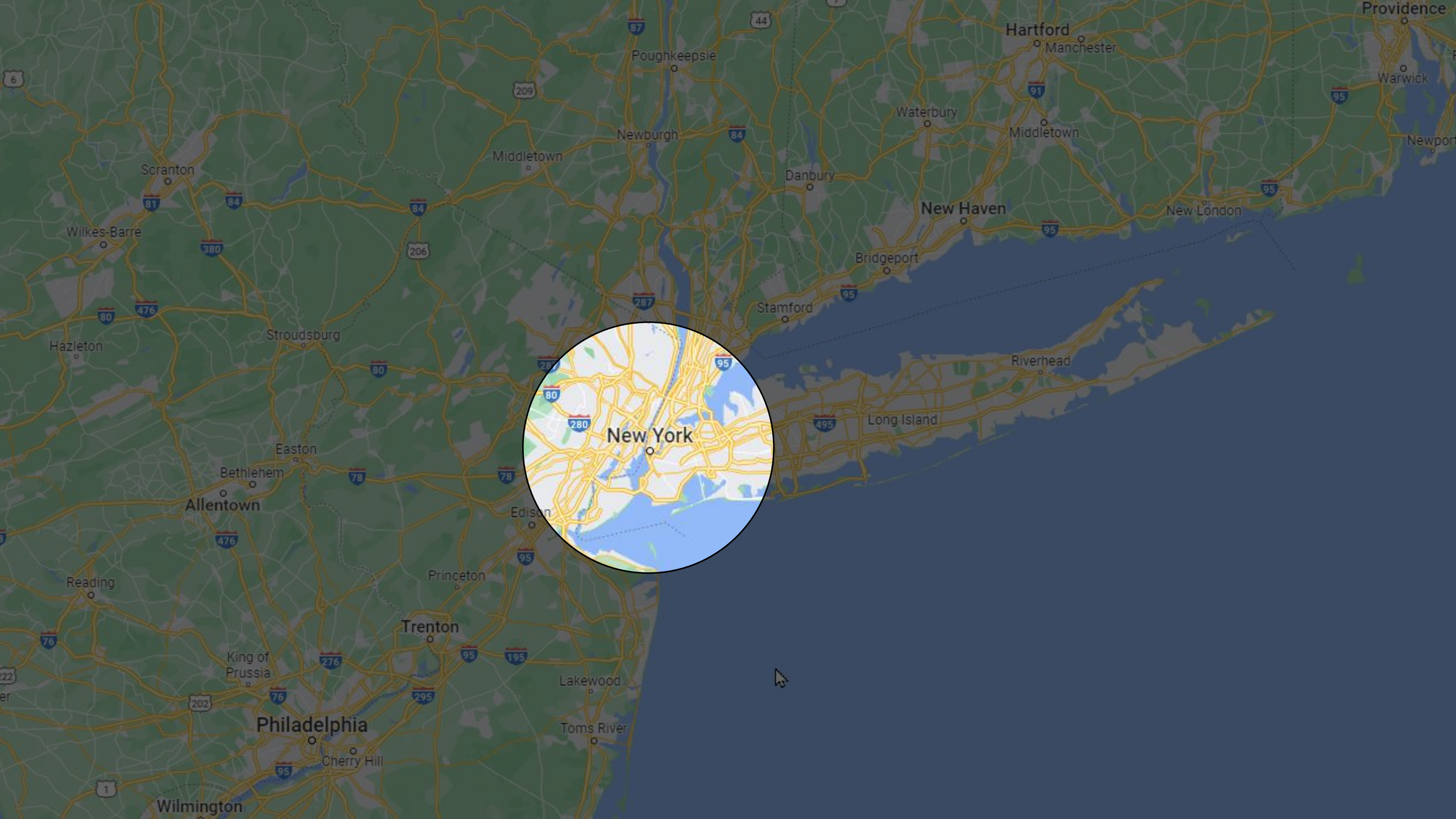


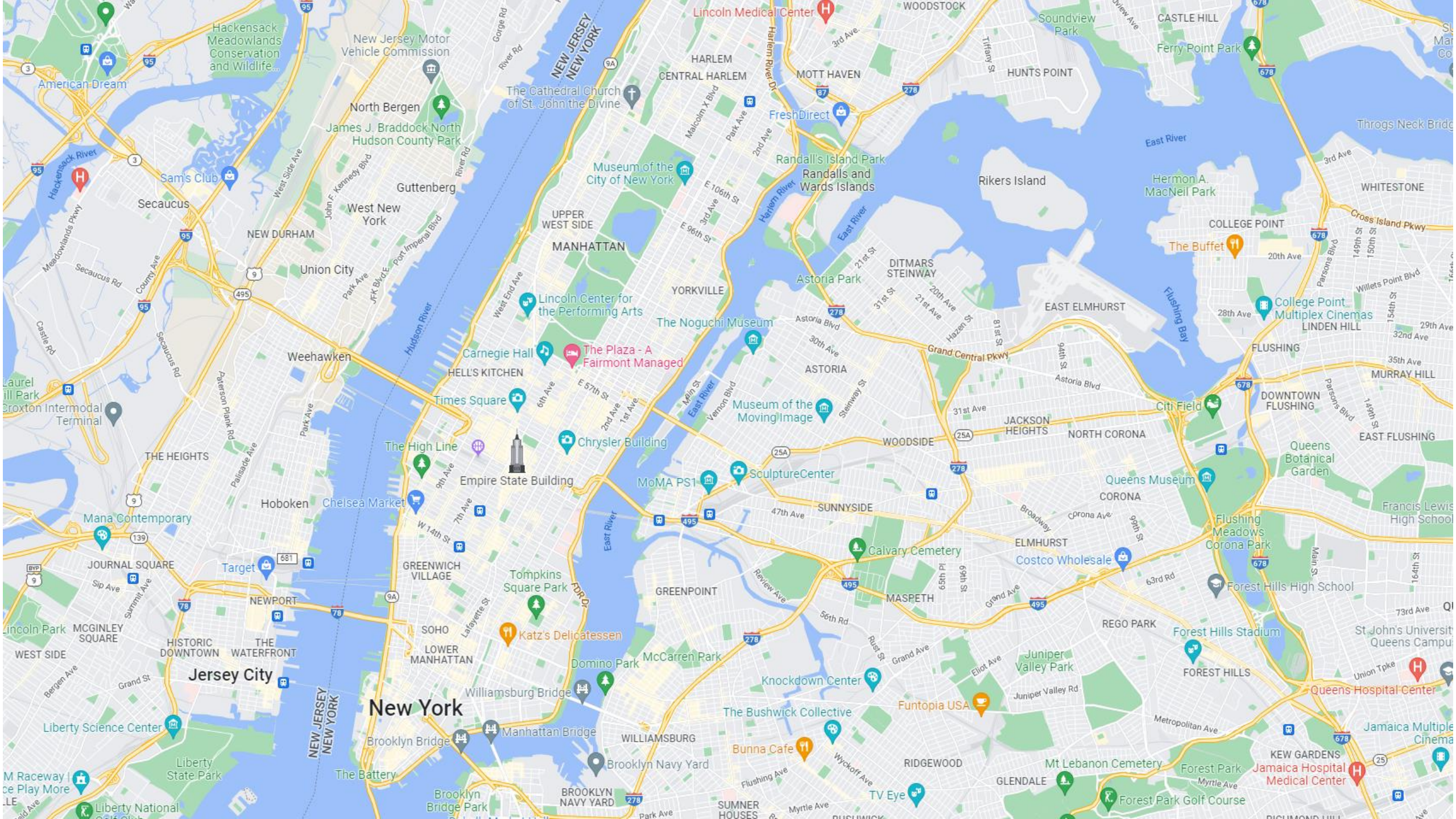


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Every component could be
it's own map

Conference
Attendee

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○ USB-C Cable

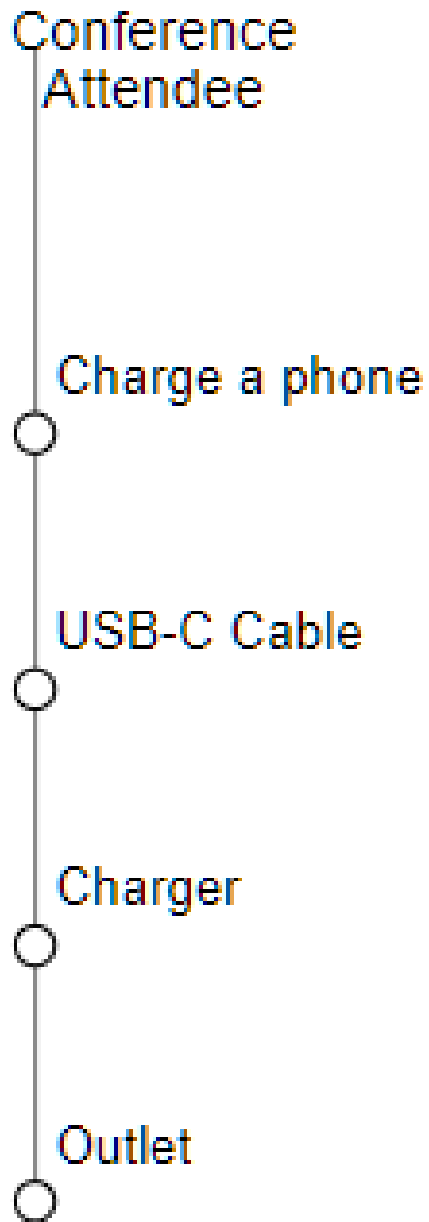
○ Charger

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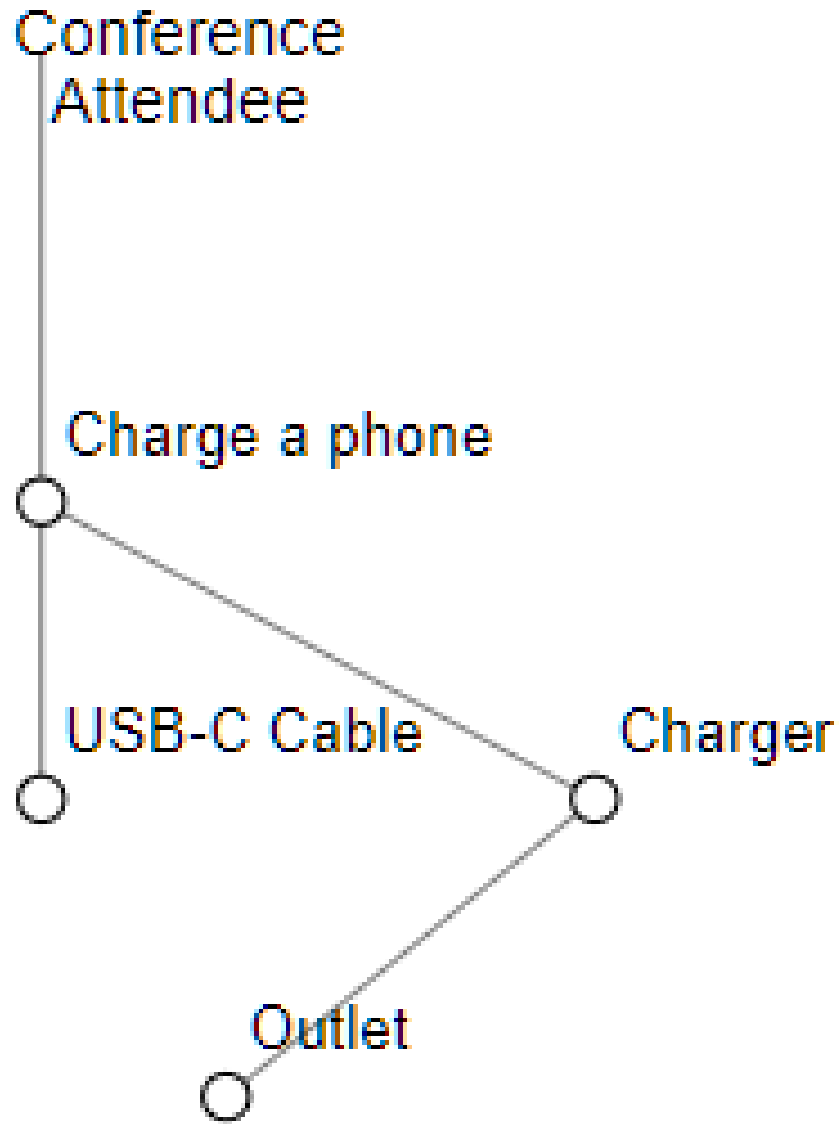
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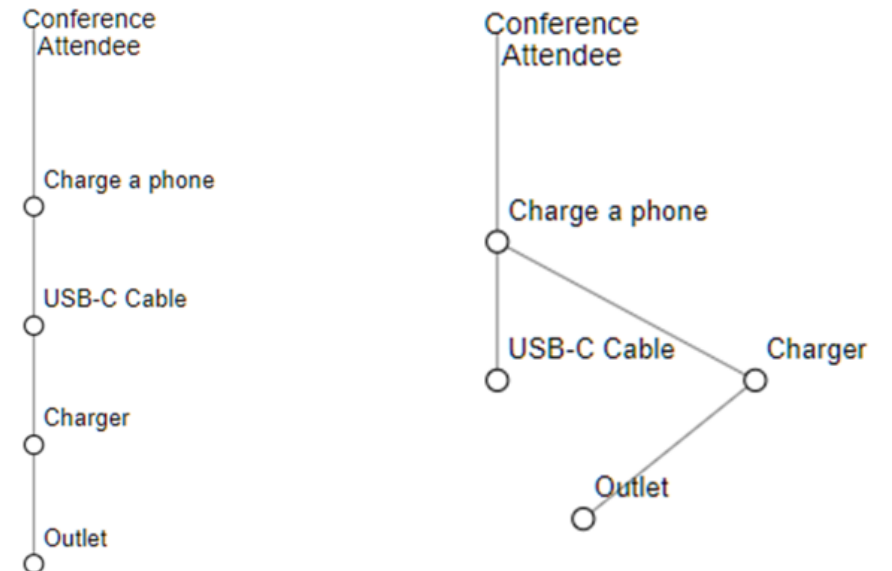
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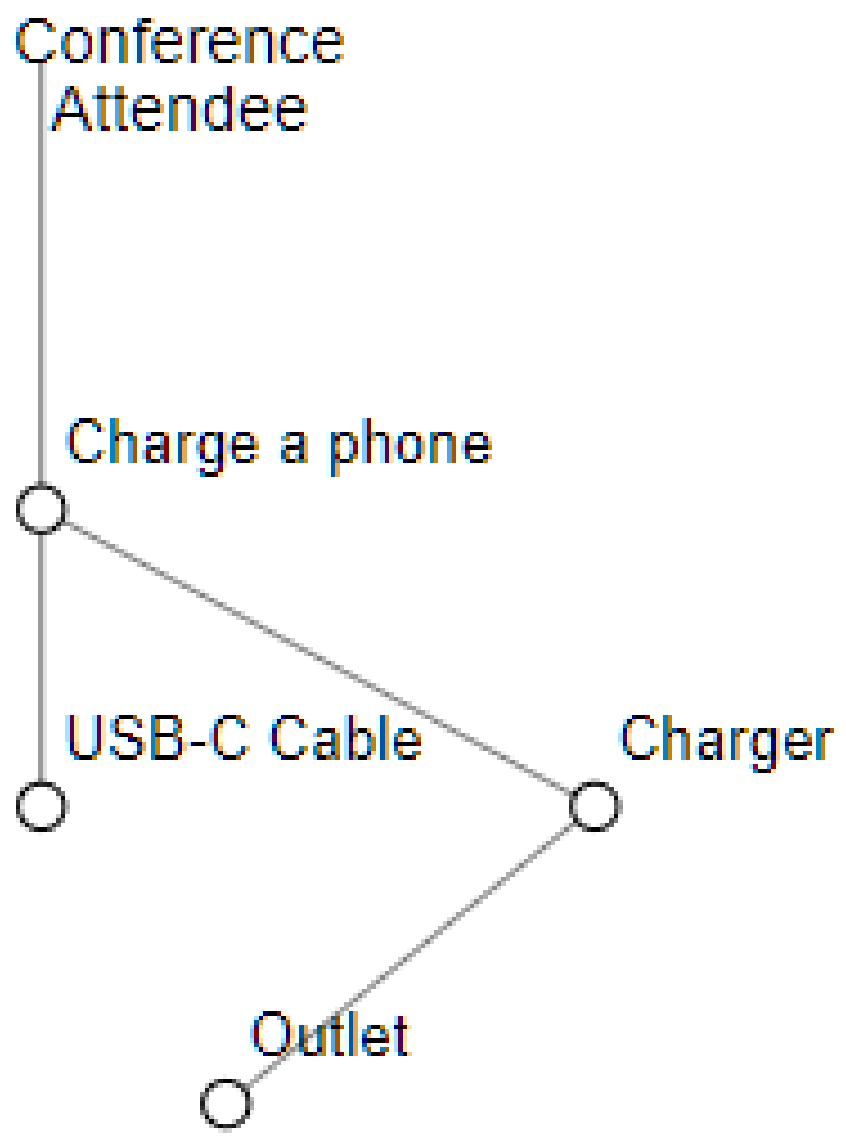
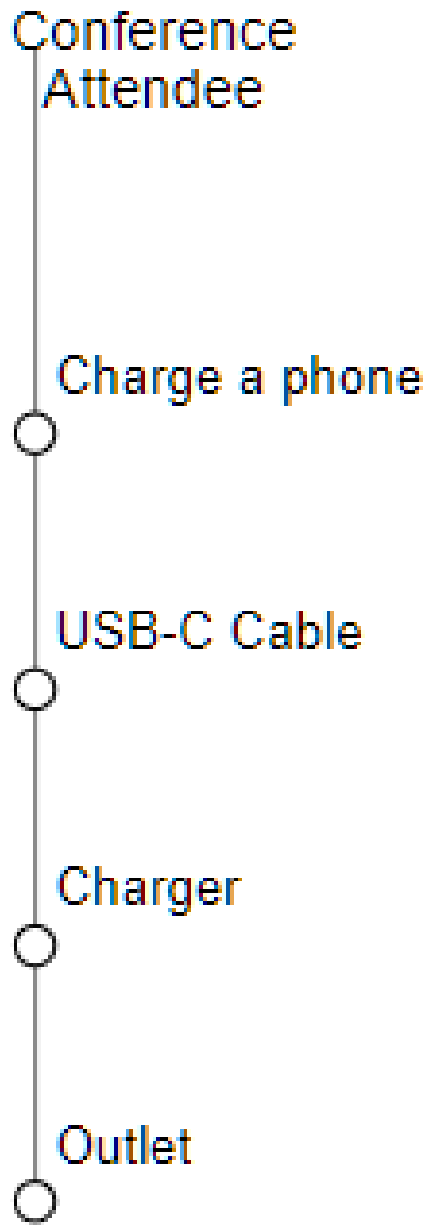
"Depends on"

