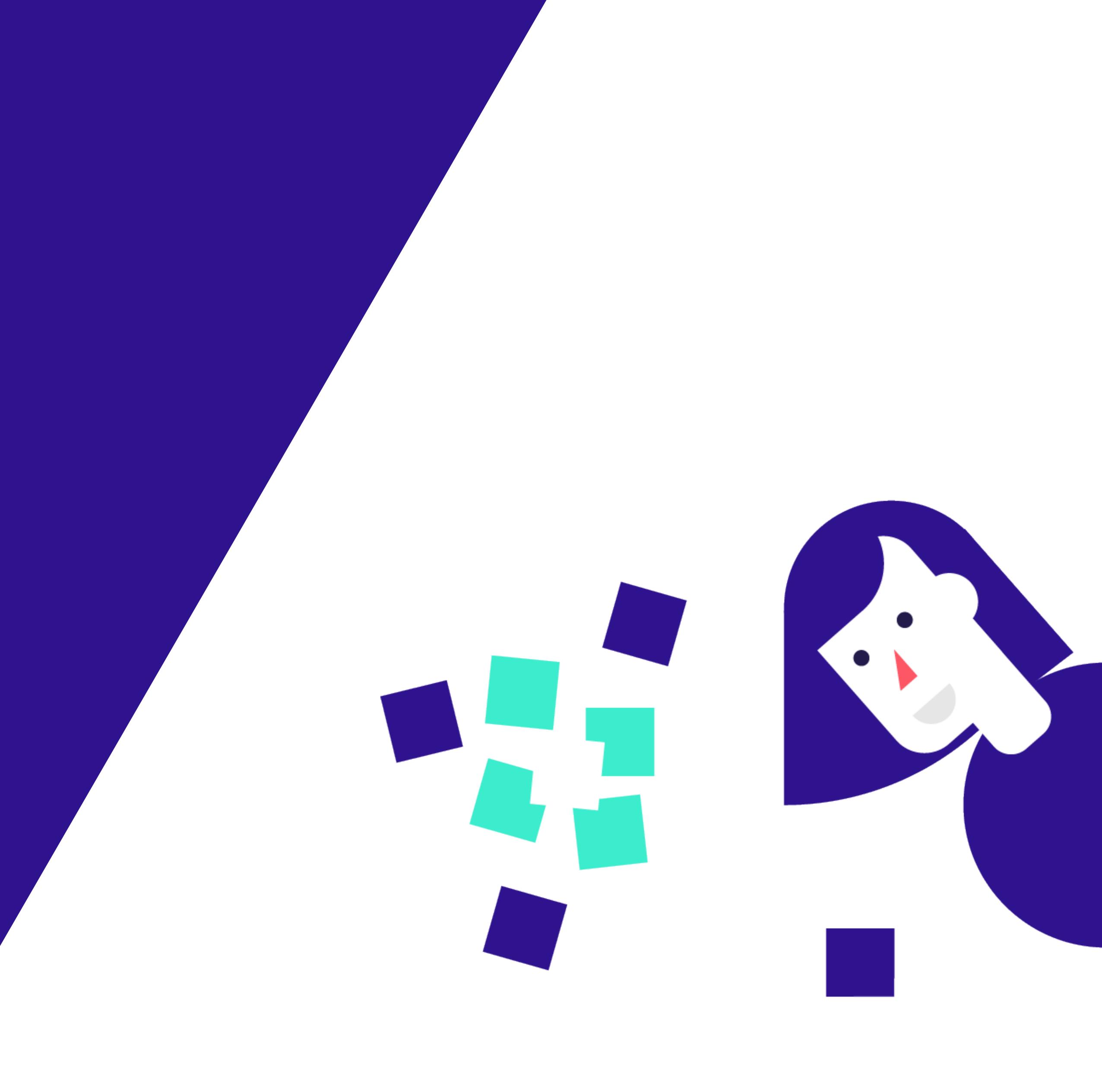
User Research Training

March 2019



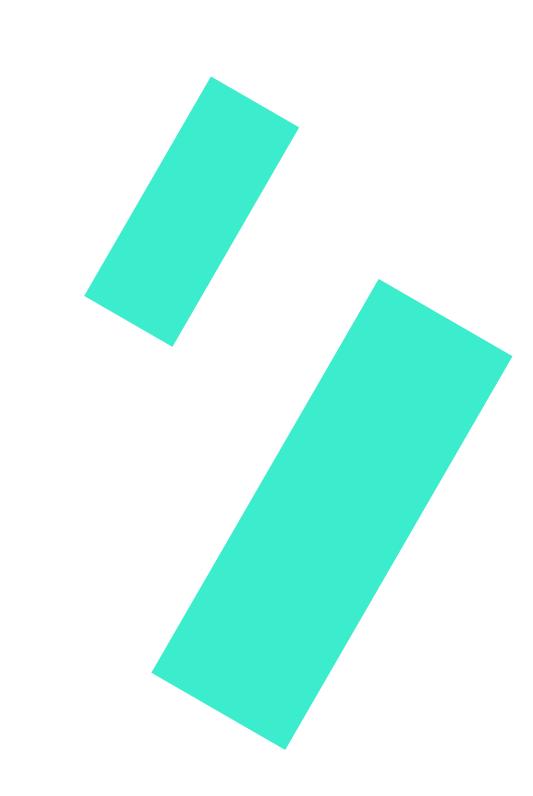




- > Slides will be shared at the end
- Please put your phones away
- > Toilets and fire exits
- Ask questions throughout

Contents

- > Introduction to the Chatbot project
- Introduction to user research
- User interviews
 - Prepare and recruit
 - Conduct interview and capture data
 - Analyse and synthesise
- User Interview practice run!



Chatbot Project

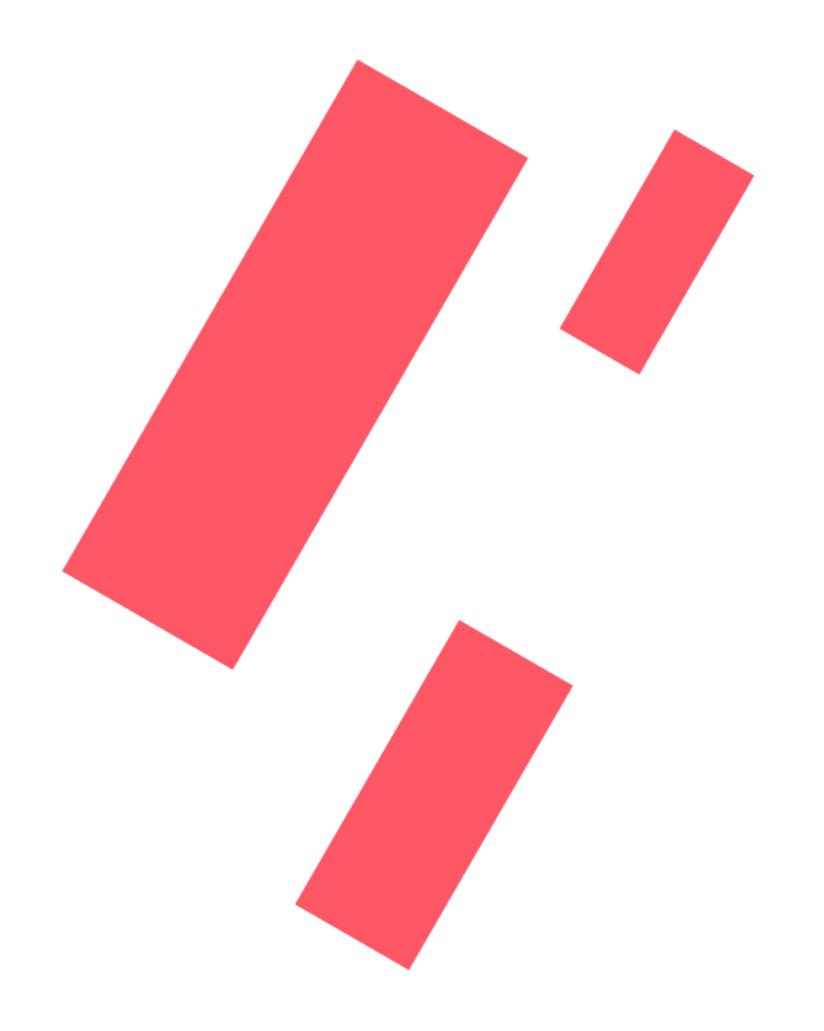
What are we aiming to achieve?



Project aims

- To run a technical and user needs investigation.
- To develop a framework and robust business case for local councils to evaluate the potential value and relevance of chatbot applications for their services.





Our deliverables

- To work with local councils to deliver user research, providing an appropriate framework to collect and document findings.
- To supply onboarding and training to staff supporting research efforts along with discussion guides and templates for capturing insights.
- Use knowledge sharing sessions to reflect on processes and findings.



Foundations

18/02/2019	25/02/2019	04/03/2019
Kick off	Prep	Training

Research

11/03/2019	18/03/2019	25/03/2019	01/04/2019
Planning Oxford	Waste & Recycling NE Derbyshire & Bolsover	Revenues & Benefits Redditch & Bromsgrove	Highways Surrey

Synthesis

08/04/2019	15/04/2019
Reporting	Final Report

Final sharing session:

18th April



Project Hopes

- Work together collaboratively
- Learn lessons
- Make connections and form great partnerships
- Deliver something worthwhile
- Take away some personal learning
- Develop new skills



