

OKR PRACTITIONER COURSE

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OKR Playbook Checklist

- Purpose of OKRs in the company
- Strategies, Vision & Mission of the company
- How to write OKRs with examples
- Key lists of contacts of main OKR Participants
- How OKRs will interface with other key processes like project management, agile tools...

OKR Workshops



Setting up OKRs in Teams (1-1.5 hours workshops)

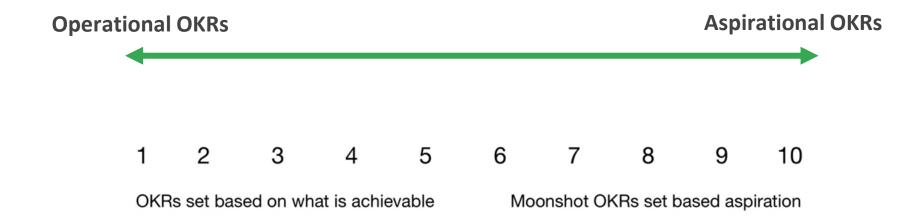
1. 5 min: OKR Refresher (i.e. elements of an outcome-driven OKRs)

- 2. 55 min: Choose Objectives (Rank them)
- 3. 60 min: Choose Key Results (Rank them)
- 4. 10 min: Are the OKR(s) ambitious enough?
- 5. 20 min: Next Steps (i.e. Action Plan)

1st Workshop Objectives

2nd Workshop Key Results Action Plan

OKR Spectrum



Ranking of OKRs

- Focus on what is essential for the organization
- Priorities objectives
- Rank best Objectives on the Executive level, then VP level, then HOD level
- Let team members come up with Key Results or even own OKRs linked to company tactical or strategic OKRs

Rank Strategic OKRs

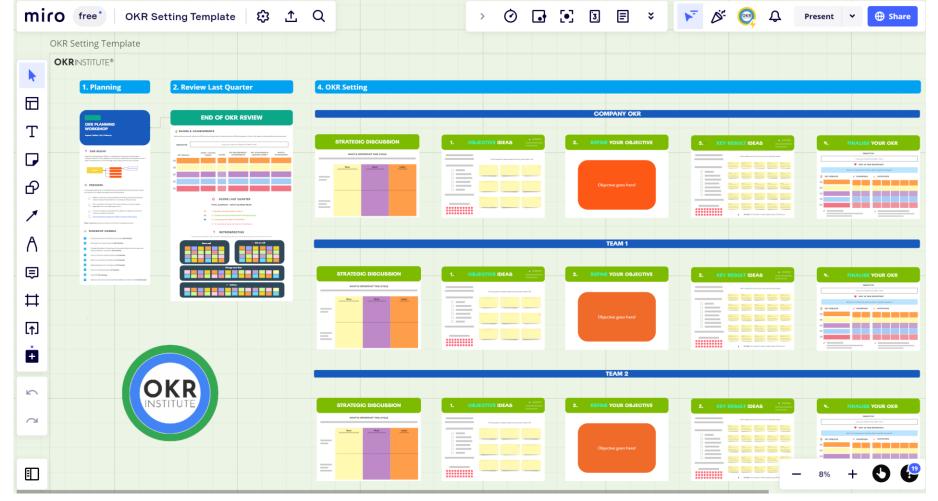
- Rank your strategic OKRs from 1 to 10
- Present to the group and receive their feedback
- Is the desired outcome clearly stated?
- Are they ranked, and are there max. 5 OKRs?
- Are they measurable?
- Are the key results actionable (initiatives and quantitative measures)

