

Narrative & Context Scenarios

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What things stuck with you most from the reading on Narrative as a design tool?

Context Scenarios

Putting the personas from our spectrum into situations

- Now that we better understand the people we're solving for, how
 do we understand the situations in which they would use the apps?
- We do not just jump in and begin wireframing screens
- Instead, we determine the **ideal interactions** a person could have with the product

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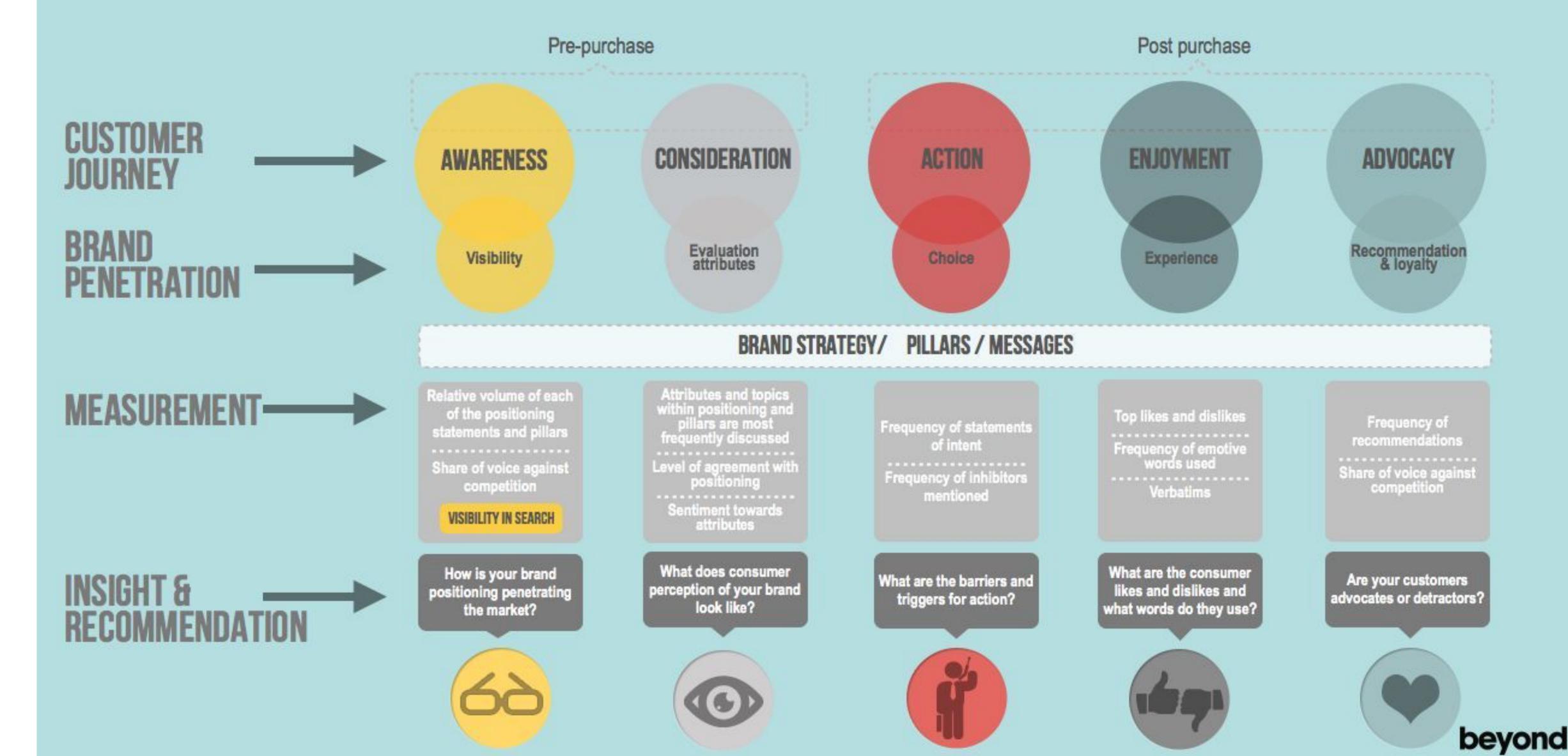
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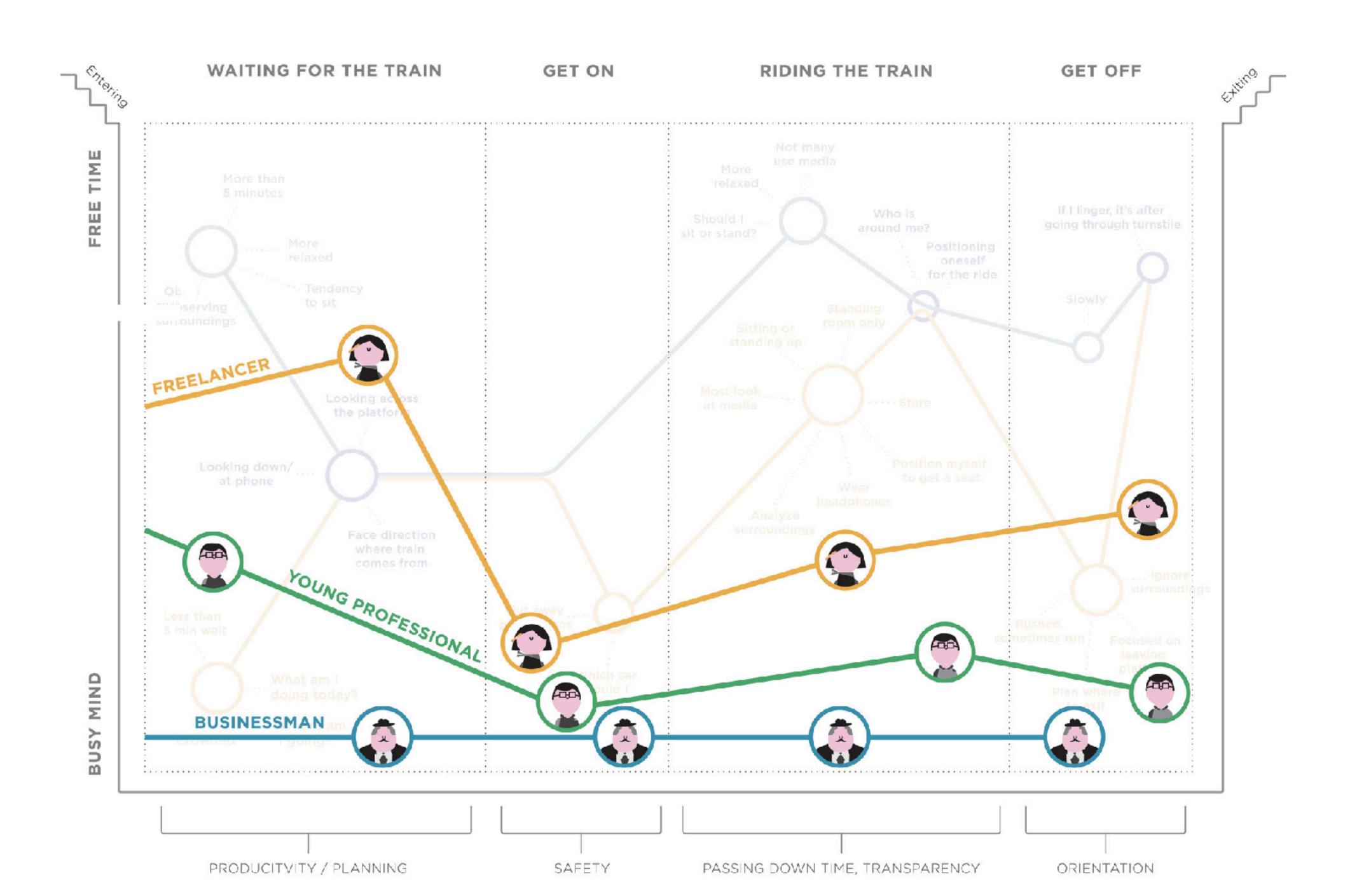
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Some examples of how narrative is used as a design tool

