

Prototyping, Evaluation, & Iteration

Lecture 09 of *Researching People-Centred Design* with Tim Maciag



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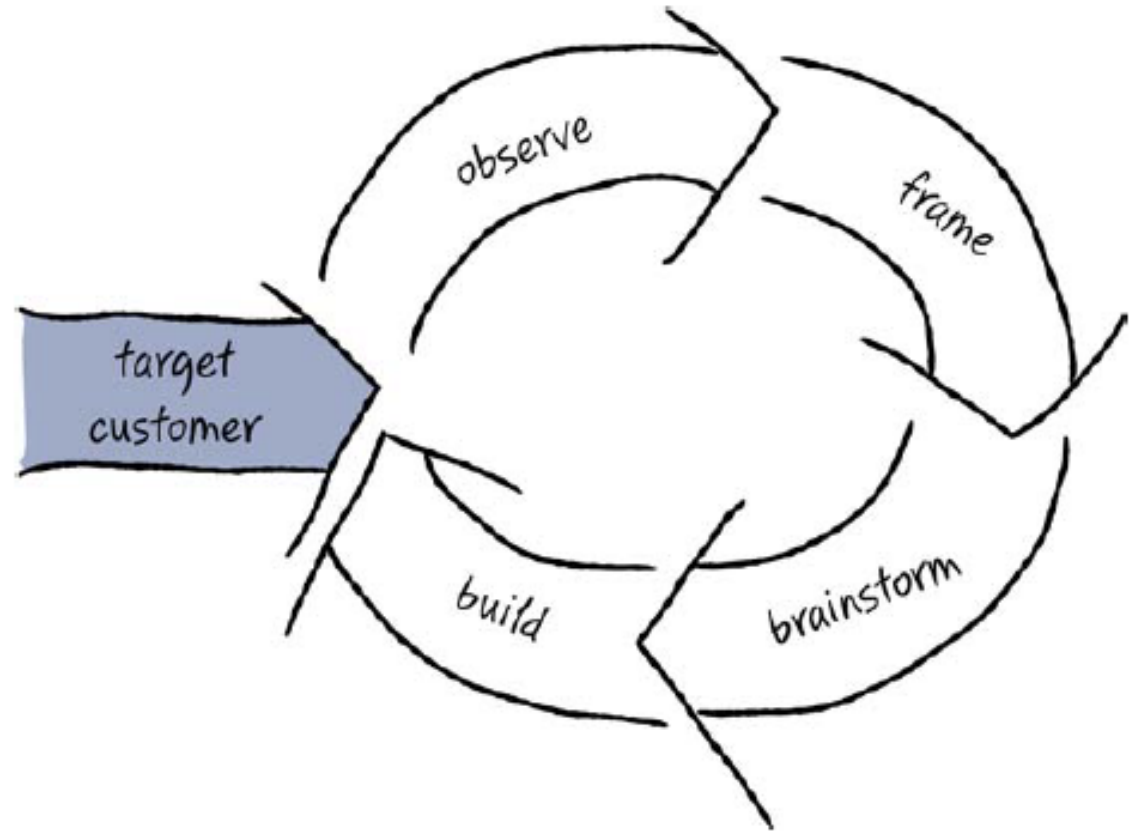
