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Course 5

Requirements Analysis and Design Definition (part 2)





Agenda

Delivering just enough

- Prioritization techniques
- Roadmap, MVP & MMP

Visual representation/modelling techniques

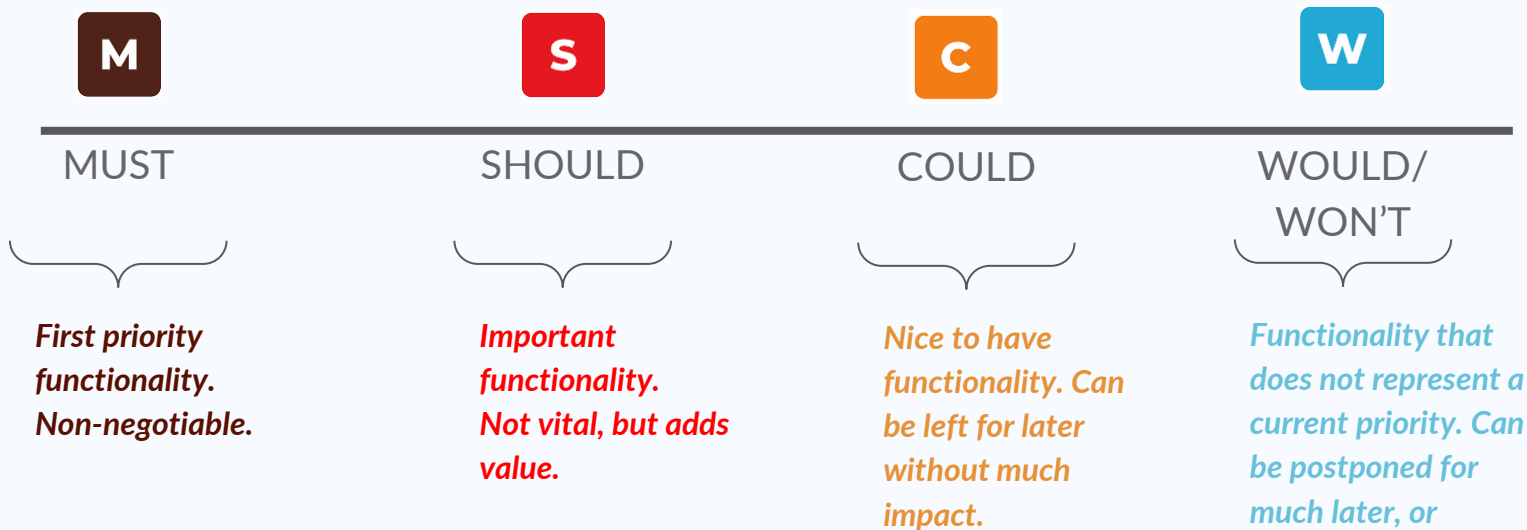


MoSCoW prioritization



Prioritization ensures that the most critical parts of a system are built first and everyone understands and agrees on what those parts are.

A well-organized requirements list will also ensure that the development team will build the most essential components in accordance with business objectives.





WSJF - Weighted Shortest Job First

- (WSJF) is a prioritization model used to sequence work for maximum economic benefit
- Backlogs are **continuously** prioritized (each iteration)
- Uses **relative** measures of value, time criticality, risk reduction and/or opportunity enablement, and job size.
- Specific monetary elements of CoD components are unnecessary, significantly reducing complexity and the time spent on prioritization.
- This model encourages splitting large jobs into smaller ones. Otherwise, critical big jobs might never get done.




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$$\text{WSJF} = \frac{\text{Cost of Delay (relative)}}{\text{Job Size (relative)}}$$

$$\text{Cost of Delay} = \text{User - Business Value} + \text{Time Criticality} + \text{Risk Reduction and/or Opportunity Enablement}$$



WSJF - Weighted Shortest Job First

User-Business Value	Time Criticality	Risk Reduction and/or Opportunity Enablement
 <p>What is the relative value to the Customer or business?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do our users prefer this over that? • What is the revenue impact on our business? • Is there a potential penalty or other negative effects if we delay? 	 <p>How does user/business value decay over time?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a fixed deadline? • Will they wait for us or move to another Solution? • What is the current effect on Customer satisfaction? 	 <p>What else does this do for our business?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the risk of this or future delivery? • Is there value in the information we will receive? • Enable new business opportunities?



WSJF - The highest WSJF is the next most important job to do

Jobs	User-business value		Time criticality		RR OE Value		CoD		Job Size		WSJF
Single-sign on	5	+	8	+	1	=	14	/	3	=	4.70
Move to cloud	3	+	5	+	3	=	11	/	8	=	1.38
Mobile app	1	+	1	+	5	=	7	/	1	=	7.00

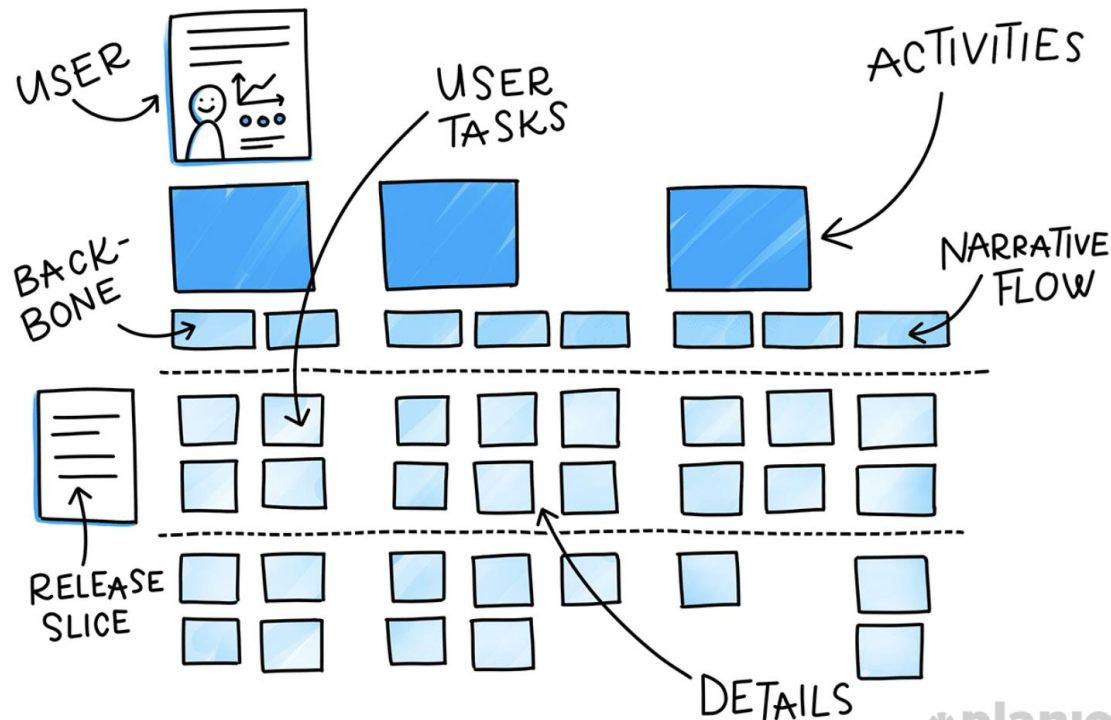
Notes:

- Scale for each parameter: 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 20
- Do one column at a time, start by picking the smallest item and give it a “1”
- There must be at least one “1” in each column



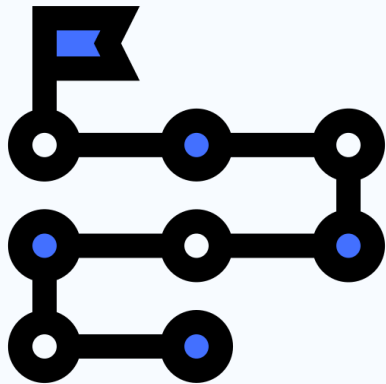
User Story Mapping

Story mapping is a simple technique that helps you, your team and your stakeholders talk about the right things and gain shared understanding on what you need to build to make your users happier than they were before your product came out.





