

Ideation Phase

Brainstorm & Idea Prioritization Template

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Maximum Marks	4 Marks


Brainstorm & Idea Prioritization Template:

Brainstorming provides a free and open environment that encourages everyone within a team to participate in the creative thinking process that leads to problem solving. Prioritizing volume over value, out-of-the-box ideas are welcome and built upon, and all participants are encouraged to collaborate, helping each other develop a rich amount of creative solutions.

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Reference: <https://www.mural.co/templates/brainstorm-and-idea-prioritization>

Step-1: Team Gathering, Collaboration and Select the Problem Statement



Brainstorm & idea prioritization

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🕒 10 minutes to prepare
🕒 1 hour to collaborate
👤 2-8 people recommended

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Before you collaborate

A little bit of preparation goes a long way with this session. Here's what you need to do to get going.

🕒 10 minutes

A Team gathering
Define who should participate in the session and send an invite. Share relevant information or pre-work ahead.

B Set the goal
Think about the problem you'll be focusing on solving in the brainstorming session.

C Learn how to use the facilitation tools
Use the Facilitation Superpowers to run a happy and productive session.

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Define your problem statement

What problem are you trying to solve? Frame your problem as a How Might We statement. This will be the focus of your brainstorm.

🕒 5 minutes

PROBLEM
How might we [your problem statement]?

Key rules of brainstorming
To run an smooth and productive session

🗣️ Stay in topic. 💡 Encourage wild ideas.

⏸️ Defer judgment. 👂 Listen to others.

🗳️ Go for volume. 👁️ If possible, be visual.

Step-2: Brainstorm, Idea Listing and Grouping

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Brainstorm

Write down any Ideas that come to mind that address your problem statement.

10 minutes

TIP

You can select a sticky note and hit the pencil [switch to sketch] icon to start drawing!

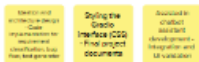
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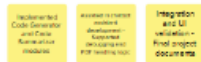
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Step-3: Idea Prioritization

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Group Ideas

Take turns sharing your ideas while clustering similar or related notes as you go. Once all sticky notes have been grouped, give each cluster a sentence-like label. If a cluster is bigger than six sticky notes, try and see if you can break it up into smaller sub-groups.

20 minutes

TIP

Ask yourselves: how is this idea better than the others? What are the unique aspects of this idea?

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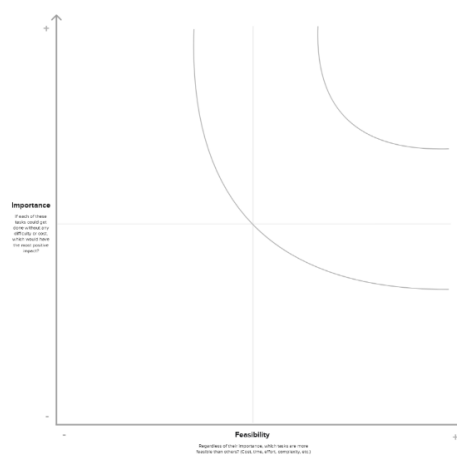
Prioritize

Your team should all be on the same page about what's important moving forward. Place your ideas on this grid to determine which ideas are important and which are feasible.

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After you collaborate

You can export the mural as an image or pdf to share with members of your company who might find it helpful.

Quick add-ons

- ☐ Share the mural: You can export the mural as an image or pdf to share with members of your company who might find it helpful.
- ☐ Export the mural: Export a copy of the mural as a PDF or PNG to share with others. Include a title, or share it with others.

Keep moving forward

- ☐ Strategic blueprint: Define the components of a new idea or strategy. Open the template.
- ☐ Customer experience journey map: Understand customer needs, motivations, and obstacles to an experience. Open the template.
- ☐ Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities & threats: Identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) to develop a plan. Open the template.