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- Fast Feedback Cycle, up to now
- Experimentation
- Rapid prototyping
- Observing customers and testing
- Research ethics

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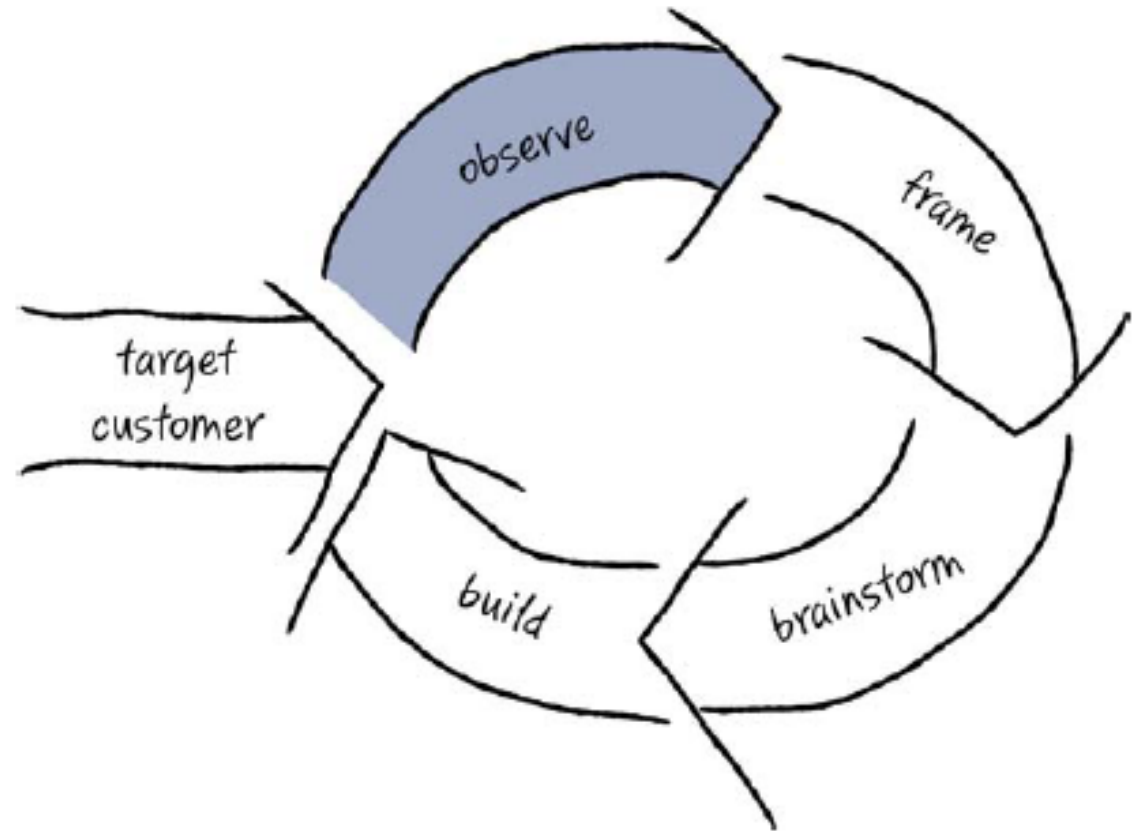
