



# **SERVICE DESIGN**

Design Thinking and Collaboration

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# **RECAP**

- >> No single definition of design
- >> Many perspectives into design
- >> You will develop your own: importance of reflection-in-action
- >> 100 lines exercise
- >> Any question about the previous lecture or about GR1, GP1, IR1?



# Everyone designs.

The teacher arranging desks for a discussion.

# The entrepreneur planning a business.



### SOME OF THE MANY FACETS OF DESIGN

- >> designers are adding to the world: Design has to do with the artificial (in opposition to the natural world)
- >> The purpose of designing is multiple
- >> Everybody designs, but we must cultivate our design capability...
- >> ..for example in the way professional designers work:
  - >> Knowing how to ask the right question
  - >> Being in constant conversation with the material of design
  - >> Being in conversation with the process (reflection in action)
- >> Object(s) of design are not necessarily obvious
- >> Design deals with messy problems
- >> Intuition, tacit knowledge, and creativity are part of design
- >> Designing is for people
- >> Design is about communication
- >> Design is a social activity or designing with others

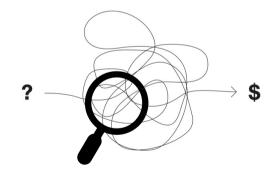
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# **QUOTE READ BY GROUP 2**

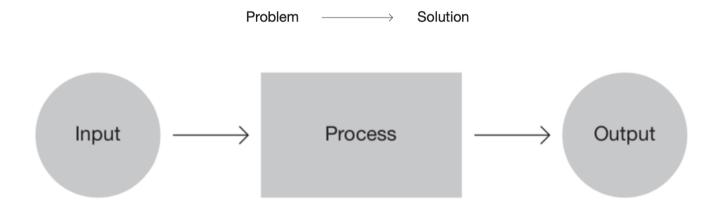
"At an off-site for Apple Computer's Creative Services department, Tim Brennan began a presentation of his group's work by showing this model. "Here's how we work," he said. "Somebody calls up with a project; we do some stuff; and the money follows."

Hugh Dubberly in How Do You Design





# **DESIGN PROCESS**



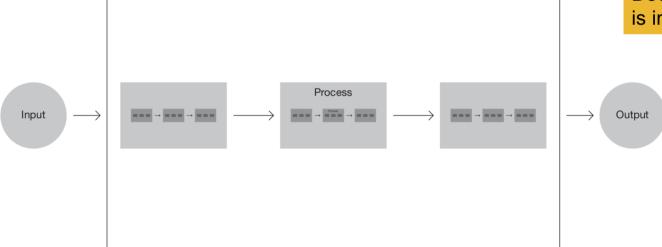
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# **DESIGN PROCESS**

Zoom in or out

Documentation is important!

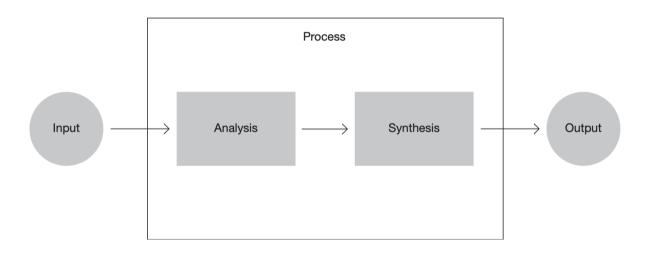


Process





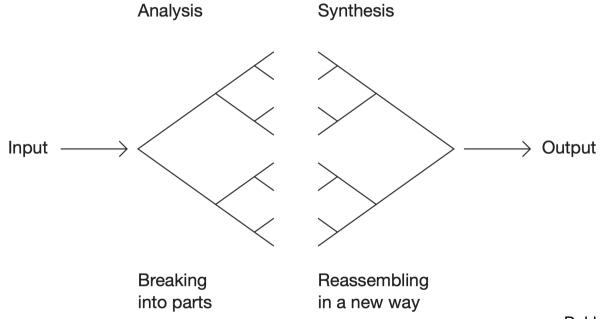
Common denominators





# **DIVERGENCE-CONVERGENCE MODEL**

One model to analysissynthesis zooming in



Problem ————— Solution





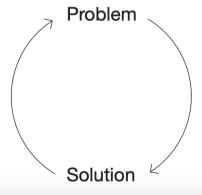
# **ITERATIVE MODEL**

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Problem – solution models

Problem Solution

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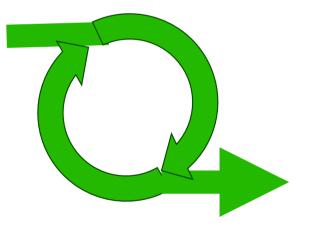




