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# Design Studio Workshop: Sample Slidedeck

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# Design Studio

A one-day collaborative workshop used by cross-functional teams to rapidly explore many solutions to a specific design problem.

**Our goal** is to rapidly **generate** many ideas, **evaluate** top ideas, and **iterate** to refine ideas and solutions that matter most to customers.

Create > Pitch > Critique

# Benefits of Design Studio

- ✓ **Insight** driven design through empathy
- ✓ **Validate** ideas early with sketches & dialogue
- ✓ **Iterate** on solutions that matter more
- ✓ **Build** shared ownership

# 3 Guidelines for Today

1. Tight **schedule**. Designated breaks.
2. Maintain **focus**. Time-boxed activities.
3. Faster with **paper**. No devices or distractions.

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# Team Up

Break into cross-functional teams and do a few ice breaker exercises to get comfortable with fast sketching, sharing with team members, and commenting on others' work.

# Form cross-functional teams.

**1**

Name

Name

Name

**2**

Name

Name

Name

**3**

Name

Name

Name

**4**

Name

Name

Name

**5**

Name

Name

Name



☺ Ice Breakers...

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# Research & Insights

Present the problem, challenge and research to teams. Let them ask questions and make sure everyone is clear on what you're here to do.

# What do we know now?

- Competitive analysis
- Customer feedback surveys
- Customer interviews
- Testing reports
- (Etc.)



# What are the problems we see?

[State the customer or business problem(s) here...]

Be clear and accessible. Answer questions!

# What is today's challenge?

[State the challenge here...]

The challenge is to explore solutions to the problem(s).

Be bold and forward looking.

Empathize with customers  
and understand their  
experiences.

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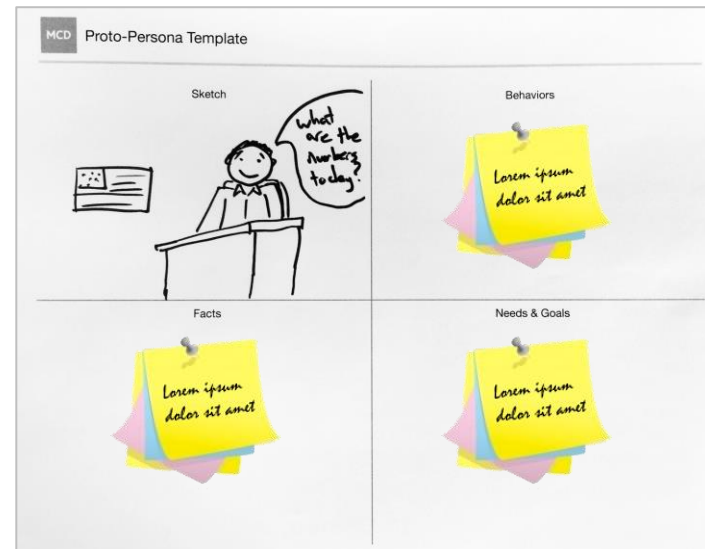
# Proto-Personas

Proto-Personas help teams define typical user groups of a product/service and empathize with their needs, goals and specific use contexts.

# Proto-Personas

Using paper and post-its, teams capture facts, behaviors, needs and goals for all users of a product/service and iterate in 3 steps:

