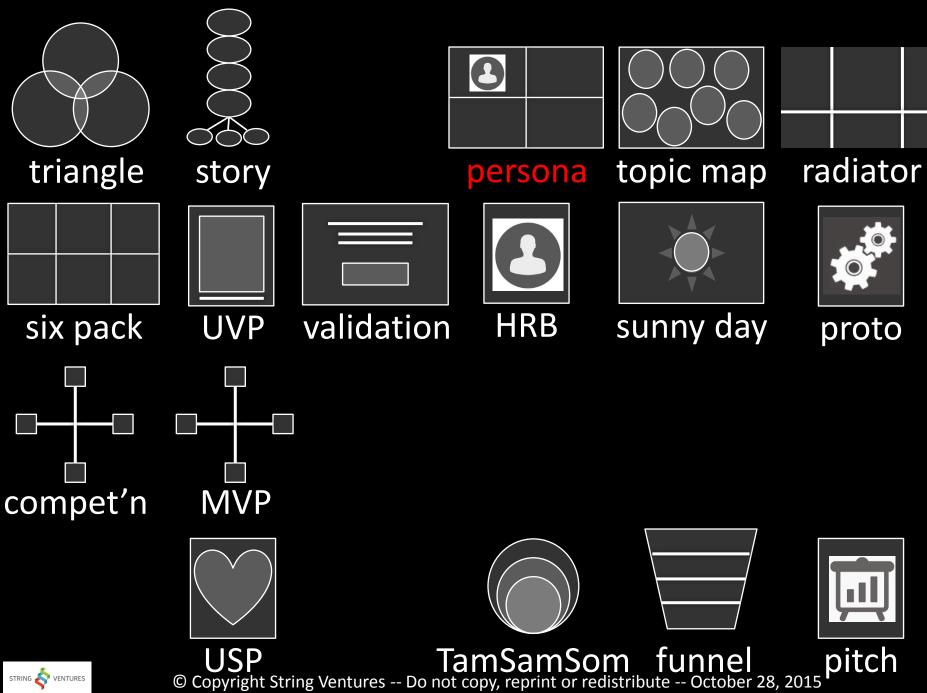


Persona





STRING VENTURES

Make something people want



Paul Graham



People ≠ Persons People = Customers



Customer ≠ A Person Customer = Persona



Customer = a demand pattern that reached critical mass



Enter Customer Persona





STALKS FEW PEOPLE INTENSELY

SWAYS TO ACCOUNT DETOILS TO RECH TAPATETS

USES FOR 1-2 HRS/DAY

SHAPES PICS/GOSSIP WITH (OSE FRIEND)S

STALKS MORE AROUND LIFE EVENTS

· EDA, 24 YROLD

· STUDENT AT BOGAZIGI

· USES IPHONE

· SPENDS 1000TY

· LIVES IN ISTANBUL

· HAS 700 FB FRIENDS

· NEED TO REMAIN ANON MOUS · WANTS TO KNOW LIFE EVENTS ASAP · NEEDS TO SWAP COMMENTS GOSSIP FREELY · WANTS ACCESS TO WHAT COMMON FREEDS CAN SEE/SHAPE

facts

wants and goals

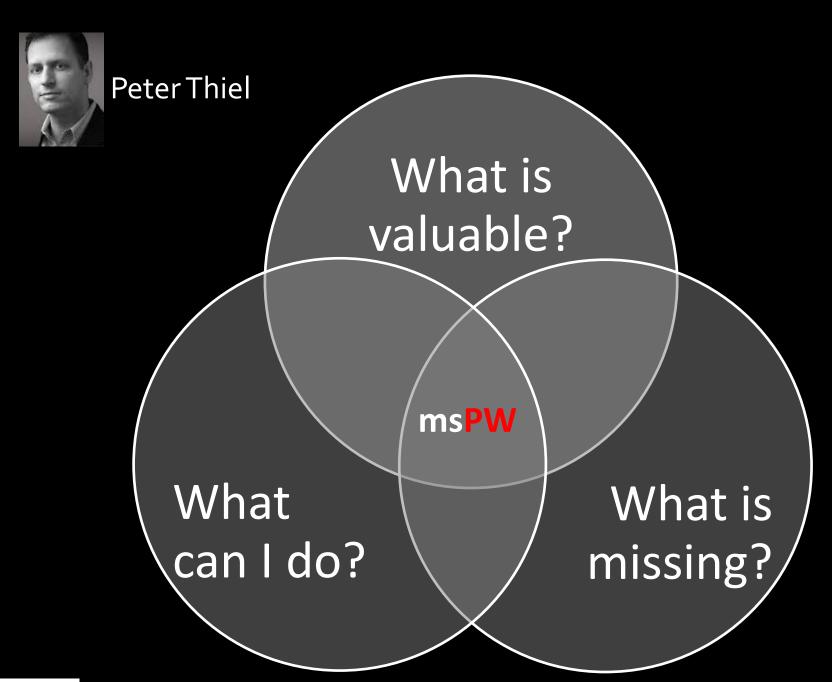
How do you pick a customer?