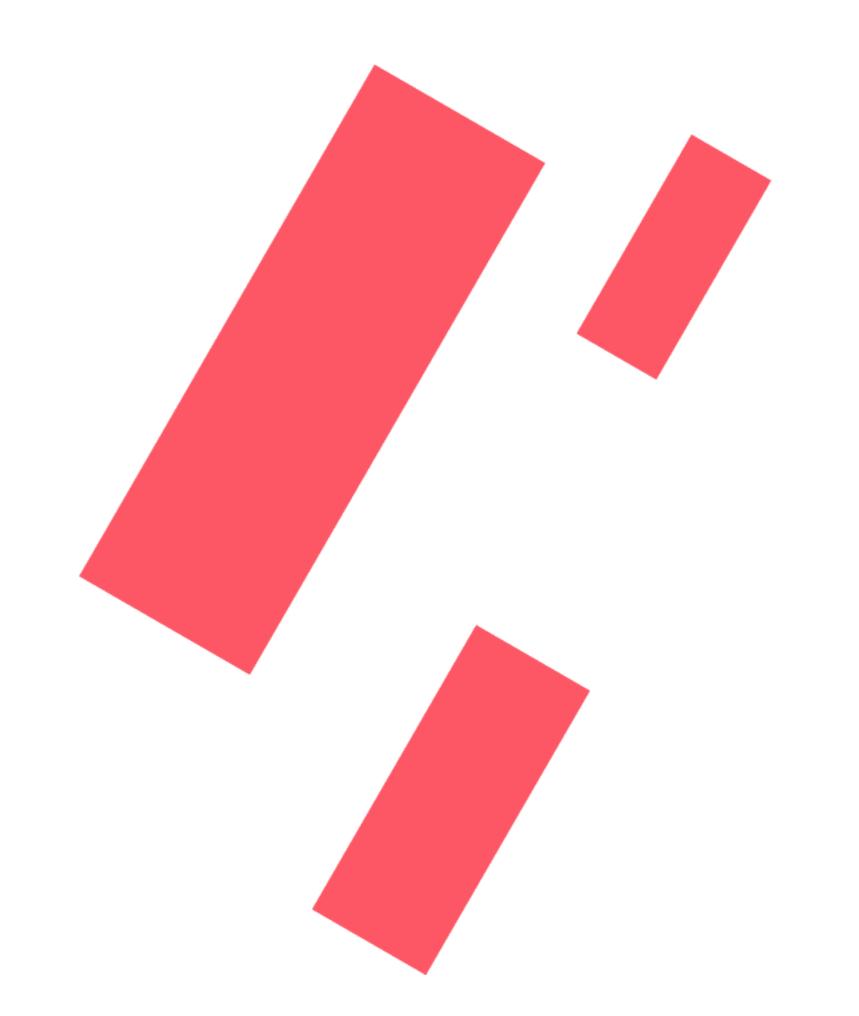


User Research

An introduction to user research, methods and useful resources.



Learning about users and their needs



"When designing a government service, always start by learning about the people who will use it. If you don't understand who they are or what they need from your service, you can't build the right thing."





Complete our quick 5-question survey to help us improve our content.

Service manual > User research

User research

Understand user needs: plan research, prepare for sessions, share and analyse findings.

	Open all
Understanding user research	
Introduction, user needs, users who need help online.	
User research in the different design phases	
Discovery, alpha, beta, live.	
Preparing for user research	
Planning, participants, locations, recruitment.	
User research methods	
Common methods and techniques.	
Analysing and sharing findings	
Doing analysis, sharing what you've learned.	

Join the community

Find out what the cross-government community does and how to get involved.

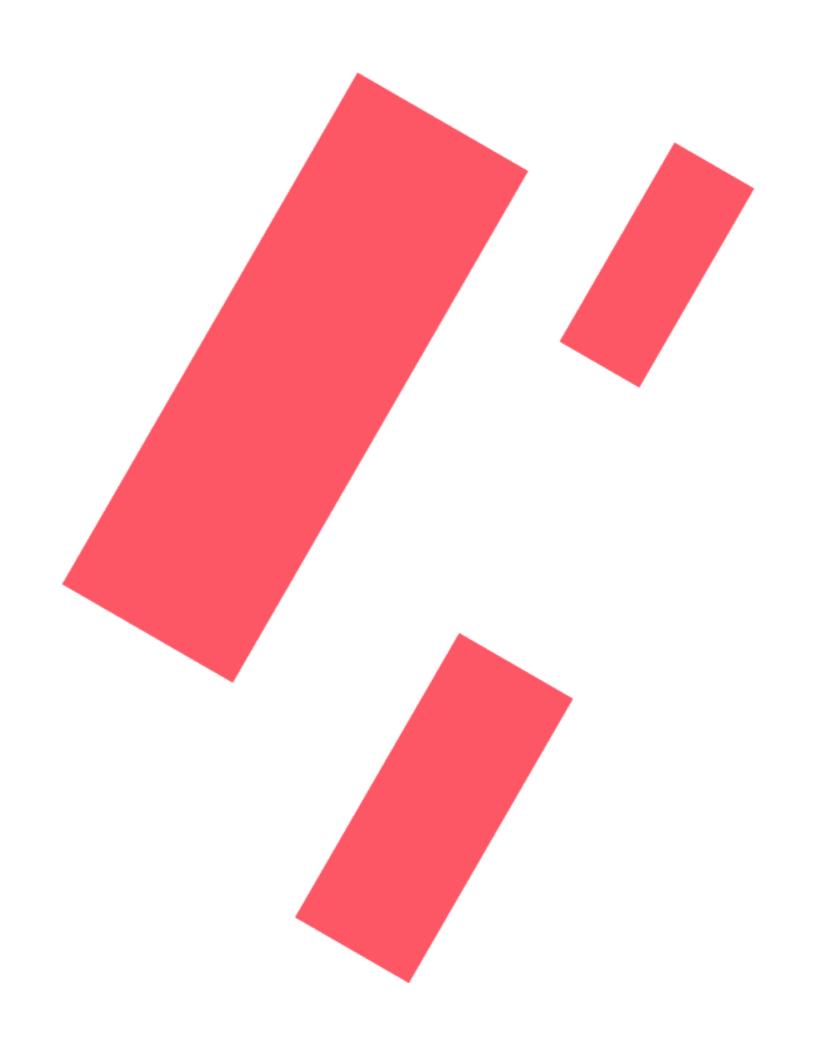
User research community

Accessibility community

Get notifications

When any guidance within this topic is updated **\omega** email

How to research



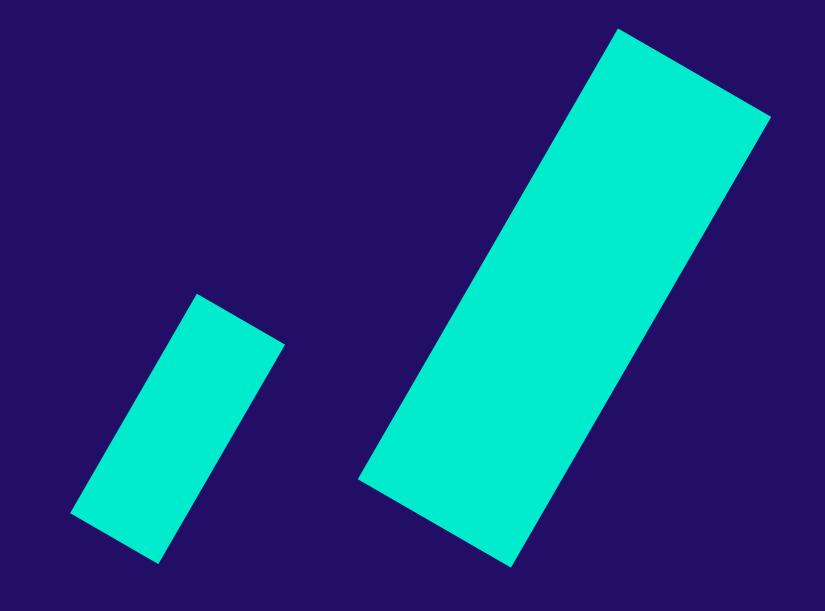
You can learn about users and their needs by:

- Reviewing existing evidence
- Interviewing and observing actual or likely users
- > Talking to people inside and outside your organisation who work with actual or likely users





Treat any opinions or suggestions that don't come from users as assumptions that have to be proven by doing research.



USER RESEARCH

An introduction

UNDERSTAND YOUR USERS

You need to understand:

- who your likely users are
- what they're trying to do
- how they're trying to do it now
- how their life or work influences what they do and how
- how they use and experience existing services

FIND WHAT WORKS

People rely on government services to do important things. If they can't do them, it can cause significant problems.

In turn, these problems can increase government costs and stop policies achieving their intent. This means your user research must focus on how the people who need your service can use it to get the right outcome for them, rather than what they like or prefer.

BE INCLUSIVE

A good service is inclusive of users of all abilities. It is important that you don't exclude any users in the way you conduct your research - consider this when planning, recruiting and choosing research locations.

People with disabilities might struggle to access or use parts of your service - understanding this is critical to developing inclusive services.

USER RESEARCH

Culture

CONTINUOUS RESEARCH

Peoples needs and expectations change over time.

To make sure you are providing a relevant and valuable service - it is important to conduct research continuously.

Opt for small batches, often - rather than large programmes, rarely. You will:

- Save time by focusing on what people need
- Reduce risk by learning and responding quickly

MAKE IT A TEAM SPORT

User research is most effective when user researchers are embedded in service teams, and team members are actively involved in user research activities. Doing this will help you:

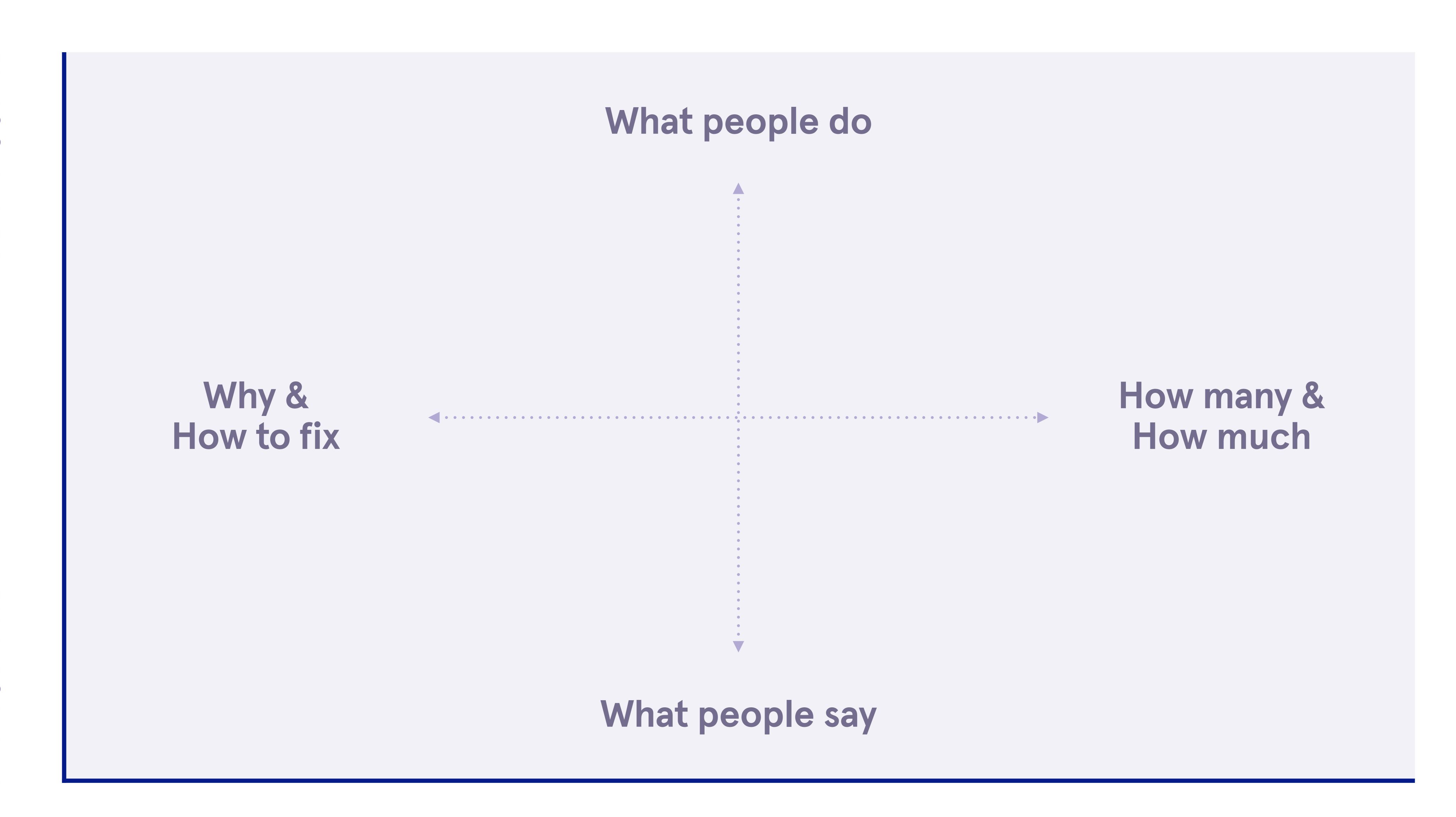
- Understand the highs and lows that people experience when using your service
- Think and talk about users in terms of real people with real needs to develop empathy for the people they're writing or designing for

