


# HCI

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- Who are the users?
- Where are the users?
- What is the context of the task?
- What are their goals?
- What do they need?
- What are their tasks?
- What are their subtasks?

each thing you do should match up with one or more of these questions.

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- Kids vs. Adults
- Exercise Experts vs. Novices
- Audiobook Experts vs. Novices

They differentiate whether I'm designing for business people who want to be able to

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5 Tips: Avoiding Bias in Needfinding

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1. Confirmation bias
2. Observer bias
3. Social desirability bias
4. Voluntary response bias
5. Recall bias

Now, these biases can be largely controlled also


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A man with glasses and a dark shirt is speaking and gesturing with his hands.

Naturalistic Observation

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Naturalistic Observation

us to understand the users need is to simply watch.

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A man with glasses and a dark shirt is sitting in a white rocking chair, gesturing with his hands while speaking.

5 Tips: Naturalistic Observation

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1. Take notes

2. Start specific, then abstract

3. Spread out your sessions

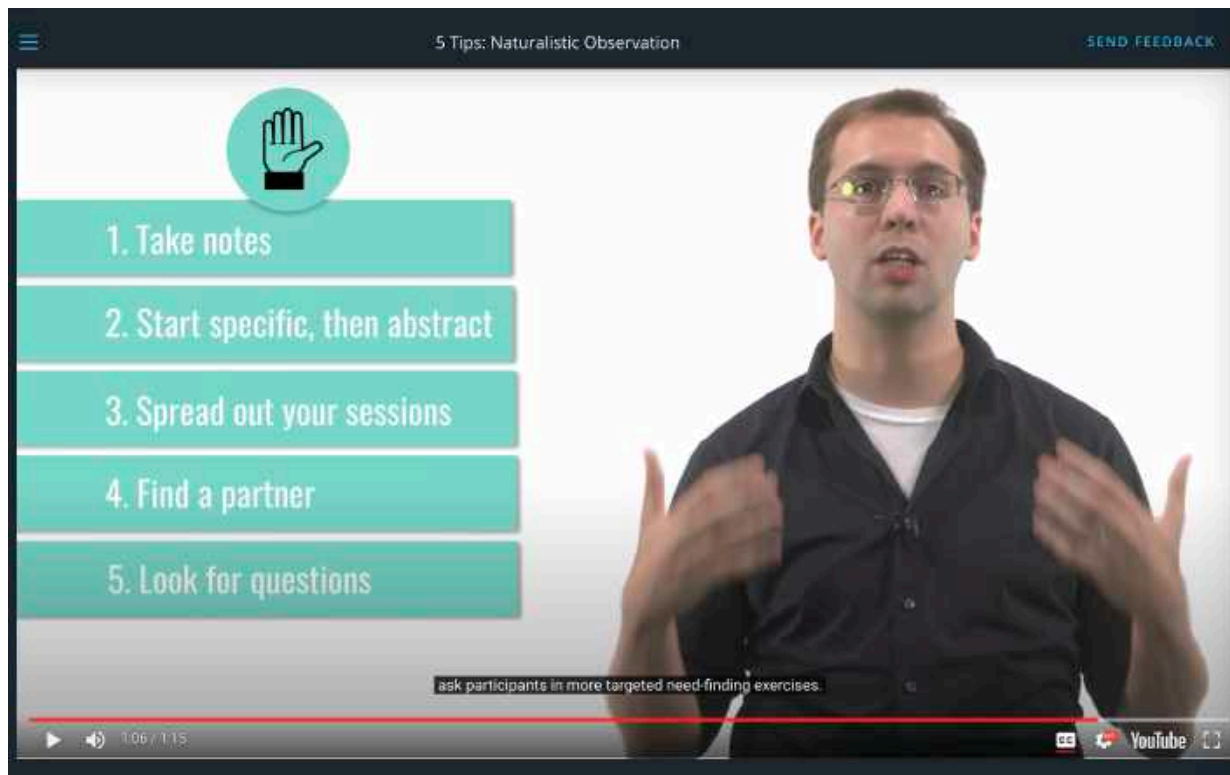
4. Find a partner

5. Look for questions

ask participants in more targeted need-finding exercises.