# **SOFTWARE ENGINEERING**

- >> Software-lifecycle models
  - >> Waterfall model
  - >> Iterative models



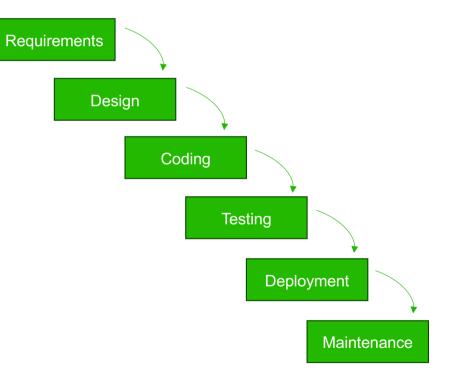






### WATERFALL MODEL

- >>> Rational process
- >> The design process is plan-driven
- >> The design process is understood in terms of a discrete sequence of stages: get one stage right before moving to the next
- Often aims at "freezing" the requirements works well for procurement processes but often doesn't match reality
- May mask the real risks to a project until it is too late to do anything meaningful about them.

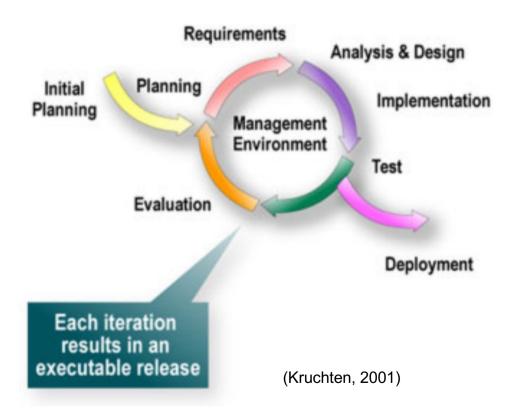






### **ITERATIVE MODELS**

- Action-centered process
- Analysis, design and implementation are contemporary and inextricably linked
- Agile processes





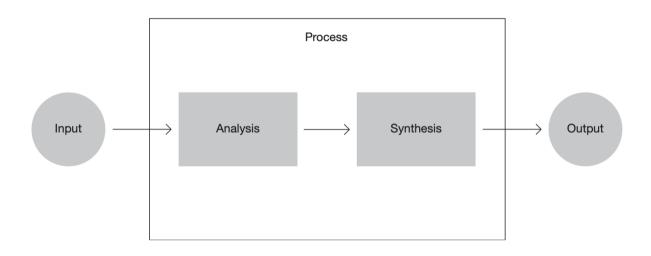
### **ITERATIVE MODELS: SOME BENEFITS**

- >> Serious misunderstandings are made evident early in the lifecycle, when it's possible to react to them.
- >> It enables and encourages user feedback, so as to elicit the system's real requirements.
- >> The development team is forced to focus on those issues that are most critical to the project, and team members are shielded from those issues that distract them from the project's real risks.
- >> Continuous, iterative testing enables an objective assessment of the project's status.
- Inconsistencies among requirements, designs, and implementations are detected early.
- >> The workload of the team, especially the testing team, is spread out more evenly throughout the lifecycle.
- >> This approach enables the team to leverage lessons learned, and therefore to continuously improve the process.
- >> Stakeholders in the project can be given concrete evidence of the project's status throughout the lifecycle

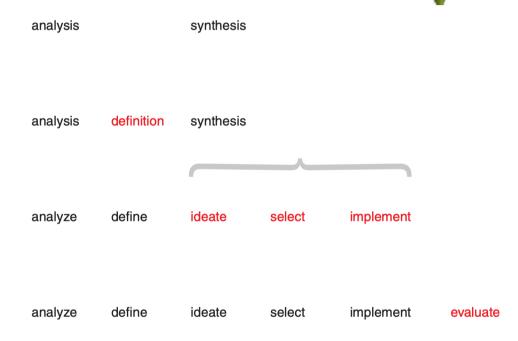
(Kruchten, 2001)



