

Journalistic Activities

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production, distribution, and
consumption

Journalistic Activities and Routines



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While journalistic activities
are influenced by the past,
*they change in response to
new developments*

Activities and History



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We can categorize most
activities into:

access and observation
selection and filtering
processing and editing
distribution
interpretation

Access and Observation



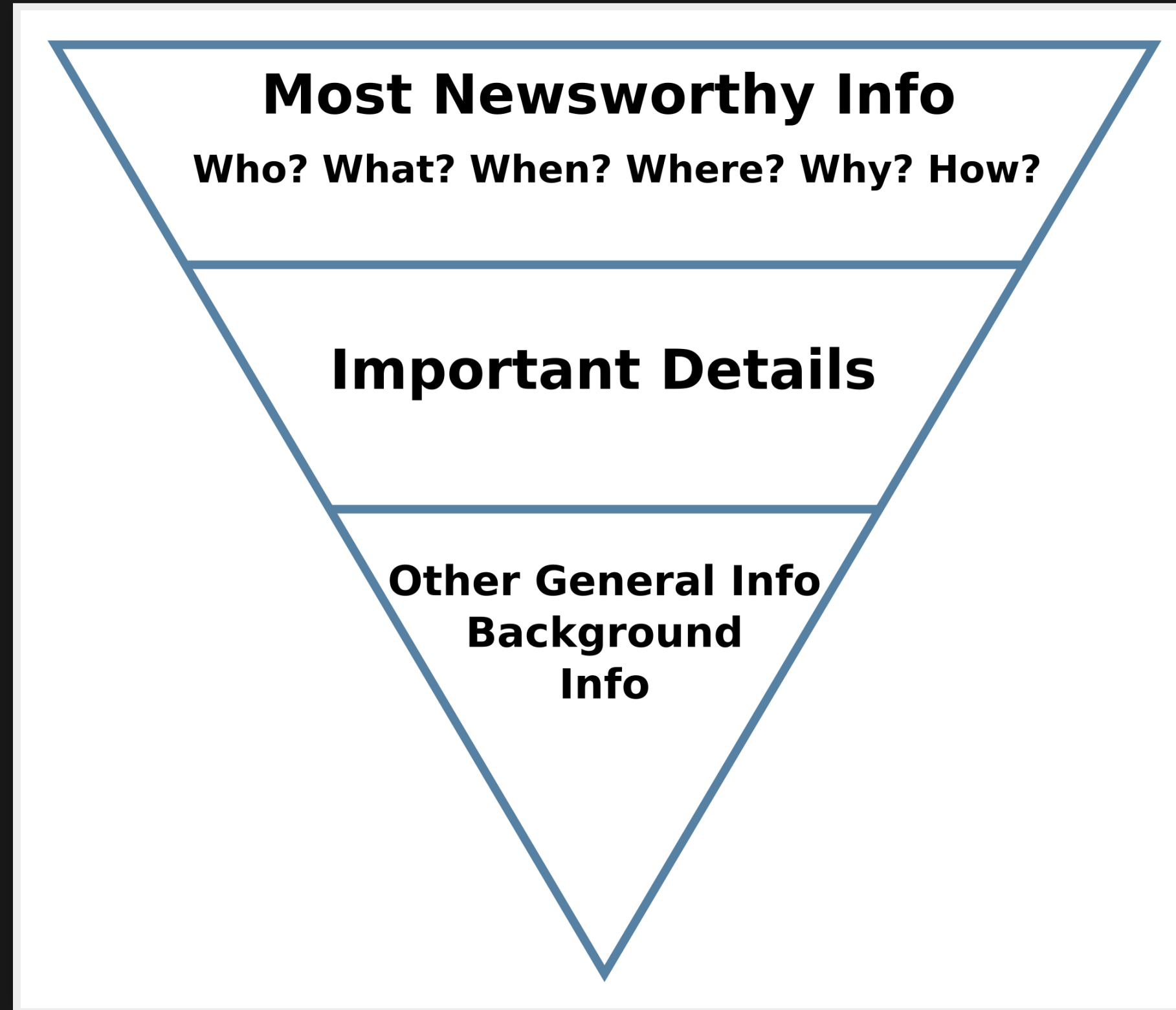
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Selection and Filtering