Exercise – Value Chain

- Take your list and connect the anchor “Conference Attendee” to the need
- Relate the capabilities that you identified to each other in a way that “needs to”, “needs a”, or “depends on”
- Add any capabilities to fill in gaps



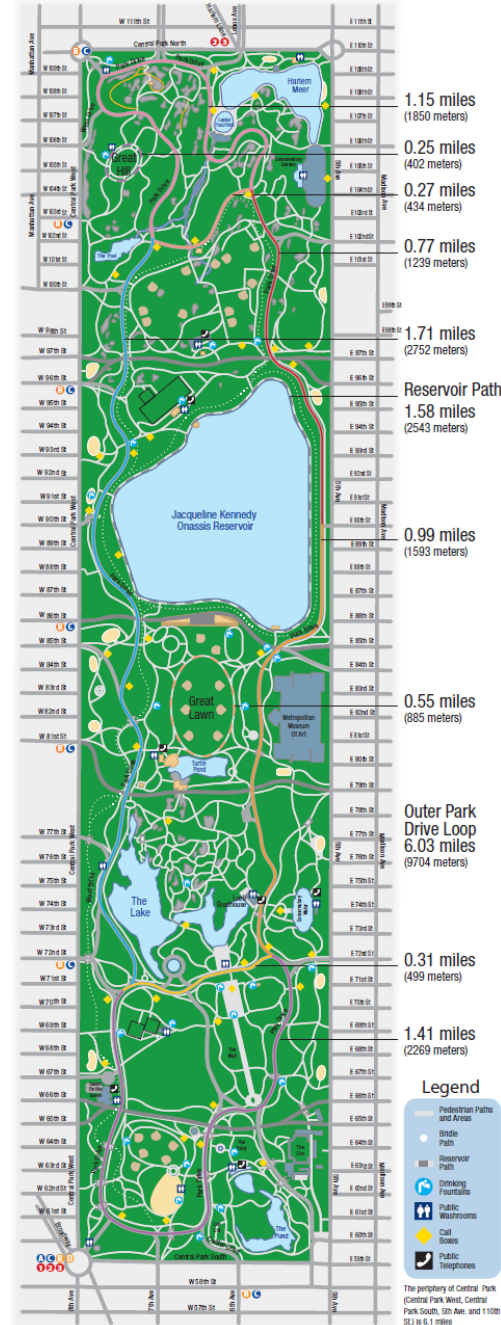
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What's the context for the current map?



CENTRALPARK.COM
Runners Map



- Legend**
- Pedestrian Paths and Areas
 - Bike Path
 - Reservoir Path
 - Drinking Fountains
 - Public Restrooms
 - Call Boxes
 - Public Telephones

The periphery of Central Park (Central Park West, Central Park South, 52nd Ave. and 110th St.) is 6.1 miles





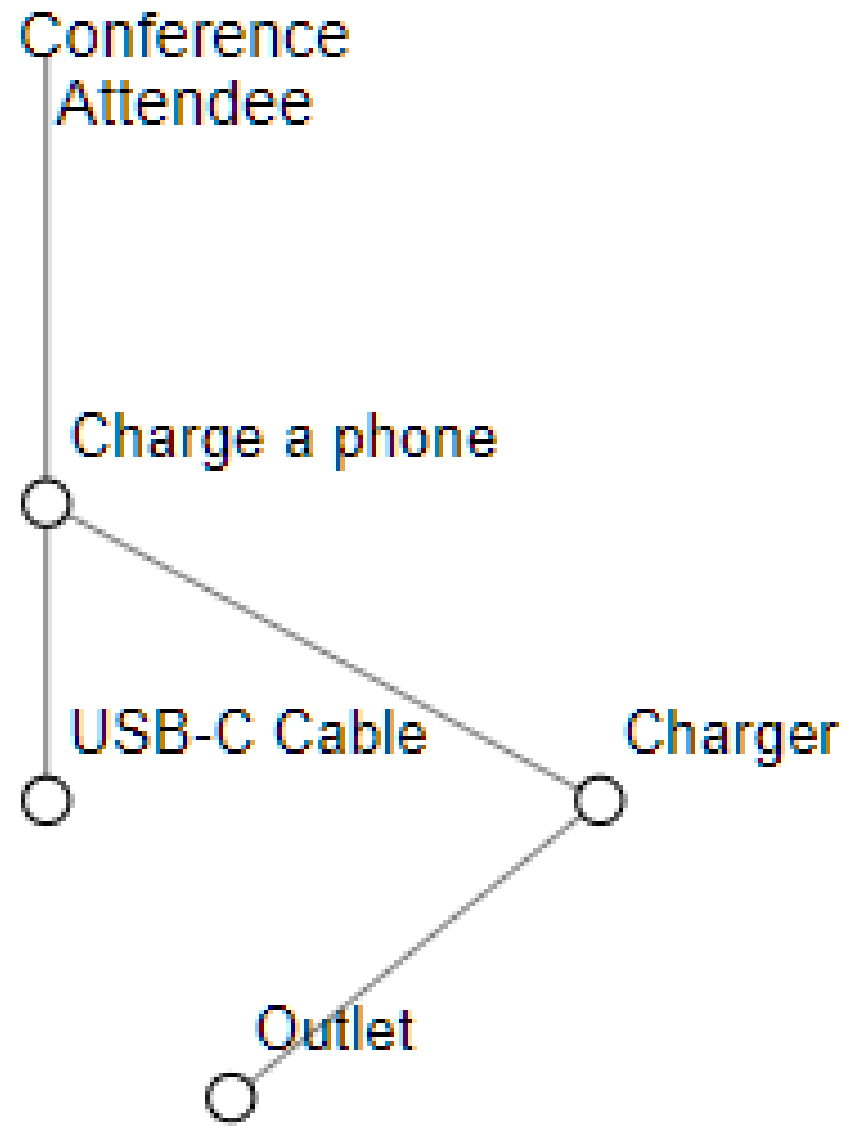
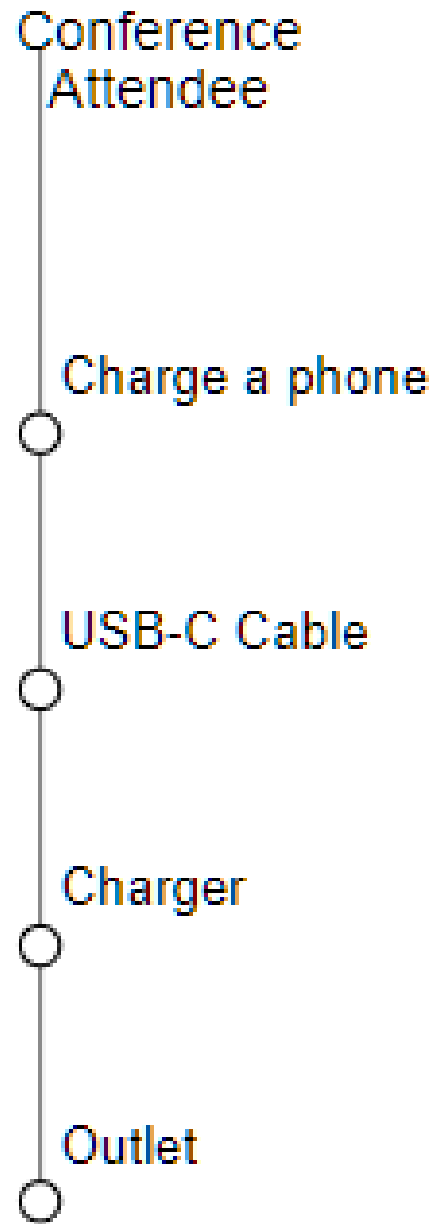
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What are we trying to
learn?

Visible



Invisible





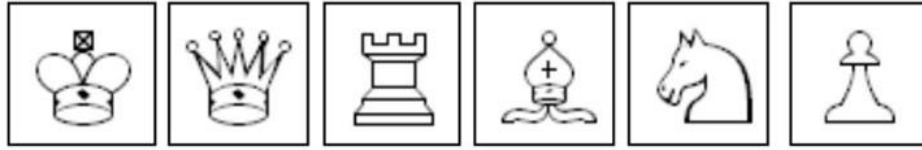
"Needs to"

"Needs a"

"Depends on"

You'll probably get it
"wrong" the first time

You'll probably get it
"wrong" the first time...
and that's okay



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What about the
horizontal axis?

