Workshop How To

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Abstract

Workshops can be an effective means to share and accelerate team activities such as product specification, design or business strategy.

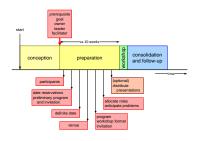
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share cross-fertilize understand

vision drivers *insights* problems solutions



Example Subjects

strategy

customer needs

integration

review
strategy
business
specification

roadmap

specifications

logistics

architecture

design

synergy

design

life-cycle

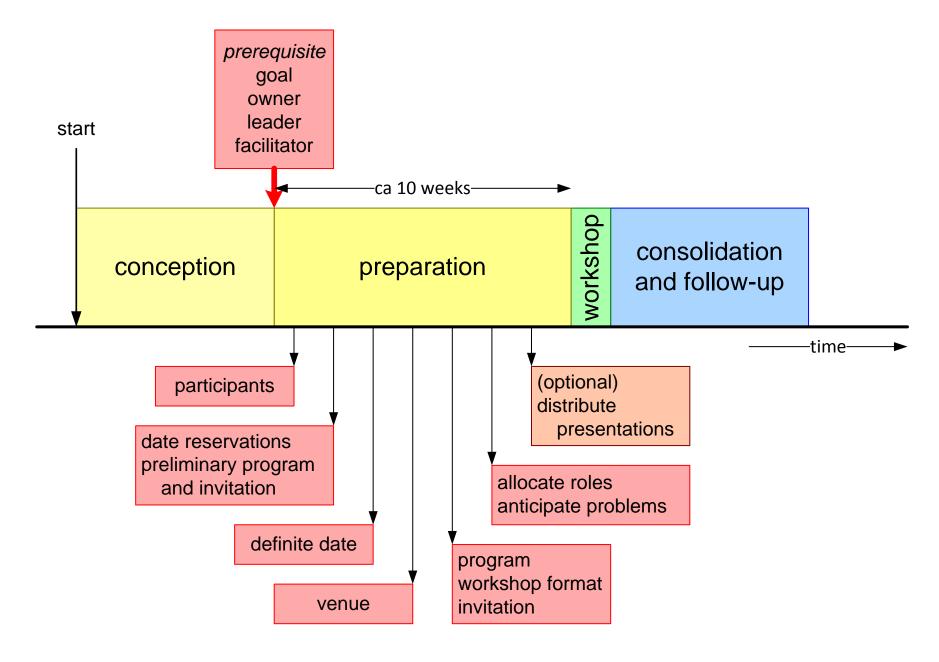
alignment organization suppliers

research needs research potential application prototyping

sites disciplines partners



Workshop timeline





Roles

owner

needs benefits from workshop results will use

why
what
how
who
when
where

facilitator

-guides owner and leader facilitates workshop executes operational duties

invitations reservations orders catering flip over handling minutes

leader

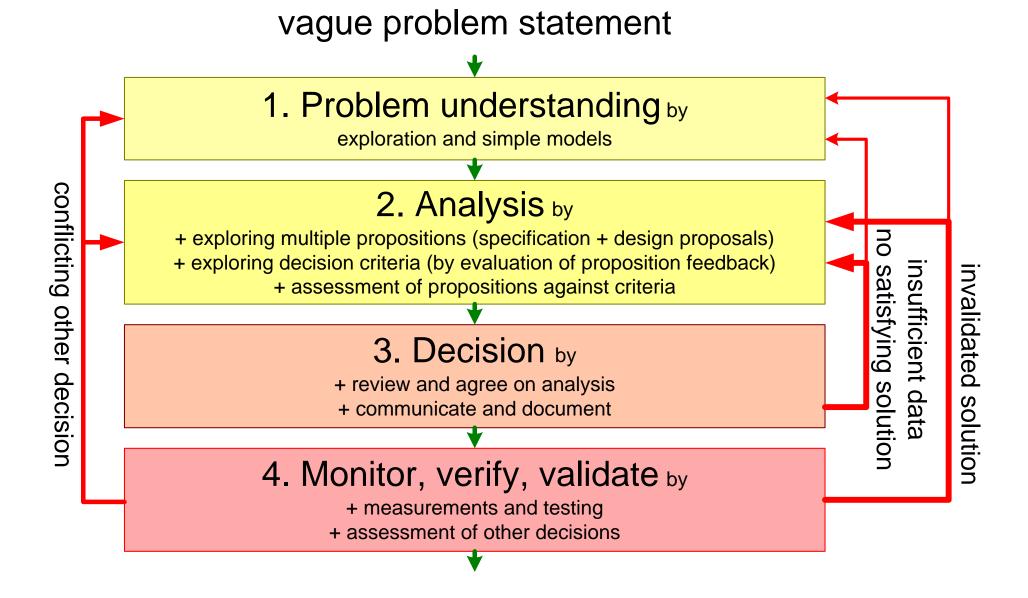
provides direction has vision focus on contents