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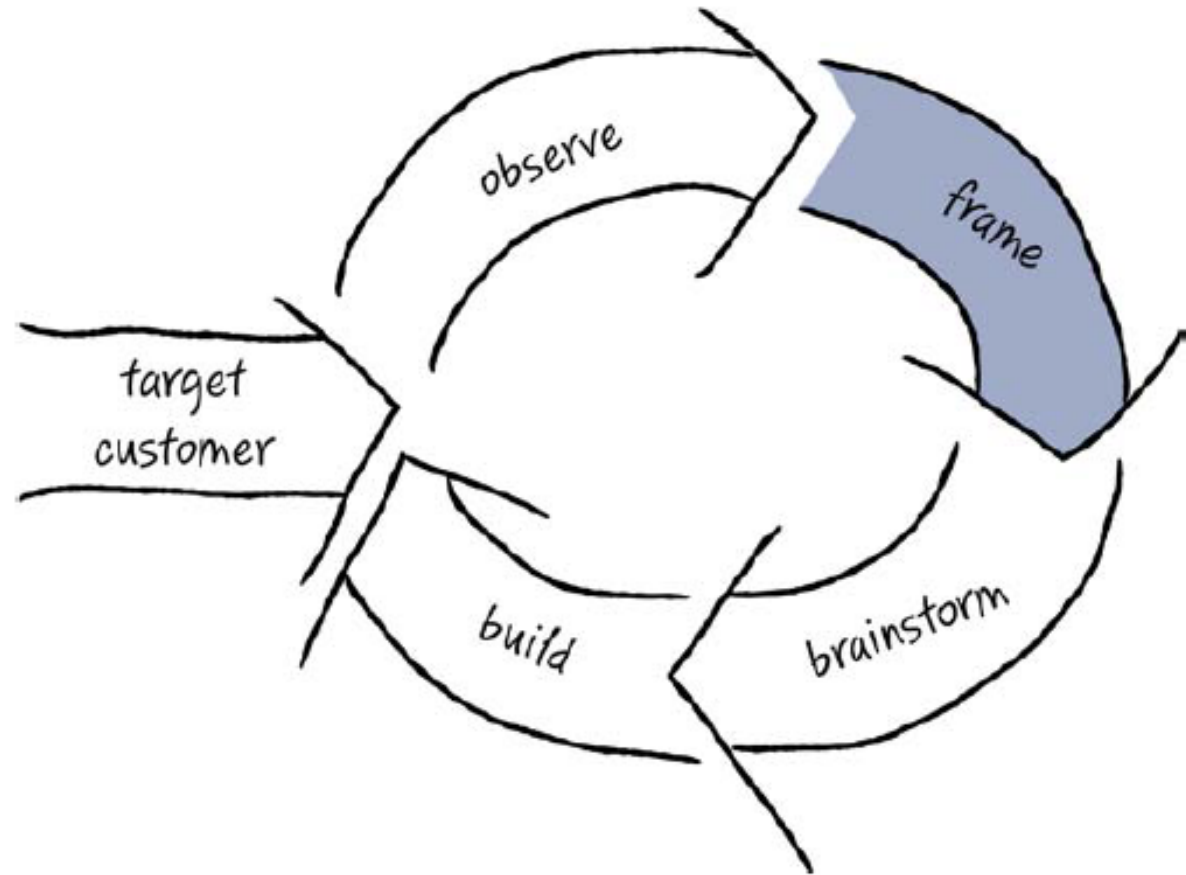
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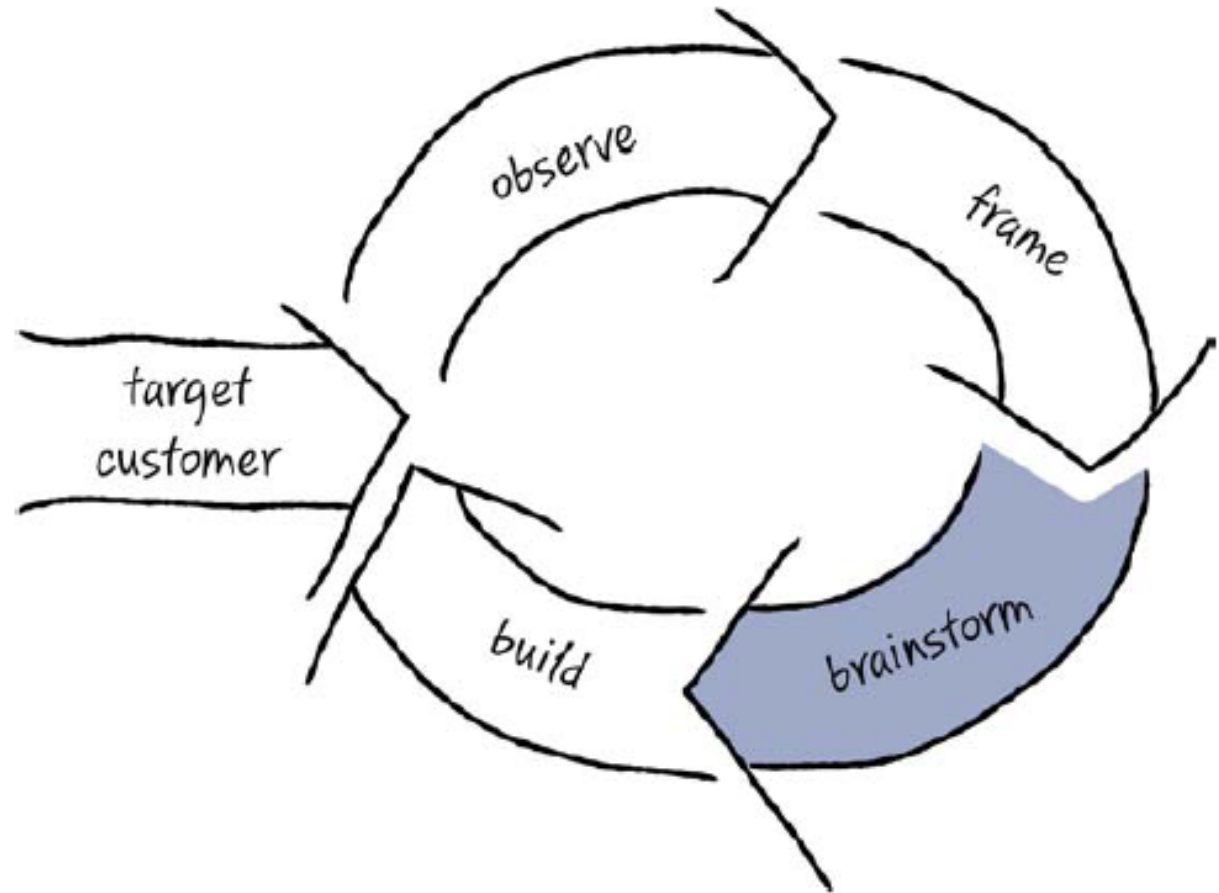