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Activities	Genesis	Custom	Product + Rental Services	Commodity + Utility Services
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Data	Unmodelled	Divergent	Convergent	Modelled
Knowledge	Concept	Hypothesis	Theory	Accepted

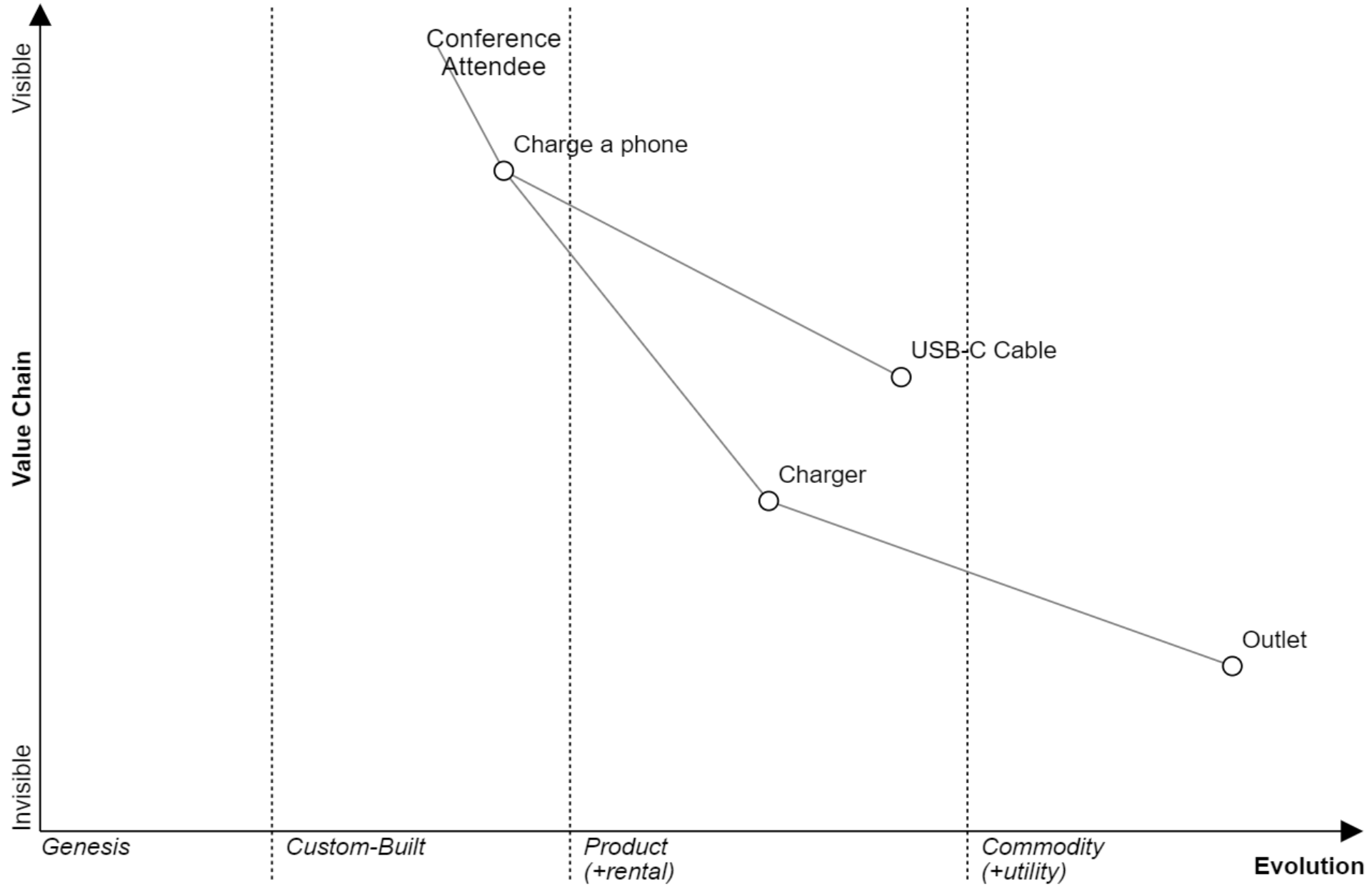
Stage	I	II	III	IV
Characteristics				
Ubiquity	Rare	Slowly increasing consumption	Rapidly increasing consumption	Widespread and stabilising.
Certainty	Poorly understood	Rapid increases in learning	Rapid increases in use / fit for purpose	Commonly understood (in terms of use)
Publication Types	Normally describe the wonder of the thing	Build / construct / awareness and learning	Maintenance / operations / installation / feature	Focused on use
General Properties				
Market	Undefined market	Forming market	Growing market	Mature market
Knowledge management	Uncertain	Learning on use	Learning on operation	known / accepted
Market Perception	Chaotic (non linear)	Domain of experts	Increasing expectation of use	Ordered (appearance of being linear) / trivial
User perception	Different / confusing / exciting / surprising	Leading edge / emerging	Increasingly common / disappointed if not used	Standard / expected
Perception in Industry	Competitive advantage / unpredictable / unknown	Comptitive advantage / ROI / case examples	Advantage through implementation / features	Cost of doing business
Focus of value	High future worth	Seeking profit / ROI?	High profitability	High volume / reducing margin
Understanding	Poorly Understood / unpredictable	Increasing understanding / development of measures	Increasing education / constant refinement of needs / measures	Believed to be well defined / stable / measurable
Comparison	Constantly changing / a differential / unstable	Learning from others / testing the water / some evidential support	Feature difference	Essential / operational advantage
Failure	High / tolerated / assumed	Moderate / unsurprising but disappointed	Not tolerated, focus on constant improvement	Operational efficiency and surprised by failure
Market action	Gambling / driven by gut	Exploring a "found" value	Market analysis / listening to customers	Metric driven / build what is needed
Efficiency	Reducing the cost of change (experimentation)	Reducting cost of waste (Learning)	Reducting cost of waste (Learning)	Reducing cost of deviation (Volume)
Decision Drivers	Hertiage / culture	Analyses & synthesis	Analyses & synthesis	Previous experience

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Conference



Exercise – Evolution

- Consider each component and how “evolved” it is
 - Precision isn’t critical
- Draw a new version with each component with both value chain and evolution axes
- Add any additional capabilities to fill in gaps

Share your “almost map”
with your neighbor
(groups of 2-3)

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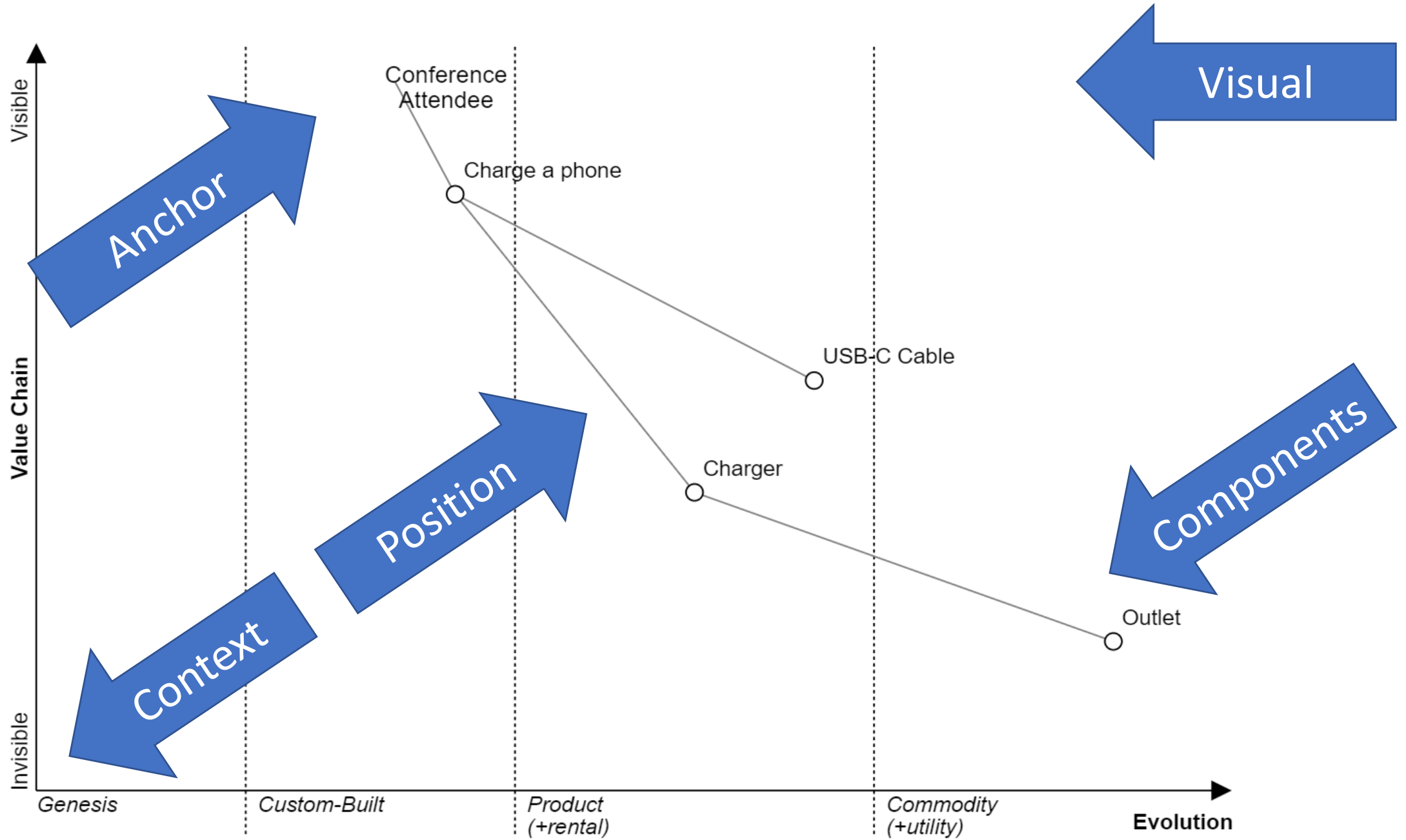
Anchor

Components

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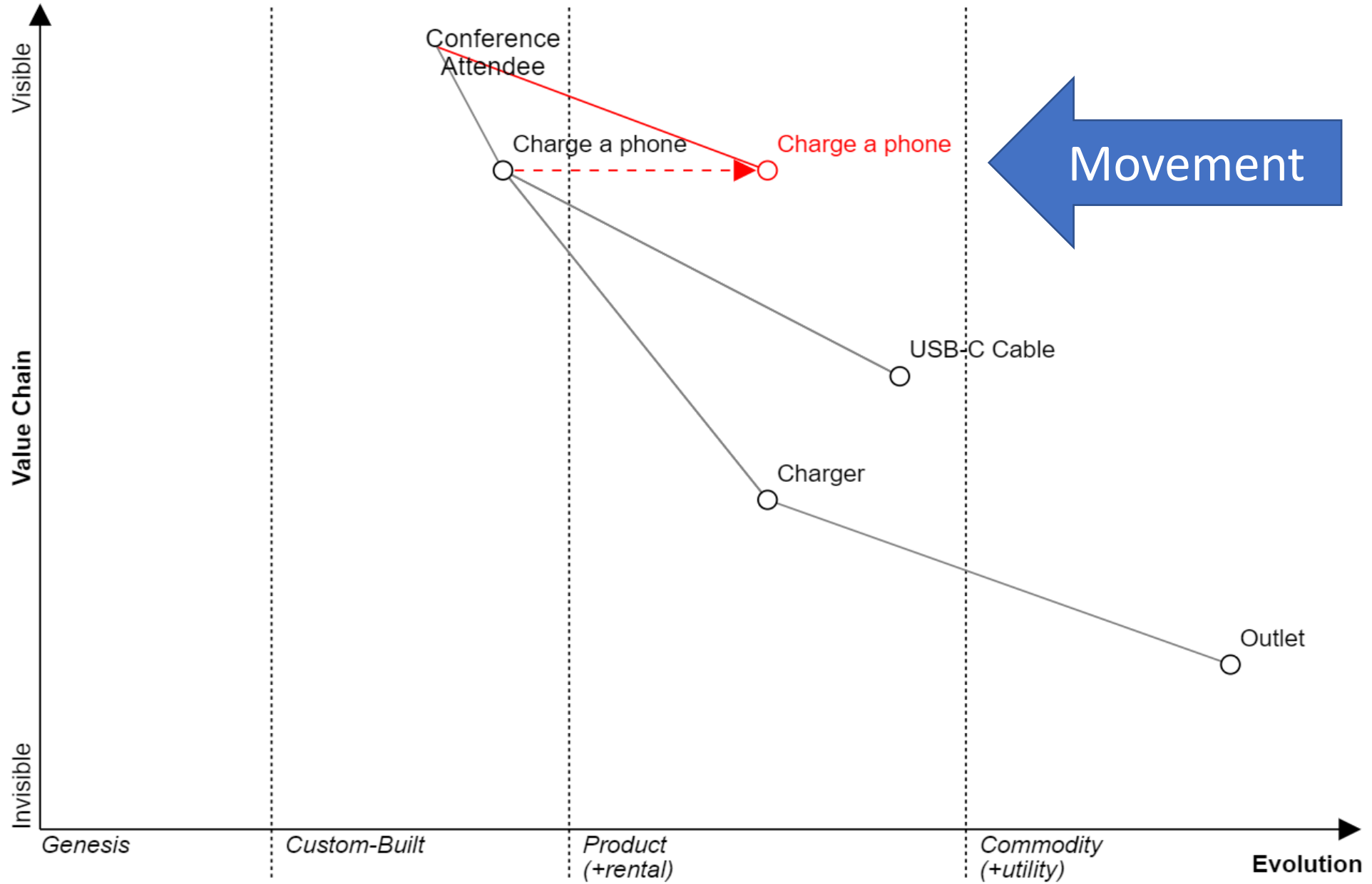
Movement

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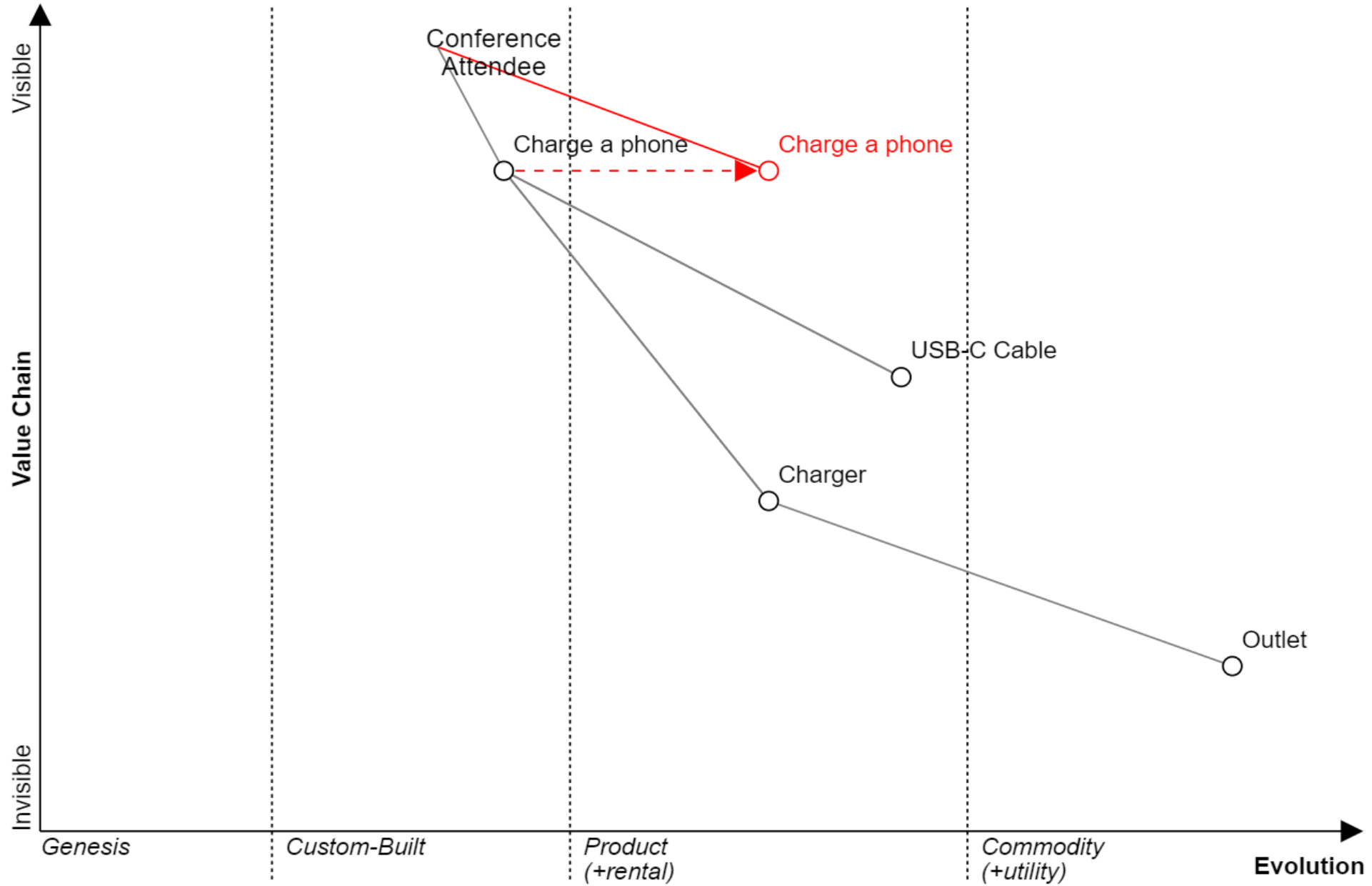
Movement?

