

Design thinking workshop

February 25, 2021



Purpose

- ▶ To understand the basic concepts of design thinking
- ▶ To deploy design thinking in a quick workshop
- ▶ To understand some of the practical tools used in design thinking

Design thinking

- ▶ Design human centred solutions
- ▶ Goes beyond classic “user-centered” design
- ▶ Tries to understand actual needs, the experience of the user, feelings
- ▶ To define accurately the problem
- ▶ Which allows the introduction of a solution even in “wicked” problems

Inspiration

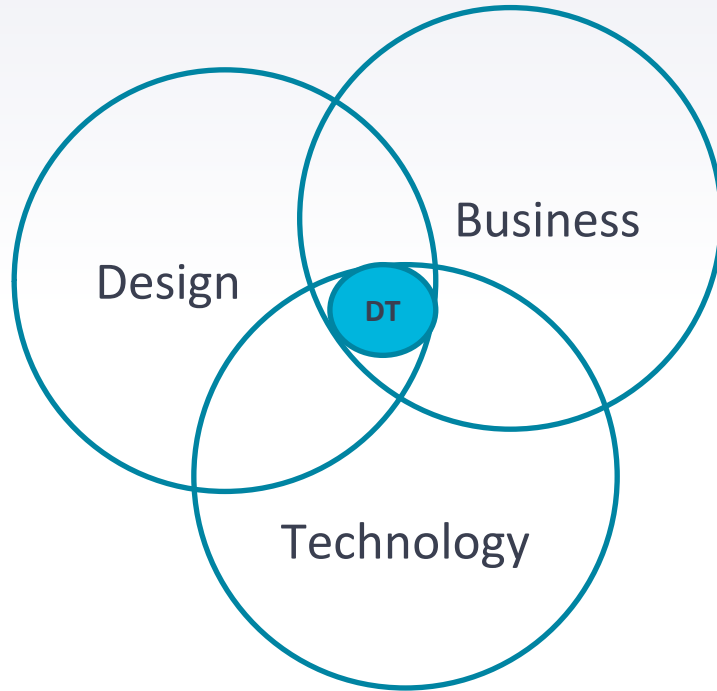


IDEO



David Kelley

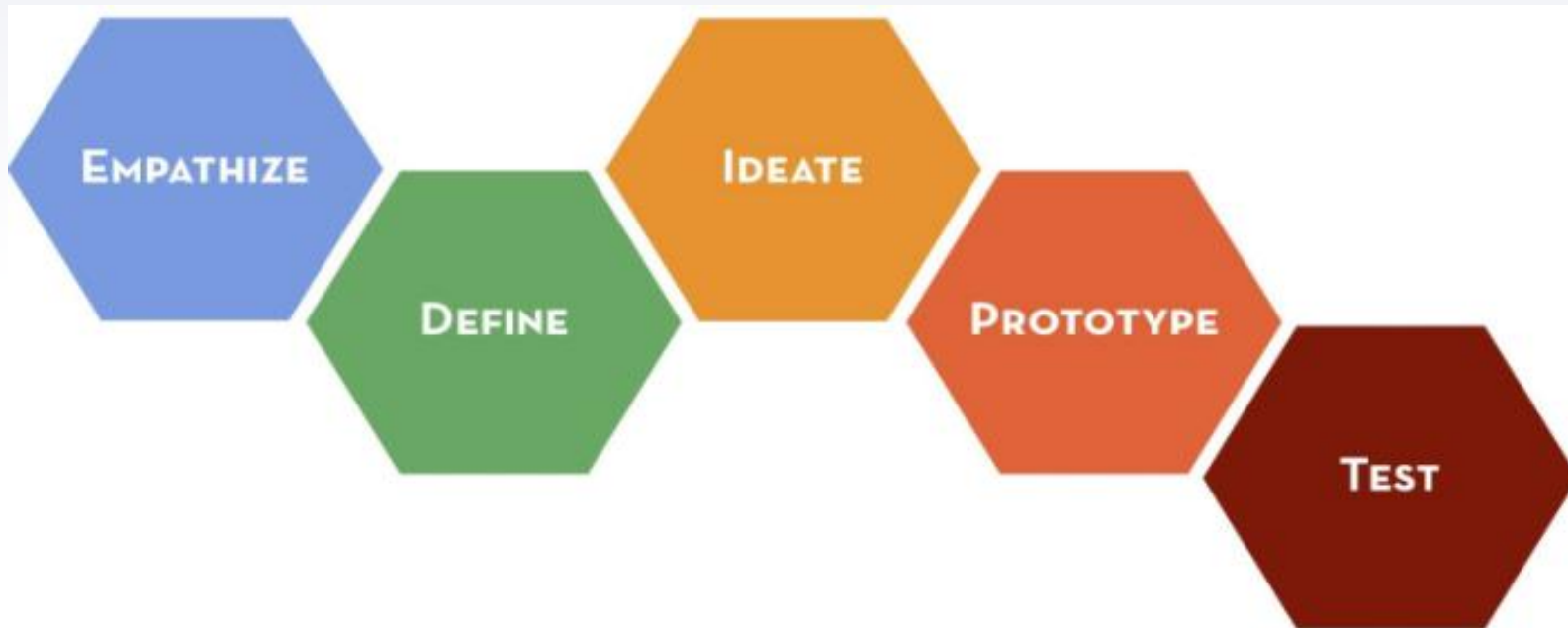
Design thinking



What is feasible.

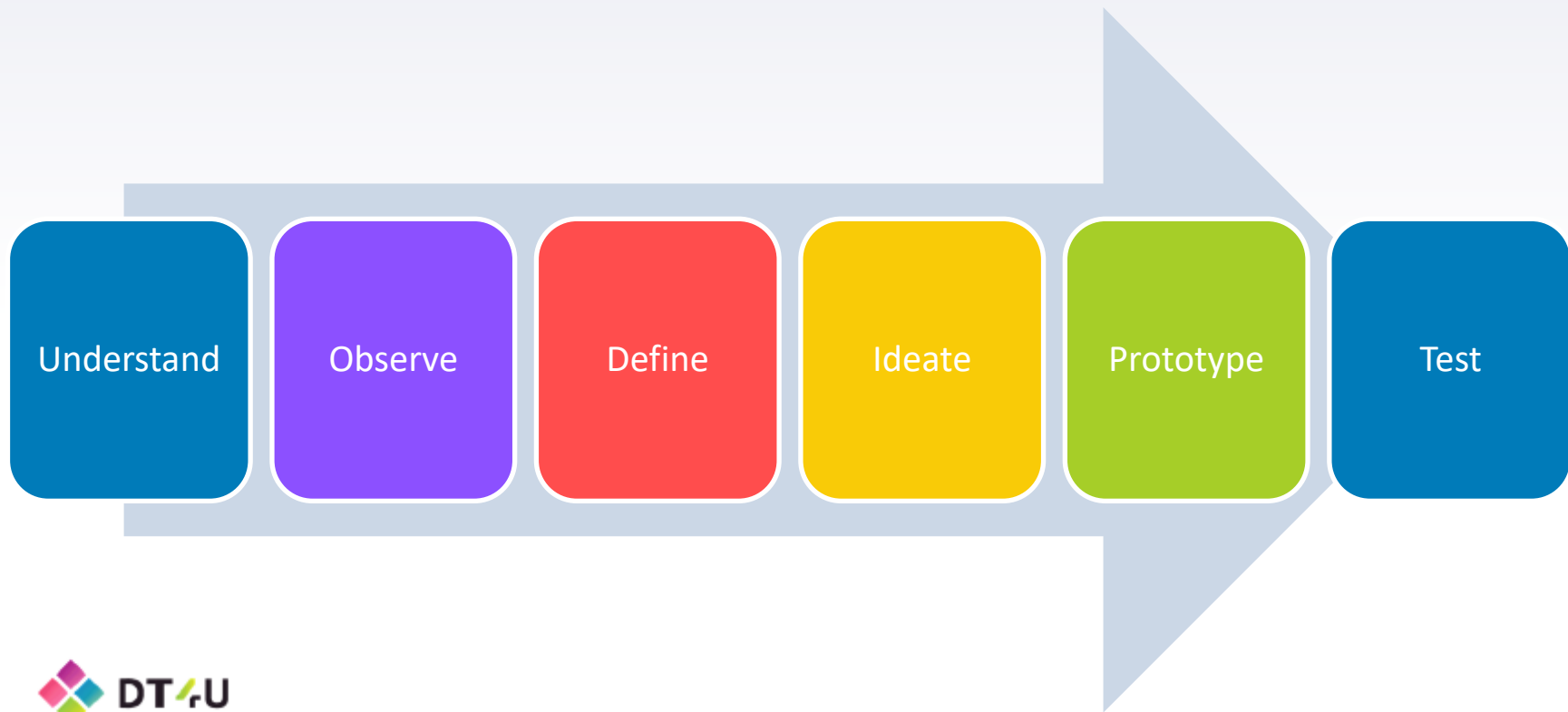
The intersection of design,
business, and technology.