1. Use the Triangle

- 2. Use SCQA
- 3. Dump&Sort









ideal customer

aware they have a problem

hacked something together

have been searching a solution



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Iterating through SCQA forces you to think about your answer, and therefore, your customer



Good Answer = specific uncertain claim



Better Answer = three levels deep



Best Answer = Unique Value Proposition

others can NOT claim clarifies options uncovers a strong truth and names it creates tension, urgency, desire in persona's mind



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Pick A Customer

- Write down 5 customer types
- Write one customer per sticky
- Remove duplicates, consolidate as a team
- Dot vote and pick one to focus





How do you build a persona?



Build a Persona

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- 2. Identify facts
- 3. List behaviors
- 4. Optional: List Wants and Goals
- 5. Check and consolidate



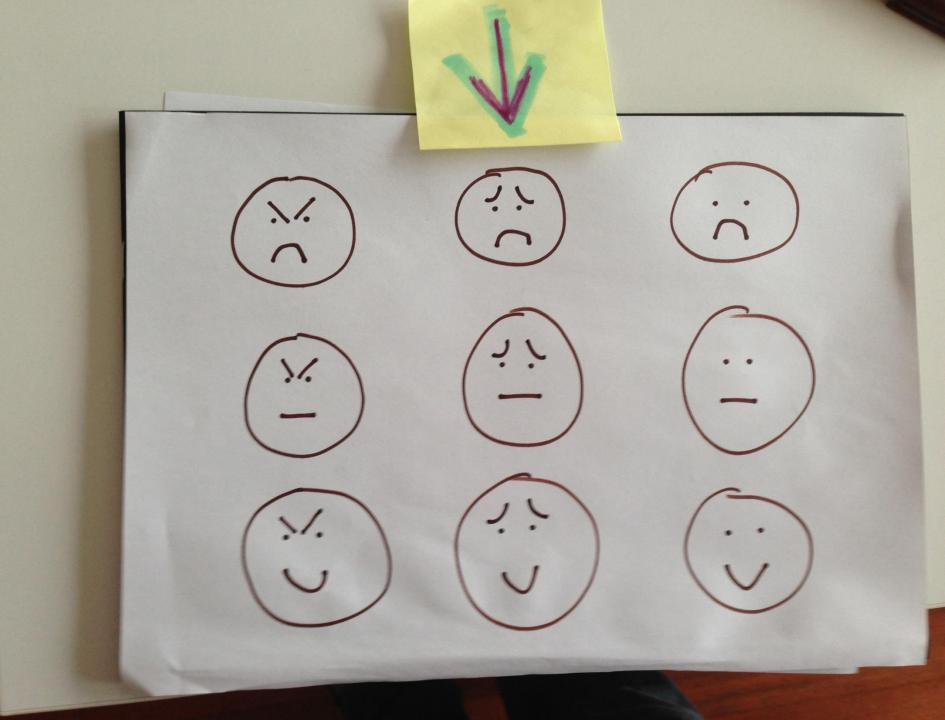
Learning Drawing = A Training in Observing

You needn't artistic skills to draw Anyone can do it, like riding a bicycle



Enter Emotion Matrix





Enter Stickman







Imagine your customer

who are they?
what are they like?
how do they behave?
what are they trying to achieve?



