Brainstorming Session Results

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Executive Summary

Topic: Personal Dashboard System for Multi-Business Management & Life Optimization

Session Goals: Refine and detail existing dashboard concept with emphasis on privacy/security, visibility, time allocation, and progress tracking across 4 businesses and personal development.

Techniques Used:

- First Principles Thinking (20 min)
- Morphological Analysis (25 min)
- Five Whys (15 min)
- Role Playing - Security Perspectives (10 min)

Total Ideas Generated: 50+ architectural decisions, feature definitions, and strategic insights

Key Themes Identified:

- **Time-Sensitive Opportunity:** Capitalizing on AI advantage window before it closes
- **Cognitive Offloading:** Dashboard as a system to free mental space for execution velocity
- **Strategic Revenue Model:** 3 consulting clients ($15K/month) funding own ventures while building expertise
- **Central Hub Architecture:** Tasks as the synchronization nexus connecting all dashboard areas
- **Privacy-First Design:** Security protocols essential for handling sensitive client financial data

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Technique Sessions

First Principles Thinking - 20 min

Description: Breaking down the dashboard concept to fundamental truths and building up from core needs.

Ideas Generated:

1. **Core Problem Identified:** Managing 4 businesses + personal development while racing against closing AI opportunity window to achieve big goals and create generational wealth

2. **Essential Building Blocks:**

    - **Visibility** - See everything that needs attention (1-2 click hub architecture)
    - **Time Allocation** - Track and ensure each area gets appropriate focus
    - **Progress Tracking** - Maintain motivation through visible forward movement
    - ~~Decision-making~~ - Not a priority
    - ~~Accountability~~ - Not a priority

3. **Visibility Success Criteria:**

    - 1-2 click hub architecture (central access point)
    - Monthly → Weekly → Daily goal/task planning hierarchy
    - Individual business progress dashboards (automation solution status)

4. **Time Allocation Success Criteria:**

- Time spent per business/project tracking
- Health goals compliance monitoring (ensuring health work happens)
- Ensuring all areas receive attention

5. **Progress Tracking Success Criteria:**
   - Completion percentages
   - Milestone achievements
   - Before/after comparisons
   - **Time saved metric** (automation impact - internal tracking)
6. **Fundamental Unit of Work - Hierarchy:**

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PROJECT (e.g., MCA & Line of Credit Submissions)
  ├─ PHASE 1 (e.g., Define lender requirements)
  │   ├─ Task 1 (e.g., List all required fields)
  │   └─ Task 2 (e.g., Get current process examples)
  ├─ PHASE 2 (e.g., Create Lender database)
  ├─ PHASE 3 (e.g., Build document parsing automation)
  ├─ PHASE 4 (e.g., Develop lender matching logic)
  └─ PHASE 5 (e.g., Create email automation & CRM upload)
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7. **Scope Definition:** Project > Phase > Task hierarchy applies to business work; Health/Content/Life areas use different structures (lower priority for current session)

Insights Discovered:

- Business consulting work is the primary focus requiring structured project management
- Personal areas (health, content, life) are important but don't need the same rigorous tracking
- The dashboard must handle different data models for different life areas
- Motivation comes from visible progress, not from accountability to others

Notable Connections:

- The 1-2 click hub need connects directly to cognitive load reduction
- Time allocation ties to ensuring health doesn't get neglected while pursuing business goals
- Progress tracking serves as fuel for continued execution during the opportunity window

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Morphological Analysis - 25 min

Description: Systematically mapping all dimensions and components of the dashboard architecture.

