

# Transferable Skills 1 – *Design Thinking* Module

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## Lesson 4

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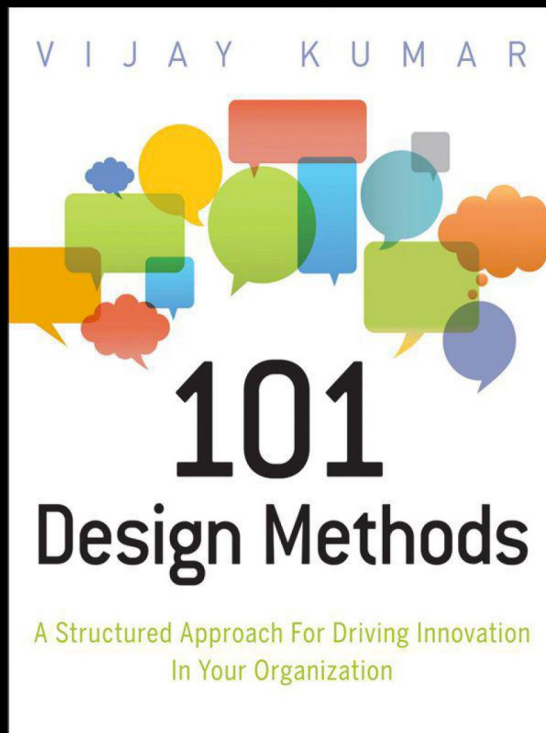
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## Evaluation

- Essay describing Utopian Vision Work process and results [30%]
  - Maximum 1500 words
  - Interconnection between work description and classes content is valued

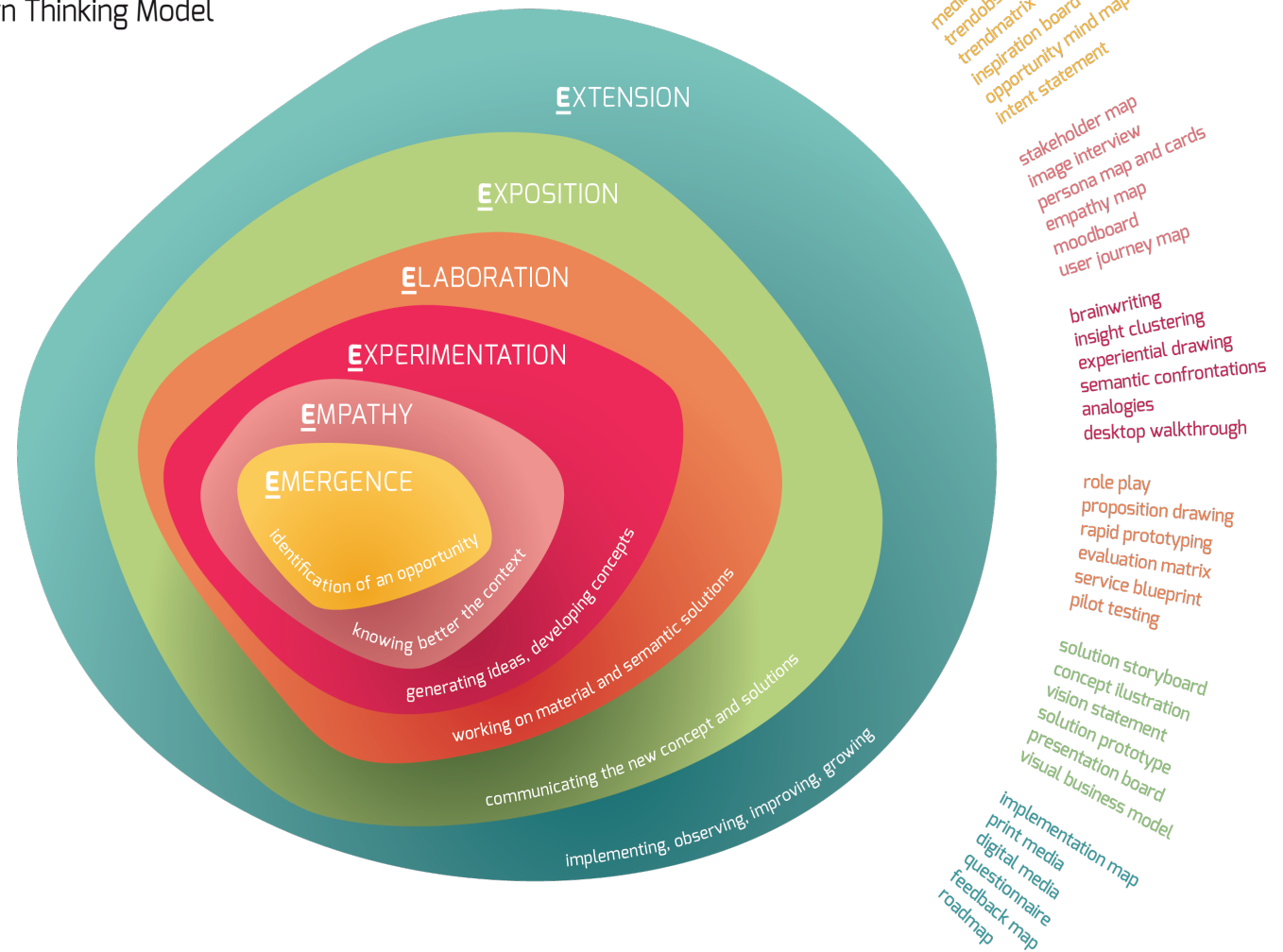
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## 4.1 Design Thinking Models

