

# **Design Methods**

## **Learning Goals**

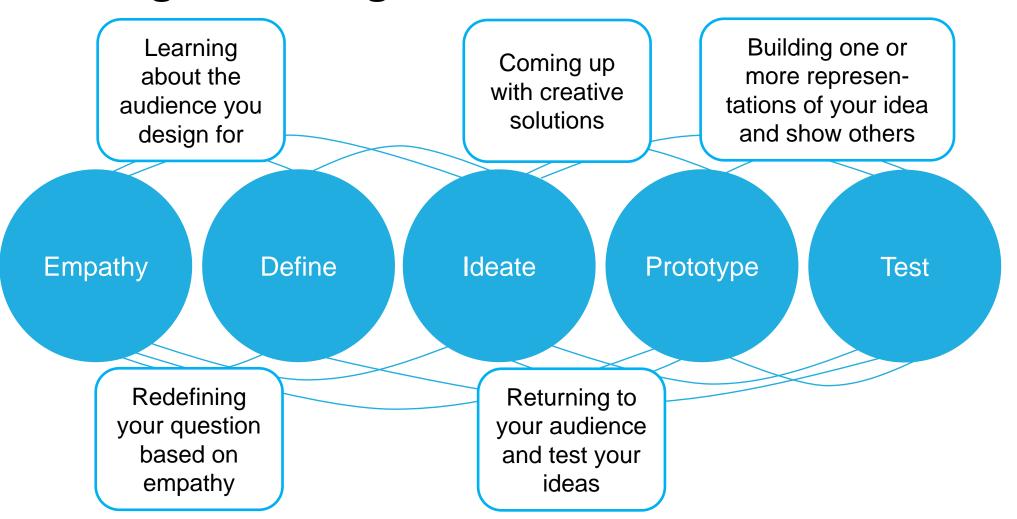
- Being familiar with design thinking
- Knowing a set of creativity methods

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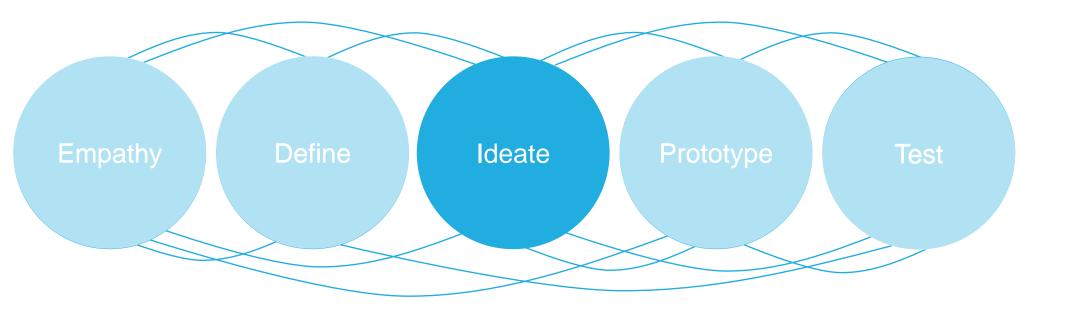
Design thinking is a **human-centered** approach to **innovation** that draws from the **designer's toolkit** to integrate the **needs of people**, the possibilities of **technology**, and the requirements for **business success**.

M. I. T. World: Innovation Through Design Thinking, Tim Brown (IDEA) at MIT, 26. März 2006.

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# How do come up with ideas?

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### Ideation



Influence is borrowed.
Inspiration is earned.