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Play “What if?”

Conference





COURTESY CHARGING STATION

COURTESY
CHARGING STATION

START

RETRIEVE



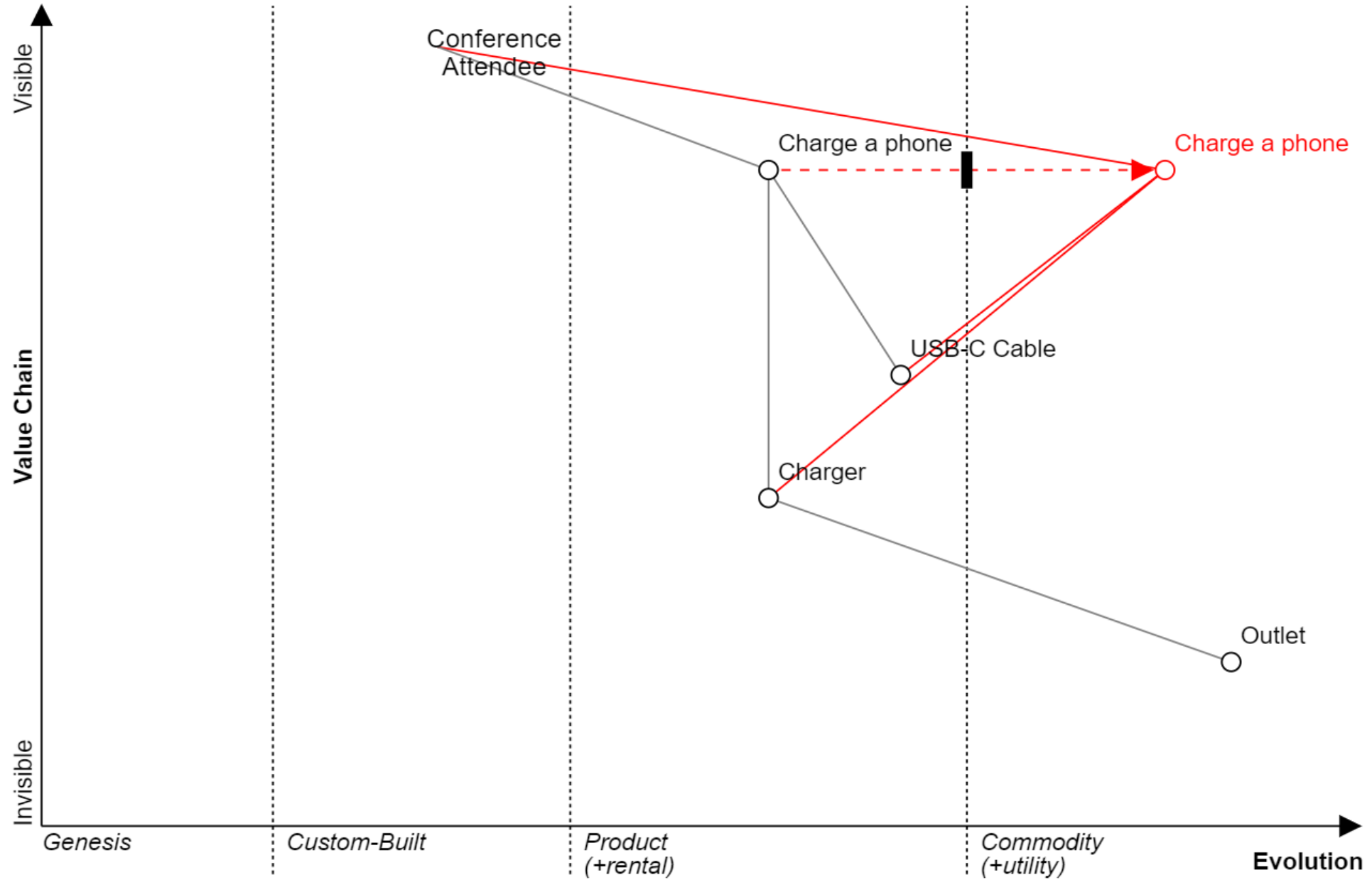
IN 20
PORT

- PLUG IN
 - LEAVE
 - RETURN
- WORKS WITH
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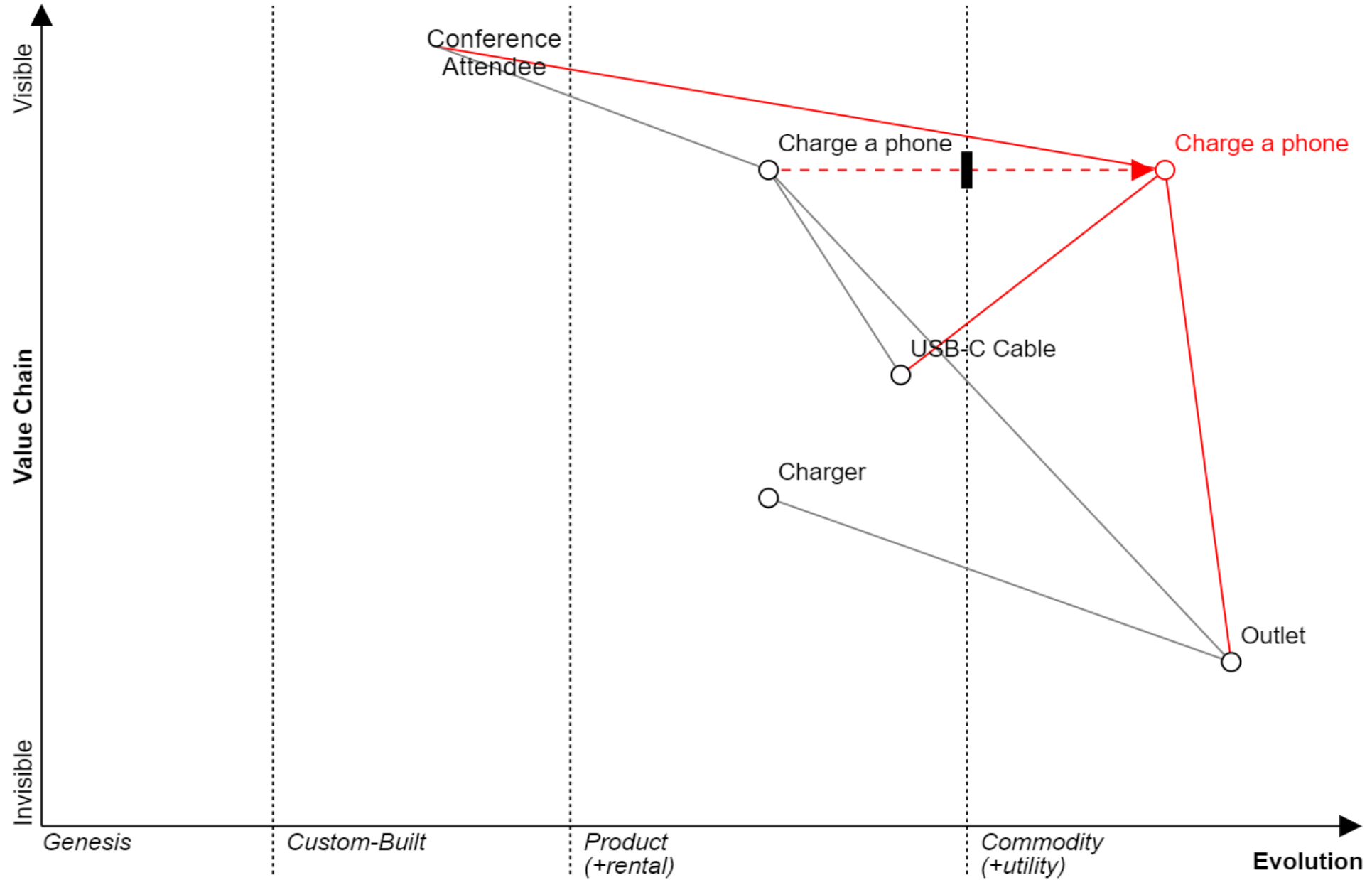