Map the big picture next



- Identify the critical users of your product and map their interaction with your product;
- Map the activities the users will undertake & think what tasks are part of those activities for reaching their goal
- Add any other users as you tell the story and discover that their tasks are also part of the story you are telling

Customer Finds Product



Customer builds cart

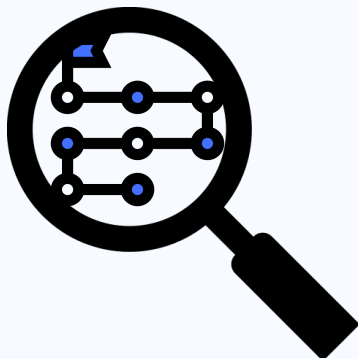
Customer checks out

Business Fulfils Order



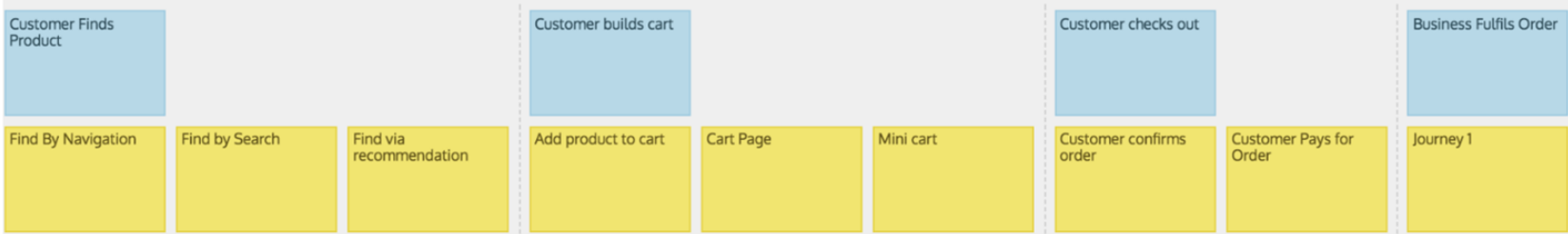
Explore the story in depth

Once you've got the backbone of your map, start drilling down:

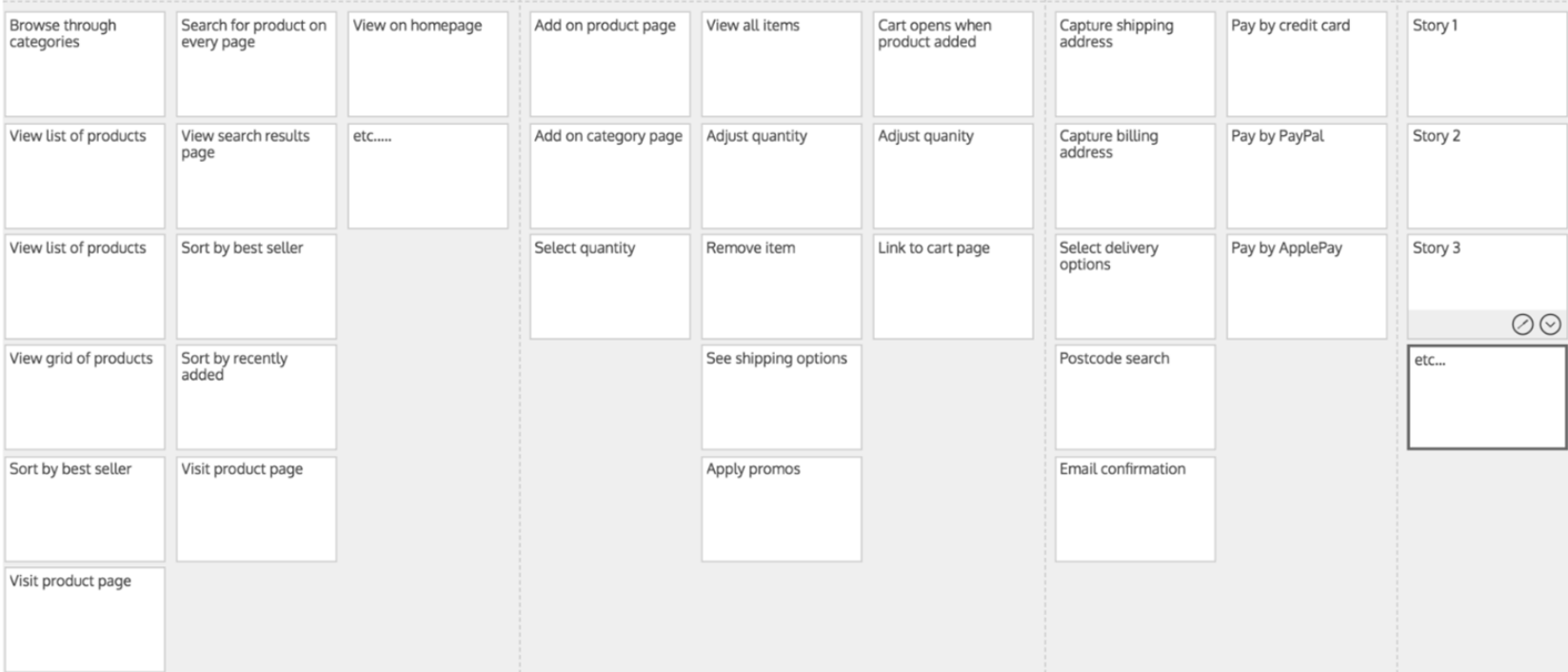


- **Split** the activities that are part of your story into tasks; the tasks will make great user stories for when you build your backlog later;
- Think of the **ideal journey** for your users as well as **what could go wrong**; identify **variations** in your users behaviours and possible **exceptions**;
- Add in details with **wireframes**, **business rules**, **data** etc.
- Ask others to listen to your story and **fill the gaps** that they point out (developers will point out **constraints**, **risks** and find tech **solutions** for your problems).

