



Learner Workbook

Welcome to Your Venture Creation Workbook!

This workbook is your comprehensive guide and companion throughout the course. It is designed to help you navigate and complete all assessments effectively. It also serves as a dedicated space to document your thoughts, solutions, and progress as you work through the activities and assignments.

Each week, you'll complete a series of activities linked to a specific section in this workbook. It's crucial to complete these activities and update the relevant sections of the workbook as you progress. You'll submit the latest version of your workbook at the end of each week, accounting for 5% of your overall grade. Staying consistent with your updates will help you stay organized and prepared for your graded assignments.

This workbook will also form the basis of most graded assignments, accounting for 50% of your final score. So, you must ensure timely completion of all activities. This way, you will not be pressed for time at the end.

We encourage you to engage fully with this resource. Explore additional materials, ask questions, and collaborate with your peers to enrich your learning experience. This workbook is not just a tool—it's a platform to help you shape and refine your entrepreneurial ideas. Embrace the journey, stay curious, and let's work together to achieve your goals in this course. Success starts here—let's make it happen!

Instructions:

This fillable PDF workbook is essential for completing course activities, staying organized, and submitting assignments effectively. Follow these instructions carefully to ensure your workbook is maintained correctly and meets submission requirements.

1. Understand the Structure

- a. The workbook is divided into multiple sections, each corresponding to a specific activity or part of an activity.
- b. As you work on an activity, complete the relevant section of the workbook. This ensures your answers are recorded systematically and accurately.

2. Filling Out the Workbook

- a. Use any PDF reader to fill in the provided answer blocks.
- b. Do not edit any part of the workbook outside these answer blocks. Alterations outside designated areas will not be accepted.
- c. Save your work frequently as you complete sections to avoid losing any progress.

3. Maintain the Workbook Format

- a. Do not convert this workbook into another format (e.g., Word, Excel). The workbook must remain in its original PDF format.

- b. Always work within the same workbook. Do not create multiple copies or versions.

4. Naming and Saving the Workbook

- a. Save the workbook using the naming convention:
- b. FirstName_LastName_Learner Workbook_ENT 110.pdf
- c. When you add new content or complete a section, save the updated workbook under the same name.

5. Weekly Updates and Submissions

- a. You must update the workbook each week as prompted in the course.
 - b. Submit the most up-to-date version of your workbook as required.
- Weekly submissions account for 5% of your overall grade.

6. Place Answers Correctly

- a. Ensure your answers are entered in the correct answer blocks under the corresponding question. Misplaced answers will not be marked.

Tips for Success

- **Work As You Go:** Fill out the workbook while working on the associated activity for the best results. This reduces the chance of errors or incomplete sections.
- **Be Organized:** Save your work frequently and ensure all updates follow instructions.
- **Collaborate and Learn:** Leverage discussions with peers, additional resources, and course materials to enhance the quality of your answers.

By following these instructions, you'll make the most of this workbook and stay on track for success in the course. Let's get started!

Part 1: Overview

In the spaces below, please write your full name and email address, as you provided when registering for the Pathway Foundations program.

Your Full Name

Your Email Address



Part 2: Problem Statement

Based on the grand challenge/opportunity you have chosen, create a clear and SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-Bound) problem statement. Ensure your problem statement is well-defined, addresses each SMART criterion, and reflects a thoughtful understanding of the problem.

Your Problem Statement should be a **maximum of 150 words** and should answer the following:

- What is the problem?
- Who is affected by the problem?
- Where does the problem occur?
- When does the problem occur?
- Why does the problem occur? Why is the problem significant?

Resources

Use the following resources to clarify how to create a problem statement based on your chosen GCGOs. Complete the required reading; however, we recommend also going through the optional reading.

Required Reading

- [How to Write a Problem Statement in 5 Steps](#) by Lindsay Kramer

Optional Reading

- [What is a problem statement?](#) – Science Direct Editorial by Peter Hernon

Write your problem statement in the space below:

Rubric

Click the link below to create a copy of the activity's rubric. The rubric document will open in a new window. When prompted, click "Make a Copy" to save a copy on your Google Drive.

[Problem Statement Rubric](#)



Part 3: Root Cause Analysis

This activity aims to identify the root causes of the problem you have chosen. A root cause analysis will uncover the underlying issues and help you better understand why the problem exists. This, in turn, will help you address the core issues rather than just the symptoms, establishing a foundation for practical solutions.

Resources

Go through the following resources to help you complete this activity.

Required:

- HRQ Training Material: [5 Whys and Fishbone Diagrams](#)

Optional:

- [Five Whys and Five Hows](#) by ASQ.org
- [How to Use the Fishbone Tool for Root Cause Analysis](#) by QAPI

Step 1: Select a Root Cause Analysis Technique

Decide which method you will use to analyze the root causes of your problem:

- Five Whys Technique
- Fishbone Diagram

Step 2: Apply the Selected Technique

Option A: Five Whys Technique

1. Ask, "Why?"
 - a. Begin by asking why the problem occurs. Identify the immediate cause.
 - b. Example: If the problem is "missed deadlines," ask, "Why are deadlines being missed?"
2. Dig Deeper
 - a. Use the previous "Why?" answer to ask the next "Why?" question.
 - b. Example: "Why are tasks delayed?"
3. Repeat the Process
 - a. Continue asking "Why?" for each successive answer.
 - b. Repeat this process until you reach the root cause of the problem (usually after five iterations).
 - c. If needed, do more research at each stage to answer the questions.
4. Document the Root Cause
 - a. Record the final root cause and the chain of questions and answers in the spaces below.

Problem Description (starting point)

Provide details of the process of using the 5 Whys Technique to get to the root cause of the problem. For each of the 5 stages, provide your “why” question and its response.

Option B: Fishbone Diagram

1. **Identify Major Categories:** Determine the main categories relevant to your problem. Common categories include people, processes, equipment, and environment.
2. **Brainstorm Causes:** Within each category, brainstorm potential causes of the problem. For example, under “Process,” you might identify “lack of clear instructions.”
3. **Visualize the Relationships:** Create a Fishbone Diagram (or Ishikawa Diagram) to map out the causes and show how they relate to the problem. You can use these [Canva Templates](#) to create this diagram. Place the problem at the “head” of the diagram and organize the causes under their respective categories along the “bones.”
4. **Identify Root Causes:** Examine the diagram to pinpoint the most significant causes contributing to the problem.

Upload your finalized Fishbone Diagram to your Google Drive, and get a share link from the share settings. Set the share settings to “Anyone with the link” can “view.” Paste the link in the space provided below.

