

Prototyping Interactive Systems

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What is a Prototype?



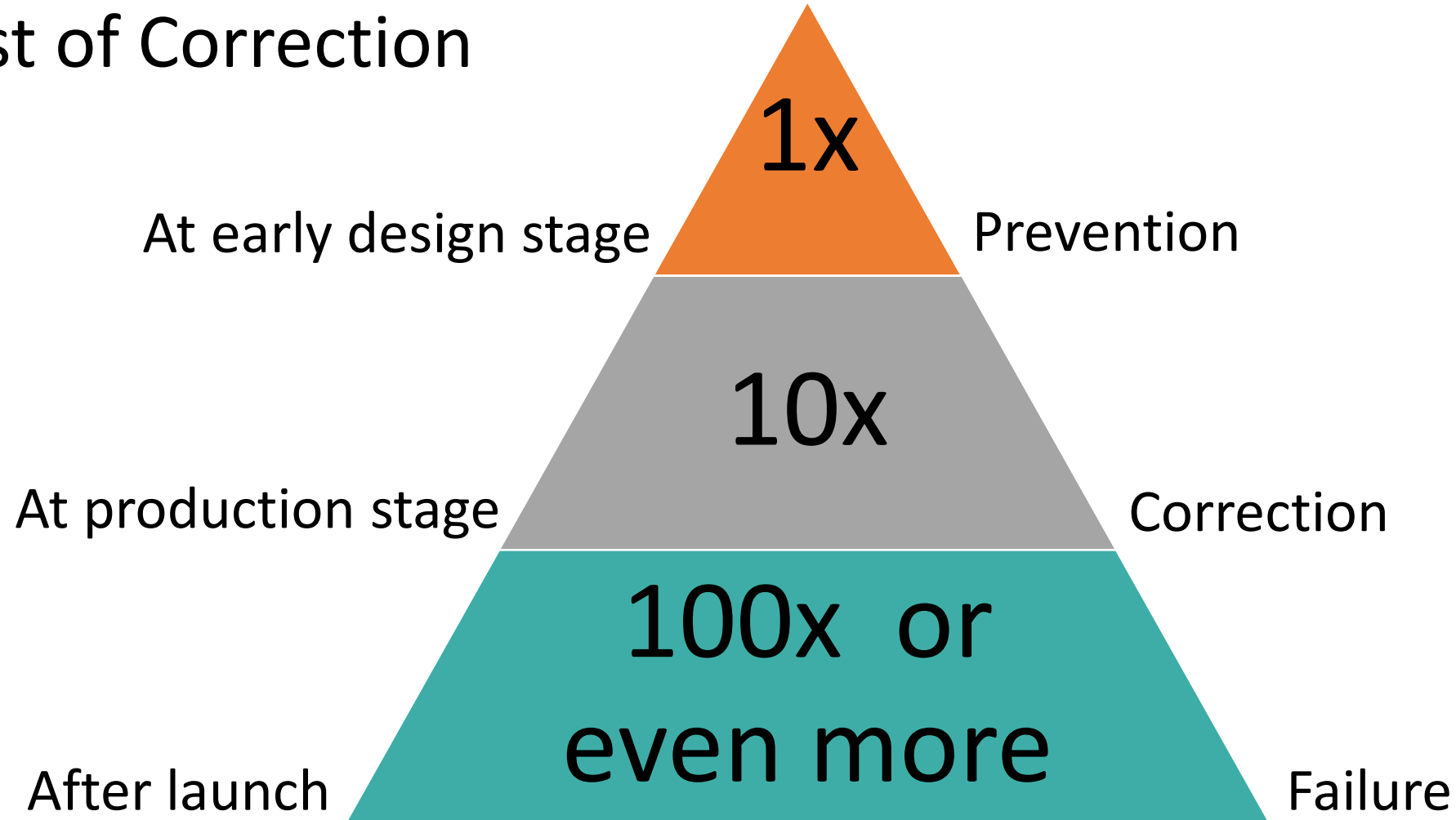
A **prototype** is

An artefact that **someone** can touch, hold, see, or **interact** with in some way so that they can offer **feedback**

