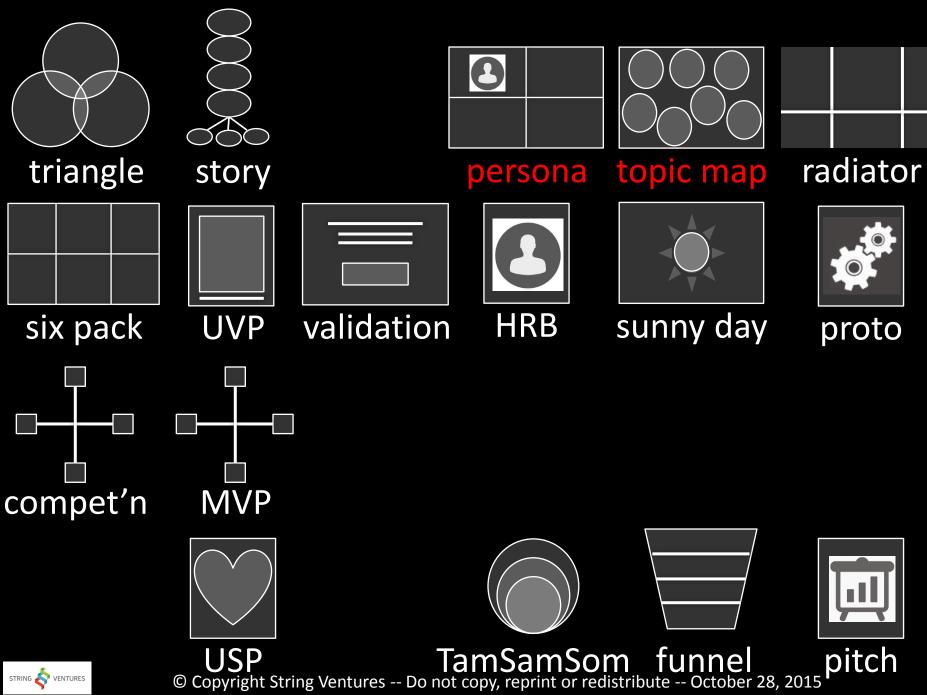


Interview





STRING VENTURES

The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn't being said



Peter Drucker



Main interview challenge = Get past surface-level to a discussion with substance



Best interview contains a Story about recent and specific experience



Every Story has a Topic



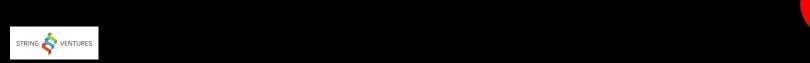
Prepare for Interviews

- 1. Create a find list
- 2. Create topic map
- 3. Find opener questions
- 4. Rehearse the interview



Create a find list

- Write down ten places where you can find 10 personas and get 15 mins interview time within 3 hours
- Consolidate as a team
- Pick top two places





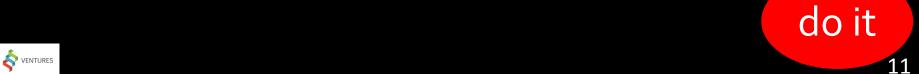
Enter Topic Map





Dump the Story Topics

- Have persona and riskiest assumptions handy
- Imagine you heard several stories that helped you know your riskiest assumptions are true or false
- What were those stories about?
- Dump 10 story topics





Create A Topic Map

- Imagine you had an interview with persona
- What did you talk about?
- Consolidate as a team Pick top 7 topics
 - Remove duplicates
 - Pick 7 most related to riskiest assumption
- Write it on a map



Conquer the cold approach fear

- Use non-threathening approach
- Know you have 7 seconds to win them
- Memorize an approach phrase
- Smile



"Hi, my name is Emrah Yalaz and I'm an entrepreneur. I'm working hard to understand my customers better and you seem like the perfect person I'm looking for. Would you be willing to spend 15 minutes having a conversation with me?"



Find Opener Questions

- Using the topic map complete the sentences
 - Have you ever had an experience where _____?
 - Could you tell me the last time you ____?
- Write as many stickies as you want
- Pick a winner for each type
- Remove duplicates and Consolidate





Rehearse the Interview

- Interview in pairs
- Practice approach phrase
- Start with a common human experience (weather)
- Alternate opener questions
- Speak only 10% of the time
- Never mention or show product
- Take a picture at the end



Within each topic, discuss top-down

a.start with general, open-endedb. pick up on interesting issuec. probe for details and examples



Prompt the Conversation

- I wonder if you can tell me a story about that?
- Why (or how) did you do that?
- What did you love (or hate) about that?
- If you could wave a magic wand,
 - what would it be like?



When you get a GREAT interview...

- Ask them if you can contact them with follow up questions
- Ask them if they can refer you to another person like them

(best way to get interviews)



Interview 10 Personas per week until you find Problem-Solution Fit



In god we trust All others bring data



W. Edwards Deming





Interview