Design thinking model



IDEO

Design thinking model



The project

How to redesign the disposal of waste

Teams

Team A

Moderator: Hariklia

Hazleen, Michela,
Irum, Carlos

Room:

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Team B

Moderator: Christina

Raja, Triinu, Nguyet,
Tri, Kamran

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Team C

Moderator: Costas,
Sotiris

Dhiraj, Manish, Huy,
Alden

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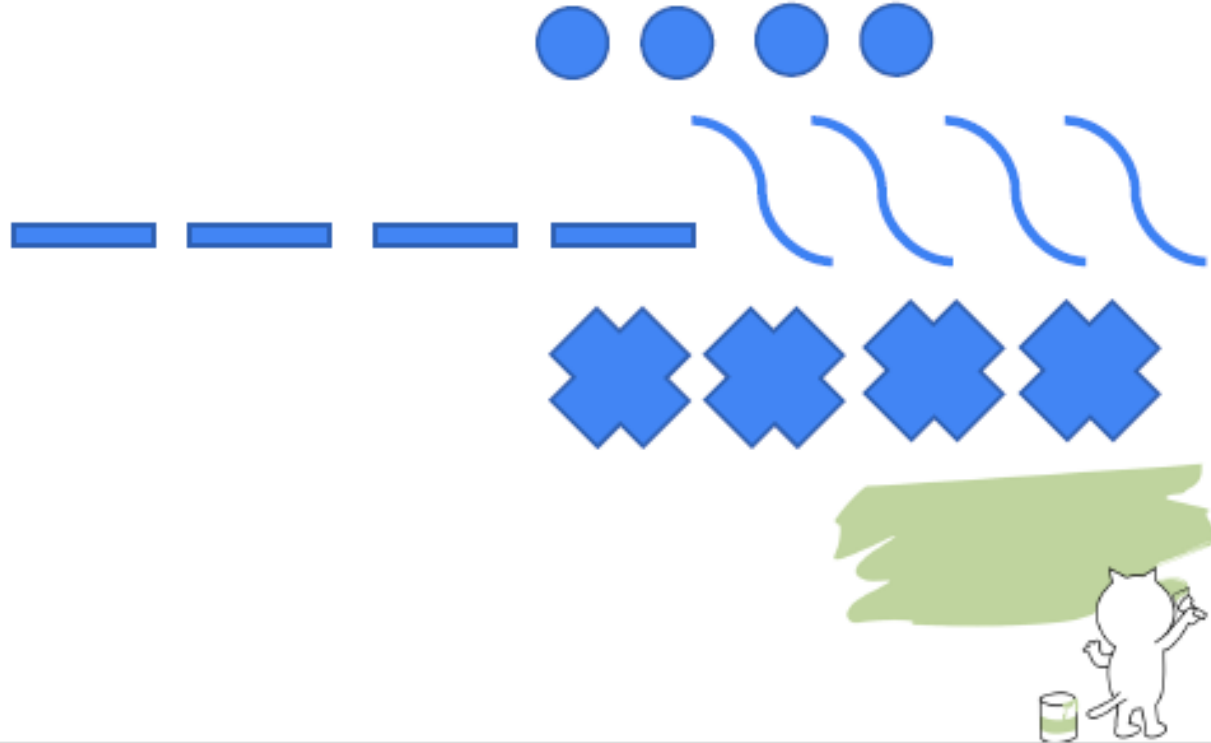
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0. Warm-up

Activity 0.1

- ▶ You have at your disposal
- ▶ Draw something that answers the need of somebody