The 1–10–100 Rule



Cost of Correction



Prototyping - Types and Fidelity

Types of Prototypes



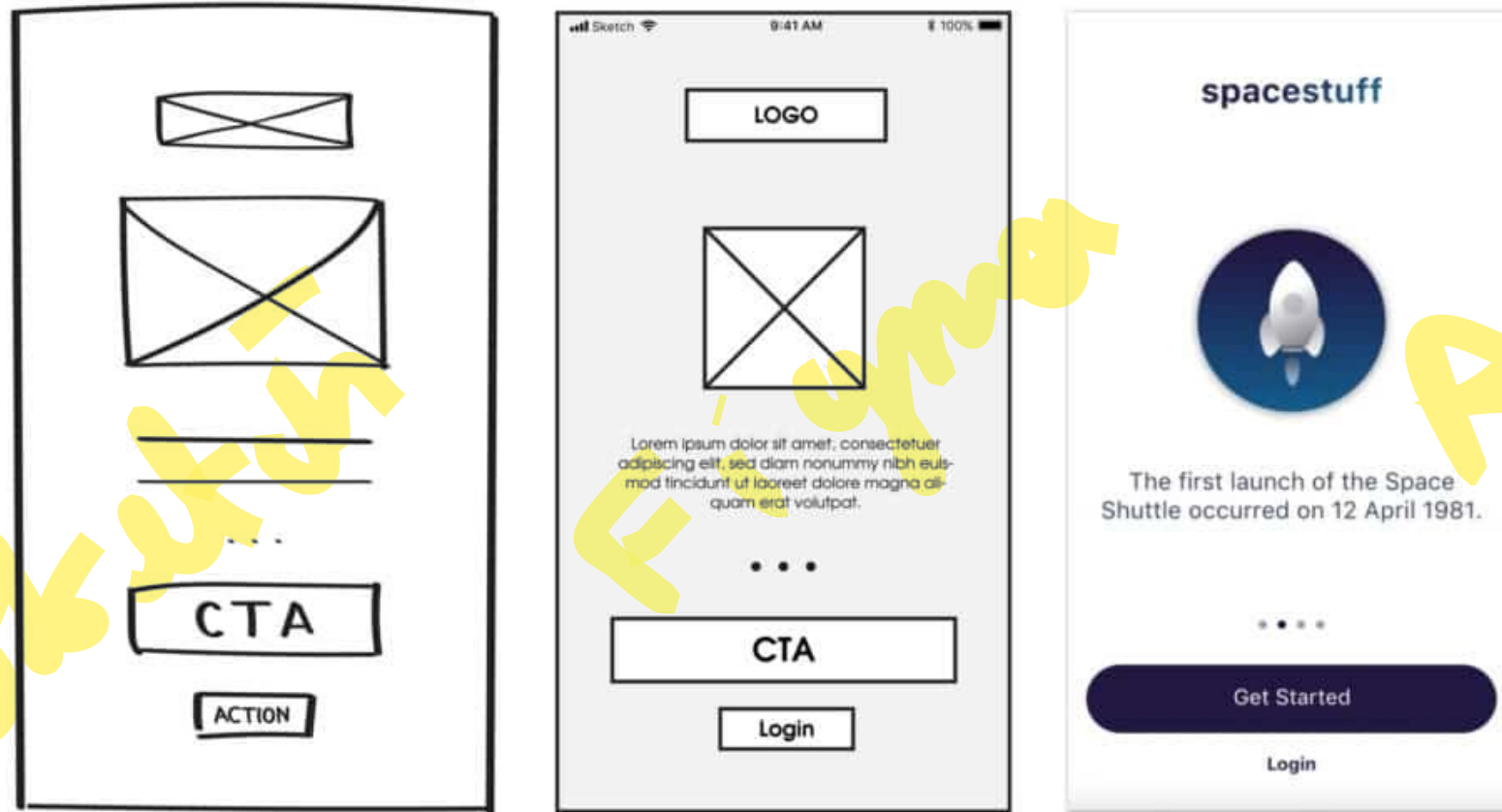
- Types of prototypes
 - Throwaway – cheap, fast, low fidelity to test initial ideas
 - Evolutionary/Incremental – similar to final product; features are added as per feedback to refine the design
 - Extreme – high fidelity for analysis driven testing
- Forms of prototypes
 - Physical (hard)
 - Physical (soft)
 - Digital (different system)
 - Digital (same system)
 - Interactive/Electronic

Fidelity of Prototype



- Fidelity refers to how close a prototype is to the final product.
- There is no single right way of choosing fidelity level
- It is based on the goal of the project, the current stage of the project, available resources, etc.
- Types of Prototype:
 - Low-Fidelity (Lo-Fi)
 - High - Fidelity (Hi-Fi)
- Eg: A sketched prototype is a low-fidelity prototype, while a coded, HTML/CSS prototype has very high fidelity.

