

Chapter 1
Facts, focus and the story



Startup failures

No market need

No cash

Not the right team

Being outcompeted

Pricing/cost issues

Poor product

Wrong/no business model

Poor marketing

Ignoring customers

Product mistimed

Loosing focus

Disharmony of team/investors

Pivot gone bad

Lack of passion

Bad location

Legal challenges

Dont use network / advisors

Burnout

Failure to pivot

Scaling too quickly



Our focus

Ignoring customers



No market need / Poor product





Welcome to Productboard



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COMPANY & PRODUCT

Since you are reading this blog post, I assume you are either:

- a good friend showing support—thank you so much!
- an investor looking for an awesome investment opportunity—congrats, you've just found it!
- a competitor watching us—good luck, you won't catch us...
- a brilliant product mind looking to build better products—that's our mission too and it's why we're building Productboard!

Simply put, at **Productboard** we believe in smarter product management.

We believe that the traditional feature-driven approach to product management is flawed. Long lists of feature requests, and a non-transparent prioritization process based on gut, power, and politics result in features that nobody uses. At best that leads to mediocre products. At worst it leads to failed companies.

Smart product management focuses on your target audience, their goals, and a thorough understanding of the solutions they're already using to address their needs. Sometimes those solutions are competing products. Other times they're a hodgepodge of solutions hacked together by the user herself, to address a need where no formal solution yet exists.

Chapter 2 Why us?



Who will guide you through?



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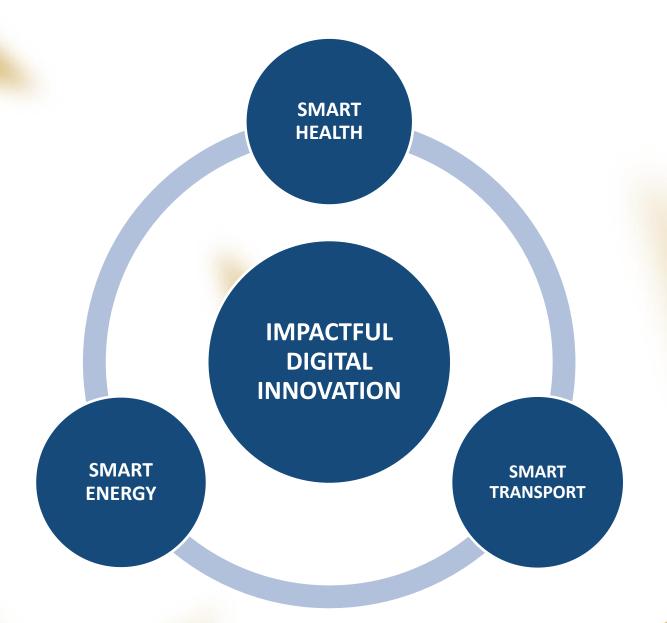








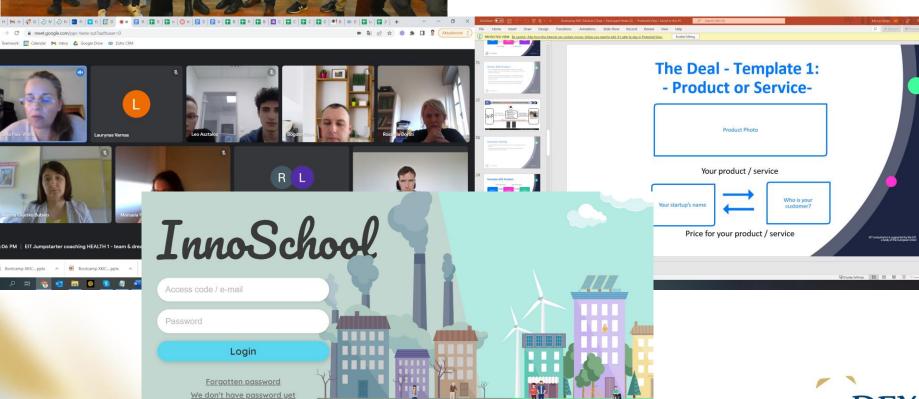














Chapter 3 Why you?



Why you?

- What is your name?
- Where do you work and on what do you work?
- What is your expectation?
- What is your superpower?

Chapter 4
Design Thinking - why and what?





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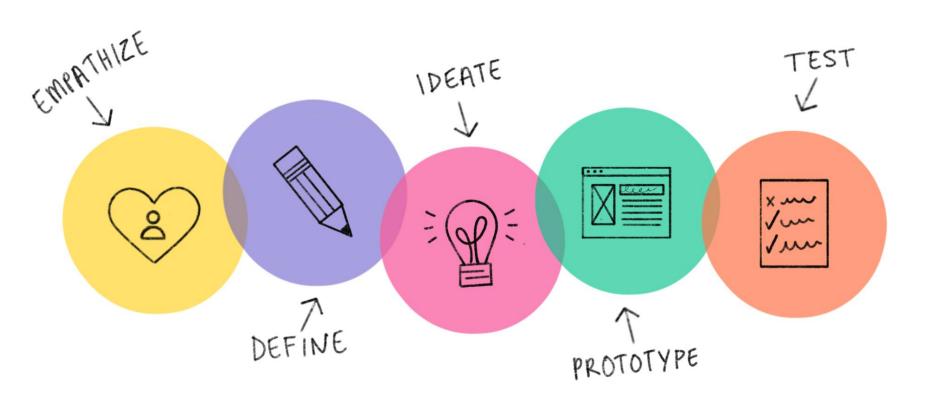