1. Develop
2. Critique
3. Refine





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# Experience Mapping

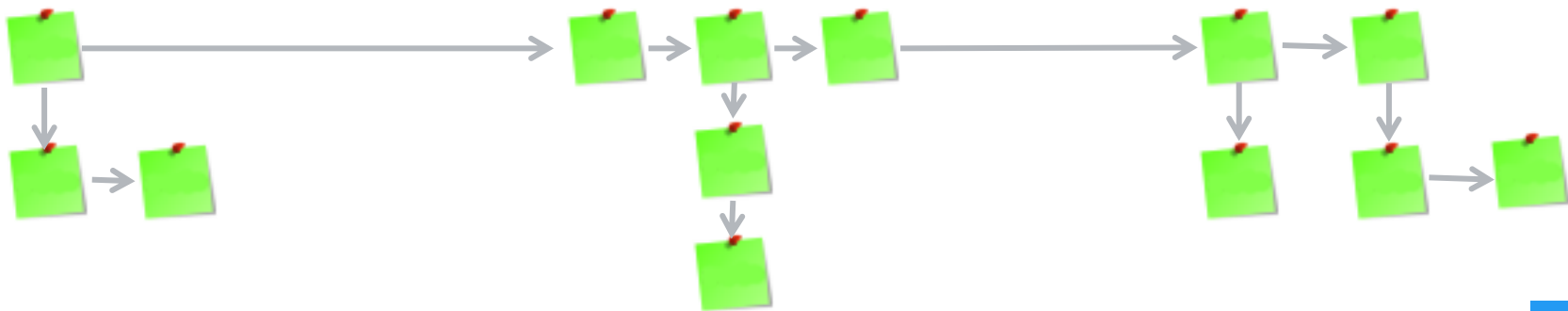
Experience Maps visualize a proto-persona's engagement with a product/service and helps identify key flows, features, touch points and support channels of the experience.

# Experience Map

What they think and feel



What they see and do



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# Sketch Iteration 1: Generate Ideas

Create as many ideas that solve your proto-persona's problems/needs/goals.

# Create > Pitch > Critique

**5 minute** individual sketching on 8-up

**3 minute** pitch of sketches to team

**2 minute** critique from team



## **Outcome:**

*Generate many ideas. Refine your strongest idea(s) in next iteration.*



## Create

**5 minute** individual sketching  
on 8-up sketch template

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## Pitch

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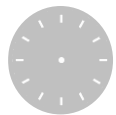
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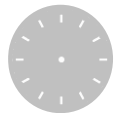
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## Pitch

3 minute pitch of ideas to team



## Critique

**2 minute** critique from team

*Tip: Use dots to give 2 positives and 2 improvements*

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# Sketch Iteration 2: Refine Ideas

Consider your team's feedback and evolve ideas with the most merit.



# Create > Pitch > Critique

**5 minute** individual sketching on 6-up

**3 minute** pitch of sketches to team

**2 minute** critique from team



## **Outcome:**

*Refined idea(s) with screens, flows and/or supporting components.*



## Create

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### Iteration 2: Refine

#### Goal

Consider your team's feedback and evolve ideas with the most merit.

#### Outcome

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## Pitch

**3 minute** pitch of ideas to team

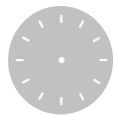
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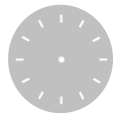
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## Pitch

3 minute pitch of ideas to team



## Critique

**2 minute** critique from team

*Tip: Use dots to indicate 2 favorite ideas per person*

### Iteration 2: Refine

#### Goal

Consider your team's feedback and evolve ideas with the most merit.

#### Outcome

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# Sketch Iteration 3: Converge Ideas

Teams develop their single, most viable idea, then pitch to another team for feedback.

# Create > Pitch > Critique

20 minute team  
discussion and sketch  
idea on larger paper

2 minute prep +  
3 minute pitch to  
another team

2 minute critique  
from other team



## **Outcome:**

*Teams converge their best ideas.*



## Create

**20 minutes** for team discussion and group sketch of idea on large paper.

*Tip: Use the big paper to sketch 1 screen or many. Use whatever helps best convey your team's idea.*

### Iteration 3: Converge

#### Goal

Develop one idea the team feels has the biggest chance for success. Pitch to another team for feedback.

#### Outcome

Teams converge their best ideas.

