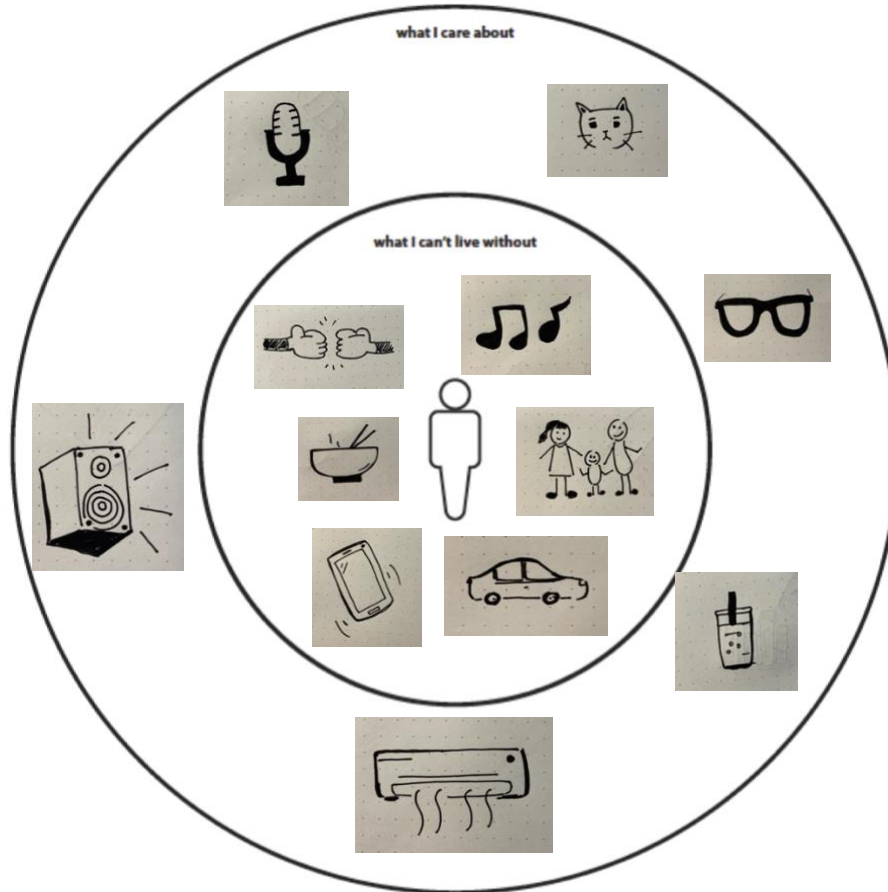


Participant Name/Alias:
Paul

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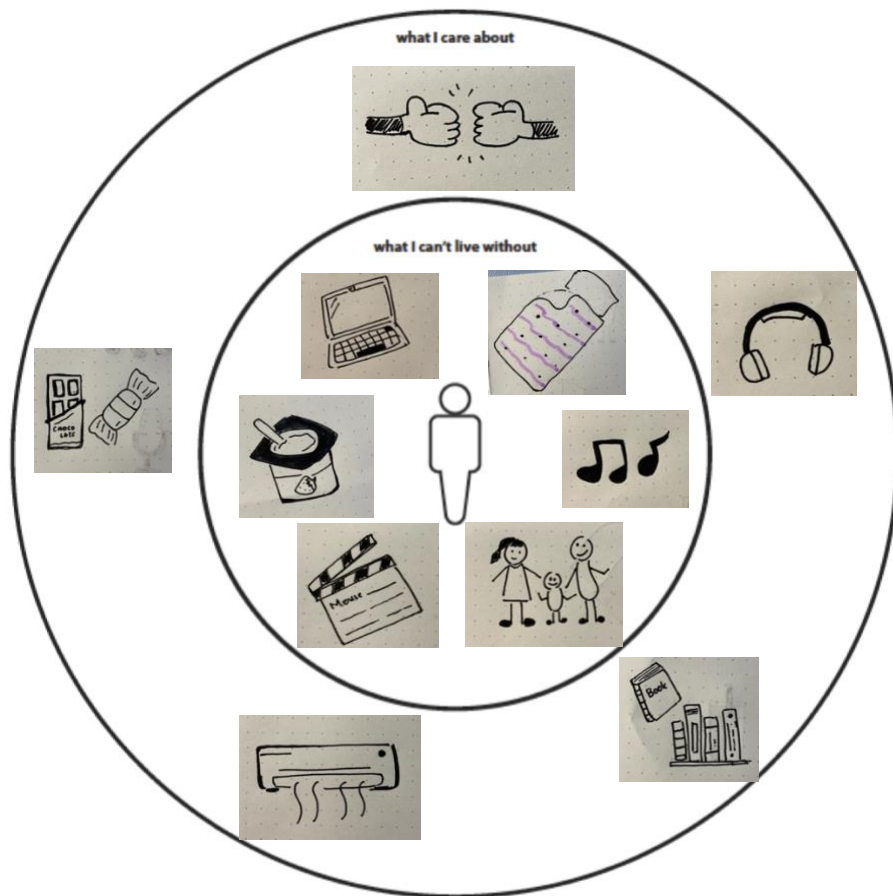
What Paul can't live without

