


Ideation Phase

Brainstorm & Idea Generation




Step-1: Team Gathering, Collaboration and Select the Problem Statement

Template




Brainstorm & idea prioritization

Use this template in your own brainstorming sessions so your team can unleash their imagination and start shaping concepts even if you're not sitting in the same room.


 10 minutes to prepare
 1 hour to collaborate
 2-8 people recommended

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Before you collaborate

A little bit of preparation goes a long way with this session. Here's what you need to do to get going.

 10 minutes

A


Team gathering
Define who should participate in the session and send an invite. Share relevant information or pre-work ahead.

B

Set the goal
Think about the problem you'll be focusing on solving in the brainstorming session.

C


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Define your problem statement

What problem are you trying to solve? Frame your problem as a How Might We statement. This will be the focus of your brainstorm.

 5 minutes


PROBLEM


How might we [your problem statement]?





Key rules of brainstorming


To run a smooth and productive session


 Stay in topic.


 Encourage wild ideas.

 Defer judgment.

 Listen to others.


 Go for volume.

 If possible, be visual.

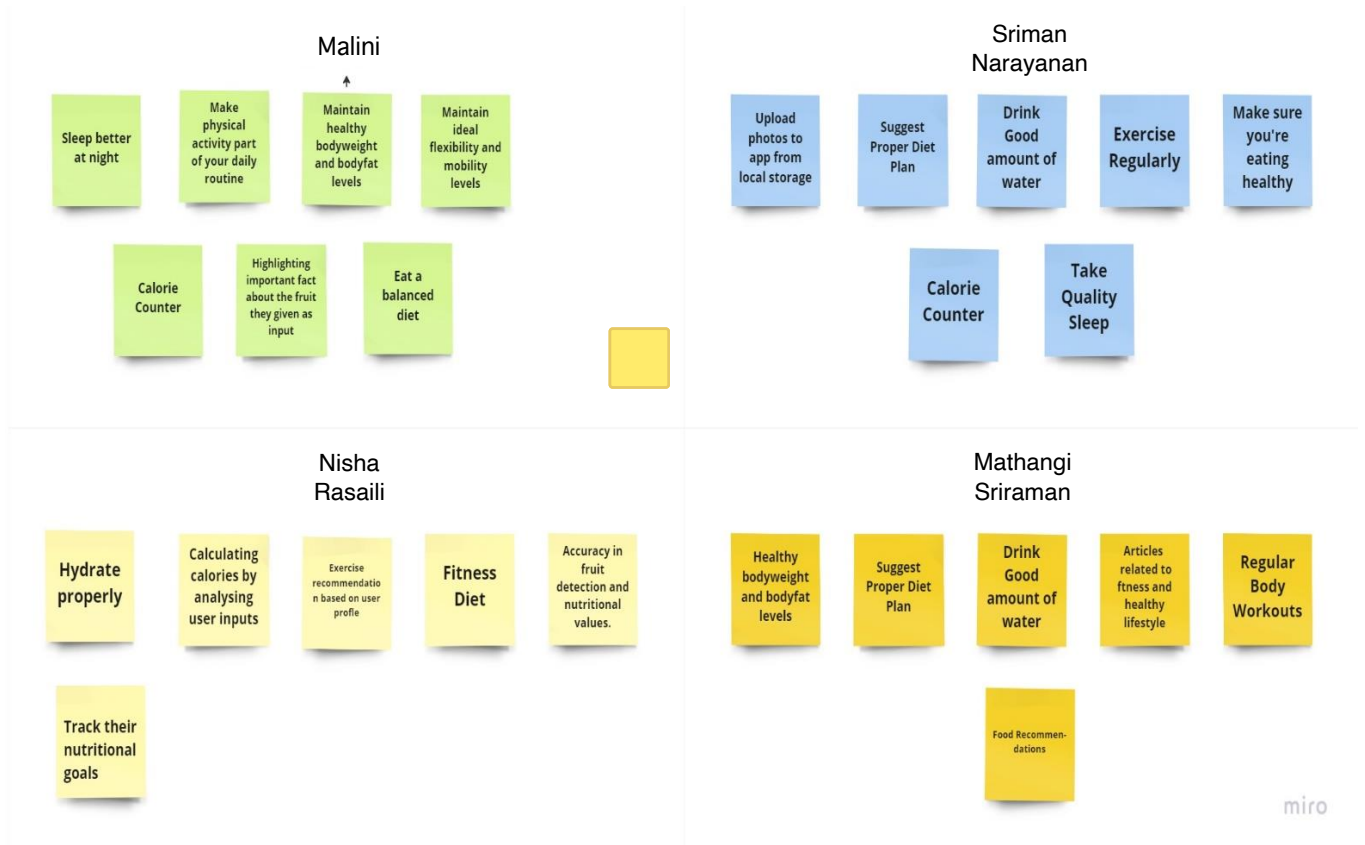


