Assumption Map   Project

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Assumption Plot
X axis: How certain are you the assumption is true?
Y axis: How important is it for the assumption to be true?

Critical

Verify these assumptions first.

Uncertain ——————————————————————— Certain

Not Critical

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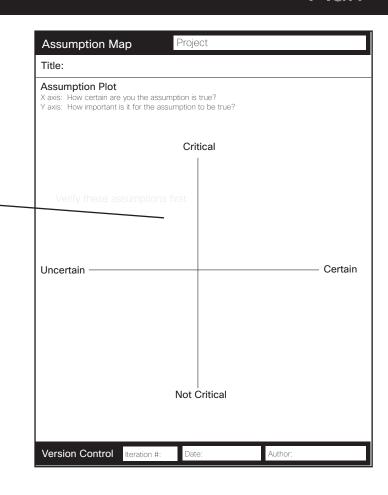
Plot Assumptions

Plot every assumption you have on this chart. The X axis is a range of how certain you are that the assumption is true. The Y axis is how critical it is that the assumption be true to make your project successful.

Why

A solution based on false assumptions will fail, therefore it is critical to understand and address your assumptions. As your research progresses, you aim to slowly minimize the number of assump-tions your project depends upon. This plot allows you to identify the most critical and dangerous assumptions in order to prioritize your research.

Tips

Start with the critical and uncertain assumptions and try to verify them with research.

As you verify or disprove assumptions, iteratively use this sheet to keep track of what assumptions your project is still based on.

What came before?

Project Definition
Pre-Mortem

What's next?

Pre-Mortem
Task Assignment

Initial Research Plan
Observation
Contextual Inquiry
Interviews
Domain Research

Mood Board
Visual Problem Map

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