Taxonomy of Educational Outcomes
Psychomotor Domain

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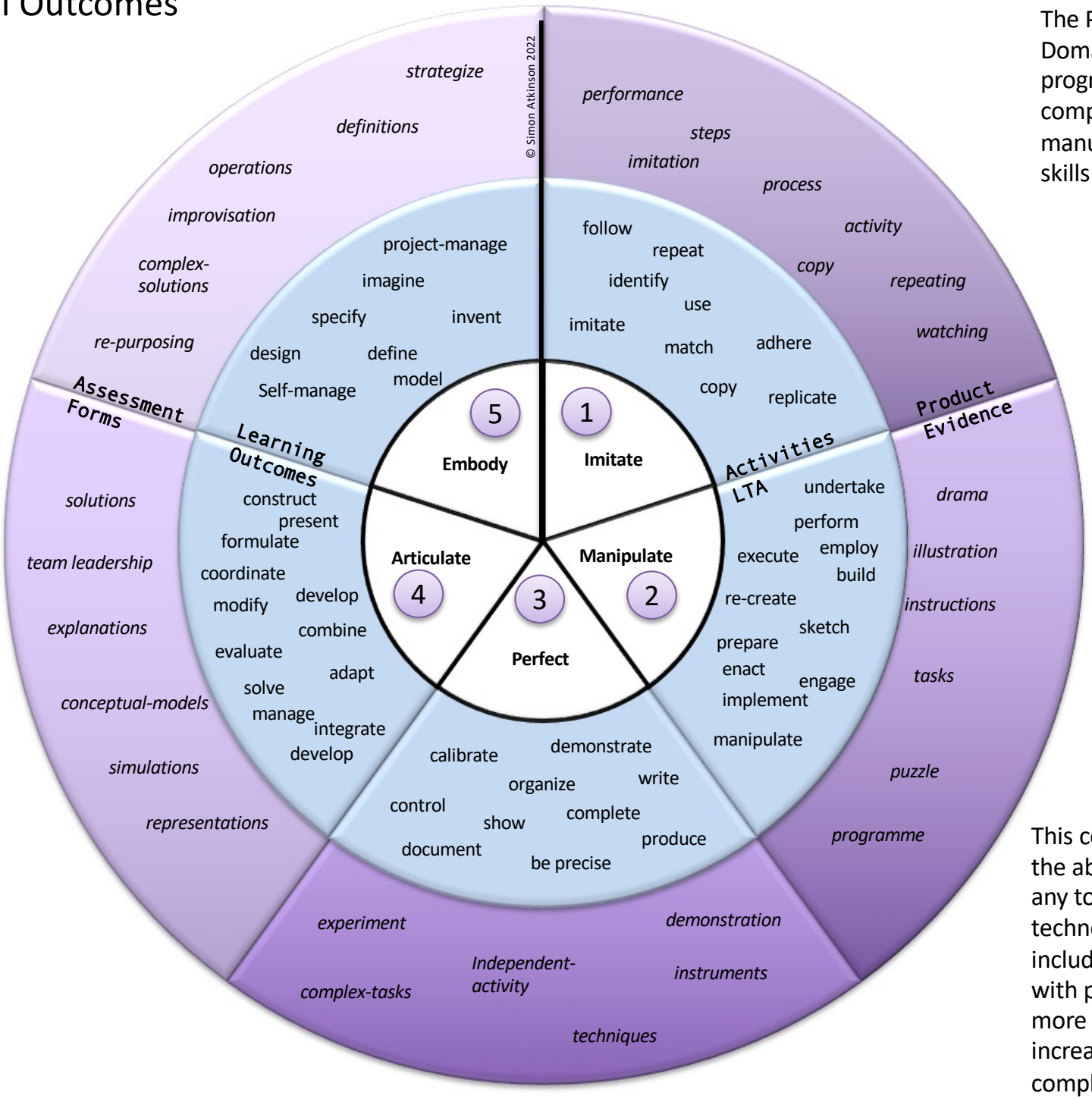
Imitate – ability to copy, replicate the actions of others following observations.

Manipulate – ability to repeat or reproduce actions to prescribed standard from memory or instructions.

Perfect – ability to perform actions with expertise and without interventions and the ability to demonstrate and explain actions to others.

Articulate – ability to adapt existing psychomotor skills in a non-standard way, in different contexts, using alternative tools and instruments to satisfy need.

Embody – ability to perform actions in an automatic, intuitive or unconscious way appropriate to the context.



The Psychomotor Domain refers to progressively complex practical, manual or dexterity skills and attributes.

This could relate to the ability to use any tool or technology, including software, with progressively more skill, and in increasingly complex situations.

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