

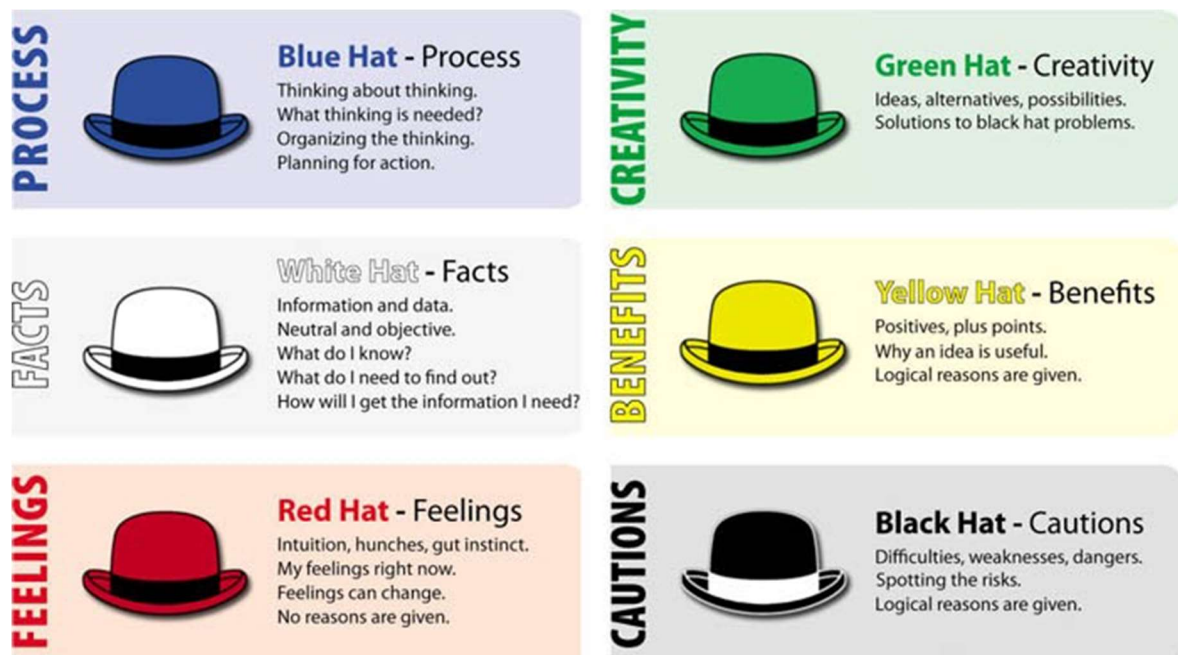
Week 6 Ideating Solutions

Workshop Activity

The following activities will be used this week for ideating solutions.

We will use the De Bono six hats thinking to help structure this process better. The “six-thinking hats” technique is a method used for parallel thinking. It involves following a single direction of thought at a given time to maximize on ideation while avoiding deviations and creating more focused outcomes (Sheth, 2012). If there is deviation during the exercise, the leader steps in to re-direct the team. It’s not mandatory for all the hats to be used in practice (De Bono, 2017). Hence, the sequence for each activity has been given below for you to follow.

The six hats as described by Mulder (2011) are:



1. HOW MIGHT WE

Primary Goal	Turn challenges into opportunities for design through brainstorming and a change of perspective.
Time Required	20 minutes
Task	Reframe the POV statement using “How might we...” questions.
Location	Zoom breakout rooms

POV Statement = [User ... (descriptive)] needs [(need... verb)] because [insight...(compelling)]

It must be human centred, it must be broad enough to allow creative thinking and specific enough to allow you to have a manageable challenge

Activity How might we...			
Hat	Responsibility	Action	Time
Blue	Team leader	1. Write the project POV statement on a word doc or a blank PPT.	5 mins
		2. Team leader reads out the POV while making sure the team is ready to start.	
Green	All team	3. Rephrase and brainstorm the POV using “How might we” (HMW) questions. The goal is to find opportunities for design, so if your insights suggest several HMW questions that’s great!	3 mins
Black	All team	4. Focus on the negative aspects and reword the HMW questions as needed.	3 mins
		5. Ask yourself if your HMW questions allow for a variety of solutions. If they don’t, broaden them. Your HMW should generate a number of possible answers through individual brainstorming.	5 mins
		6. Now make sure that your HMW’s aren’t too broad. It’s a tricky process but a good HMW should give you both a narrow enough frame to let you know where to start your brainstorm, but also enough breadth to give you room to explore wild ideas.	
Green	All team	7. Make any corrections required to the questions after steps 7 and 8. Feel free to quickly jump to a green hat if the vetting process in steps 7 and 8 ends before 3 mins.	3 mins
Blue	Team leader	8. Leader concludes the exercise.	1 min
		9. Record your HMW questions to post on your repository!	