UNDERSTANDING PERCEPTIONS THROUGH WHAT CONSUMER SHARE DURING PURCHASING JOURNEY





■ AWARE ■ SIGNUP & ONBOARDING ■ POST **≡** SEARCH **≡** CONNECT James Users wants to be able User wants to be able To be able to register for the app, Users wants to be able User wants to be to search for other to connect with other know what the app is entering all the necessary information. able to post User players, clubs or all about, find it and players, clubs or generated content User goals downloading it on his agents on the app. agents on the app. link videos, images, stats etc. to there or hers device news feed. James is a academy level football player. He has played football his whole life and wants to be able Word of mouth App App App App Club Advertisements Club Club to step up in his career. Touchpoints Players Reviews Players Players He is currenlty on the Agents Agents lockout for a agent to help him progress in his career, He Loves connecting with others on social media, voiceing Customer searches for Customer goes to Customer Signs up to the app, chooseing Customer connects Customer reads and his opinion and sharing the relevant path (Player, agent and club). other users on the with other users on there news feed understands what the footballing content. (home), or profile to Customer then goes through onboarding app is about, decides the app and can app, via the search for there releveant path so that there therefore message post content that to download the app section profile will be populated with there and view content from populates there and takes a first look profile feed and at it. information and the app is set up and those users. tailored to the customer. other users they are **EDIT IN PERSONAS** connected with news Can the user find the Does the user want to or have the Can a user find the What happens if a User might only want other users they are to post there content app on the app store information needed to sign up to the user doesnt want to app. Should this be done at a later stage? to some of there looking for. connect with other or google play Problems 🦞 user if they have connections. recieved a connection request. Experience Advertisments at Linked to clubs with players Geo location NFC Tech touching Enter referal code to get prices (players, agents, phones or cards clubs Age verification for players Social media clubs near you) (maybe even shin Post vidoes and (generate a buzz) Link to other social pads)

