# CUSTOMER PERSONAS

## **PRODUCT ANALYSIS**

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# WHAT IS A PERSONA?

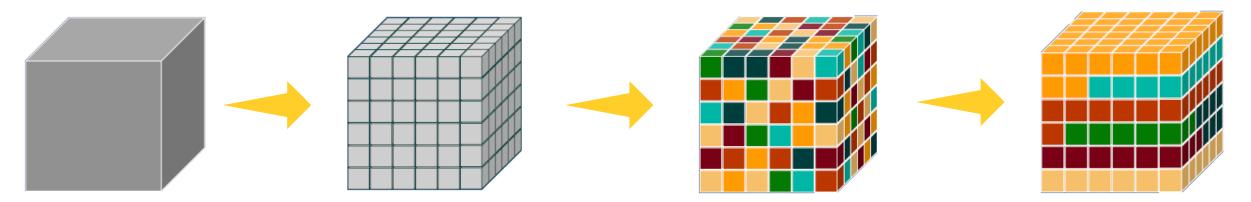














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# PERSONA/USER PROFILE



- <u>A persona</u> (often referred to as user persona, customer persona, or buyer persona) is a fictitious character created to represent a user or customer type
- Contains a rich description of a specific fictional person as an archetype exemplifying a group of people (e.g., users, customers, or employees)
  - Shared interests
  - Common behaviour patterns
  - Demographic and geographic similarities (be careful!)
- 3-7 core personas  $\rightarrow$  based on your research data





## EXAMPLES

# USER PERSONA John Doe "I care deeply about animal rights and to help them live happier lives"

ABOUT

John is a graduate student at UCLA who cares deeply about animal rights. He spares his own time to volunteer at the local animal shelter and to promote pet adoption. He wishes to order some design artifacts to raise awareness at his school.

### NEEDS

 Create designs that promote animal adoption

 Order design artifacts such as posters, badges and buttons to distribute them to students

Help with the crowdfunding

FACEBOOK	
INSTAGRAM	
TWITTER	

#### 28 OCCUPATION Ph.D Student INCOME Less than \$50k STATUS Single

LOCATION Los Angeles, CA

#### FRUSTRATIONS

AGE

- Some vendors charge way too much for the designs
- Connecting with the local vendors require extra time on his end
- · If he ends up not getting the funds, he has to put in his own money

### CURRENT FEELINGS

#### Stressed Concerned Busy

PERSONALITY PASSIONATE MOTIVATIONAL

GIVING LOVING OPTIMISTIC



### **THE PLANNING TRAVELLER**



Motivations

As a well-prepared traveller, Lovisa has planned a trip with Lovisa values efficiency and her airlfriends to Helsinki. She comfort. wants to know where to go and how to buy tickets be-

Therefore, she wants to be forehand. She always has her aware of delays and route eye out for new information changes beforehand. Overall, that can affect her trip. she wants to be aware of all **Pain points and** 

frustrations

If the plans doesn't work out the way they want to: delays (not being in time), app not working etc. Also, not being

given the right information would be a big frustration for them,

#### **TRAVEL RESOURCES**

Lovisa is always up-to-date with the latest technology, but on this trip she only brought her phone which is one of the atest iPhone models. She constantly checks her social media and emails.

She never has cash on her and preferably pays with either her phone or by debit/creditcard.

# PERSONA PROFILC



Mini Life story

VALUES

ASPIRAtions

POWER'S:

BEHAVIORS







"I feel more confident knowing what to do"

ge: 27

Personal

information

ome life: Single ersonality: Calm, orga-ized, confident, considere

- First time visitor in Helsinki, which was next on her list on nearby cities to

Typical journey: Only within central Helsinki area

Travel priority: Being on time

Transportation preference:

Whatever is the fastest

nandger ives in: Stockholm

on: Social media

# WHY DO WE USE PERSONAS IN DESIGN?

## 1. Engage empathy for users

• Create a mental model of a specific user group





YOU CAN'T EMPATHIZE WITH A PIE CHART



**TURNS THE ABSTRACT** 

CONCEPT OF "USER" INTO

### THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON HOSPITAL (UCLH) CASE

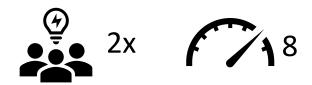
During a three months' period, UCLH interviewed patients after their visits to the emergency room to understand pain-points with their current patient process during emergency peaks which resulted in a report presenting one of the primary audiences as follows:

GROUP 1			
AUDIENCE INFO	Perceived pain-points		
Infants; 1 - 3-year-olds	Lots of people in the waiting room.		
Lives in central London.	Uncomfortable chairs.		
Not in a life-threatening state.	Emergency room not suitable for infants.		
In company with parents or relatives.			