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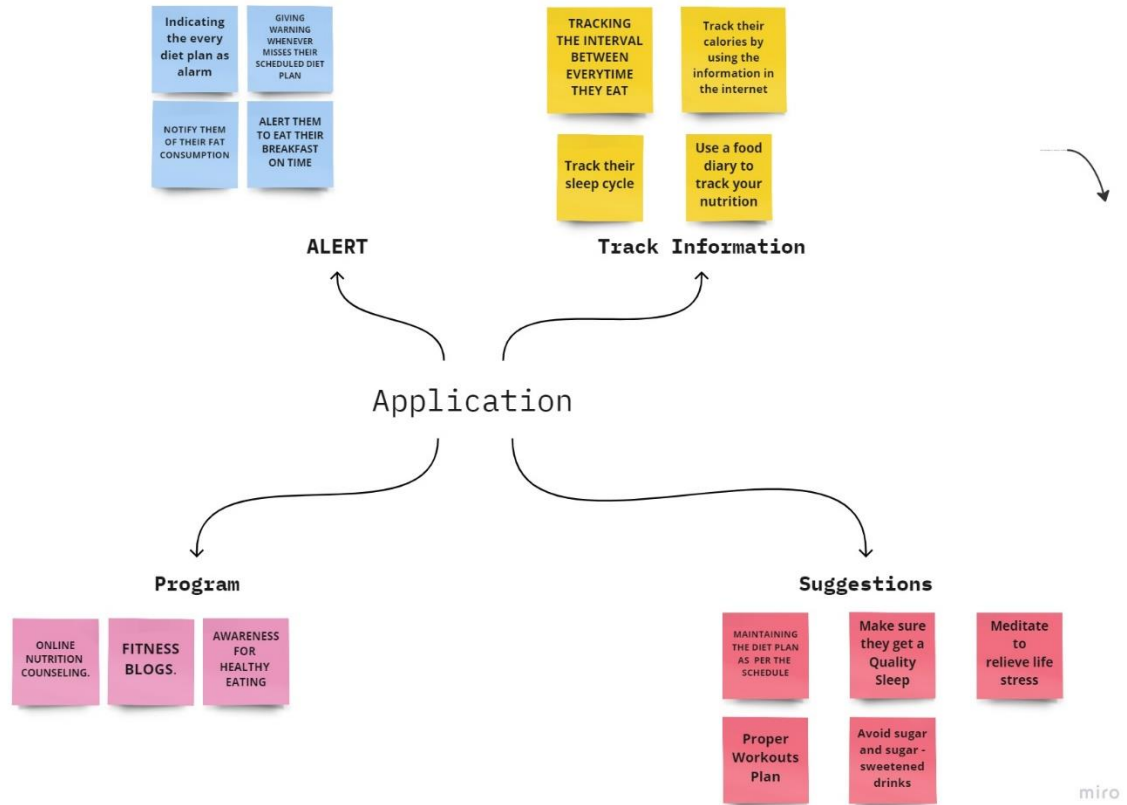
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Step-2: Brainstorm, Idea Listing and Grouping



Step-3: Group Ideas



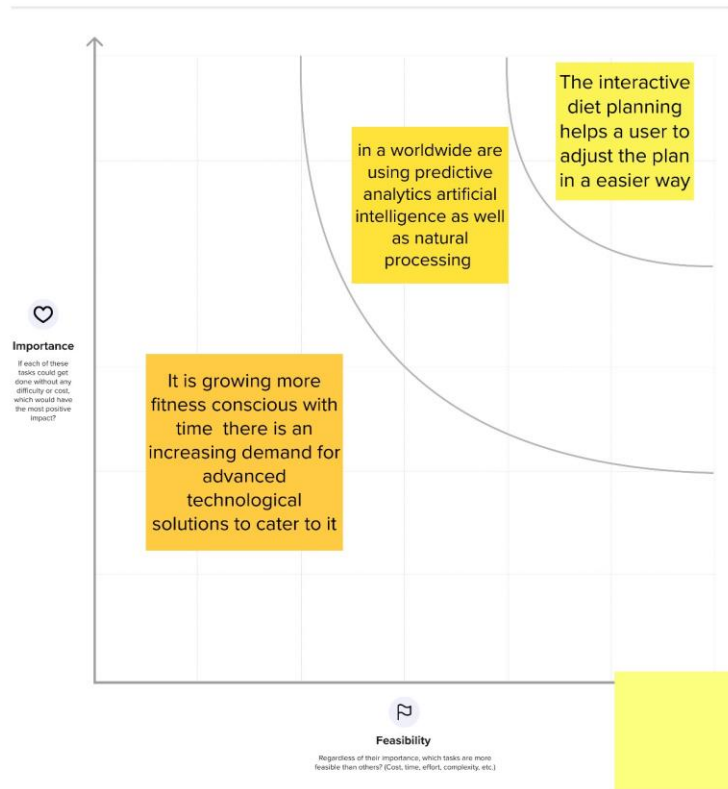
Step-4: Idea Prioritization

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Prioritize

Your team should all be on the same page about what's important moving forward. Place your ideas on this grid to determine which ideas are important and which are feasible.

20 minutes



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After you collaborate

You can export the mural as an image or pdf to share with members of your company who might find it helpful.

Quick add-ons

- A Share the mural**
Share a view link to the mural with stakeholders to keep them in the loop about the outcomes of the session.
- B Export the mural**
Export a copy of the mural as a PNG or PDF to attach to emails, include in slides, or save in your drive.

Keep moving forward

- Strategy blueprint**
Define the components of a new idea or strategy.
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- Customer experience journey map**
Understand customer needs, motivations, and obstacles for an experience.
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Identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) to develop a plan.
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