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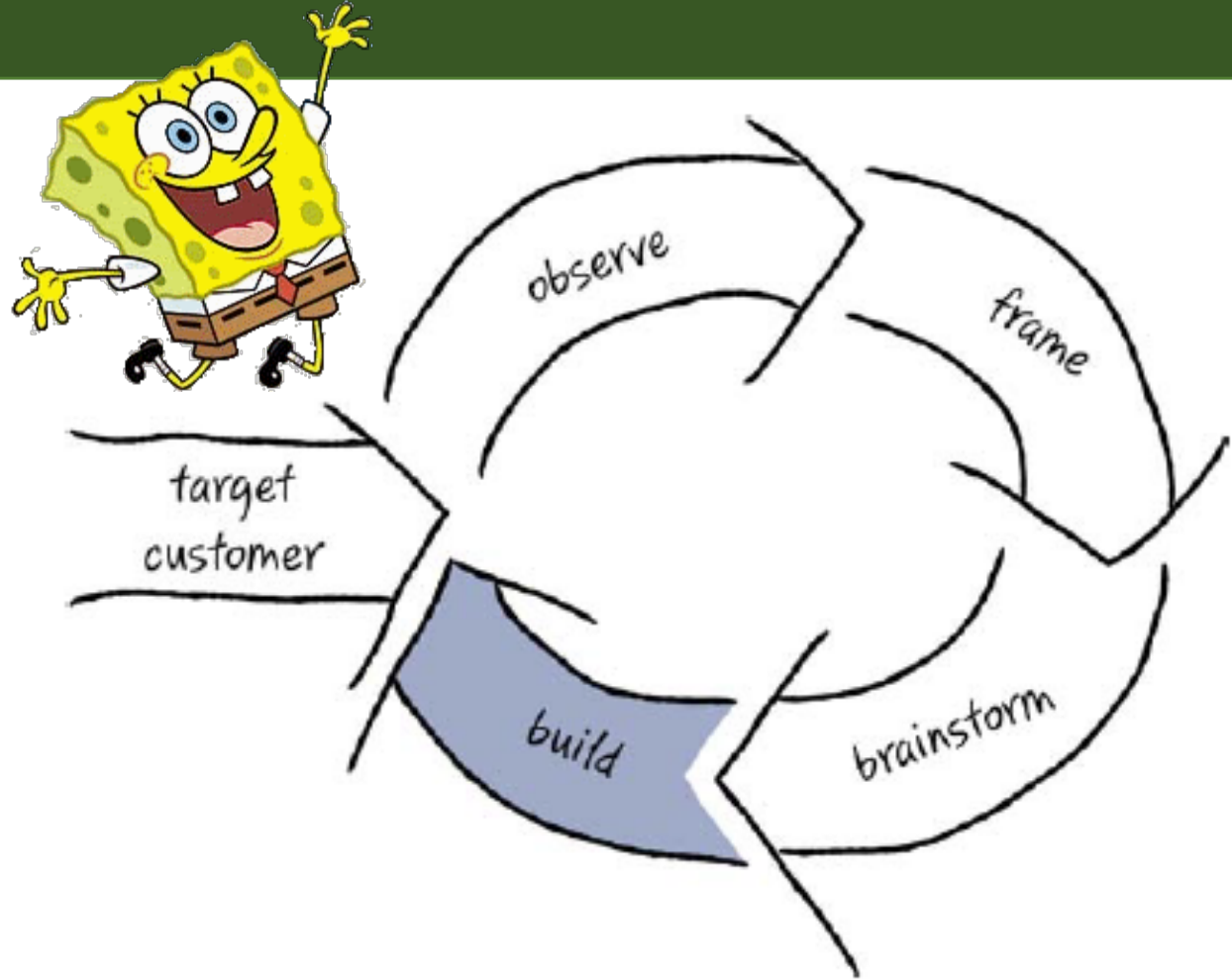
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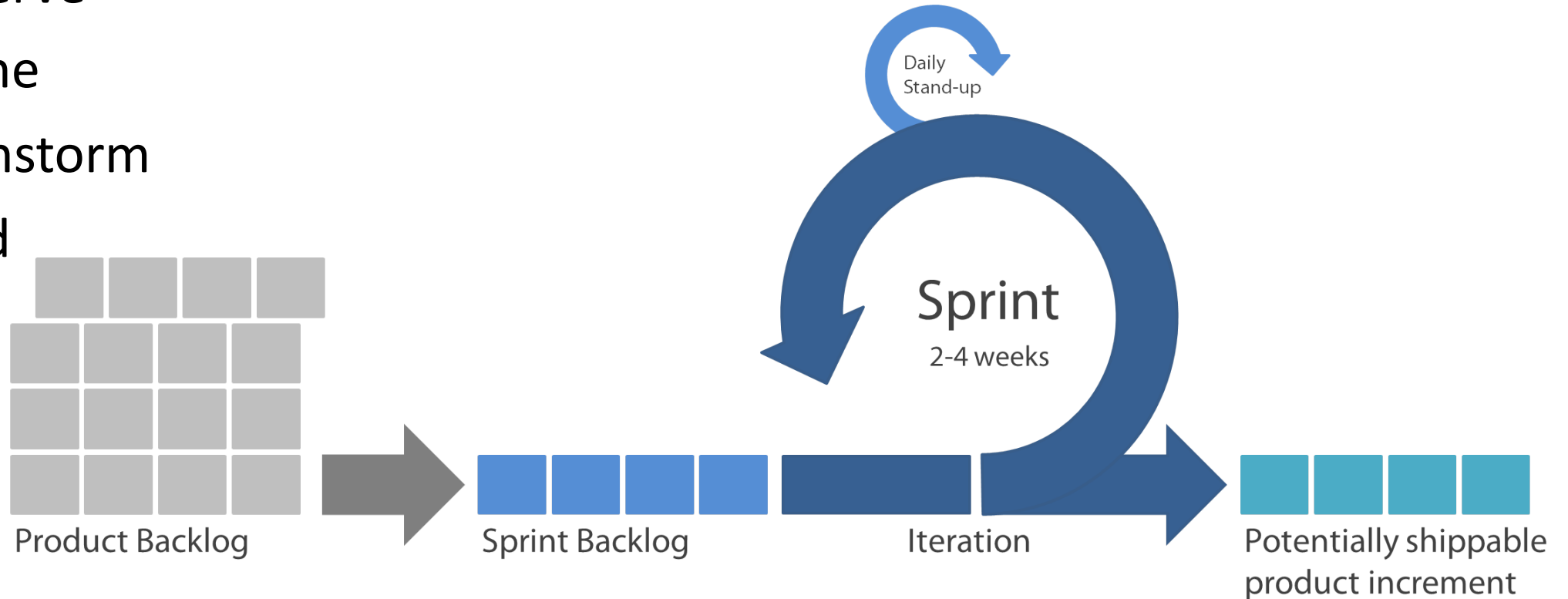
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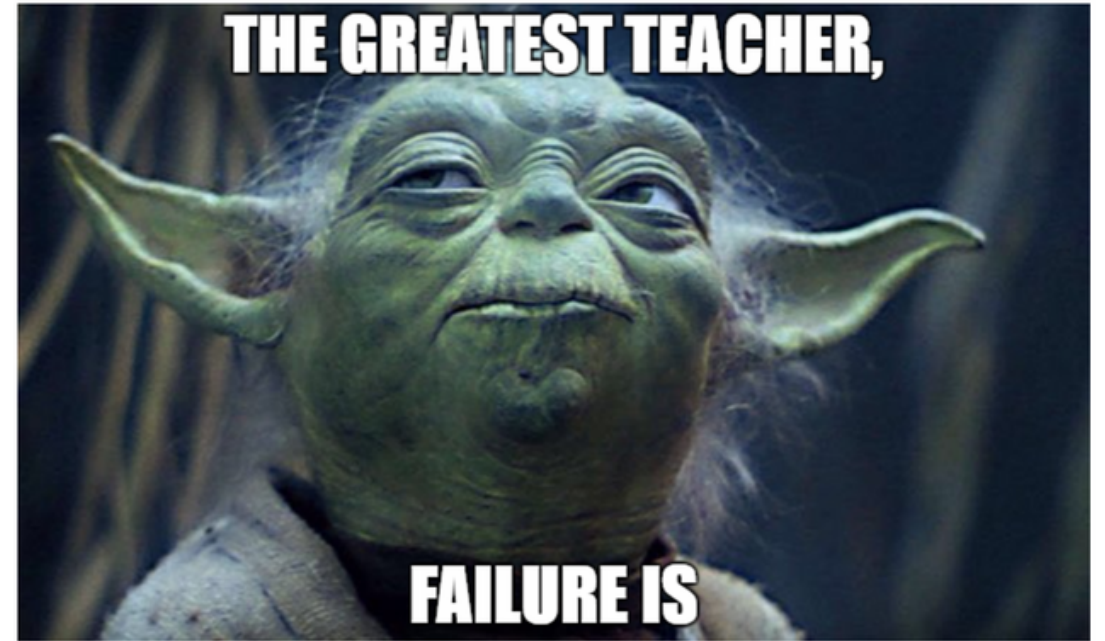