Fidelity of Prototype



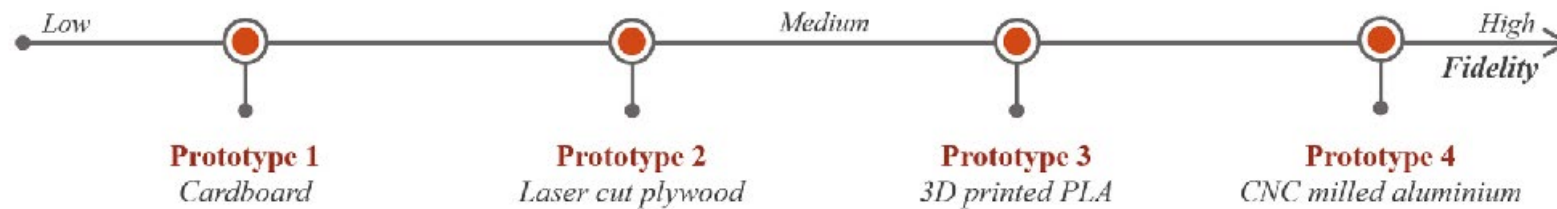
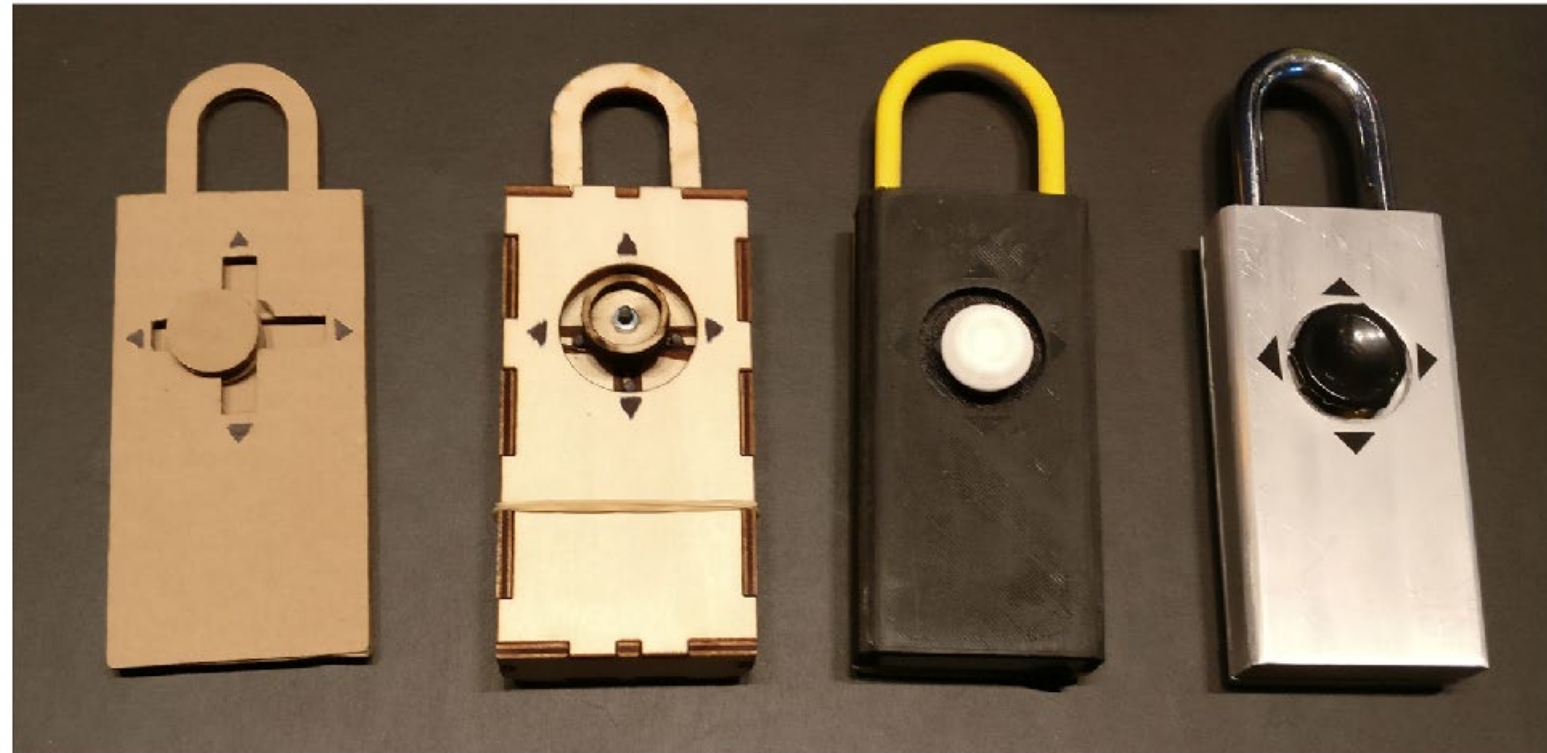
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Fidelity of Prototype