Activity 0.2

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|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Has read 3 English novels | Has eaten pizza prosciutto 3 times | Has been to Germany | Has visited at least 3 other countries | Has developed a game |
| Has been to the USA | Has seen 3 James Bond movies | Has been to Paris | Favourite colour is blue | Has read Harry Potter |
| Speaks 3 or more languages | Has a parent from another country | Has siblings | Can play a musical instrument | Loves sailing |
| Wears sneakers rather than leather shoes | Likes to vacation at the sea | Loves hiking and the mountains | Has held a job | Has joined the boy/girl scouts |
| Has some design thinking experience | Would like to start a company | Has developed an Android app | Has seen all Star Wars movies | Would like to work in a start-up |

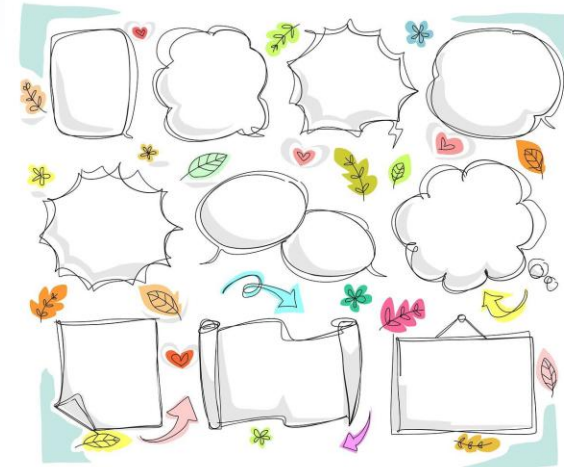


Understand

1. Associations

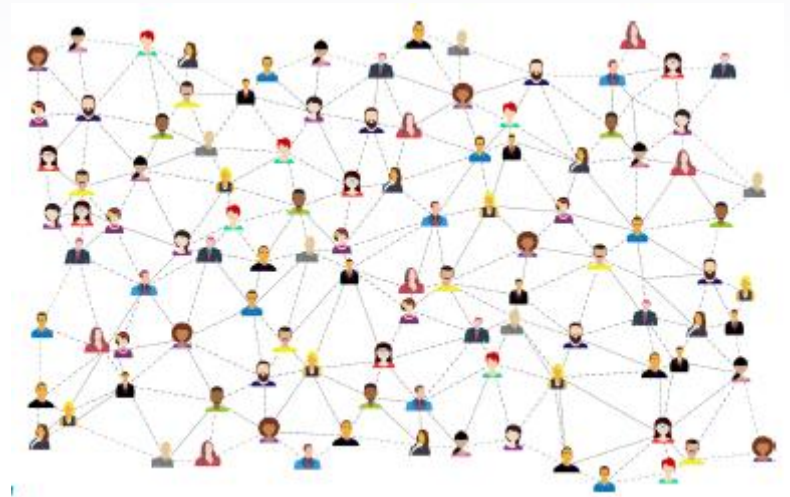
Activity 1: Understand Associations

- ▶ Write down 5 ideas that come to mind in relation to throwing away waste



Activity 1: Understand Associations

- ▶ Write down 3 more associations related throwing away waste and people



Activity 1: Understand Associations

- ▶ Write down 3 more associations related throwing away waste and places



Activity 1: Understand Associations

- ▶ Write down 3 more associations related throwing away waste and feelings



Activity 1: Understand Associations

- ▶ Write down 3 more actions related throwing away waste





Understand

2. Empathy

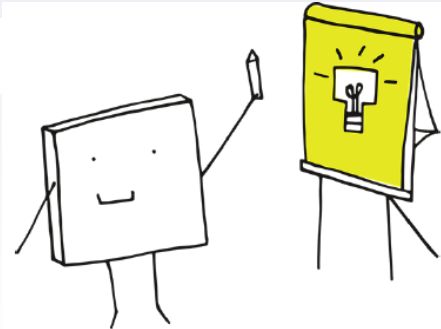
Activity 2. Empathy

- ▶ Look for problems
- ▶ Which areas in a process are problematic?



Activity 2. Empathic research

- ▶ Select **1 problematic area**
- ▶ Perform short research
- ▶ Try to answer the following questions:
 - ▶ **Find 3 pictures demonstrating the problem**
 - ▶ Find an article on the problem
 - ▶ Find a short video on the problem
 - ▶ **Present the problem and the proof to the group**





Observe

3. Interviews

Activity 3. Interviews

- ▶ Prepare a list of questions to ask potential users

- ▶ Think about:
 - ▶ Who you will ask
 - ▶ Where the interview will take place
 - ▶ What will be the interview questions
 - ▶ Conduct at least 5 interviews
 - ▶ Each interview should be about 30 minutes

Activity 3. Interviews

- ▶ Tips
 - ▶ Plan the location
 - ▶ Think about who will give the most valuable information
 - ▶ Need 3 team members: to interview, observe, take pictures
 - ▶ Come to the interview with predefined questions, but don't focus on the order
 - ▶ Remember that you cannot predict how the interview will evolve, be prepared to adapt

Activity 3: Observe Interview cards

Interview preparation

WHO?
(Why that group?)