Let me tell you a story of a product which was actually developed with this methodology and where the company tried to improve

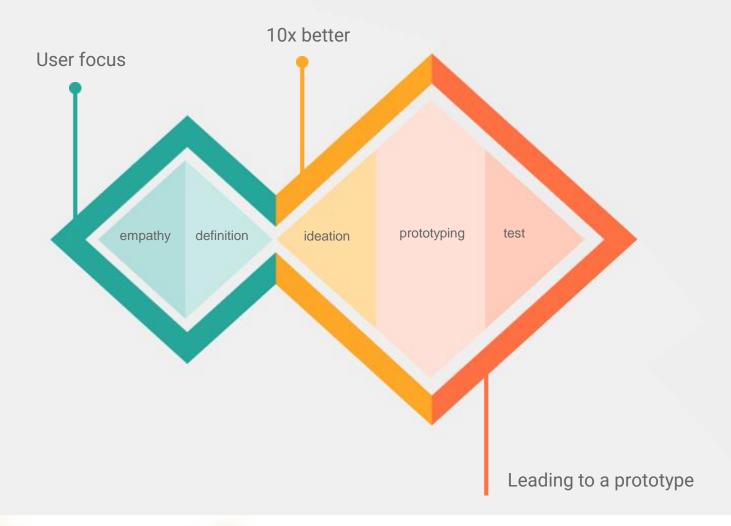


Design Thinking











Design Thinking

- human-centered approach to innovation
- structuring the way how to come up with an innovative solution to a given problem
- integrating the needs of people, the possibilities of technology, and the requirements for business success
- bringing the real value to user/customer

Look back at our focus

Ignoring customers



No market need / Poor product



No product-market fit













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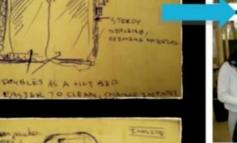


