SHARE YOUR FINDINGS

You should invite your wider team to show and tells. Involving more people in user research helps your team make better decisions about how to improve your service by:

- Reducing the risk of bias and unchallenged assumptions
- Giving less dominant team members a voice
- Limiting the influence of individual stakeholders





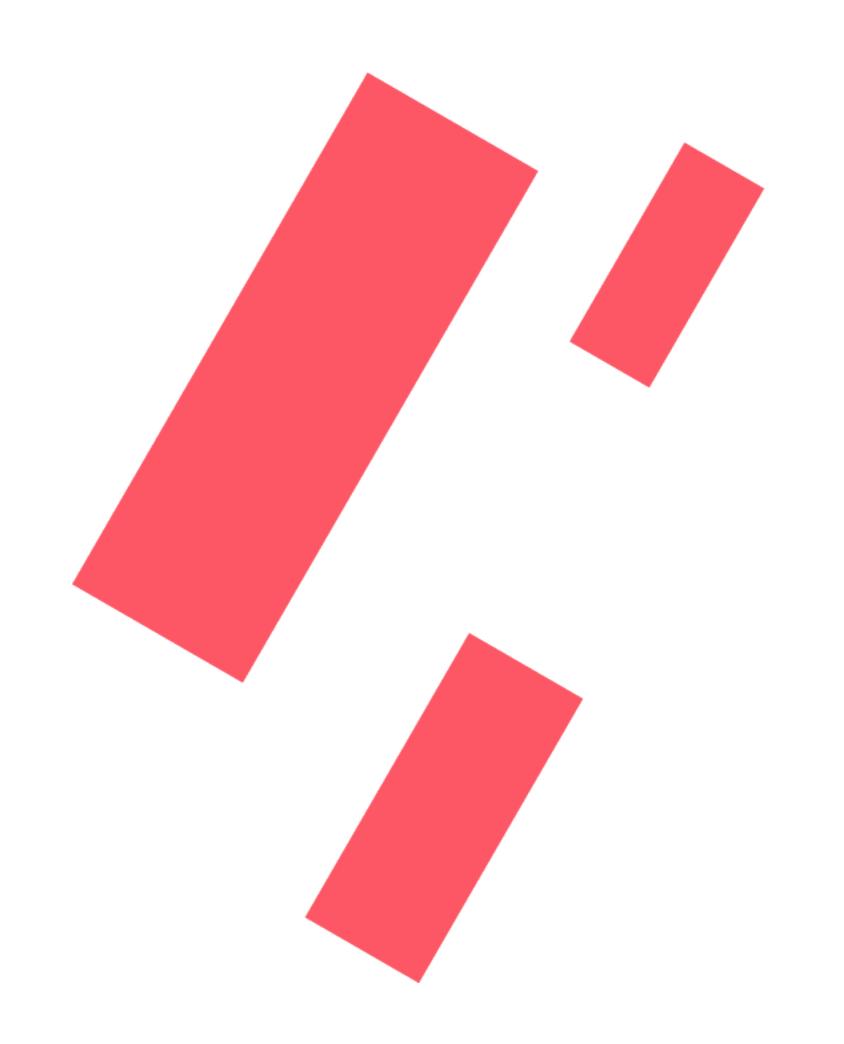
User Research Methods

	Eye tracking	Behavioural Analytics A/B Testing
Usability Studies	Moderated Remote Usability Studies	
	Unmoderated Remote Panel Studies	
Ethnographic Field Studie	es	
	Diary / Camera Studies	
	Customer Feedback	
Focus Groups		
Interviews		Email Surveys

User Research Methods

DISCOVER	EXPLORE	TEST	LISTEN
 Field study Diary study User interview 	 Competitive analysis Persona building Task analysis 	 Qualitative usability testing (in-person or remote) 	 Survey Analytics review Search-log analysis
Stakeholder interview	Journey mapping	 Benchmark testing Accessibility 	Usability-bug review
Requirements & constraints gathering	Prototype feedback & testing (clickable or paper prototypes)	evaluation	Frequently-asked- questions (FAQ) review
	Write user stories		
	Card sorting		

Blending your methods



You get the most value out of your user research by comparing or relating findings from both quantitative and qualitative research methods.

Ex: Google Analytics + User Interviews



How do your users talk?





The British-Irish Dialect Quiz

By JOSH KATZ FEB. 15, 2019

For each question, choose whichever answer comes closest to how you talk casually with friends.

User Interviews

Local Councils

Conducting user interviews in your local councils. For this project, we are focussing on four research themes: Planning, Waste & Recycling, Revenues & Benefits and Highways.



Research aims

- To understand the user experience of customer support in each research area (motivations, triggers, frequency, success and pain points)
- Mental models and terminology used during communication, search and navigation
- User experience of, and attitude towards, digital channels and technology (ex: social, channels, chatbots)
- For this project: How to help customers avoid calling councils unnecessarily through the use of chatbots and AI?



User interviews:

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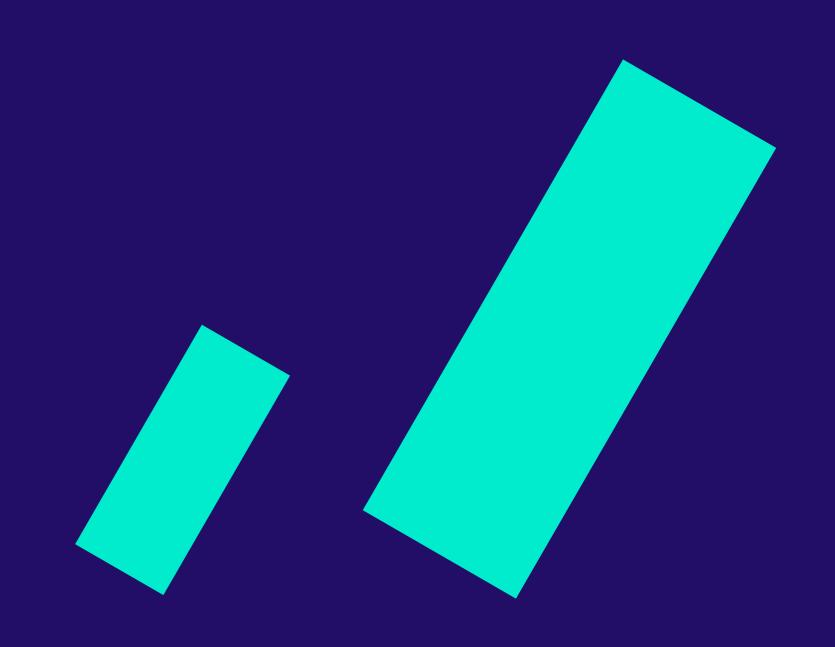
RECRUIT

2

CONDUCT & CAPTURE DATA

5

ANALYSE & SYNTHESISE



Research

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Councils doing their own user research:

- Hertsmere
- Cheltenham

- Rotherham
- Doncaster

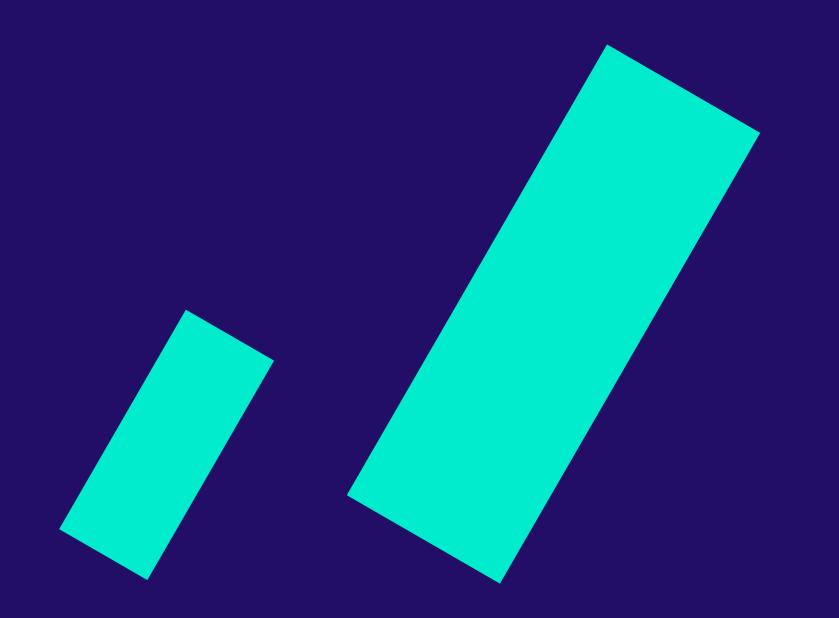
- Preston
- Adur & Worthing



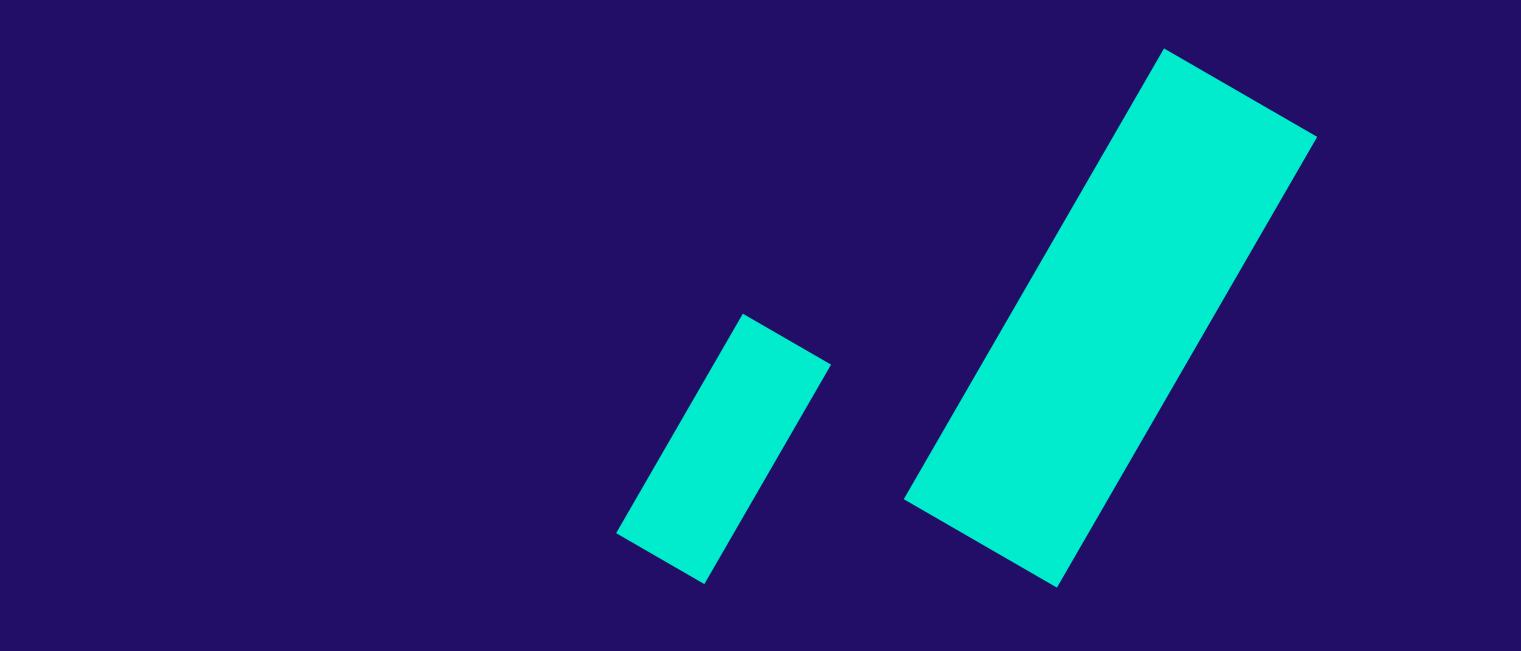
Our approach to each research week

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Torchbox	Interviews & Analysis	Interviews & Analysis		Analysis & Synthesis	Reporting & Demo
Council	Interviews & Analysis	Interviews & Analysis	Analysis	Analysis & Synthesis	Demo



PREPARE & RECRUIT



- Plan timescales
- Choose locations
- Write a recruitment brief
- > Find and recruit participants
- Schedule interviews with participants
- Write a user interview script



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THINK ABOUT YOUR END TO END PROCESS

WHAT ARE YOUR DEPENDENCIES?

IS THIS FEEDING INTO A WIDER PROGRAMME OF WORK?

BE REALISTIC ABOUT HOW MUCH YOU CAN DO WITHIN A SET TIMEFRAME

FACTOR IN CONTINGENCY TIME FOR UNEXPECTED EVENTS



- Plan timescales
- **Choose locations**
- Write a recruitment brief
- > Find and recruit participants
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ARE THE INTERVIEWS REMOTE?

ARE THEY IN A PHYSICAL LOCATION?

WILL THIS AFFECT WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

DOES THE LOCATION HAVE DISABLED ACCESS?



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- Choose locations
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WHO ARE YOUR USERS?

BE INCLUSIVE - BUT THERE IS A RISK OF TRYING TO BE ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE.

WHAT IS THE INTENTION OF THE RESEARCH?

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS?

WHAT IS THE INCENTIVE?



- Plan timescales
- Choose locations
- Write a recruitment brief
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WHAT CHANNELS DO YOU HAVE AT YOUR DISPOSAL?

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT WHO YOU REACH?

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT THE RECRUITMENT MESSAGE AND FORMAT YOU CAN SHARE?

WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOW UP COMMS WITH PARTICIPANTS?

HOW WILL YOU SHORTLIST RELEVANT PARTICIPANTS?

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL YOU INTERVIEW? (5 MIN)

HOW WILL AVAILABLE TIMINGS AFFECT WHO I AM RECRUITING?



- Plan timescales
- Choose locations
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ARE YOU DOING THIS MANUALLY?

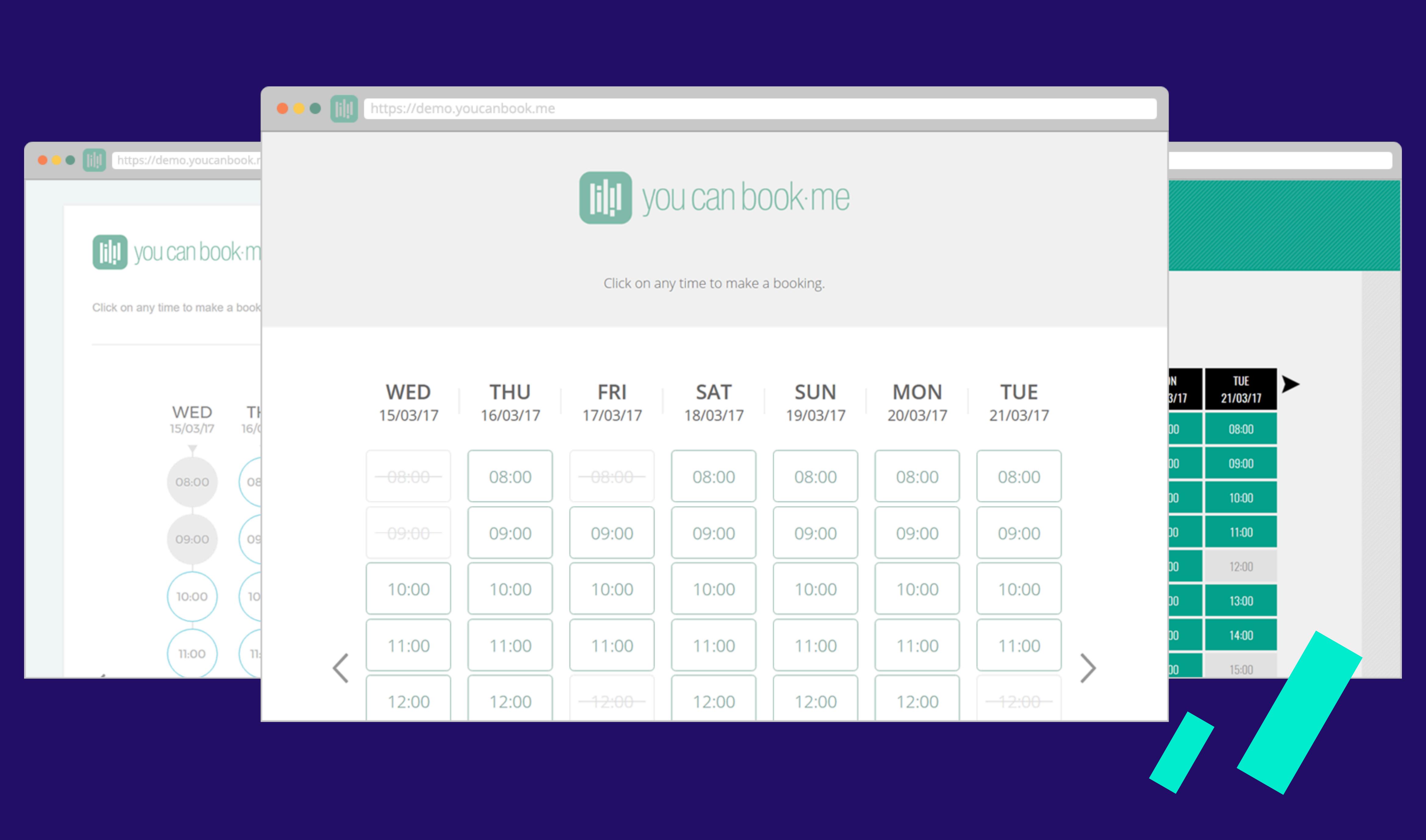
ARE YOU USING SOFTWARE?

DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO CONDUCT THE INTERVIEW?

ARE YOU FACTORING ENOUGH TIME FOR BREAKS / LUNCH?

WHAT IF THEY CANT DO DAYTIME INTERVIEWS?





- Plan timescales
- Choose locations
- Write a recruitment brief
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INCLUDE AN INTRODUCTION

IS IT A STRUCTURED INTERVIEW OR A DISCUSSION GUIDE?

HAVE YOU GOT A LIST OF TOPICS YOU WANT TO COVER?

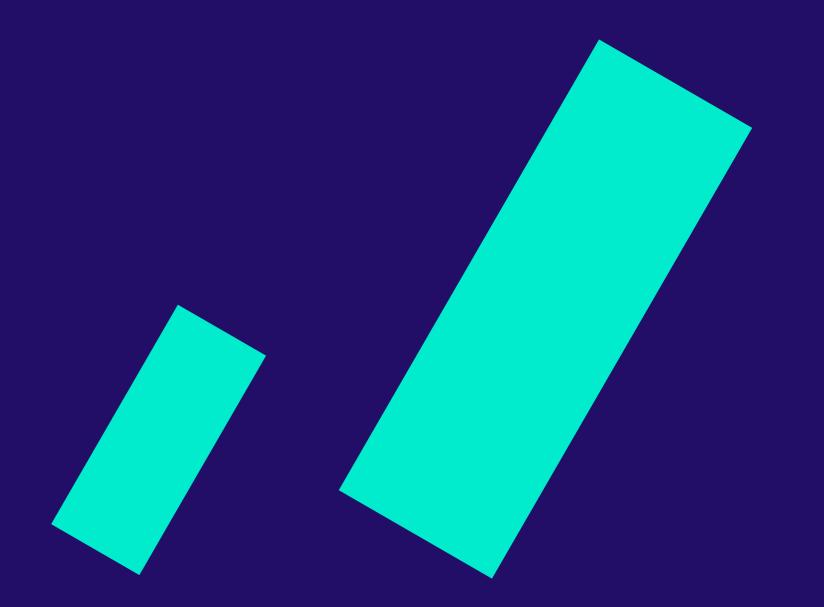
DO YOUR QUESTIONS HAVE PURPOSE?