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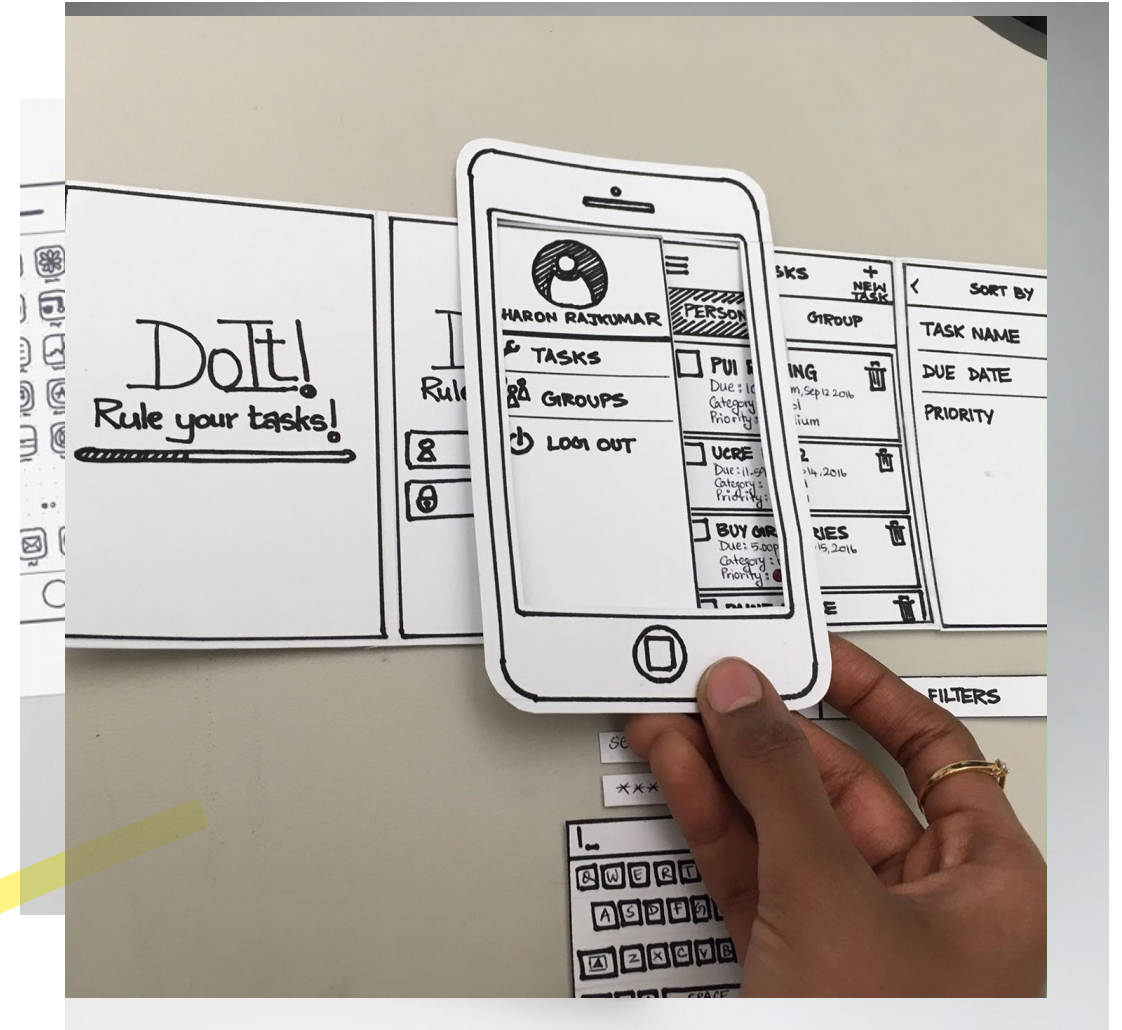
Fidelity of Prototype