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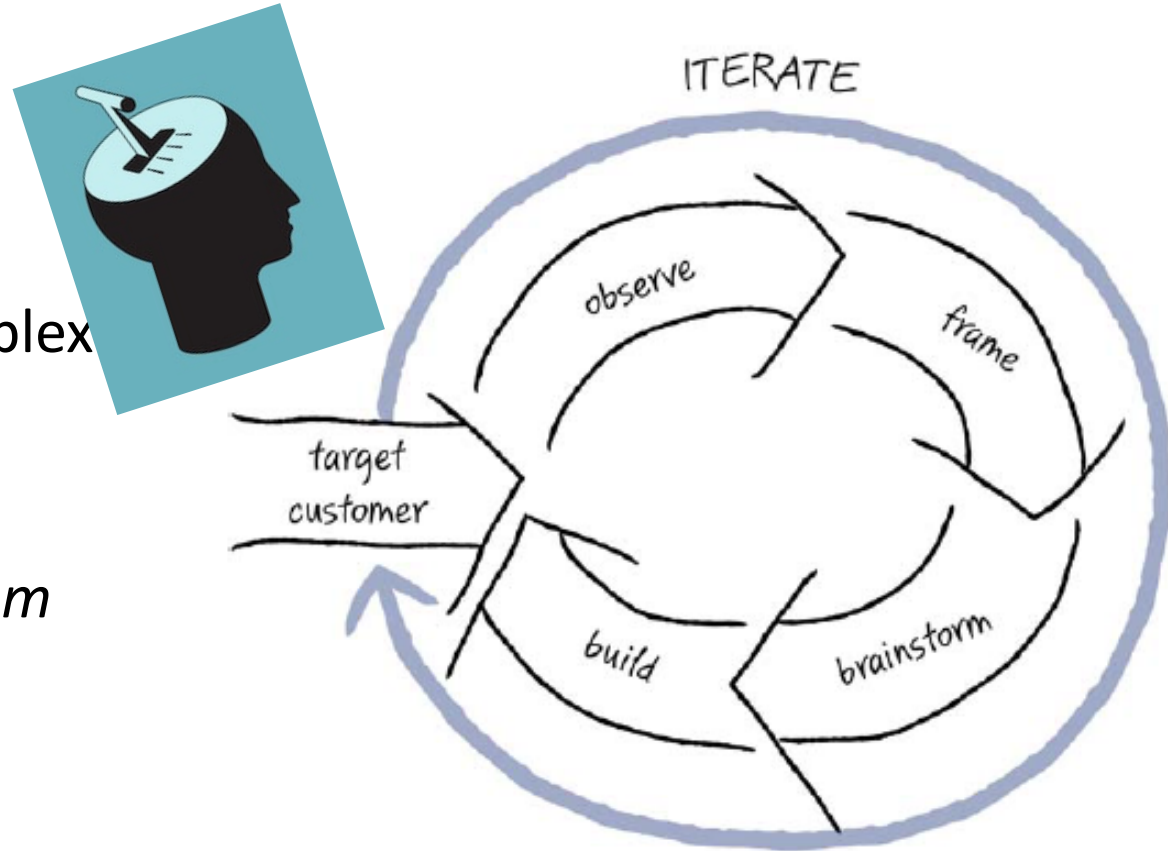
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 - It's the Fast Feedback Cycle's *jam*
 - All about iteration!