TEST YOUR SCRIPT ON A COLLEAGUE

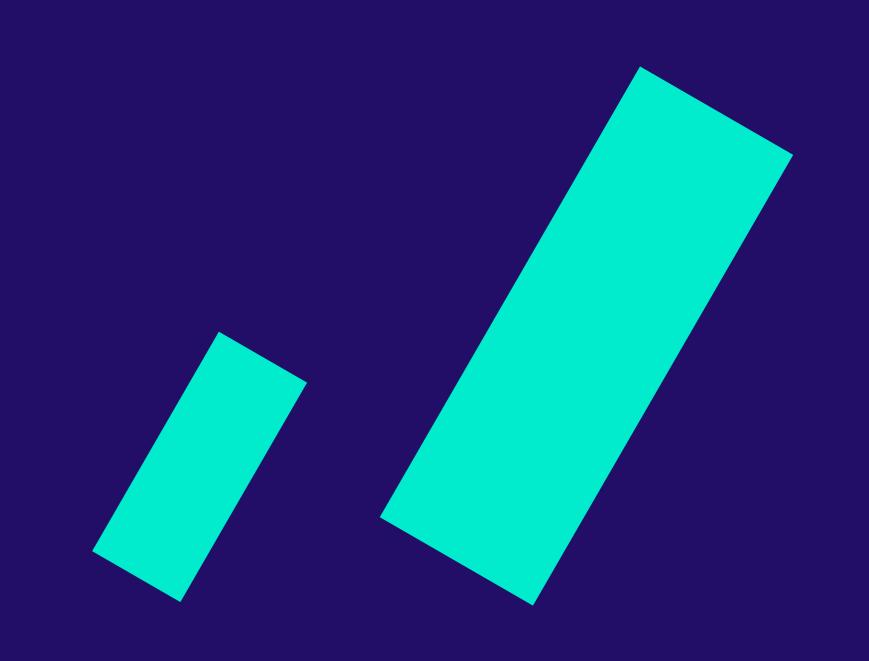


You will get:

- Recruitment guide for this project
- User interview script



CONDUCT & CAPTURE DATA



- Run through introduction
- > Get participant consent
- Record session
- One person leads interview
- One person takes notes

IS YOUR OFFICE / RECEPTION AWARE THAT PEOPLE ARE COMING IN FOR INTERVIEWS?

IS THERE A WAITING AREA?

STICK TO YOUR SCHEDULE.



- > Run through introduction
- Get participant consent
- Record session
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BUILD RAPPORT WITH THE PARTICIPANT.

HAVE YOU CLARIFIED THE PURPOSE OF THE INTERVIEW?

DO PARTICIPANTS KNOW THEY CAN STOP OR TAKE A BREAK AT ANY TIME?



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HAVE YOU GOT A CONSENT FORM?

HAS THE PARTICIPANT HAD A CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING?

ARE YOU FOLLOWING GDPR GUIDELINES?

L,	voluntarily agree to participate in this research study
	inderstand that even if I agree to participate now, I can withdraw at any time or fuse to answer any question without any consequences of any kind.
	inderstand that I can withdraw permission to use data from my interview within two eeks after the interview, in which case the material will be deleted.
	ave had the purpose and nature of the study explained to me in writing and I have ad the opportunity to ask questions about the study.
Ιι	inderstand that participation involves an hour of my time in return for a £60 vouche
	inderstand that my email address or home address will be used for the sole purpos sending my £60 voucher.
Ιa	gree with my interview being audio-recorded.
Ιι	inderstand that all the information I provide will be treated confidentially.
	inderstand that in any report on the results of this research my identity will remain ionymous.
	nis will be done by changing my name and disguising any details of my interview nich may reveal my identity or the identity of people I speak about.
	inderstand that disguised extracts from my interview may be quoted in published ocuments and online blogs.
tra	inderstand that scans of signed consent forms, original audio recordings and the anscript of my interview in which all identifying information has been removed will b gitally retained until the end of this project on May 1st 2019.
	inderstand that under freedom of information legalisation I am entitled to access the formation I have provided at any time while it is in storage as specified above.
	inderstand that I am free to contact any of the people involved in the research to ek further clarification and information.
Si	gnature of research participant Date



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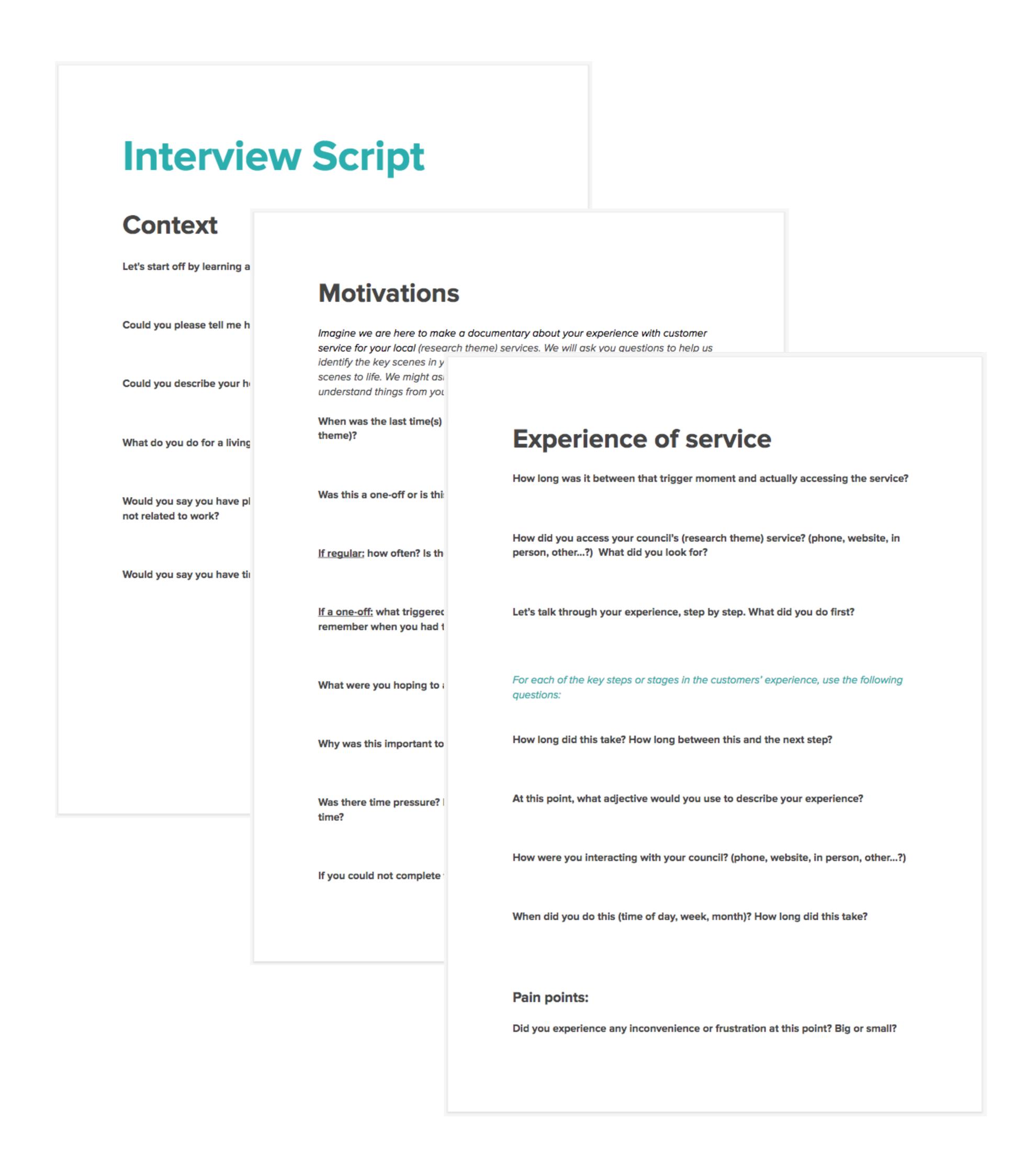
PEOPLE CAN TALK A LOT QUICKER THAN WE CAN TYPE.

HAVE YOU GOT AN AUDIO RECORDER?



- > Run through introduction
- Get participant consent
- Record session
- > One person leads interview
- One person takes notes

FOLLOW THE SCRIPT / DISCUSSION GUIDE





- > Run through introduction
- Get participant consent
- Record session
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- One person takes notes

FOLLOW THE SCRIPT / DISCUSSION GUIDE

PAY ATTENTION

OPEN QUESTIONS GET BETTER ANSWERS - LOOK FOR ROOT CAUSES AND MOTIVATIONS

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS FOR MORE DETAIL

FOCUS ON REAL EXPERIENCES

GOING OFF TOPIC CAN LEAD TO INTERESTING INSIGHT - BUT KNOW HOW TO REIGN IT BACK

KEEP AN EYE ON THE TIME

LET THE PARTICIPANT DO THE TALKING

PARAPHRASE KEY POINTS BACK
TO CONFIRM YOU HAVE
UNDERSTOOD



Run through introduction

WHERE ARE YOU CAPTURING YOUR NOTES?