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List Facts

- Write down ten demographic items
 - gender, age, family status, education, income, residence
- One idea per Post-it
- Divide list into two piles: important vs. less important
- Stick 5 on Persona sheet, pass around to quick share
- Write down 5 on persona





List Behaviors

Write down ten behaviors

(= VERBS, you can observe)

- Divide list into piles of risk
- Pass around, quite read
- Consolidate, select riskiest top 5



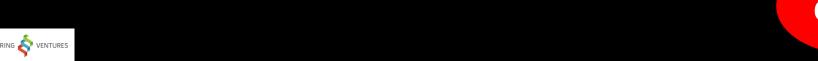
List Behaviors

- Do nothing, and keep using old
- Eliminate root cause
- DIY
- Buy competitor
- Hire someone



Optional: List Wants and Goals

- Write down Ten Wants and Goals (= positive outcome of Behaviors)
- Think WHY would someone do those behaviors?
- Keywords are: wants, wishes, hopes, would likes
- Avoid the trite: everyone wants time, money, power
- Divide into two piles of five: important vs. less important
- Quick share and write down 5 on persona





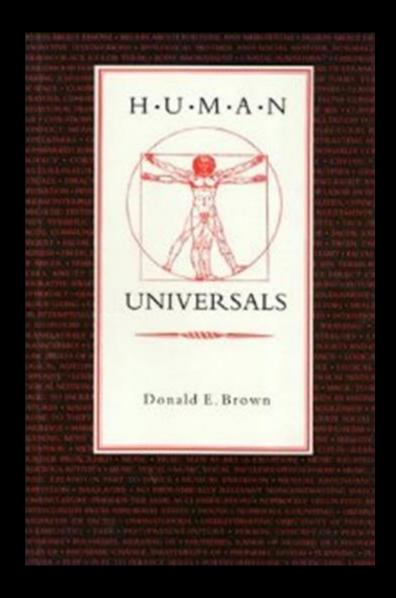
Avoid the Trite: Meet John/Jane Doe

- People are not as satisfied as they could be
- Almost everyone fears rejection
- Most people have a low/moderate self esteem.
 People want decisions that make them look good
- 2/3 of women and 1/3 of men dislike the way they look
- Almost everyone works to avoid pain
- People don't have time to comparison shop
- When their mind is set on something, they want it now
- Almost everyone is afraid to grow old, fears death

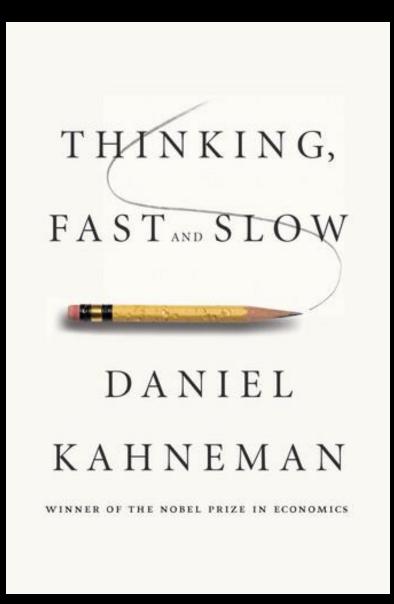


People want same things at the deepest level





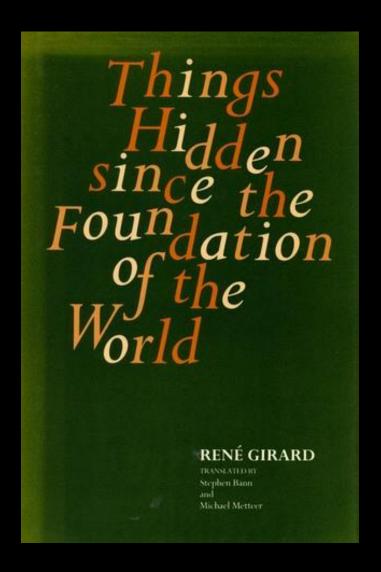






People want what others want at surface levels







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Check for

3 common problems

- 1. Is it a caricature?
- 2. Is it one specific person you know?
- 3. Can you find persons like persona?



Consolidate as a Team

- Tape personas at eye level on the wall
- Quite read
- Combine strongest parts to one
- Spend most time on behaviors





Have a conversation and Highlight the riskiest behaviors and wants

Risk = if assumption is false, then product won't work



Purpose of the entrepreneur is to create a customer



Peter Drucker





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