1. **Friends:** Paul loves to share his thoughts with someone who comprehends what he feels, and he thinks having someone who will listen to his stories is crucial.
2. **Music:** Paul believes he is born with just this artistic quality. He cannot dance, paint, or draw and doesn't mind spending his money on music equipment. He expresses himself via music.
3. **Chinese food:** This is very Specific about Chinese food because he glances through the recipe once and makes a mental list of instructions he needs to follow while cooking by adding personal touches.
4. **Family:** His family motivates him to work harder and make grand plans for this bright future.
5. **Phone:** Mobile phone lets him connect with people. Since Paul's friends and family are a big priority, he often talks to them over this equipment.
6. **Car:** Paul tends to be lazy on most days. He can't walk to the bus stop in summer or any day in Austin. His car lets him get to places on time and max protection from the sun.

What Paul cares a lot about

1. **Air conditioning:** Prefers cool places.
2. **Iced tea:** Always likes to have a beverage to sip on.
3. **Speakers:** Likes to listen to music out and loud.
4. **Glasses:** For better vision but details.
5. **Singing:** Records his singing and posts them on YouTube.
6. **His pet cat:** His cat's name is pronounced 'Wooyee', which means 5&1 in Chinese, and she is a year old now.

Participant Name/Alias:
Manvi



What Manvi can't live without:

1. **Laptop:** Manvi tends to read many articles online and generally surf the internet. She loves to binge-watch movies or series on Netflix.
2. **Flavored yoghurt:** Her go-to breakfast option has been yoghurt for the past couple of years. They need no preparation time and come in multiple flavors. Yoghurts make her happy, and who doesn't want to start the day off with a positive note?
3. **Music:** Manvi is from India, and she has a wide range of music options to pick from. She relies on music to relieve her stress and it helps her cope the following day by giving her strength. She relates to music the most when the song lyrics bring back memories of her life.
4. **Movies:** She tends to be a bit of a drama queen, and movies have been a primary influence. She was a part of a street play group, and movies have always helped her prepare for these plays or shows.
5. **Family:** Her family gives her the strength to achieve anything she sets her mind on. They have always been highly supportive of her, and she is forever grateful to have them in her life.
6. **Purple blanket:** This object has been a constant in her life for the past five years and has travelled to all the places with her. This article tends to remind her of home and make her feel grounded.

What Manvi cares a lot about:

1. **Friends:** People who help her when in need.
2. **Air conditioner:** A must-have in her space.
3. **Book collection:** She likes to experience new books and doesn't revisit the same again.
4. **Headphones:** It helps her zone out of the world.
5. **Chocolates:** Manvi has a sweet tooth and loves to indulge in chocolates and coffee.