Facilitating OKR workshop

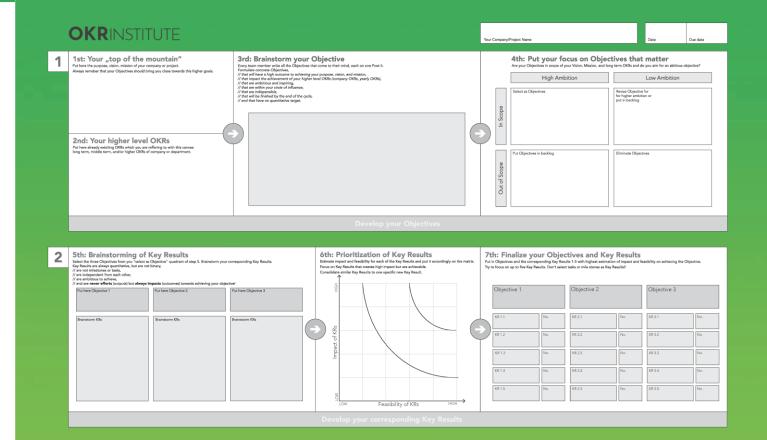
The following agenda is based on a longer executive OKR workshop. You may want to cut it down for non-executive teams.

Agenda (simplify & shorten as desired):

- Score previous guarter and discuss outcomes 20 minutes
- Retrospective on lessons learned 20 minutes
- OKR Setting:
 - Strategic Discussion: What does success look like for your team this OKR cycle? Write it down on post it notes in the form of an
 Objective 20 minutes
 - Vote on your favourite Objective (3 votes each) 10 minutes
 - Create a draft Objective 20 minutes
 - Connect with the why with an OKR story (Optional) 0-20 minutes
 - Write down some measures that will tell you you're making progress 10 minutes
 - Quality check and re-write 10 minutes
 - Hands up if it's an outcome or an output
 - Hands up if it's a leading indicator
 - o Vote on the Key Results which will have the greatest impact and pick 3-5 of them 10 minutes
 - o Refine your OKR 20 minutes
 - o Identify who in the team can champion a Key Result (they make sure it's not forgotten and gets due focus) 10 minutes
 - Identify initiatives / projects / features / actions to support each Key Result 20 minutes
- o Communications plan 20 minutes
- o Close & retrospective on the day 20 minutes



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EMBEDDING OKR WORKSHEET

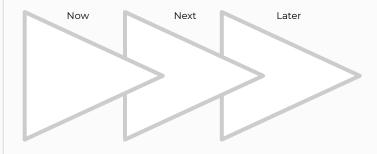
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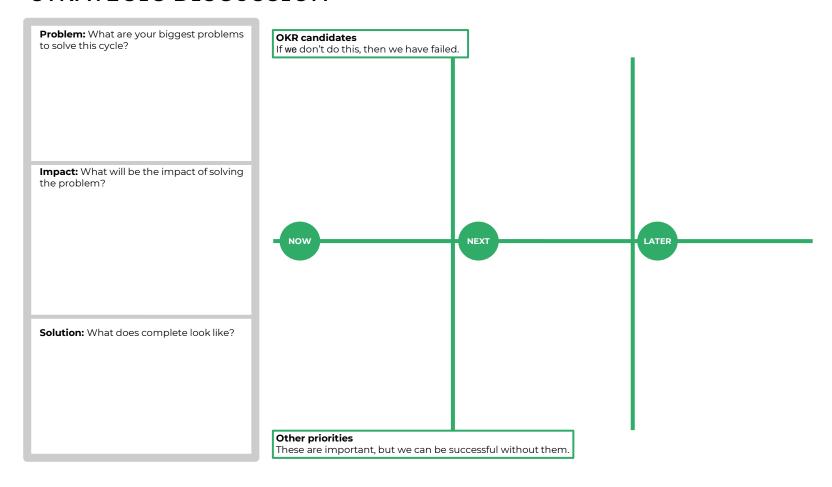
11. Metrics Mapping

Outputs	Leading	Lagging
	OKR Sweet Spot	

12. Upcoming OKR Themes:



STRATEGIC DISCUSSION



OKR FACILITATION SHEET - IF WE WERE TO MOVE THE NEEDLE ON ONE THING ONLY - THIS IS IT!