In the space below, describe the root causes you’ve identified in each category (people, process, equipment, and environment) of your fishbone diagram. You can write these as a list and separate them into categories.

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Step 3: Summarize Your Findings

In the space below, provide a concise summary of the root causes identified using your chosen technique. Focus on the most significant factors that will be critical to address.

Rubric

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[Root Cause Analysis Rubric](#)

Part 4: PESTLE Analysis

Complete your analysis by addressing each PESTLE factor in the context of your selected problem. You will find some PDF resources and templates in the required reading above that you can use for this analysis. Use the following prompts to guide your responses. Provide your responses in the relevant spaces on the next page:

1. Political

- a. Identify relevant government policies or regulations affecting the problem.
- b. Assess the role of political stability or instability in shaping the issue.
- c. Evaluate the impact of political decisions on stakeholders.

2. Economic

- a. Examine economic factors such as inflation, interest rates, and unemployment.
- b. Consider how these factors influence businesses, consumers, and markets.
- c. Evaluate the financial implications of the problem.

3. Social

- a. Explore demographic trends, cultural norms, and societal values tied to the problem.
- b. Consider how shifts in societal attitudes affect the issue.
- c. Analyze the problem's impact on different social groups.

4. Technological

- a. Identify technological advancements and digital trends related to the problem.
- b. Evaluate how technology might exacerbate or mitigate the issue.
- c. Consider opportunities for innovation as part of the solution.

5. Legal

- a. Assess the legal framework, including relevant laws, regulations, and compliance needs.
- b. Identify legal constraints impacting stakeholders.
- c. Analyze potential risks or liabilities stemming from legal factors.

6. Environmental

- a. Evaluate environmental sustainability, climate change, and ecological concerns linked to the problem.
- b. Consider how environmental issues intersect with, or exacerbate, the problem.
- c. Explore opportunities for environmentally sustainable solutions.

Resources

Go through the following resources to help you complete this activity.

Required:

- [PESTLE analysis](#) by CPID

Optional:

- [What Is PEST Analysis? Its Applications and Uses](#) in Corporate Finance | Financial Analysis by Investopedia

Political

In the space below, list all political trends/issues related to the identified problem, backed up by statistics, evidence, and/or examples.

Economic

List all economic trends/issues below, backed by statistics, evidence, and/or examples.

Social

List all social trends/issues below, backed by statistics, evidence, and/or examples.

Technological

List all technological trends/issues below, backed by statistics, evidence, and/or examples.

Legal

List all legal trends/issues below, backed by statistics, evidence, and/or examples.

Environmental

List all environmental trends/issues below, backed by statistics, evidence, and/or examples.

Your Overall Insights

Provide a summary of your insights in the space provided below. In this summary, highlight the most critical factors you found and any connections or interplay between factors of interest.

Rubric

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[PESTLE Analysis Rubric](#)

Part 5: Empathy Mapping

It's time to better understand your target audience or the people your chosen problem affects the most. To understand what to do, read the instructions in "Activity: Empathy Mapping on Savanna," but here's a summary.

1. Identify the people affected by the problem you're pursuing in this course.
2. Define this group of people as clearly as possible. Use their traits and characteristics to define them, e.g., which socio-economic class they belong to, what demographics they fall under, etc.
3. Download a copy of the [empathy mapping](#) template and start filling it out by aligning it with your recognized users and stakeholders. Remember that these assumptions stem from your gathered information, personal experiences, and observations. Be prepared to validate these assumptions through market research you will conduct in the coming weeks to ensure their accuracy and relevance.
4. Copy and paste the completed empathy map's link in the space below.
5. Provide details of what you have added to the empathy map.

Resources

Go through the following resources to help you complete this activity before you get started.

Required:

- [Empathy Map – Why and How to Use It](#) by Interaction Design Organization

Optional:

- [How to Empathy Map](#) by NNgroup (Video)

Affected People

In the space below, define the people affected by the problem. Review the guidelines provided in the Activity Empathy Mapping to ensure completeness.

Empathy Map

Once complete, upload your [Empathy Map](#) onto your Google Drive and paste the share link in the space below. Set share permissions so that “Anyone with the link” can “view.”

Empathy Map Details

In the spaces below, provide the details of your Empathy Map.

Question 1: Who are we empathizing with?

Who is the person we want to understand? What is the situation they are in? What is their role in the situation?

Question 2: What do they need to do?

*What do they need to do differently? What job(s) do they want or need to get done?
What decision(s) do they need to make? How will we know they were successful?*

Question 3: What do they see?

What do they see in the marketplace? What do they see in their immediate environment? What do they see others saying and doing? What are they watching and reading?

Question 4: What do they say?

What have we heard them say about the problem or its solution? What can we imagine them saying about the problem or its solution?

Question 5: What do they do?

What do they do today? What behavior have we observed? What can we imagine them doing?

Question 6: What do they hear?

What are they hearing others say? What are they hearing from friends? What are they hearing from colleagues? What are they hearing second-hand?

Question 7: What do they think and feel?

PAINS: What are their fears, frustrations, and anxieties? GAINS: What are their wants, needs, hopes, and dreams?

Rubric

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[Empathy Mapping Rubric](#)

Part 6: Stakeholder Analysis

It's time to understand how your problem is connected to the various stakeholders in the big picture.

Resources

Go through the following resources to help you complete this activity before you get started.

Required:

- [Conducting a Stakeholder Analysis](#) by Collaboration for Development

Optional:

- [Stakeholder analysis - A pivotal practice of successful projects](#) by the Project Management Institute

Section 1: Identifying Stakeholders

List the stakeholders of your chosen problem and describe how they're connected to the problem. In the space below, name one stakeholder group in each block in the left column, and then explain their relationship to the problem in the corresponding column to the right.

Who is the potential stakeholder?	How are they connected to the problem?

Section 2: Categorize the Stakeholders

In the space below, categorize the stakeholders from your list by listing them in their appropriate quadrant.

High Influence		
Low Influence		
	Low Interest	High Interest

Rubric

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[Stakeholder Analysis Rubric](#)

Part 7: Research Objectives

It's time to better understand your complex issue's primary stakeholders—those influencing your challenging problem. Before you collect information and conduct interviews with an empathetic approach, you must define your research objectives.

Resources

Go through the following resources to help you complete this activity before you get started.

Required:

- [Formulating Research Aims and Objectives](#) by Business Research Methodology
- [Research Objectives | Definition & Examples](#) by Scribbr

Optional:

- [What Are Research Objectives and How to Write Them \(with Examples\)](#) by Research.Life
- Video: [How to Write Research Objectives and Research Questions Like a Pro: A Step-by-Step Guide by Research](#) with Dr. Saeed

Objectives of the Research

What do you aim to achieve through the research? What information/insights are you hoping to get at the end of the interview? In the space below, list well-defined research objectives for your problem and its stakeholders.