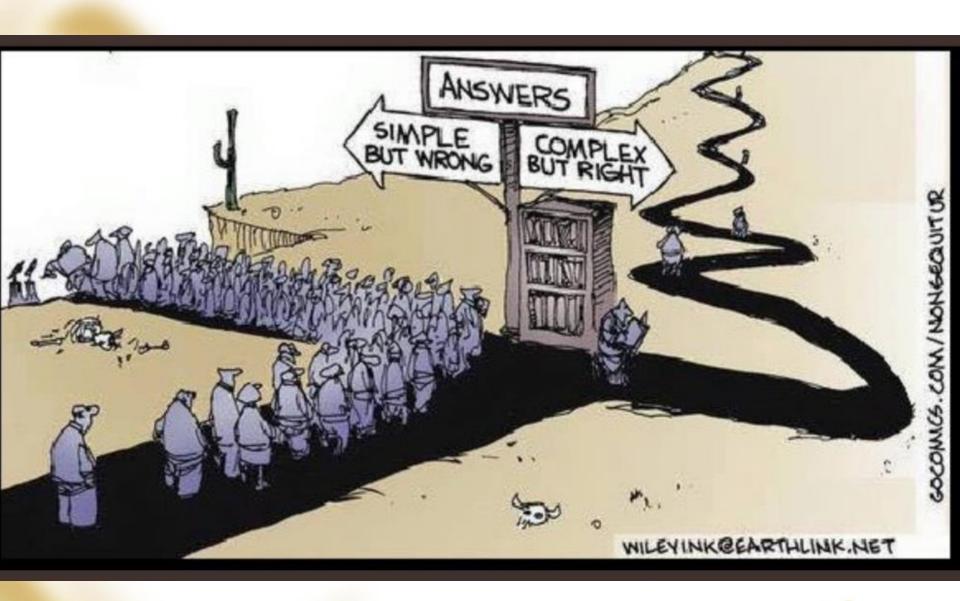


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Chapter 5 Teams set up



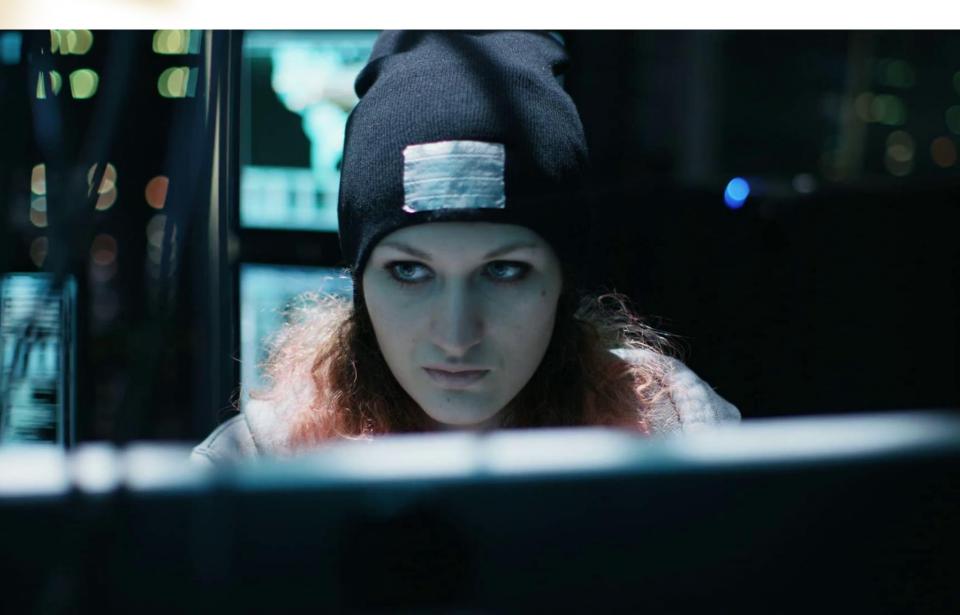
Hipster?



Hustler?



Hacker?



Let's form teams!







Problem areas

Transport in overcrowded cities
Loyalty of young generation with employers
Recruitment of talents
Tax collection
Interoperability of ICT tools
Adoption of ICT solutions by senior people
Lifetime of food without chemical conservants
Motivation of people to care for their health not only based on current health problems

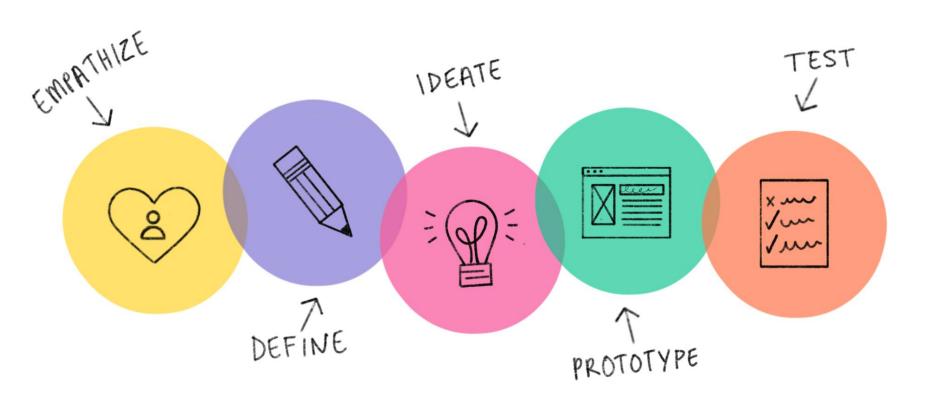
Availability of home care
Connection of home care to hospitalization
Availability of senior homes
Wasting of food

... (your own)