Low – Fidelity Prototypes



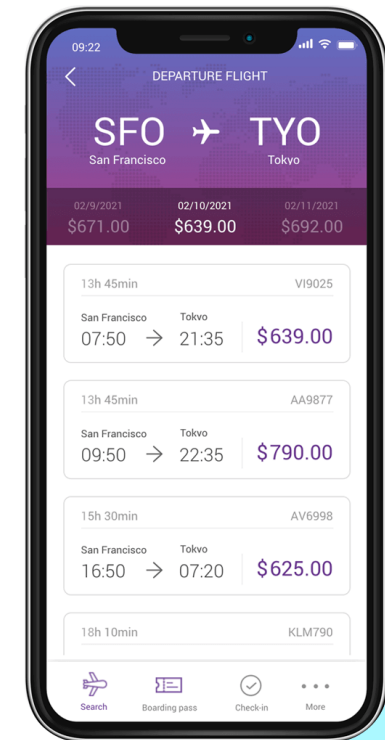
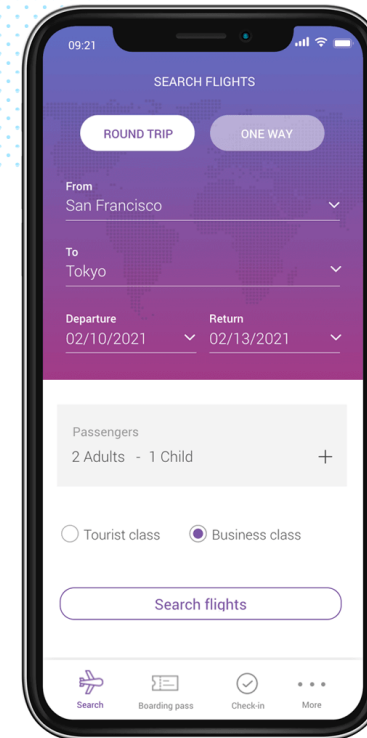
- It provides a more tangible representation of the final product
- The main goal of this is to outline the flow of the product and test the usefulness and usability of the functions
- It can be useful in exploring various forms and aesthetics
- Methods
 - Sketches
 - Paper/ Cardboard Prototypes
 - Click-through Prototypes