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[Research Objectives Rubric](#)

Part 8: Research Plan

Time to plan out your research based on your research objectives. Think through the research objectives to define the different methods of collecting information and how to employ them.

Resources

Go through the following resources to help you complete this activity before you get started.

Required:

- [How to write a research plan: Step-by-step guide](#) by the Dovetail Editorial Team

Define Interviewees

In the space below, identify at least 1 person for each stakeholder (at least 3 people) and contact them to schedule an interview. For each shortlisted person, you must provide their details, including their name, occupation, and location.

	Interviewee Name & Details
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Interview Questions

In the space below, list out the interview questions that you will be using for each stakeholder type:

- Formulate at least 5 to 6 questions for each stakeholder for the interview.
- These questions should be based on the research objectives relevant to that stakeholder.

- Structure your list of questions in the order in which you plan to ask the questions.
- Include follow-up questions where necessary.

Additional Interview Notes

List out any additional interview notes that are relevant for you, such as:

- Interview guides for structured conversations
- Potential pieces of information that you'd like to present
- Any visualizations or images that you would like to show the interviewee
- Any potential observations that you intend to make during the interview.

Define Survey Target Audience

In the space below, clearly define the target audience of your survey. Provide details of their demographics and other relevant identifying information.

Survey Questions

In the space below, list the interview questions you will use in your survey.

- Devise survey questions based on the required information.
- Create at least 6 questions for the survey.
- Design your survey to include a mix of questions: extended response, short response, numerical scale, and multiple response selection.

Secondary Research

What secondary research do you intend to perform to gather the needed information based on your objectives?

What am I looking for? In the space below, list the topics of specific questions you intend to explore online, such as data on the elephant population in Botswana.

Where do I intend to look for it? In the space below, list the sources, websites, journals, etc., where you plan to search for this information, such as the WWF website.

Rubric

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[Research Plan Rubric](#)

Part 9: Research Data

In this part, you will submit the raw data from the research, including the survey, interviews, and any appendix.

Carry out your research to gather the required information to help you answer your research questions and learn more about the problem, its stakeholders, and its dynamics. You must complete the following steps as part of this stage of your venture creation:

- **Step 1:** If necessary, improve your interview and survey questions based on this week's readings and videos.
- **Step 2:** Find at least 2 people from your stakeholder list to interview.
- **Step 3:** Conduct the interview and record it so that you can later use the recording to extract insights.
- **Step 4:** Make sure to get the interviewees' consent.
- **Step 5:** Share your survey with the appropriate stakeholders and gather information.
- **Step 6:** Conduct your secondary research to gather the required information, including data sets that can provide insight into the problem you're investigating.
- **Step 7:** Complete the worksheet below to keep all your gathered information in one place.

Section 1: Interviews

Upload your interview recordings onto Google Drive and share their link in the space below. Make sure the links are accessible. Update share settings to “Anyone with the link” can “view.”

Interview 1 Recording Link	
Interview 2 Recording Link	
Interview 3 Recording Link	
Interview 4 Recording Link	
Interview 5 Recording Link	
Interview 6 Recording Link	
Interview 7 Recording Link	

Section 2: Survey

Place your survey responses in an Excel or Google Sheets sheet, upload it to your Google Drive, and share the link here. If you used Google Forms for the survey, you can follow the [instructions here](#) to produce this sheet with all the responses. Ensure the link share settings are set so that “Anyone with the link” can “view.”

Section 3: Secondary Research

Item 1: Write short notes from your secondary research in the space below. What did you learn about the questions or topics you identified in your research plan?

Item 2: In the space below, provide the sources and references you used in your findings. These should include links to the sources. List these in APA format.

Item 3: Add the link to the data set you've searched for relevant to your research questions. You can search for these data sets on platforms such as Kaggle.

Section 4: Research Report

Step 1: Analyze Interview Recordings

- Go through your interview notes and recordings.
- Identify essential points and themes that are common across all interviews.
- Collate information from the interviews to synthesize a couple of paragraphs explaining what you learned.

Step 2: Analyze Survey Responses

- Go through the survey responses and analyze them using the data analysis techniques shared in the course (and previous ones you've taken).

- Use your analysis to formulate a few paragraphs of insights that you can draw from the response data.
- Use the survey response data and analysis to create visualizations that support your analysis and insights.

Step 3: Analyze the Secondary Research Data Set

- Go through the data set you identified in your secondary research last week.
- Prepare the data for analysis using the techniques shared in the ENT 100—Foundations in Entrepreneurship course.
- Analyze the data to draw insights and answer the relevant research questions.
- Write a few paragraphs on what the data analysis resulted in and what insights were drawn from it.
- Use the data set and your analysis to create visualizations that help support your analysis.

Step 4: Document Your Findings in a Research Report

Use your analysis and research to write a detailed report on your findings. Your research report should be **1,000 to 1,500 words** and contain the following sections:

- **Introduction**
 - Briefly introduce the wicked problem you have identified
 - Describe the context and background of your topic
 - Identify the stakeholders and describe how they are affected/connected/influenced by the problem (Identify and select a diverse range of participants representing different stakeholder groups)
 - Define the specific objectives and the research questions.

- **Methods**

Explain the details of the data collection you used in your research. Discuss your methods, like surveys, questionnaires, interviews, and focus groups. Describe the stakeholders who participated in your research, their relevance,

and your sample size (who was your targeted audience? What was your sample, how many did you include in your research, and why).

- **Data Analysis/Discussion**

You will describe the data and results you collected in your research. In this section, you will include the following:

- Findings: What did you find? You will only describe the conclusions of this part without adding your analysis. Use charts to present your findings.
- Analysis: Examine your findings now thoroughly. What patterns do you see? Use graphs and charts to present your findings. What insights can you draw from the data?
- Interpretation: What do the results mean? Analyze the data you have gathered while researching. Back up your claims with evidence from your research.

- **Structure and Presentation**

- If necessary, divide the findings with appropriate headings to improve for a better understanding. Provide specific figures and facts that you discovered through your research.
- Use visualizations, such as bar graphs, pie charts, line graphs, etc., to support your arguments. Place these visualizations in appropriate places in the report where they are being referred to.