WHERE? (Interview surrounding)
(Why there?)

QUESTIONS

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.
...
...

Tips

1. Plan the location where you conduct interview!
2. Plan who can give you the most valuable information.
3. 3 team members are needed: one who conducts interview, one who takes notes, one who observes the interviewee/take pictures.
4. Come to interview with pre-defined questions, but don't focus of their order.
5. Remember that you can't predict the whole course of the interviews, be prepared but open to.

Activity 3: Observe Interview cards

Interview card

Picture / Photo



Name:
Sex:
Age:
Occupation:

Tips

1. Note everything!
2. Ask questions WHY?
3. Be curious as a child!
4. Observe your interlocutor!

WHERE? (Interview surrounding)

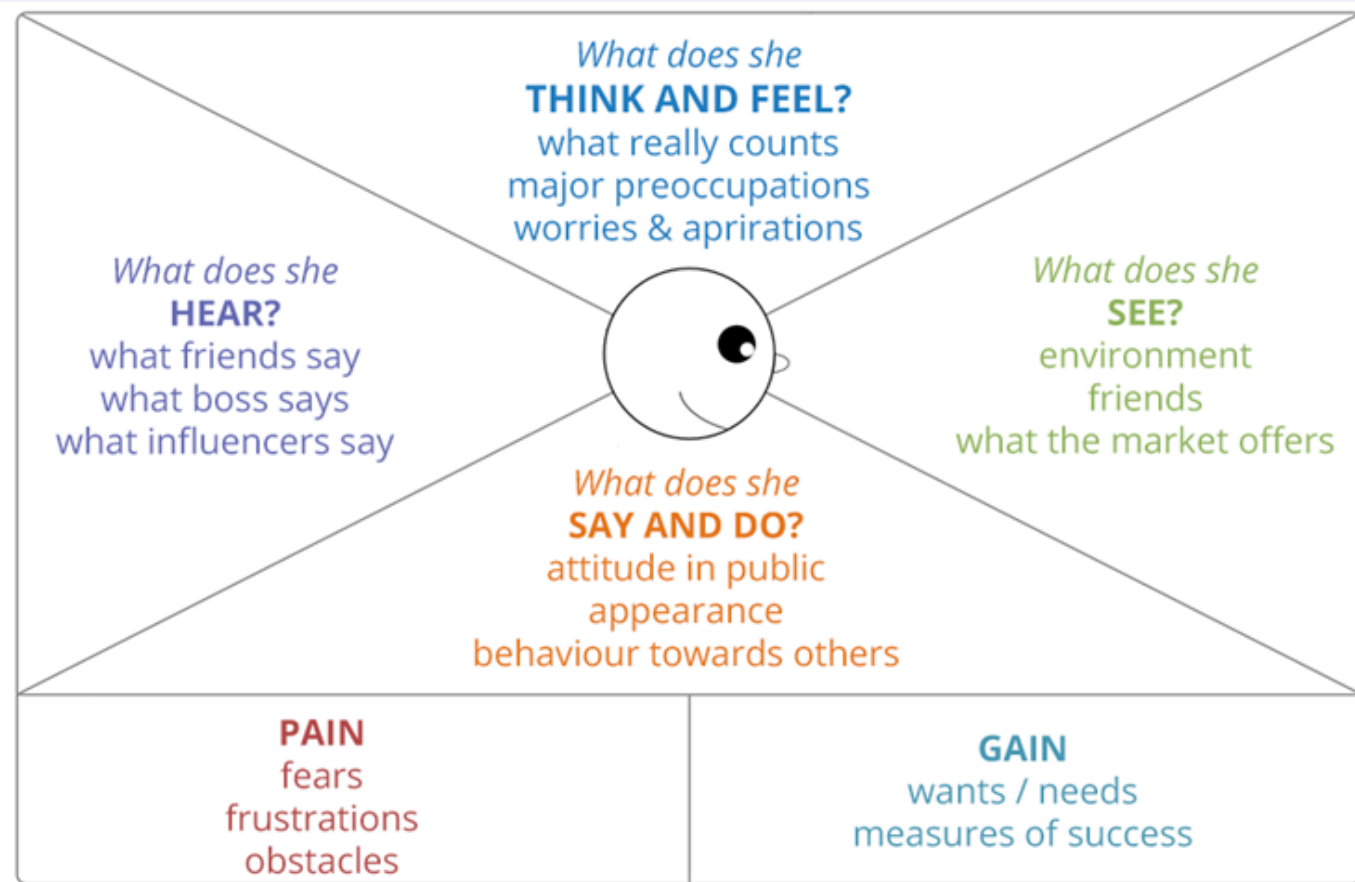
Notes

Activity 3. Interviews

- ▶ Make an empathy map
- ▶ Share with your team all findings gathered in the interviews



Activity 3. Interviews





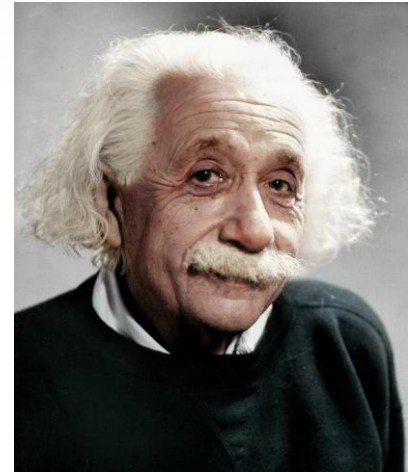
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4. Point of view

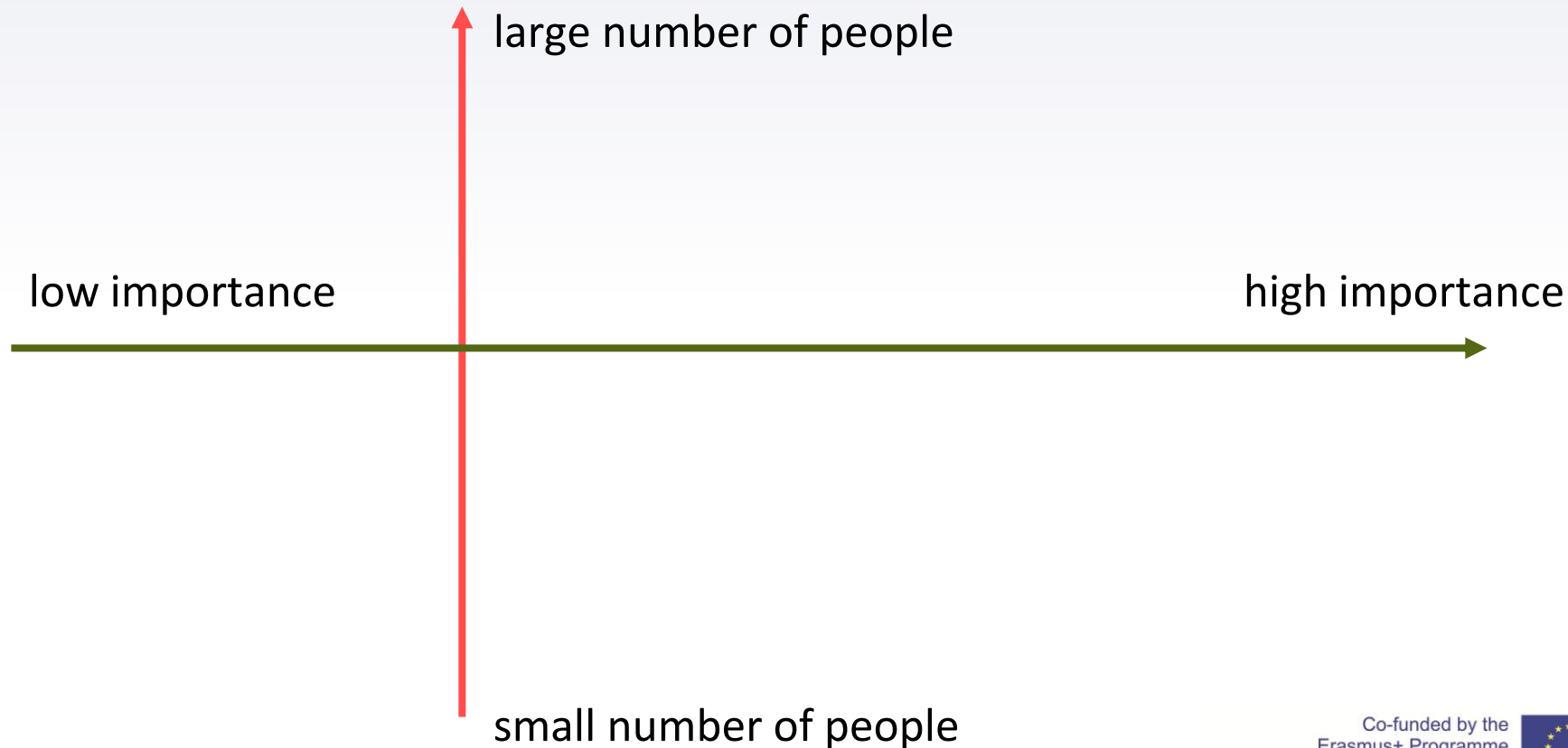
What is the problem?

