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Facilitator responsibilities

- Use approved tools, synthetic data and safe practice environments.
- Protect confidential information and avoid sharing live credentials or sensitive incident details.
- Make the difference between verified facts and assumptions explicit.
- Adapt activities to participant roles and accessibility needs.
- Agree action owners and follow-up evidence before closing each session.

WELCOME

Welcome to the Facilitator Edition

Technology learning is most valuable when it changes how people work. This edition helps trainers move beyond presentations and deliver structured learning through explanation, demonstration, guided practice, realistic scenarios, feedback and workplace transfer.

The content spans digital fluency, IT service management, software delivery, cybersecurity, privacy, cloud, data, AI, architecture, projects, product thinking, leadership and training impact. Each chapter includes a facilitator guide, participant practice and a transfer-focused review.

THE LEARNING PRINCIPLE

Every session should connect a clear outcome with realistic practice and evidence that the learning can be applied at work.

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Technology Foundations and Digital Fluency

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CHAPTER 01

Technology as a Business Capability

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Connect technology investments to business outcomes, user needs and service ownership.

Concept briefing

Start with the outcome, not the tool. Map the people, processes, data, systems and support capabilities required to deliver it. A technically sound solution can still fail when adoption, ownership or the actual problem is misunderstood.

Connect this topic to a work context familiar to participants. Explain the purpose, define important terms and make visible the decisions competent practitioners need to make. Ask participants to distinguish what they know from what they assume. Where more than one approach is valid, discuss the conditions that make each option appropriate.

Facilitator preparation

- Select a realistic, anonymised example from participants' work.
- Prepare a simple visual, process map or demonstration.
- Identify common misconceptions and the evidence that corrects them.
- Check that the exercise uses approved tools and safe data.

Suggested delivery sequence

Step	Time	Facilitator move
Connect	5 min	Ask where the topic appears in current work.
Explain	10 min	Introduce concepts and a practical example.
Demonstrate	10 min	Model the decision or task aloud.
Practise	15 min	Assign the participant lab on the next page.
Debrief	10 min	Compare reasoning, risks and evidence.

FACILITATOR EMPHASIS

Do not teach the topic as a list of terms. Keep returning to the work decision, user impact and evidence of good practice.

CHAPTER 01 · PARTICIPANT PRACTICE WORKSHEET

Participant Practice Worksheet

Topic: Technology as a Business Capability

Instructions: Work individually for five minutes, then compare your approach with a partner or small group. Use a fictional or approved workplace example.

Practice task

Apply the chapter objective: Connect technology investments to business outcomes, user needs and service ownership. Produce a practical artefact another colleague could understand and review.

1. Work situation and intended outcome:

2. User, stakeholder or service affected:

3. Facts and evidence available:

4. Assumptions and information gaps:

5. Options and decision criteria:

6. Risks, dependencies and constraints:

7. Recommended action and rationale:

8. Owner, due date and review point:

9. Evidence that would show success:

Peer review

Review question	Notes
Is the outcome clear?	
Is the recommendation supported by evidence?	
Are risks and dependencies visible?	
Can success be checked?	

CHAPTER 01 · FACILITATOR DEBRIEF AND TRANSFER

Facilitator Debrief and Transfer

Debrief questions

- What did you treat as fact, and what did you treat as an assumption?
- Which stakeholder or dependency most affected your decision?
- What could go wrong if the recommendation were implemented without further checks?
- What evidence would make you revise your recommendation?

Assessment rubric

Criterion	Emerging	Competent	Strong
Problem definition	Issue is vague	Outcome is clear	Outcome and context are precise
Evidence use	Relies on opinion	Uses relevant evidence	Tests assumptions and gaps
Risk awareness	Risks are missed	Key risks identified	Controls and dependencies prioritised
Action quality	No clear next step	Action and owner named	Action is testable with review evidence

Suggested facilitator answer direction

A strong response defines the intended outcome, uses evidence proportionate to the decision, makes uncertainty visible, considers stakeholders and risks, and names a responsible owner. The answer should fit the context rather than repeat a memorised phrase.

Workplace transfer commitment

Action I will apply:

Person who will support or observe:

Date for follow-up:

Evidence I will bring back:

CASE 01

Repeated Login Failure

Situation brief

Users report authentication failures after a routine change. Ticket volume rises while monitoring shows the application is available.

Roles for the exercise

Assign a team lead, technical specialist, service or business stakeholder, observer and facilitator. Smaller groups may combine roles.

Participant task

Separate confirmed impact from suspected cause, coordinate updates, assess mitigation or rollback and plan a review.

Information to request

- What facts are confirmed?
- What information is missing?
- Which users, services or data may be affected?
- What actions are authorised now?

Facilitator observation sheet

Behaviour	Observed evidence	Feedback
Separates facts from assumptions		
Considers risk and dependencies		
Communicates a clear recommendation		
Assigns owner and follow-up		

CASE 01 · DEBRIEF AND SUGGESTED DIRECTION

Debrief and Suggested Direction

Suggested response direction

Separate confirmed impact from suspected cause, coordinate updates, assess mitigation or rollback and plan a review. Avoid jumping to a root cause before collecting enough evidence. Use approved procedures, make decision authority clear and document uncertainty.

Evidence of a strong response

Time to acknowledge, affected-user count, repeat tickets and completed corrective actions.

Debrief questions

- What was the highest-impact risk?
- What can be done immediately, and what requires approval?
- How would you communicate with affected stakeholders?
- What systemic improvement would reduce recurrence?

Action record

Immediate action and owner:

Longer-term improvement and owner:

Measure and review date:

SIMULATION 01

Service Outage Stand-up

Purpose

Coordinate incident roles, confirmed facts, immediate actions and the next update.

Roles

Incident lead, technical lead, service desk lead, communications lead.

Run of show

Phase	Time	Instructions
Briefing	5 min	Explain context, roles, objective and ground rules.
Work	10 min	Review information and agree a response.
Decision	5 min	Present recommendation and rationale.
Debrief	10 min	Discuss evidence, trade-offs and learning.

Observer checklist

- ☐ Clarifies objective and affected stakeholders.
- ☐ Separates known facts from assumptions.
- ☐ Considers risks, dependencies and authority.
- ☐ Explains the recommendation in plain language.
- ☐ Assigns actions, owners and review evidence.

Observer notes

Facilitator notes

What went well:

Most important learning gap:

Follow-up action:

TEMPLATE 01

Technology Training Needs Analysis

Purpose: Capture decisions, responsibilities and evidence consistently. Complete fields relevant to the situation and follow local retention and access requirements.

Field	Record
Business outcome	
Role or audience	
Expected behaviour	
Observed performance evidence	
Likely causes: skill, process, access, tool, incentives	
Training and non-training responses	
Success measures and review date	

Review and approval

Prepared by:

Reviewed by:

Next review date:

GLOSSARY

Glossary

Acceptance criteria	Conditions defining whether a requirement behaves as expected.
API	An interface allowing software components or systems to communicate.
Availability	The degree to which a service is usable when needed.
Baseline	A reference point used to compare performance or change.
CI/CD	Practices and pipelines automating integration, testing and delivery.
Cloud computing	On-demand access to computing resources and services.
Data governance	Roles, rules and practices supporting accountable data use.
DevOps	Practices improving collaboration, delivery flow and operational learning.
Incident	An unplanned interruption or reduction in service quality.



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