

Engineering Design: An Introduction

Chapter 1 & 2

What types of engineers are there?

Lets Brainstorm!





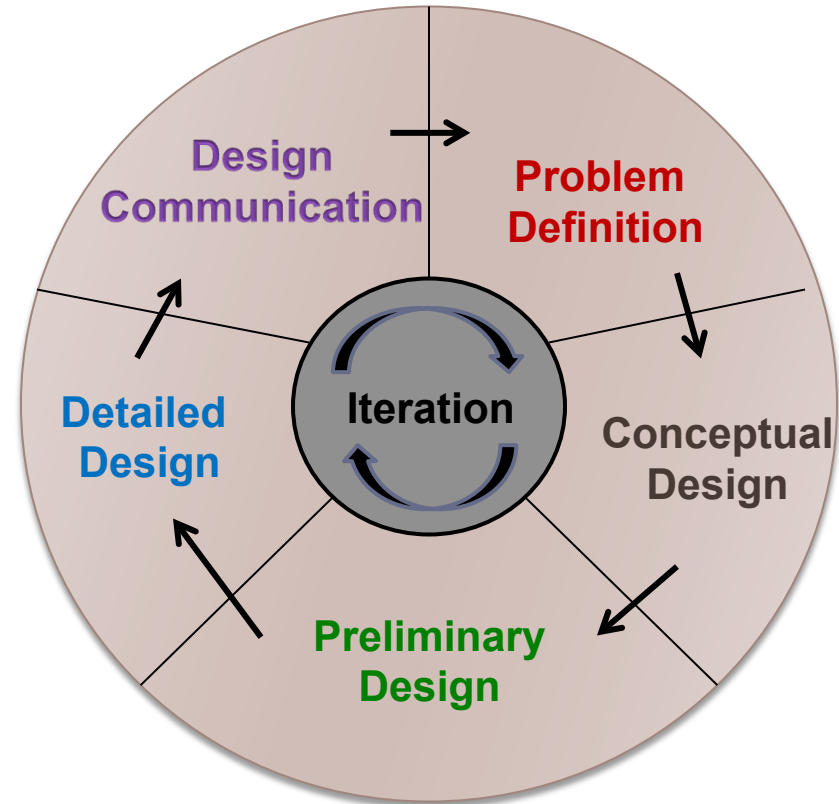
Qualities of an Engineer

- ▶ Problem solving skills
- ▶ Effective communication skills
- ▶ Highly ethical and professional behavior
- ▶ An open mind and positive attitude
- ▶ Proficiency in math and science
- ▶ Technical skills
- ▶ Motivation to continue learning
- ▶ Knowledge of business strategies and management practices
- ▶ Computer literacy and experience