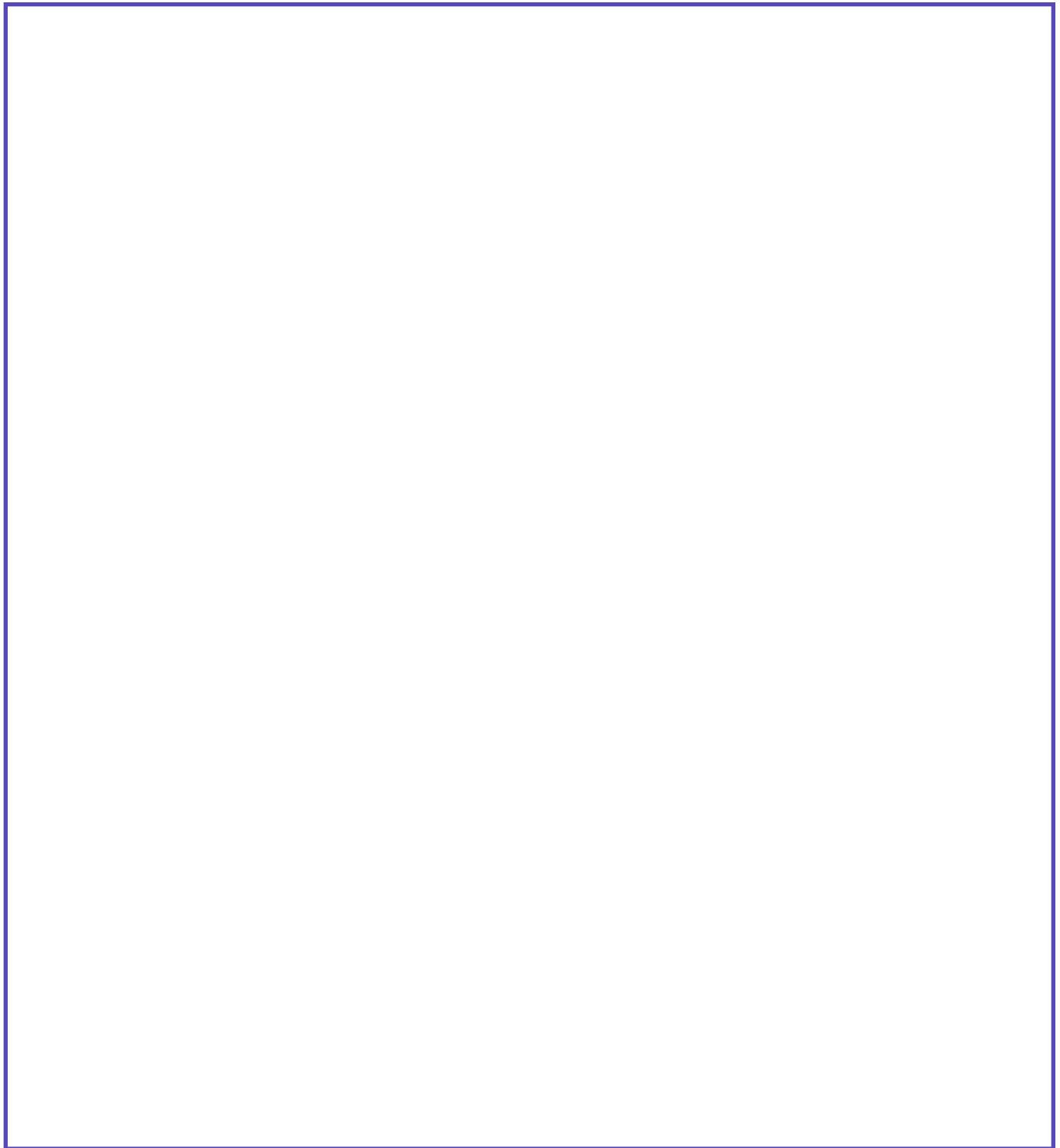
- **Conclusion/Summary**

At the end of the report, provide concluding remarks that consider all your analysis. You're not required to propose a solution now; just summarize the most important factors you've discovered in your research. You may focus on only one or two of the most important things you found related to the problem or its stakeholders.

You must write your report on a separate Google Doc. Once you've completed it and reviewed everything, save the report as a PDF with the naming convention

"FirstName_LastName_Week 6 Report.pdf". **Keep this report safe; you will submit it as part of the Graded Week 8 Assignment.**

You must also **copy-paste the text** of your finalized report into the space provided below. When copying your report, make sure to include any references and citations.

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Rubric

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[Research Gathering Rubric \(Sections 1 to 3\)](#)

[Research Report Rubric \(Section 4\)](#)

Part 10: Research Presentation

This week, you will create and finalize your presentation showcasing your understanding of the identified problem. Most of the content required for this presentation has already been completed in your previous workbook activities. However, you must revisit, refine, and update your responses from earlier weeks to ensure the best results. Please ensure that the presentation is **between 5 to 10 minutes**.

Resources

Go through the following resources to help you complete this activity before you get started.

Helpful Resources:

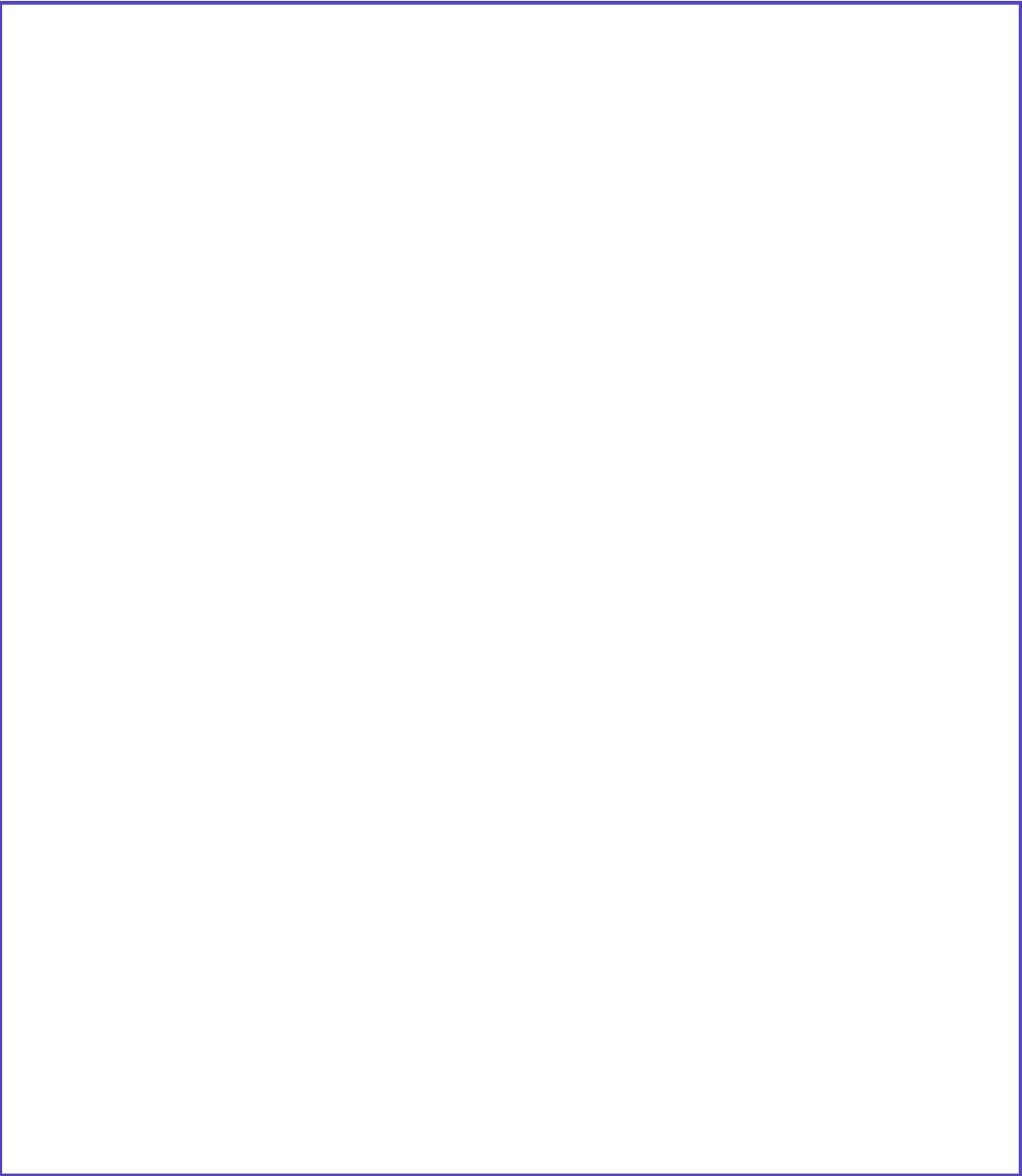
- Video: [How to record a presentation](#) with Loom by Loom
- [Creating Effective Powerpoint Slides](#) by Trent University
- Video: [How to Make Google Slides Look Good & Professional! *full tutorial*](#) by Jeremy's Tutorials

Your Presentation Slide Deck

Once complete, convert your presentation slide deck into a PDF. You can find instructions on how to do so [here](#). Rename the presentation PDF according to the convention "FirstName_LastName_Week 7 Presentation_ENT 110.pdf". Keep your PDF presentation slide deck safe with you, as you will be required to upload it as your **submission to Task 3 of the Graded Week 8 Assignment**.

Your Presentation Slide Deck Content

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Your Presentation Video Recording

Upload your completed presentation recording video to Google Drive and get the share link. Rename the file according to the convention "FirstName_LastName_Week 7 Presentation_ENT 110.mp4". You will be pasting this link as your **submission to Task 4 of the Graded Week 8 Assignment**. Ensure the link share settings are set so that "Anyone with the link" can "view."

Your Presentation Video Script Content

In the space **on the next page**, write out or copy-paste the script/transcript of your video presentation. Ensure you've reviewed it to ensure accuracy, primarily if you've used a transcription tool to get the script. Sometimes, the tool might transcribe a word or phrase incorrectly.



Rubric

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[Research Presentation Rubric](#)

Part 11: Solution

What is a solution to the root causes you've identified?

A solution statement is a detailed blueprint of the design of each solution you have prioritized. It tells why and how each solution will solve the problem and provides a clear direction or vision of how your solutions will move the project forward.

Guidelines to keep in mind

- What's the solution?
- How does it work?
- What are its top features?
- Who would implement it?
- Who will it benefit?
- How will you get your solution to your users?
- What's the unique selling point of your solutions?

Resources

Go through the following resources to help you complete this activity before you get started.

Helpful Resources:

- [EVALUATING THE SOLUTIONS](#) by ITS Education Asia
- [2 Steps to Determine the Best Possible Solution to Any Problem](#) by The Entrepreneur

Section 1: Mind Map

Upload your completed mind map to your Google Drive, and copy the share link. Ensure the link's share settings are set to "Anyone with the link" can "view." Paste this link in the space provided below.

Section 2: Solution Statement

In the space below, write out your solution statement.

Part 12: Lean Canvas

You can create your version of the Lean Canvas or use a tool like [Canva](#). We have [this template](#) for you to download and use when creating your Lean Canvas. If building your own, ensure you have all the components in there.

To complete your Lean Canvas, define the problem and your proposed solution clearly and concisely. Craft a unique value proposition, identify your target customer segments, and outline how you will reach them through specific channels. Establish key metrics to measure success, detail the cost structure of your solution, and define potential revenue streams. Ensure each section is well-reasoned, based on your research, and neatly recorded in Part 11 of your workbook.

For more details, see your course's "Activity: Lean Canvas for Your Solution" section.

Resources

Go through the following resources to help you complete this activity before you get started.

Helpful Resources:

- Video: [Lean Canvas Example](#) by ChannelX
- [Lean Canvas](#) by Business Model ToolBox

Section 1: Lean Canvas

Upload your completed Lean Canvas to your Google Drive, and copy the share link. Ensure the link's share settings are set to "Anyone with the link" can "view." Paste this link in the space provided below.

Section 2: Lean Canvas Components

In the space below, copy-paste the text from each part of your lean canvas.

<p>Problem: Write your problem statement here</p>	
<p>Solution: Write your solution statement here.</p>	
<p>Key Metrics: List the key numbers that tell you how our business is</p>	

doing.	
Unique Value Proposition: Craft a single, clear, compelling message that states why you are different and worth paying attention to.	
Channels: List your path to customers (inbound or	

outbound).	
Customer Segment: List your target customers and users and your ideal customers' characteristics.	
Customer Relationship: List your approach to establishing relationships with your customer.	
Cost Structure: List all your costs and their sources.	

Revenue Streams: List and describe all your sources of revenue.	

Rubric

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Lean Canvas Rubric



Part 13: Personal Website

This activity involves building a personal website to document and showcase your entrepreneurial journey. Use the website to highlight the problem you're addressing, your solution, and the development of your prototype. This will serve as an ongoing portfolio of your work.

Resources

Go through the following resources to help you complete this activity before you get started.

Required Resources:

- [Make a FREE Website with Weebly | Weebly Tutorial 2024](#) by How to Digital
- [How To Create A Free Website With Google Sites](#) by Steward Gauld
- [How To Create Simple Website Using Bubble.io 2024! \(Full Tutorial\)](#) by Titan

Provide the link to your website in the space below. **You will also submit this link in Task 2 of the Graded Week 11 Assignment.**

Rubric

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[No Code Tools Activity Rubric](#)

Part 14: Project Management Tools

In this activity, you will create a project using Trello or Asana to organize tasks, set deadlines, and effectively manage your workflow. This will allow you to reflect on your time management and productivity tools. This activity will help you apply project management techniques. You will use Trello or Asana to discuss productivity tools and share insights and experiences with fellow learners.

