

Prototype

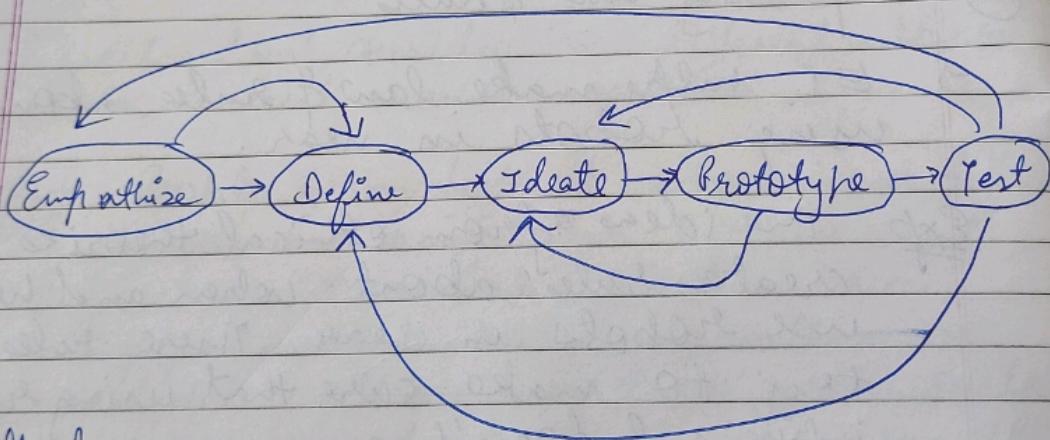
→ Why? → Importance in design thinking process
 → the try, fail, try Again, succeed loop

→ An artifact that someone can touch, hold, see or interact with in some way so that they can offer feedback.

↳ provides means for examining design problems and evaluating solutions

↳ Purpose :- what role artefact plays?
 how should it look & feel?
 how should it be implemented

↳ Important & essential part of design Thinking proce



Why?

- ↳ Evaluation & Feedback
- ↳ Stakeholders can interact with it rather than a drawing
- ↳ Communicate idea more effectively
- ↳ Encourages reflection
- ↳ Helps answer questions
- ↳ helps choosing b/w alternatives

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Makes design, Human - Centered

↳ Prototyping allows interaction of an idea with various stakeholders during the design process

- End Users

↳ Allows end users to interact with and explore its ~~sustain~~ • suitability & usability

- Design Team

↳ Allows designers to interact with the envisioned product

↳ gain some exp of using the solutions, roleplay exercise

↳ Imagine & explore use cases, select design features

↳ facilitates ideation, exploring requirements, participatory design

- Sales/Marketing Team

↳ Allows estimation of prospective sale based on reception of alpha versions; market analysis; product placement.

- Production Team

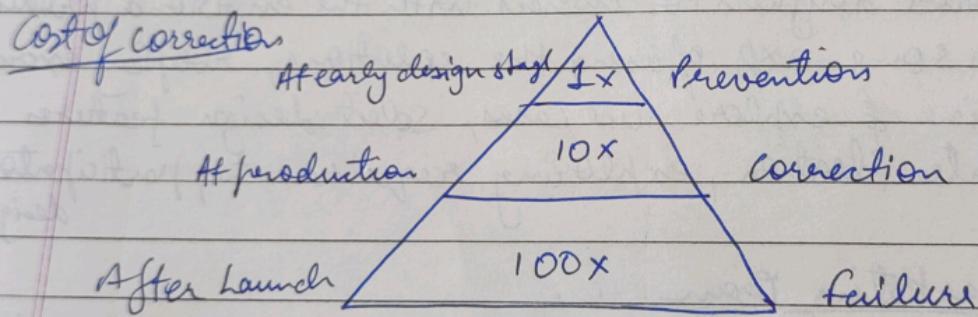
↳ Allows production of intermediary product for required analysis, process streamlining, identify

need for procurement of equipment.
↳ Allows incremental & iterative building of digital solutions

- funders / sponsors

↳ Allows product visualization for investors;
helps in go/no-go decisions.

1 - 10 - 100 Rule



Key Points

- Trial & Error → Developing > Testing > Improving
- facilitates Design Iteration
- Low cost - low risk way
- Saves time & money for innovators & stakeholders
- Allows for testing ideas before implementing

Types.

- ↳ Throwaway :- cheap, fast, Lo-fi 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

- Physical (hard)
- Physical (soft)
- Digital (different system)
- Digital (same system)
- Interactive / Electronic

Fidelity

↳ refers to how close a prototype is to the final product

- ↳ There is no single right way to choosing fidelity levels
- ↳ It is based on the goal of the project, the current stage of the project, available resources.