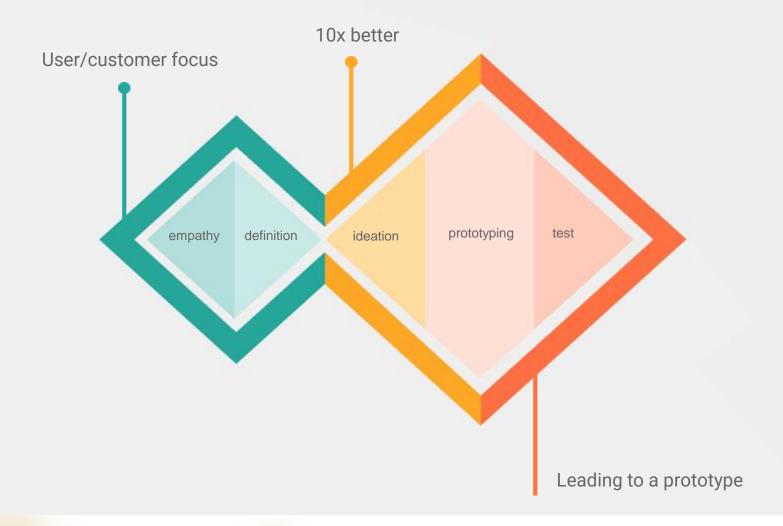


Chapter 6 Empathize

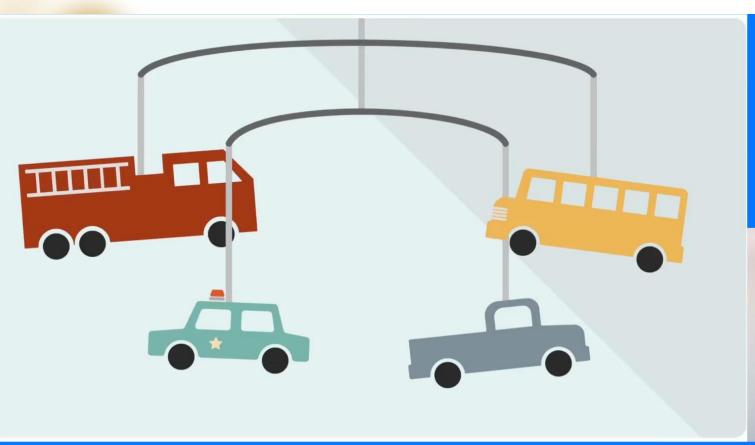










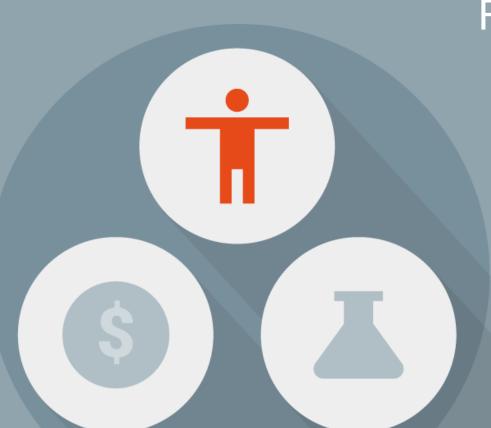


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So let me start with a little story of where I will try to explain you why all this is very important and why it's important to understand





Focus on the User

and all else follows.

Empathy methods/tools

- desk research
- observations
- interviews (individual/group, mainstream/extreme users, conversation starters, cards, 5x why?, drawings)

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Interviewing

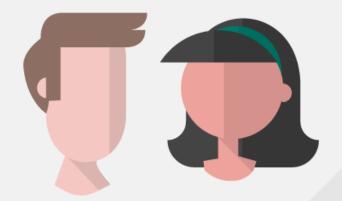
- Get stories, emotions, insights
- Listen!
- Open questions

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"Tell me about a time …"
"Walk me through your last experience …"
"Tell me more about …"
"How did you feel the last time you have …?
"Why, why, why?"
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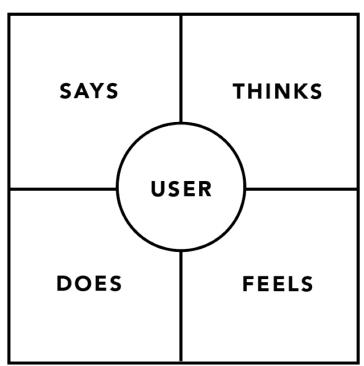
- No suggesting questions (would it be better ...?)
- At least 2 people

Empathy conversations

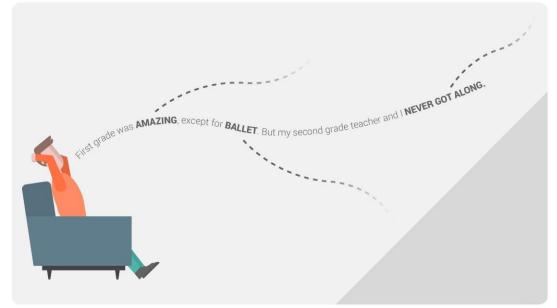
- Uncover the needs of your users through stories, emotions, and insights.
- Your goal is not to think up new ideas or find solutions — this prevents you from seeing their reality.
- Listen and ask for feedback (don't jump to conclusions).



EMPATHY MAP



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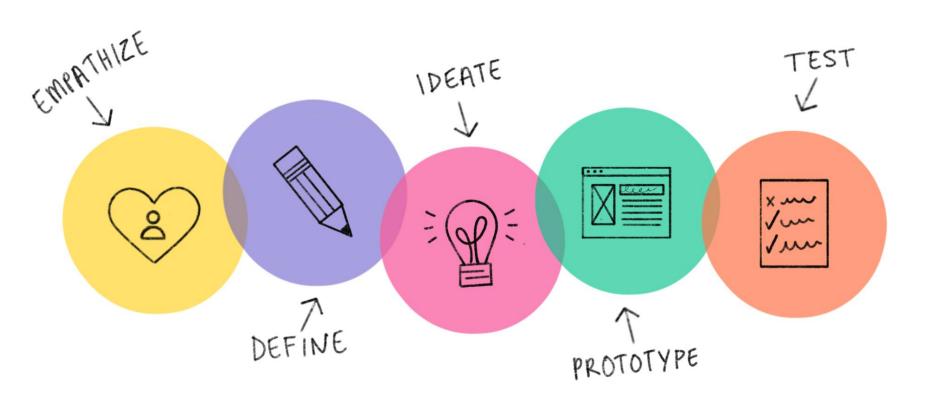