OBJECTIVE: WHY THIS MATTERS:		Inspirational Manageable outcomes Provides focus Action oriented Change, not maintain Time bound KEY RESULT
KEY RESULT 1:	HOW TO MEASURE/DATA SOURCE	Results based Aligned Directly measurable Indicates progress Challenging Accountability clarity Leading indicator
KEY RESULT 2:	HOW TO MEASURE/DATA SOURCE	HOW TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE INITIATIVE, ACTION & TASK IDEAS
KEY RESULT 3:	HOW TO MEASURE/DATA SOURCE	
KEY RESULT 4:	HOW TO MEASURE/DATA SOURCE	

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KEY RESULT 4:	KEY INITIATIVES	DATA SOURCE	

EXERCISE: OKR STORY

CHARACTER: WHO DO WE NEED TO BENEFIT THIS OKR CYCLE? WHAT IS THEIR ORDINARY LIFE?
GOAL: WHAT IS THEIR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE? WHAT ARE THEY TRYING TO ACHIEVE?
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OBSTACLE: WHAT IS CURRENTLY GETTING IN THEIR WAY?
RESOLUTION: WHAT'S THE OUTCOME OF THEM BEING SUCCESSFUL? WHAT CAN THEY DO BETTER THAN THEY COULD BEFORE?
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OBJECTIVE:		OPERATIONAL HEALTH
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		Team engagement ●●●
KEY RESULT 1:	LEADS METRIC ACTUAL CONFIDENCE	
		Customer First Call Resolution rate ●●●
KEY RESULT 2:	LEADS METRIC ACTUAL CONFIDENCE	
KEY RESULT 3:	LEADS METRIC ACTUAL CONFIDENCE	
		PRIORITY PIPELINE
KEY RESULT 4:	LEADS METRIC ACTUAL CONFIDENCE	
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		 Big projects and initiatives
		Critical events
WEEKLY FO	cus —	
Near term priorities		
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Date: /

OKR CONFIDENCE SCORING

OKR CYCLE <OKR QUARTER / YEAR> TEAM <TEAM NAME> WEEK X of 12

Scoring scale

1: High confidence the Key Result will be achieved

0.7: It's likely we'll achieve this Key Result or get pretty close to it **0.4:** It will be a challenge to achieve this Key Result

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0: It's unlikely this result will be achieved

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A BUSINESS LEVEL EXAMPLE

OBJECTIVE

Become the number one accounting provider for Small Business in San Francisco

HOW TO MEASURE

KEY RESULIS	HOW TO MEASURE	INITIATIVES
KR1: Increase the reorder rate from 45% to 70% for San Fran Small Business	Tracked in weekly order report	1. Subscription service for Small Business 2. Checkout CX
KR2: Customer first call resolution from 75% to 90% maintaining our per customer case rate	Tracked using weekly support report and introducing per customer case rate	 CRM optimisation Customer experience training Telephony upgrade
KR3: Increase Marketing Qualified Leads from 60 MoM to 200	Tracked in weekly sales report and small sample survey for excluded products	 Run internal sales conf CRM optimisation Social & TV campaign

Company OKR

Objective: Build a Great Workplace Culture

KR 1: Achieve a weekly Employee Pulse Score of >8

KR 2: Celebrate at least 3 "small wins" in every monthly team meeting

KR 3: Organize monthly town hall meetings with speeches of the CEO and VPs

More Examples: https://okrinstitute.org/okr-examples or in the OKR e-learning access

A HR EXAMPLE

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Create high impact leaders across the business

KEY RESULTS	HOW TO MEASURE
1. Leaders believe they have the tools and practices needed to effectively lead from 50% to 100%	Feedback survey with people managers
2. Team members believe managers help set performance goals from a median of 2 to 4	Engagement pulse check survey
3. Team members believe their leaders communicates an inspiring vision from 52% currently to 75%	Engagement pulse check survey