User Story Mapping - Example

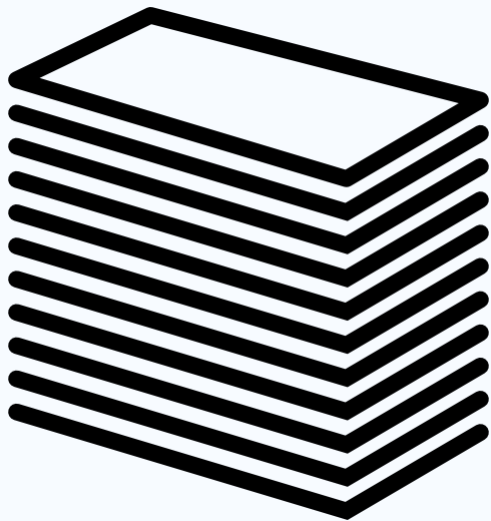


— Cards ▾





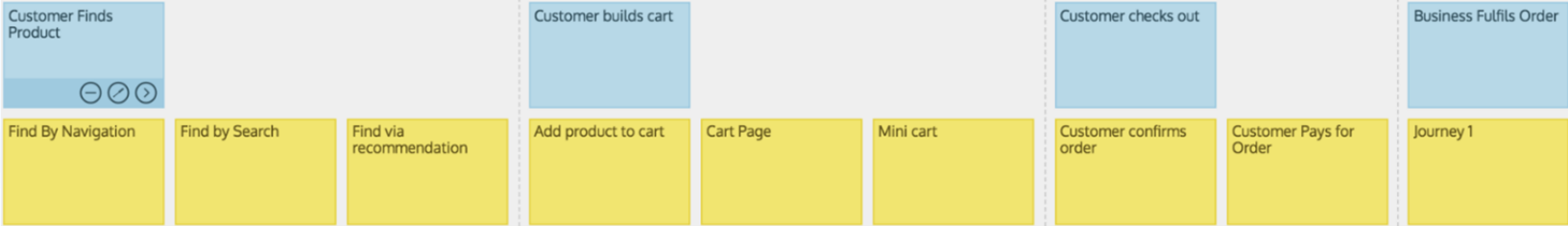
Slice out releases



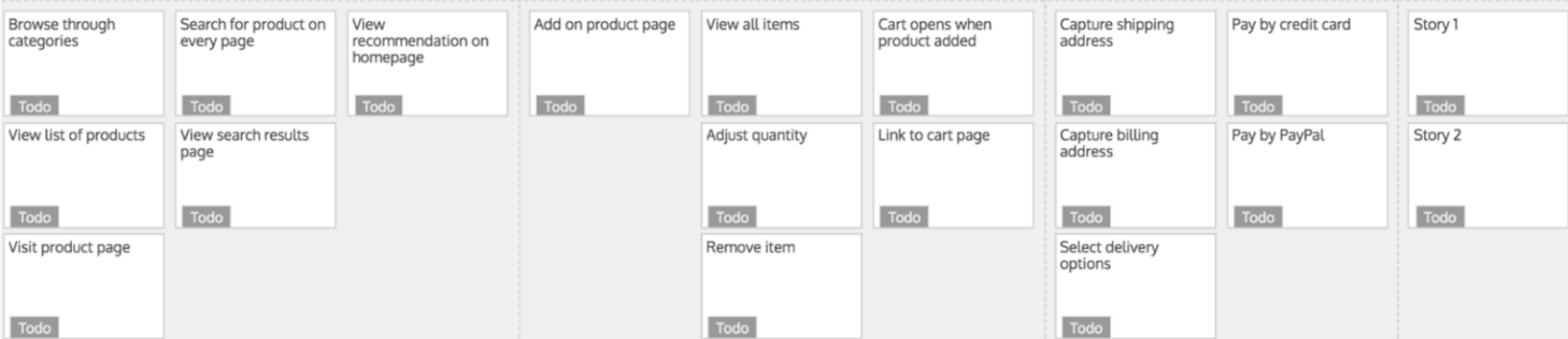
Now that you've got a whole map, you can slice out viable releases:

- **Slice horizontally through your map** to identify viable incremental versions of your product that can be released;
- **Identify the goals and outcomes for each of your releases** to show how each release contributes to your products overall goals;
- **For each release, find the right product success metrics** to show you how well you are doing every step of the way.

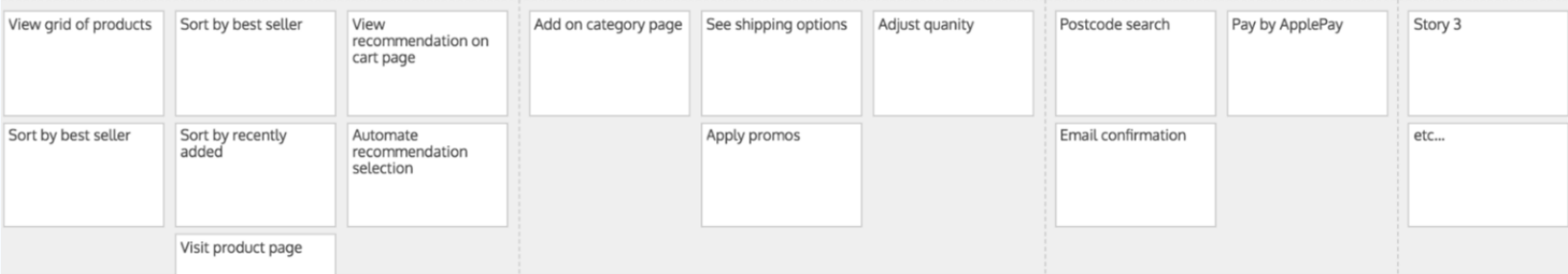
User Story Mapping - Example



– First Release ▾



– Unscheduled cards ▾





Slice out a development strategy



While you may have sliced out potential releases, there's one more thing to consider - what will be your development strategy?

- Plan out how to go about delivering your **MVP** to get early feedback and how to build on top based on your new found knowledge of your users' behaviour;
- Don't forget to factor in time and effort for refine and workshop stories with the development team, proper testing, actual release activities and closing feedback loops.



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Buy-a-Feature Prioritization Model Framework

- Interactive method (game) that helps you reveal what people value most in a product or service
- Organizations and customers usually want *all* of the features to be created, without accounting for the *resources available* to develop those features
- The Buy-a-Feature game gives a limited amount of “money” (e.g. for $\frac{2}{3}$ of the features) to potential customers, places prices on features, and asks that they purchase features with the “money” they are given
- By putting the decision making power in the hands of the customer, you can see what features are ‘make it or break’ it features and which they are willing to forgo
- Consider making your own money with your products’ logo on it. This can be a fun souvenir for the players





Roadmap

The **product roadmap** shows how the product strategy is put into **action by stating specific releases with dates, goals, and features.**

The product strategy describes how the long-term goal is attained; it includes the product's value proposition, market, key features, and business goals.

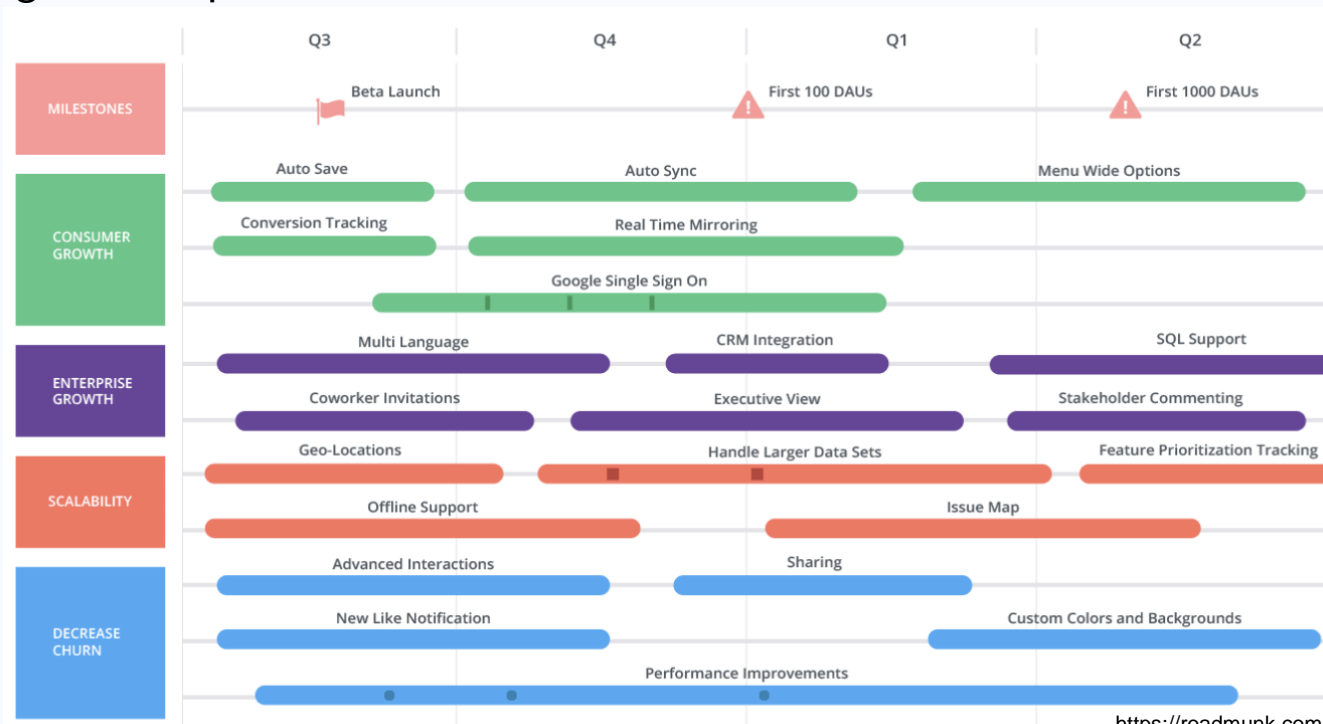
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Roadmap

A product roadmap is a shared source of truth that outlines the vision, direction, priorities, and progress of a product over time.





Roadmap

It is a plan of action that aligns the organization around short and long-term goals for the product or project, and how they will be achieved.