# **ANALYSIS - SYNTHESIS**







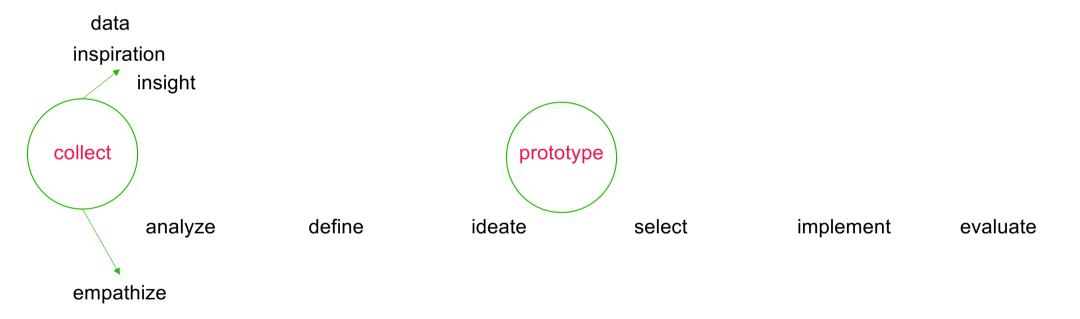
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# **DESIGN THINKING**





# **DESIGN THINKING (DT)**

- >> 1920's -> Science of design / design as a science
- >> 1950's -> first use of term "design thinking"
- >> 1960's -> Design methods as DT
- >> 1960's as the design science decade
- 1970's -> backlash / Design as a discipline
- 2000's -> "new" DT / outside field of design / IDEO
- >> 2010's -> DT popularised / wide update but also criticism

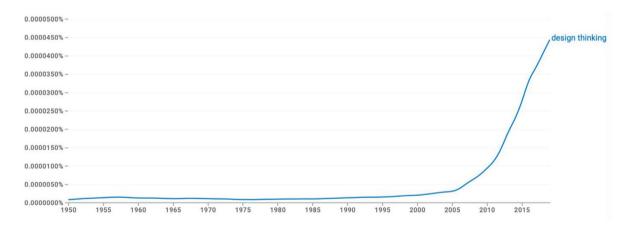


Figure 1 Google N-gram of the use of the phrase 'design thinking'

(Cross, 2023; 2001)

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Thus did a group of nurses significantly improve their patients' experience while also improving their own job satisfaction and productivity. By applying a human-centered design methodology, they were able to create a relatively small process innovation that produced an outsize impact. The new shift changes are being rolled out across the Kaiser system, and the capacity to reliably record critical patient information is being integrated into an electronic medical records initiative at the company.

What might happen at Kaiser if every nurse, doctor, and administrator in every hospital felt empowered to tackle problems the way this group did? To find out, Kaiser has created the Garfield Innovation Center, which is run by Kaiser's original core team and acts as a consultancy to the entire organization. The center's mission is to pursue innovation that enhances the patient experience and, more broadly, to envision Kaiser's "hospital of the future." It is introducing tools for design thinking across the

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Make the case to the business – spread the word

What's the business problem? Where's the opportunity? What has changed (or soon may change)?

### Tim Brown (was CEO of IDEO)

Design thinking "uses the designer's sensibility and methods to match people's needs with what is technologically feasible and what a viable business strategy can convert into customer value and market opportunity. "



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Brown (2008)