Step 1: Set Up a Project Management Tool

- Choose Trello or Asana and create an account (if you don't already have one).
- Name a project appropriately (e.g., "Weekly Tasks Management").
- Add tasks to your project board, ensuring they are relevant and manageable for the coming weeks.
- Assign realistic deadlines to each task.

Step 2: Organize Your Workflow

- Use Trello's columns (e.g., "To-Do," "In Progress," "Completed") or Asana's sections or timeline view to arrange tasks logically.
- Update your workflow as you progress through tasks.

Step 3: Post on eHub

- Take a screenshot of your Trello/Asana project board.
- Create a post on eHub, including:
 - The screenshot of your project board.
 - A discussion on:
 - Productivity tools you use to manage time and meet deadlines.
 - Tools you've already used vs. those you discovered in the course.
 - What works well, what's missing, and how you use them to stay organized.
- Respond to at least two peers' posts on eHub.

Section 1: Screenshot of Asana/Trello Project

Upload your finalized Asana/Trello project screenshot to your Google Drive, and get a share link from the share settings. Set the share settings to “Anyone with the link” can “view.” Paste the link in the space provided below.

Section 2: Screenshot of eHub Post

Upload your finalized eHub post screenshot to your Google Drive, and get a share link from the share settings. Set the share settings to “Anyone with the link” can “view.” Paste the link in the space below.

Section 3: Screenshot of Peers’ Response Post

Upload your finalized responses to your peers’ eHub, post screenshots to your Google Drive, and get a share link from the share settings. Set the share settings to “Anyone with the link” can “view.” Paste the link in the space provided below.

Section 4: eHub Post Text

Copy the text of your eHub post and paste it in the space provided below. Make sure it addresses all the questions mentioned in the activity.

Part 15: Update Your Lean Canvas

In this activity, you will revisit and refine your Lean Canvas to integrate insights from the Lean Startup methodology, the importance of MVPs (Minimum Viable Products), and your understanding of early-stage challenges. This refinement will help you create a more strategic and actionable framework for your venture. **Focus on solution features, target customer segments, channels, and key metrics.**

Section 1: Updated Lean Canvas

Upload your updated Lean Canvas to your Google Drive and share the link. Ensure the link's share settings are set to "Anyone with the link" can "view." Paste this link in the space provided below.

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Section 2: Updated Lean Canvas Components

In the space below, copy-paste the text from each part of your lean canvas.

Problem: Write your problem statement here	
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<p>Solution: Write your solution statement here.</p>	
<p>Key Metrics: List the key numbers that tell you how our business is doing.</p>	

<p>Unique Value Proposition: Craft a single, clear, compelling message that states why you are different and worth paying attention to.</p>	
<p>Channels: List your path to customers (inbound or outbound).</p>	

<p>Customer Segment: List your target customers and users and your ideal customers' characteristics.</p>	
<p>Customer Relationship: List your approach to establishing relationships with your customer.</p>	

<p>Cost Structure: List all your costs and their sources.</p>	
<p>Revenue Streams: List and describe all your sources of revenue.</p>	

Rubric

Click the link below to create a copy of the activity below. The rubric document will open in a new window. When prompted, click “Make a copy” to save a copy on your Google Drive.

[Lean Canvas Rubric](#)

Part 16: Low Fidelity Prototype

In this activity, you will create a low-fidelity prototype of your proposed solution/product. This prototype will serve as your idea's initial functional representation, allowing you to prioritize user experience and incorporate feedback into the design. The goal is to showcase how your solution effectively addresses user needs.

Resources

Go through the following resources to help you complete this activity before you start.

Required Resources:

- [Rapid prototyping sketching](#) by Google startups
- [Rapid prototyping digital](#) by Google startups

Step 1: Identify and Outline Essential Features

- Understand Your Solution and List the Features:
 - Revisit your Lean Canvas and solution statement from Part 12 of your Workbook.
 - Review the features of your product or service that are critical to solving the problem and delivering value to your users.
 - Create a list of the essential features your prototype must include.
 - Ensure these features align with user needs and the problem you are solving.

Step 2: Design the Prototype

- Create a Basic Version:
 - Focus on the core functionality of your product/service.

- If your solution is non-functional (e.g., a concept or design you can't directly interact with), map out how the features will look and interact.
- Prioritize User Experience:
 - Ensure simplicity and ease of navigation.
 - Design with your end user in mind—consider how they will interact with and use the solution.
 - Anticipate and address common user scenarios during the design phase.
 - Ensure the prototype demonstrates how your solution will be used in a real-world context.

Step 3: Create a Video of the Prototype

- Record Your Prototype in Action.
 - Use a screen recording tool (digital prototypes) or a camera (physical prototypes).
 - Demonstrate essential features, showing how they will work and benefit the end user.
- Keep It Concise:
 - Limit the video to 2 minutes or less to clearly and effectively present the prototype.

Low-Fidelity Prototype Video Link

Upload your low-fidelity prototype video to Google Drive and copy the share link. Ensure the link's share settings are set to "Anyone with the link" can "view." Paste this link in the space provided below. **You will also submit this link in Task 3 of the Graded Week 11 Assignment.**

Rubric

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[Low-Fidelity Prototype Video Rubric](#)

Part 17: User Feedback

Now that you've developed a low-fidelity prototype of your solution, it's time to test it with real users to gather meaningful feedback. This activity will help you refine your prototype based on user perspectives, ensuring it better aligns with their needs and expectations.

Resources

Go through the following resources to help you complete this activity before you get started.

Required Resources:

- [Incorporating user feedback: iterative design and continuous improvement](#) by Matthew Johnson

Step 1: Identify and Select Target Users

Identify Your Test Users:

- Select at least two individuals who fit the profile of your target users.
- These should be users who are likely to engage with or benefit from your solution.

Plan the User Tests:

- Schedule time with your selected users to present your prototype.
- Ensure they have sufficient time to review and interact with your prototype.

Section 1: Your Test Users

In the space below, provide details of the test users you have shortlisted to conduct your user tests. Include their name, occupation, and demographic information such as age, gender, location, etc.

Test User 1	
Test User 2	
Test User 3	
Test User 4	

Test User 5	
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Step 2: Present Your Prototype

Introduce the Prototype:

- Provide a brief overview of the purpose of your prototype and what you aim to learn from their feedback.
- Highlight that this is a preliminary version, and user input is essential for improvement.