	BACKLOG	SCHEDULED	IN DESIGN	DEV IN PROGRESS
PRODUCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site Nav Redesign Feedback ¹ Feature A-B Release 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch High-Level Design ▾ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asset Disposal Process IT Store Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> User Profiles ▾ Streamlined setup for first-time users Roundup Pilot
UX & UI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ease setup and use ▾ Wireframe UX Design Template ¹ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feature UI UX Audit ▲ Competitor Research User Interviews Feedback Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New desktop icon User customization of Home Menu OS-based control panel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scanner Improvements New UI and Menu layout ²
DEV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asset Movement Tracking Bug Fixes to 7.1 release Plugin/Applet Manager WPS Support Library Support ▾ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT Budget Downtime Management ¹ Windows and Mac installers UTF-8 scanning issues Fix Browse Folder issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMDB API 2.0 Press-to-Play Support for El Capitan release 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streamlined Setup Factory reset option Performance Enhancements ▲ Server Side Rendering Scalability Plan Image Optimization



PRODUCT VISION BOARD EXAMPLE TEMPLATE

VISION

What is your purpose for creating the product?

Which positive change should it bring about?

To be the leading free electric vehicle (EV) / electric car-charging network in the world.

Having completely free electric car-charging stations in as many locations as possible will result in cleaner air, lower carbon footprint, lower cost of driving in communities, serve as a model for other forms of clean transportation, and help communities achieve climate-change goals.



TARGET GROUP

Which market or market segment does the product address?

Who are the target customers and users?

The product's target markets are existing - and potential - electric vehicle (EV) users/drivers.



NEEDS

What problem does the product solve?

Which benefit does it provide?

The product provides a solution to the relative "scarcity" of EV charging stations.

With an increase in EV charging stations, EV drivers/users will have more charging options. The prevalence of EV charging stations will also entice non-EV users/drivers to switch to EV vehicles, with the following benefits:

- cleaner air
- lower carbon footprint
- lower cost of driving in communities
- serve as a model for other forms of clean transportation
- help communities achieve climate-change goals



PRODUCT

What product is it?

What makes it stand out?

Is it feasible to develop the product?

Unique EV charging stations.

Product is differentiated in that we're partnered with the largest brick-and-mortar retailers in the US, Canada, and Mexico.

It's completely feasible to continue to develop / evolve existing product, so that our EV charging stations are *universal* for all EVs.



BUSINESS GOALS

How is the product going to benefit the company?

What are the business goals?

The primary goal is to roll out our product to more locations than any EV-charging provider.

Being the market leader will result in a 36% revenue increase for the company over a 5-year period.

Additional business goals are to continue sales and partnerships with existing -- and potential -- retail-chain locations to implement EV-charging stations in their parking lots.





MVP vs. MMP

A **Minimum viable product (MVP)** is a version of a new product that is created with the least effort possible to be used for validated learning about customers. MVPs are created to help you to find the features that customers are actually interested in.

A **Minimum marketable product (MMP)** is the product that has the smallest possible feature set that addresses the current needs of your customers. This type of product has value to both the organization delivering it and the people using it.



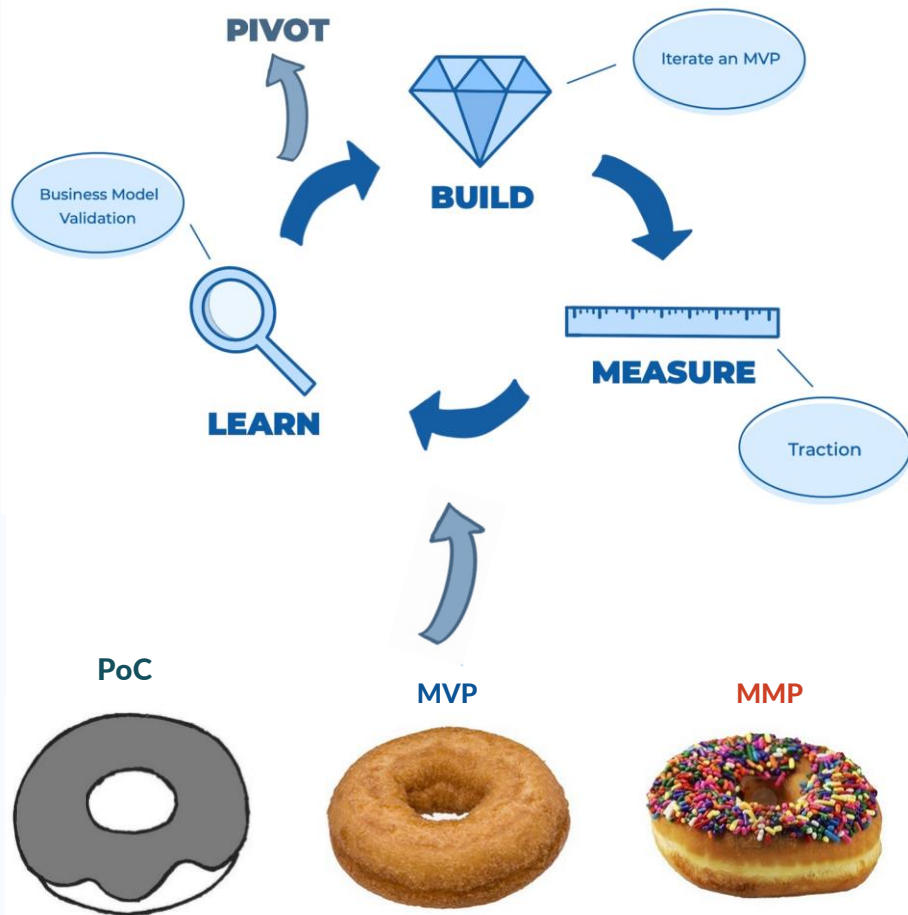


Why define an MVP?

Choosing to build an **MVP** will allow you to invest the absolute **minimum effort** in a version of the product that will allow the **users to test** it.

It's quick & incomplete but will allow you to learn from the users and **adapt**. An MVP, **maximizes the work not done**.

The MVP will enable you to iterate with minimum costs.