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Participant Observation

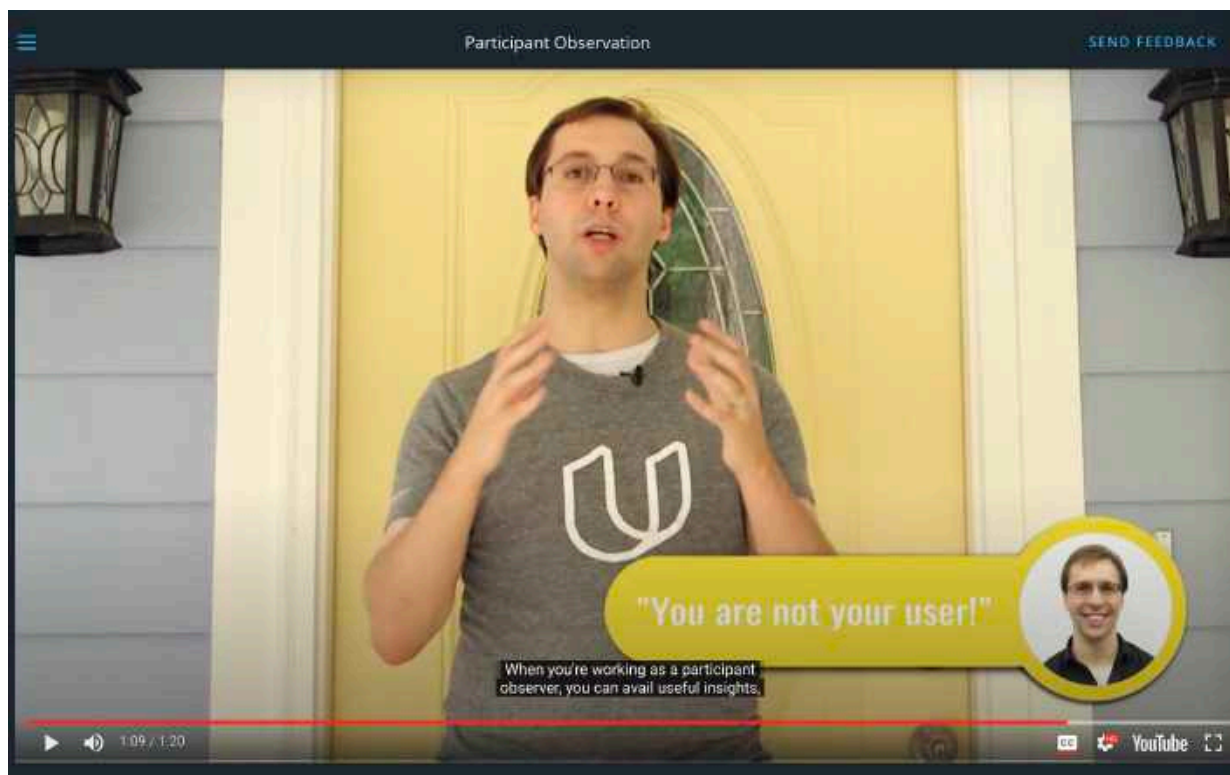
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"You are not your user!"

When you're working as a participant observer, you can avail useful insights.