ambassadors

Club

Agents

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Goal alerts of

connections

photos stright

from your phone

ignore rather than

networks

Compare/constrast

Different types of narrative as design

Deliverable	Use Case/Case Study	User Story	Context Scenario	
What is it?	details all aspects of interaction	identifies user and their need(s)	describes how user needs are met	
Type of Document	Structured Document: detail functionality, flow, requirements	Informal, short statement: agile development process to scope features	Narrative: user perspective walkthrough	
Level of Detail	very detailed (all possible ways and barriers to achieve goal)	short, very focused (meant to spark conversation at team scrum meetings)	just enough detail (includes user motivation, environment)	
Writing Sample	Technical descriptions Web customer (actor) authentication. Summary, Rationale, Users, Preconditions, Course of Events, Postconditions, etc.	First person quote "As a user, I want to log in to my bank account to pay a bill"	Third person narrative Joan is (description). She wants to pay a bill. First she (describe process)then she	

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Context Scenarios

The specific type we're going to use in Project 1

- We use stories to describe the interactions
- We define behaviours users may expect
 - Used by: Disney, digital agencies, content strategist
- We may use customer journey mapping tools
- We might define a "moment of truth", when the person using the product achieves their goal

Define scenarios

More detail on context scenarios

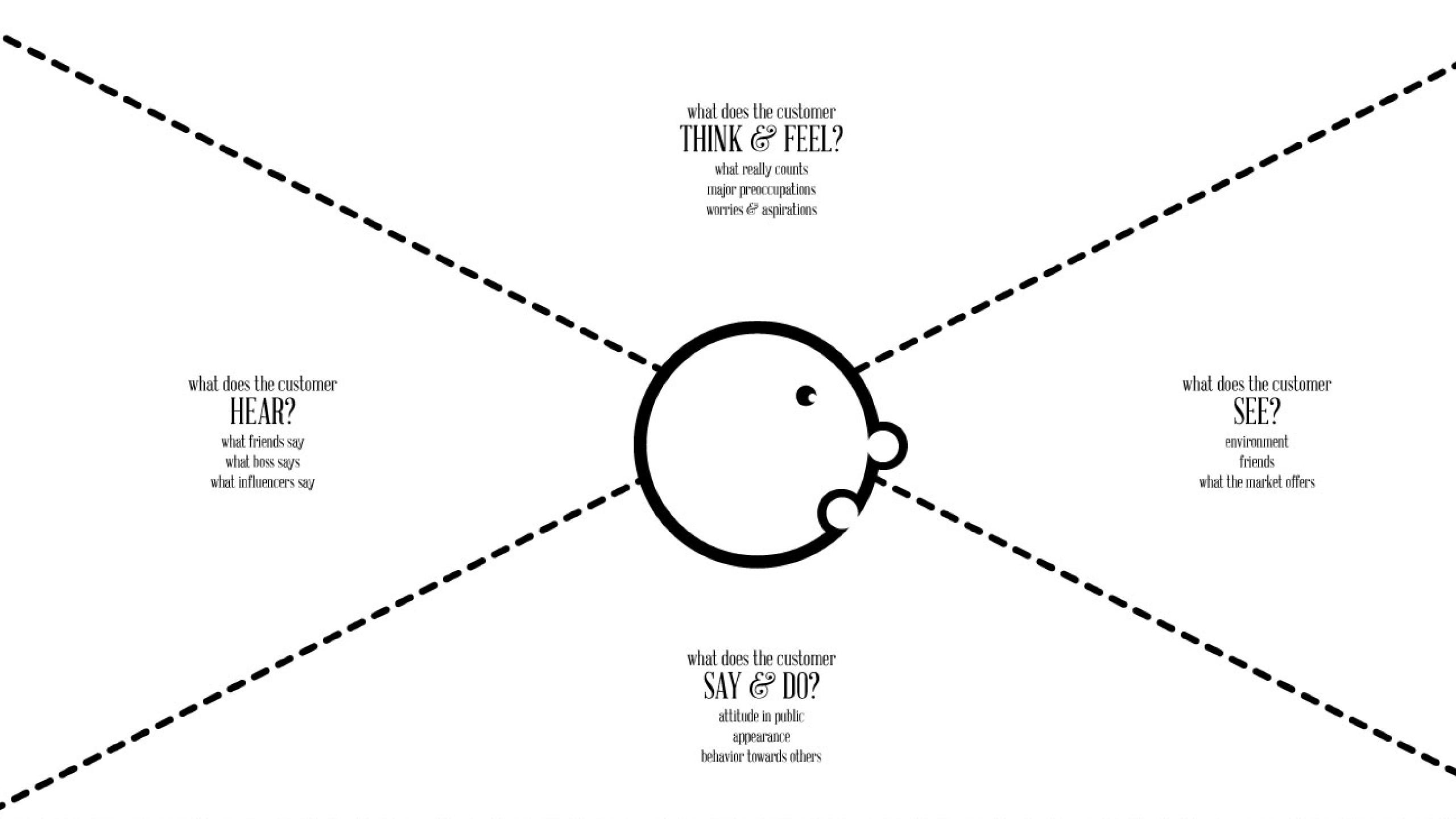
- Based on personas focused on how people think and behave
- Context that describes the environment and non-verbal cues that may be present within a user's interaction
- Role-playing/interaction walkthrough by UX designer, putting themselves in the persona's shoes