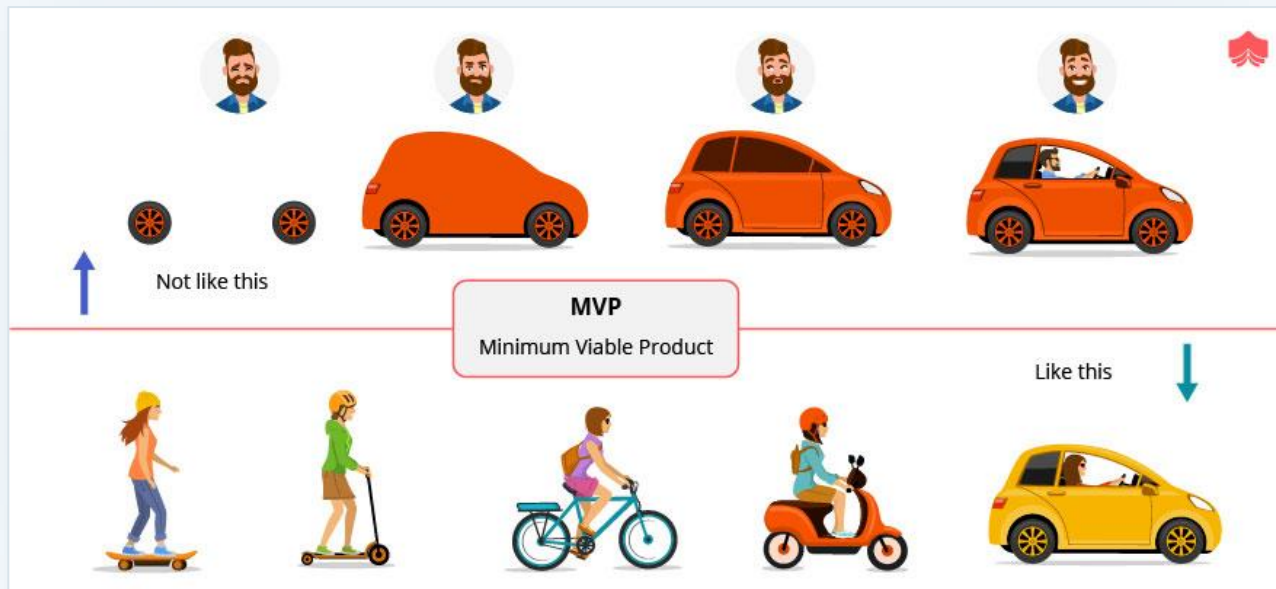




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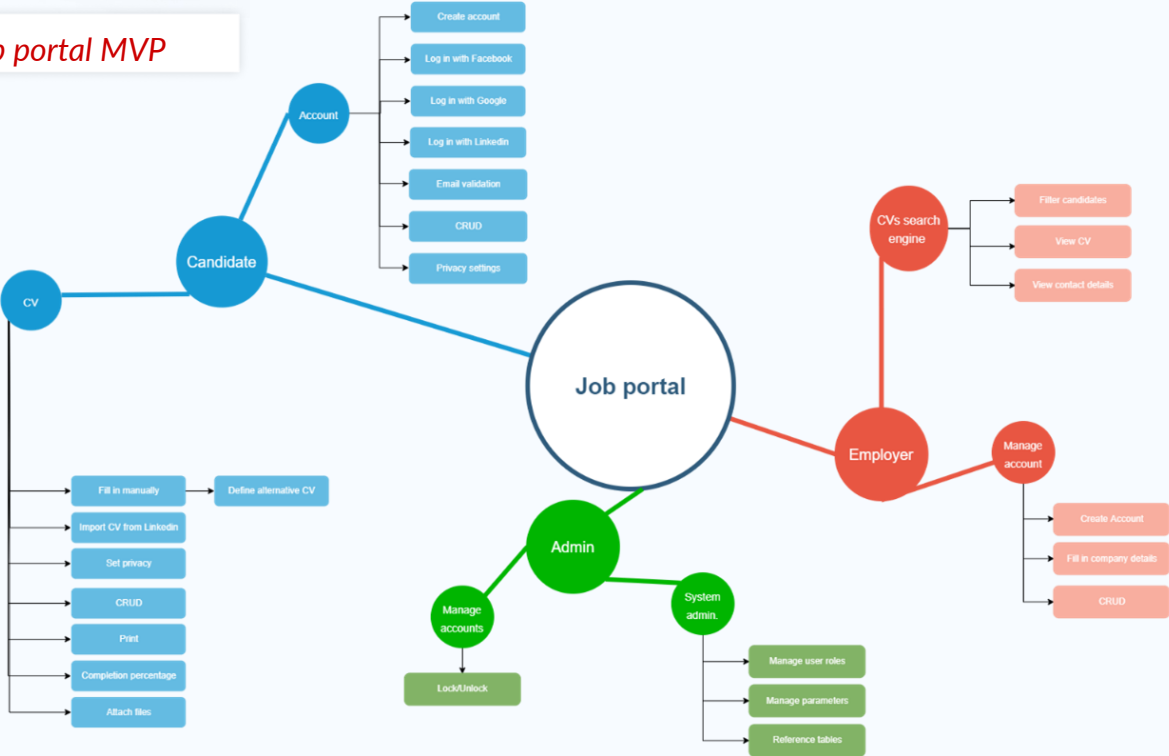
Mind that while the MVP will require the minimum effort, the effort must be invested in valuable functionalities. They may not be fully baked, but they must be be valuable. Otherwise, the effort, whether minimum or not is wasted.



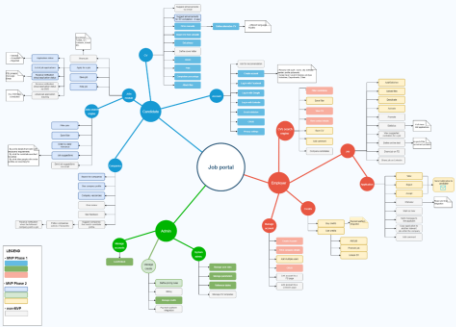


Job portal MVP - example

Job portal MVP



Job portal - full functionalities list





Phase no	Phase scope	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1	Discovery phase												
2	PMVP Prototype and branding												
3	MVP - Candidates Development												
	Candidates - Go LIVE						▼ MVP I						
4	MVP - Companies												
	Companies - Go LIVE								▼ MVP II				
5	Stabilise solution						▼ ▼	▼	▼ ▼	▼ ▼	▼	▼ ▼	▼

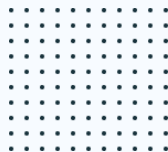


Visual representations

UML diagrams (activity/state diagram)

Context diagram

Sitemap



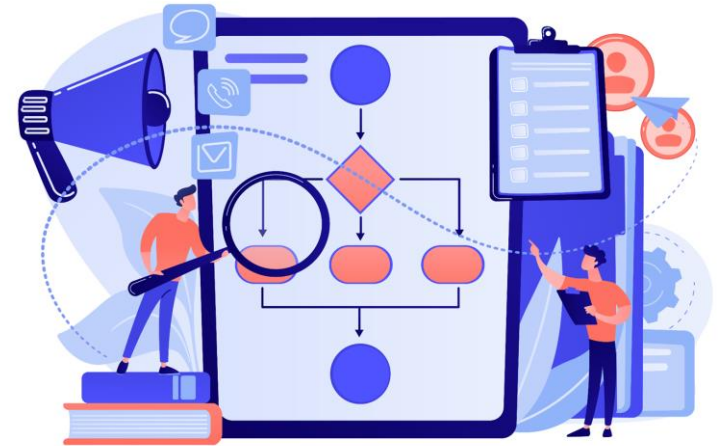


What are models and diagrams?

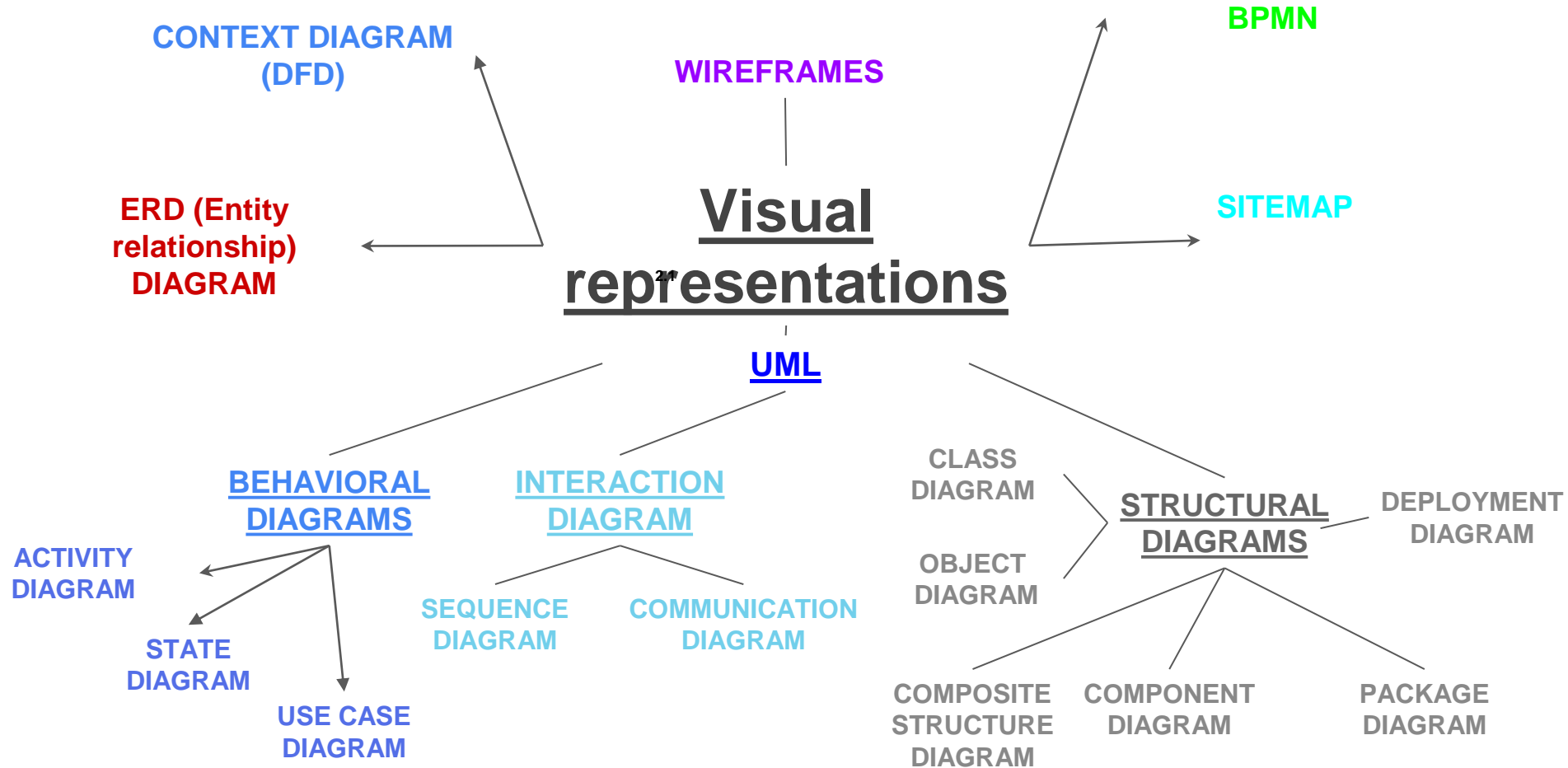
A **model** is an informative **representation** of an object, person or system. **Conceptual models** may be a representation of a system, concepts used to help people know, understand, or simulate a subject the model represents

