

Design Design Space

is an online coaching environment to develop your design skills. Query your questions and improve your sketching. Acquire new techniques and research your way of presentating. In short, a space where you can design your design process. What kind of challenges do you experience in your daily work as a designer? Working closely together online with experienced designers and a group of other students, there is space to define your own study topics and challenges. In fact, such a selection and planning process is an integral part of the study itself. You tell us what you want, and together we'll find a way to get there.

Planning

By definition designers are bad planners. It seems to be fundamental to design. Too optimistic in the beginning – “There is still plenty of time”, a design is never finished – “The next one will always be better”. However, the fact that most designs are supposed to meet external requirements, the final deadline may have a much larger impact on the quality of the result, than the personal opinion of the designer. How do

you make this apparent conflict work to your advantage?

How much time do you need?

The core idea behind designing the design process, is that it doesn't make a difference for how long you do it. A project of 1 hour, basically goes through the same stages (research – design – presentation) as a project of 1 year. Of course, it does matter how long you study something, for the level of details that can be addressed. But if you only have a day or a week for an assignment, then that is part of the requirements.¹² The result can still be better than anything your customer would have done.

How would you design such a design process better next time?

1 day • 1 week • 1 month • 1 season • 1 year

Study lengths range from 1 day, 1 week, 1 month, 1 season and possibly 1 year, whatever fits best to your

12 Repeat to improve: What makes a design process fundamentally different from a production process, is that repetition improves the result. Starting with quick sketches, ignoring most details, next steps take more time. It's not a linear process, it's an iterative process, which means repeating the previous step in more detail.