- ▶ What is the actual need?
- ▶ “If I had an hour to **solve a problem I'd spend 55 minutes thinking about the problem and 5 minutes thinking about solutions.**”

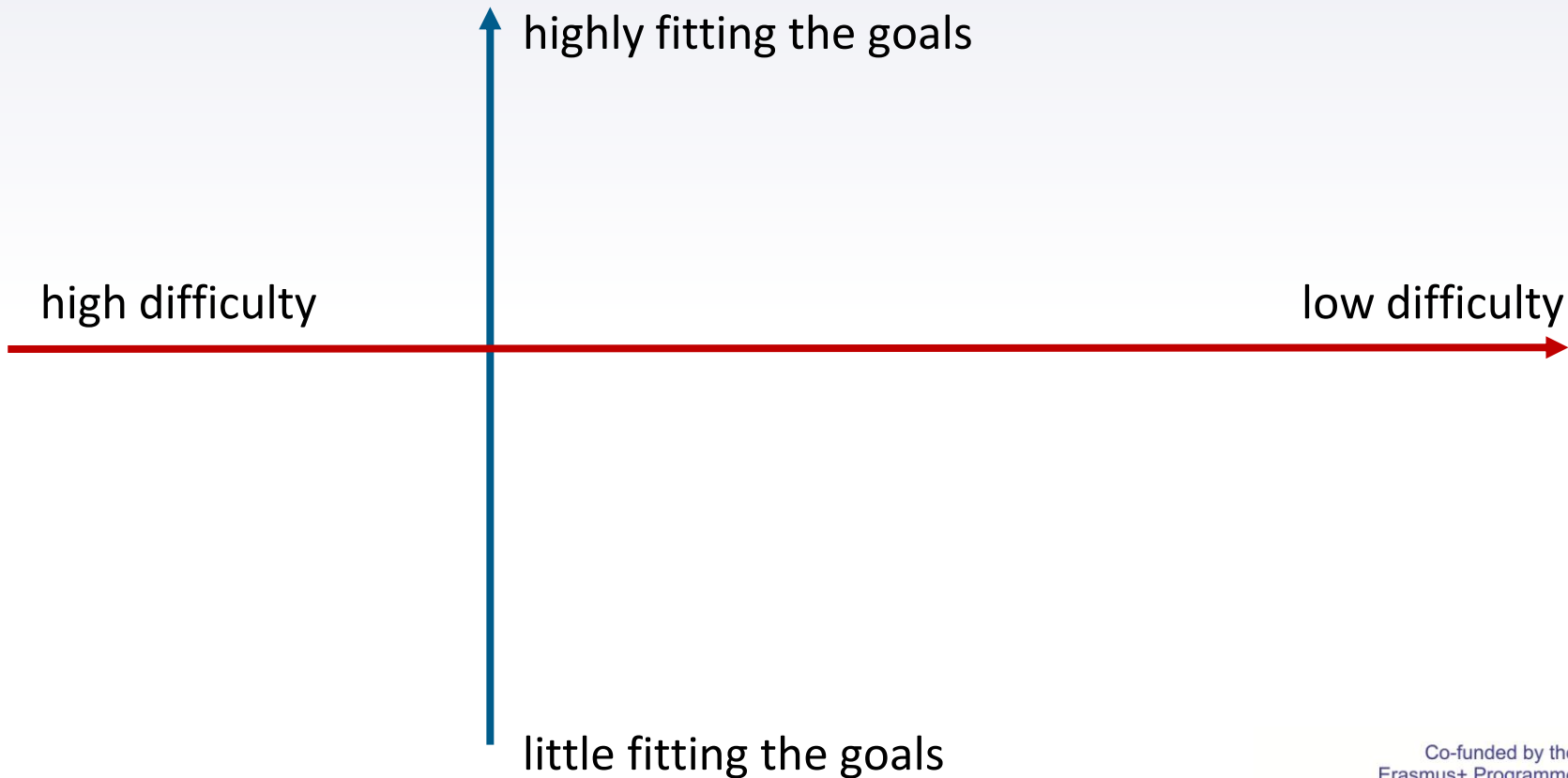
Albert
Einstein



Mapping the problem



Mapping the problem



Activity 4. Point of view

Who

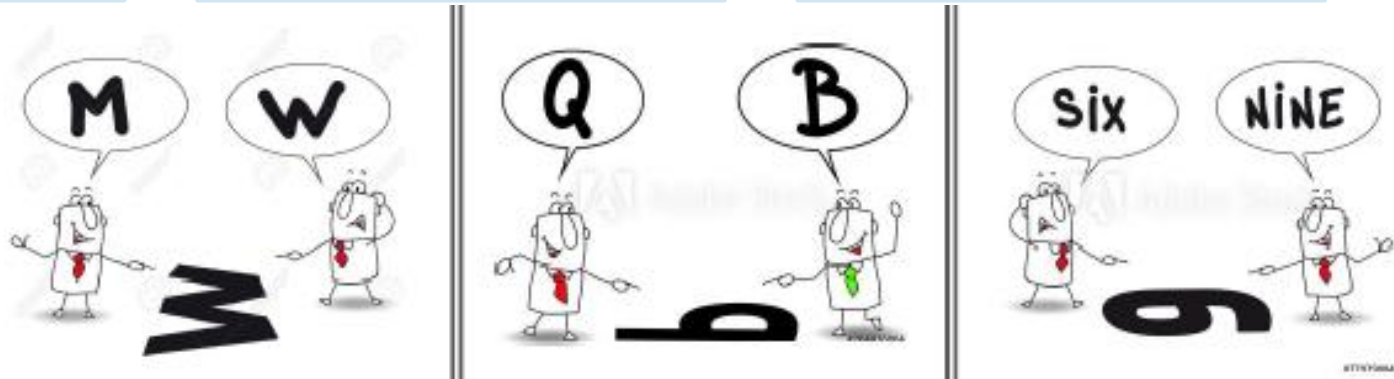
- The user

What

- ... needs a way to ...
(use verbs)

Why

- ... because ...
(insight)



Activity 4. Point of view

- ▶ **How might we** ... find a way to ... allow the user to ...
- ▶ **What are the ways we could** ...
- ▶ **What kind of scenarios could we imagine?**

How might we **ACTION**
WHAT for **WHOM** in
order to **CHANGE**
SOMETHING



Ideate

5. Ideation

Ideation rules

- ▶ From quantity to quality
- ▶ We are the team
- ▶ One conversation at a time
- ▶ Never criticize the ideas of others
- ▶ There are no stupid ideas!
- ▶ Build on the ideas of others
- ▶ Encourage wild ideas
- ▶ Constructive feedback

Activity 5. Ideate

- ▶ **Part 1:**
- ▶ Avalanche
- ▶ One idea starting with each letter of the alphabet



Activity 5. Ideate

- ▶ **Part 2:**
- ▶ Think of something that is uncomfortable for someone

Activity 5. Ideate

- ▶ **Part 3:**
- ▶ Think about ideas the implementation of which costs at least 1m Euros

Activity 5. Ideate

- ▶ **Part 4:**
- ▶ If you could solve it with magic, what would you do?



Prototype

6. Selecting an idea

How to select an idea

- ▶ Make a short list of the ideas produced in ideation
- ▶ Select
 - ▶ The most innovative
 - ▶ The craziest
 - ▶ The most straightforward
- ▶ Select an idea that can be prototyped
- ▶ Users will experience the solution and provide feedback