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Hacks and Workarounds

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## Hacks and Workarounds


we can do naturalistic and participant observation without having to directly

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Errors

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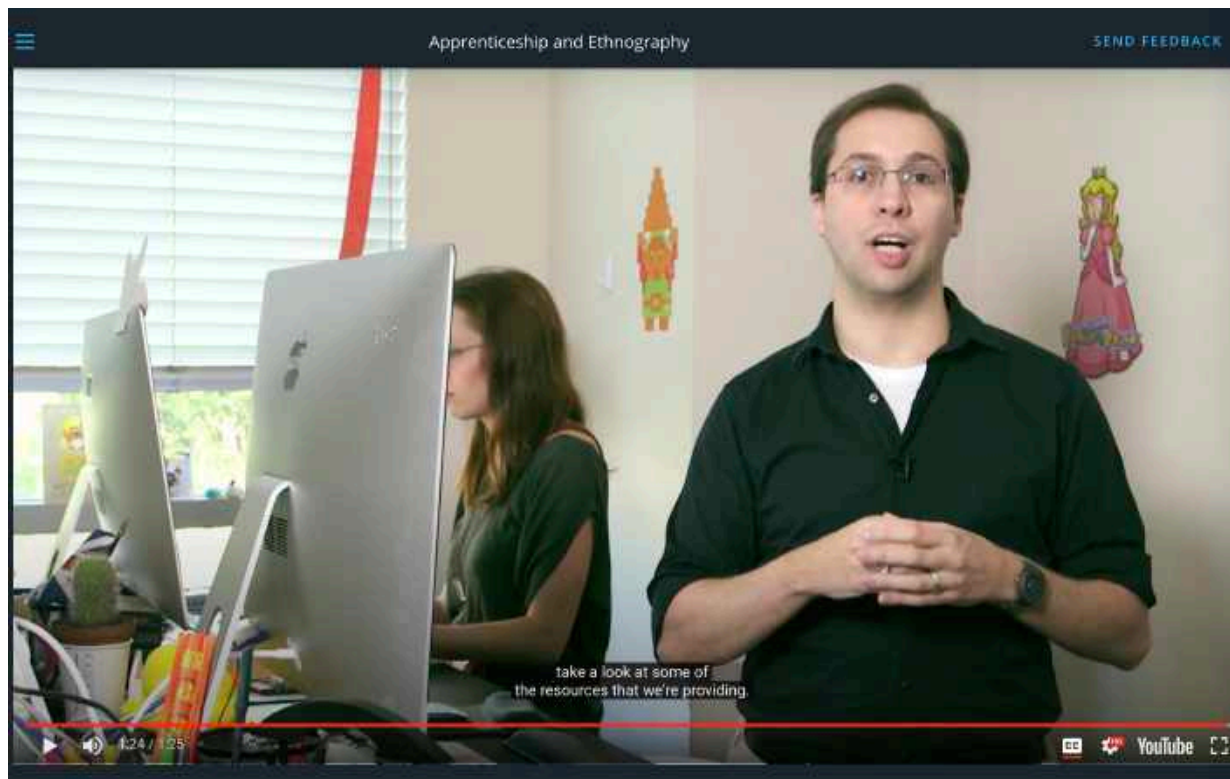


## Lesson 2.6: Errors

but we can also use those errors to understand a bit more about the user's mental model.

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Who what where when and how

5 Tips: Interviews

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1. Focus on the six W's
2. Be aware of bias
3. Listen
4. Organize the interview
5. Practice!

Rehearse the entire interview.

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Think-Aloud

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
talk about their perceptions of the task.

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A man with glasses and a dark shirt is sitting in a white rocking chair, talking. The background is a light blue wall with a window and a small cartoon character on the right. The video player interface includes a green title box on the right and a subtitle at the bottom.






Think-Aloud


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which is largely the same,  
except we wait to get the user's


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
Surveys

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Most of the other methods for need  
finding, like observation, interviewing,

# Surveys

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5 Tips: Surveys

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1. Less is more
2. Be aware of bias
3. Tie them to the inventory
4. Test it out!
5. Iterate!

Give participants a chance to give feedback on the survey

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Writing Good Survey Questions

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- Be Clear
- Be Concise
- Be Specific
- Be Expressive
- Be Unbiased
- Be Usable

but they're only useful if the questions are actually well-written.

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Other Data Gathering Methods

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## Existing UI evaluation

First, if you're designing for a task for which interfaces already exist,

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Other Data Gathering Methods

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## Product Reviews

a problem that people that are already addressing, you might go look at user

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## Data Logs

logging like web surfing, you could try to get some logs of user interaction

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Exercise: Needfinding Pros and Cons
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## Match the advantage to the needfinding method.