### EVOLUTION 6<sup>2</sup>

Mindshake Design Thinking Model



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## 4.1

### Elaboration phase

# *FRAME SOLUTIONS* *mindsets*

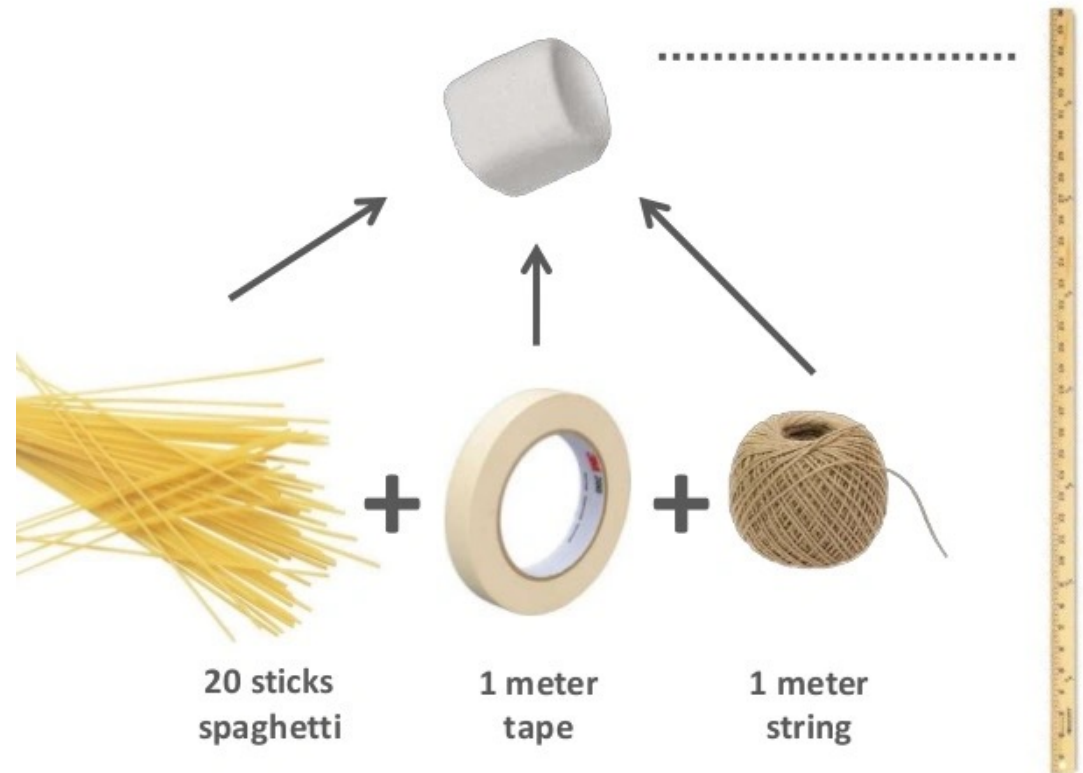
The Frame Solutions mindset is about building on the concepts created in the Explore Concepts mode, connecting them with each other to make systems-level solutions that meet desired design criteria or principles. In this mode, the mindset is also about integrating concepts into synergic solutions, compared to Explore Concepts in which the mindset is about creating new concepts independent of each other. The focus is also on making judgments about which concepts and combinations of concepts bring most value to the insights and principles generated in the previous modes.

