Introduction to Course 6

Introduction to Adobe XD

Optional - Empathize with users

- Video: Optional Empathize with users and understand pain points 4 min
- Reading: Optional Learn more about empathizing with users 20 min
- Discussion Prompt: Optional Discuss the importance of
 considering user needs
 10 min
- Reading: Optional Conduct interviews for empathy maps 20 min
- Discussion Prompt: Optional Share interview questions
 10 min
- Reading: Optional Create empathy maps
 20 min
- Practice Quiz: Optional Activity:
 Create an empathy map
 1 question
- Reading: Optional Activity
 Exemplar: Create an empathy map
 20 min
- Video: Optional Create personas
- Reading: Optional Learn more about personas

 10 min
- Practice Quiz: Optional Activity:
 Create personas
 1 question
- Reading: Optional Activity
 Exemplar: Create personas

Optional - Define user needs

Optional - Define the problem

Week 1 review

Optional - Activity Exemplar: Create personas



Exemplar

Here is a completed exemplar of a persona for the Tee's Shirts clothing store example we began following in the previous activities. This exemplar is a completed version of the activity we asked you to do earlier in the exercise. We have provided an exemplar so that you can compare your own work with an example that meets all the criteria. We also include an explanation of how the example fulfills the expectations for the activity that we outlined.



Mahalia

Education: Architecture student

Hometown: Jackson, Mississippi

Age: 19

Family: Parents

Occupation: Dog walker

"Online shopping is my escape from my responsibilities"

Goals

- Bigger buttons and improved placement for more accessible navigation.
- Less cluttered navigation and layout for easier browsing.
- Accurate and inclusive sizing for improved buying confidence.

Frustrations

- "I struggle with the size and placement of buttons."
- "Shopping website layouts and navigation are complicated and confusing."
- "Too many websites advertise clothes that aren't the size they actually are."

Mahalia is a 19-year-old architecture student and full-time dog walker who lives with their parents. They work during the day and study at night, and enjoy browsing through clothes online during their off time to relax.

They are frustrated with their online shopping experience on mobile websites because of the size of buttons and complicated navigation. They also feel disappointed that sometimes the sizes listed on the website don't match the size of the clothes that they order and later receive.

To see the completed persona for Mahalia, click the link below and select "Use Template."

Link to persona: Mahalia persona

OR

If you don't have a Google account, you can download Mahalia's empathy maps directly from the attachment below.



Google UX Design Certificate - Mahalia persona [Example]

PPTX File



Assessment of exemplar

Here's how we created the persona for Mahalia.

Step 1: We added Mahalia, the user name from our example aggregate empathy map, to this persona.

Step 2: Under the name, we filled in a few basic details about Mahalia. This helps to build a picture of the persona's experience and what daily tasks or responsibilities they have.

Step 3: At the top, we included a defining quote that helped to frame the persona.

Step 4: We included Mahalia's primary goals, which included improved button accessibility, simplified page navigation, and introducing more inclusive clothing sizes.

Step 5: We added a few quotes that summarized Mahalia's pain points connected with their online shopping experience. Also, we included some recommendations they have about how to improve their experience.

Step 6: We created a story for Mahalia. This included their daily schedule, their experience with clothing websites, and motivations for visiting those websites.

Now compare your personas to the matching exemplar above. As you compare, ask yourself:

- Did you include enough basic details about your personas?
- Did you create persona descriptions that express their goals, interests, and potential pain points?
- Did you include quotes that summarize the personas' experiences or needs?

What did you do well? Where can you improve? Take this feedback with you as you continue to progress through the course.