

Personas and Pathways for hybrid events

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The challenge

- Currently many guides on virtual/remote events issued, not much guidance on hybrid events

Goal: A collection of resources to help event organisers run hybrid events which blend in-person and online interaction.

- Personas ensure inclusivity
- Mapping events and developing persona pathways clarifies pain points for attendees



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- Outputs:
- Tool / Surveys for helping to gather personas for event organisers, along with key categories that are more useful to collect
 - Can we also cluster personas, understand their pain points, and possibly map them to types of events
 - Collections of best practice examples from others (Mateusz, Patricia)
 - Document: <https://hackmd.io/@nnoch/HJ8DYEQvU>
 - E.g. OBF small fundings
 - SSI
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 - Categories:
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 - Story mapping:
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Persona

Who am I?

Patricia, 31,
Edinburgh, full-time
paid by a European
Commission funded
project, married

My interest/ hobbies

- Spends a lot of time listening to podcasts
- Some reading and crafting

- Thoughts:
- Describe so
 - Work on pat
 - Matrix oven

Personas

- persona is actual poter
- Also have "i)

References

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- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hybrid_event

Useful categories

- Nationality: do you need a visa to get to the event
- Minimum time to plan your trip
- Transport connections:
- Resource availability for online events:
 - Do you have a suitable space and computing setup to join online
 - Do you have caring responsibilities
- Resource availability for in-person events:
- Personality
 - Energy levels
- Frustrations were often not part of

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# HackMD
B I S H
# Classification of hybrid event styles
## Summary
This document summarises the different types and maps them, with examples, onto a set of characteristics. This will allow organisers to see the options available to them and the characters. particular combinations lead to, enabling the appropriate format for a specific planned event
## Scope & definitions
Event
: Something which is bounded in time, with a end, between which participants are mainly focused attention on participating in that event.
- Examples: conferences, workshops, focused
- Non-examples: undergrad courses, projects
Hybrid Event
: Something in which people can meaningfully interact in either a face-to-face or remote combination, during a single event. [Wikipedia] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hybrid_event)
### Features of a hybrid event
- Peer interaction:
- Broadcast/didactic i.e. a presenter to
- Interactive smaller groups discussions
- Synchronicity:
- Synchronous: everyone connects / engage
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# Best Practice for making events accessible to more personas
> [name=Jez Cope] Ok, will go through and edit the points for consistent style and grammar, and see if there's any duplication...
## Summary
This guide documents examples of good practice in making events accessible to a wider set of personas.
> [name=Jez Cope] Is "persona" sufficiently well-understood to use? Does it need defining or replacing with a term better known to lay-people?
## Hardware Infrastructure
### Supporting Participants in Getting Access to Needed Infrastructure
Lack of suitable infrastructure can be a barrier to online participation for some.
- Provide hardware that facilitates active participation
- *In preparation for the SSI fellowship online selection day, shortlisted fellows get sent headsets to ensure similar sound quality when participating in conversations and discussions as the interaction is a crucial part of the selection process.*
- Provide financial support to facilitate remote participation
- *Open Bioinformatics Foundation (OBF) in 2020 is sponsoring ways to participate in conferences remotely & can cover high speed internet, headsets, etc. more in the [tweet]
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# Storymapping for Events
## Summary
Guide to how to use story mapping to understand the personas you've gathered from the collection to better events
## Platform
We're on Miro:
https://miro.com/app/
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## Steps
1. Building from Personas
https://docs.google.com/
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- What's stopping
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FreeHand. Each of these modes suits different scenarios and can help you customize

The final product

- CC-BY 4.0 licensed GitHub repo at <https://github.com/software saved/hybrid-event-guide>
 - Description of different categories of hybrid events, with mapping to examples
 - Best practice examples to ensure inclusivity for all types of participants
- V1 of a Google Form to crowdsource personas for your event (thank you Malvika!)
- Virtual event participation story map for event organisers

The screenshot shows a Google Form titled "Persona and Pathway for Remote & Hybrid Events". The form is divided into two sections. Section 1, "Section 1 of 11", contains an introduction paragraph explaining the purpose of the form: "When organizing an event, you must take into account that each of your attendees will have different backgrounds, different cultures, different time zones, different levels of skills and very different lived experiences. This form aims to capture different personas and pathways in order to understand who our members and event participants are. Persona is a detail of an imaginary user or member, based on real-world observations and understandings of actual potential or current users or members. The pathway is how those users or members might interact with our project." Below the text is a short-answer text field with the prompt "Give a fabulous name to your persona, and get started!". Section 2, "Section 2 of 11", is titled "Background" and contains four multiple-choice questions: "Which job does this persona hold?", "What is their family status?", "Do they have any health issues?", and "What is their social environment?". Each question has a radio button and the text "Option 1".

Section 1 of 11

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Short-answer text

After section 1 Continue to next section

Section 2 of 11

Background

This section will reflect on the job, career, education and family or the persona.

Which job does this persona hold?

☐ Option 1

What is their family status?