Ideas Generated:

1. **Main Page Architecture (7 Main Pages):**

   DAILY (Central Hub - 1-2 click access)
   - Tasks (NEW - central sync hub)
   - To-Do List
   - Schedule
   - Deep Work
   - Goals
   - Review

   BIZNESS (Business Command Center)

- Full Stack AI (your business, includes content creation)
- Service SaaS (your business)
- Huge Capital (consulting client)
- S4 (consulting client)
- 808 (consulting client)
- *Each has: Projects > Phases > Tasks (syncs to Daily)*

CONTENT (Learning & Knowledge)

- Content Library
- Tee Up with TG (golf channel content)

HEALTH (Fitness & Wellness)

- Workouts
- Goals
- Progress
- Whoop
- Meal Planner

FINANCES (Money Management)

- Networth
- Transactions
- Breakdown
- Budget
- Investor

LIFE (Personal & Lifestyle)

- Journal
- Cheypow
- Brain Dumps
- Shopping
- Groceries
- Travel
- Memories
- Dream Life
- Inspiration

GOLF (Performance Tracking)

- Scorecard
- Strokes Gained

2. **Data Synchronization Architecture - Tasks as Central Hub:**

   Tasks (central hub) syncs bidirectionally with:

   - Daily Pages: To-Do List, Schedule, Deep Work, Goals, Review
   - Bizness Pages: Huge Capital, Full Stack AI, Service SaaS, S4, 808
   - Health Pages: Workouts

   Secondary Sync (bypasses Tasks):

   - To-Do List ↔ Deep Work
   - To-Do List ↔ Schedule

Data Flow Example:

```
808 Business Page (schedule task)
    ↓
Tasks (central hub)
    ↓
Schedule + To-Do List (automatically populated)
```

3. **Review Page Specification:**
    - Read-only aggregated view (editing capability for future if needed)
    - Tracks activity across all life areas in one place
    - Provides holistic view of "what's up" across the entire system
4. **Privacy & Data Storage Architecture:**
    - **Frontend:** Web app at https://tgdashboard.fullstackaiautomation.com
    - **Hosting/Deployment:** GitHub
    - **Database:** Supabase
    - **Domain:** GoDaddy
    - **Primary Security Concern:** API Key Exposure (client-side vulnerability)
5. **Security Priority Hierarchy:**
    - **CRITICAL:** Bizness Data (client financial data - MCA apps, bank statements)
    - **HIGH:** API Keys (primary attack vector - must never be exposed client-side)
    - **MEDIUM:** Personal Financial Data (networth, transactions)
    - **LOW:** Health & Journal (private but less critical)
6. **Security Audit Requirements (pre-deployment):**
    - Scan for exposed API keys
    - Scan for passwords/logins
    - Verify environment variables not bundled in client code
    - Check Supabase row-level security policies
7. **Time Tracking & Metrics - EXISTING SOLUTION:**
    - **Deep Work Timer** (on To-Do List page) - tracks to the minute, syncs to Deep Work log
    - **Time per Area** - investment tracking across all main pages
    - **Time Saved Calculation:** `(Average manual task time) × (# successful executions) = Time saved`
    - **Schedule Time Blocks** - built into calendar
8. **Progress Visualization Requirements:**
    - **% Complete at ALL levels** (Project/Phase/Task)
    - **Task checkboxes** (To-Do List) - ✓ Built
    - **Task checklists** (on task cards) - ✓ Built
    - **Estimated Timeline Remaining** (forecasting)
    - **Milestone Markers** (phase completions)
    - **Graphs** (progress trends)
    - **Color Coding** (status indicators)
9. **Planning & Review Cadence:**
    - **Monthly Planning** - Set goals/targets (reviewed monthly)

- **Weekly Planning** - Plan on Sundays (reviewed weekly)
- **Daily Planning** - Plan night before (allows flexibility for unpredictable client requests)
- **Key Principle:** Flexibility for unpredictable asks while ensuring progress toward goals

Insights Discovered:

- Tasks page serves as the central nervous system of the entire dashboard
- Current infrastructure (GitHub + Supabase + GoDaddy) is already in place and working
- Many features are already built - this is a refinement exercise, not starting from scratch
- The nightly planning ritual (vs. weekly) provides necessary flexibility for consulting work
- Time tracking is already solved - focus can shift to other areas

Notable Connections:

- The Tasks hub architecture mirrors the cognitive offloading need - one place to see everything
- Security concerns are directly tied to the business model (handling sensitive client data)
- Planning cadence reflects the reality of consulting work (unpredictable client demands)
- Progress visualization at all levels supports the motivation through visible progress principle

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Five Whys - 15 min

Description: Understanding the deeper purpose and motivation behind the dashboard system.