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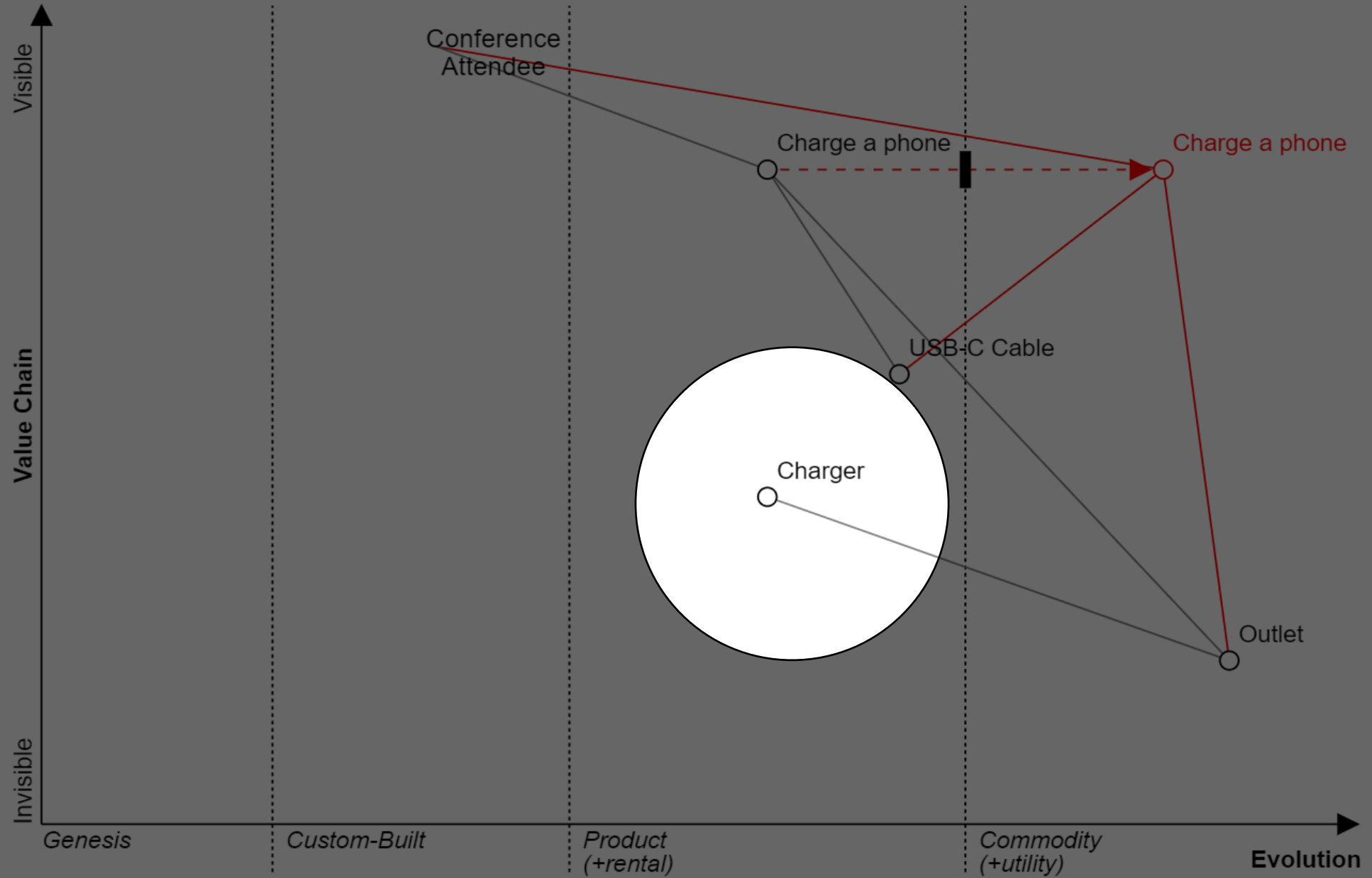
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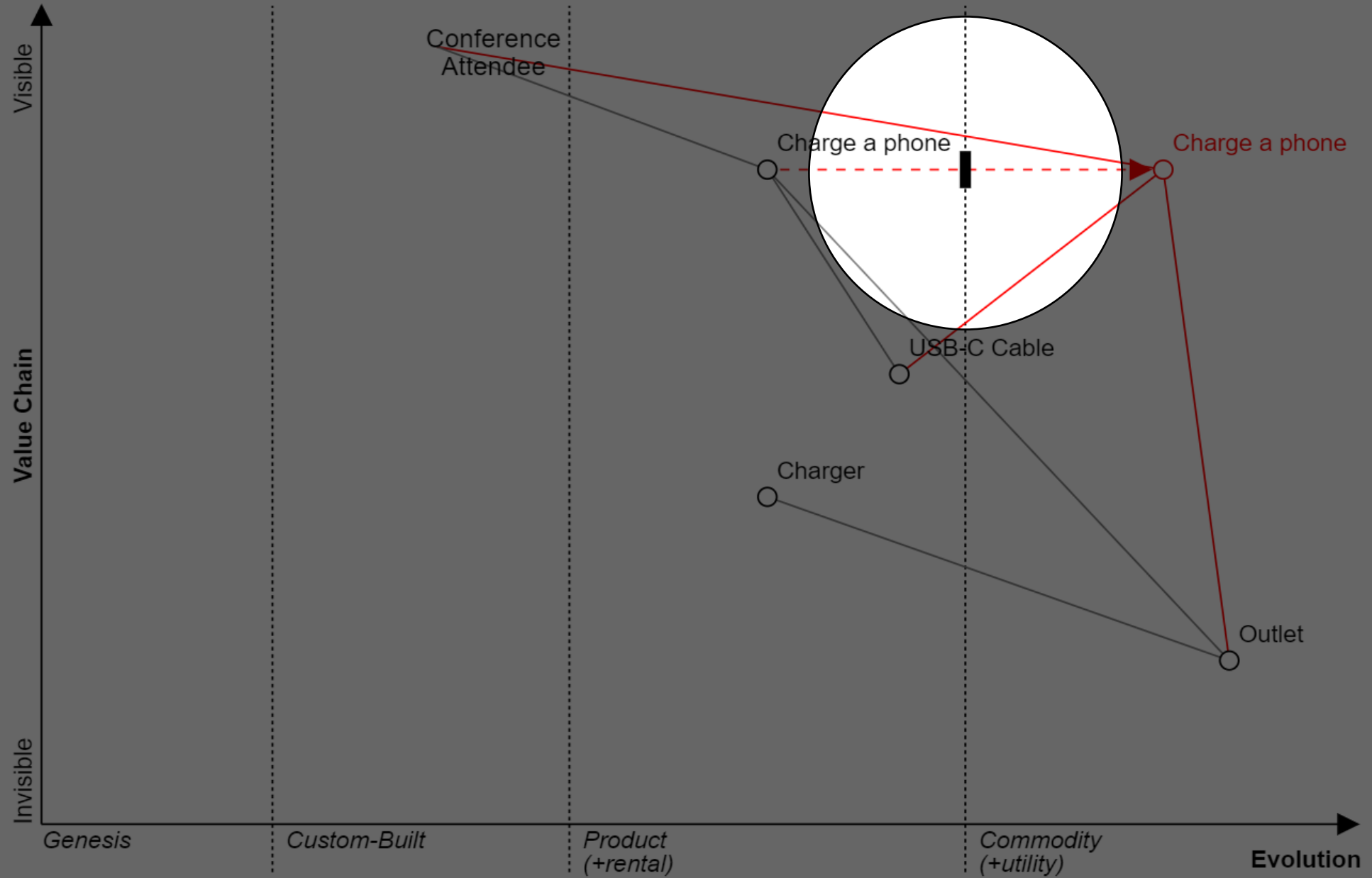
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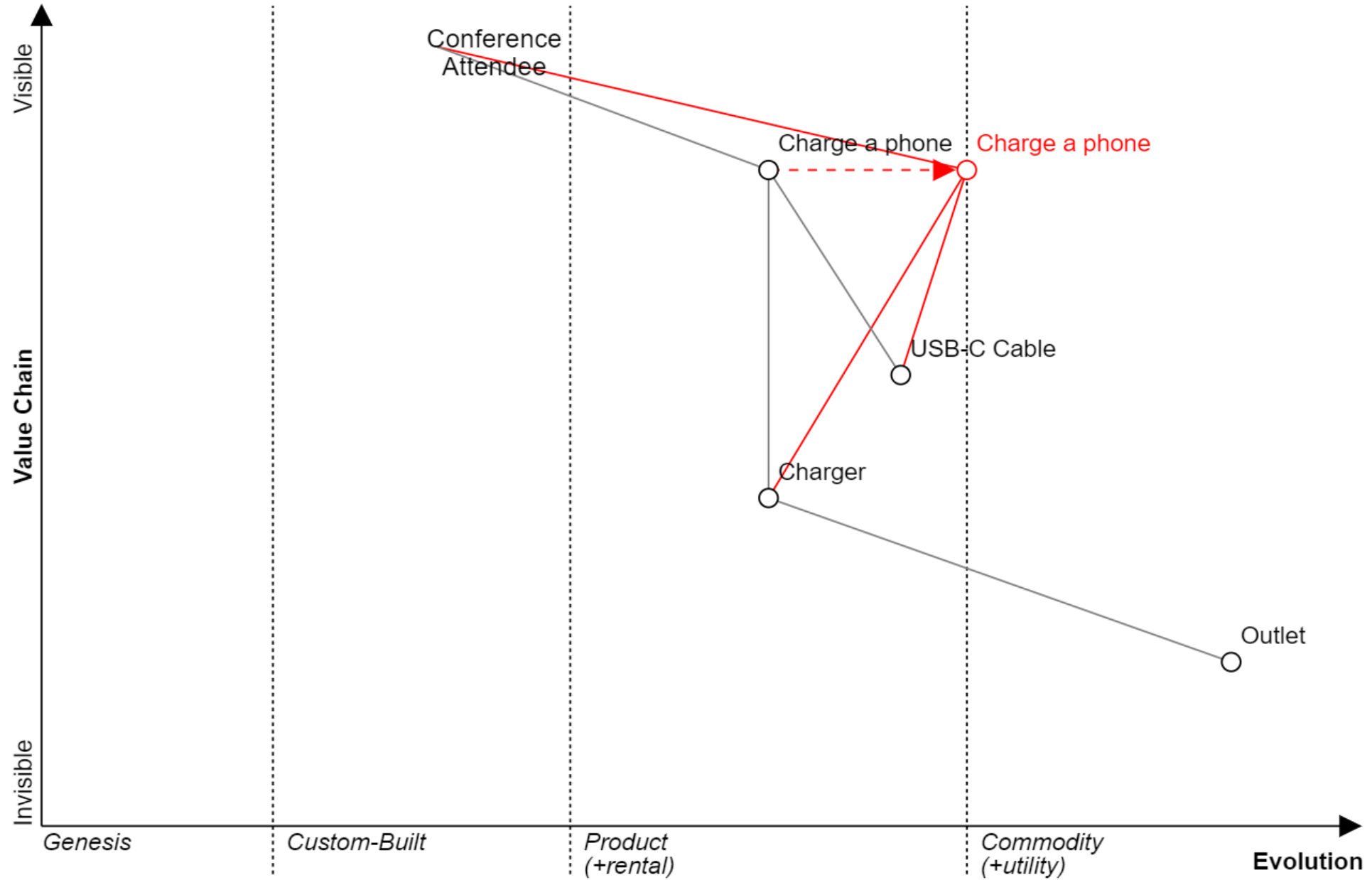


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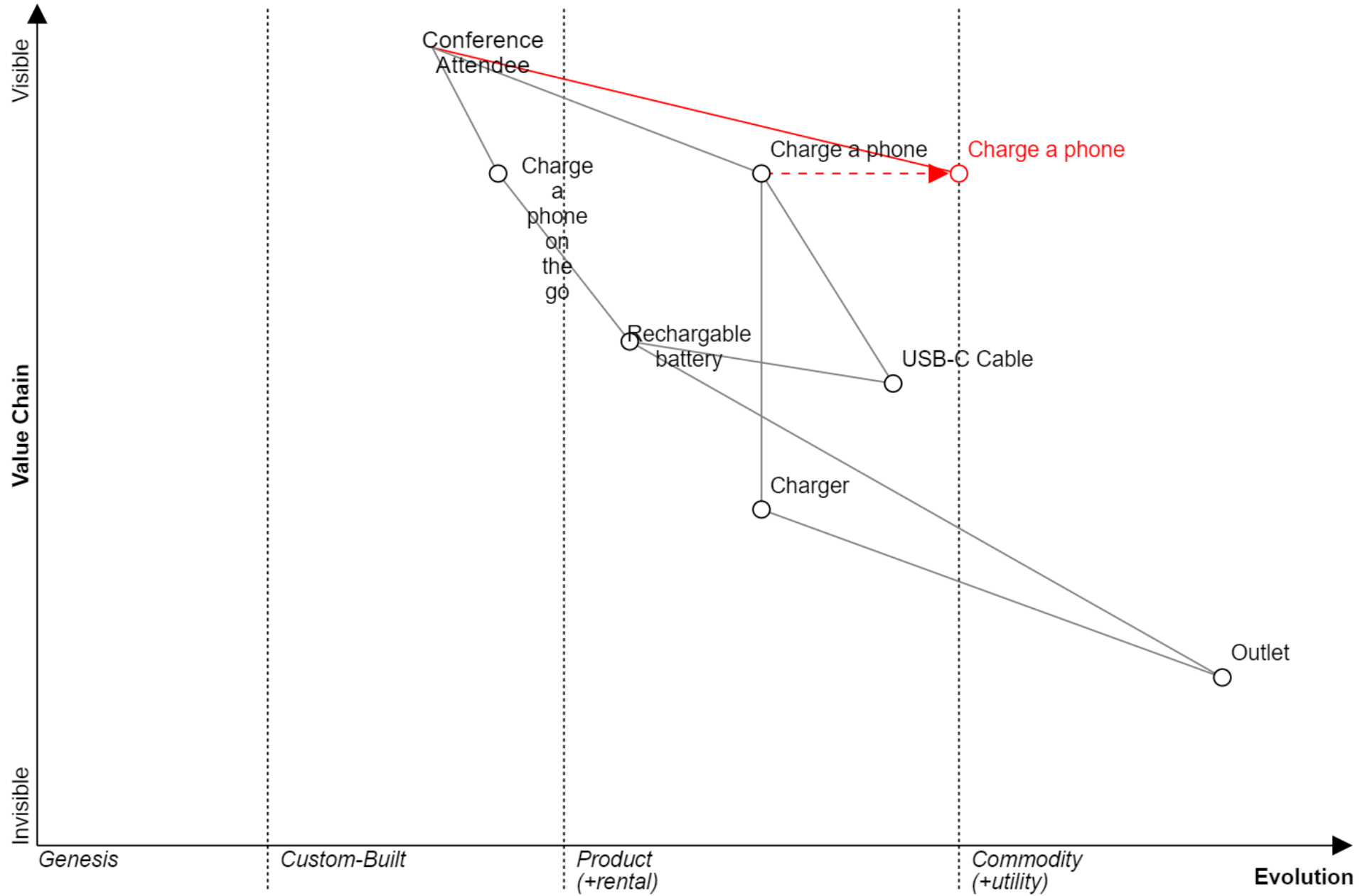