- ↳ Lo-fi → sketch / drawing
- ↳ Hi-fi → HTML / CSS

Low-fidelity

- ↳ Provides a more tangible representation of the final product
- ↳ The main goal 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 & aesthetics

↳ methods :- sketches

Paper / cardboard prototypes
click-through prototypes

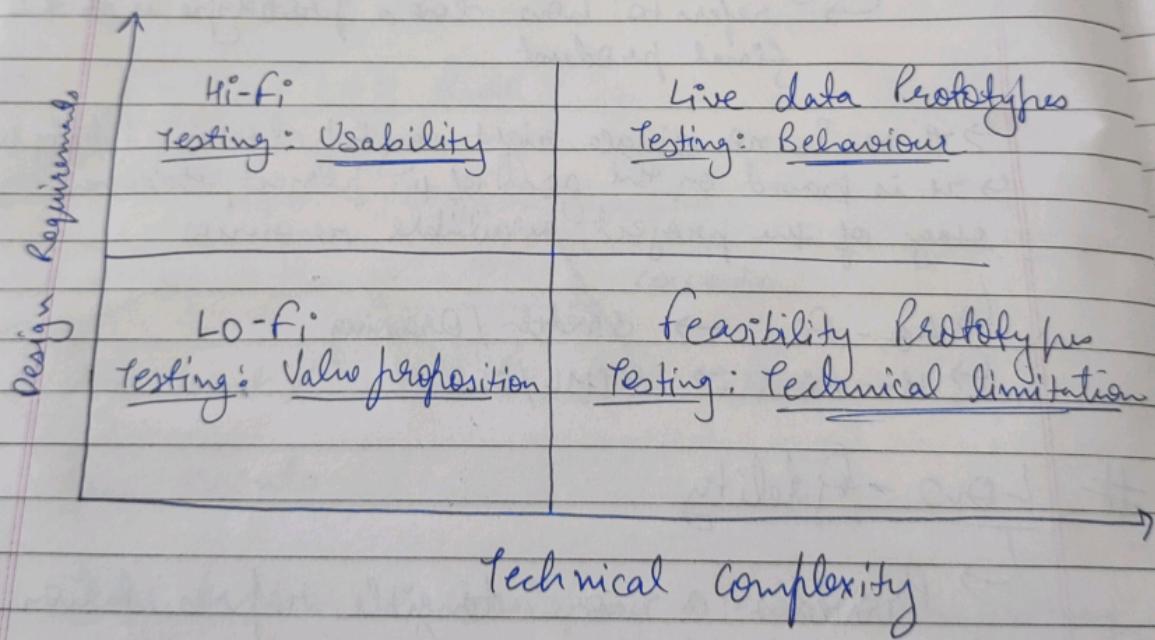
High Fidelity

↳ more technically complex & aesthetically pleasing

↳ closer to final product

↳ final stages of design for structured usability testing or analysis

→ methods : interactive
Digital
Coded



Technical complexity

Prototyping for Testing

Purpose

- ↳ To involve users in testing design ideas and get their feedback in the early stage of development to reduce time and cost.
- ↳ Provides an efficient & effective way to refine and optimize interactions through discussion, exploration, testing, and iterative revisions.
- ↳ Early evaluation can be based on faster & cheaper prototypes before the start of a full-scale implementation.

Cardboard Prototyping

- ↳ Most common LoFi prototyping method
- ↳ Can easily be done using cheap & available materials
- ↳ Gives tangible form to an idea where functionalities can be tested
- ↳ Exploring tangible form

Software Based

⇒ Faster

- ↳ Several real life combined in one
- ↳ Saves time required for physical prototyping
- ↳ Simulations, analysis, modifications can be done quickly

⇒ Cheaper

- ↳ Saves material costs, process costs
- ↳ Human resource can be easily trained

→ Iterative modifications can be done at any stage easily.

Computer Aided Design (CAD)

→ 2D & 3D visualization & design

→ enables exploration, development, modification and optimization of design.

→ engineering, architecture, design

→ time and cost of physical prototyping saved

→ Easy to learn

→ Increased Productivity

→ Allows easy sharing & collaborative work

Uses

⇒ Product Design → Exploration & Visualization

⇒ Streamlining working mechanisms & movement

⇒ Engineering Design → Analysis & Optimization

Types of CAD modelling

→ Solid Modelling

→ Wireframe modelling

→ Surface modelling

① Solid Model

works well

→ Shapes may

→ Some steps
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solid

⇒ Software

⇒ Advantages

Solid Modelling

- ① → works with 3D primitive shapes
 - together
- shapes may vary but they act like building blocks
- some start with 2D sketches that are then extended to produce a 3D figure
- Some programs can use modifiers, working with the solids as if you were physically milling it in a workshop. Others add solid over solid in order to produce more complex figures

- ⇒ Software
 - ↳ Entry level: TinkercAD & free CAD
 - ↳ Advanced: SketchUp, SolidWorks, Fusion 360

- ⇒ Advantages
 - ↳ Tools are easy to understand and work with; the user doesn't require extensive training
 - ↳ Computational requirements are lower since the computer isn't working with thousands of triangles.
 - ↳ The final pieces are always mathematically correct in the sense that the model is possible in the real world.