- Get participant consent
- Record session
- One person leads interview
- > One person takes notes



Context									
Age	Occupation								
Household	Customer Experience Ma	p							
		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5			
Motivations	Actions								
Last time accessed service	(Info - Task - Complex)								
One off / regular?									
Initial trigger?	Channel(s)								
Hoping to do / achieve				Attitudes to Technology					
Enable to / desired outcome	Time / duration			Preferred way to contact others:			Preferred way for others to contact them:		
Time pressure?				Which one sounds more valuable to you:			Outlan B		
Impact if not complete				Option A Waiting a few hours to have in	-depth chat with customer sur	pport	Option B Being able to get high level i	nformation and support 24/7	
	Emotional: Positive			Waiting a few hours to have in-depth chat with customer suppport Being able to contact someone to get the help you need			Being able to get night ever		
Customer Language / Terminol				The ability to text and online of			The ability to call and speak	to customer services	
	Emotional: Neutral								
				Internetr	Never	Sometimes	Regularly	Always	
	Emotional: Negative			Work					
				On the go					
	Requirements for								
	progression			How regularly do use the internet for these purposes?	Never	Sometimes	Regularly	Always	
				To communicate with people					
	Surprise / Delight			To find information					
				For shopping To consume media					
	Barriers / Frustrations			For personal admin					
	Success / job completion			How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	
				I enjoy using technology					
				Technology intimidates and threatens me					
	Opportunities for improvement			I am eager to try new technology					
				Without my smartphone I					
				Without my smartphone, I would struggle to get personal admin done					
				Without my laptop or desktop, I would struggle to					
				get personal admin done I prefer speaking to a human, I hate texting / emailing					
				I prefer having paper copies of everything, I hate digital documents					

- Run through introduction
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WHERE ARE YOU CAPTURING YOUR NOTES?

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE SCRIPT?

PAY ATTENTION!

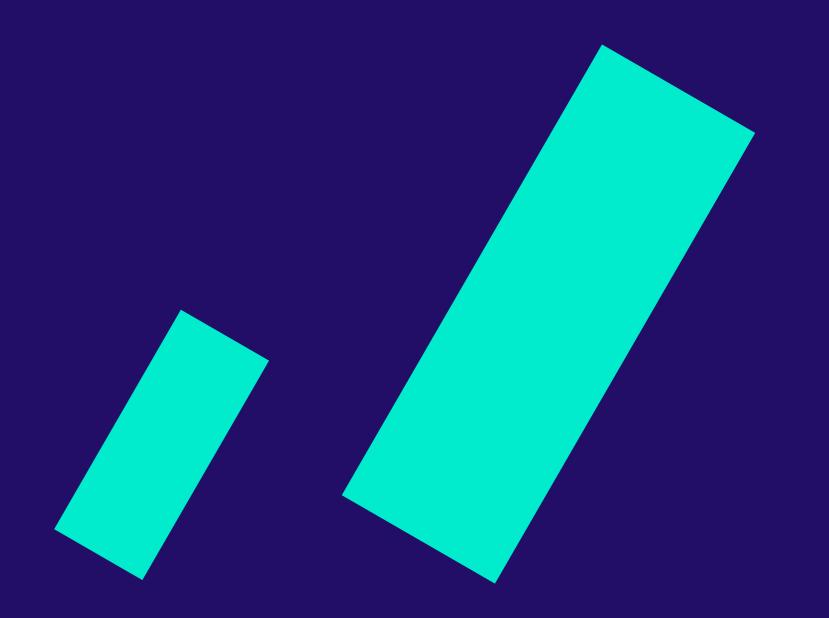
YOU CAN ALSO ASK QUESTIONS.

REMEMBER: YOU CAN ALWAYS REFER BACK TO THE AUDIO.



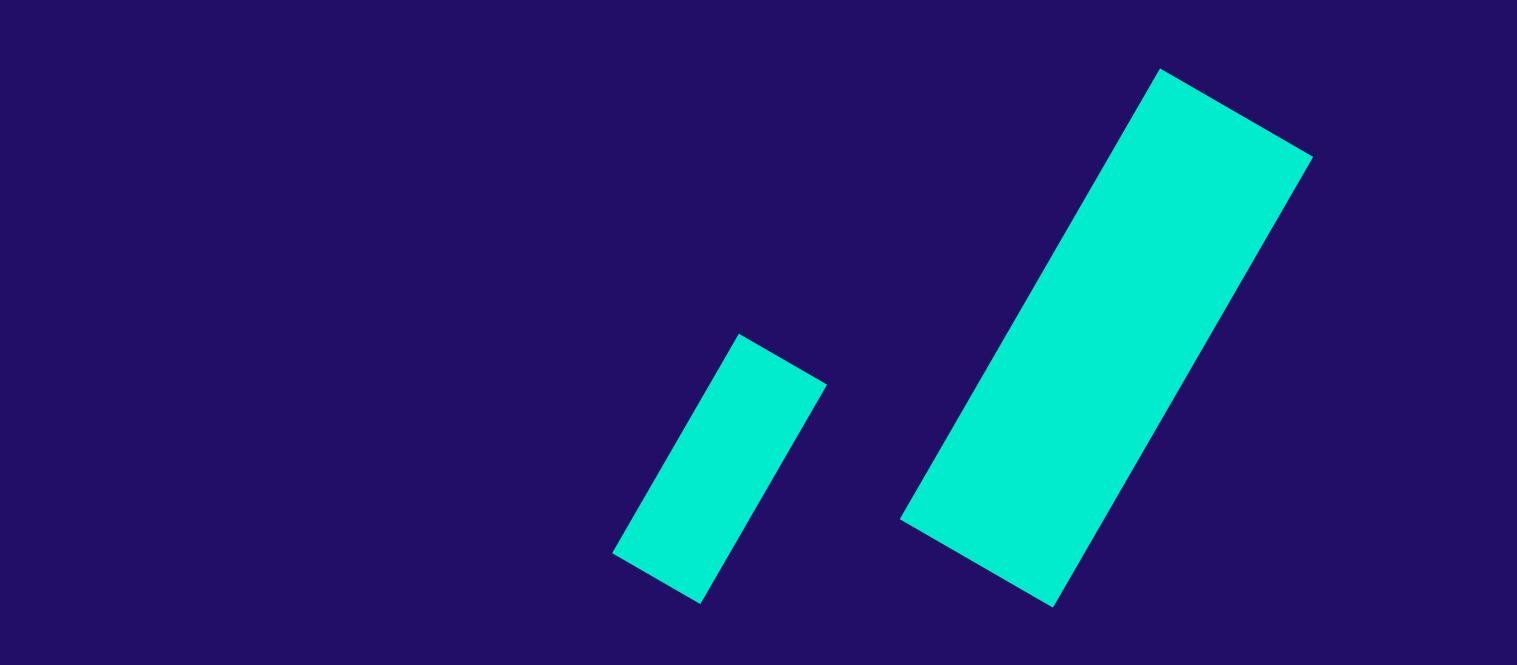
You will get:

- User interview script
- Data capture spreadsheet



ANALYSE &

SYNTHESISE



Extract observations

Sort and group observations

Determine findings and learnings

Visualise and share findings



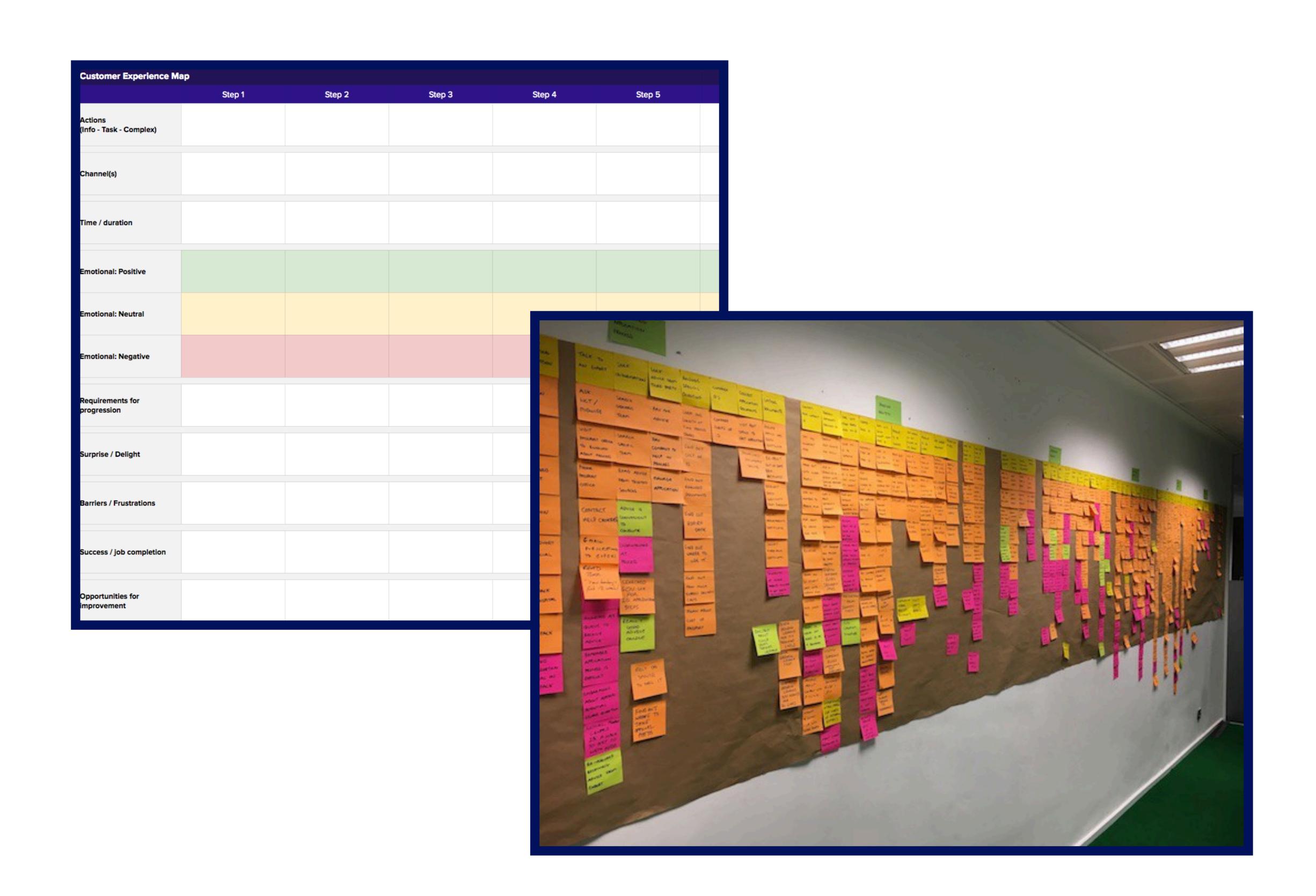
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STRUCTURED FORMAT MAKES IT EASIER AND QUICKER TO EXTRACT OBSERVATIONS

WHERE ARE YOU CAPTURING YOUR OBSERVATIONS?

DIGITAL OR PHYSICAL?

DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LONG TO ANALYSE DATA - THE SOONER THE BETTER.