4.1  
Elaboration  
phase

## Sketching solutions...

**DRAW** the tallest tower possible that *will support a marshmallow*, in 18 minutes with:

- 20 sticks of dry spaghetti
- 1m string
- 1m tape
- one marshmallow



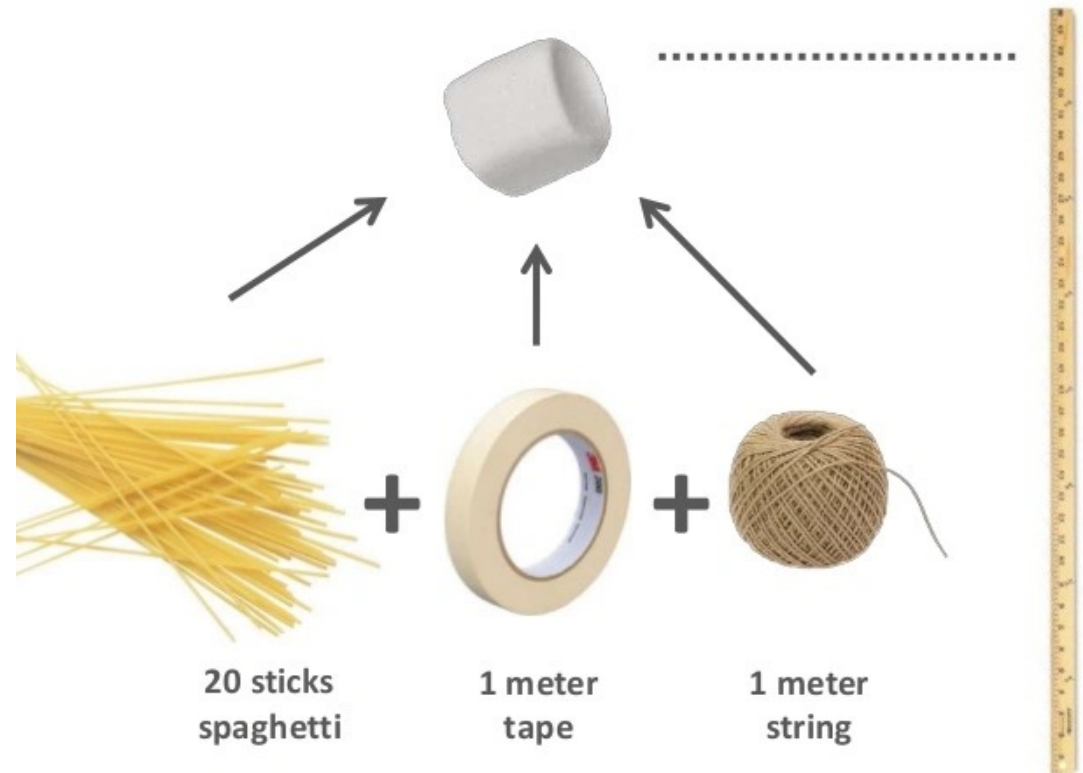
#### 4.1

#### Elaboration phase

## ...versus prototyping solutions

**BUILD** the tallest tower possible that *will support a marshmallow*, in 18 minutes with:

- 20 sticks of dry spaghetti
- 1m string
- 1m tape
- one marshmallow





## 4.1 Elaboration phase

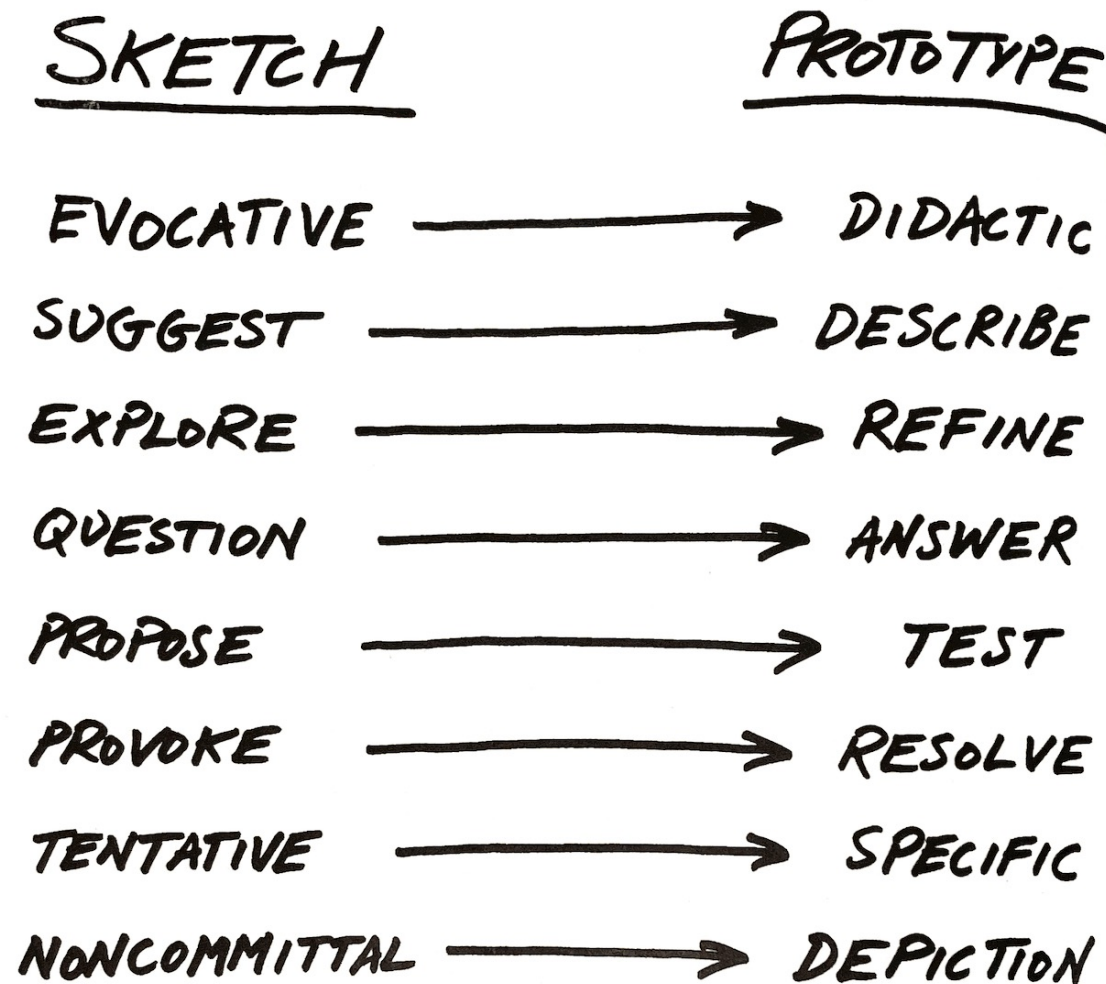


Figure 52: The Sketch to Prototype Continuum

The difference between the two is as much a contrast of purpose, or intent, as it is a contrast in form. The arrows emphasize that this is a continuum, not an either/or proposition.

## 4.1 Elaboration phase

### 10 Prototyping Principles



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Unlock the power of prototyping. Resist the temptation of spending time and energy refining one direction only. Rather, use the principles described here to explore multiple directions with the same amount of time and energy. You will learn more and discover better value propositions.

Get "10 Prototyping Principles" poster



1

#### **Make it visual and tangible.**

These kinds of prototypes spark conversations and learning. Don't regress into the land of blah blah blah.



2

#### **Embrace a beginner's mind.**

Prototype "what can't be done." Explore with a fresh mind-set. Don't let existing knowledge get in the way of exploration.



3

#### **Don't fall in love with first ideas—create alternatives.**

Refining your idea(s) too early prevents you from creating and exploring alternatives. Don't fall in love too early.



4

#### **Feel comfortable in a "liquid state."**

Early in the process the right direction is unclear. It's a liquid state. Don't panic and solidify things too early.