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Processing and Editing



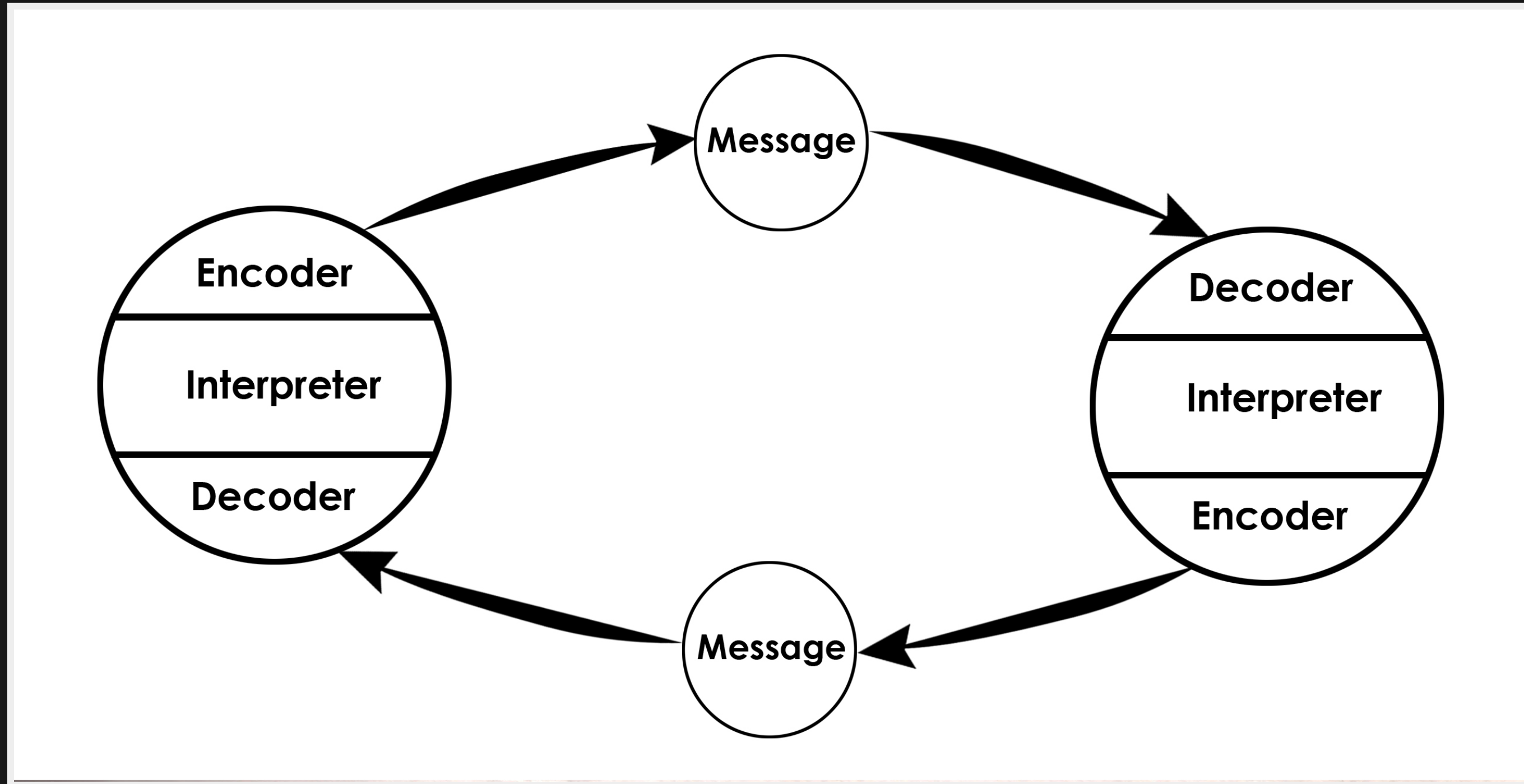
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Distribution



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Interpretation



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Changing Nature of Activities

- Journalism no longer just a human-driven endeavor
 - Technological actants performing more and more activities independently from human social actors
 - Example: Associated Press publishes tens of thousands of stories written by algorithms each year
 - However, these are *currently* restricted to certain domains, like financial reports
- We can see journalism iterating before our eyes every day

Key Takeaways

- Journalistic activities are the routinized practices that influence news production, distribution, and consumption
- Activities are governed by long-standing logics and principles, but they adapt to changing conditions
- We can place most activities within five stages: access and observation, selection and filtering, processing and editing, distribution, and interpretation
- In some cases, technological actants now operate independently from human actors