Ideas Generated:

The Five Why Chain:

1. **Surface Level:** "I need to stay organized and accomplish my goals"
    - WHY? → To capitalize on current opportunities
2. **Layer 2:** "I'm seizing a time-sensitive AI opportunity before it closes"
    - WHY? → Because I have a unique advantage right now
3. **Layer 3:** "I have an unfair advantage window that's closing fast - AI will become easier for everyone to use"
    - WHY? → To maximize the opportunity while barriers to entry are still high
4. **Layer 4:** "I'm getting paid $15K/month by 3 businesses (S4, Huge Capital, 808) to essentially learn and master automation skills"
    - This funds my own ventures (Full Stack AI, Service SaaS) while building expertise
    - These are friends' businesses - I care about their success
    - Building portfolio and case studies for future clients
    - WHY is this dashboard critical? → To make this strategy actually work
5. **BEDROCK:** "The dashboard frees mental space by externalizing my cognitive load, which allows me to learn and execute faster → better results for everyone → stronger case studies → compounding knowledge and opportunity → exponential growth while the window is open"

Core Truth Revealed: The dashboard isn't just a productivity tool - it's a **cognitive offloading system** that converts mental overhead into **execution velocity**.

The Compounding Loop:

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Free mental space
  → Learn & implement faster
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→ Better results for all 4 businesses
→ Stronger case studies
→ More opportunities
→ Compounding knowledge
→ Exponential growth
→ BEFORE the AI advantage window closes
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Time is literally money: Every hour spent "remembering what to do" is an hour NOT spent learning/building/capturing the opportunity.

Personal Mission: Born to create and live a life of abundance. Setting up self and family for life to take care of people and do whatever heart desires.

Insights Discovered:

- The 3 consulting gigs are strategic - "paid education + capital generation" to fuel own ventures
- Not about accountability to others - about personal drive to create generational wealth
- The urgency is real - there's a closing window where AI expertise is rare and valuable
- Dashboard success = ability to juggle 4 businesses without mental overload
- Mental clarity directly translates to execution speed and learning velocity

Notable Connections:

- Visibility need connects to: "Can't execute what you can't see"
- Time allocation connects to: "Ensuring consulting work doesn't consume all energy"
- Progress tracking connects to: "Seeing forward movement maintains momentum during intense work"
- The entire system exists to maximize the ROI of the current opportunity window

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Role Playing - Security Perspectives - 10 min

Description: Exploring privacy and security from different threat actor perspectives to identify vulnerabilities.

Ideas Generated:

Perspective 1: The Malicious Hacker

- Target: Client financial data (bank statements, MCA applications, tax documents)
- Attack vectors identified:
  - Code visibility (if GitHub repo is public)
  - API key exposure in client-side code
  - Browser DevTools inspection (F12 → Network tab shows API calls)
  - Supabase URL/keys if exposed in frontend
- Current vulnerability: "I don't know what I don't know about security" (knowledge gap)

Perspective 2: The Security Auditor

- Would raise eyebrows at: "Vibe coded with Claude Code" approach
- Concern: Sensitive financial data handled by AI-generated code without full security understanding
- Missing: Documented security practices and audit trail
- Question: "Can you prove your system is secure?"

Perspective 3: Future Self (6 months from now)

- Scenario: Major financial institution wants proof of security before signing
- Current assets:
  - GitHub secret scanning (catches exposed API keys) ✓

    - Claude Code security audits ✓
    - Clean record (no breaches) ✓
    - Learning from mistakes (already caught and fixed one leak) ✓
- Needed: Documented security protocol and pre-deployment checklist

Current Security Measures:

1. GitHub Secret Scanning - Catches exposed API keys ✓
2. Claude Code Security Audits - AI-powered code review ✓
3. Learning from mistakes - Already caught and fixed a leak ✓
4. No breaches to date - Clean record ✓

Pre-Deployment Security Checklist (NEW OUTPUT):