Table 1; Research findings from the UCLH customer research.



"Three-year-old Joyceline had to wait almost four hours in the emergency room of the UCLH before getting treatment for her broken hand as of a big traffic accident earlier the same evening which had to be prioritised by all available doctors. Patients in a non-life threatening state, thereby, simply had to wait. This also meant that the emergency room soon had more than 120 patients waiting to get treatment. Some of these patients also were in an intoxicated state from the abuse of alcohol and narcotics, appearing aggressive towards patients and staff which frightened Joyceline. When Joycelines father tried to calm her down outside in the emergency hallway, a nurse told him they had to return to the emergency room as patients were not allowed in the hallway. "

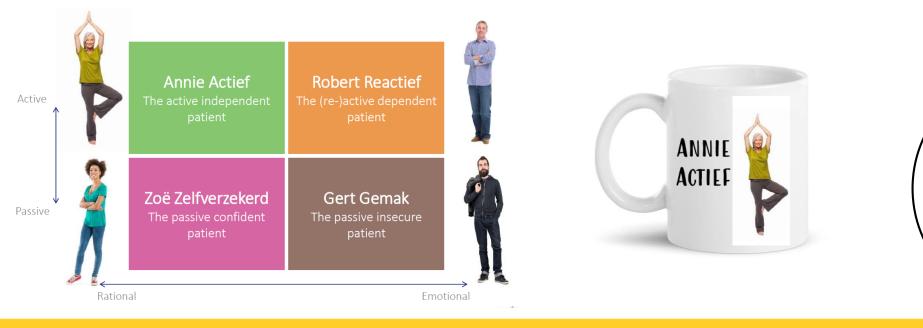




https://www.mikeandersson.com/blog/personas-the-good-the-bad-and-the-ugly/

## 2. Communicating in a team

- A reference point
- A consistent understanding of a target group
- Design and marketing efforts can be prioritized based on personas



HELPS YOU KNOW BETTER WHOM YOU'RE **DESIGNING FOR USER'S GOALS AND** NEEDS BECOME A COMMON POINT OF FOCUS FOR THE TEAM



## 3. Relatively quick to develop

- can replace the need to survey the whole user community and spend months gathering requirements
- The team can concentrate on designing for a manageable set of personas, knowing that they represent the needs of many users

