Prototyping and testing

Building Better Products

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Introduction to Prototyping

- **Definition:** Prototyping is the process of creating a preliminary, scaled-down version of a product to visualize its design, functionality, and features.
- **Types of Prototypes:** including paper prototypes, digital prototypes, and physical prototypes, depending on the product's nature.
- **Tools and Software:** Popular prototyping tools like Adobe XD, Figma, Sketch, and more.

Introduction to Testing

- 1. **Definition:** Testing involves evaluating the prototype's performance, usability, functionality and gathering user feedback.
- 2. Types of Testing:
 - **Usability Testing:** Assessing how easy the product is to use and identify user pain points.
 - **Functionality Testing:** Verifying that the product functions as intended without errors.
 - **A/B Testing:** Comparing multiple versions of a prototype to determine which performs best.

Prototype planning process

- 1. Define the purpose of the prototype
- List learning, communication and integration needs
- 2. Establish the level of approximation
- Analytical or physical prototype

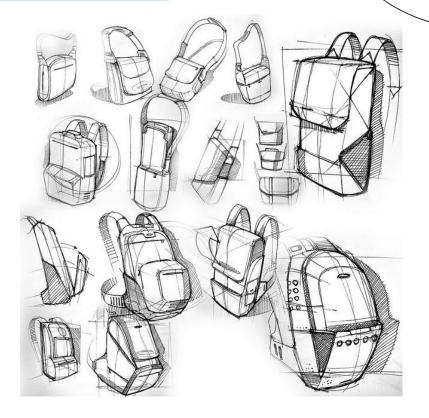
3. Outline an experimental plan

- What tests will be done and how to analyze the data gathered
- 4. Creating a schedule for procurement, construction and testing
- Should contain dates for assembly, testing start, testing end and final results

A good plan saves time, money and keeps the process on track

Low-Fidelity Prototype

- + A low detail prototype
- + Effective in the early phases of development
- + Quick, easy and cheap to make
- Unable to be tested or unreliable results
- Limited functionality and interactivity



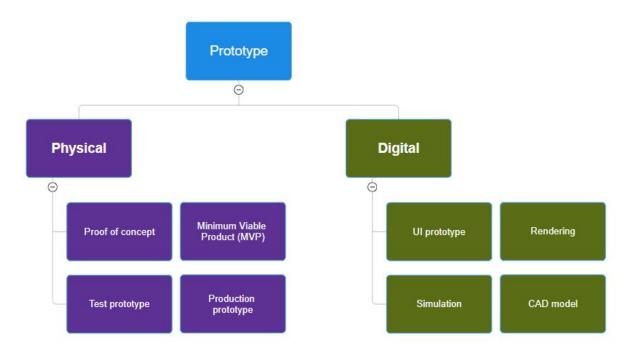
High-Fidelity Prototype

- + High detail prototype
- + Effective in later stages of development
- + Often very close to the final product
- + Reliable test results
- Expensive and time consuming

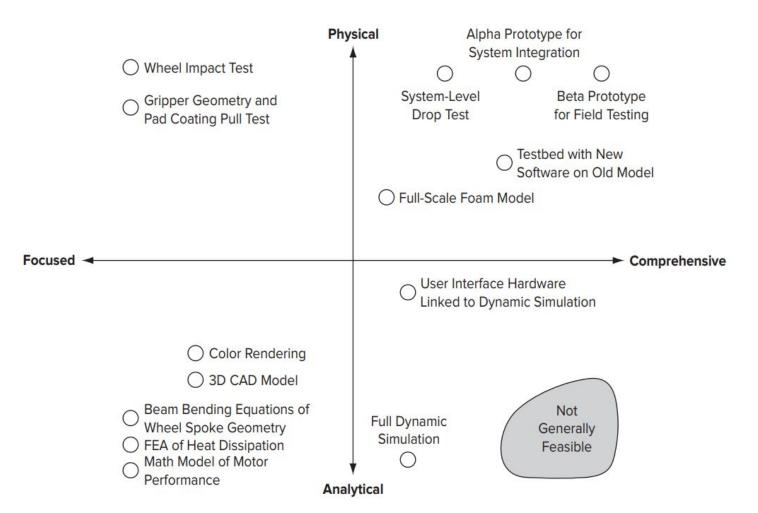


Different kinds of prototypes (There's

something for everyone



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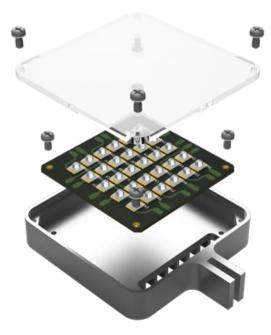
Rapid prototyping example: drink machine pump

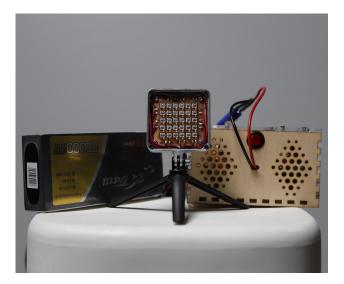






PDP prototyping examples







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Real world prototype example