SALES EXAMPLES

BECOME THE GO TO ACCOUNTING PLATFORM FOR NCY INDEPENDENT CONSULTANTS

- Increase Marketing Qualified Leads from \$600K to \$1M for NCY independent consultants
- 2. Increase Sales Qualified Leads from \$400K to \$600K NCY independent consultants
- Reduce time from Marketing Qualified Leads to Sales Qualified Leads from 10 days to 2 days
- 4. Increase Sales journey customer satisfaction from 4 to 5

CRUSH OUR LAUNCH IN MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA

- Generate \$200K in Sales Qualified
 Leads in Australia
- Progress leads from Marketing
 Qualified Leads to Sales Qualified
 Leads within 2 days
- Maintain a Sales Qualified Leads to Close conversion ratio of above
 20%
- 4. Maintain a profit margin ratio of 45%

BE THE BEST SALES TEAM IN THE INDUSTRY

- Increase speed to respond to leads from 2 days to 2 business hours
- 2. Increase Sales journey customer satisfaction from 4 to 5
- 3. Reduce cool down period cancellations from 5% to 1%
- 100% of customers are informed of cool down cancelation policy (countermeasure for KR3)

FINANCE EXAMPLES

CREATE A LEAN AND MEAN FINANCE MACHINE

- Speed up end of month cycle time from 2 weeks to 4 days
- 2. Increase accuracy of financial inputs from 95% to 100%
- 3. Increase end of month cycle employee satisfaction from 2 to 5

CREATE A LEAN OPERATION BUSINESS

- Reduce failure demand across technology and operations teams from 25% to 10%
- 2. Increase team turnaround time from average of 20 days to 10 days
- 3. Increase customer satisfaction from 4 to 4.5

PRIME OURSELVES FOR GROWTH WITH STELLAR FUNDING OPTIONS

- 1. Reduce average funding costs from federal funds rate +2% to federal funds rate +5%
- Reduce additional funding approval time from 30 day average to 2 day average
- Increase loans with early repayment option from 25% of loans to 75% of loans

OPERATIONS EXAMPLES

CREATE A WORLD CLASS CUSTOMER CONTACT CENTRE

- 1. Increase first call resolution form 90% to 98%
- 2. Increase customer satisfaction from 4 to 4.5
- 3. Increase customer retention rate from 85% to 95%

SURPRISE OUR CUSTOMERS WITH RAPID DELIVERY

- Reduce average time to ship from 48 hours to 10 hours
- 2. Reduce parcel damage rate from .02% to .01%
- 3. Increase delivery address accuracy from 98% to 100%
- Speed up return restocking from average of 10 hours down to 2 hours

CRUSH OUR APPROACH TO MANAGING RISK EVENTS

- 1. Increase flow efficiency of risk events from 20% to 60%
- 2. Reduce 12 month or greater open risk events from 55 to 10
- Increase risk event closure customer satisfaction from 20% to 60%

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NGO EXAMPLES

HAVE OUR DONORS BECOME OUR BIGGEST ADVOCATES

- Reduce time to thank donors for contributions from 7 days to 8 business hours
- 2. Increase twice weekly use rate from 2%of donors to 15%
- 3. Increase donor referral rate from 5% to 15%

SAVE LIVES IN 1 VILLAGE OF A DEVELOPING NATION BY REDUCING PREVENTABLE DISEASE

KR #1: <outcome, leading> observation and survey results show 80% increase in hand washing with soap

KR #2: <outcome, lagging> rate of communicable disease decreases by 60%

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT EXAMPLES

GROW BY MAKING OUR UPGRADE PATH FEEL LIKE BUTTER

- Increase sign-up to trial conversion ratio from 10% to 30%
- 2. Increase trial to paid conversion ratio from 5% to 7%
- 3. Increase referral rate for < 1 month paid accounts from 2% to 30%

MAKE IT EASIER THAN EVER TO SHARE AN ARTICLE

- Reduce time to publish post from 5 seconds to
 seconds
- 2. Reduce time reshare a post from 7 seconds to 2 seconds
- 3. Increase customer share satisfaction from 3 to 4