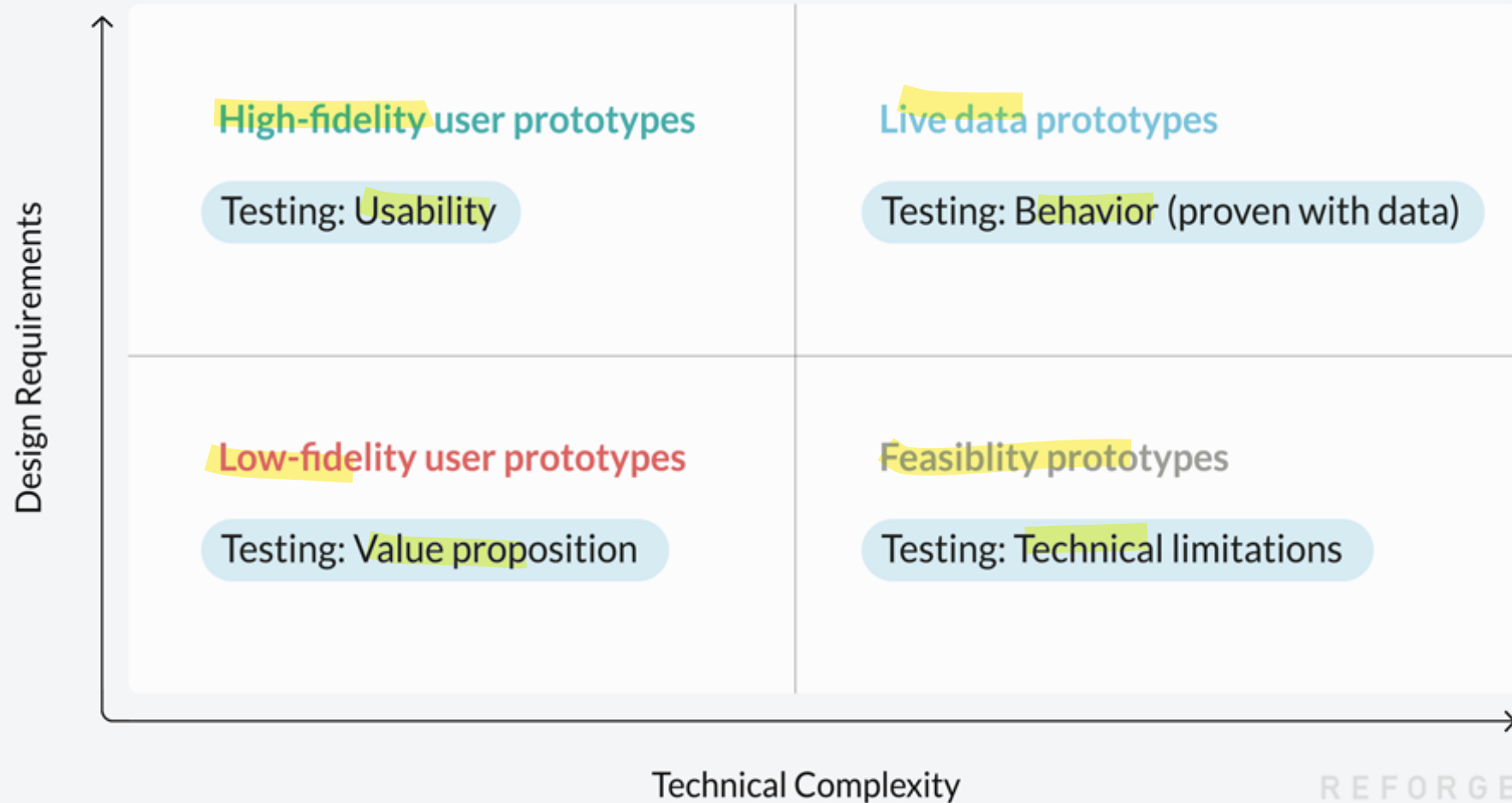
High – Fidelity Prototypes



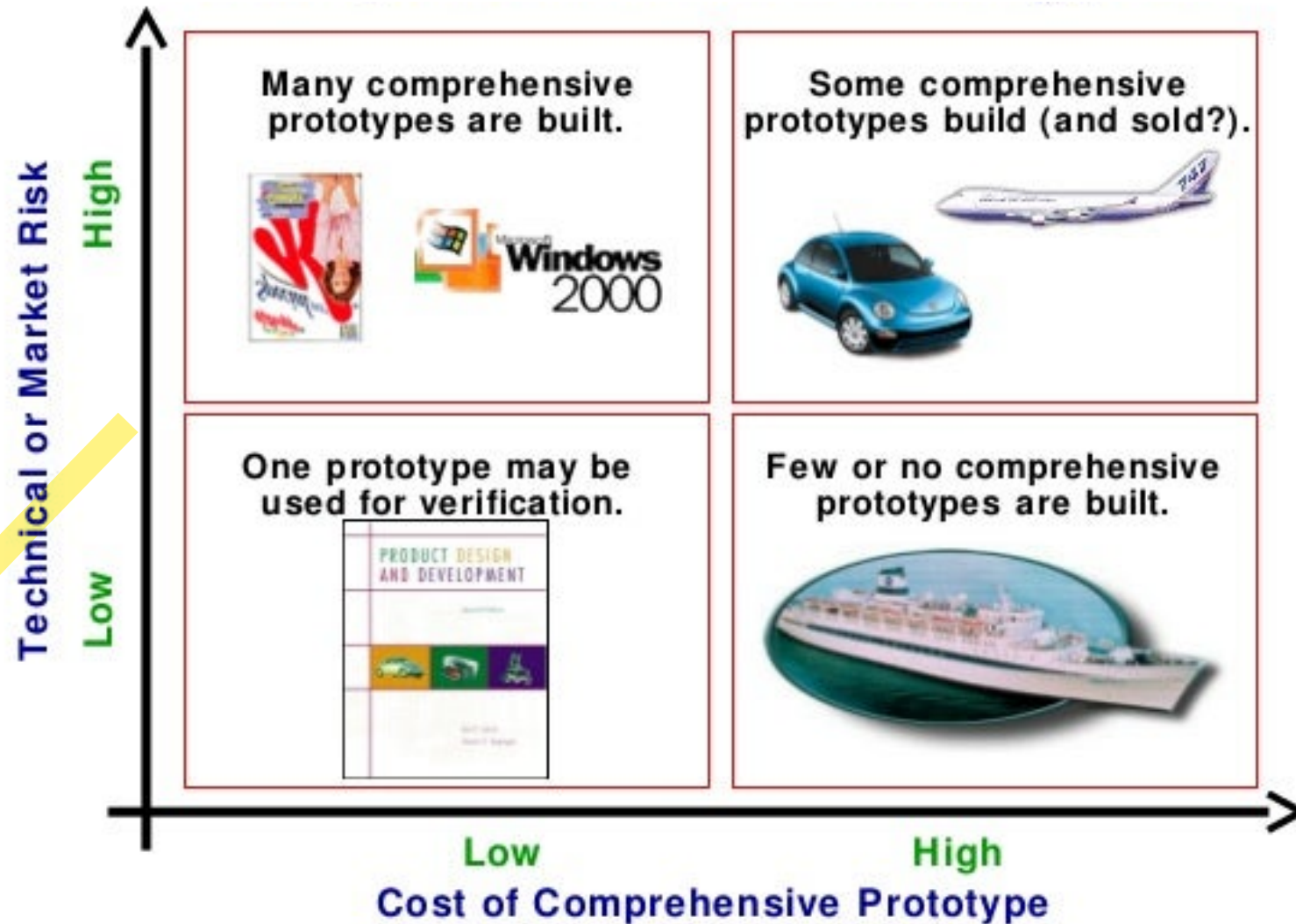
- More technically complex and aesthetically pleasing
- Closer to final product
- Final stages of design for structured usability testing or analysis
- Methods
 - Interactive
 - Digital
 - Coded



Prototyping for testing



Cost vs Risk Assessment (Industry)



Purpose of Prototyping



- The main of prototyping is to involve the users in testing design ideas and get their feedback in the early stage of development to reduce time and cost
- It provides an efficient and effective way to refine and optimize interactions through discussion, exploration, testing and iterative revision
- Early evaluation can be based on faster and cheaper prototypes before the start of a full-scale implementation