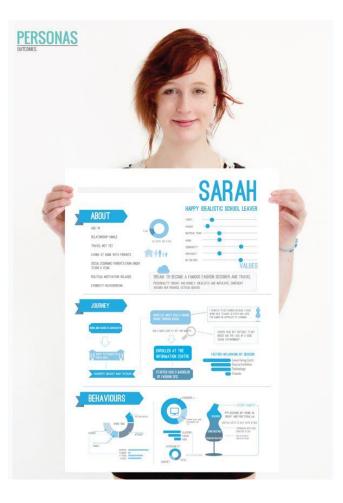






## 4. Avoid self-referential design

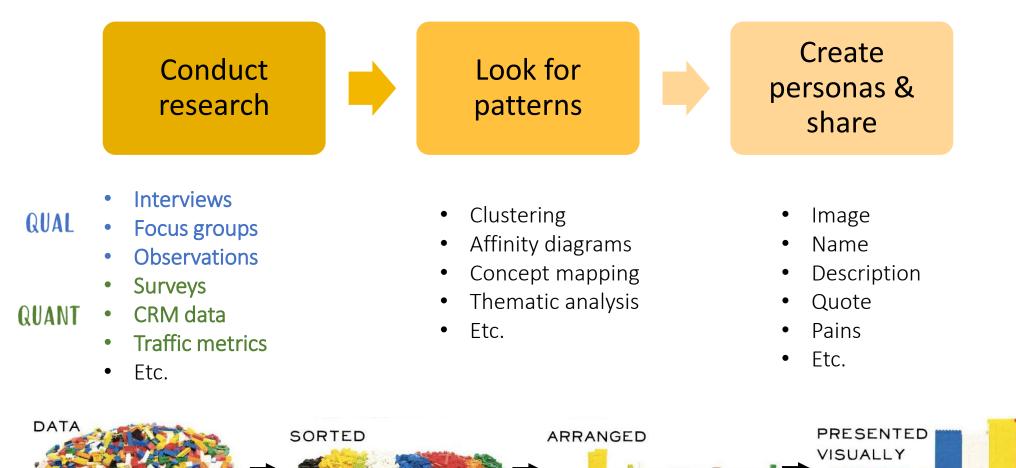






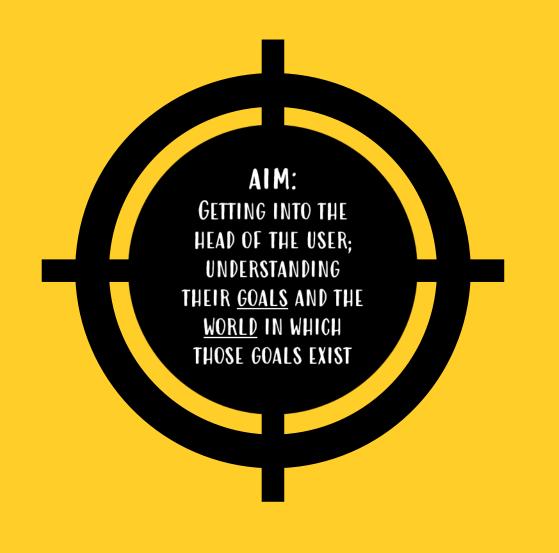
# HOW DO WE MAKE PERSONAS?

## TEXTBOOK MODEL





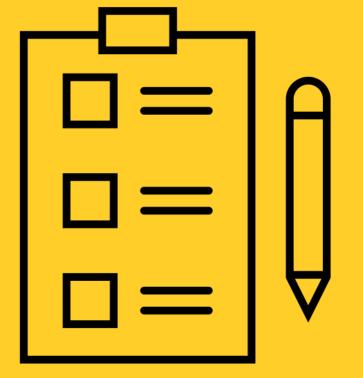
## IN-DEPTH INTERVIEW



### ✓ Always listen more than you speak

- Remember that it is your responsibility to be true for the thoughts, behaviors, and expressions of people you are studying
- Conduct the research in the natural context of the topic
- Start the interview with a general description of the goal of the study
- Encourage people to share their thoughts and go about their business freely
- Avoid leading questions and questions that can be answered with only yes/no answers. Ask follow up questions
- Prepare an outline of the interview questions beforehand
- ✓ Snap photos of interesting things

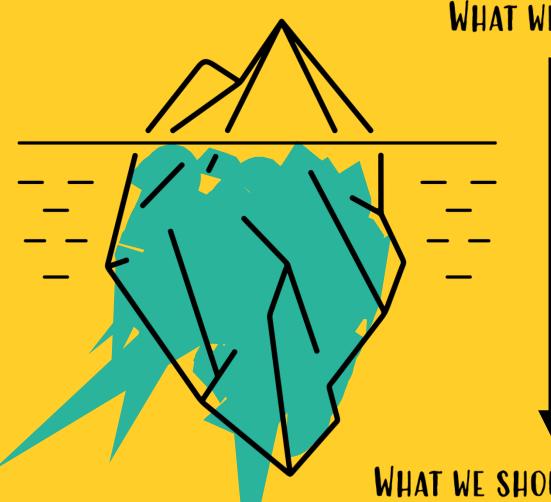
## SURVEY



questionnaire

Question in the survey		Clu	ster	
	1	2	3	4
I want a car that is trendy.	3.97	6.51	4.50	4.02
I am fashion conscious.	1.97	6.51	3.56	3.77
I do not have the time to worry about car maintenance.	4.01	3.88	3.18	5.99
Basic transportation is all I need.	4.08	4.03	1.50	6.22
Small cars are not prestigious.	1.76	4.01	3.94	6.02
I want a car that is easy to handle.	3.95	3.76	3.84	5.71
The car I buy must be able to handle long motorway journeys.	4.99	1.51	6.47	3.98
I want the most equipment I can get for my money.	6.08	3.92	6.56	4.17
I want a vehicle that is environmentally friendly.	6.93	3.91	3.84	3.92
I want a car that is nippy and zippy.	5.09	4.06	6.47	2.00
I prefer buying my next car from the same car manufacturer.	5.97	3.86	3.84	4.02
I wish there were stricter exhaust regulations.	6.00	3.99	4.28	4.22
One should not spend beyond ones means.	6.02	1.51	4.22	4.06
Good aerodynamics help fuel economy.	5.99	3.85	6.44	4.20
Buying a car on a lower interest rate does not interest me.	1.93	6.49	3.97	3.88
I want a car that drives well on country roads.	1.80	1.32	6.63	3.01
Small cars are for women.	2.05	3.92	4.19	4.17
A car is a fashion accessory to me.	2.12	5.92	4.06	<u>4.11</u>
City driving is my main concern.	4.19	4.08	3.34	6.05
Fuel economy comes at the expense of performance.	4.00	4.14	4.06	5.97
l want a practical car.	4.03	3.95	4.00	6.24
I prefer cars with high performance.	4.03	3.82	6.66	6.09
In today's world it is anti-social to drive big cars.	3.96	6.50	1.44	1.97
I want to buy a car that makes a statement about me.	3.83	6.51	4.38	2.00
A car is an extension of oneself.	3.99	6.44	4.06	3.92
I always want the latest style and design in a vehicle.	3.89	6.51	4.41	3.80
When it comes to cars my heart rules my head.	3.84	6.58	3.72	4.18
My car must have a very individual interior.	4.05	6.56	4.00	3.85
I have a relationship with my car.	4.13	1.44	6.38	3.95
Quality and reliability of products are my main concerns.	4.24	1.54	6.47	3.98