Naturalistic Observation

Participant Observation

Errors and Hacks

Interviews

Surveys

Focus Groups

Apprenticeship

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Analyzes data that already exists

Requires no recruitment

Requires no synchronous participation

Investigates participant's thoughts

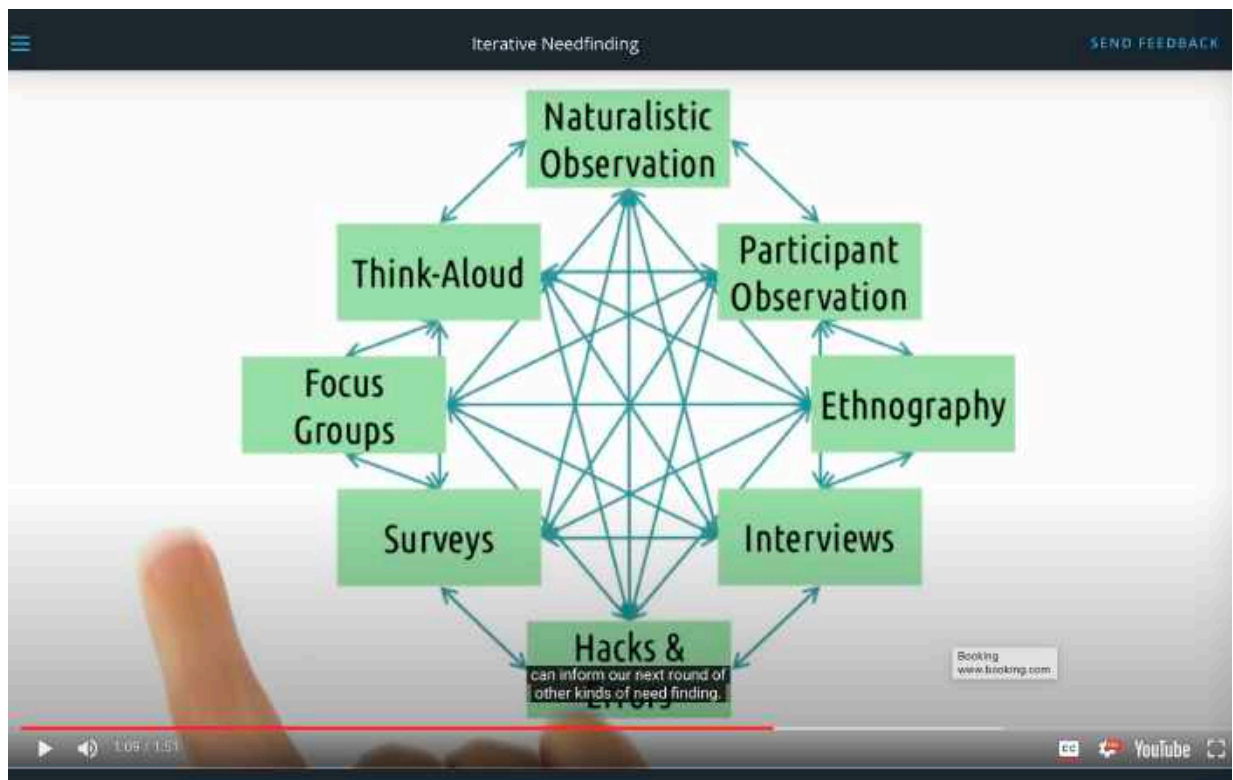
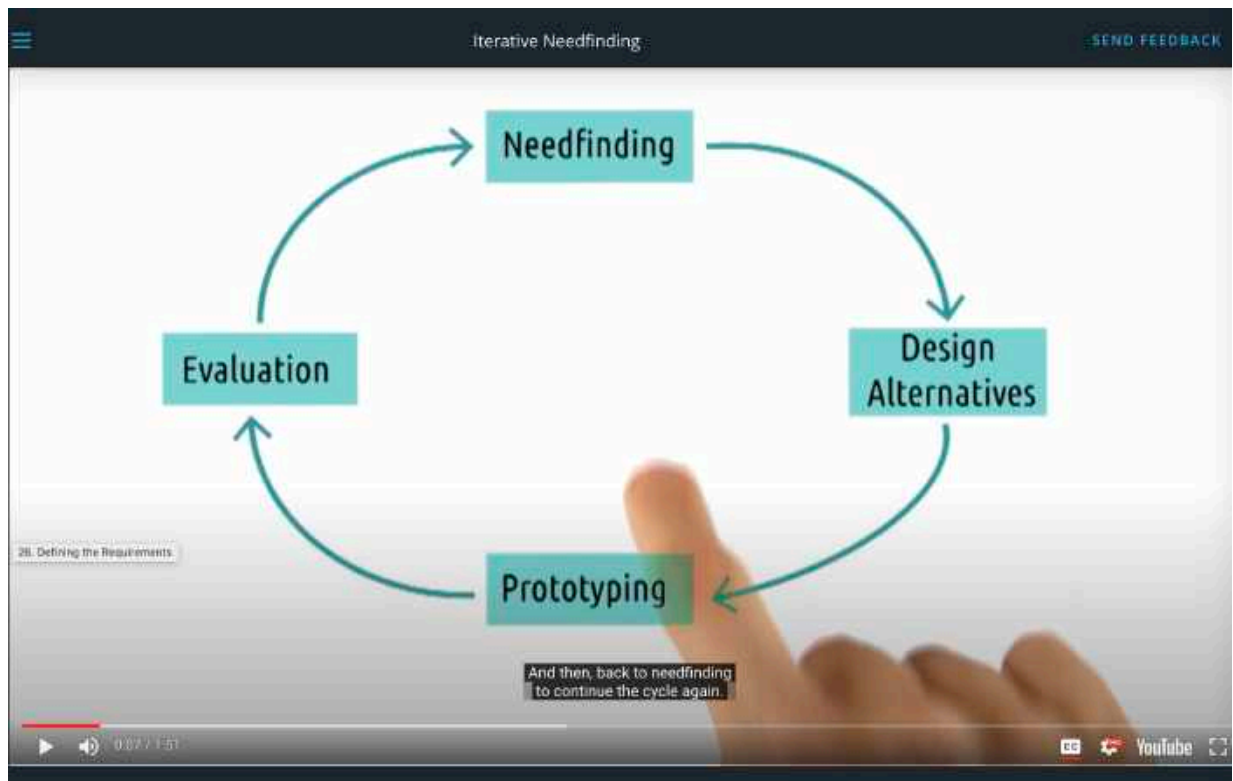
Occurs within the task context