Diagrams are symbolic representations of information using visualization techniques.

- Used to validate solutions
- Facilitate communication with stakeholders
- Accompanies the textual form of specifications



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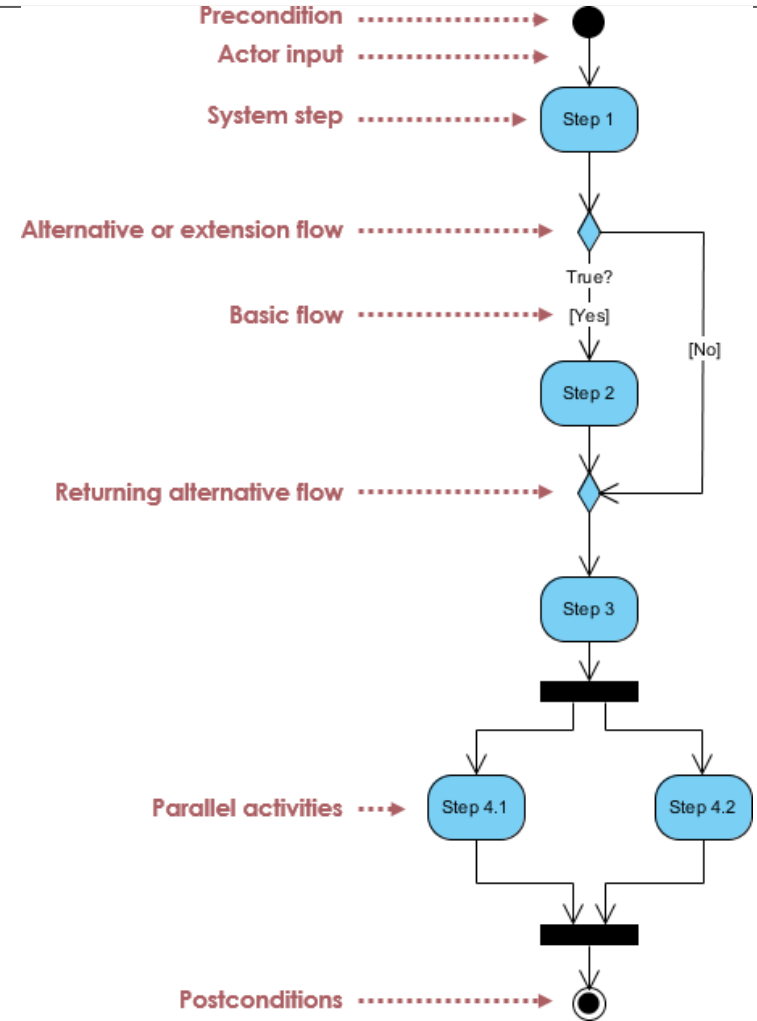


Activity diagram

Is a behavioral diagram used to represent workflows

- ❑ Simple, understood by end-users
- ❑ Easy to learn
- ❑ Used at different levels of abstraction
- ❑ Focus on sequence of steps (the roles can be represented as partitions)
- ❑ Represents alternative flows and parallel flows

Activity diagram





Notations

- **actions are always verbs**
- always use the initial state
- one or more final states are allowed
- from an activity there is only one action flow leaving, and one or more action flow entering
- parallel flows need to merge at some point
- action flows starting from a decision point need to include the condition for that flow to happen
- usually after each condition, 2 disjunctive flows are represented, yet you may have a compound condition and more than 2 flows
- think of pairs Decision- Merge, Fork-Join



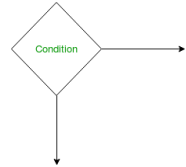
➡ **Initial State** – The starting state.



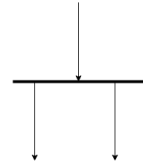
➡ **Action** - execution of an action.



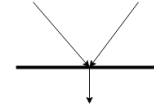
➡ **Action flow** - transition from one activity to another.



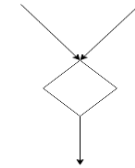
➡ **Decision node** - The point of decision in the flow.



➡ **Fork** - support concurrent activities.



➡ **Join** – concurrent activities converging into one.



➡ **Merge** – activities which are not being executed concurrently have to be merged.