Attraction	Engagement	Support
Since she's been given this big project, overseeing an entire build for a highly technical medical building Susan is feeling a need to ramp up her knowledge AND to make some good connections in the larger Materials industry.	Susan does a search on air filtration materials, and finds a wealth of information - journal articles, Handbook references, and ASM members who specialize in this area. She sees that she has a limited amount of access to full articles and the various materials that ASM provides. There is one expert in South Carolina that she would love to connect with - Don Kapakos. He's had 20 years of working in situations where hurricanes regularly hit buildings.	Susan decides to become an ASM member. As she signs up, she's asked to complete her profile informat - as she fills in her work history and education, the system is tagging her profile with particular keywords, along with her search parameters, and things she's indicated she's intereste in (by clicking on them). When she's finished - a 2-step process at most - she's able to reach out to Don immediately and connect.
When Susan gets to the ASM site - she can see the latest content ASM has to offer - including articles, Handbook updates, upcoming courses, and meetings.		Since her profile information is fairly complete, she's a full member and has access to all regular member services that she's entitled to.
Will an ASM membership be valuable to her? What can it provide her with?		
	Susan eventually determines membership is of interest after spending more time than desired digging through the resources on the site.	
		Personalized "Welcome" email that highlights some relevant resources based on member's interests. Optimize site navigation to ensure ease of use and access to resources. Recommend local chapters and events based on member location. Recommend relevant products and services as

Drafting a scenario

Things to consider when writing

- Begin with your persona spectrum (you will write one scenario for each person in your spectrum)
- Start by filling in an empathy map for each person
- Use the following as prompts to construct your narrative:
 - Questions: things the persona needs answering before the next step
 - Happy moments: positive, enjoyable things that improve the experience
 - Pain points: frustrations and annoyances that spoil the experience
 - Opportunities: How to address the pain points
- Remember: the scenario should describe an ideal interaction between person and product



	Record	Download to computer	Import to editing software	Edit the video	Export	Upload	Share
ACTIONS	Charge battery Buy blank tapes	Find cable Transfer to PC	Choose & install app Import footage	Add Crossfades, music	Choose file format, codec wait for export zzzz	Select hosting service Upload file	Send out chain mail social
QUESTIONS	Batteries charged? Do I have blank tapes? Spare battery packed?	Why is it taking so long?	Which app is best?		Whats a CODEC? What settings are best?	Where can I put this file?	
HAPPY MOMENTS	Video quality is amazing! Love the long zoom				Labour of love - looks great		HOORAY, friends like it!
PAIN POINTS	So much preparation!	Can't find goddam cable! out of disk space. Huh?	Hard to pick the right app	Takes way too long	It came out all blocky! Too many decisions!	Youtube is 10 mins max	Doesn;t play on mum's PC Too much work overall
OPPORTUNITIES	Use Flash storage not tape Allow AA batteries	Build an integrated USB cable	Preload editing app free on camera	Streamlined editor - less control but quicker!	Video recorded as web ready web ready options	Share as one click option editor	ort joined up

To learn more

Check out these resources

- About Face, 4th Ed. (book)
 - eBook available thru library here:
 https://tinyurl.com/y6a6cf47