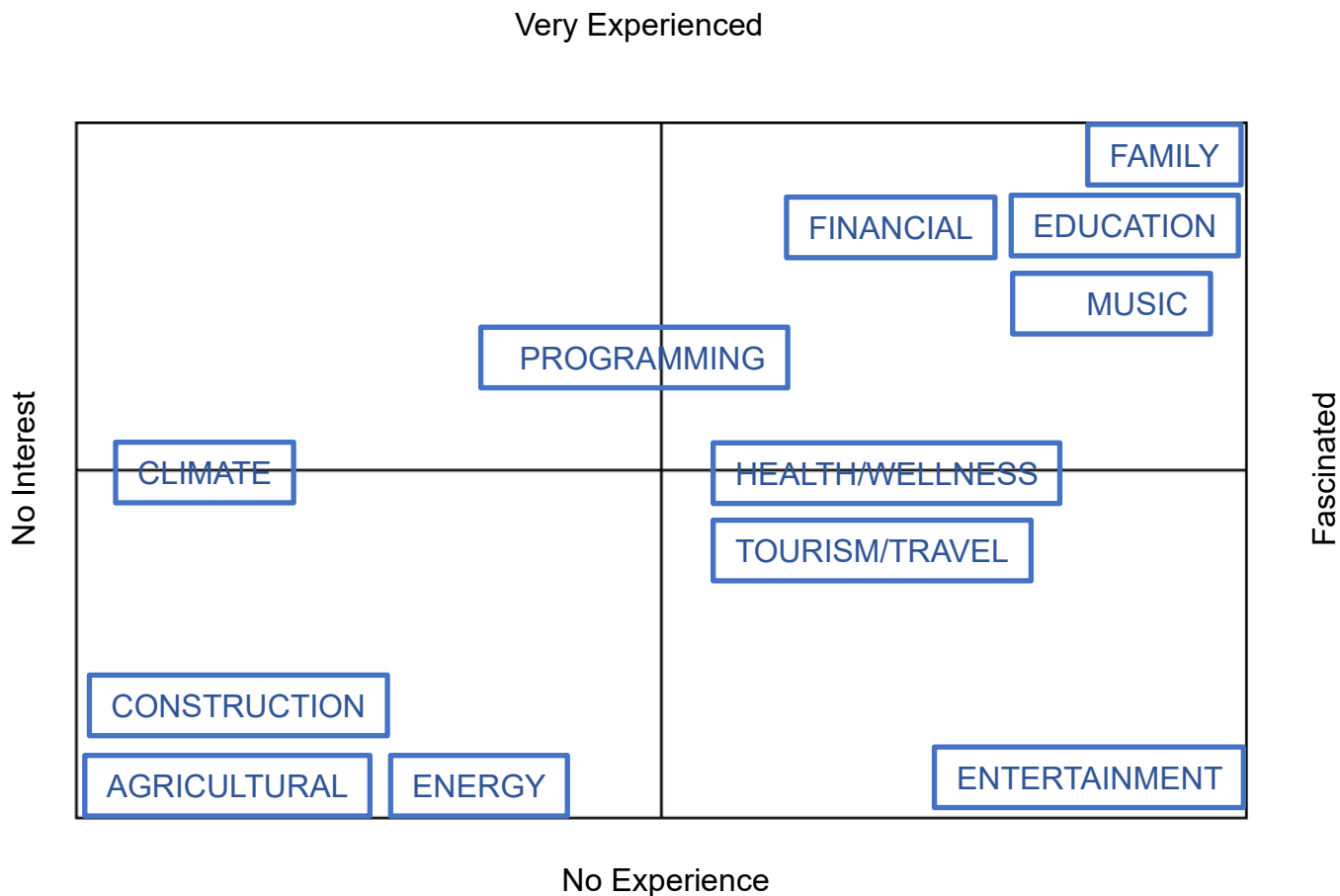
In summary, I feel like I discovered a new side with two of my closest friends in this process. What surprised me the most was that they both seem like very different people from just the looks of it, but their answers to these questions show that many factors overlap. Family and music seem to be those two things both Paul and Manvi cannot live without, but they have their own set of reasons as to why. Manvi seems more like a person who would rather cling to tangible things than people, and she believes this way, she is not dependent on someone else, which simplifies things for her. On the contrary, Paul is not scared to put others on his priority list. He trusts openly and loves to share. Both love air-conditioned places, I don't blame them given the weather, but they would rather spend their time indoors in a cool place than head out. I tend to lean towards the other side. I like to spend time outdoors and go on picnics and hikes. Maybe it's time to make new friends.

For this assignment, I picked the people closest to me, hoping it would be easier to have a conversation. This was true to the most extent, but some of these topics tend to be sensitive, and I felt they wouldn't want their friends to discover that side in an academic setting. This task was insightful and eye-opening; conversations came naturally with minimum effort. We had a few awkward pauses but kept on with the pace.

One thing I had the most difficulty within this part of the assignment was not letting my sympathy side be dominant. I had to control my emotions of wanting to relate to them, I tried to concentrate on empathy building. My mind kept trying to find solutions to these problems or concerns, and I had to shoot them down actively. Furthermore, I had to unlearn the things I knew about them to try to understand things from their perspective. I tried to remain neutral without any judgements.

A few improvements for my future self while interviewing would be to watch the time because this session took about 3 hours, which might not be ideal in a professional setting. I should also learn to talk less about myself during these interviews. Whenever I relate to something the interviewee is saying, I tend to give a short story from my own experience. This is not particularly bad, but I should keep these stories small and let the other person do most of the talking.