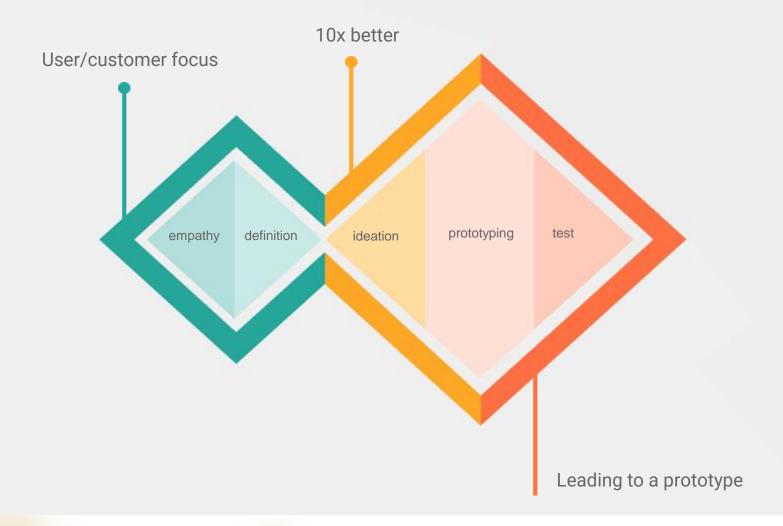


Chapter 7
Define











Defining design challenge

- For whom?
- No solutions, no answers
- Open, generating ideas, inspiring

How might we ...? definition

- HOW discovery question
- MIGHT safe space for suggestions
- WE building on ideas, competences of the team

How might we ...?

How might we ...? example

- Joseph needs to have in a restaurant menu a selection from healthier food so he feels more satisfied with his eating
- Joseph is a busy manager that wants to eat healthier without the feeling of being on a diet
- How might we help Joseph, a busy manager, to eat healthier without him having the feeling of being on a diet?

How might we ...? example

- How might we get a newborn to incubator the fastest? (too specific, only transport solution)
- How might we reduce the mortality of early born babies? (too broad for targeted brainstorming)
- How might we help parents in Nepal villages to save lifes of their early born babies?







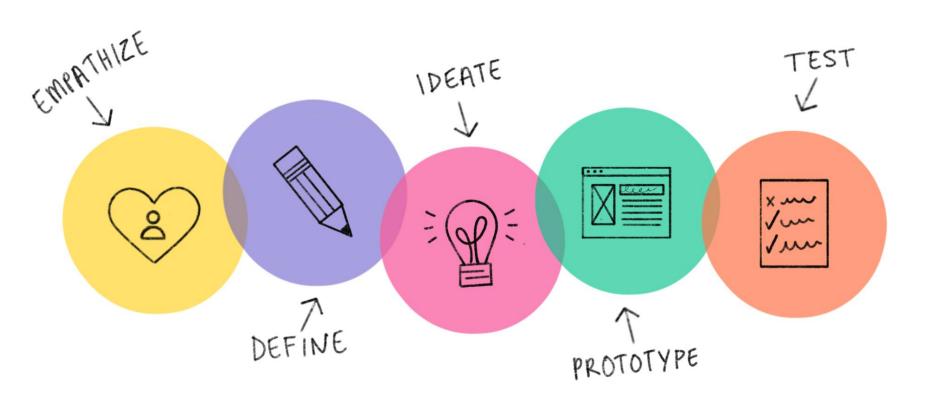




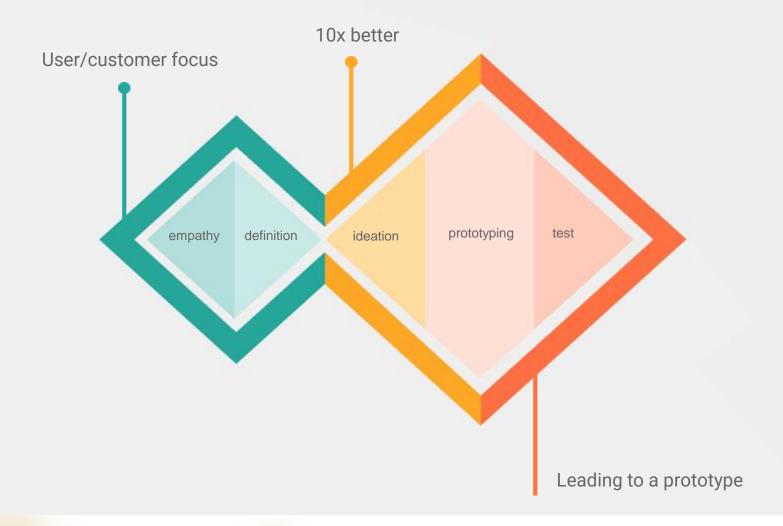


Chapter 8
Ideate











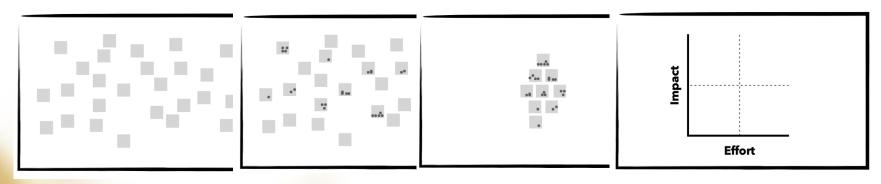
Brainstorming rules

- No judgements and negative comments
- Shouting ideas as they come
- Building on ideas of others
- Quantity of ideas matters
- Only headlines for ideas
- Think big (10x better)