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#### **Start with low fidelity, iterate, and refine.**

Refined prototypes are hard to throw away. Keep them rough, quick, and cheap. Refine with increasing knowledge about what works and



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#### **Expose your work early—seek criticism.**

Seek feedback early and often before refining. Don't take negative feedback personally. It's worth gold to improve your prototype.



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#### **Learn faster by failing early, often, and cheaply.**

Fear of failure holds people back from exploring. Overcome that with a culture of rough and quick prototyping that keeps failure cheap and leads to faster learning.



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#### **Use creativity techniques.**

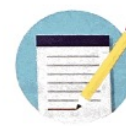
Use creativity techniques to explore groundbreaking prototypes. Dare to break out of how things are usually done in your company or industry.



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#### **Create "Shrek models."**

Shrek models are extreme or outrageous prototypes that you are unlikely to build. Use them to spark debate and learning.



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#### **Track learnings, insights, and progress.**

Keep track of all your alternative prototypes, learnings, and insights. You might use earlier ideas and insights later in the process.

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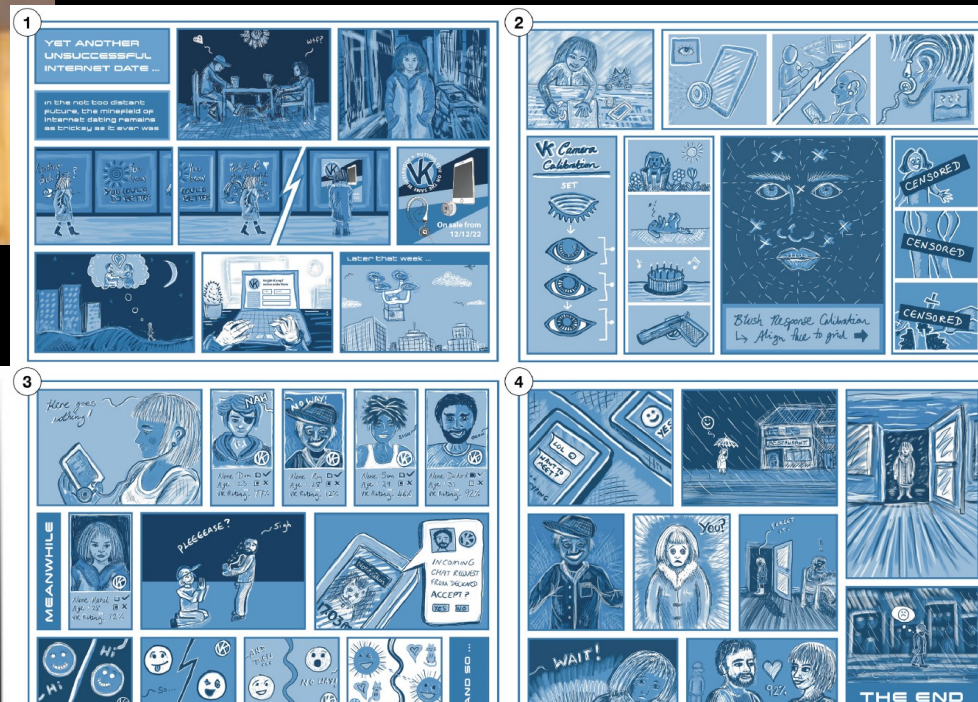
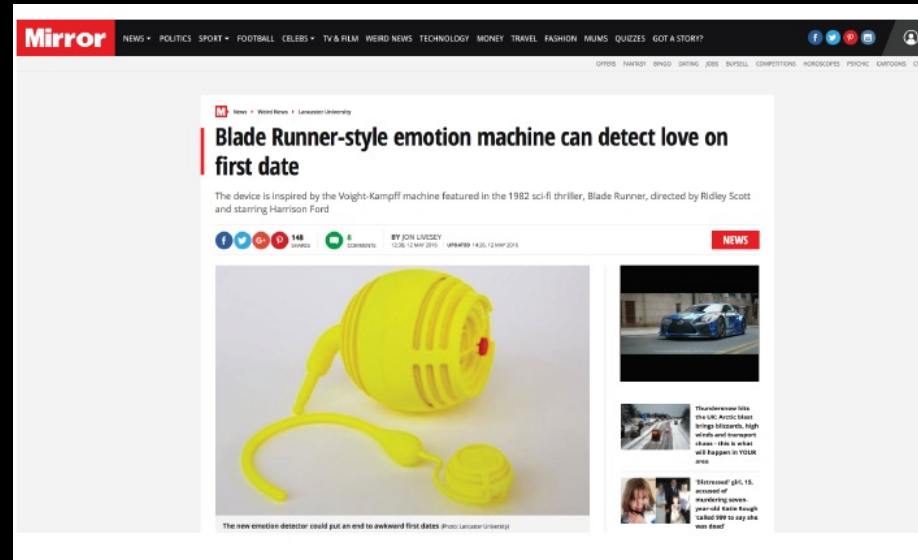
### 4.2