Walk Through the Prototype:

- Demonstrate the functionality, layout, and purpose of the prototype.
- Allow users to interact with the prototype independently to simulate actual usage.

Step 3: Gather Feedback

Encourage Honest Input:

- Ask users to share their thoughts on usability, clarity, and missing features.
- Use open-ended questions such as:
 - What do you find easy or difficult to use?
 - Is there anything unclear or confusing?
 - What features do you think are missing or unnecessary?

Record Observations and Comments:

- Take detailed notes or record the session (with the user's permission) to capture their feedback accurately.
- Categorize comments based on key themes (e.g., usability, design, functionality).

Section 2: User Test Feedback

In the space below, list **at least 5 feedback points** received during the user tests. We recommend organizing the feedback into categories (e.g., usability, clarity, missing features).

Step 4: Analyze and Reflect

Review the Feedback:

- Summarize the insights from the user tests, focusing on patterns or recurring themes.

- Highlight at least 5 points of feedback that stand out.

Plan Prototype Improvements:

- Identify at least 3 actionable changes you plan to make in the next iteration of your prototype.
- These should address the most critical feedback points to enhance the prototype's usability and effectiveness.

Section 3: Next Steps

In the space below, list at least three things you intend to do with your prototype now that you have received feedback from test users.

Part 18: Final MVP Prototype

In this activity, you will integrate feedback from your medium-fidelity user tests to finalize a high-fidelity prototype of your solution. This high-fidelity prototype will serve as your Minimum Viable Product (MVP), showcasing all the key features and interactions necessary to address your target users' needs.

Resources

We recommend you go through the following resources to help you complete this activity before you get started.

Optional Resources:

- [Product Design and Development: Phases and Approach](#) by Hemant M. Patil, Saurabh S. Sirsikar and Nitin N. Gholap

Section 1: Developing Your Prototype's Next Iteration

In the space below, provide details of the test users you have shortlisted to conduct your user tests. Include their name, occupation, and demographic information such as age, gender, location, etc.

Test User 1	
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Test User 2	
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In the space below, list at least two things you intend to do with your prototype now that you have received feedback from test users on your medium-fidelity prototype.

Section 2: Final MVP Prototype

Upload your high-fidelity prototype video to your Google Drive, and copy the share link. Ensure the link's share settings are set to "Anyone with the link" can "view." Paste this link in the space provided below. **You will also submit this link in Task 2 of the Graded Week 15 Assignment.**

Rubric

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[High-Fidelity Prototype Video Rubric](#)

Part 19: Budgeting

This activity will guide you through creating a comprehensive budget for your startup. A well-defined budget will help you understand your venture's financial requirements, allow you to project potential revenue sources, and give you a clearer picture of its economic viability and sustainability.

Resources

Go through the following resources to help you complete this activity before you get started.

Required Resources:

- [How to create a budget for your business](#) by Bank of America
- Video: [How To Build A Startup Company Budget! A Step-By-Step Guide](#) by The Financial Controller

Step 1: Download and Review the [Budget Table Template](#)

Step 2: Identify and List Expenses

Startup Costs:

- List one-time expenses like equipment, licensing fees, or initial marketing costs.
- You must identify at least 3 such expense items.

Operational Costs:

- Include recurring expenses such as rent, utilities, salaries, and software subscriptions.
- You must identify at least 5 such expense items.

Production Costs:

- If applicable, detail costs related to producing your product or service.
- You must identify at least 3 such expense items.

Marketing Costs:

- Include expenses for campaigns, advertisements, or other promotional activities.
- You must identify at least 3 such expense items.

Ensure each cost is specific, realistic, and backed by reasonable assumptions and research.

Step 3: Identify Revenue Sources

List all potential income streams for your business:

- Product Sales: Revenue from selling your product.
- Service Revenue: Income generated from services you plan to offer.
- Subscription or Membership Fees: Recurring income streams from customers.
- Partnership or Licensing Deals: Funds obtained through collaborations or licensing agreements.

For each revenue stream:

- Project the amount you expect to earn within a period (e.g., monthly, quarterly, or annually).
- Ensure these projections are backed by reasonable assumptions and research.
- You must identify at least 3 such expense items.

Step 4: Populate the Budget Table

Open the Part 19 Budget Table Template that you downloaded, and fill in each section with the details you have identified:

- Input all expenses under the appropriate categories (e.g., startup, operational, marketing).
- Add all revenue projections with precise descriptions and time frames.
- Double-check your calculations to ensure accuracy.
- You can add and remove rows to fit your requirements.

Step 5: Analyze Your Budget

Balance Your Budget:

- Compare total expenses with total projected revenue.
- Ensure the venture's financial plan is sustainable.
- We highly recommend reviewing material related to Google Workspace skills from ENT 100: Foundations in Entrepreneurship on how to use Google Sheets to do so.

Highlight Key Insights:

- Note areas where costs could be reduced or revenue increased.
- Document Any Assumptions:
- Include a brief explanation of assumptions made for revenue projections or expense estimates.

Step 6: Submit Your Budget

- Save the updated workbook file with the following naming convention:
 - *FirstName_LastName_StartupBudget.pdf*
- Upload your completed workbook to your Google Drive, and get the share link.
- Ensure the share settings are set to "Anyone with the link" can "view."

In the space below, please provide the link to your completed budget. **You will also submit this link in Task 3 of the Graded Week 15 Assignment.**

Rubric

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[Budgeting Rubric](#)

Part 20: Discussion Activity: The Revenue Model for You

This activity will help you reflect on and select the most appropriate revenue model for your venture. Discussing with your peers will give you valuable insights into different revenue models and how they align with various business ventures.

Step 1: Research and Reflect

Research Revenue Models:

- Revisit the revenue models discussed in the course.
- Conduct additional research, if needed, on how these models apply to businesses similar to yours.

Reflect on Your Venture:

- Consider your product or service's unique aspects, target market, and competitive landscape.
- Choose the revenue model that best aligns with these characteristics.

Prepare Your Reflection:

- Address the following in your post:
 - What revenue model have you selected for your venture?
 - Why is this model the best fit for your business?
 - How does it align with your product/service, target market, and competition?

Step 2: Post on eHub

Create Your Post:

- Log in to eHub and navigate to your squad.

- Create a post and share your reflection, explaining your selected revenue model and rationale in detail.
- Use clear, concise language, and aim for 150–200 words.

Engage with Peers:

- Read at least 2 posts by other learners.
- Respond thoughtfully to their reflections, sharing constructive feedback, additional perspectives, or questions.