Selecting the best idea method

- Generating own ideas
- Curating the best own ideas
- Putting them together and voting
- Arranging the best voted
- Placing best voted on effort/impact scale













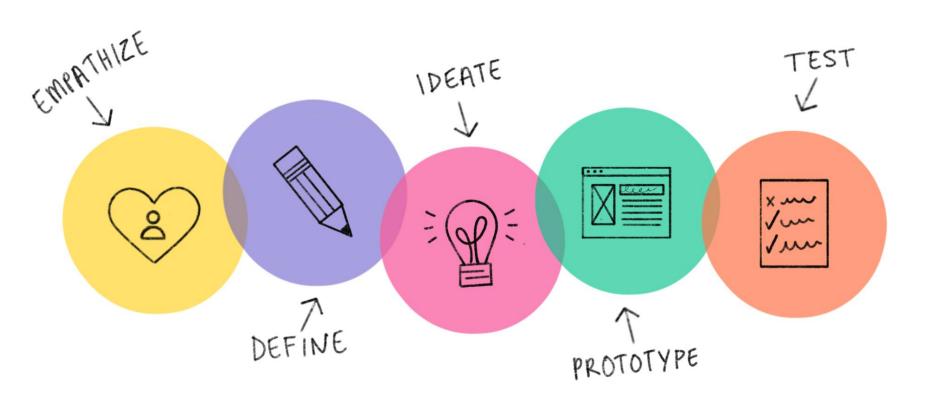


Morning Warm up

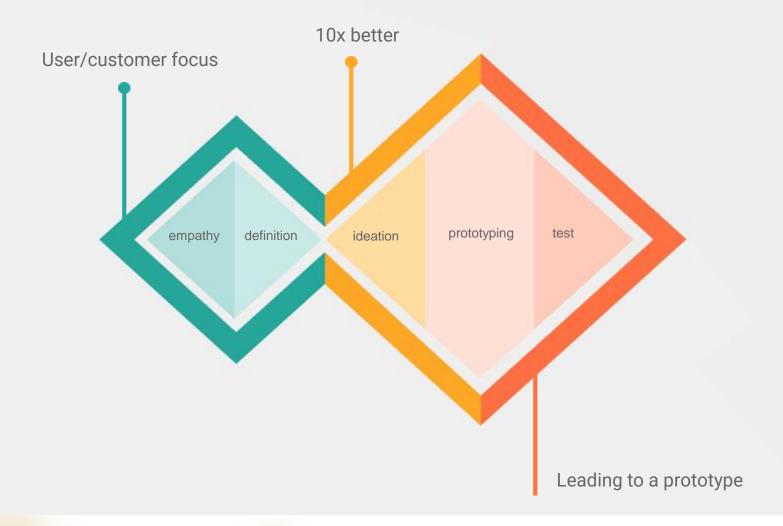


Chapter 9 Prototype



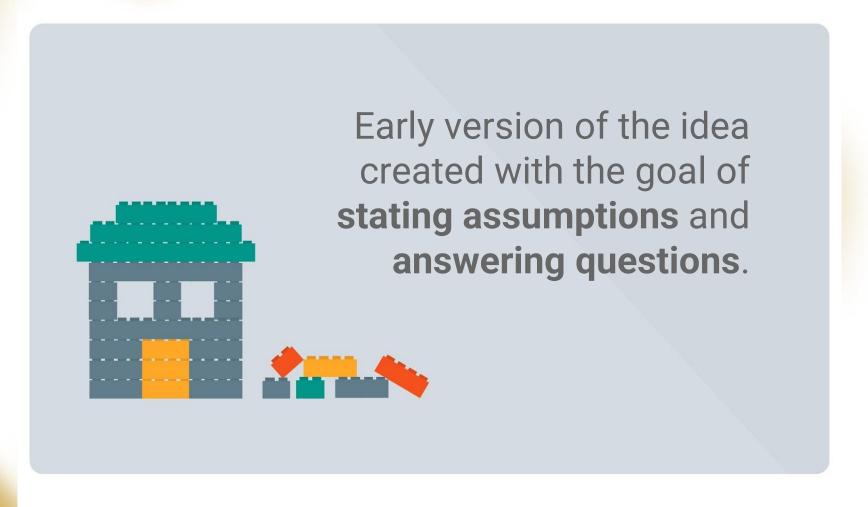








Prototype



Validation

- Do people want it? (would they use it, buy it, prefer it among others)
- How should it work? (can they do it, how do they feel doing it, do they understand the process)

Fake it or Make it ...