# PERSONA/USER PROFILE



## WHAT WE CAN SEE

**Demographics** (e.g., gender, age)

**Behavior** (e.g., purchase frequency)

**Opinions** (e.g., positive/negative)

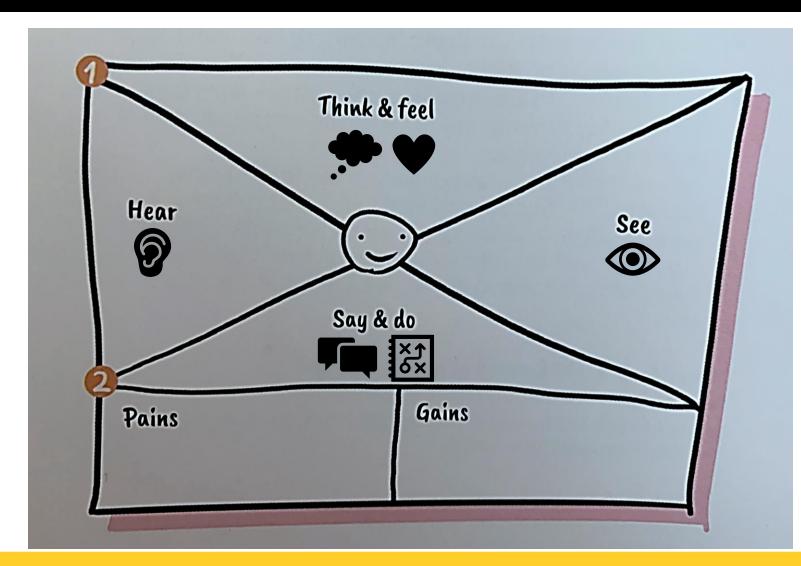
**Needs** (e.g., jobs to be done)

**Motivation** (e.g., intrinsic/extrinsic)

Values (e.g., independence, tradition)

WHAT WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND

## EMPATHY MAPS



## 1

## 1. WHAT DO CUSTOMERS SEE?

- What do they see in the marketplace?
- What do they see in their immediate environment?
- What are they watching and reading?

## 2. WHAT DO CUSTOMERS HEAR?

- What are they hearing from friends? colleagues? family?
- Who influences them?

## 3. WHAT DO CUSTOMERS THINK & FEEL?

- What emotions drive them?
- What do they think? What does that say about their attitudes?

## 4. WHAT DO CUSTOMERS SAY & DO?

- What have we heard them say / could imagine them say?
- What kind of behavior can we assume?



https://www.dt-toolbook.com/

## AN EXAMPLE OF A PERSONA TEMPLATE



Description of the persona	Mood board or sketch	Job to be done/ customer task
Influencers	M	Problems/ frustration/ Pains
Trends	<b>3</b> Use cases	Gains C

Describe the fictitious character.

- Which tasks are supported by the product?
- 3 Describe all use cases in the context of the problem
  - What are the difficulties, frustrations, problems?
- 5 What makes the user happy?
- Do a moodboard or a sketch that visualizes the customer



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Who are the influencers?