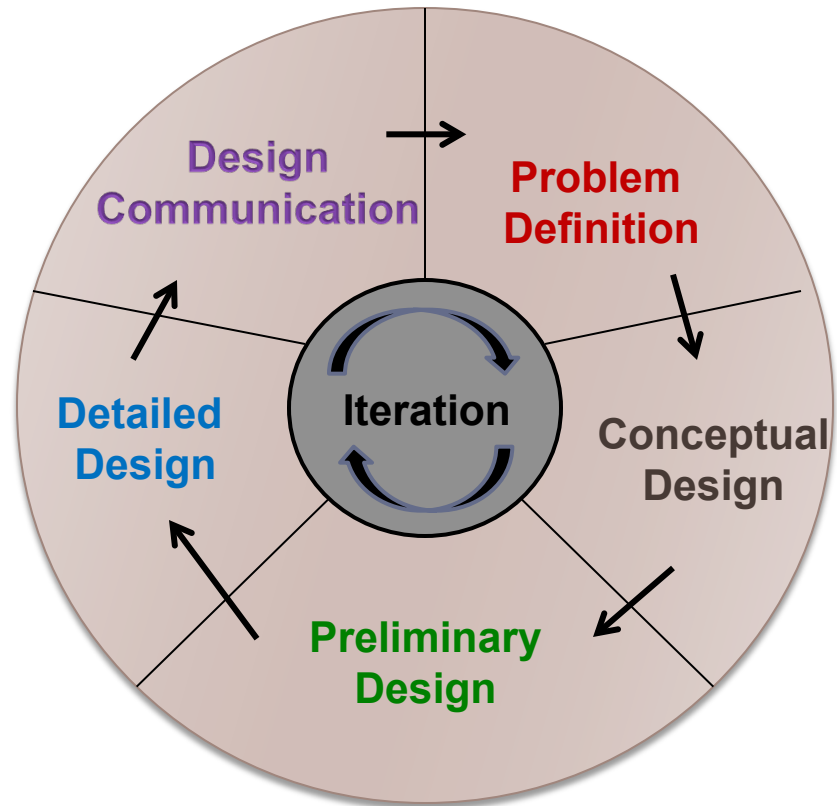
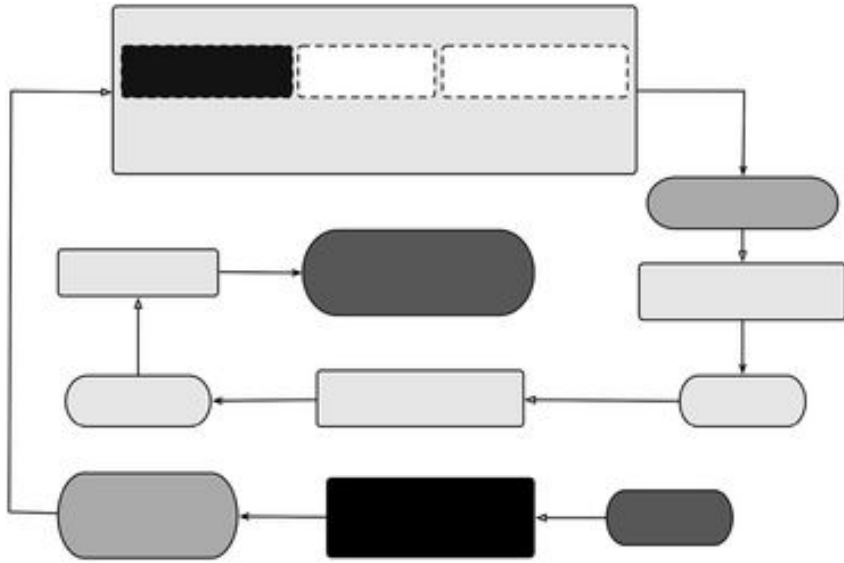


The Design Process


1. **Problem Definition**
2. Conceptual Design
3. **Preliminary Design**
4. **Detailed Design**
5. **Design Communication**
6. Reflection → Iteration



The Design Process – Our book vs. simplified



1. Problem Definition

- ▶ Problem Statement
- ▶ Objectives
 - ▶ Nth generation redesign:
 - ▶ New technology
 - ▶ New user needs
 - ▶ Respond to competition
 - ▶ Reduce costs
- ▶ Constraints
 - ▶ specifications / limits
 - ▶ resources: time, , \$, info
- ▶ Principal Functions