### Exposition phase

RECAPITULATING  
SOME IDEAS



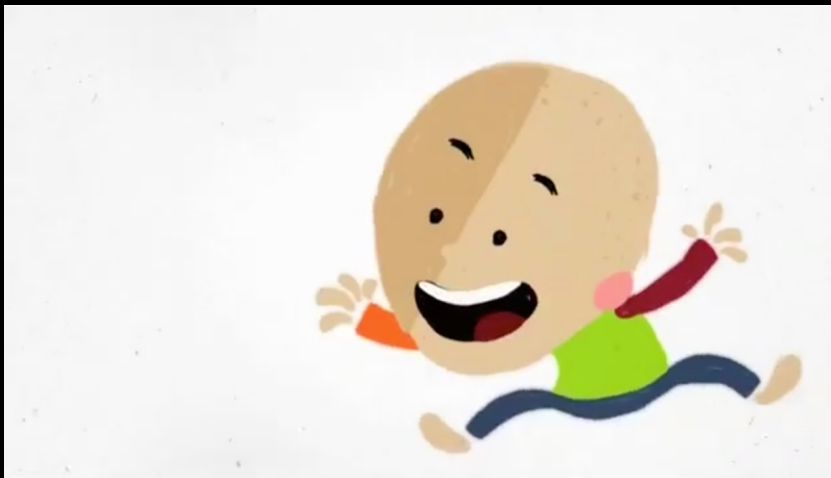
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## 4.2

### Exposition phase

# The Power of Storytelling...



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<https://youtu.be/Nj-hdQMa3uA>



**4.3**  
**Design**  
**Thinking**  
**Expectations**

**QUESTION 1 of 4: A 'real life' engineering problem should be initially approached by:**

- ☐ Strictly adhering to a 'recipe' that has already proven to work on similar situations
- ☐ Dividing the problem and then solving parts of it
- ☐ Writing down all the 'input data'
- ☐ Clearly establishing the boundaries of the problem
- ☐ Complexifying it, acknowledging all the issues gravitating around the problem's situation
- ☐ Getting rid of complexity by considering approximations and/or simplifications
- ☐ Other

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### 4.3 Design Thinking Expectations

#### QUESTION 2 of 4: When solving a 'real life' engineering problem it is important to...

- ☐ Stick with our 'first idea', because it is usually the 'right one'
- ☐ Stick with our 'first idea' to have more time to develop it
- ☐ Stick with our 'first idea' because, coming from our intuition, it is usually the most original one
- ☐ Explore numerous ideas until we find the 'right one'
- ☐ Explore numerous ideas because it improves the chances to find an original one
- ☐ Other

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**4.3**  
**Design**  
**Thinking**  
**Expectations**

**QUESTION 3 of 4: Design Thinking contribution to solve 'real life' engineering problems is mostly related with:**

- ☐ Finding the problem
- ☐ Understanding the problem
- ☐ Ideating solutions
- ☐ Evaluating solutions
- ☐ Detailing solutions
- ☐ Communicating solutions
- ☐ Other

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### 4.3 Design Thinking Expectations

**QUESTION 4 of 4: Some of the Design Thinking tools potentially useful when solving real life engineering problems that I know and able to apply are:**

- ☐ Brainstorming
- ☐ Storytelling
- ☐ Empathy map
- ☐ Analogies
- ☐ Role playing
- ☐ Mind map
- ☐ Other

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