Prototyping Methods

Cardboard Prototyping



- Most common Lo-fi prototyping method
- It can be done using easily available and cheap materials
- It gives tangible form to an idea where functionalities can be tested
- Exploring tangible form



Cardboard Prototyping



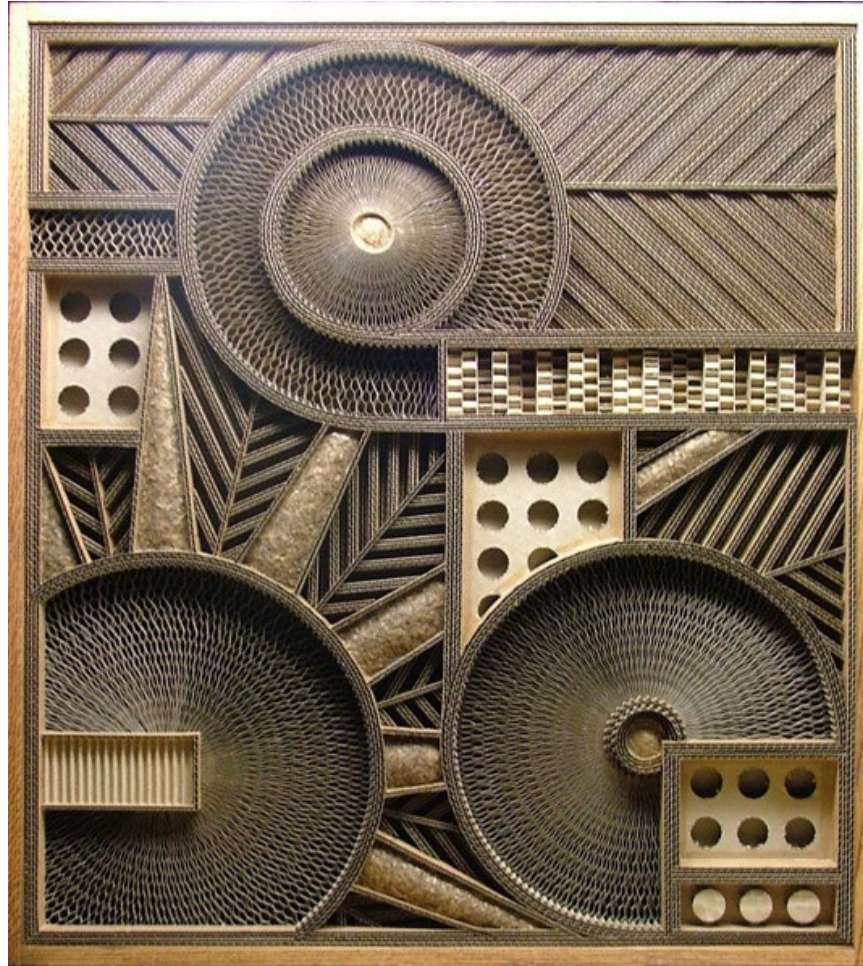
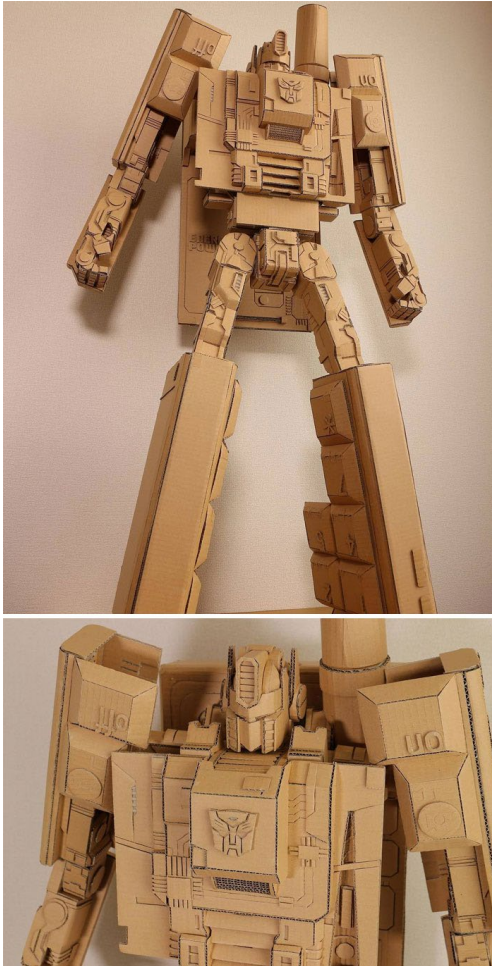
Cardboard Beds