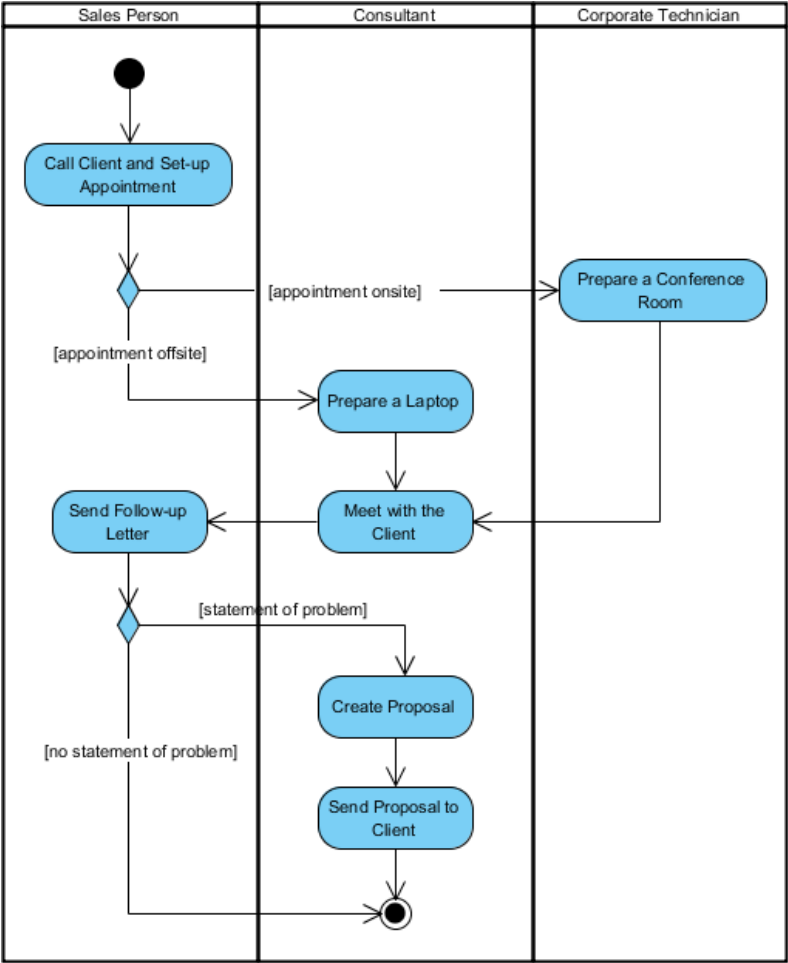
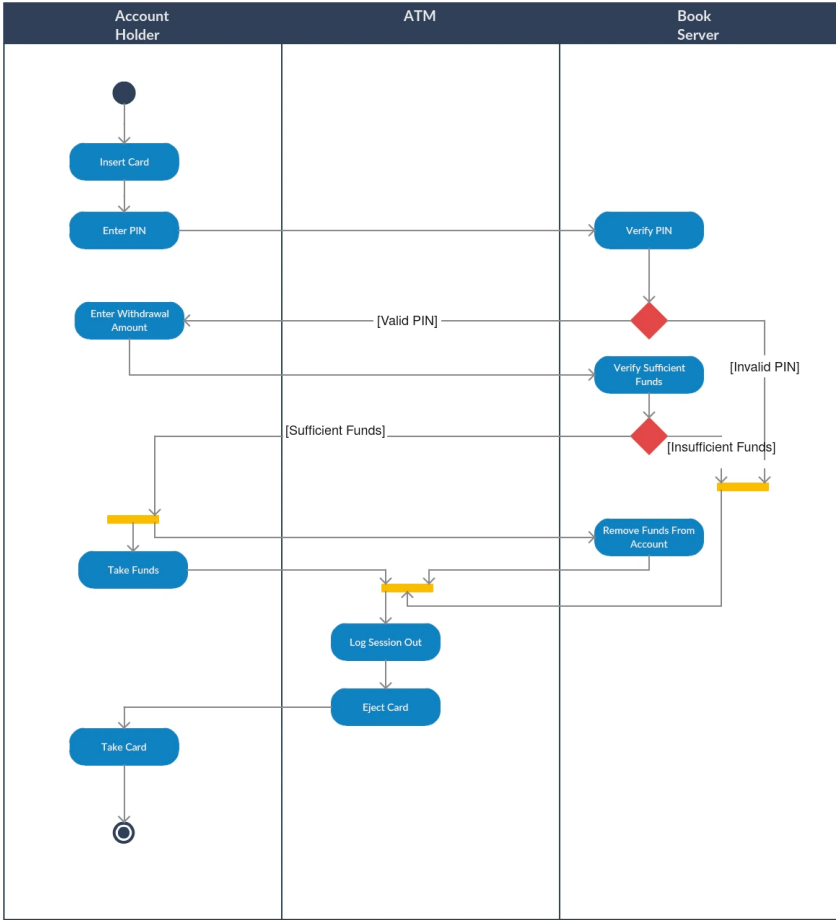


➡ **Swimlanes** – swimlanes for group related activities in one column.



➡ **Final State** – the state in which the activity ends.

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State diagram

A **state diagram** is used to represent the condition of the system or part of the system at given instances of time.

- model the dynamic behavior of an entity in response to time and external triggering factor
- used for 3 or more states
- similar notations as activity diagrams
- the states are adjectives
- the events include verbs and name the transitions
- there are no conditions represented
- forks and joins can be used



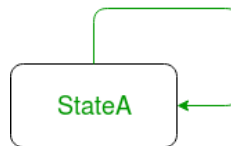
Initial State – The starting state.



Action - the conditions or circumstances of an object of a class at an instant of time.



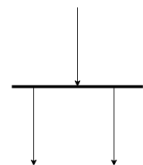
Transition – change of control from one state to another. The arrow is labelled with the event which causes the change in state.



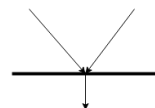
Self transition - when the state of the object does not change upon the occurrence of an event.



Final State – the state in which the activity ends.



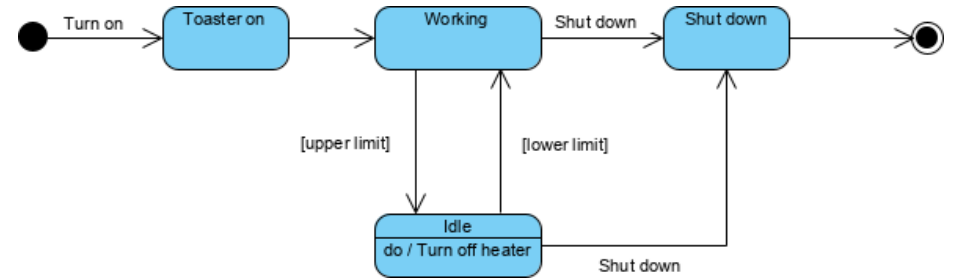
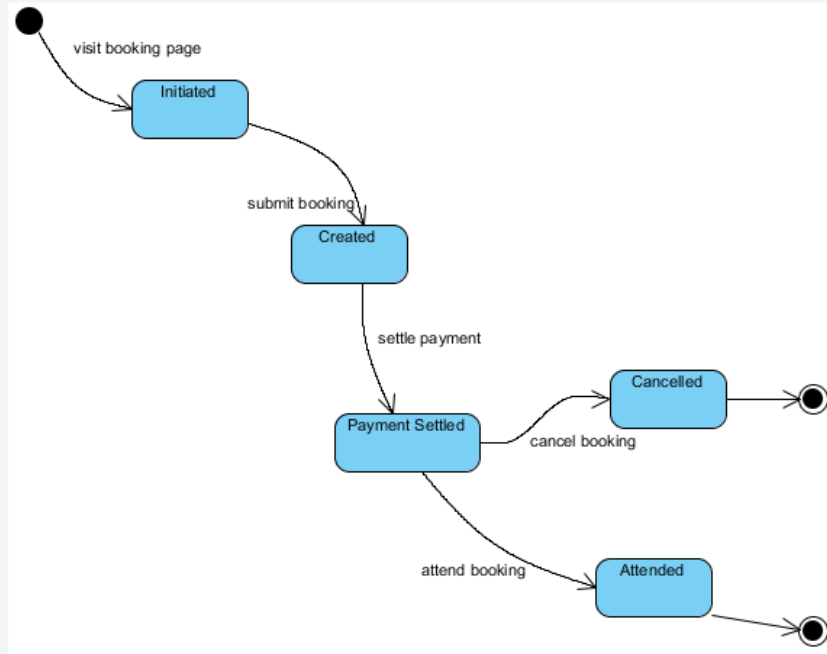
Fork - support concurrent states.



Join – two or more states concurrently converge into one on the occurrence of an event or events.



Examples

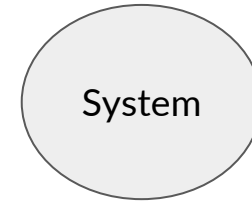




Context diagram

Is an abstraction view, showing the system as a single process with its relationship to external entities: people, organizations, and/or systems.

- ☐ Is level 0 data flow diagram
- ☐ the system as a single bubble with input and output data indicated by incoming/outgoing arrows
- ☐ defines the scope of your system
- ☐ created in early stage of the project (after 1-3 workshops)
- ☐ update it when new interactions/interfaces are added to the product



System

Process (in DFD 0 is the system)



