

	What is a service?		
	Beyond the obvious and superficial, when customers pay for a service, what are they <i>really</i> buying?		

A guarantee that a particular set of outcomes & experiences will materialize within a particular space or time. Services are post-industrial products; outcomes are the 'goods' and experience is the packaging.

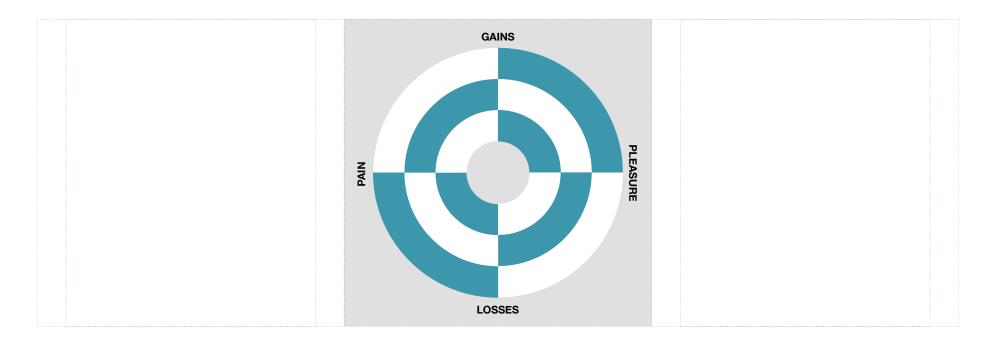
What makes some service enterprises thrive where others barely survive? What gives some category leaders immunity from challengers? What gives some challengers the impunity to take on establishments? What makes some service enterprises thrive where others barely survive? They guarantee superior sets of outcomes & experiences in more attractive space-time combinations; at much lower cost to customers.

What makes some service enterprises thrive where others barely survive? Their services are hardier and more resistant to industry factors; costs & risks every player is exposed to.

What makes some service enterprises thrive where others barely survive? Think of design as "genetic code". Superior design provides an unfair advantage they fully exploit.

Design is integral to the DNA of each and every public service. Design is not a matter of superficial appearance. How public services are 'designed' is central to their purpose, their function, their character. Design is the application of hard disciplines not soft furnishings. Restarting Britain 2: Design and Public Services A report by the Design Commission, UK, 2013.
What's true for public services and non-profits is most certainly true for commercial enterprises, with the additional burden of profitability.

The business model is pitch perfect and the strategy is sound. Policy and legislation articulate what's best in the public interest. What could possibly go wrong? Outcomes -Price/Experience = Net Value



Expected value fails to materialize in the particular outcome-experience form factor within a particular space or time; customers end up *paying* a much higher price, especially when the service is "free".



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"Instead of ... blueprints ...there is something that better represents what we should be designing going forward: genetic code ... an "instruction set" ... the idea that code is only the beginning of something: it sets off a series of behaviours, but you can't know the ultimate outcome in advance".

