

METAPHYSICS 101 : CHART 03

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<p>ACT</p> <p>The perfection which a subject possesses.</p>	<p>Act is PRIOR to potency with regard to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PERFECTION 2. KNOWLEDGE 3. CAUSAL PRIMACY 4. TEMPORAL PRIMACY (chicken before egg!!?)
<p>POTENCY</p> <p>Is the real capacity to acquire a perfection.</p>	<p>Potency</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. is the subject which RECEIVES the act 2. LIMITS the act it receives 3. MULTIPLIES the act it receives 4. PARTICIPATES in the act it receives

<p>PASSIVE POTENCY – FIRST ACT</p> <p>Where passive potency = capacity to receive</p>	<p>Three basic types (see Chart 02):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. prime matter - substantial form (see Chart 05) 2. substance – accidents (see Chart 06) 3. essence (<i>potentia essendi</i>) – esse (<i>actus essendi</i>) (see chart 05)
<p>ACTIVE POTENCY – SECOND ACT</p> <p>Where active potency = capacity to act</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operative powers / faculties – actions (for transitive activities) 2. Operative powers / faculties – operations (for immanent activities)