Benefits of Prototyping

- Reduced risk
- Faster development

• Enhanced communication

- Improved user experience
- Investor and stakeholder confidence

Testing in Product Development

- Includes a prototype
- The sale or a better product
- No testing

Types of Testing

- Concept testing
- Customer testing

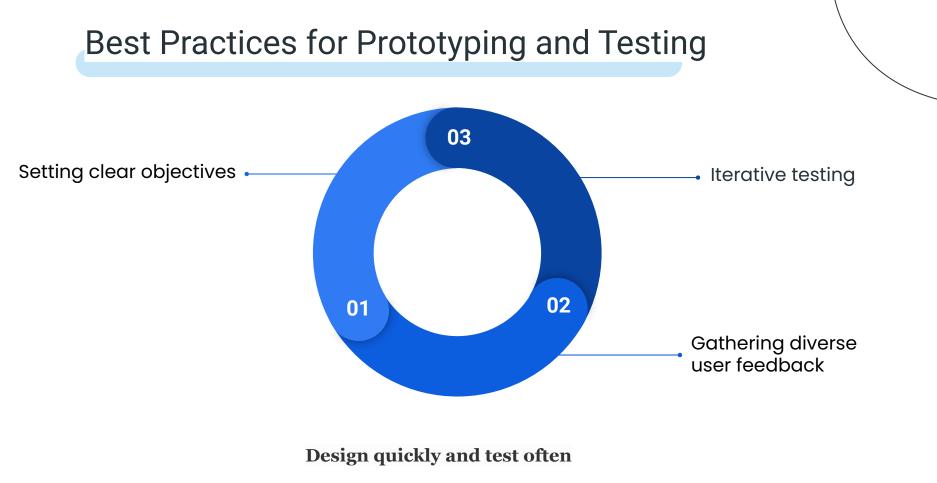
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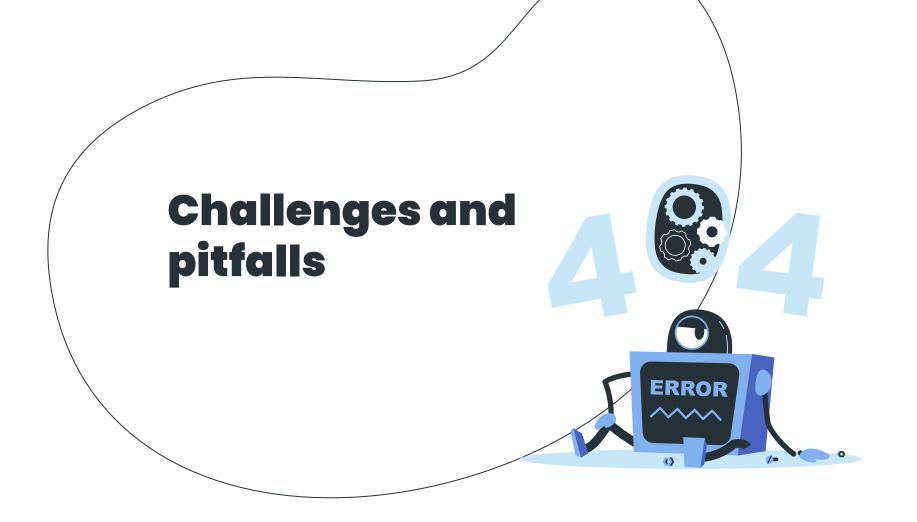
- Identifying pain points
- Prioritizing features
- Aligning with user expectations
- Improving usability
- Making the development process iterative

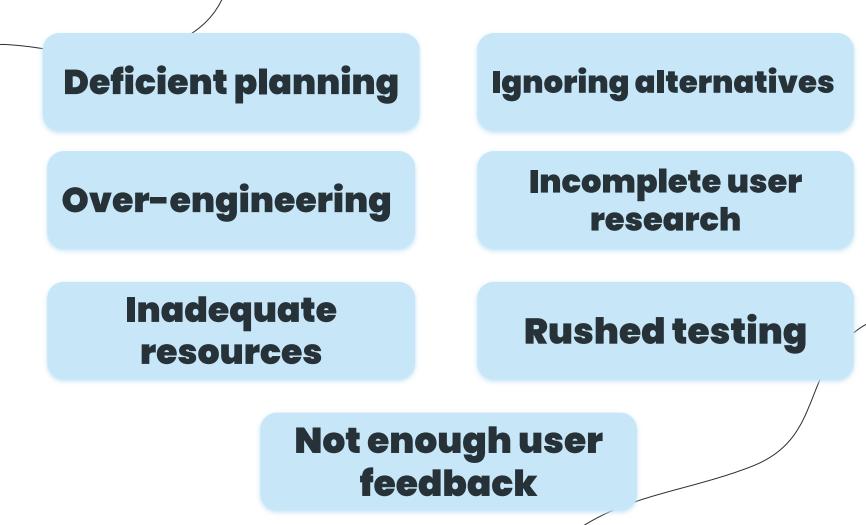
Prototyping and Testing Tools

- Figma
- UsabilityHub
- Crazy egg

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