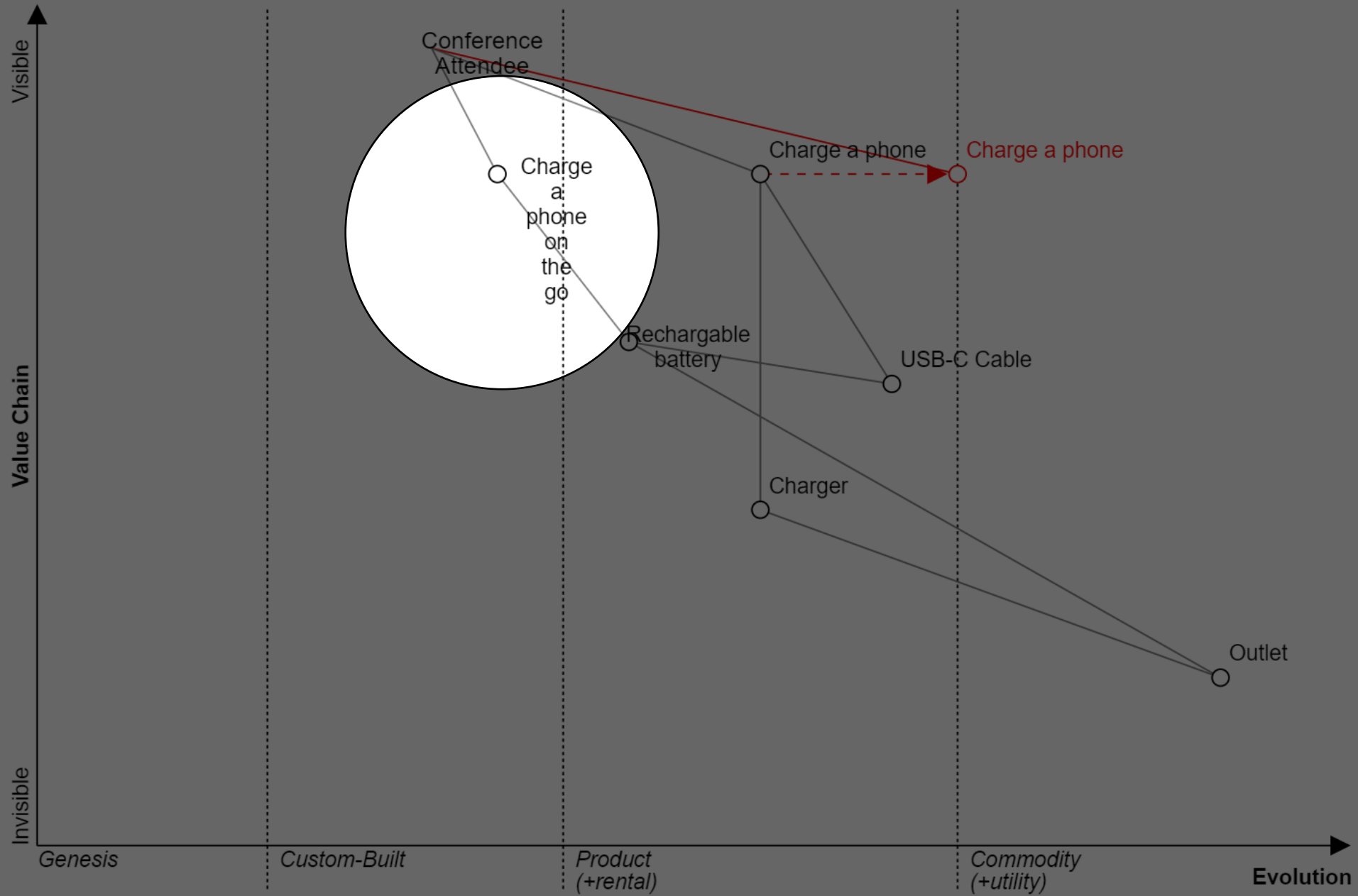
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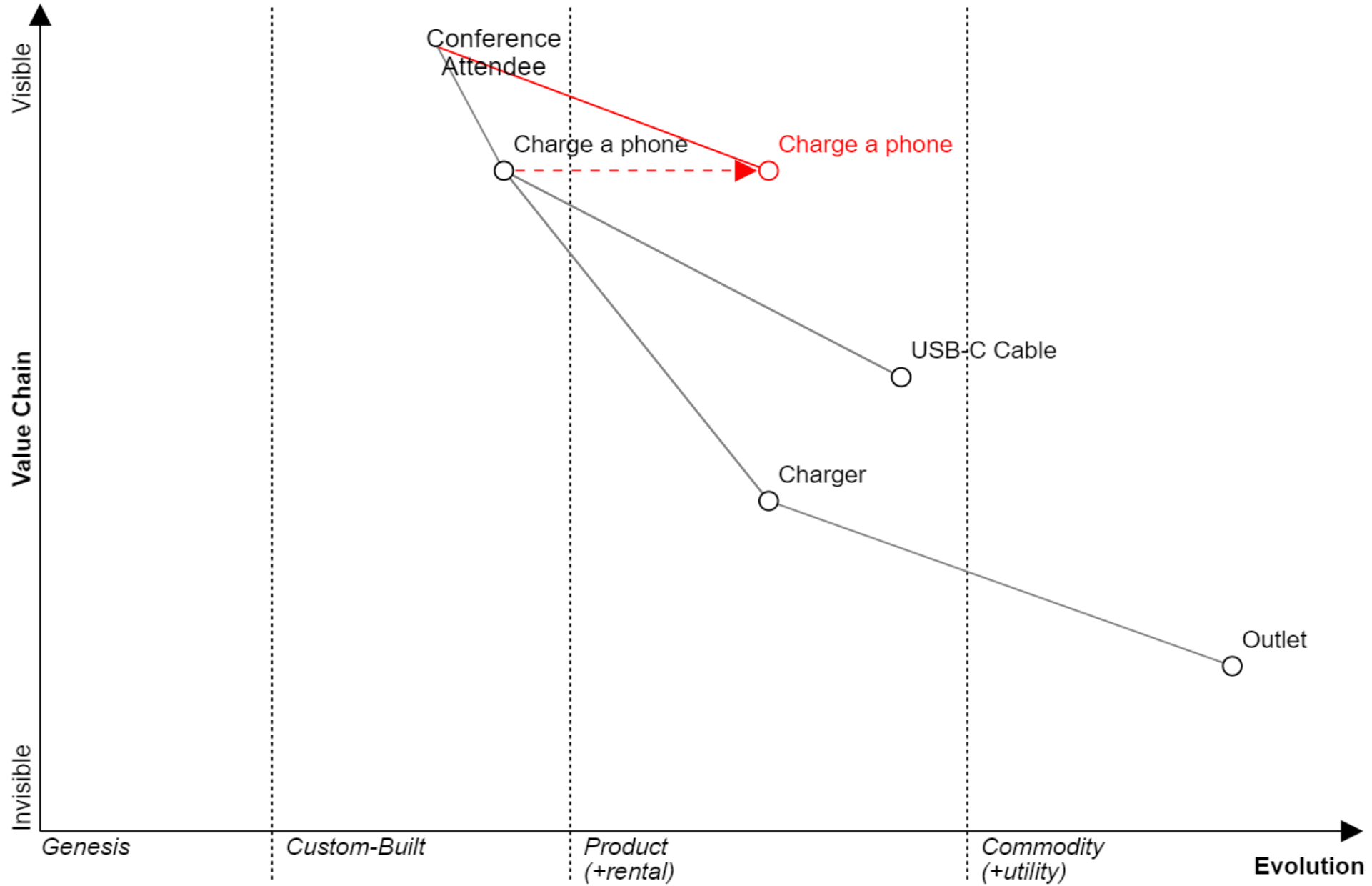
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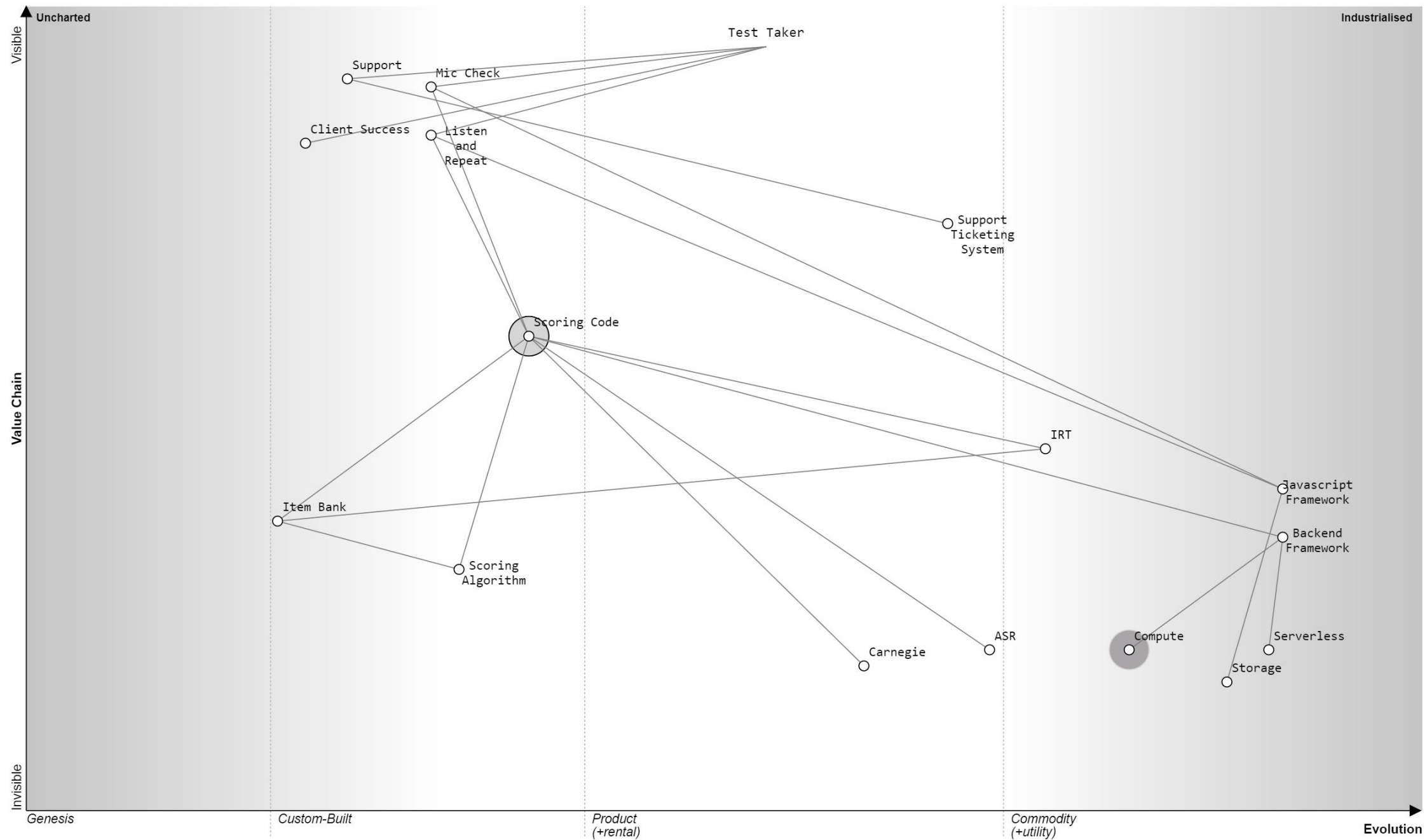
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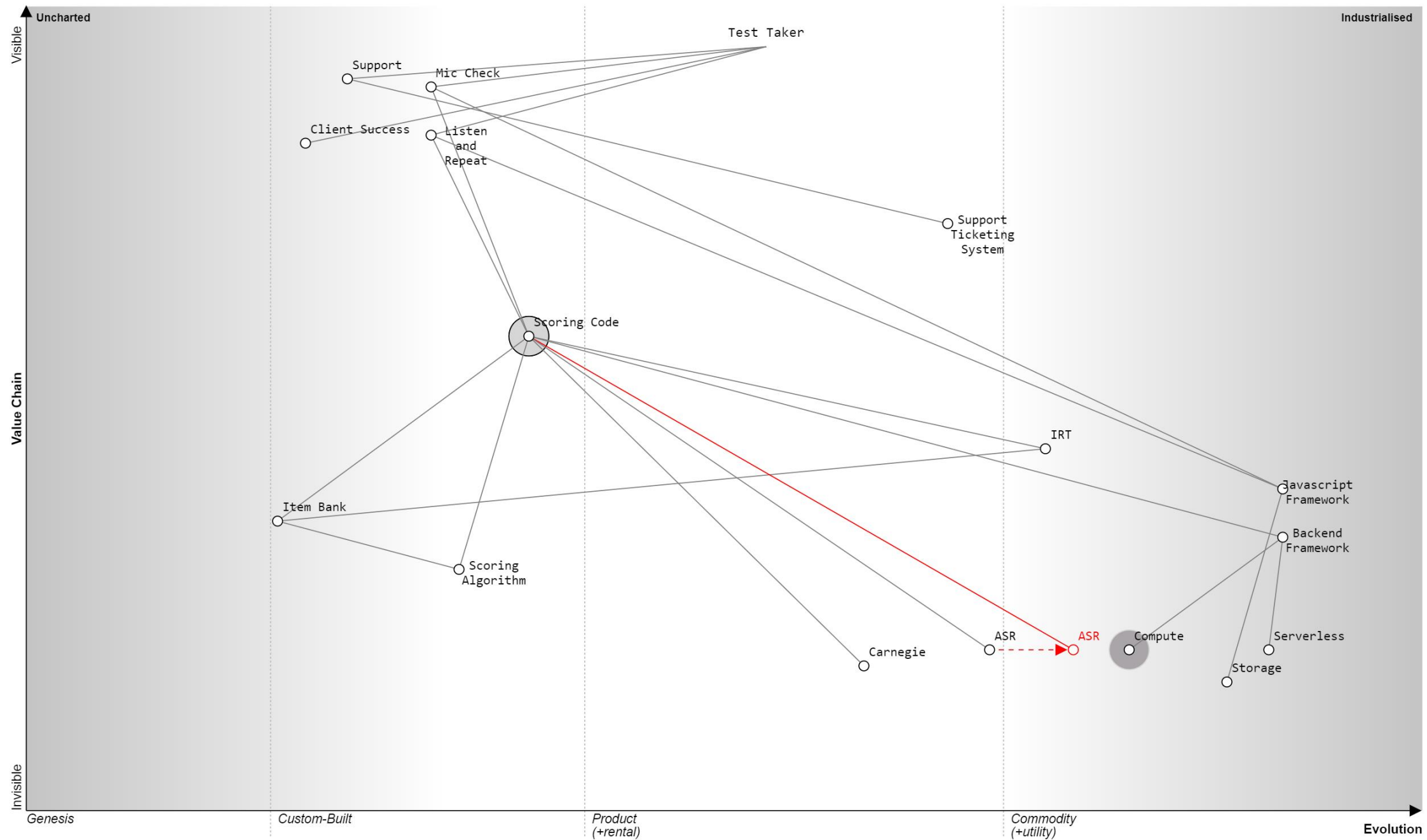
Tool to develop shared
understanding



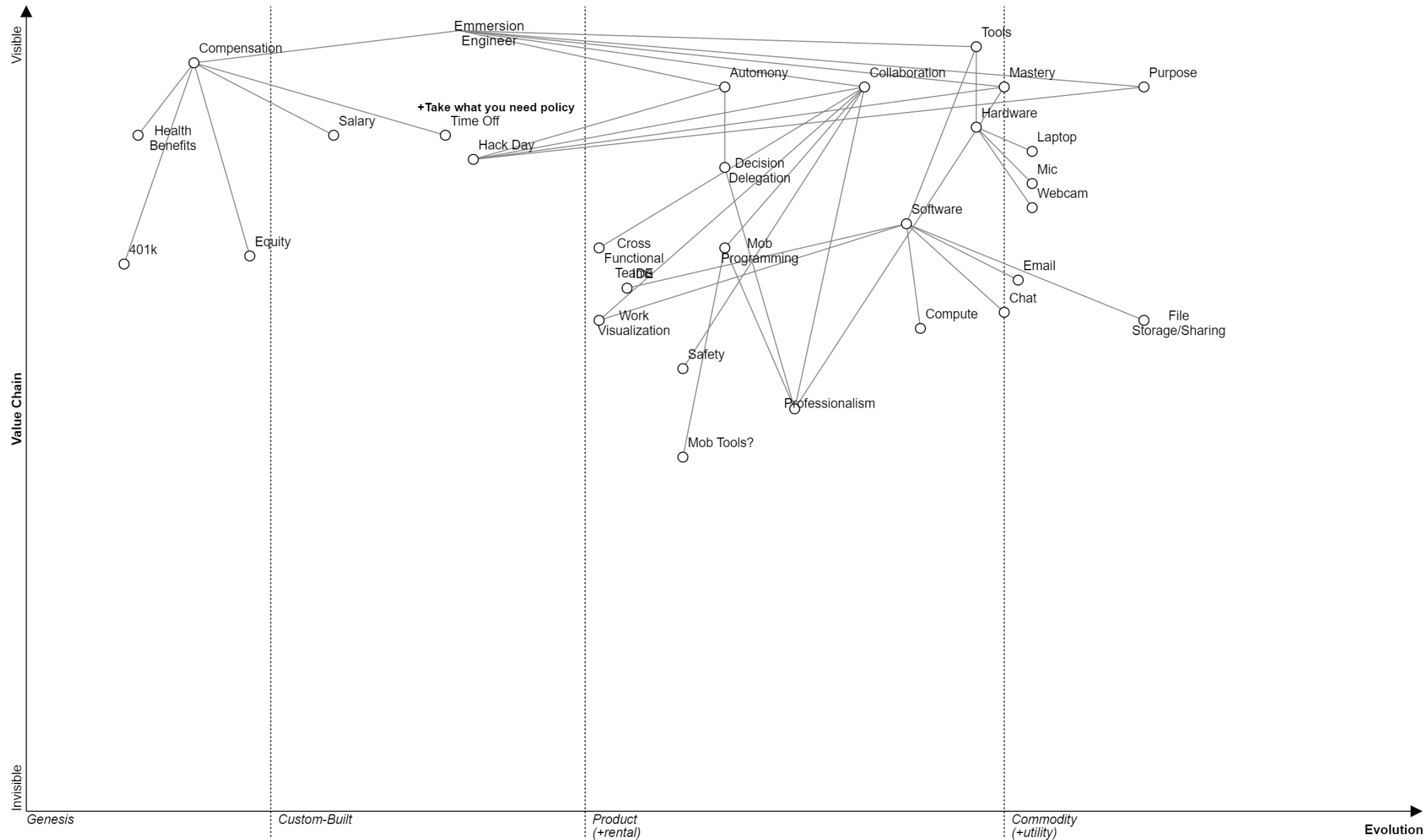
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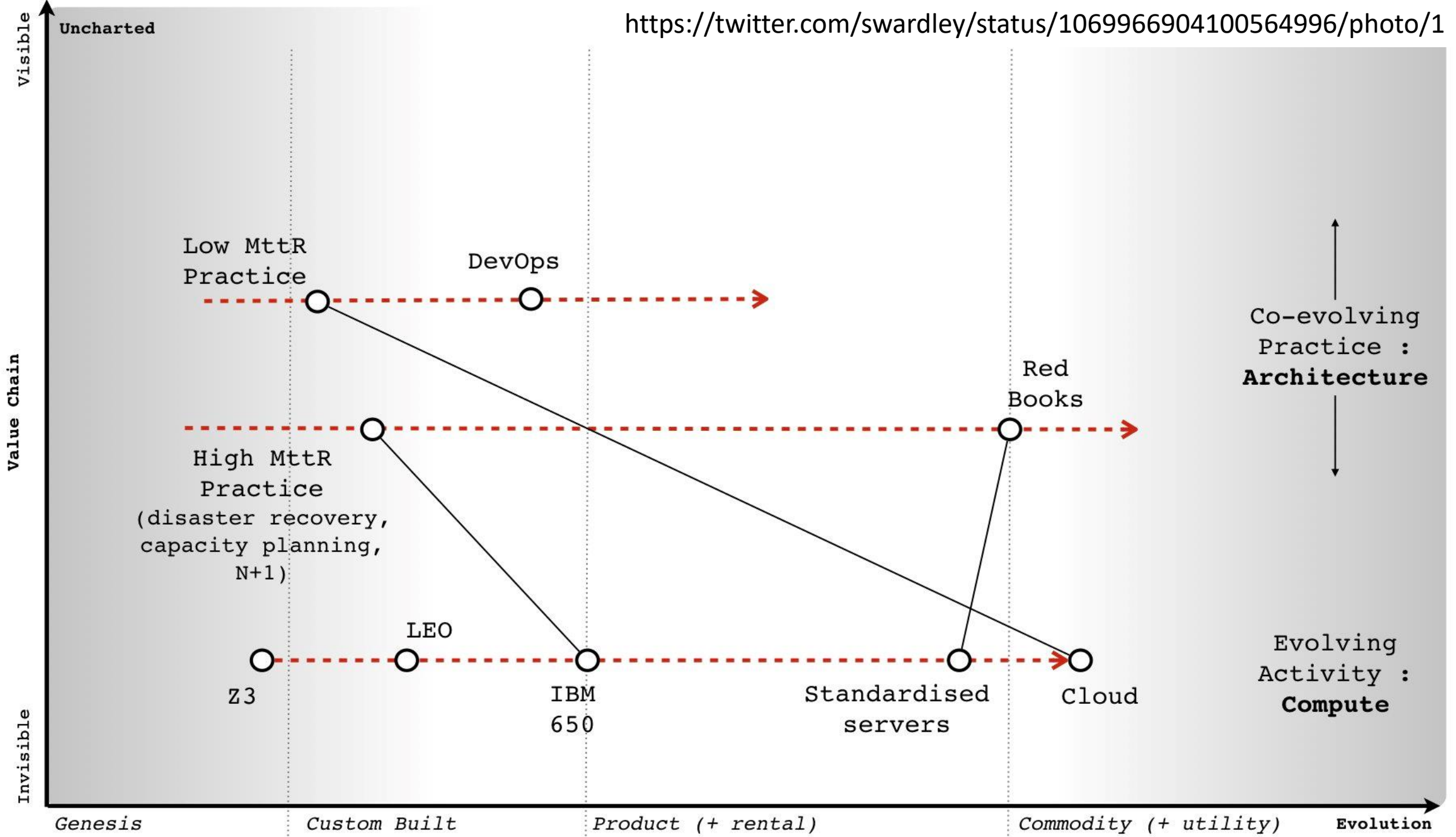


