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Gamification in Action Handout

The Octalysis Framework: *A Blueprint for Human Motivation*

It shifts the focus from technical features to human psychology by exploring:



Beyond Points and Badges

Moving past surface-level rewards into deep psychological design.



The 8 Core Drives

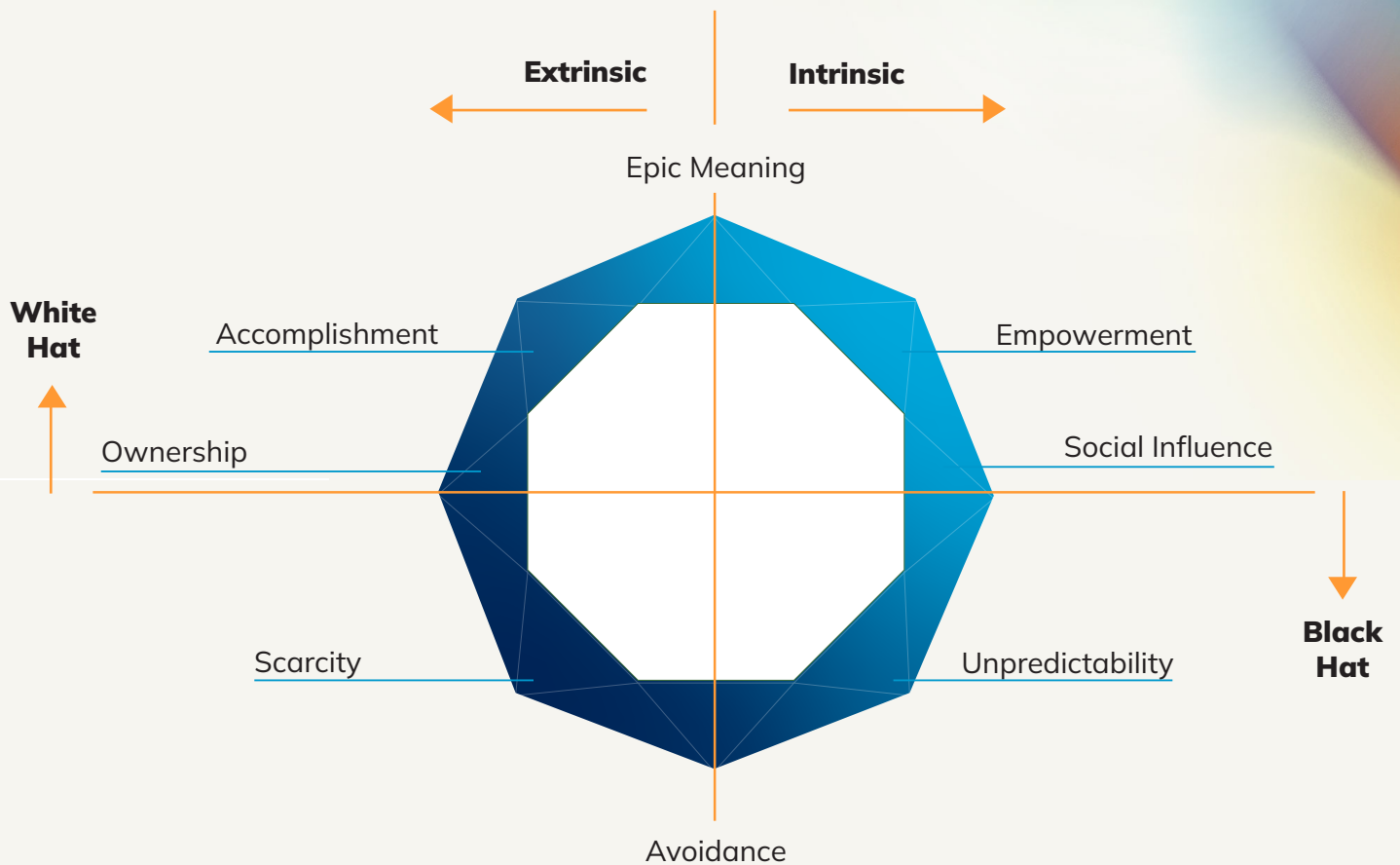
A holistic model that maps every human action to specific intrinsic or extrinsic motivators.



Human-Centric Design

Focusing on how the brain processes motivation rather than just technical “features.”

The Four Quadrants of Motivation: *The 8 Core Drives of Octalysis*



The Strategy of Choice: *Matching the Drive to the Goal*

- **Problem-First Design:** We don't start with "fun"; we start with the performance gap and the desired behavior change.
- **The Octalysis Lens:** Mapping the 8 Core Drives to the specific psychological needs of the learner.
- **Calibrating the Stakes:** Choosing between White Hat (long-term inspiration) or Black Hat (immediate urgency/safety) based on the training goal.
- **Instructional Logic:** Ensuring mechanics align with proven pedagogical models.

The goal isn't to use the most mechanics—it's to use the right ones for the right outcome.

Your Checklist for Designing *High-Impact Games*



	<i>The Question</i>	<i>The Action</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Define the Behavioral Goal	What specific performance gap are we closing?	Stay grounded in the “function.” Don’t let the “fun” distract from the instructional outcome.
<input type="checkbox"/> Audit the Human Drivers	Why would a learner want to do this?	Use the Octalysis lens to choose the right drives.
<input type="checkbox"/> Design a Seamless Interface	Does the technology get in the way of the learning?	Prioritize intuitive, “natural” interactions. The best tech is invisible—the learner should focus on the task, not the buttons.
<input type="checkbox"/> Build an Adaptive Feedback Loop	How does the experience respond to the learner?	Ensure the game provides immediate, data-driven feedback. If they make a mistake, show them the consequence immediately so they can adjust and master the skill.

Thanks for connecting with us!



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