

# Army ARL PA Synthesis Workshop

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# Workshop topics

**Data collection**

**Interviews**

**Interview guide**

**Developing findings**

# Data Collection



**Desk research** from org charts, policies, leadership guidance, mission statements, press releases



**Interview data** of participants' perspectives on ARL's OSS needs and current process

# Data collection - interview data

Raw Interview Notes ☆ ↗

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Schedule70 to make yourself successful to us. Then you have to think of security, fedramp, so now you have to deal with external agencies. Also, if we spend more than X dollars, you have to put in a bid. All of this is a convoluted path. There isn't a way.

- Is this convoluted customer path something you see related to tech-products and services or even just with blue pens?
  - Don't know. But I know I was just at a dinner with someone yesterday who's job it is to get service vendors to do something like mow lawns are airports.
- What do you think they'd say was the relatively easiest part of their experience?
  - You'll people who paid to be hand carried through experience so that will be easy. Another, I worked with FedRamp team to reduce time and that's made companies happier. This is minor, but one of the most visited elements of GSa.gov, per diem, we did react to that, and smoothed it out.
    - Did the most visited status lead it to be smoothed out? Yes. This is also emblematic of what's smooth and not. Is it because we've separated out actual transactions, so of course people just want the static info, or is it that people don't bother with trans even though they would if they could.
    - Is GSA x technology, is agency a transaction agency?

# Interview process

1. Introduction on project focus, consent, confidentiality
2. Interview guide
3. Snowball sampling: “Who else should we speak to?”

# Interview guide

Balance structure (remind us of questions)

with

flexibility (allow reordering of questions/probing)

# Developing findings

1

Raw notes

2

Key  
statements  
and quotes

3

Cluster similar  
data points

4

Label each  
cluster with  
theme

5

Create  
statement  
about theme

## Developing findings

Let's try our hand at turning data into findings in a Mural...



# Thanks!

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