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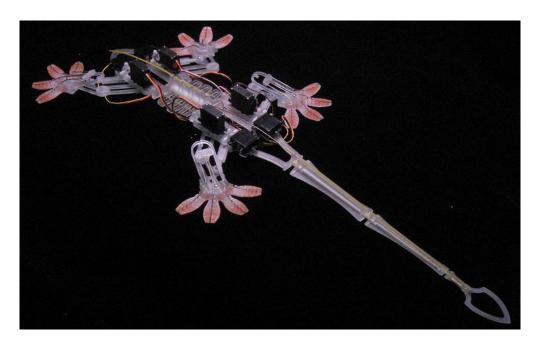
## Influence versus Inspiration



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## Influence versus Inspiration





Images: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bio-inspired\_robotics

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## Influence versus Inspiration



- Think of products that seem to be designed through
  - Influcence
  - Inspiration

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## **Inspiration sources**

#### **Reduce distraction**



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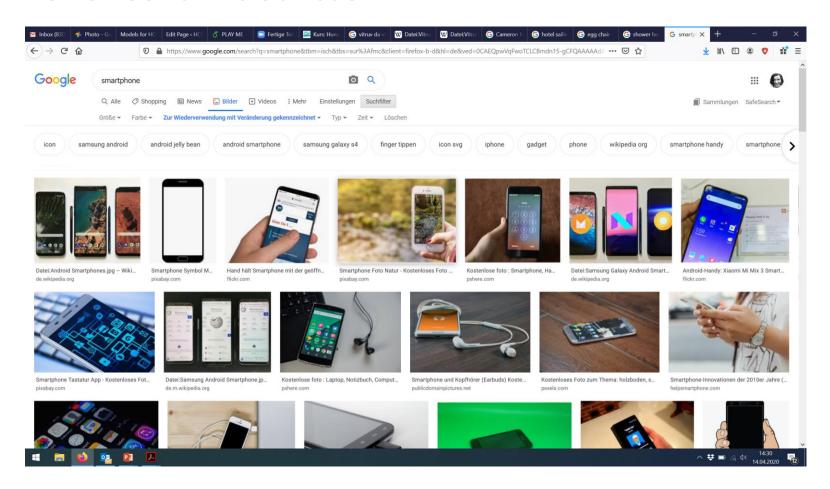
## **Inspiration sources**

#### **Go for distraction**



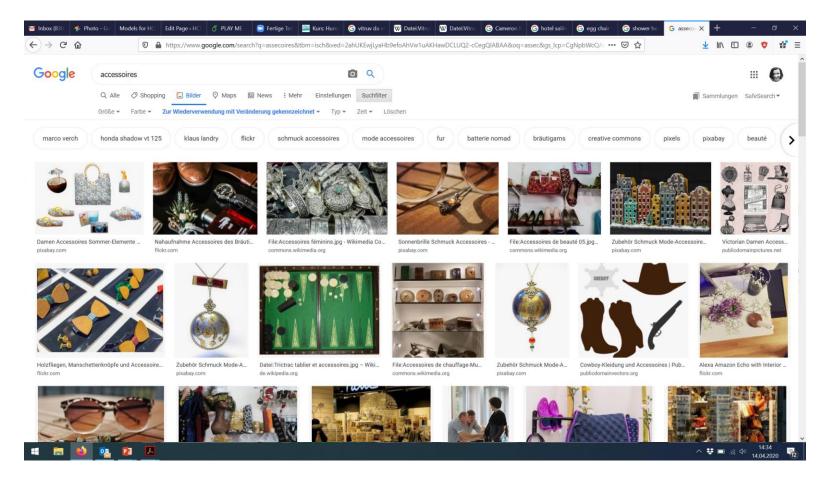
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#### Do not look at the obvious