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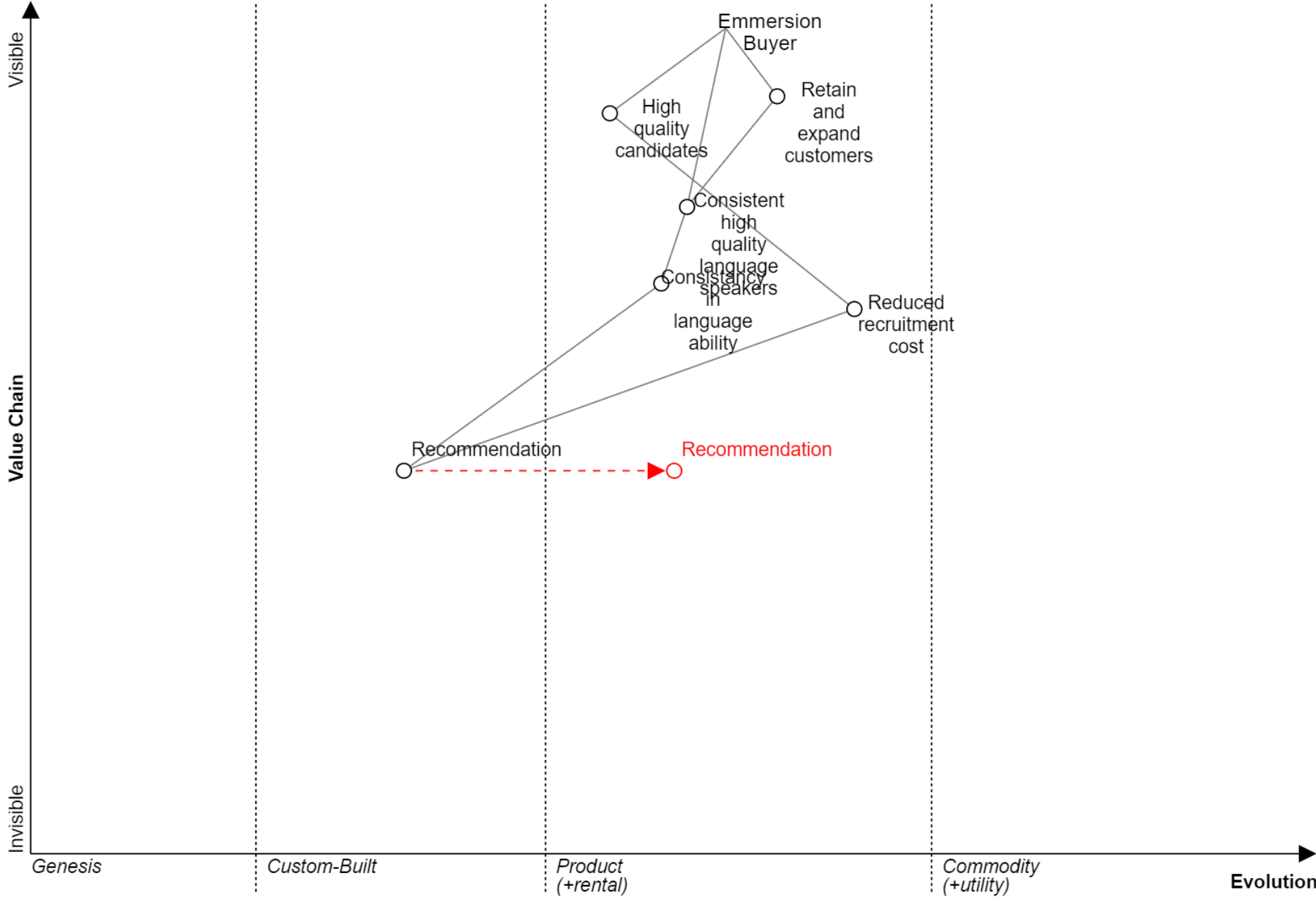


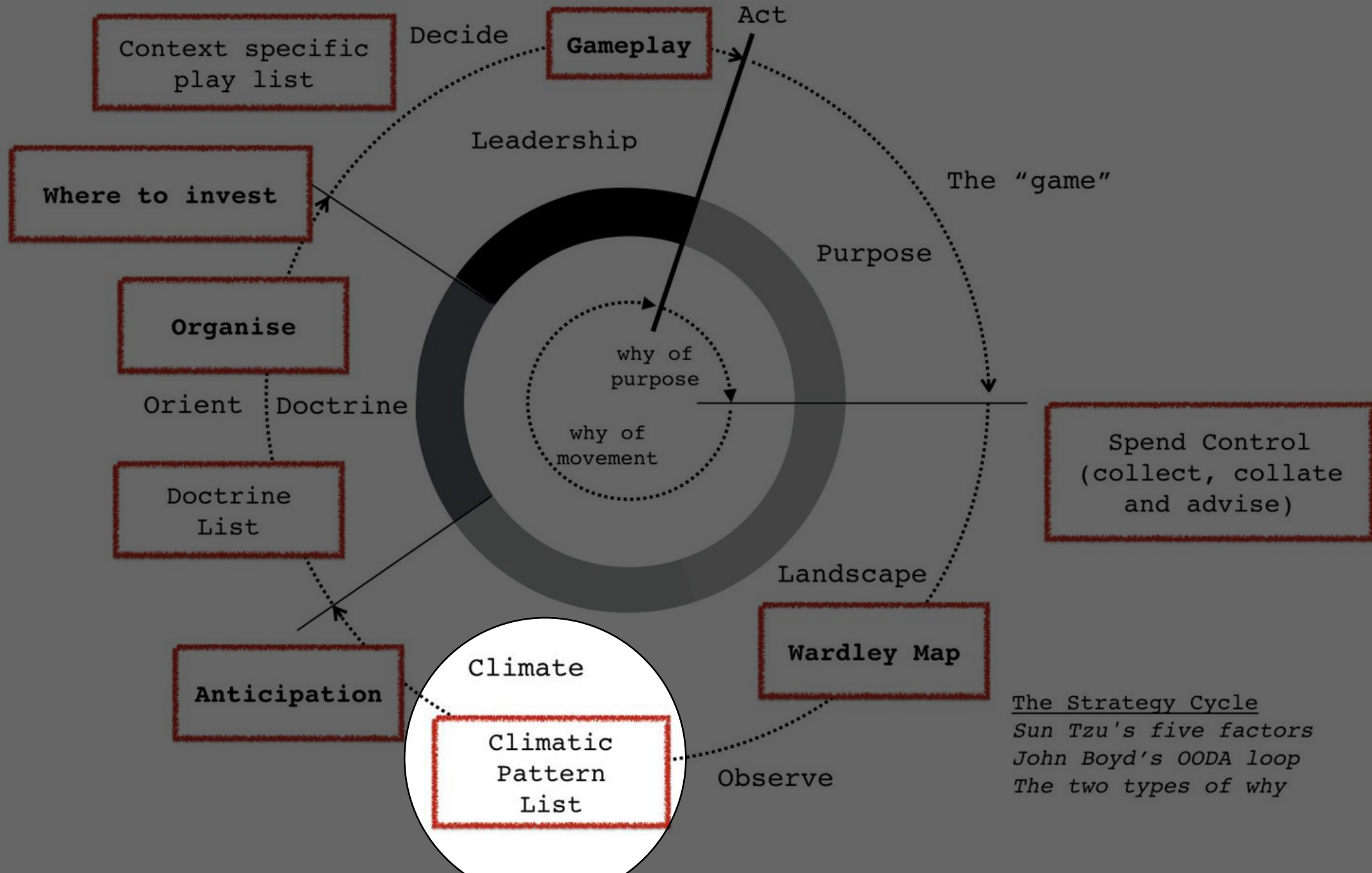
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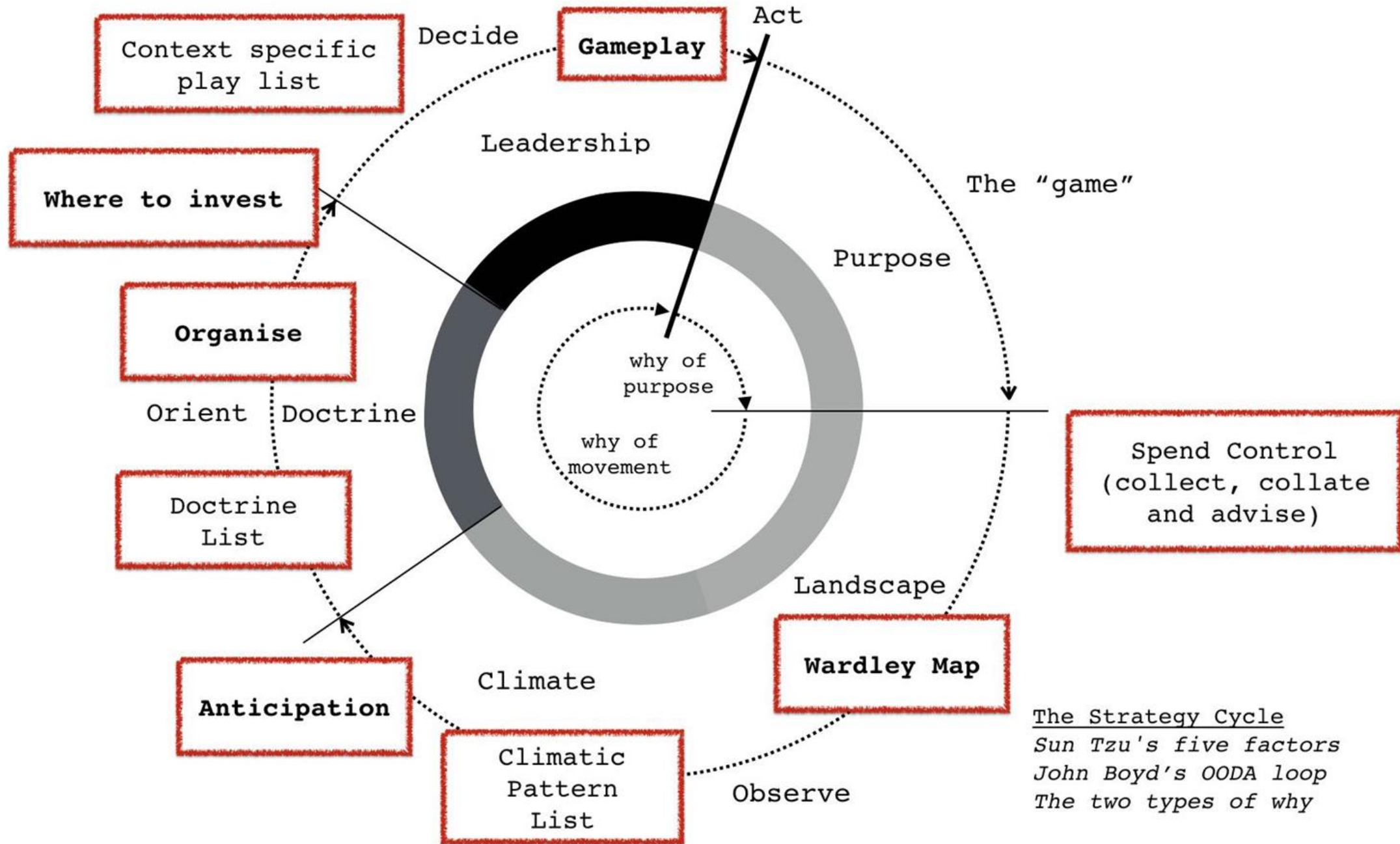
Emmersion Buyer





The Strategy Cycle
 Sun Tzu's five factors
 John Boyd's OODA loop
 The two types of why

Category	Climatic Pattern (Rules of the game. Patterns that are applied across contexts regardless of user choice)			
Components	Everything evolves through supply and demand competition	Rates of evolution can vary by ecosystem (e.g. consumer vs industrial)	Characteristics change as components evolve (Salaman & Storey)	No choice over evolution (Red Queen)
	No single method fits all (e.g. in development or purchasing)	Components can co-evolve (e.g. practice with activity)	Evolution consists of multiple waves of diffusion with many chasms.	Commoditisation <> Centralisation
Financial	Higher order systems create new sources of value	Efficiency does not mean a reduced spend (Jevon's Paradox)	Capital flows to new areas of value	Creative Destruction (Joseph Schumpeter)
	Future value is inversely proportional to the certainty we have over it.	Evolution to higher order systems results in increasing local order and energy consumption		
Speed	Efficiency enables innovation	Evolution of communication mechanisms can increase the speed of evolution overall and the diffusion of a single example of change	Increased stability of lower order systems increases agility & speed of re-combination	Change is not always linear (discontinuous & exponential change exists)
	Shifts from product to utility tend to demonstrate a punctuated equilibrium			
Inertia	Success breeds inertia	Inertia can kill an organisation	Inertia increases the more successful the past model is	
Competitors	Competitors actions will change the game	Most competitors have poor situational awareness		
Prediction	Not everything is random (p[what] vs p[when])	Economy has cycles (peace, war and wonder)	Different forms of disruption (predictable vs non-predictable)	A "war" (point of industrialisation) causes organisations to evolve
	You cannot measure evolution over time or adoption, you need to embrace uncertainty.	The less evolved something is then the more uncertain it		



The Strategy Cycle
 Sun Tzu's five factors
 John Boyd's OODA loop
 The two types of why

I still don't get it Mike!