Clearly gathers lots of users' data

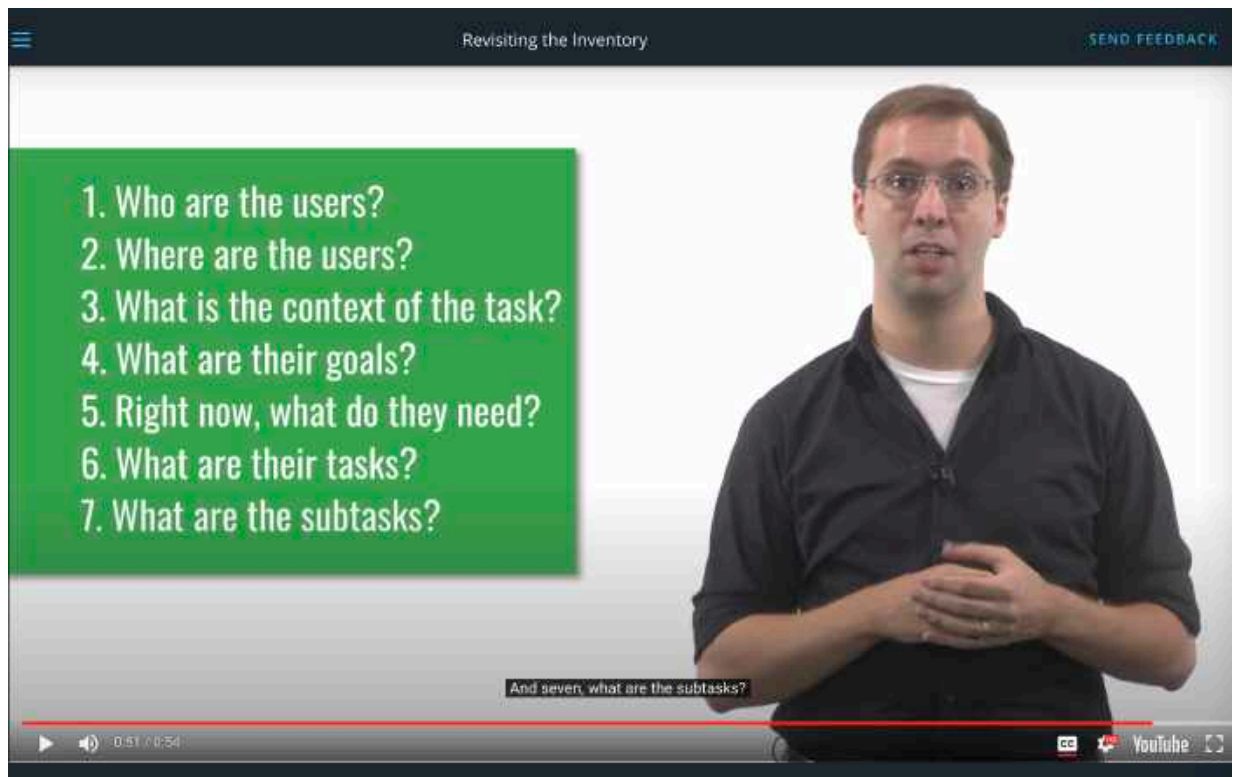
Could analysis of them usually doesn't

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Functionality  
Usability  
Learnability  
Accessibility  
Compatibility  
Compliance  
Cost

The Second Biggest Mistake

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graph TD; Needfinding --> DesignAlternatives[Design Alternatives]; DesignAlternatives --> Prototyping; Prototyping --> Evaluation; Evaluation --> Needfinding;
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The second biggest mistake though is settling on a single design idea or

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The Design Space

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**Design Space: the area in which we design our interfaces**

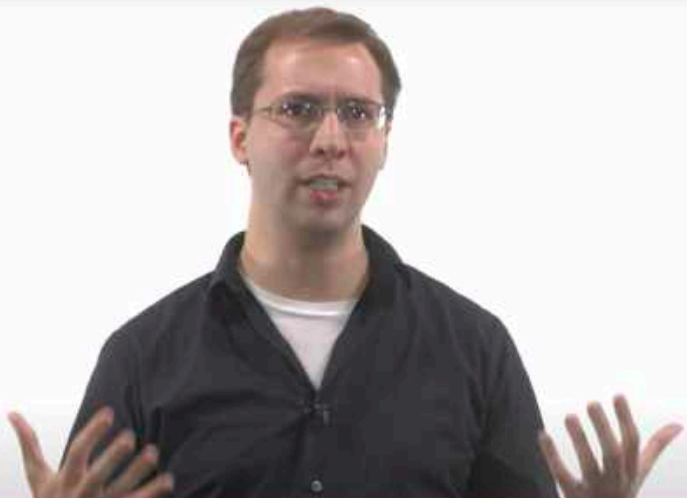
The current design space for this problem is wall mounted devices and

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Individual Brainstorming 1

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Research shows: it's better to start with individual brainstorming.


We often hold meetings for brainstorming.

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5 Tips: Individual Brainstorming

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1. Write down the core problem
2. Constrain yourself
3. Aim for 20
4. Take a break
5. Divide and conquer



brainstorm solutions to each individual little problem.

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Challenges in Group Brainstorming

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**Social Loafing:** The tendency to exert less effort working in groups than working alone.

People often don't tend to work as hard in groups as they would individually.