- ⇒ Disadvantages
 - ↳ High realism in the representation of organic shape is almost impossible to achieve.

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Wireframe Modelling

- ⇒ Used in cases where the surface is complex & curved
- ⇒ Provides the finesse for more complex forms
- ⇒ Many W-f M tools use triangles as their basic elements, and the more triangles use, the higher the realism.
- ⇒ "Polygon Count", the total no of triangles contained within the Wireframe of a model
- ⇒ Software: Blender, Maya, Daz 3D
- ⇒ Advantages:

⇒ It is possible to achieve more complex surfaces and curves compared to solid modelling

⇒ DisAdvantages:

- ⇒ Users require more training for developing complex organic forms
- ⇒ High resolution will require millions of polygons and computational needs will be higher.

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Surface Modelling

- ⇒ Highly professional applications demands smooth surfaces and seamless integration.
- ⇒ It relies on guiding lines to define the shape and curvature of a part. The software then calculates a smooth surface that connects the guiding lines.
- ⇒ Used in automotive, aerospace
- ⇒ Since the seamless integration of all elements is necessary, surface modelling is the best way to approach these challenges.
- ⇒ Most solid modelling tools can handle this type of modelling. Ex:- Catia, freeCAD, solidWorks

⇒ Advantages:

⇒ Possible to produce complex surfaces

⇒ facilitates surface related analysis such as aerodynamic analysis in cars and aircrafts.

⇒ Disadvantages:

⇒ This technique is more complex and require more complex/advanced programs

⇒ More advanced programs will demand far more training & exp from the designer.



Clay modelling

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

⇒ Exploring tangible form

Laser Cutting

- ⇒ A slitting process with which metallic and non-metallic raw materials of different material thicknesses may be cut
- ⇒ This is based around a laser beam which is guided, formed and bundled

- ⇒ When it hits + up to the extent
- ⇒ The building of typically ac cut parts
- ⇒ Faster,
- ⇒ Can be paper,
- ⇒ Innovative

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why?

- ⇒ When it hits the workpiece, the material heats up to the extent that it melts or vaporises
- ⇒ The building of the part, model, or assembly is typically accomplished through assembly of cut parts in various ways
 - Layered
 - 3D Assembly
- ⇒ Faster, cheaper as compared to 3D printing
- ⇒ Can be done with various materials i.e. wood, paper, acrylic, metals
- ⇒ Innovative designs possible

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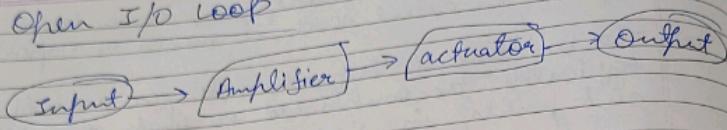
What?

- ⇒ An open source platform
- ⇒ Based on an easy to use hardware & software
- ⇒ A programmable microcontroller
- ⇒ User friendly Development Environment (IDE)

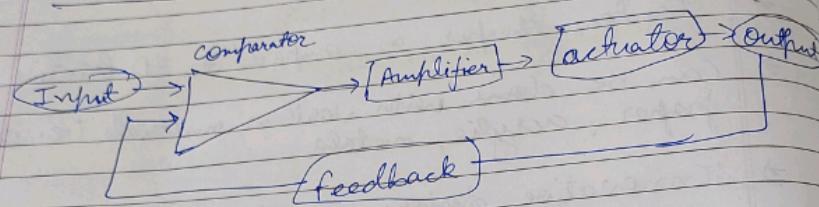
Why?

- Low cost
- Easy to learn
- Comes with variety of compatible sensors
- Easy to use IDE and uses simple coding in C++
- Saves designers / students from the high cost of PCB design & printing

Open I/O loop



closed I/O loop



Logic

① AND (S1)

A	B	Q
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

$$A \text{ } \& \text{ } B = Q$$

② OR (S1) $(A \text{ } || \text{ } B) = Q$

A	B	Q
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

③ NOR (\neg)

A	A'
0	1
1	0

④ NAND

⑤ NOR A

③ NOT (\neg) $A! \star$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} A & A! \\ \hline 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

④ NAND

⑤ NOR \star