Step 3: Document Your Activity

Take Screenshots:

- Capture screenshots of:
 - Your original post on eHub.
 - Your responses to at least 2 peers' posts.

Upload to Google Drive:

- Save your screenshots in a clearly named folder.
- Upload the folder to your Google Drive and set the share settings to "Anyone with the link" can "view."
- Copy the share link.

Section 1: Your eHub Screenshots

In the space below, provide the link to the screenshot of your eHub post.

In the space below, provide the links to the screenshots of your responses to your peers' posts. You have to share at least two in the form of a list.

Section 2: Your eHub Post

Copy and paste the full text of your eHub reflection post into the space provided below.

Part 21: Pitch Deck and Feedback

Step 1: Create Your Pitch Deck

Content Requirements:

- Problem: Clearly outline your problem and why it's significant.
- Affectees: Describe the individuals or groups affected by the problem.
- Solution: Present your solution, highlighting how it addresses the problem effectively.
- Product/MVP Details: Include visuals or descriptions of your product or Minimum Viable Product (MVP).
- Business Plan:
 - Budget overview (from your Workbook's Part 19).
 - Revenue model (from your Workbook's Part 20).
 - Select key elements from your Lean Canvas (Part 12 of your Workbook).
- Your Ask: Specify what you need (e.g., funding, partnerships, resources) to scale or launch your venture.

Structure Your Slides:

- Use clear and logical flow.
- Limit each slide to key points and visuals.

Design Your Deck:

- Use a professional and visually engaging design.
- Ensure readability with consistent fonts, colors, and formatting.

Step 2: Connect with a Peer on eHub

Find a Peer:

- Log into eHub and navigate to your squad.

- Post a message indicating you're looking for a peer to review pitch decks. Respond to a peer's post or collaborate with someone who contacts you.

Schedule a Meeting:

- Coordinate a convenient time to meet with your peer via Zoom, Google Meet, or any other video conferencing tool.
- Allocate enough time for both of you to present your pitch decks and provide feedback (suggested: 30–40 minutes per person).

Step 3: Present and Receive Feedback

Present Your Pitch Deck:

- Share your screen and walk your peer through your pitch deck.
- Emphasize your venture's key points and ask for specific feedback on:
 - Content: Clarity and completeness of the message.
 - Structure: Logical flow and organization of the pitch deck.
 - Design: Visual appeal, professionalism, and usability.

Provide Feedback to Your Peer:

- Listen attentively to your peer's presentation.
- Offer constructive feedback based on the same criteria: content, structure, and design.
- Ensure feedback is specific, actionable, and supportive.

Step 4: Revise Your Pitch Deck

Review Feedback:

- Summarize the feedback you received from your peer, categorizing it into:
 - Content improvements.
 - Structural enhancements.
 - Design adjustments.

- Implement Changes:
- Use the feedback to revise your pitch deck.
- Focus on areas where your peer suggested improvements.

Section 1: Your Peer's Details

Please provide your feedback partner's details in the space below, including their name and email address.

Section 2: The Feedback

In the space provided below, share the list of feedback that you received from your peer. Categorize it into content, structure, and design.

Feedback on Content	
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Feedback on Structure	
Feedback on Design	

Section 3: Your Final Pitch Deck

After improving and incorporating feedback, convert your final pitch deck into a PDF format and upload it to your Google Drive. Set the share settings so that “Anyone with the link” can “view.” Copy the share link and paste it in the space provided below. **You will also submit this link in Task 4 of the Graded Week 15 Assignment.**

Rubric

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[Pitch Deck Rubric](#)

Part 22: The Final Pitch

This activity is the culmination of your 15-week journey in this course. You will create a polished, professional pitch that showcases your venture's problem-solving journey, from identifying the problem to developing a solution, prototyping, and creating a business model. Your final deliverable will be a narrated pitch deck video demonstrating your learning, insights, and entrepreneurial growth.

Resources

Go through the following resources to help you complete this activity before you get started.

Required Resources:

- [What makes a good business pitch](#) by British Business Bank
- [Creating the pitch deck for the startup by](#) the ULP

Step 1: Refine Your Pitch Deck

Review Your Deck:

- Open the pitch deck you created in last week's activity.
- Review any feedback you received and identify areas for improvement in content, structure, and design.

Make Revisions:

- Update each section of your deck, ensuring clarity, consistency, and alignment with your venture's narrative.
- Incorporate visuals, concise text, and professional formatting to enhance your presentation.

- Complete All Required Sections: Ensure your deck includes the following sections:
 - Introduction: Introduce yourself, your venture's name, logo (if any), and a tagline that captures your mission.
 - Problem Analysis: Clearly define the problem, its impact, target audience, and relevant market research insights.
 - Solution: Present your product/service and explain how it addresses the problem and stands out from competitors.
 - Business Model: Highlight your lean canvas, including cost structure, revenue streams, channels, and key metrics.
 - Prototype Demonstration: Showcase your product/service prototype, demonstrate its functionality, and share user feedback/testing results.
 - Funding Ask: Clearly state your funding needs and explain how the funds will be utilized.
 - Conclusion: Summarize key points and end with a compelling call to action.

Step 2: Practice Your Pitch

Prepare Your Delivery:

- Rehearse your presentation to ensure you speak confidently and maintain a professional tone.
- Time your pitch to ensure it is concise and within the recommended duration (e.g., 5–10 minutes).

Seek Peer Feedback:

- Partner with a peer through eHub to practice your pitch.
- Use their feedback to refine your delivery, improve your content, and address any gaps in your presentation.

Step 3: Record Your Pitch

Set Up Your Recording:

- Choose a quiet, well-lit space for your recording.
- Ensure your slides are ready for presentation.
- Use Zoom, Loom, or OBS Studio to record your presentation.
- For physical prototypes, use a camera to showcase a complete view and demonstration of your product/service, for the demonstration part.

Record Your Presentation:

- Speak clearly and confidently as you narrate your pitch.
- Walk through each slide, ensuring all sections are covered thoroughly.
- Demonstrate your prototype or website, highlighting its features and user feedback.

Edit the Video:

- Use editing tools to remove errors or awkward pauses.
- Ensure transitions between sections are smooth and the final video looks professional.

Step 4: Submit the Pitch Presentation

- Save your final pitch video in a standard format (e.g., MP4 or MOV), and name the file using the naming convention: *FirstName_LastName_FinalPitch.mp4*.
- Upload your video to Google Drive and set the share settings to "Anyone with the link" can "view."

Copy and paste this link into the space provided below. **You will also submit this link in Task 5 of the Graded Week 15 Assignment.**

Rubric

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[Pitch Presentation Rubric](#)