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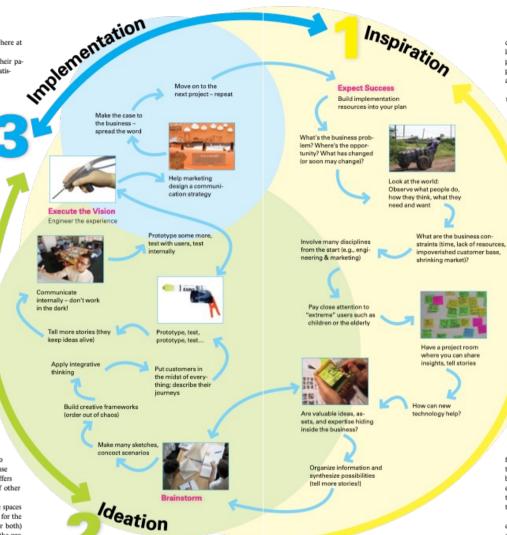
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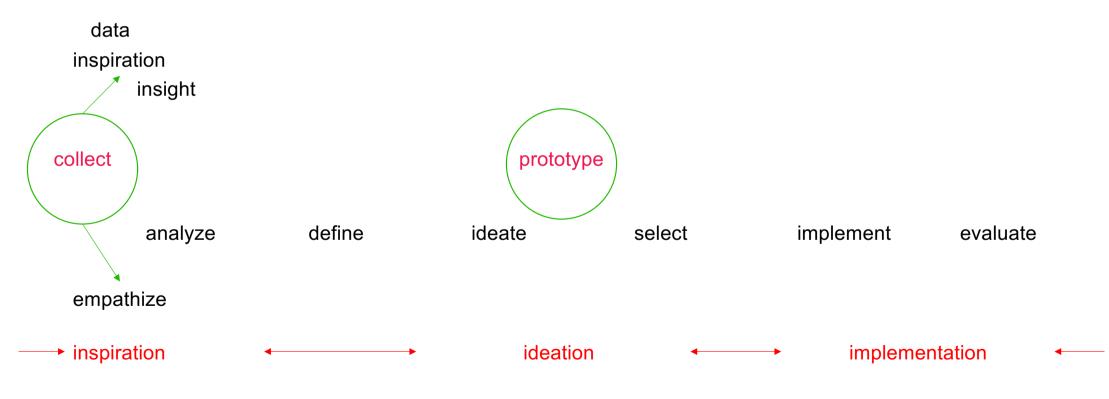
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# **DESIGN THINKING**



#### IDEO (2004)

#### 1. Observation

IDEO's cognitive psychologists, anthropologists, and sociologists team up with corporate clients to understand the consumer experience.

#### Some of IDEO's techniques:

**Shadowing** Observing people using products, shopping, going to hospitals, taking a train, using their cell phones.

Behavioral mapping Photographing people within a space, such as a hospital waiting room, over two or three days.

Consumer journey Keeping track of all the interactions a consumer has within a product, service, or space.

Camera journals Asking consumers to keep visual diaries of their activities and impressions relating to a product.

Extreme user interviews Talking to people who really know—or know nothing—about a product or service, and evaluating their experience using it.

Storytelling Prompting people to tell personal stories about their

Unfocus groups Interviewing a diverse group of people: To explore ideas about sandals, IDEO gathered an artist, a bodybuilder, a podiatrist, and a shoe fetishist.

#### 2. Brainstorming

An intense idea-generating session analyzing data gathered by observing people. Each lasts no more than an hour. Rules of brainstorming are strict and are stenciled on the walls.

Defer judgment Don't dismiss any ideas

Build on the ideas of others No "buts." only "ands."

Encourage wild ideas Embrace the most out-of-the-box notions because they can be the key to solutions.

Go for quantity Aim for as many new ideas as possible. In a good session, up to 100 ideas are generated in 60 minutes.

Be visual Use yellow, red, and blue markers to write on big 30-inch by 25-inch Post-its that are put on a wall.

Stay focused on the topic Always keep the discussion on target.

One conversation at a time No interrupting, no dismissing, no disrespect,

#### 3. Rapid prototyping

Mocking-up working models helps everyone visualize possible solutions and speeds up decision-making and innovation.

#### Some guidelines:

Mock-up everything it is possible to create models not only of products but also of services such as health care and spaces such as museum lobbies. Use videography Make short movies to depict the consumer experience. Go fast Build mock-ups quickly and cheaply. Never waste time on complicated concents.

No frills Make prototypes that demonstrate a design idea without sweating over the details.

Create scenarios Show how a variety of people use a service in different ways and how various designs can meet their individual needs.

Bodystorm Delineate different types of consumers and act out their roles.