 - Mindshift



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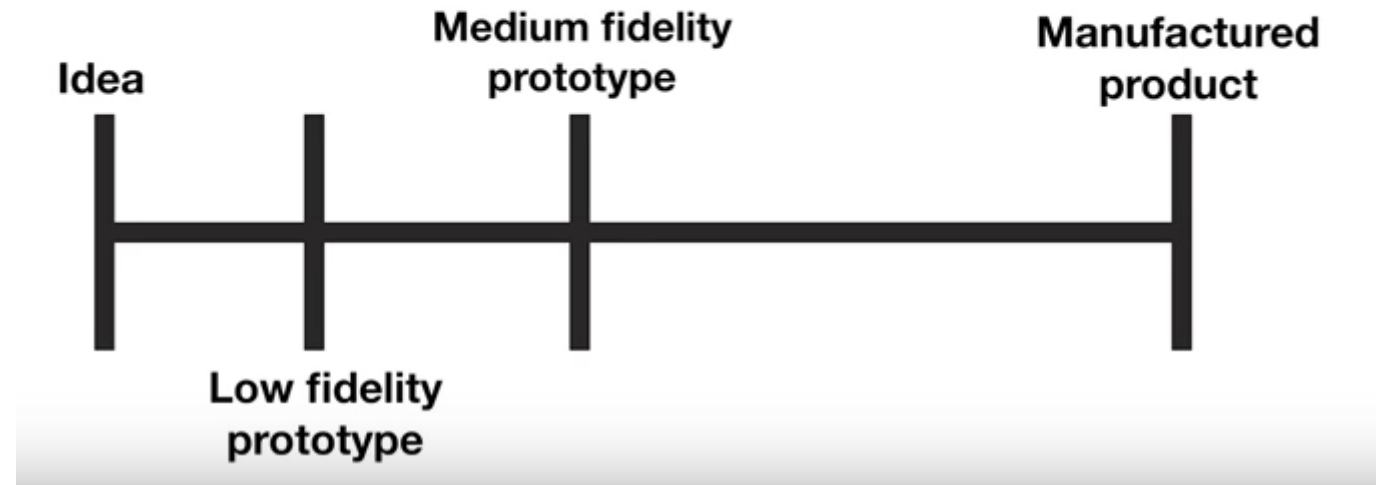
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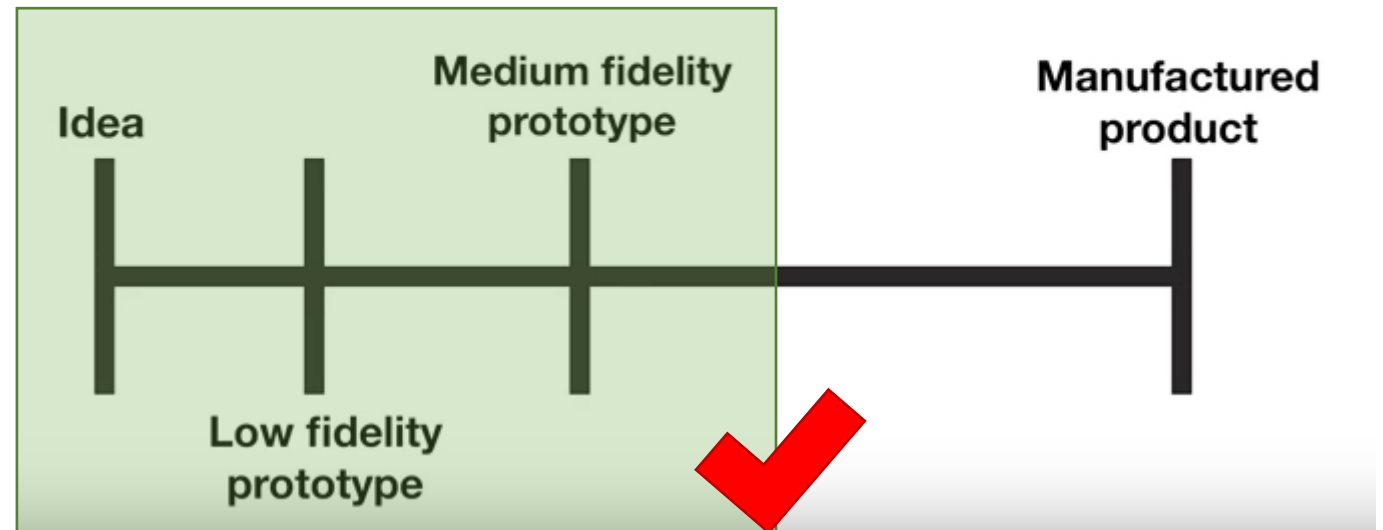


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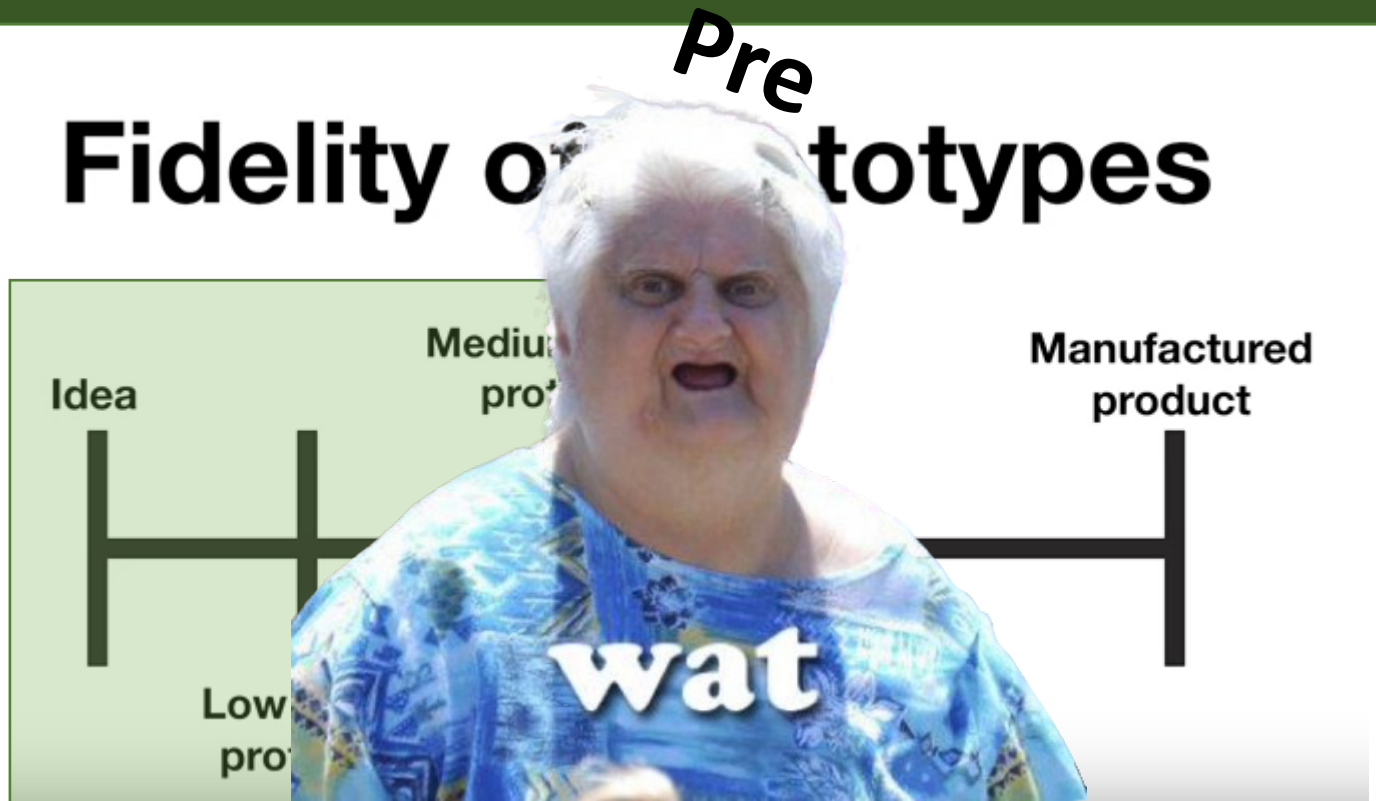