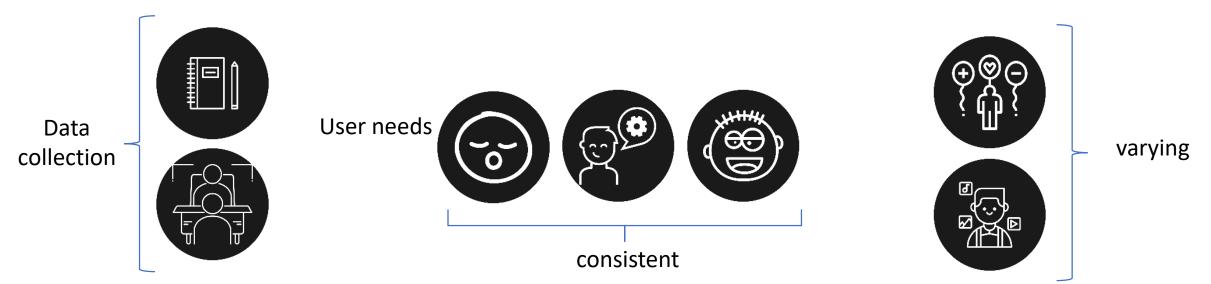


What are the driving forces and trends (in future)?





- in 2017, our team was challenged to create a better understanding of existing and potential listeners
- the general idea is that capturing and clustering the needs, goals, habits, and attitudes of existing and potential users helps to build a solid understanding of the problem space.









https://spotify.design/articles/2019-03-26/the-story-of-spotify-personas/



the personas cardboard cutouts

card game

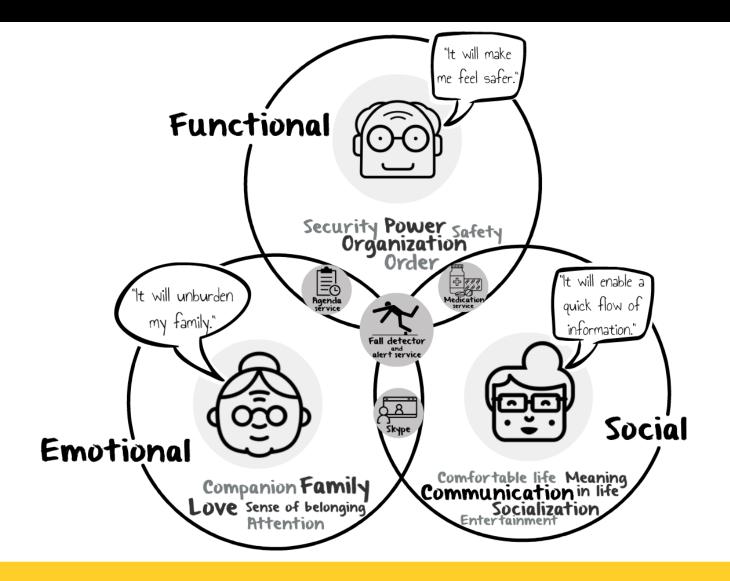


workshops

## **ELDERLY CARE**



## PERSONAS – ELDERLY PEOPLE





# LET'S START BUILDING PERSONAS FOR YOUR PRODUCTS

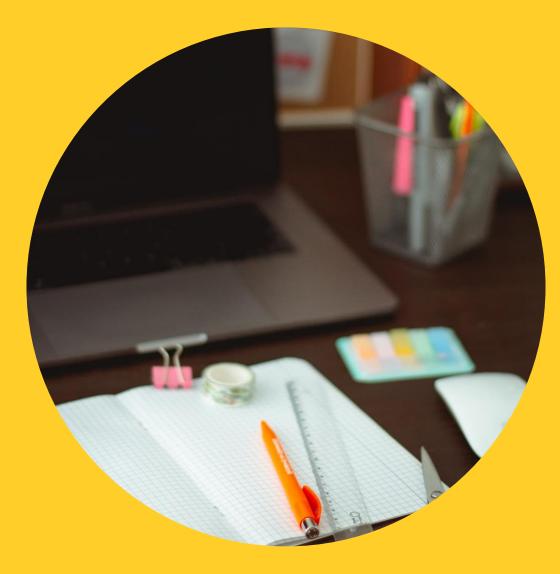




## Together with your team, fill out a persona canvas for your product

- Use a template of your own choice
- Prepare a short presentation to share with the rest of the class [5min]

# HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT



- As a team, interview real users of a product similar to yours, and build a persona based on them. Each team member should conduct one interview.
- Were the assumptions you made in your earlier persona correct?
- For the next class, <u>prepare a 5 minute</u> presentation in which you outline what you learned based on a real user interview. Compare and contrast your assumptions vs. real user data.