- [ ] Run GitHub secret scan
- [ ] Run Claude Code security audit
- [ ] Check Supabase Row Level Security (RLS) policies
- [ ] Verify no API keys in client-side code
- [ ] Test authentication/authorization flows
- [ ] Review error messages (ensure no internal details exposed)
- [ ] Verify GitHub repo is private (not public)
- [ ] Check browser DevTools Network tab for exposed credentials
- [ ] Audit all API endpoints for proper authentication
- [ ] Document security measures taken for client presentation

Insights Discovered:

- Biggest vulnerability is knowledge gap, not malicious intent
- Current defenses (GitHub scanning + Claude Code audits) are good first line
- Need documented security practices for client trust and compliance
- "Vibe coding" is fine IF paired with systematic security checks
- Security is an ongoing practice, not a one-time setup

Notable Connections:

- Security need ties directly to business model (consulting for financial institutions)
- Pre-deployment checklist connects to quality assurance for scaling
- Documentation serves dual purpose: protection AND client acquisition
- The faster you move (opportunity window), the more critical systematic security becomes

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Idea Categorization

Immediate Opportunities

Ideas ready to implement now

1. **Pre-Deployment Security Checklist**
    - Description: Systematic security audit process before every deployment
    - Why immediate: Already have tools (GitHub scanning, Claude Code audits), just need to formalize the workflow
    - Resources needed: Document checklist, integrate into deployment process
2. **Tasks as Central Hub Implementation**

- Description: Ensure Tasks page properly syncs bidirectionally with all Daily/Bizness/Health pages
- Why immediate: Architecture is defined, just needs execution/verification
- Resources needed: Development time to verify all sync connections work

3. **Review Page - Read-Only Aggregation**
   - Description: Build the aggregated view that pulls activity from all life areas
   - Why immediate: Clear requirements (read-only, shows all areas), addresses core visibility need
   - Resources needed: Database queries to aggregate data, UI to display it
4. **Progress Visualization - % Complete at All Levels**
   - Description: Calculate and display completion percentages for Project/Phase/Task hierarchy
   - Why immediate: Data structure exists (Project > Phase > Task), just need calculation logic
   - Resources needed: Formula implementation, UI display components
5. **Supabase Row Level Security (RLS) Audit**
   - Description: Verify RLS policies are properly configured on all tables
   - Why immediate: Critical security gap that can be fixed quickly
   - Resources needed: Supabase documentation review, policy implementation

Future Innovations

Ideas requiring development/research

1. **Advanced Time-Saved Analytics**
   - Description: Automated tracking of automation ROI - before/after time comparisons with visual dashboards
   - Development needed: Build tracking system for "manual time" baseline vs "automated execution count"
   - Timeline estimate: 2-4 weeks (after core dashboard is stable)
2. **Intelligent Task Prioritization**
   - Description: AI-powered suggestions for what to work on next based on deadlines, time allocation goals, and opportunity value
   - Development needed: Machine learning model or heuristic algorithm, integration with Tasks hub
   - Timeline estimate: 1-2 months (requires data collection period)
3. **Multi-Client Dashboard Views**
   - Description: Ability to generate client-specific views showing only their projects/progress (for client meetings)
   - Development needed: Permissions system, filtered views, shareable links
   - Timeline estimate: 3-4 weeks
4. **Health Goals Enforcement Alerts**
   - Description: Proactive notifications when health time allocation falls below targets (you mentioned you've been slacking)
   - Development needed: Alert system, time threshold configuration, notification mechanism
   - Timeline estimate: 1-2 weeks
5. **Milestone Celebration System**
   - Description: Visual celebrations when phases/projects complete to maintain motivation

- Development needed: Animation/visual design, trigger logic, possibly integration with other tools (Slack, etc.)
- Timeline estimate: 1 week

