

# The SAMR Ladder: Questions and Transitions

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- **Substitution:**

- What will I gain by replacing the older technology with the new technology?

- **Substitution to Augmentation:**

- Have I added an improvement to the task process that could not be accomplished with the older technology at a fundamental level?
- How does this feature contribute to my design?

- **Augmentation to Modification:**

- How is the original task being modified?
- Does this modification fundamentally depend upon the new technology?
- How does this modification contribute to my design?

- **Modification to Redefinition:**

- What is the new task?
- Will any portion of the original task be retained?
- How is the new task uniquely made possible by the new technology?
- How does it contribute to my design?