- There are three parts of working memory:
- visuospatial sketchpad

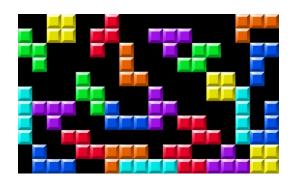
responsible for storing and processing information in visual or spatial form

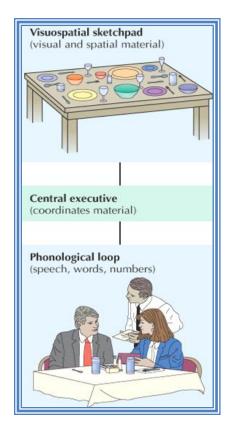
Phonological loop

temporary store of verbal and auditory information

Central Executive

focuses and coordinates attention between the 2 systems; connects WM to LTM.





Problems with the models

Information Processing Model (Mind as computer):

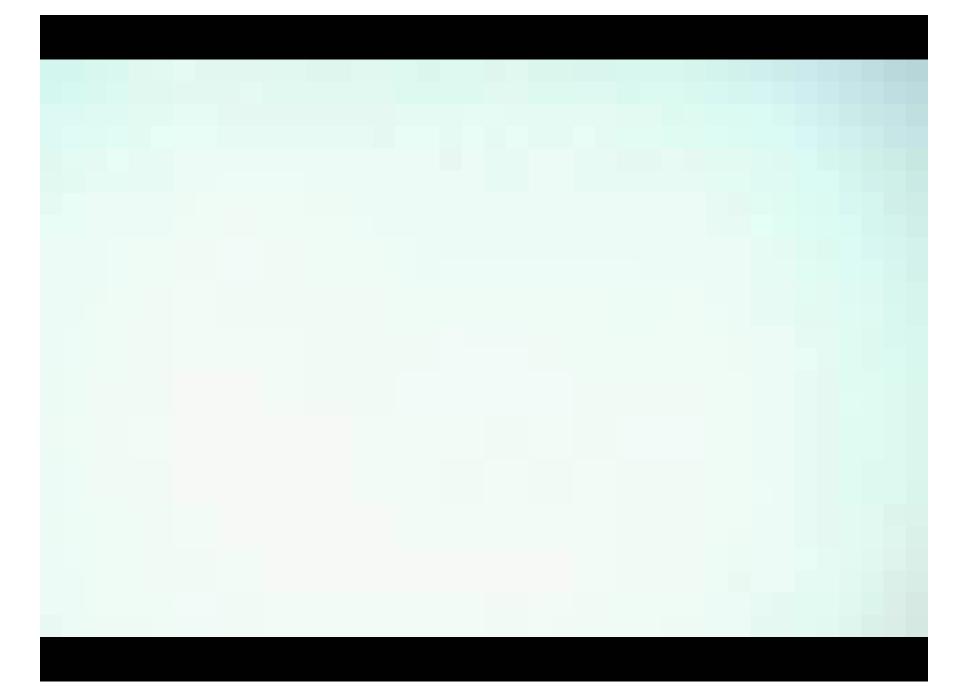
- 1. Computers have limited storage, healthy human brains do not.
- 2. Computers use serial processing (step-by-step method.) Human memory can engage in parallel processing, involving several things at once.

3-Stage Memory Model

- 1. Some information skips the first two stages and enters long-term memory automatically.
- 2. Since we cannot focus on all the sensory information in the environment, we select information (through *attention*) that is important to us.

World Memory Championship

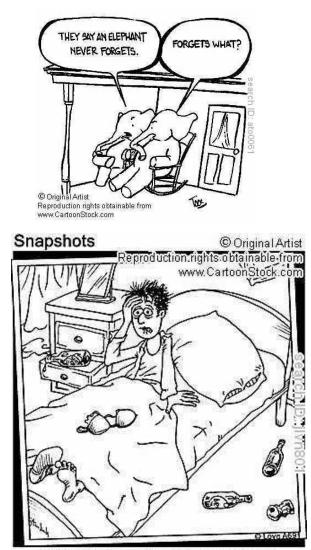
- There is a World Memory Championship
- Gold, silver and bronze given to adults and juniors in each of the 10 categories.
- Events include random digits in one hour, separate packs of cards in under 1 hour, 1 pack in under 40 seconds