# Ritual Dissent

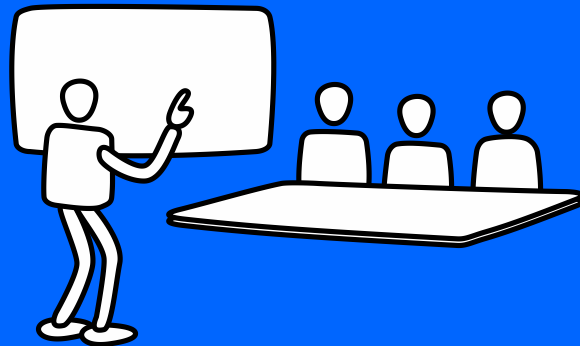


This pitch and critique activity is a forced listening technique designed to test and enhance ideas from de-personalized, constructive feedback.



Ritual Dissent

# Pitch Your Idea



2 minutes to prepare pitch, then 3 minutes for team spokesperson to pitch idea to another team, while they listen in silence (no questions allowed).



## Create

5 minute individual sketching  
on 6-up sketch template



## Pitch

**5 minutes** to prepare pitch and  
present idea to another team

### Iteration 3: Converge

#### Goal

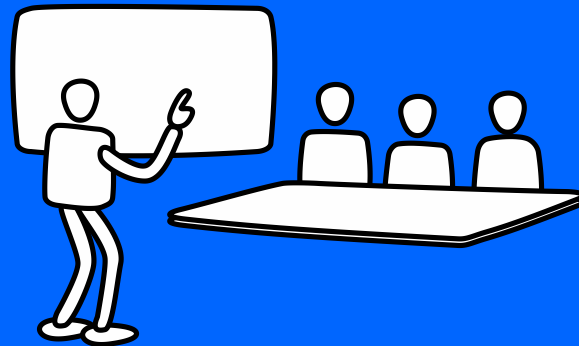
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# Team Critique

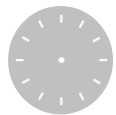


2 minutes for listening team to challenge the ideas presented while spokesperson silently captures comments (with their back facing the team).

# Capture comments using worksheet.



Comments	Do Now	Do Later	Do Nothing



## Create

5 minute individual sketching on 6-up sketch template



## Pitch

5 minutes to prepare pitch and present idea to another team



## Critique

**2 minute** critique from team

*Tip: Use the active decision making worksheet to capture each comment in separate lines.*

### Iteration 3: Converge

#### Goal

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#### Outcome

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# Sketch Iteration 4: Teams Pitch Final Ideas

Prioritize feedback and discuss critical changes or additions that improve your team's idea.

# Create > Pitch > Critique

**20 minute** team  
prioritization and sketch  
final idea

**5 minute** prep +  
**5 minute** pitch to  
all teams

**60 minute** open critique  
from  
all teams



## **Outcome:**

*Strongest team ideas with issues list for next iteration.*

# Prioritize action using worksheet.



Comments	Do Now	Do Later	Do Nothing

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# How to prioritize action.

## 1. Do Now

Innovate, leverage best practice or remove feature.

## 2. Do Later

Too complex to solve now or requires more research.

## 3. Do Nothing

Ignore or is solved elsewhere.



## Create

**20 minutes** feedback prioritization and group sketch.

*Tip: Use the big paper to sketch 1 screen or many. Use whatever helps best convey your idea.*

### Iteration 4: Team Pitch

#### Goal

Prioritize the feedback and agree to make critical changes or additions that improve your team's idea.

#### Outcome

The strongest ideas from each team are presented.



## Create

20 minutes feedback prioritization and group sketch.



## Pitch

5 minutes to prepare team pitch.

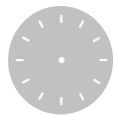
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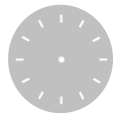
#### Outcome

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## Create

20 minutes feedback prioritization and group sketch.



## Pitch

5 minutes to prepare team pitch.



## Critique

2 minute critique from all teams

### Iteration 4: Team Pitch

#### Goal

Prioritize the feedback and agree to make critical changes or additions that improve your team's idea.

#### Outcome

The strongest ideas from each team are presented.

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# Dot Voting

Dot-Voting helps teams make more concrete design decisions in shorter amounts of time.

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# Wrap-up

Review and capture all ideas and decisions moving into the next phase or iteration of work.



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# Thank you!

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