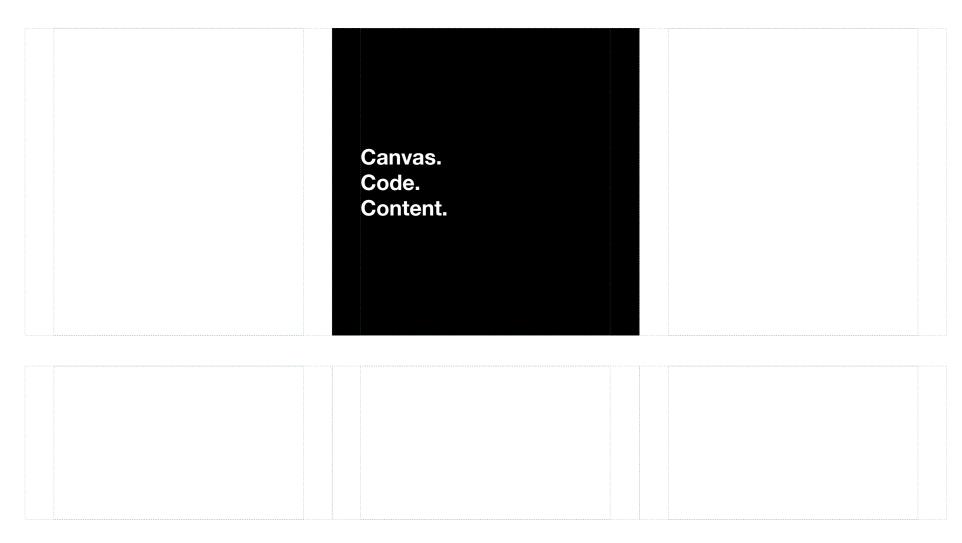
From Blueprint to Genetic Code:
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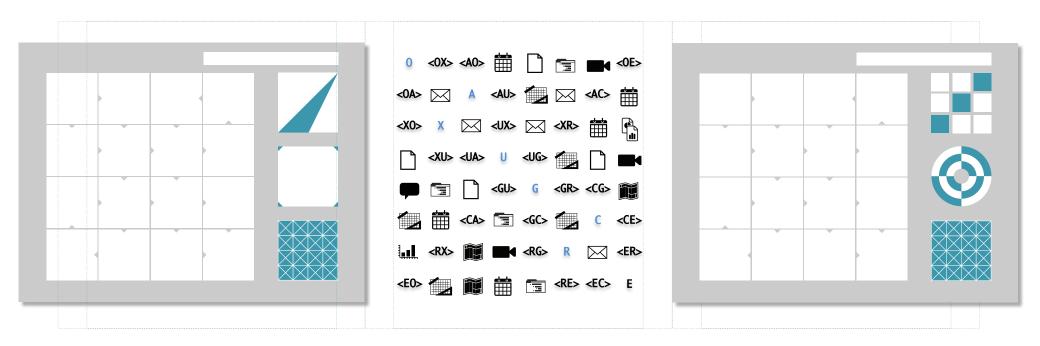
Tim Brown, CEO of IDEO Rotman Magazine, Spring 2012 "While most of us don't understand how to work with genetic code, we have already begun to understand how to work with ... software code. The design and engineering of software has changed quite radically ... a metaphor for how we as designers need to ... work going forward".



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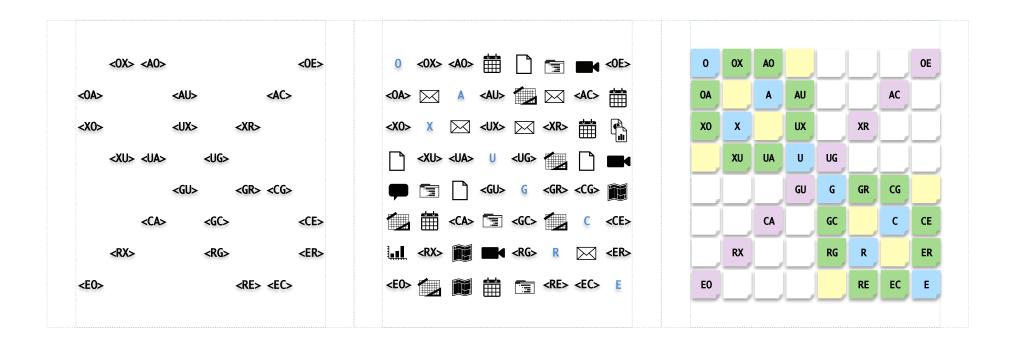


Like design spreadsheets, the canvases passively generate the design of a service product, in the form of an instruction set or pseudo code, that teams can implement. Encoded in the design are the business model and strategy.

design#code combines the tradition of industrial design with the tradecraft of strategy, to generate superior designs in fast cycles. The canvases embed a sophisticated design logic, based on economics, industrial engineering and organization science.

While the logic ensures the design is neither simplistic not superficial, filling the canvases with ideas, observations and insight can be as simple as having a whiteboard discussion, a friendly chat or a spirited argument at a table.

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12 Design Arguments

There are two sides to each argument; one from each Perspective

Design Input

Ideas, observations and insight, as and when they occur, to who them occur.

32 Design Functions

For a rich and complete design that covers every aspect of the service genome.