**What does
the client
want?**



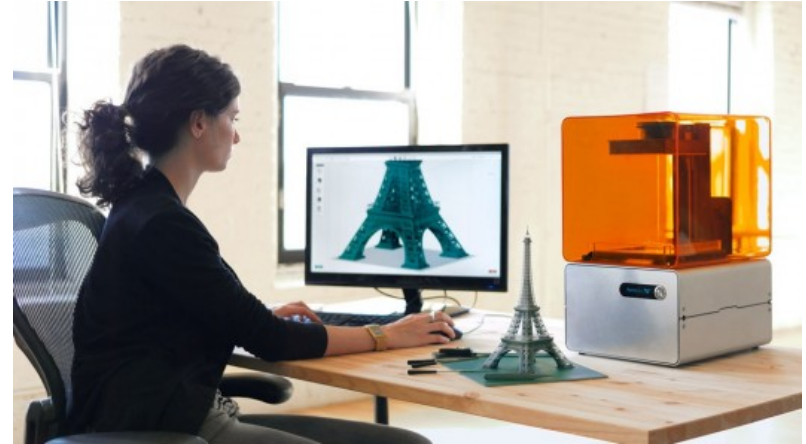
2. Conceptual Design

- ▶ Identify how you will measure design success
 - ▶ Metrics
- ▶ Acquire Technical Knowledge
 - ▶ Existing Solutions
 - ▶ Technology Research
 - ▶ Patent Searches
- ▶ Generate ideas and solutions
 - ▶ Creativity!
- ▶ You've got a few solutions, which one is best?
 - ▶ Thoroughly evaluate +/- and compare alternative solutions
 - ▶ Consider the human element: safety, satisfaction, usability



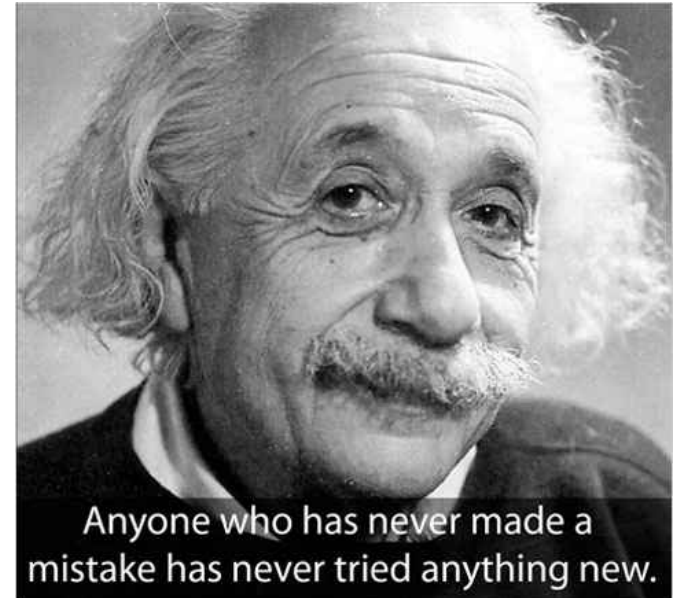
3. Preliminary Design

- ▶ 1st attempt!
- ▶ Model & Test
 - ▶ Prototyping
 - ▶ Computers
 - ▶ Check ethics, failures, hazards
- ▶ LEARN
- ▶ Evaluate → Consider Redesign?



4. Detailed Design

- ▶ Learn from early design mistakes
- ▶ Refine & Optimize
- ▶ Consider manufacturing issues



5. Design Communication

► Present your Work!!

► Written

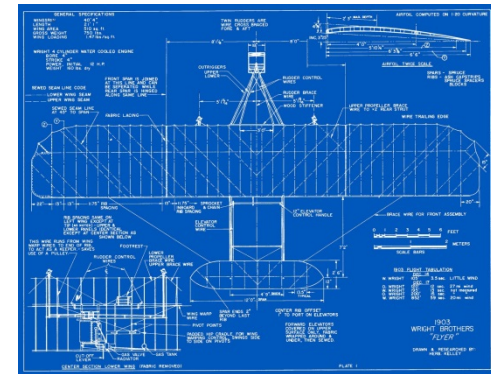
- Reports, white papers, etc.
- Describe design process

► Graphical

- Drawings & detailed designs
- Fabrication specifications (final measurements)

► Oral

- Summary for a specific audience



6. Reflection & Iteration

- ▶ Review failures
- ▶ Consider lessons
- ▶ Revisit discarded ideas
- ▶ Apply to future projects
- ▶ Address support requirements
- ▶ Iterate, Iterate, Iterate, Iterate