Entity

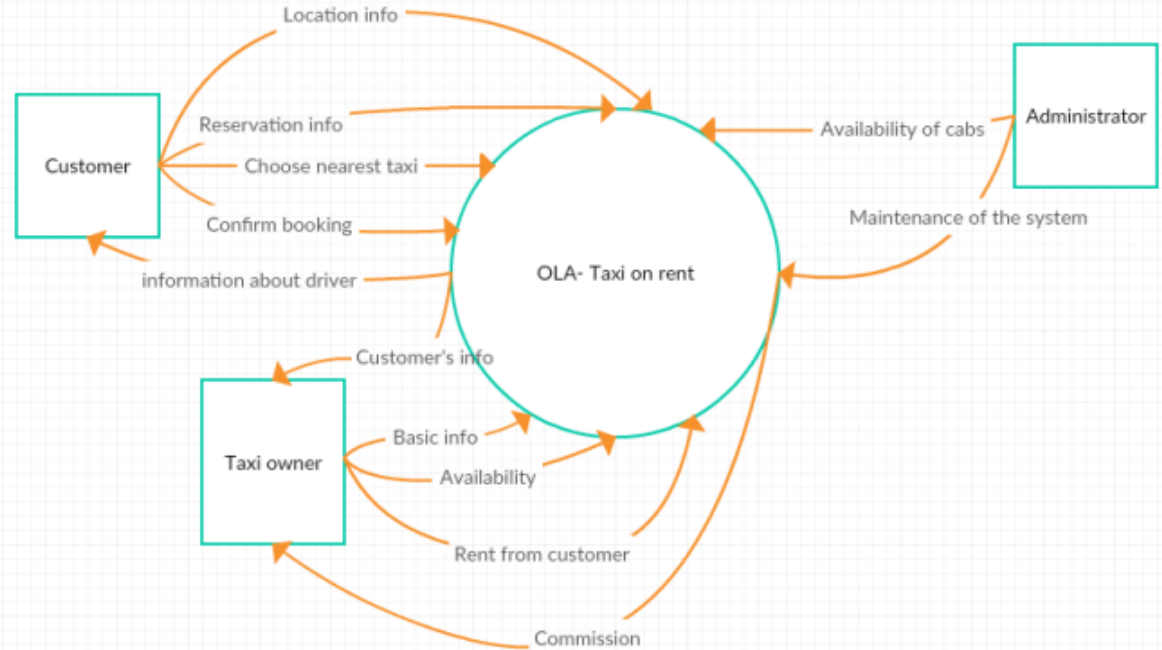
Terminator - external entities that interact with your system.



Data Flow - the information transferring between different parts of the systems, arrows representing direction of data



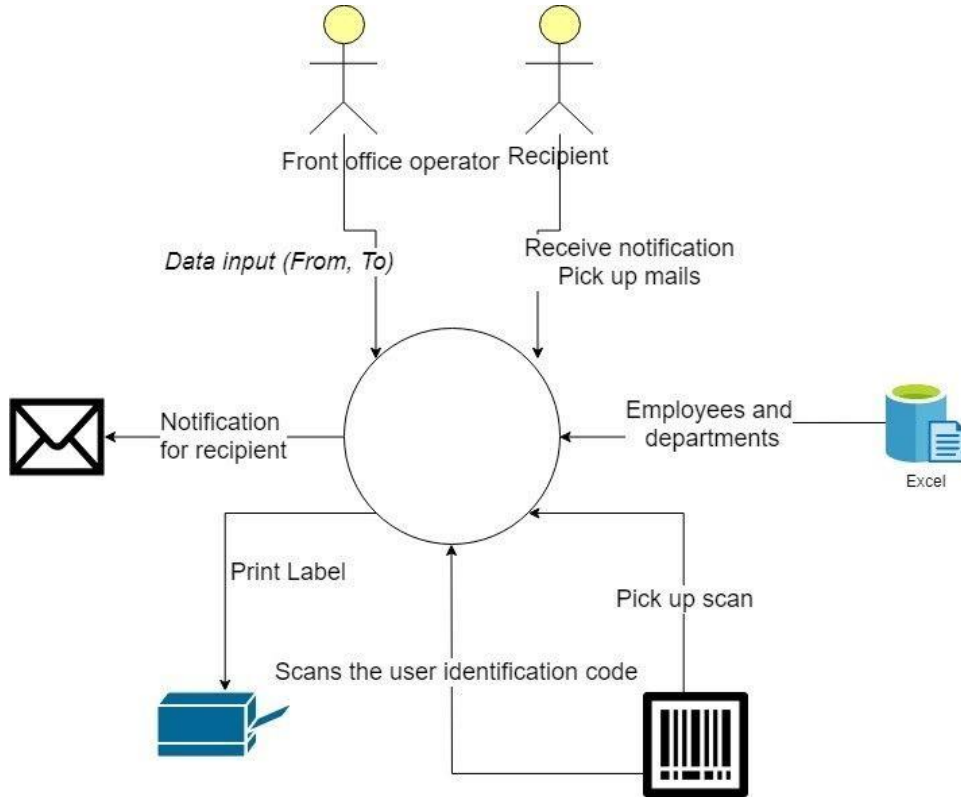
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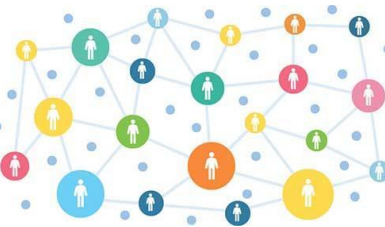




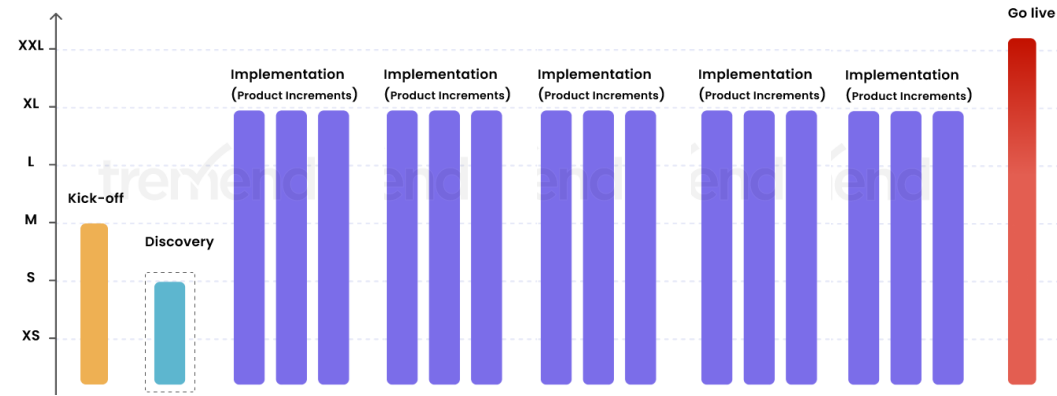
“Enhanced” example

Context diagrams with customised representation, which evolved to include also the integrations within the system.

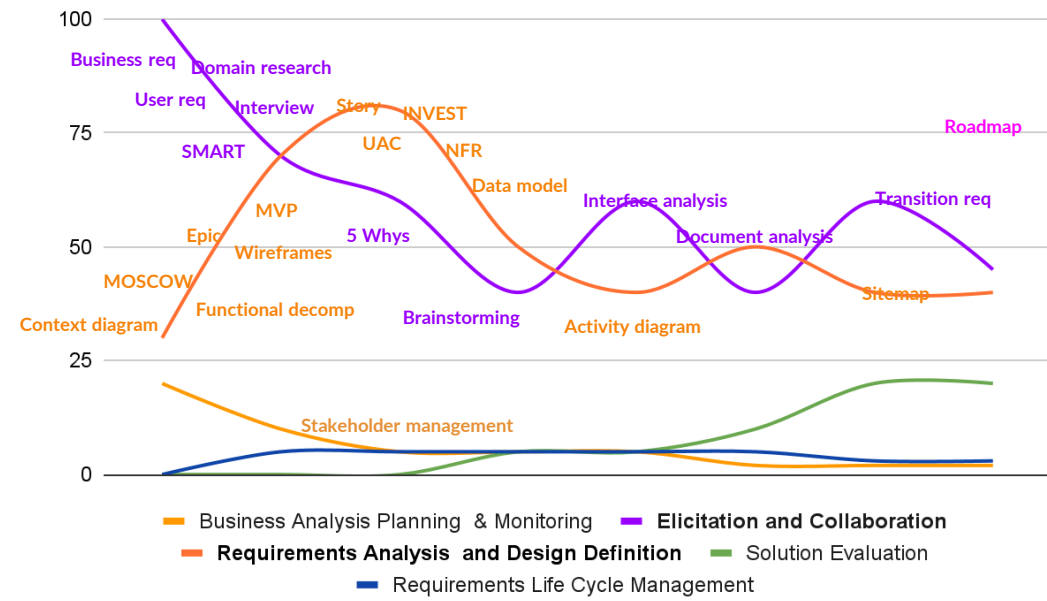




Requirements & Stakeholders



Mindset



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