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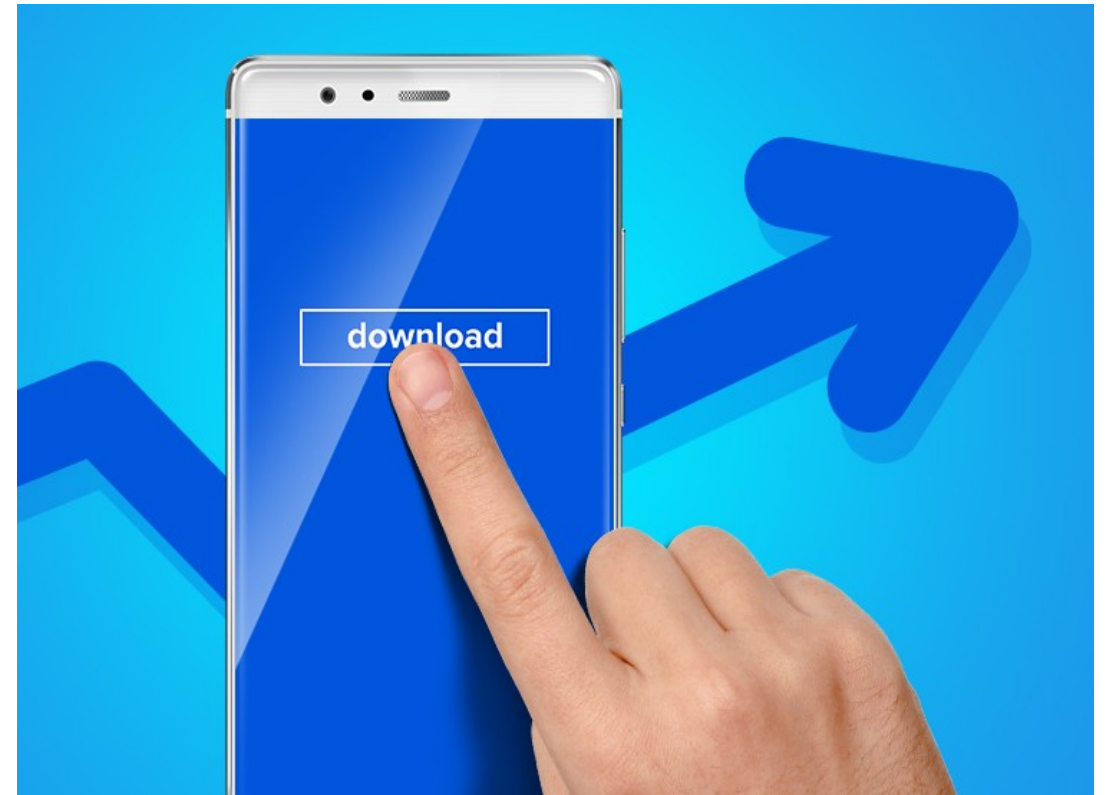
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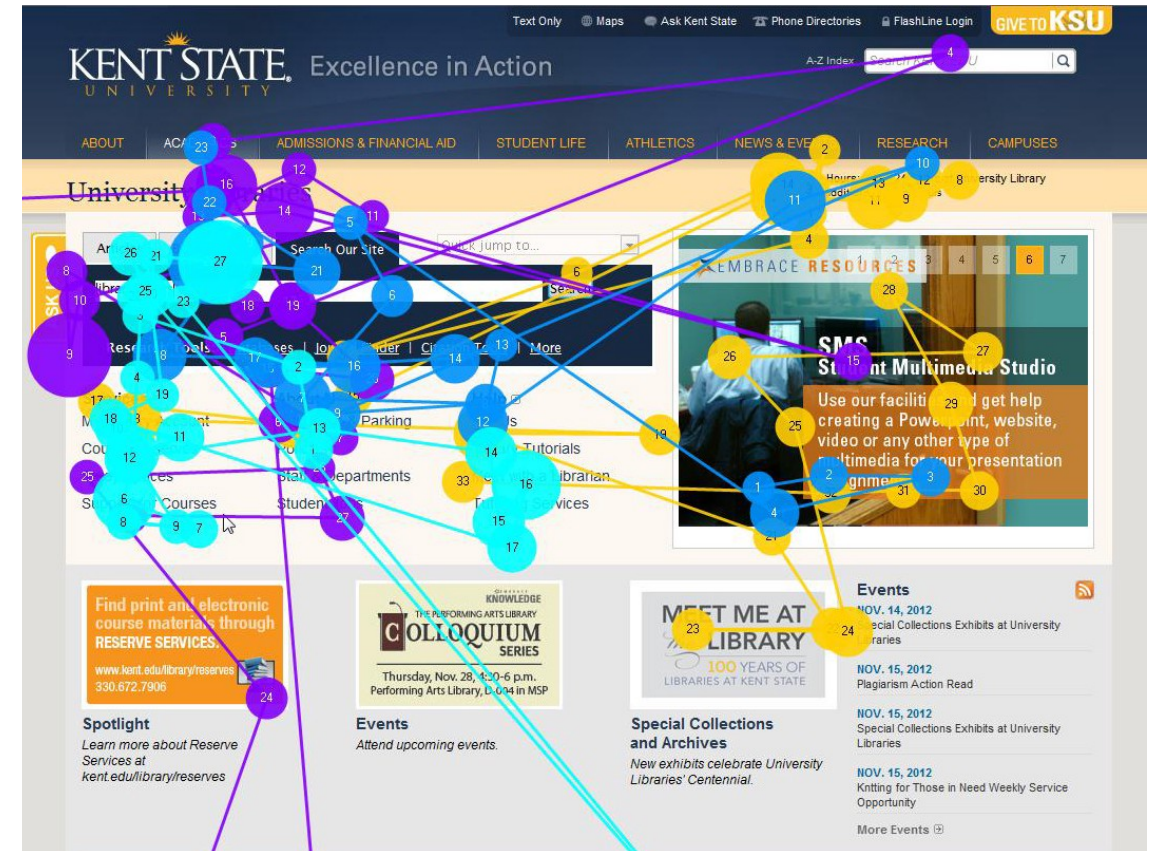
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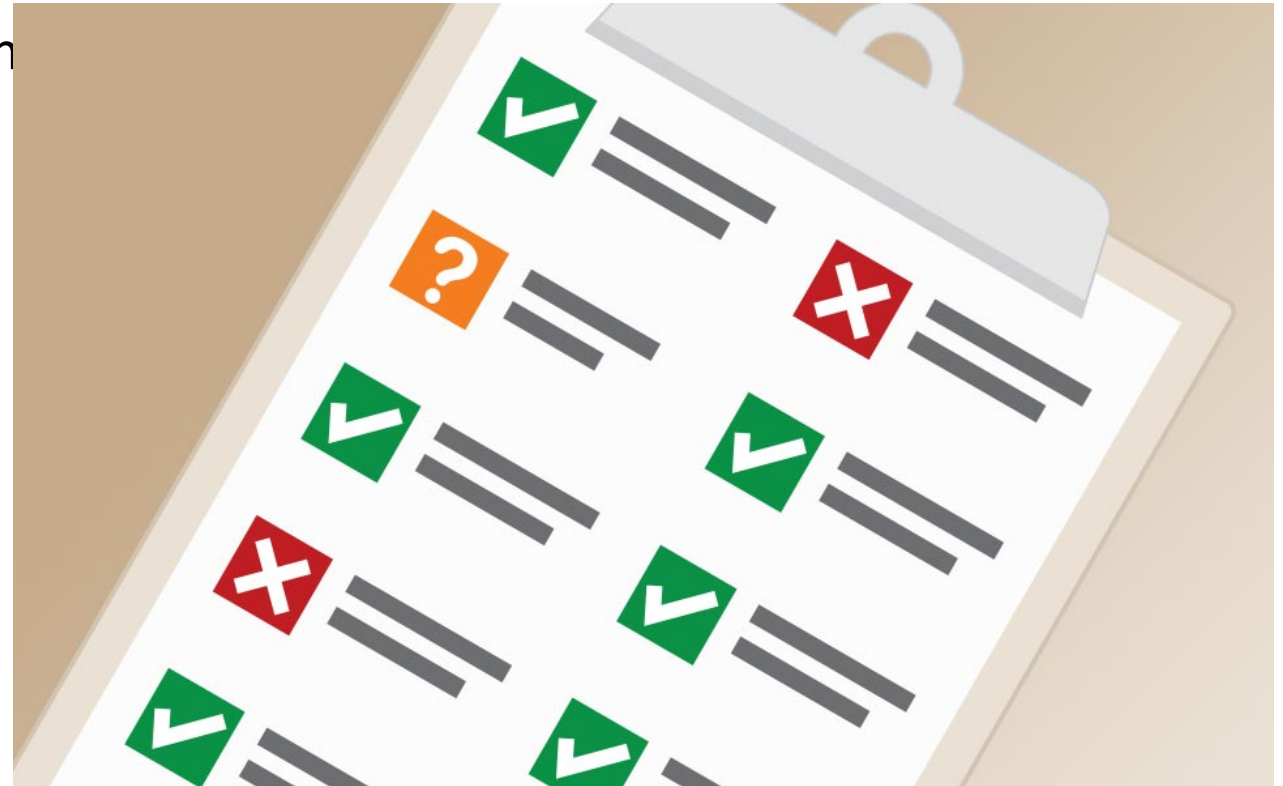
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Top 10 App-Design mistakes (2019)

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Our REAL users
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Our users will figure
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