- During the first wave of Covid, a healthcare center with nearly 2000 cardboard beds was set up in Thailand to treat patients



Cardboard Art



Cardboard Hospital



Check out an entire
Life-size Cardboard
prototype hospital
built in Finland

<https://vimeo.com/46812964>



Material



Paper



Pencil



Cardboard
Box



Glue



Cutter



Scissors



Tapes to
Stick



Scale



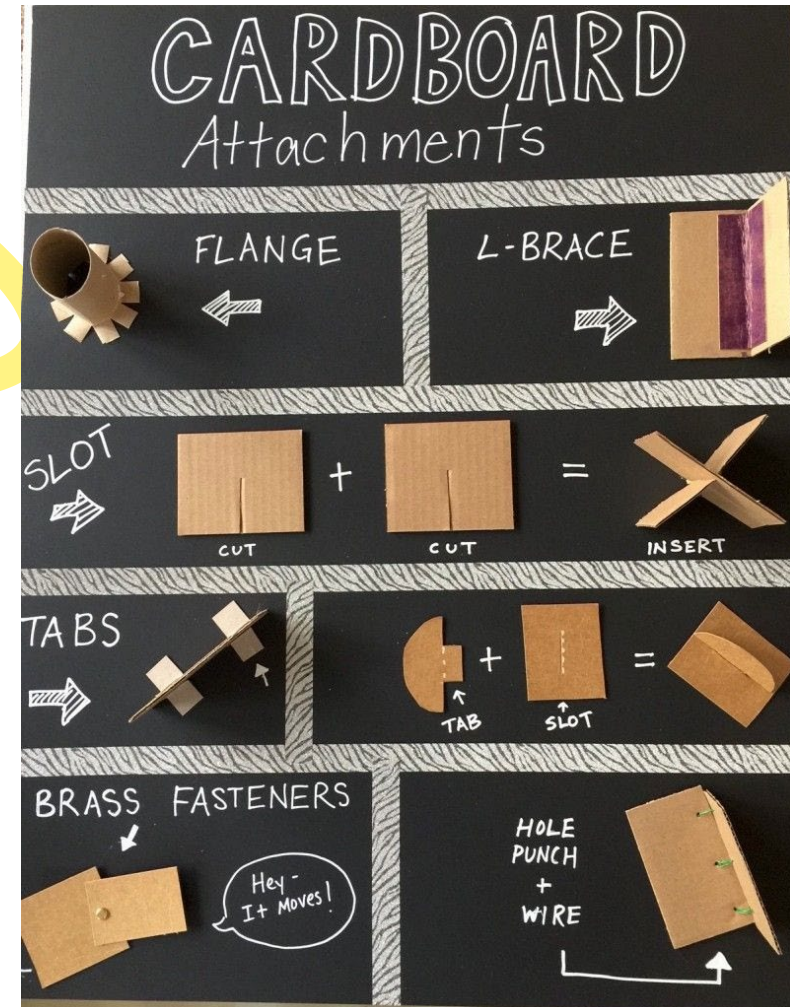
Colours

And your
creative
hats

Techniques



- Some cut and fold techniques
- Check out this detailed video on how to do them
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7nbexfrC8U>
- Another Useful Video
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlOabQ1_98I



Assignment 1



- **Design and prototype an innovative egg packaging using cardboard**
 - **Should enable safe putting, carrying and dispensing of 4-6 eggs**
- Create preliminary sketches of ideas
 - Be creative, use pen/pencil on paper
- Create a detailed sketch mentioning the dimensions
- Pick out your cardboard and other tools like glue, cutter, tape, etc.
- Use of other material like paper, sponge, polyethene, glitter, paints not allowed
- Enjoy prototyping!



Assignment 1



- Constraints
 - You will get a 2ftx2ft corrugated sheet from DI for this assignment.
 - The final design should be limited usage of material to 2x2 ft
 - You can use you own amazon boxes for 'rough work'
- Evaluation Criteria
 - Ideation and final concept sketches
 - Usage/Demo Video Includes - opening, putting eggs, closing/packing and carrying
 - Optimal material usage and technique
 - Usability and Aesthetic Quality
 - Originality of Ideas and uniqueness of final design

Assignment 1 – Submission



- **Submission deadline – 21st January 11:59 pm**
- **Google slide file name – FirstName_Last three digits of roll number**
- **E.g. Richa_024**
- The Google slides file should include the following
 - Photos of Preliminary idea sketches
 - Photo of final concept detailed sketch
 - Photos of cardboard prototype from atleast 3 different angles
 - A small 1-2 min video showing the opening, egg putting, closing and carrying using the prototype
- Digital Submission on google classroom
- In class display on 23rd Jan – Hall of fame students to give demo to whole class

Assignment 1 – Submission



Anything but this