Strategy OKR

Objective: From Startup to Scaleup

KR 1: 10 fold our customer base growth

KR 2: 1 MVPs introduction

KR 3: Company valuation to increase at least 120%

KR 4: At least 1 Private Equity Fund to commit to investing in our company

Sales OKR

Objective: Revive our Referral Program

KR 1: Get 40 client case studies

KR 2: 15% of our revenue comes from referrals

KR 3: 230 customers signed up for a new setup referral program

Accounting OKR

Objective: Increase our Collection Targets

KR 1: Reduce bad debt provision by 15%

KR 2: Reduce receivable days by 3

KR 3: 10% overdue vs open balance

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Types of OKR Participants

- OKR Sponsor
- Internal Coaches OKR Practitioner, 1 for every 50 employees
- External Coaches (optional)
- OKR Program Owner CEO, COO, Chief of Staff, executive assistant...
- OKR Coordinator
- OKR Lead
- Key Result Lead
- OKR Contributors

OKR Sponsor

Responsibilities of the executive sponsor include

- 1. Communicate why the organization is adopting OKRs.
- 2. Confirm deployment parameters as recommended by OKRs project leads.
- 3. Help gather top-level objectives before the top-level OKRs drafting workshop.
- 4. Participate in top-level OKRs workshops.
- 5. Meet with team leads to confirm team-level OKRs are aligned with company goals.
- 6. Communicate openly with OKRs project leads.
- 7. Bring energy and life to the OKRs program (e.g., secure resources, make opening remarks at OKRs training, present top-level OKRs at companywide meetings, etc.).

OKR Project Lead / Program Owner

Responsibilities of the OKRs project lead include

- 1. Attend all deployment coaching sessions. Present recommendations to leadership (e.g., how to score key results). Work with the OKRs coach to create an in-house OKRs tracker tool for the learning cycle.
- 2. Coordinate and help facilitate OKRs training (e.g., send workshop invites, compile objectives to be used at training workshops, share training materials with trainees).
- 3. Attend some, but not all, OKRs cycle coaching sessions.
- 4. Coordinate and schedule OKRs coaching sessions.

OKR Coordinator

Responsibilities of the OKRs coordinator include

- 1. Coordinate and schedule OKRs coaching sessions.
- 2. Send email reminders to ensure OKRs cycle stays on track, such as:
 - Step 1: Send an email a week or two into the process with a link to the OKRS tracker to ensure everyone posts their OKRs to a single location by a target date.
 - Step 2: Send email reminders to identify key results to be shared at mid-cycle check-ins.
 - Step 3: Remind each team to publish their learnings at the end of the OKRs cycle.
- 3. Collect learnings from Step 3 and/or feedback and ideas for improving the OKR program.

OKR Lead

Responsibilities of team leads include

- 1. Participate in OKRs training.
- 2. Facilitate OKRs development with their team.
- 3. Complete an OKRs cycle; attend OKRs cycle coaching sessions.
- 4. Document and apply learnings to the next cycle.

Key Result Lead

Responsibilities of the key result lead include

- 1. Update progress and enter scoring for the key result throughout the OKRs cycle.
- 2. Serve as point person for questions related to progress or issues on the key result.
- 3. Welcome input and ideas for moving the key result forward.
- 4. Continuously communicate and ensure alignment on work related to the key result. For example, ensure teams are
- performing all the tasks and projects in order.
- 5. Apply learnings from the key result to the next cycle. Whether or not the key result is achieved, champions communicate final scores, assess impact, capture learnings, and recommend whether to keep, modify, or remove key results.

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OKR Contributor

Responsibilities of members include

- 1. Participate in drafting team-level OKRs.
- 2. Help refine key results at the team level, especially when aligning on pre-scoring.
- 3. Continuously apply OKR critical thinking to connect work to the bigger picture.
- 4. Participate in action plan for achieving Key Results

Checklist for OKRs

Is your organization ready for OKRs?