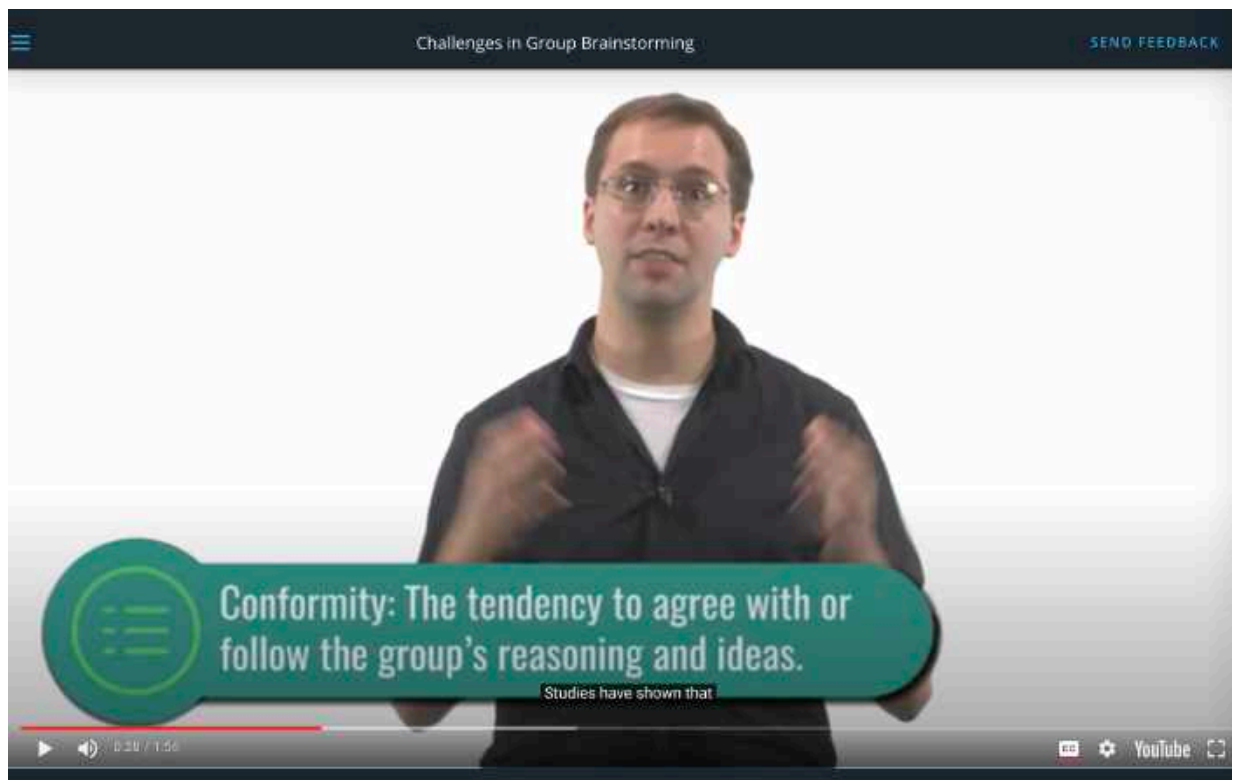
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Challenges in Group Brainstorming

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**Conformity:** The tendency to agree with or follow the group's reasoning and ideas.

Studies have shown that

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Challenges in Group Brainstorming

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Notes

 **Production Blocking:** The tendency of some individuals in discussions to block other individuals' participation.

In group brainstorming, there are often individuals who dominate.

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Challenges in Group Brainstorming