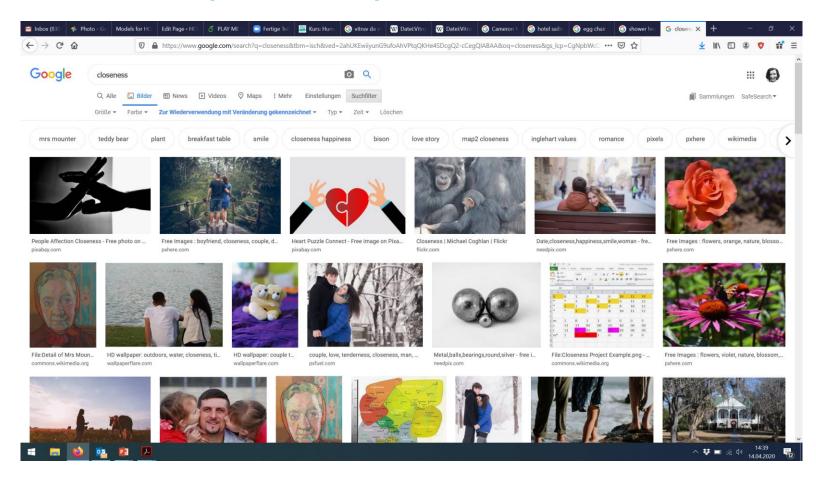
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#### **Search further away**



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#### Think of concepts and metaphors



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#### Think together



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## **Brainstorming I**

#### **Collecting Ideas**

- Start with a well-phrased question, e.g. "How might we help [group] to [benefit]?"
- Share the 7 rules:
  - 1. Defer judgement
  - Encourage wild ideas
  - 3. Build on others' ideas
  - 4. Stay on topic
  - 5. One conversation at a time
  - 6. Be visual
  - Go for quantity.



https://www.extraordinaryteam.com/ideos-design-thinking-the-7-rules-for-brainstorming/ https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/5/5e/Wikipedia\_Education\_Collaborative\_Meeting\_in\_Yerevan\_2017\_33.jpg by David Saroyan

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## **Brainstorming II**

**Selecting Ideas** 



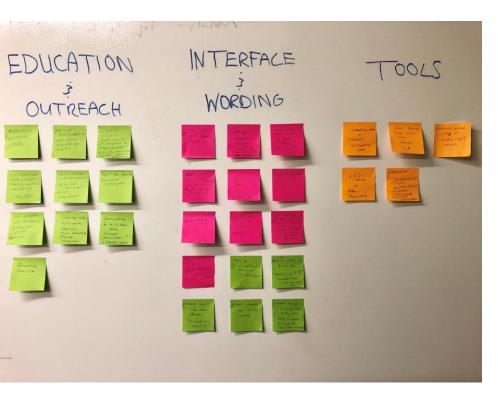
- Interdisciplinary teams
- Make a selection out of the ideas
- Allow crazy ideas
- Use simple tools, such as post-its

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## **Brainstorming III**

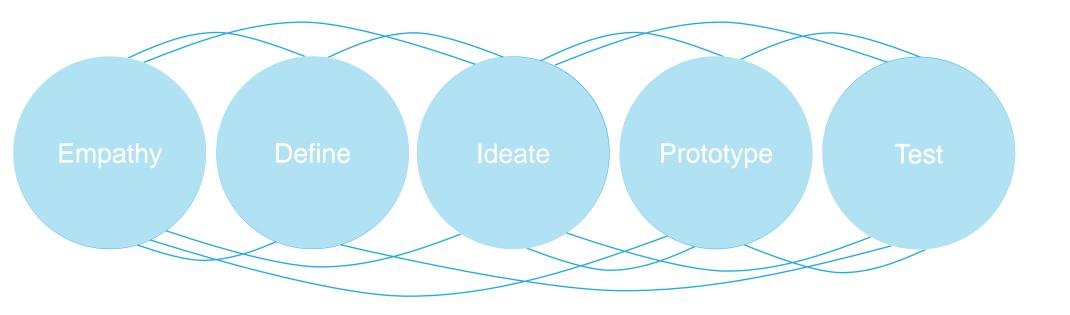
#### **Organizing & Documenting Ideas**



- Identify similar ideas
- Identify concepts and themes
- Group the ideas accordingly
- Conclude design & implementation concepts
- Record the process (take a picture of the grouping result)

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