Extract observations

Sort and group observations

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Visualise and share findings

ARE YOU SPOTTING PATTERNS IN THE DATA?

ARE THERE THEMES EMERGING?

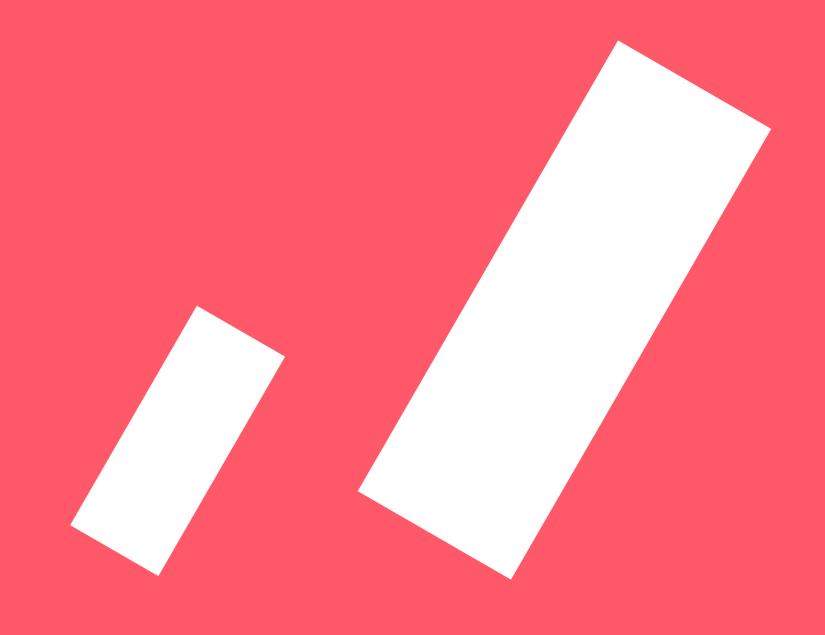
AVOID EARLY SOLUTIONISING

HAVE YOU GOT SPECIFIC OUTPUTS YOU HAVE TO DELIVER? - REVERSE ENGINEER-

SYNTHESISING MOTIVATIONS AND DESIRED OUTCOMES INTO USER STORIES



User Stories



Once you have a good understanding of your users' needs, you should write them down and add them to your descriptions of users.

User needs are usually written in the format:

As a... [which type of user has this need?]

I need/want/expect to... [what does the user want to do?]

So that... [why does the user want to do this?]

Once you have a good understanding of your users' needs, you should write them down and add them to your descriptions of users.

User needs are usually written in the format:

As a... [British person]

I need/want/expect to... [a passport]

So that... [I can travel abroad and prove my identity]

Good user needs should:

- Sound like something a real user might say
- Be based on evidence from user research, not assumptions
- > Focus on the user's problem rather than possible solutions (for example, needing a reminder rather than needing an email or letter)

WHAT USERS WANT TO DO:

- Applying
- Appealing
- Paying for
- Submitting
- Sending a tax return
- Changing an address
- Claiming
- Requesting
- Challenging

AVOID USING:

- Understand
- Know
- Be aware of
- Using (as in a tool or service)

You should only use 'understand,' or 'be aware of' if the user needs to know it to fulfil a certain task.

GOOD EXAMPLE

As a... teacher

I want to... understand Amazing Policy affecting my students

So that... I fulfil my statutory obligations

BAD EXAMPLE

As a... teacher

I want to... understand Amazing Policy affecting my students

So that... I am informed

User Stories				
Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
I want to				
So I can	So I can	Solcan	So I can	So I can
Acceptance Criteria:				
I want to				
So I can	So I can	Solcan	So I can	So I can
Acceptance Criteria:				
I want to				
So I can				
Acceptance Criteria:				

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

> What is the definition of 'done'?

What tasks must be completed in order for the need to be met and desired outcome achieved?

- Extract observations
- Sort and group observations
- Determine findings and learnings
- Visualise and share findings

ARE THESE VALIDATING OR CHALLENGING PREVIOUS ASSUMPTIONS?

WHERE ARE YOU CAPTURING YOUR LEARNINGS?

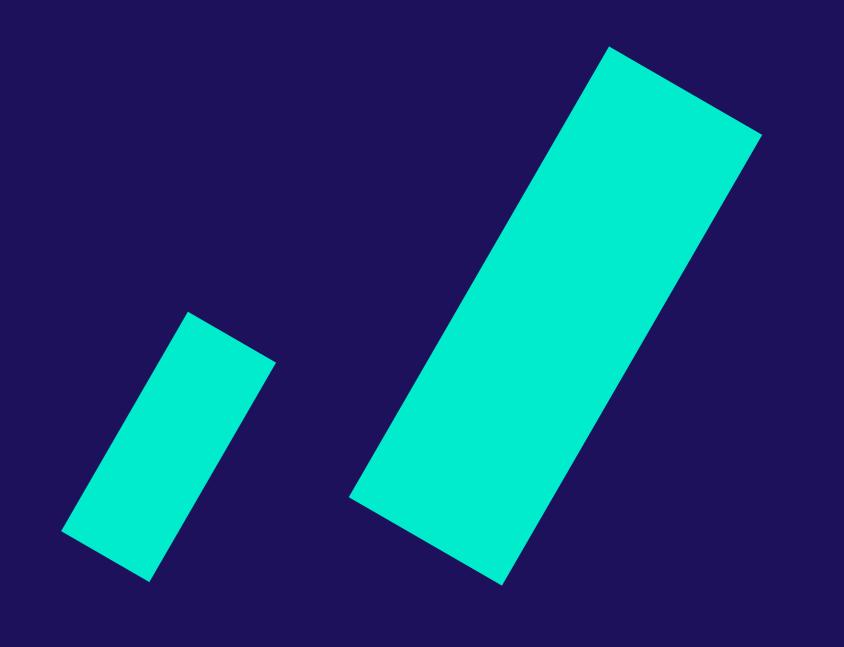
ARE YOU CROSS REFERENCING WITH OTHER RESEARCH METHODS?

IS THERE MORE SYNTHESIS
REQUIRED AT THE END OF THE
DISCOVERY PROGRAMME?



A core question for this project

- ➤ How to help customers avoid calling councils unnecessarily through the use of chatbots and AI?
- ➤ This requires a change in customer behaviour.



Forces that influence customer switch

CURRENT WAY

"My current way just wont" This new way looks cut it anymore"

pretty good to me"

PUSH OF THE SITUATION

PULL OF NEW SOLUTION

HABIT OF THE PRESENT

ANXIETY OF NEW SOLUTION

"There's things holding me back from changing" "I've got a few concerns about this new way"



- Extract observations
- Sort and group observations
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WHO WILL YOU SHARE YOUR FINDINGS WITH?

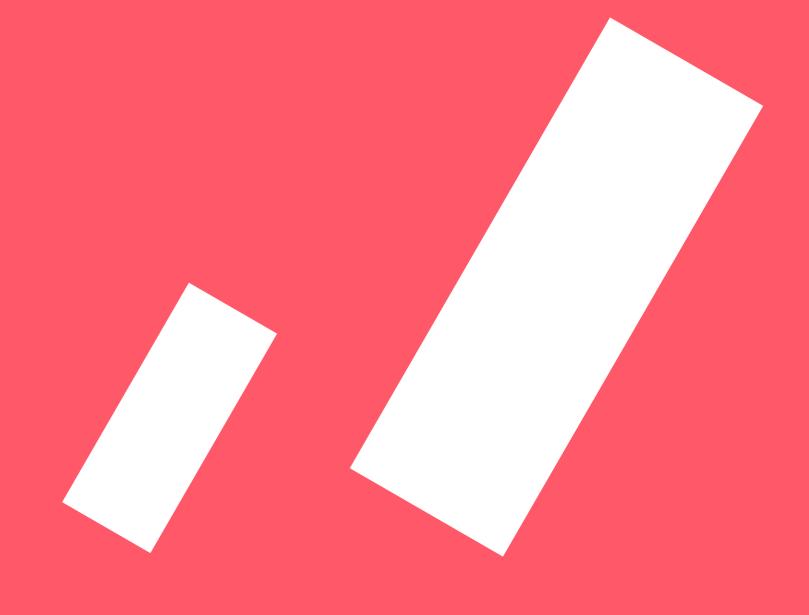
HOW WILL YOU SHARE YOUR FINDINGS?

VISUALISING YOUR FINDINGS MAKES IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND AND SHARE

DO YOU HAVE SPECIFIC OUTPUTS? WE ARE USING EXPERIENCE MAPS



Experience Map



Compelling forces

Research + Pre-travel Shopping Booking **Travel** Planning documents I want to get inspired out about I want to have an up to date I want to know my flight times I want to narrow options I want to pay for the holiday holiday destinations passport **User Needs** So I can find the right holiday for So I can set this plan in stone So I can get on the right plane So I can travel safely and not get So I can decide where to go on me an day family. and get to my holiday destination. and tell my family about it. stuck abroad. holiday this year. Go to the airport Google 'holidays with beaches' Check credit card Submit request for passport Talk to travel advisors renewal Pay for holiday Start a Pinterest board. Look at brochures with my Catch flight **Actions + Tasks** Send out passports family Check confirmation emails Go to hotel upon arrival Receive new passports www www Channels + Devices l **POST** WEBSITE WEBSITE CALL PHONE **PHONE EMAIL** WRITTEN LAPTOP "I simply love booking on Airbnb' "When I google for holidays, "When I google for holidays, "It takes so long to sort out all "It is stressful getting to the there is just so much choice I there is just so much choice I the kids paperwork and airport - we tend to run late so I freak out a bit" freak out a bit and find I give up documents" want travel information at my **Emotional** searching altogether" fingertips" () $(\hat{\mathcal{G}})$ Too many search results Making sure I can use my Getting information wrong and Not enough hands - three My partner and I cant agree on the best holiday type having to correct documents children and luggage credit card **Pain Points** Habit of looking on Google Scared of not picking the best Always pay with credit card Fixed flight time - strict deadline Scared of not having up to holiday for the family date documentation Don't have time around work Scared of not getting insurance No car, how to get to the airport

