

"Why a diagram is worth ten thousand words"





Preface

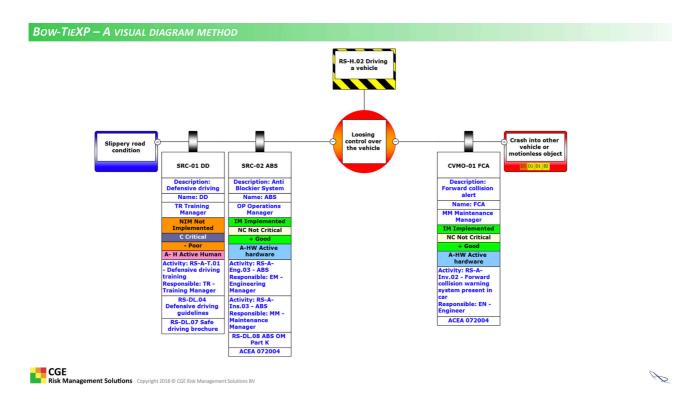
Have you ever wondered why planning a journey, for example from «Sheremetyevo International Airport» to «Ploščad' Revoljucii», using the **Map of Moscow** underground (right side of the picture), is way faster than getting the same result worked out by **Tables only** of underground stations (left side of the picture)?







In the empiric study of Larkin & Simon «Why a diagram is (sometimes) worth ten thousand words» (Cognitive Science 11, 1987), the two researchers showed how graphical representations can amplify cognitive processes thanks to the fact that these produce in our mind new data by which it is possible to deduct new information. This cognitive process is known as Perceptive Inference.



You can now better understand why **Bow-TieXP** by **CGE Risk Management Solutions**makes extensive use of graphical representation in its diagrams for Risk Management.





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Structure your thinking

New insights often emerge from bowtie workshops that were not identified by other methods. The highly visual and interactive nature of bowtie building ensures maximum involvement from all levels of the organisation.

Make risk based decisions

Analyse and distill weak points in how you manage risk and create risk based improvement plans.

Communicate risk

BowTieXP diagrams have been designed from the ground up to be easily communicable and provide you with many options to tailor the diagram for your audience