- Is your OKR program backed by leadership / management / CEO?
- ✓ Have you defined your mission and vision?
- Are you and your team(s) willing to commit the time and effort to your OKR program?
- ☐ Do you have an OKR champion / practitioner?
- ☐ Are you committed to transparency and accountability across teams / company?

Checklist for drafting OKRs

	Are your Objective:
	Achievable
	Actionable
	Qualitative
	Ambitious
	Aligned with company mission and vision
	Time-bound, (ideally a quarterly basis)
	There are only 1-5 Objectives
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	Are your Key Results:
	getting closer to the objective
V	Realistically targeted
	Measurable
	Assigned a lead (someone is responsible)
	Not a task or to-do list

Download Checklist: https://okrinstitute.org/okr-checklist or in the OKR e-learning access

Checklist Best Practise

You published an OKR Playbook (Guideline for Your Organization how to use OKRs)
Your organization is educated on OKRs
Too many OKRs? Ideally 1-5 Objectives and 3-5 Key Results per objective (also can start only with 1 OKR first to build up your OKR muscle)
OKRs aren't too easy or unrealistic
OKRs are shared publicly (sensitive OKRs can be hidden)
OKRs are focused on outcomes, not tasks
Our OKRs process allows for flexibility and change (vs. seeking perfection)
Review what went well and what didn't (at the end of the quarter)
Celebrate your wins / successes

Checklist for OKR Practitioner

Our entire company participates
We facilitated OKR training across the company
We set OKRs on a quarterly basis
Every team has healthy OKRs (1-5 Objectives, each with 3-5 KRs)
Everyone updates progress minimum weekly
Our OKRs process allows for flexibility and change (vs. seeking perfection)

Checklist for Enterprise Context

Announce the process. Describe why you implement now this OKR, describe the problems a formal OKR process will solve, or how they will improve the company's performance. Set company goals for the quarter. Management (and the CEO) should be responsible for defining and choosing these goals. Share goals with the company. 2-weeks before the start of the quarter, publish the company's OKRs in a highly-

visible and transparent location, best via OKR software

Checklist to Co-create

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- ☑ Each team publishes their goals ~2 weeks before the start of the quarter.
- ☐ In the week preceding the quarter, teams collaborate and review each other's OKRs and adjust accordingly
- Teams publish and commit to their shared and reviewed OKRs before the start of the quarter.

Checklist for Action Plan

Develop Action Plans

- ☑ Identify the leads and contributors who are responsible (leads) for delivering each KR.
- Establish a regular check-in schedule to evaluate progress, ideally on a weekly cadence. (via OKR software emails can be sent on a weekly base)
- Schedule bi-weekly or monthly reviews and quarterly retrospectives.

Checklist for Check-ins and Scoring

	Check-ins and Scoring
П	Set aside time each week (during team meetings if possible) to discuss objectives. Keep these meetings short and
	crisp - they shouldn't turn into a long status update.
	Every other week the team should do a confidence check-in to discuss progress and whether or not the team's
ш	OKRs will be achieved. (can be updated via the OKR software)
	Ask hard questions:
	- What changed in the Key Results since the last meeting / check-in?
	- What is the confidence level that we can deliver our key results?
	- What is slowing us down or jeopardizing our progress as a team?
	- How can we increase confidence or remove hurdles?