#### 4. Refining

At this stage, IDEO narrows down the choices to a few possibilities.

#### Here's how it's done:

Brainstorm in a rapid fashion to weed out ideas and focus on the remaining

Focus prototyping on a few key ideas to arrive at an optimal solution to a problem. Engage the client actively in the process of narrowing the choices.

Be disciplined and ruthless in making selections.

Focus on the outcome of the process—reaching the best possible solutions.

Get agreement from all stakeholders. The more top-level executives who sign off on the solution, the better the chances of success.

#### 5. Implementation

Bring IDEO's strong engineering, design, and socialscience capabilities to bear when actually creating a product or service. Tap all resources Involve IDEO's diverse workforce from 40 countries to carry out the plans.

The workforce Employees have advanced degrees in different kinds of engineering: mechanical, electrical, biomechanical, software, aerospace, and manufacturing. Many are experts in materials science, computer-aided design, robotics, computer science, movie special effects, molding, industrial interaction, graphic and web information, fashion and automotive design, business, communications, linguistics, sociology, ergonomics, cognitive psychology, biomechanics, art therapy, ethnology, management consulting, statistics, medicine, and zoology.



### **HUMAN-CENTERED DESIGN**

### **DESIGN KIT**

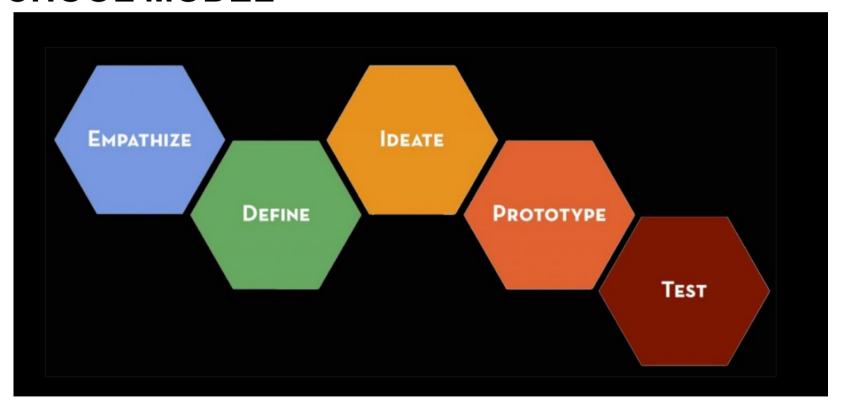




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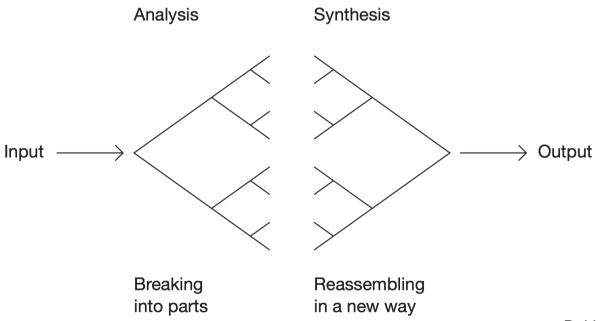