- Fake it complex, too expensive, risky and/or time demanding
- Make it small, quick, partially done solution



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Will people order McSpaghetti?

the prototyping phase with fake or with actual making it. And the first one is a story about McDonald's

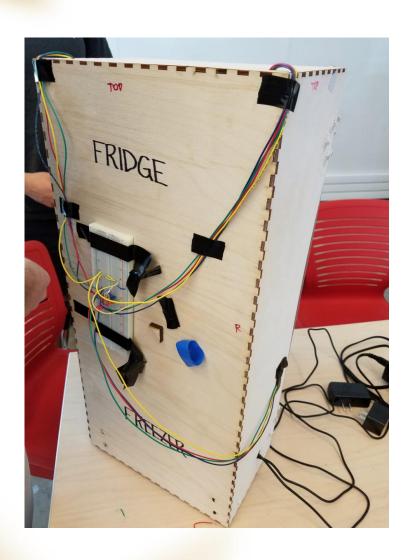


Storyboards



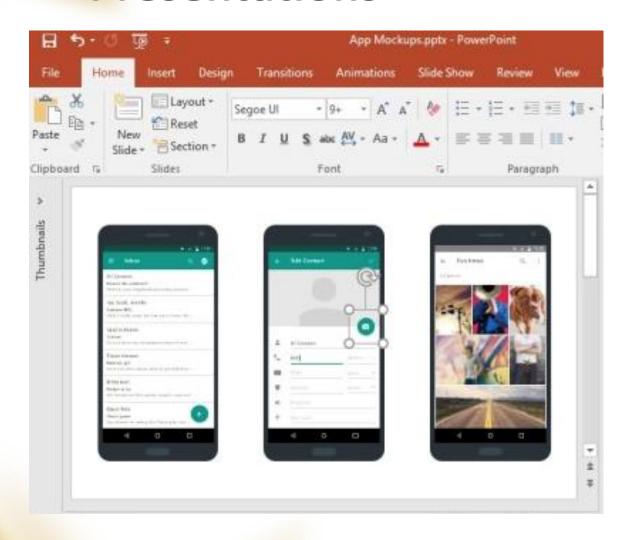


Models



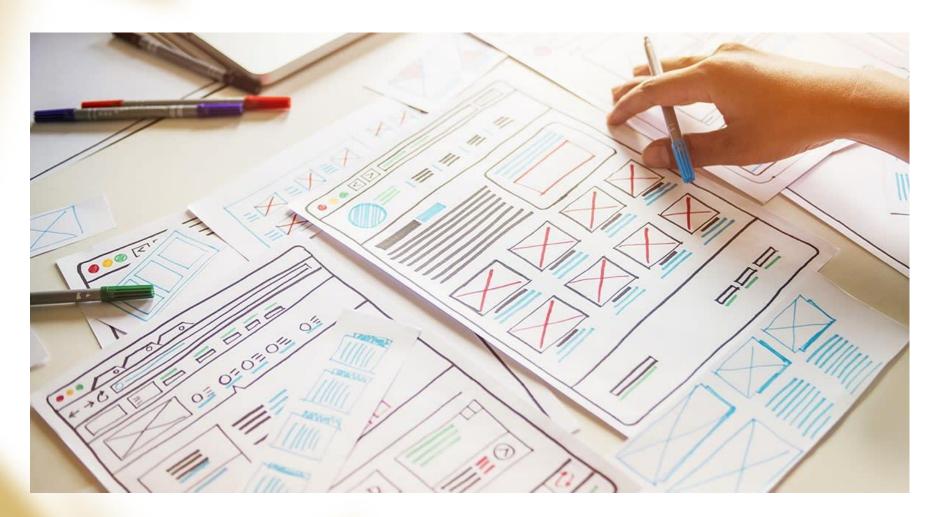


Presentations





Wireframes





Mock-ups





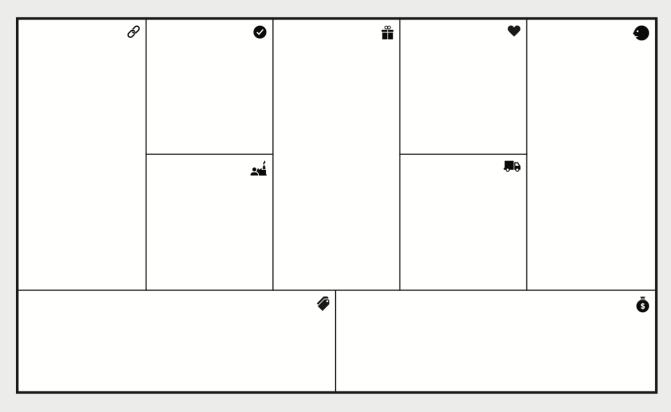
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Business model canvases

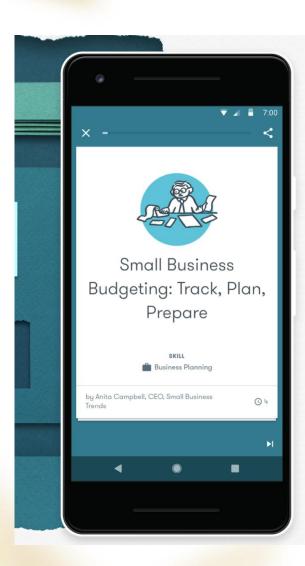
The Business Model Canvas



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Beta versions



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Other prototype formats

- Visuals
- Website
- Videos
- illustrations
- Role plays
- Real technical prototypes