Method of Loci with linking method modification



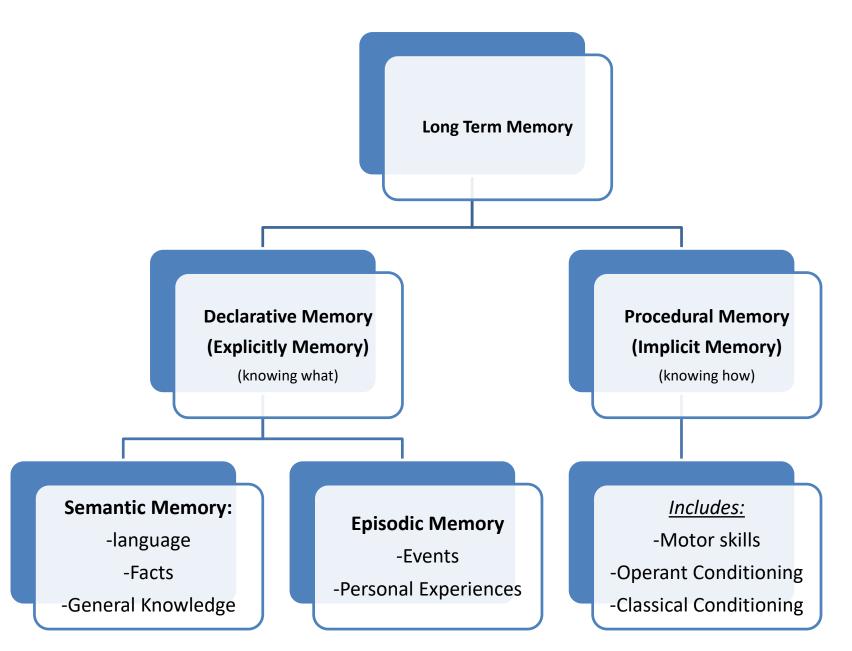
Long Term Memory



Bob woke up with a splitting headache and no idea where he had been. Fortunately, the tattoos would jar his memory.

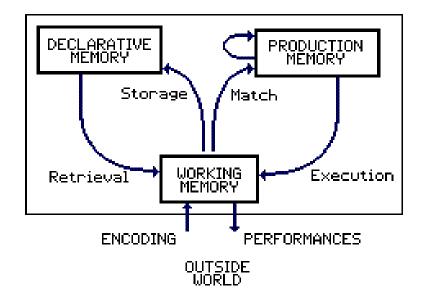
- Long term memory is essentially all of your knowledge of yourself and the world around you.
- Unless an injury or illness occurs, this memory is limitless.

Structure and Function of LTM



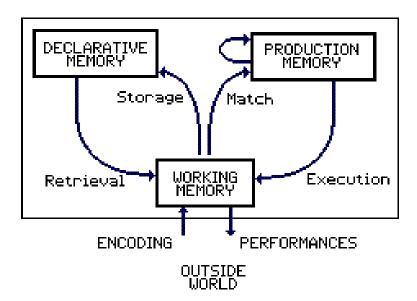
Long Term memory

 Procedural memory (implicit) is the part of long-term memory where we store memories of how things are done.



Long Term memory

- Declarative memory (explicit) is the part of long-term memory where we store specific information such as facts and events.
 - More often than procedural memory, declarative memory requires some conscious mental effort.



Declarative (Explicit) Memories

- Episodic Memories This is the portion of memory that stores personal events or "episodes."
 - This is the storage of things like time and place.
- Semantic Memories This portion of memory stores general knowledge, facts and language meaning.
 - This is specifically where all the information you "know" is stored.



Studies: implicit vs. explicit

- People with amnesia who read a story once, will read it faster a second time, showing implicit memory.
 - There is no explicit memory though as they cannot recall having seen the text before
- People with Alzheimer's who are repeatedly shown the word perfume will not recall having seen it.
 - If asked the first word that comes to mind in response to the letters per, the say perfume readily displaying learning.