# **D.SCHOOL MODEL**



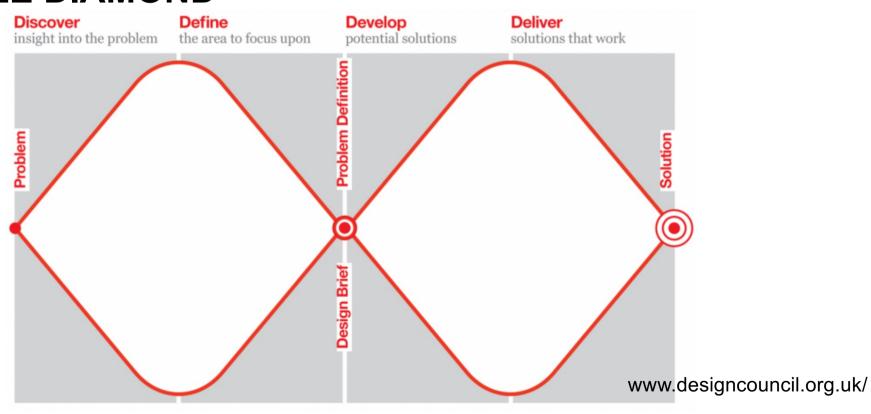


# **CONVERGENCE-DIVERGENCE MODEL**



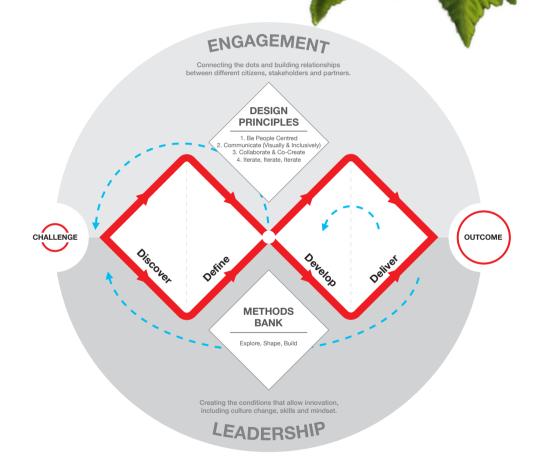


# **DOUBLE DIAMOND**





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### 3 PILLARS OF POPULARISED DT

- >> Collecting inspiration/insights from users and building empathy with them -> user-centric
- ➤ Prototyping for testing and communicating design propositions → making-driven
- ➤ Problem exploration through divergent and convergent modes of thinking combined with iterative approach → divergent/convergent and iterative

→ This is what we will follow in this course!



### THERE ARE NO RIGHT OR WRONG MODELS

- >> Different designers will work in different ways
- >> But you need to be aware of the consequences of your choices
- >> Service design mostly makes use of iterative models, design thinking, and double diamond BUT even those need to be continuously questioned!
- >> You build your design skills by engaging in design activities and building experience however, you need to continuously and actively reflect on what you are doing and learn from that ©

\*\* "The point of a design methodology is not to have a recipe to follow, but rather to have a structure to fall back on - a set of reference points." Hartfield and Winograd (1996)



### **WICKED PROBLEMS**

- 60's interest in design methodology → linear, step-by-step models offering variations on the problem/solution model and its division into analysis and synthesis phases
- · Horst Rittel sought for an alternative because
  - 1. the actual sequence of design thinking and decision making is not a simple linear process
  - 2. the problems addressed by designers do not, in actual practice, yield to any linear analysis and synthesis designers deal with wicked problems, beyond linear processes of problem definition and problem solving
- Most design problems are "wicked problems"
- · Wicked problems are ill-defined, involve conflicting values, with confusing ramifications
- Designers shape a design situation, identify the views of all participants, their issues of concern, and provide a working hypothesis for exploration and development.
- Wicked problems have no definitive formulation, but every formulation of a wicked problem corresponds to the formulation of a solution.

(Buchanan, 1992)