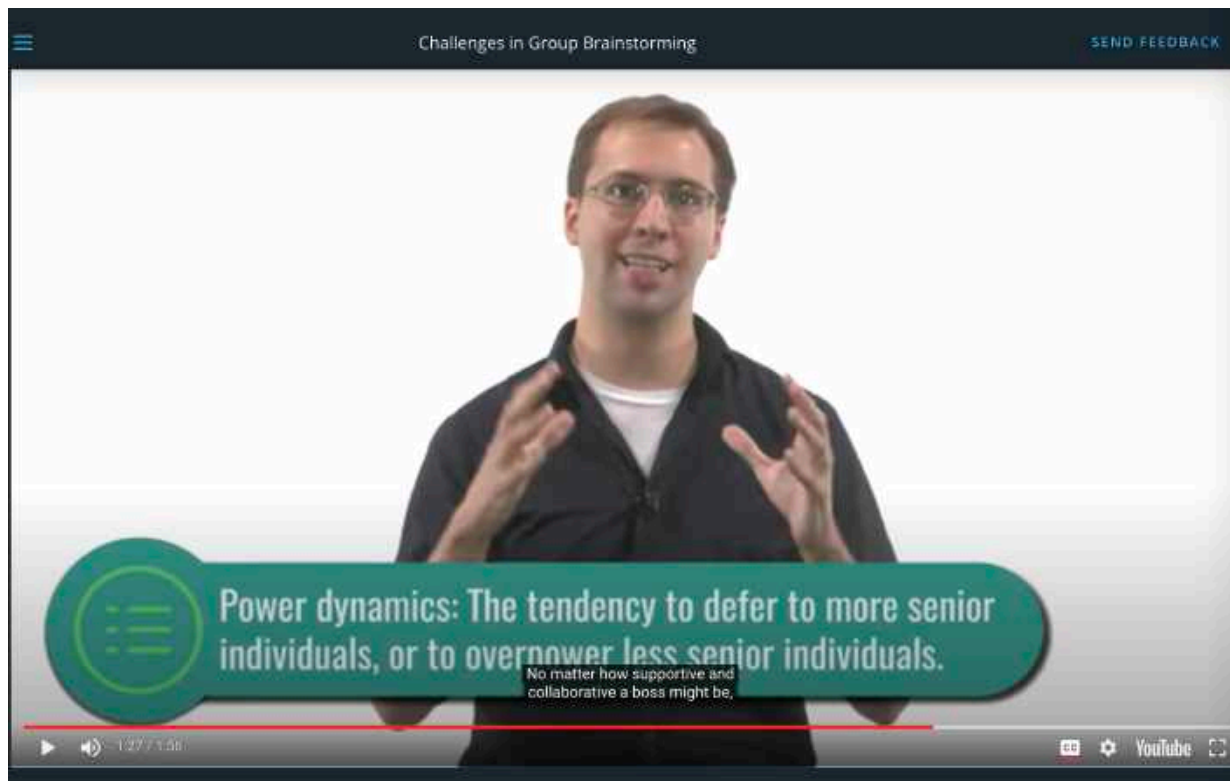
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 **Performance Matching:** The tendency to match one's level of performance to other collaborators'.

People tend to converge in terms of passion and performance.

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Expressiveness  
Nonevaluation  
Quantity  
Building  
Stay focused  
No explaining ideas  
Revisit the problem  
Encourage others





## 5 Tips: Group Brainstorming

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1. Go through every individual idea
2. Find the optimal size
3. Set clear rules for communication
4. Set clear expectations
5. End with ideas, not decisions



before coming back and choosing the ideas to pursue later.


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## Personas

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### ANIKA

**BACKGROUND:** 37 years old. Her spouse is the primary caretaker of their kids, but also works part-time in the evenings, so Anika generally works from 9 to 5:30 and takes care of the kids in the evenings.

**EMPLOYMENT:** Works full-time as a graphic designer for a local web development firm.

**FAMILY:** Married with two children (9 and 7) and one stepchild (12).

**INTERESTS:** Anika is keenly interested in politics, especially international politics. She likes to keep up to date on recent events, but she also likes to learn about the history that led to the world's current political climate. She hopes to start a blog about geopolitics, but feels right now she sufficient expertise to start.

**TECH SAVVINESS:** Anika considers herself an expert user of technology. She's usually an early adopter for new devices.

We want to be able to say, what would Anika do in this situation?

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User Profiles SEND FEEDBACK

Exercise Expertise	Novice ↔ Expert
Reading Level	Casual ↔ Serious
Motivation	Low ↔ High
Tech Literacy	Low ↔ High
Usage Frequency	Low ↔ High

do we care about novice users or expert users or both?

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Timelines SEND FEEDBACK

TIME

Decide to exercise

Go to park

Set up audiobook

Exercise

Turn off audiobook

and then at the end, she turns off the audiobook.

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Scenarios and Storyboards

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could actually be a video mockup of what it would be like to use the finished product.

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