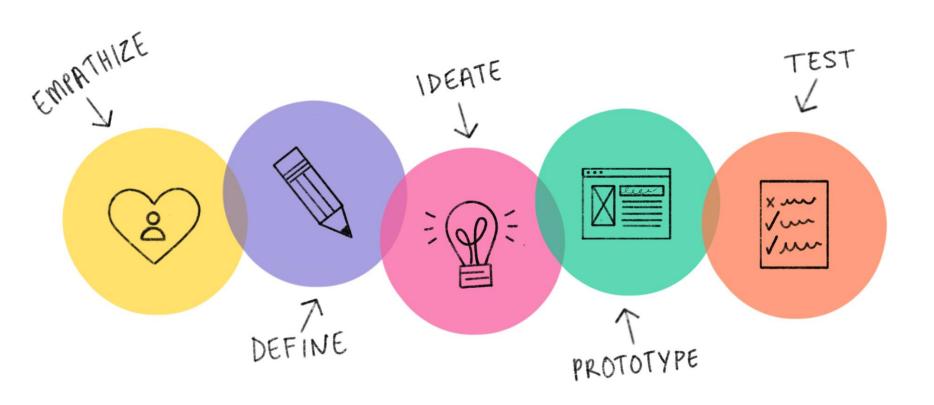




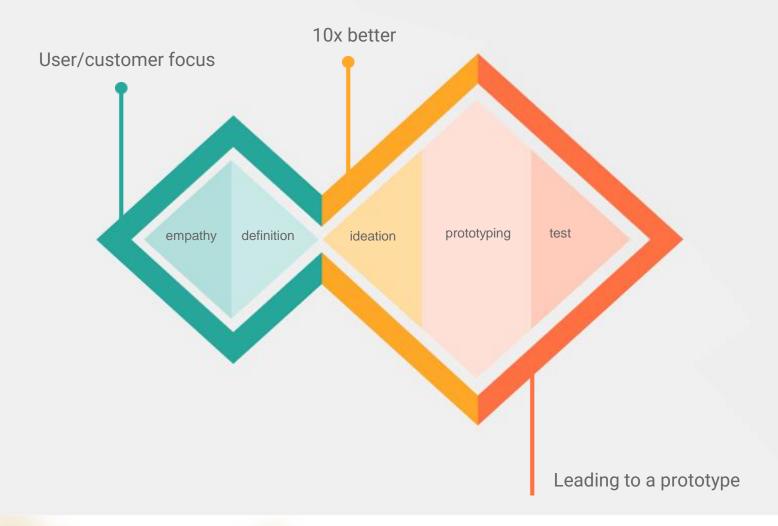
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Chapter 10 Test











Get feedback!

- Show the prototype to the target user.
- Let the user give you a feedback.
- Get answers to your selected 3 learning questions.
- Learn from it.

Testing ways ...

- User testing
- Product Reaction cards
- Pitching + feedback
- fake campaigns (+A/B testing)
- Pilot implementation of the prototype

Gathering test feedback

- Show / present it
- Stop talking, listen!
- No comments, no persuassion
- Build scenario for feedback gathering
- Take notes and gather answers what worked, what didnt work, what should be changed, new inspiration
- Use Prototyping report card before test









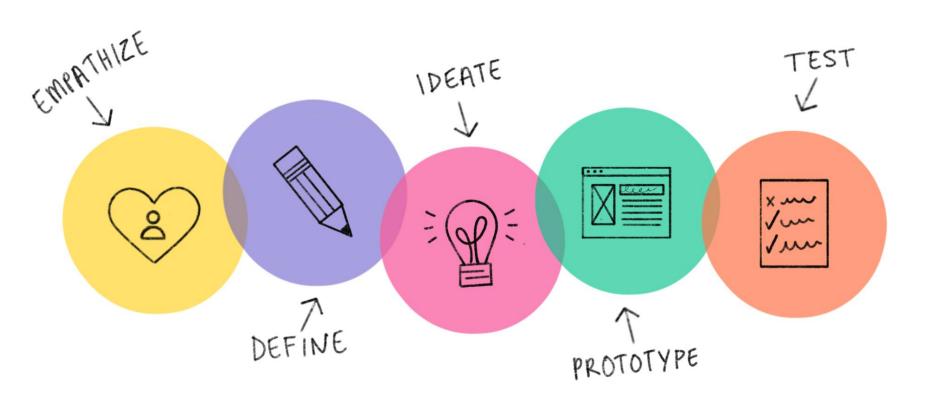




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Chapter 11 Loop back











Incorporating feedback

- Use Prototyping report card after test
- Implement into prototype/decide if to go back in the design thinking process





Further information

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IDEO Design thinking: https://designthinking.ideo.com/

Design Kit: https://www.designkit.org/methods

The Workshopper Playbook - chapter Create + Commit: https://www.workshopperplaybook.com/book-choice

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Embrace: https://www.embraceglobal.org/

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Wireframes: https://www.justinmind.com/

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