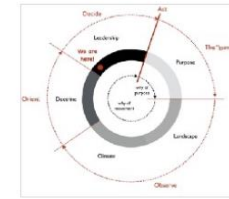
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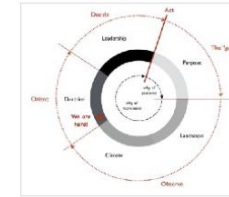
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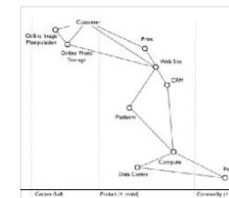
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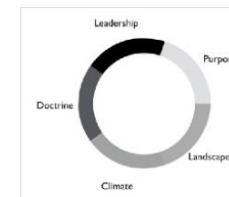
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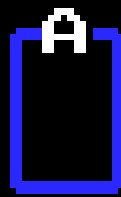
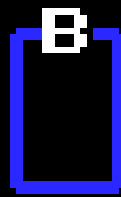
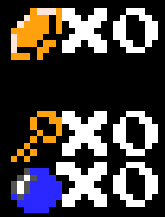
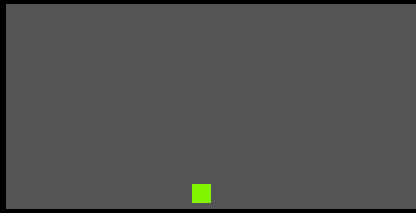


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IT'S DANGEROUS TO GO ALONE! TAKE THIS.



Mike's Book Club

Anyone can join, but the price of participation is reading

"A map is not the
territory"

-Alfred Korzybski



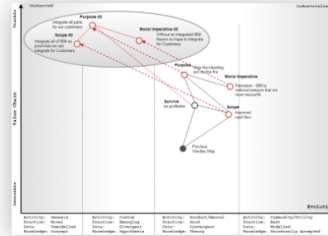
Most of the time pencil and paper works just fine, but just in case here are all the Wardley Mapping tools we could find.

Diagramming / Virtual Collaboration Templates

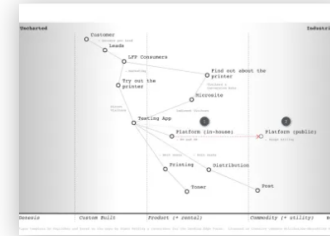
Use your favorite diagramming or virtual collaboration software to make and share Wardley Maps.



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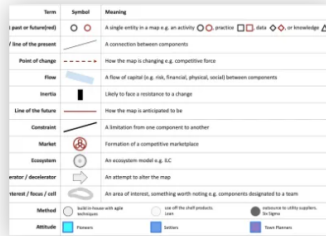
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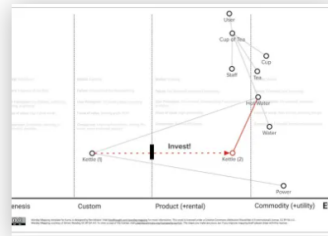
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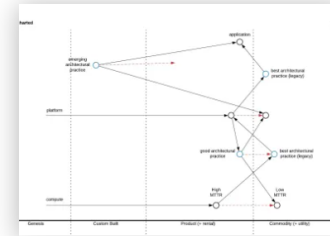
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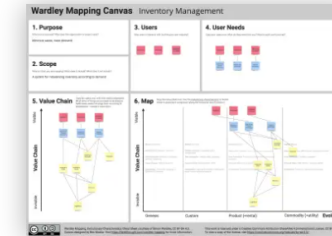
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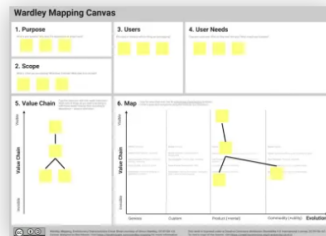
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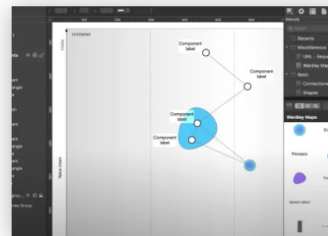
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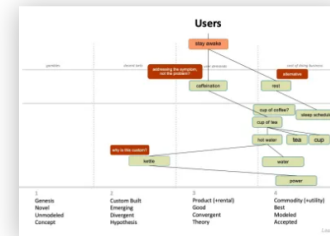
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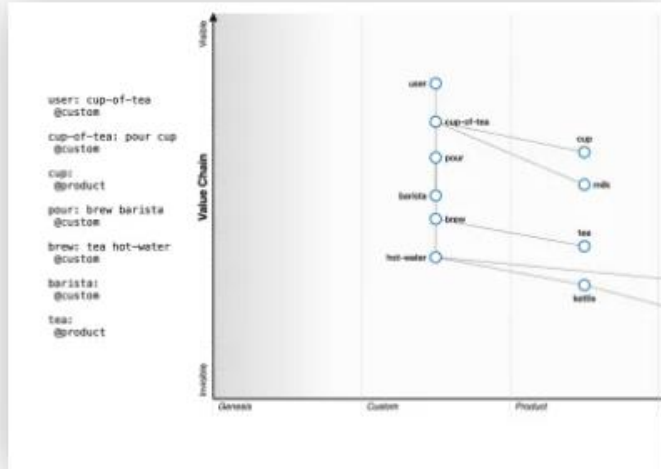


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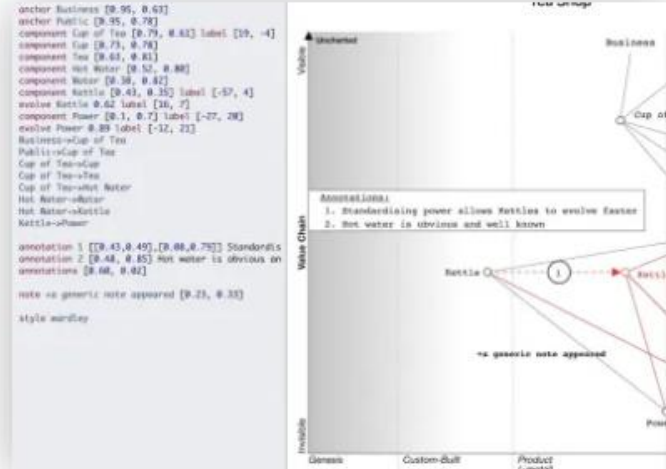
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Maps as Code

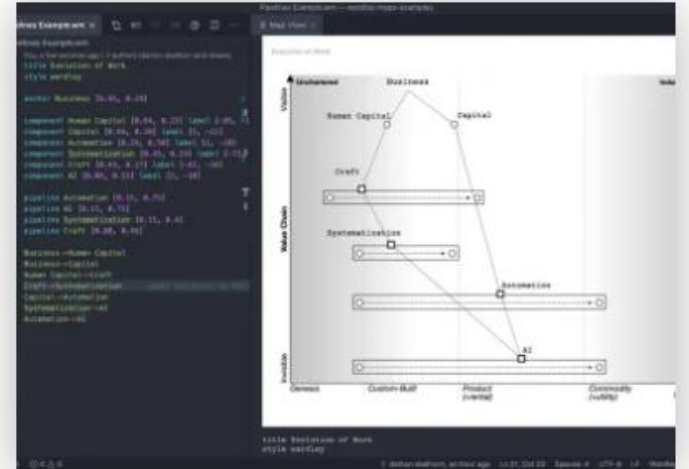
Wardley Mapping DSLs and tools for version-controllable markup.



MapScript



Online Wardley Maps



Visual Studio Code (VSCode)

EXPLORER

- Wardley Explore.wm
- AfterschoolHQ-Type1.wm
- Emmersion Engineer Map.wm
- Emmersion Assessment.wm
- Conference-5.wm
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GROUP 2

- Map View
- Extension: Wardley Maps

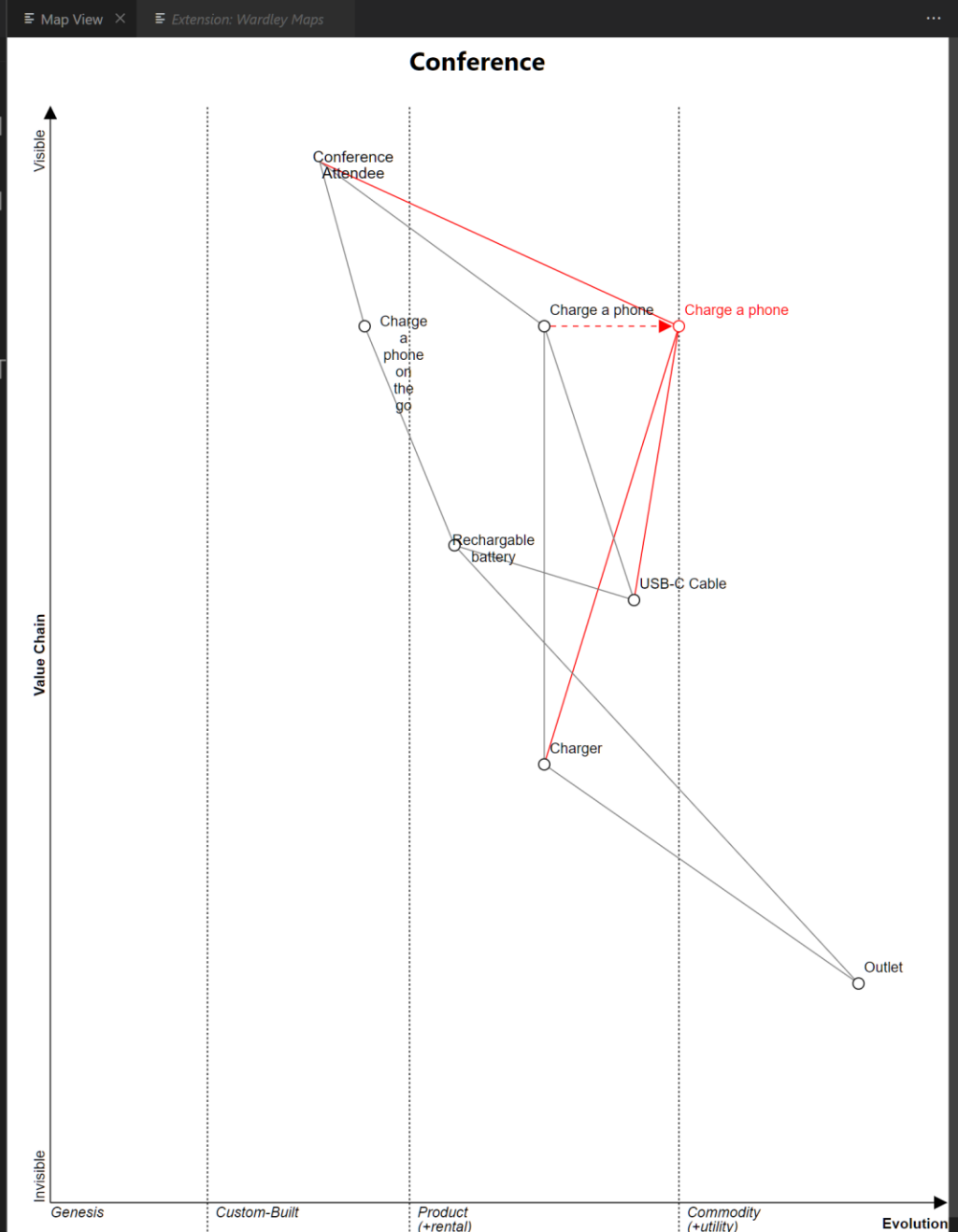
WARDLEY MAPS

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- Building Software.wm
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- Conference-4.wm
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OUTLINE

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Conference-9.wm
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2 anchor Conference Attendee [0.95, 0.3]
3 component Charge a phone [0.80, 0.55]
4 component USB-C Cable [0.55, 0.65]
5 component Charger [0.40, 0.55]
6 component Outlet [0.20, 0.90]
7 Conference Attendee -> Charge a phone
8 Charge a phone -> USB-C Cable
9 Charge a phone -> Charger
10 Charger -> Outlet
11
12 component Charge a phone on the go [0.80, 0.35]
13 component Rechargeable battery [0.60, 0.45]
14
15 Conference Attendee -> Charge a phone on the go
16 Charge a phone on the go -> Rechargeable battery
17 Rechargeable battery -> USB-C Cable
18 Rechargeable battery -> Outlet
19 evolve Charge a phone 0.7
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<https://onlinewardleymaps.com/>



“Plans are
worthless, but
planning is
everything.”



“Maps are
worthless, but
mapping is
everything.”

Just start mapping!

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