Moonshots

Ambitious, transformative concepts

1. **Predictive Opportunity Scoring**
   - Description: AI system that analyzes all businesses and predicts which projects have highest ROI potential, helping prioritize where to invest time
   - Transformative potential: Could dramatically accelerate the "seize the AI window" strategy by focusing effort on highest-value opportunities
   - Challenges to overcome: Requires significant data, complex ML model, risk of over-optimization
2. **Automated Case Study Generation**
   - Description: System automatically generates polished case studies from completed projects (time saved, client results, implementation details)
   - Transformative potential: Turns every client win into marketing collateral automatically, compounding client acquisition
   - Challenges to overcome: Content generation quality, client approval workflow, template customization
3. **Cognitive Load Dashboard**
   - Description: Real-time measure of mental overhead based on task complexity, context switching, and time pressure - suggests when to take breaks or delegate
   - Transformative potential: Optimizes personal performance by preventing burnout and maximizing creative capacity
   - Challenges to overcome: Measuring cognitive load accurately, integration with biometric data (Whoop?), actionable interventions
4. **Business Ecosystem Map**
   - Description: Visual network showing how all 4 businesses interconnect - shared learnings, transferable automations, portfolio synergies
   - Transformative potential: Reveals hidden opportunities where one client's solution can be adapted for another, multiplying value creation
   - Challenges to overcome: Complex visualization, data modeling of relationships, keeping it updated
5. **Learning Velocity Tracker**
   - Description: Measures and optimizes learning speed - tracks new skills acquired, implementation time, and mastery level over time
   - Transformative potential: Directly addresses the core need to "learn and implement faster" during the opportunity window
   - Challenges to overcome: Quantifying learning, defining skill mastery, separating learning from execution time

Insights & Learnings

Key realizations from the session

- **The Real Product is Execution Speed, Not the Dashboard:** The dashboard is merely a means to an end - cognitive offloading to maximize learning and implementation velocity during a closing opportunity window
- **Strategic Business Model - Paid Learning:** The 3 consulting gigs ($15K/month) are brilliant strategic positioning - getting paid to build expertise while funding own ventures and creating case studies
- **Tasks Hub Architecture Solves the Central Problem:** Making Tasks the synchronization nexus directly addresses the "don't have to remember everything" core need - one place to see and manage everything
- **Security is Client Acquisition:** Documented security practices aren't just protection - they're a competitive advantage when pitching financial institutions and serious businesses
- **Flexibility Over Rigidity in Planning:** Night-before daily planning (vs. rigid weekly planning) accommodates the unpredictable nature of consulting while maintaining forward progress
- **Different Areas Need Different Data Models:** Business work needs Project > Phase > Task structure, but health/life/content work differently - one size doesn't fit all
- **Progress Tracking is Motivational Fuel:** Visible forward movement (%, milestones, before/after) maintains momentum during intense execution periods
- **Time is the Ultimate Constraint:** Every inefficiency compounds - the dashboard ROI is measured in hours saved × opportunity value during the window
- **"Vibe Coding" Requires Systematic Guardrails:** AI-assisted development is fine IF paired with security checklists, audits, and documented practices
- **Personal Mission Drives Everything:** The deepest motivation is generational wealth creation and living a life of abundance - the dashboard serves this larger purpose

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Action Planning

Top 3 Priority Ideas

#1 Priority: Pre-Deployment Security Checklist

- **Rationale:** Protects the most valuable asset (client data), enables client acquisition, prevents catastrophic breaches that could destroy reputation and business
- **Next steps:**
  1. Document the full checklist (expand the 10 items listed in session)
  2. Create a deployment workflow template (GitHub Actions or manual process)
  3. Run the checklist on current production dashboard
  4. Fix any identified vulnerabilities
- **Resources needed:**
  - Claude Code for security audits
  - GitHub secret scanning (already active)
  - Supabase documentation for RLS policies
  - 4-6 hours for initial setup and first audit
- **Timeline:** Complete within 1 week (before next client deployment)

#2 Priority: Tasks Central Hub Verification & Optimization

- **Rationale:** This is the core cognitive offloading mechanism - if sync doesn't work perfectly, the entire system fails to deliver on its promise

- **Next steps:**
    1. Test all bidirectional sync connections (Bizness → Tasks → Daily pages)
    2. Verify data integrity during sync (no data loss or duplication)
    3. Optimize sync performance (real-time vs. batched updates)
    4. Add error handling and conflict resolution
    5. Document the sync architecture for future reference
- **Resources needed:**
    - Development time (8-12 hours)
    - Testing across all business pages and daily pages
    - Potentially database optimization
- **Timeline:** Complete within 2 weeks (critical for daily usability)