Wife gets the final say

Habit of talking to a travel

advisor

and house chores to research

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
User Needs	I want to enter text here So I can enter text here	I want to enter text here So I can enter text here	I want to enter text here So I can enter text here	I want to enter text here So I can enter text here	I want to enter text here So I can enter text here
Actions + Tasks	 Enter text here Enter text here Enter text here 	 Enter text here Enter text here Enter text here 	 Enter text here Enter text here Enter text here 	 Enter text here Enter text here Enter text here 	 Enter text here Enter text here Enter text here
Channels + Devices	USE ICONS PROVIDED DEVICE CHANNEL				
Emotional	"Enter quote here" USE ICONS PROVIDED				
Pain Points	 Enter text here Enter text here Enter text here 	 Enter text here Enter text here Enter text here 	 Enter text here Enter text here Enter text here 	 Enter text here Enter text here Enter text here 	 Enter text here Enter text here Enter text here
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Consolidating these into a single map will help you to understand:

- > How users experience the current service
- > How things work (or don't)
- Interdependencies for example, between different departments or services
- > Pain points and where things are broken

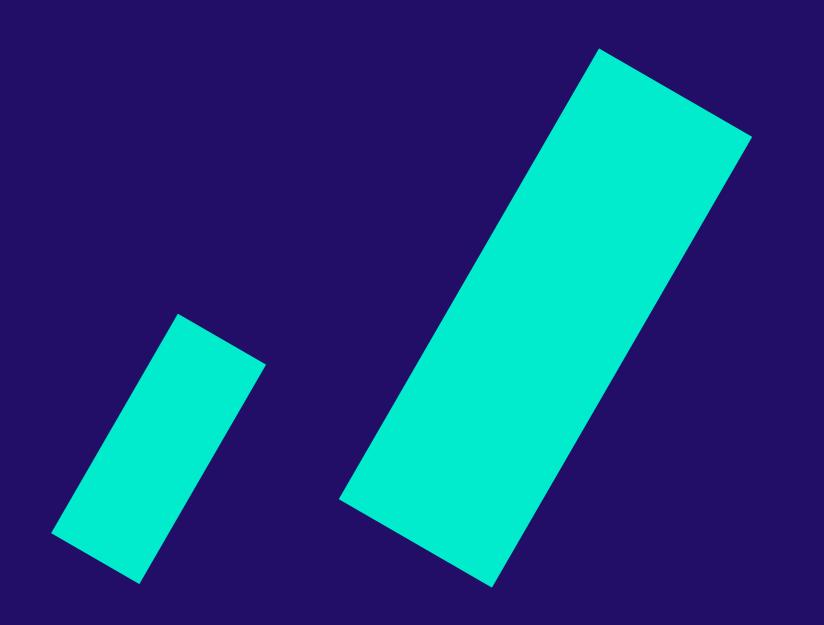
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Experience mapping works best for services that involve:

- Lots of separate steps or events
- More than one location for example home, a departmental office, the post office
- Different people or teams
- Several related services or service touchpoints

You will get:

- Data analysis & User story spreadsheet
- Experience map slides



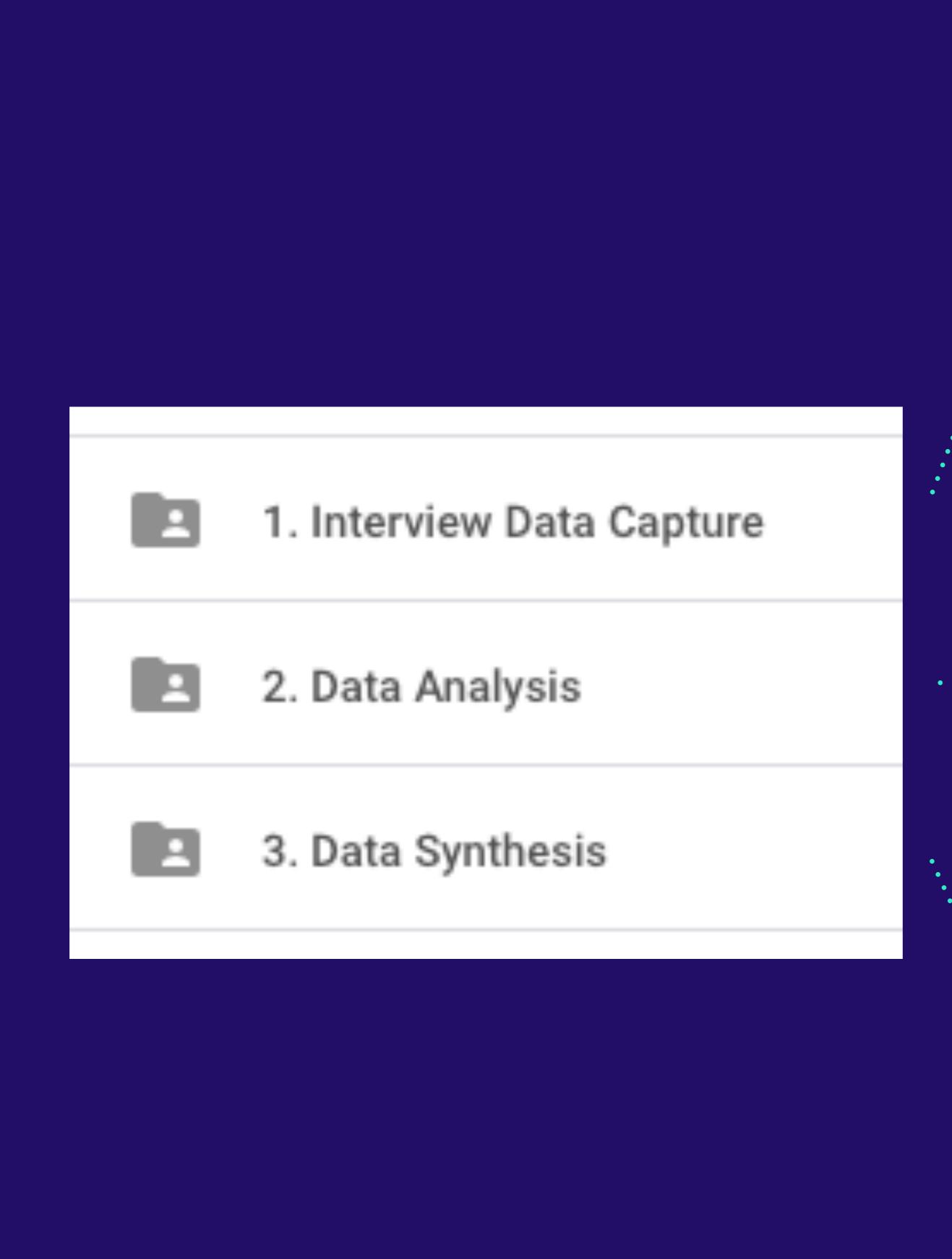
Next steps

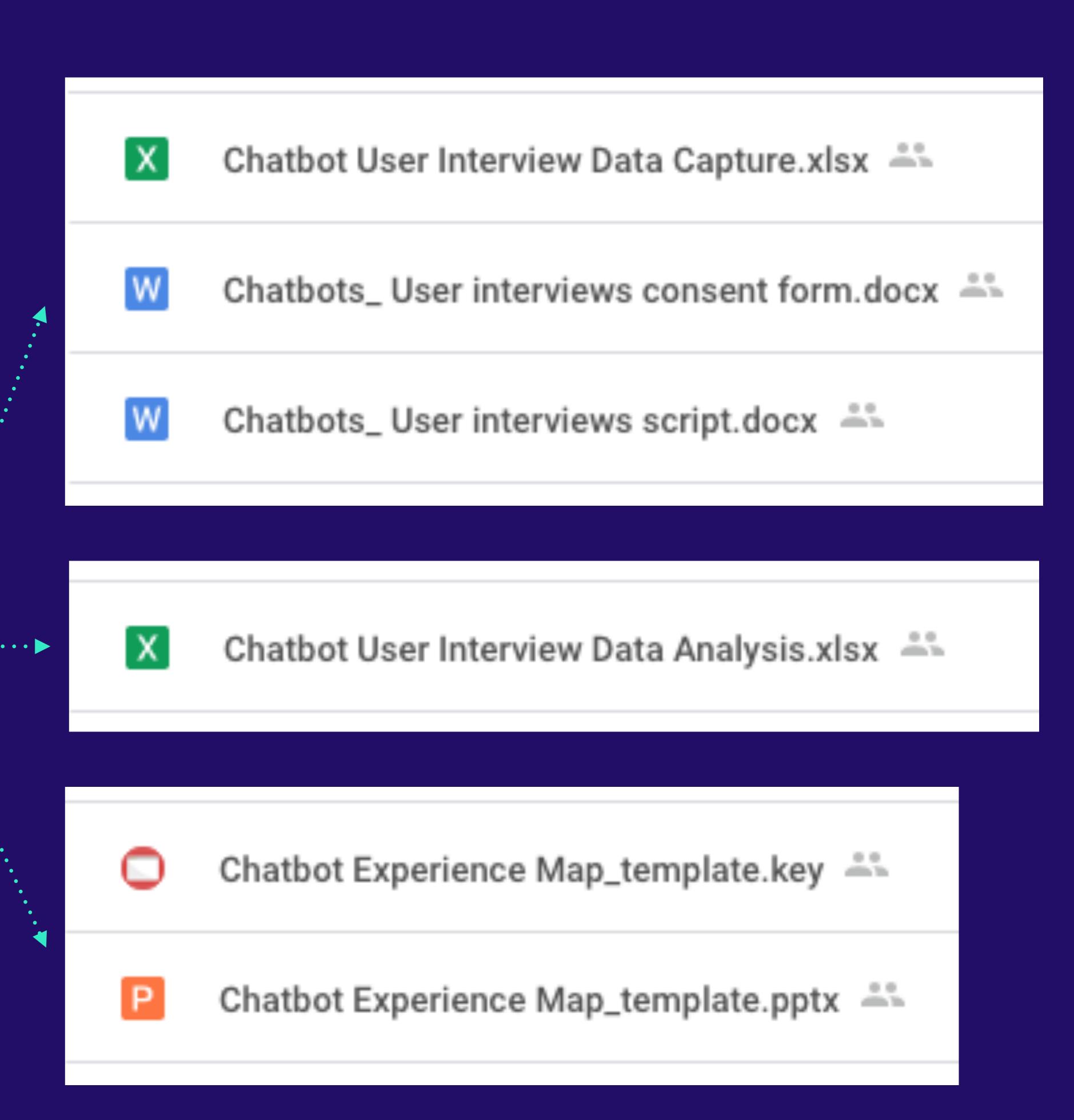


A FOLDER FOR EACH COUNCIL

TEMPLATES GROUPED BY RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Adur & Worthing
Bolsover / NE Derbyshire
Cheltenham
Doncaster
Hertsmere
Oxford
Preston
Redditch / Bromsgrove
Rotherham
Surrey







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