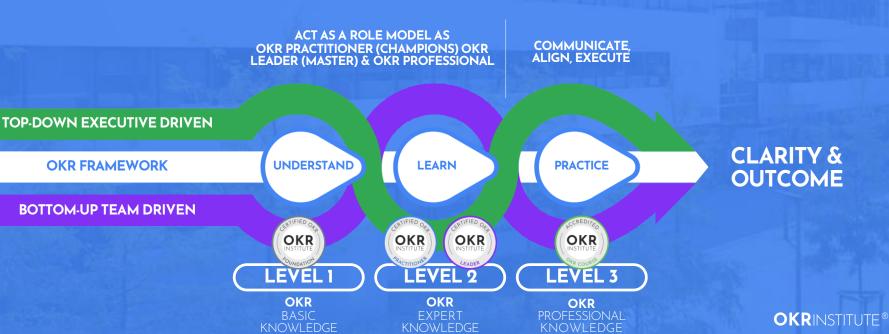


Checklist for Reviews

Quarterly Reviews Have the lead (owner) of each KR scored the result based on how much was accomplished Discuss as a team what went well for each KR, as well as obstacles and blockers. Common questions to help guide the review process include: What came up unexpectedly? Did priorities shift and impact OKRs? How did you do on each KR? What worked, what didn't, and why? What adjustments will we make for the next cycle? Talk through what your team should start doing for goals, stop doing, and continue doing. Use this to create an action plan moving forward. Common questions to help guide the review process include: What came up unexpectedly? Did priorities shift and impact OKRs? How did you do on each KR? What worked, what didn't, and why? What adjustments will we make for the next cycle?		
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TOP-DOWN DRIVEN BOTTOM-UP SUPPORT



OKR TRANSITION FRAMEWORK

TRANSITION TOWARDS
OUTCOME-DRIVEN CULTURE

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1 - 2 MONTHS

3 MONTHS

Roll-out OKR crash or practitioner courses for learning the Why of OKRs and how to align and execute Develop and monitor the new key competencies for OKR Crash Course and Practitioner participants Integrate roll- out methodology to all relevant team members. Start with weekly check-ins

Create an OKR / agile mindset and understanding within the organization via OKR Leadership & Professional Courses

Learn & share with other teams via weekly check-ins, and self-assessment and reflection workshops

OKR OKR

UNDERSTAND

OKR

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LEARN

INVESTMENT

LEVEL 4

CERTIFIED OKR PROFESSIONAL

LEVEL 3

CERTIFIED OKR LEADER

LEVEL 2

CERTIFIED OKR PRACTITIONER

LEVEL 1

CERTIFIED OKR FOUNDATION



Personas and OKR Certification Paths



Business Leader



Practitioner



Planning Manager



Goal Owner



Stakeholder



Tech Admin

Leader who drives company, group, or team strategy, creates and approves team

/ organizational goals,

and reviews progress.

Central expert and axis that keeps programs on track and connected. Drive overall program and rhythm of the business across the entire organization

(multiple teams).

Individuals and team managers who drive planning & tracking process on a given team. They ensure check-ins, reporting, and meetings follow

prescribed rhythm of

business.

Users who own goals and are accountable to drive and report progress on goals.

Users who engage with updates on progress of goals.

User who does the technical setup & responsible for managing the software and ensures licenses are assigned and security/compliance needs are met.

Recommended Training: OKR Practitioner Course

OKR Leadership Course

Typical titles: C-Suite, Vice

President, General Manager

Recommended Training: OKR Practitioner Course

Typical titles: Chief of Staff, Planning Lead, Strategy & Operations, Agile Coach

Recommended Training:

OKR Practitioner Course
OKR Leadership Course

Coach

Typical titles: Team Manager, Business Manager, Chief of Staff, Data Analytics Manager, Agile Recommended Training: OKR Practitioner Course

Typical titles: Anything from Individual Contributor to Vice President or beyond

Recommended Training:
OKR Foundation Course

OKR Practitioner Course

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Recommended Training:
OKR Foundation
OKR Software Demos

Typical titles: IT Admin, Technical Operations

Our Advice for OKRs

- Think Big, Start Small, and Start
- Be patient, to fully embrace OKRs 2-8 OKR Cycles before you roll it out
- Introduce OKRs as vegetables
- Take time to figure out what matters
- Use OKRs to build, improve and innovate
- Keep it simple
- Tailor the framework to your organization (Heartbeat)
- Reviewing OKRs on regular basis
- Not too many Objectives and Key Results





CERTIFICATION

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