☐ Option 1

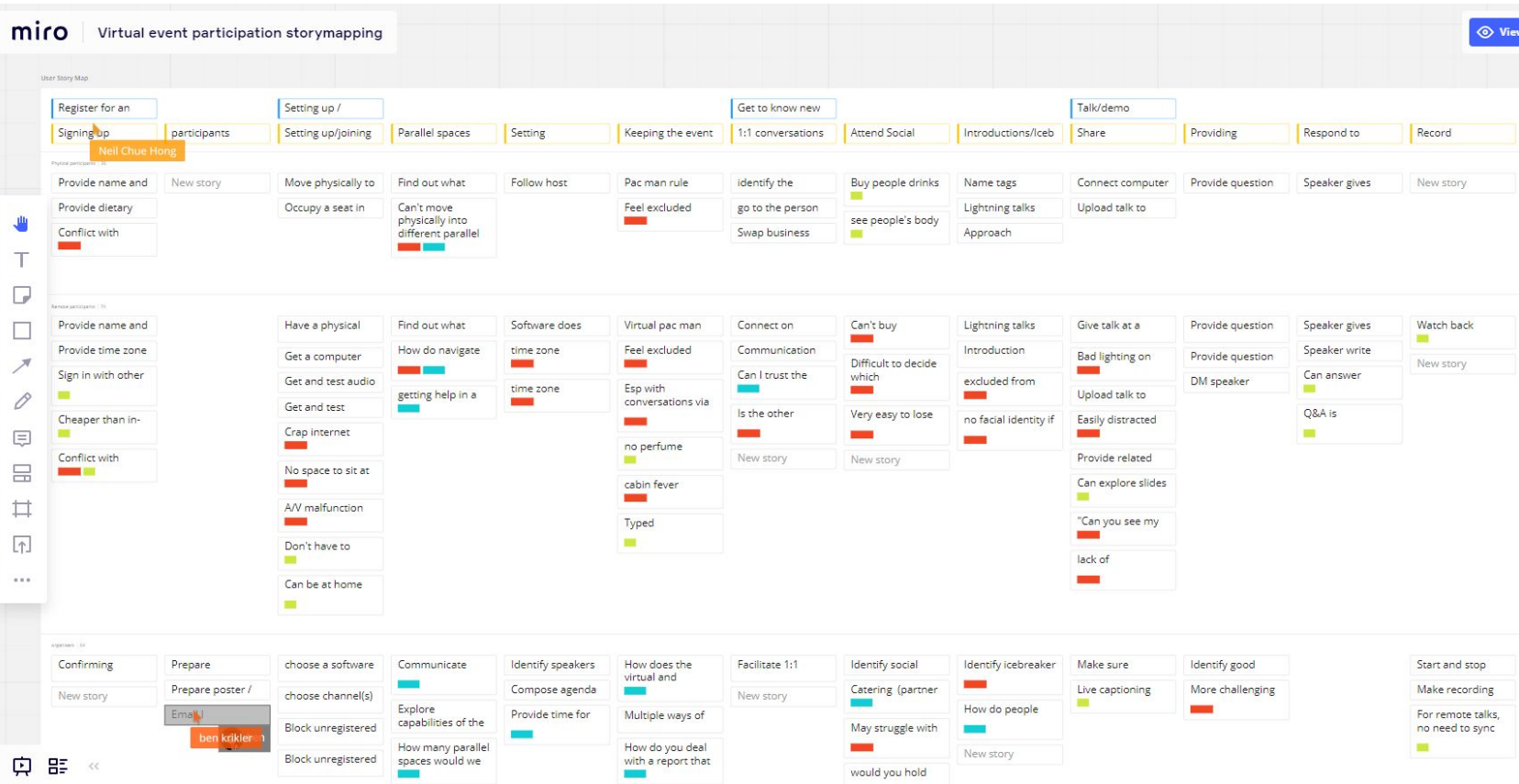
Do they have any health issues?

☐ Option 1

What is their social environment?

Types of hybrid events

Event Type	Objective	Interaction	Synchronicity	Geographic distribution	Examples
Traditional event with online elements (e.g. live streaming, remote presenters, Twitter walls/interaction)	Knowledge dissemination, Networking	Low ▼	High ▲	Low ▼	Biodiversity_next
Traditional event with recorded elements	Knowledge dissemination	Low ▼	Low ▼	High ▲	
Multi-site, single topic training	Knowledge dissemination	High ▲	High ▲	High ▲	Gallantries, Carpentries instructor training
Multi-site, multi-topic sprint	Community building, co-creation	High ▲	High ▲	High ▲	Mozilla Global Sprint
Hybrid un-conference	Networking, community building	High ▲	High ▲	Low ▼	NL-RSE meetup
Ask Me Anything	Knowledge dissemination	High ▲	Low ▼	High ▲	Reddit AMAs
Drop in / Help Session / Office Hours	Problem solving	Low ▼	Low ▼	Low ▼	
Webinar	Knowledge dissemination	Low ▼	High ▲	High ▲	RDA Plenary 15
"Community Notice Board" / Hacky Hours	Co-working/social accountability	High ▲	Low ▼	Low ▼	Queensland Hacky Hour



Sustainability

- Standalone resource for event organisers
- Linking/Integration into the Turing Way
- Reference for remotely.green and their community to include and build on

