



# 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** Learn how to use the facilitation tools  
Use the Facilitation Superpowers to run a happy and productive session.

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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

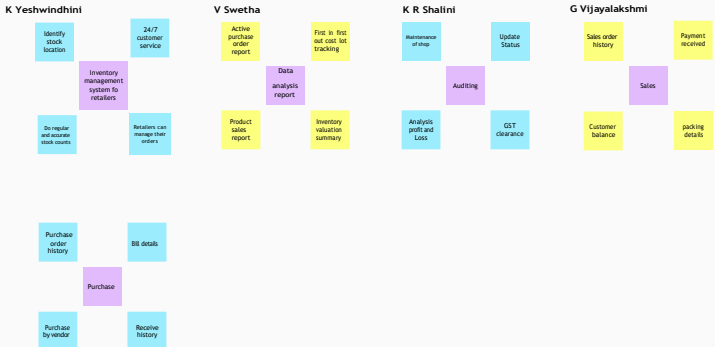
**PROBLEM**  
John is a retail owner help him to manage retail inventory in efficient way?



### Key rules of brainstorming

To run an smooth and productive session

- Stay in topic.
- Encourage wild ideas.
- Defer judgment.
- Listen to others.
- Go for volume.
- If possible, be visual.



**TIP**  
You can select a sticky note and hit the pencil [switch to sketch] icon to start drawing!

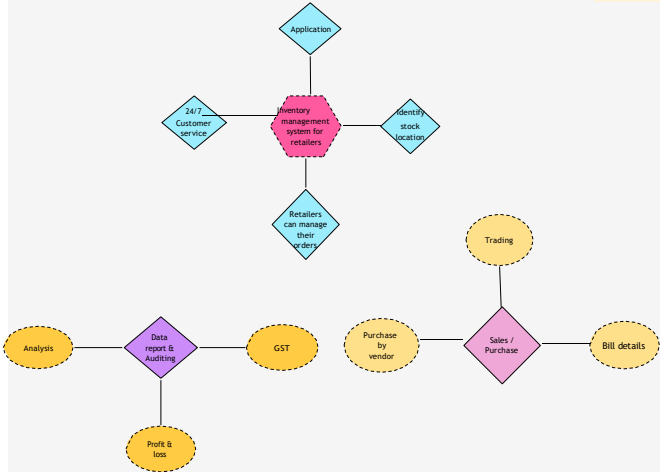
**TIP**  
Add customizable tags to sticky notes to make it easier to find, browse, organize, and categorize important ideas as themes within your mural.



## Group ideas

Take turns sharing your ideas while clustering similar or related notes as you go. In the last 10 minutes, give each cluster a sentence-like label. If a cluster is bigger than six sticky notes, try and see if you can break it up into smaller sub-groups.

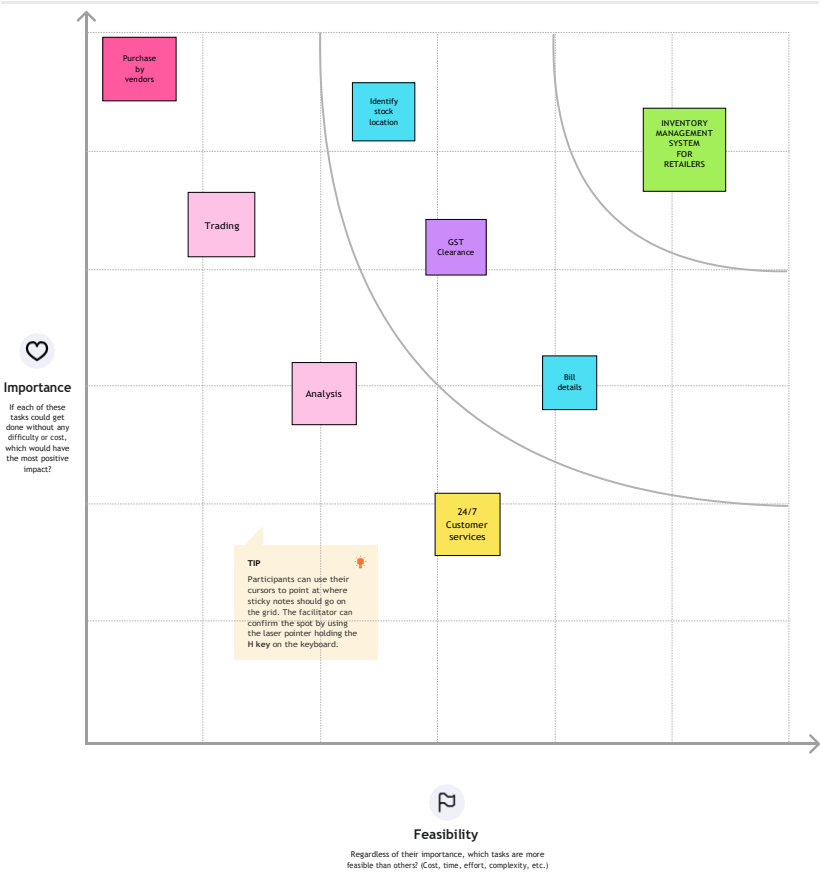
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## Prioritize

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



## 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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- Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities & threats**  
Identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) to develop a plan.  
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