#3 Priority: Progress Visualization - % Complete at All Levels

- **Rationale:** Direct motivational fuel - seeing progress maintains momentum during the intense push to capitalize on the AI opportunity window
- **Next steps:**
    1. Implement calculation logic (Task completion → Phase % → Project %)
    2. Design visual components (progress bars, percentage displays, color coding)
    3. Add to all relevant views (Business pages, Daily Goals, Review page)
    4. Include estimated timeline remaining (based on completion velocity)
    5. Add milestone markers for phase completions
- **Resources needed:**
    - Development time (6-8 hours)
    - UI/UX design for progress indicators
    - Calculation formulas for timeline estimation
- **Timeline:** Complete within 2 weeks (pairs well with Tasks hub work)

Reflection & Follow-up

What Worked Well

- **First Principles Thinking** - Quickly identified the core building blocks (Visibility, Time Allocation, Progress Tracking) and fundamental structure (Project > Phase > Task)
- **Morphological Analysis** - Systematically mapped the entire dashboard architecture without missing components
- **Five Whys** - Uncovered the real motivation (cognitive offloading for execution velocity) vs. surface-level productivity
- **Role Playing** - Identified security vulnerabilities from multiple perspectives, leading to actionable checklist
- **Honest Assessment** - Acknowledging knowledge gaps ("I don't know what I don't know about security") enabled productive problem-solving
- **Building on Existing Work** - Session refined what's already built rather than starting from scratch

Areas for Further Exploration

- **Integration Architecture:** How do all the tools connect? (Supabase, GitHub, Whoop, CRM, etc.) - might need a technical architecture diagram
- **Scaling Strategy:** What happens when you add Business #5, #6? Does the architecture scale or need refactoring?
- **Mobile Experience:** Is there a mobile version of the dashboard for on-the-go updates? How does that sync?

- **Delegation & Team:** As you scale, how does the dashboard support delegating tasks to employees/contractors?
- **Client Collaboration:** How might clients interact with their specific business pages (if at all)?
- **Backup & Disaster Recovery:** What's the plan if Supabase goes down or data is lost?

Recommended Follow-up Techniques

- **Mind Mapping:** Create a visual map of how all dashboard components interconnect (data flow, user flow, system architecture)
- **Assumption Reversal:** Challenge assumptions about what a dashboard "should" be - might reveal innovative features
- **Morphological Analysis - Part 2:** Deep dive into specific components like the Review page aggregation logic or the sync mechanism
- **Time Shifting:** "How would you build this dashboard if you had unlimited budget? What would the 2030 version look like?"
- **Question Storming:** Generate 50+ questions about edge cases, future scenarios, and potential problems to proactively solve

Questions That Emerged

- How do you handle tasks that span multiple businesses? (e.g., learning a skill that applies to Full Stack AI and Huge Capital)
- What's the backup plan if GitHub Actions fails during a critical client deployment?
- How do you measure "unfair advantage window closing" - is there a metric or just intuition?
- Should there be a "Client Dashboard" separate from your personal dashboard for client-facing meetings?
- How does the Content Library connect to actual learning outcomes and skill application?
- What happens to completed projects? Archive? Case study generation? Portfolio?
- Is there a way to track mental energy/focus levels beyond just time spent?
- How do you prevent the dashboard itself from becoming a distraction (meta-productivity trap)?

Next Session Planning

- **Suggested topics:**
    1. Technical Architecture Deep Dive (integration patterns, API security, scaling strategy)
    2. Client Acquisition System (leveraging case studies, security documentation, portfolio presentation)
    3. Learning & Skill Development Framework (optimizing the "paid education" strategy)
- **Recommended timeframe:** 2-4 weeks (after implementing Priority #1-3 from this session)
- **Preparation needed:**
    - Gather data on current dashboard usage patterns
    - Document any pain points or inefficiencies discovered during implementation
    - Collect metrics on time saved from first few automation deployments
    - Consider what's working well and what needs refinement

Session facilitated using the BMAD-METHOD™ brainstorming framework