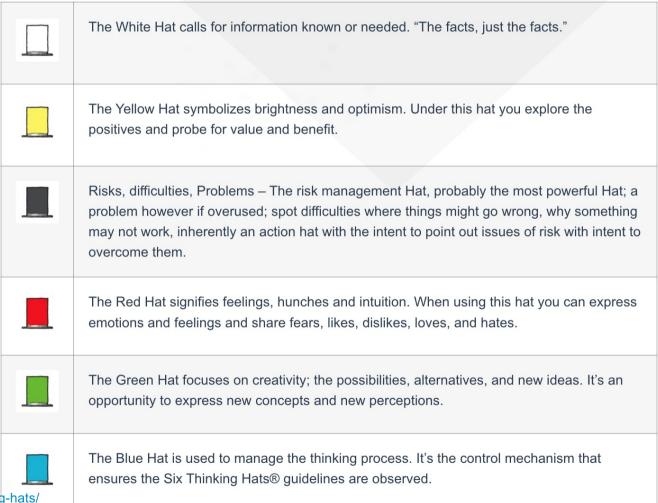
### LATERAL THINKING

- >> Using reasoning that is disruptive: thinking outside the box and see problems from a new angle
- DeBono's 6 Thinking Hats is an example of a technique to promote lateral thinking: <a href="https://www.debonogroup.com/services/core-programs/six-thinking-hats/">https://www.debonogroup.com/services/core-programs/six-thinking-hats/</a>
- >> 4 known techniques are:
  - >> Provocation: This involves disrupting conventional thinking patterns with unusual ideas.
  - >> Challenge: The challenge is about questioning the status quo. It's about looking at things as if they might be wrong, even if they seem right. This approach encourages deeper analysis and alternative viewpoints.
  - >> Random Entry: This technique generates new ideas using a random word or idea as a starting point. It creates connections that may not be immediately noticeable.
  - >> Alternatives: It focuses on shifting thinking patterns by exploring various directions and possibilities.

https://www.interaction-design.org/literature/topics/lateral-thinking



# 6 THINKING HATS



https://www.debonogroup.com/services/core-programs/six-thinking-hats/



### **DESIGNING TOGETHER**

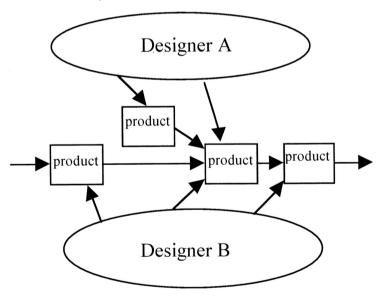
- >> Designing is rarely done individually, it is most often an act that involves others
- >>> Complex design problems require more knowledge than any single person possesses: the knowledge relevant to a problem is usually distributed among stakeholders
- Process gain: accomplished something together which could not be accomplished by an individual
- >> Success of group:
  - >> Task interdependence (how closely group members work together)
  - >> Outcome interdependence (whether, and how, group performance is rewarded),
  - >> Potency (members' belief that the group can be effective).
- >> Collaboration vs. cooperation?

(Arias et al., 2000; Kvan, 2000)



# **COOPERATION**

- >> Informal relationships exist without a commonly defined mission, structure or effort.
- >> Information is shared as needed
- Authority is retained by each stakeholder
- >> Resources are separate
- >> Rewards are separate



(Kvan, 2000)

Fig. 2. Loosely coupled design process.



### **COLLABORATION**

- >> More durable and pervasive relationship.
- >> Full commitment to a common mission
- >> Authority is determined by the collaborative structure
- >> Risk is much greater
- >> Higher levels of trust are needed

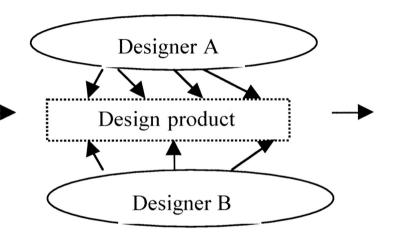


Fig. 1. Close coupled design process.

→ collaboration requires a greater commitment to a common goal than co-operation



### IN DESIGN THERE CAN BE BOTH

- >> Working together in design is episodic and cyclical
- >> There may be moments of intense collaborations and moments of cooperation and individual contributions the length of these moments varies
- >> Each designer in a team brings their own expertise, but expertise can change during a design session as new knowledge is formed
- >>> Collaboration can be mutual (busy working together), exclusive (work on separate parts but negociate together-> cooperate), or dictatorial (one person in charge)
- >> Compromise takes place: this is not (necessarily) bad as the basis for the satisfied solution goes beyond superficiality and is often a truly innovative solution.
- >> Compromise is different than decision by consensus!

(Kvan, 2000)



# **INVITING OTHERS TO THE DESIGN PROCESS**

- Codesign
- >> Participatory design
- → You will tackle these in UX design course next semester ©



### **DISCUSS IN YOUR GROUP**

- 1. How does each one of you understand design? What design process is each of you familiar with? Which models are you interested in or have experience with?
- 2. Are you familiar with design cooperation or collaboration practices, e.g. from your previous studies or work experience? Share them with your group and reflect together on how you would like to work together in the forthcoming group project work. What might be the challenges? How might you overcome these challenges?



# **NEXT THURSDAY**

- >> Group exercise on collaboration in design
- >> Lots of fun if you come to class for it!
- >> The tutorial can only be done in groups of 3 (doesn't need to be with your own group), BUT submission will be individual



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