Participant Name/Alias:
Paul

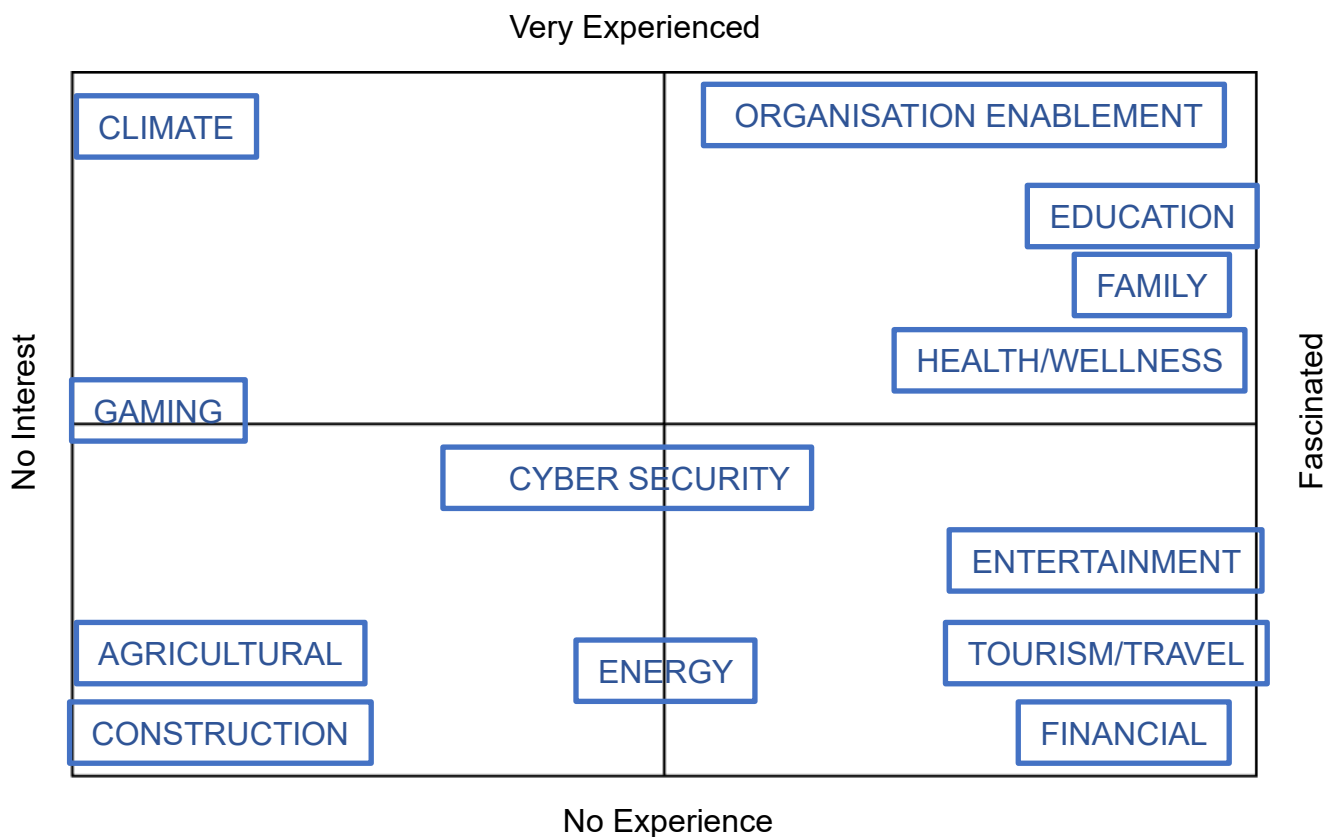


Paul says that he has a lot of experience with family because growing up, he had the chance to spend time in his hometown in China and with his aunt in the United States hence experiencing two different environments. He wants to start a family one day, and the process of it excites him. He works on making relationships better by meaningful communication and building trust.

Paul graduated with a double degree - MIS and Psychology. He completed his studies in 4 years, leaving him no time to socialize. This is also the reason why he placed education under the experienced section. His experience with Entertainment has been very minimum over the past few years. He spent most of his time in the library or at home completing assignments. He is, however, highly fascinated with the whole concept of it. Paul is looking forward to attend music concerts, parties and theaters with his friends during his graduate program (if he manages to make time).

He also tutors kids and helps them with college applications for a small fee. He manages his finances and supports his family with it too. Dealing with finances has always come naturally to him, so he has placed it under experienced and interest.

Participant Name/Alias:
MANVI



Manvi worked for a non-profit organization back in India. Initially, she played the role of a volunteer and, over time, took charge as the head of her sector, giving her the chance to manage and maintain the NGO. She dealt with multiple organizational issues and resolved them during her time there, hence placing Organization enablement in the top right corner.

Manvi has never been very keen on the climate, and she believes there are experts out there to take things in charge. The topic of weather or environment never seemed to amuse her, so she placed Climate in the top left corner.

She has never been the best at handling finances. She once went into a tiny financial crisis due to over-spending. She is, however, highly fascinated with how money works but lacks experience in this field. She is actively learning ways to manage her money.

She didn't take up civil engineering while pursuing her undergrad because she repelled dusty places and most construction sites tend to be mucky. She had no interest or fascination with how structures are formed and operated.