


# Ideation Phase

## Empathize & Discover

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### Empathy Map Canvas:

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### Empathy map canvas

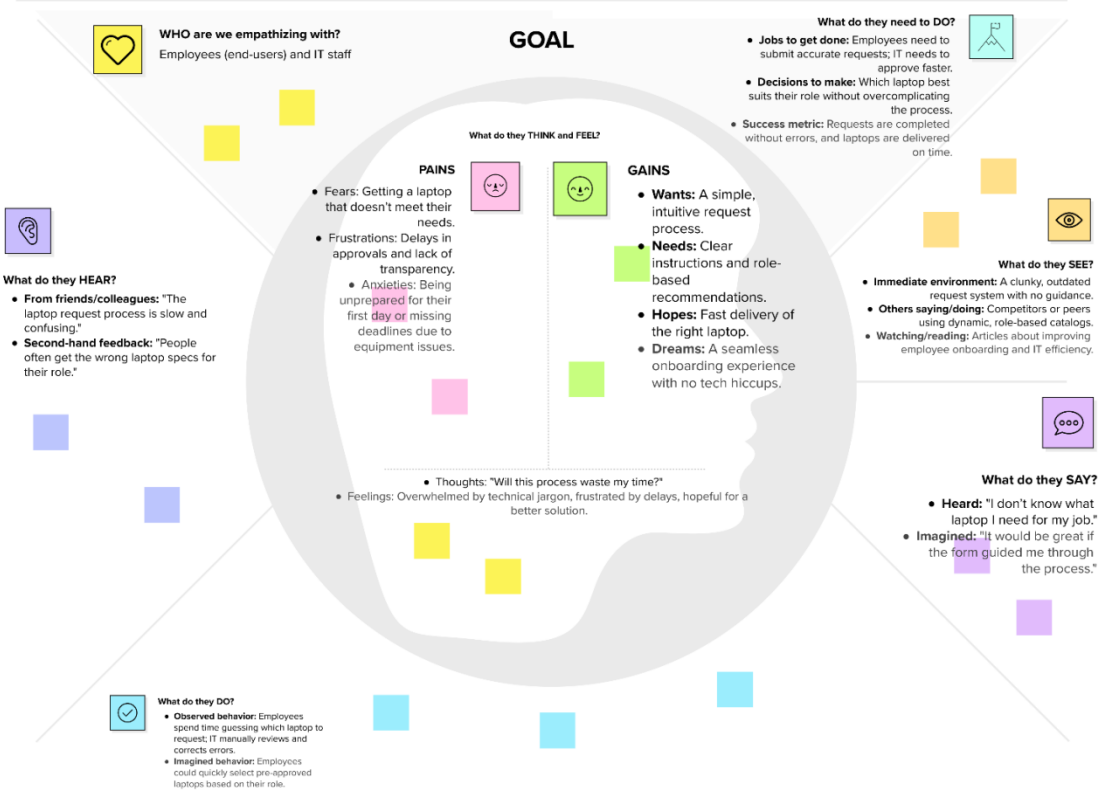
- Employees (end-users) and IT staff are the primary groups affected.
  - Employees struggle with unclear options and delays in receiving laptops.
  - IT staff face inefficiencies due to manual processing and incomplete submissions. Observations show employees often guess which laptop to request, leading to mismatches, and IT spends extra time clarifying details. Both groups need a streamlined, intuitive process that reduces errors, speeds up approvals, and provides clear guidance based on roles.

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### Develop shared understanding and empathy

Employees and IT staff are the primary groups impacted by the laptop request process. Employees struggle with unclear options and delays in receiving laptops, while IT staff face inefficiencies due to manual processing and incomplete submissions. Observations show employees often guess which laptop to request, leading to mismatches, and IT spends extra time clarifying details. Both groups need a streamlined, intuitive process that reduces errors, speeds up approvals, and provides clear guidance based on roles.



The diagram is a large circle representing a person's head, divided into sections for different types of information. The sections are: WHO are we empathizing with? (top left), GOAL (top right), What do they THINK and FEEL? (center), What do they HEAR? (bottom left), What do they DO? (bottom left), What do they SEE? (bottom right), and What do they SAY? (bottom right). Each section contains specific observations and needs related to the laptop request process.

**WHO are we empathizing with?**  
Employees (end-users) and IT staff

**GOAL**

**What do they THINK and FEEL?**

**PAINS**

- Fears: Getting a laptop that doesn't meet their needs.
- Frustrations: Delays in approvals and lack of transparency.
- Anxieties: Being unprepared for their first day or missing deadlines due to equipment issues.

**GAINS**

- Wants:** A simple, intuitive request process.
- Needs:** Clear instructions and role-based recommendations.
- Hopes:** Fast delivery of the right laptop.
- Dreams:** A seamless onboarding experience with no tech hiccups.

**What do they HEAR?**

- From friends/colleagues:** "The laptop request process is slow and confusing."
- Second-hand feedback:** "People often get the wrong laptop specs for their role."

**What do they DO?**

- Observed behavior:** Employees spend time guessing which laptop to request; IT manually reviews and corrects errors.
- Imagined behavior:** Employees could quickly select pre-approved laptops based on their role.

**What do they SEE?**

- Immediate environment:** A clunky, outdated request system with no guidance.
- Others saying/doing:** Competitors or peers using dynamic, role-based catalogs.
- Watching/reading:** Articles about improving employee onboarding and IT efficiency.

**What do they SAY?**

- Heard:** "I don't know what laptop I need for my job."
- Imagined:** "It would be great if the form guided me through the process."

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