participant

provides expertise contributes to workshop benefits from workshop

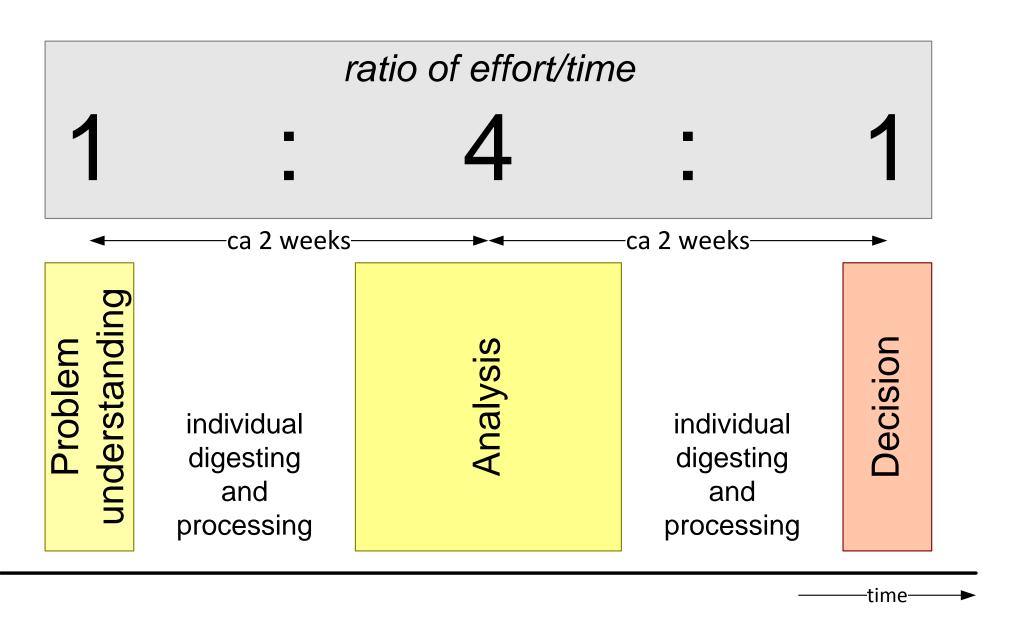


Different Workshop Types



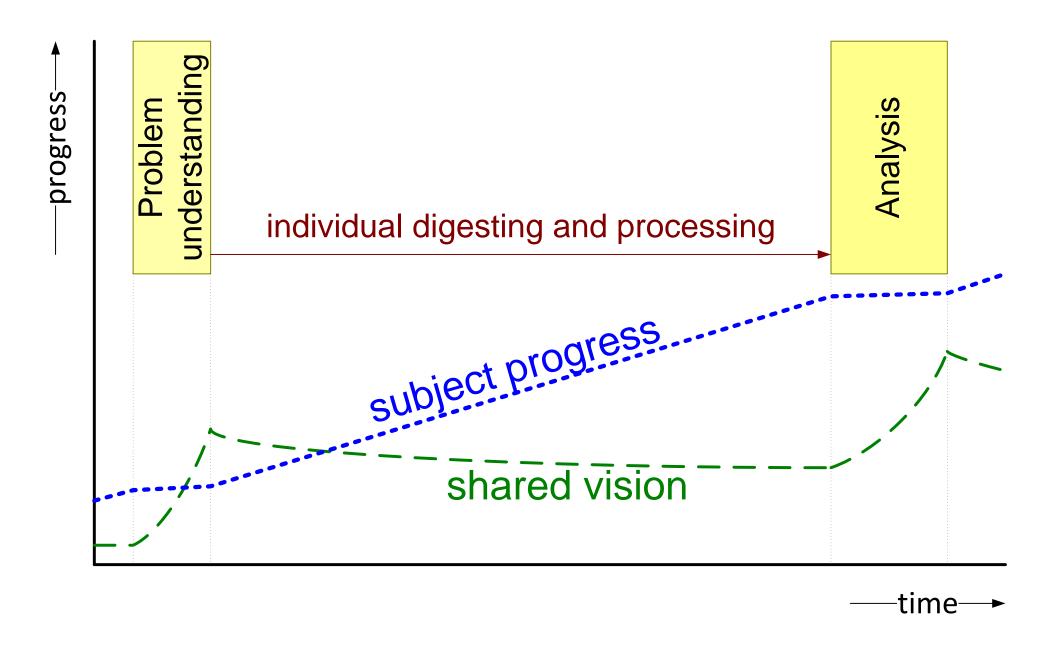


Sequence of Workshops



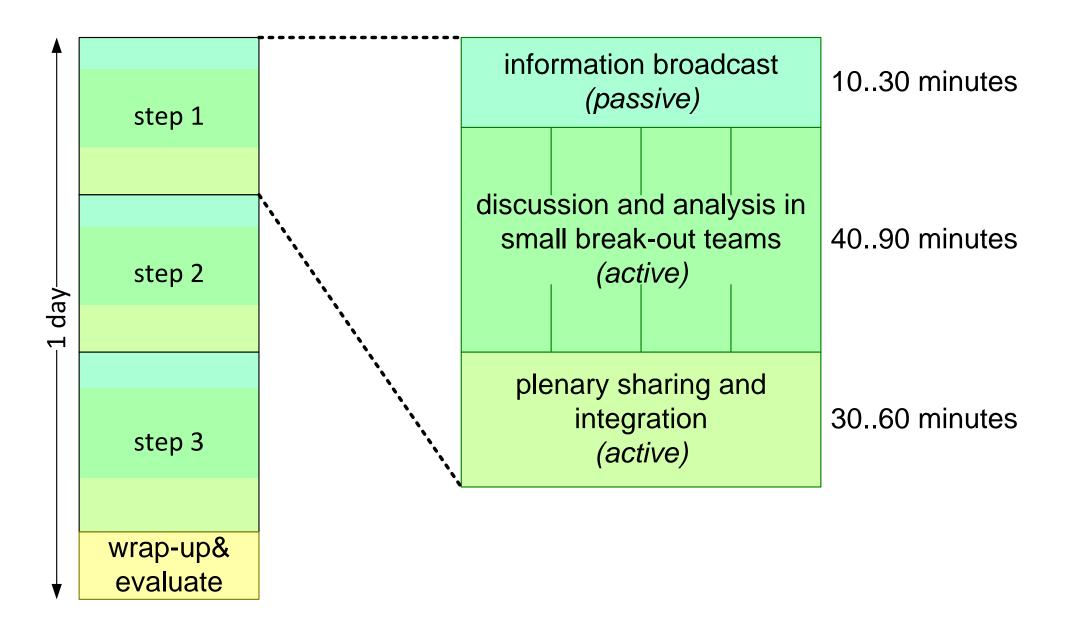


Most Subject Progress Outside Workshop





Example of Active Workshop Format





Formulate Seed Question(s)

pose compact and open question(s) avoid bias by question formulation
What are the top five design issues?

provide focus

Illustrate every design issue with 2 specific examples.

avoid generic motherhood statements
stimulate specific discussions via examples

Start with 5 minutes individual preparation

enable every individual prevent too early narrowness



Media

low-tech means can be very effective

brown paper

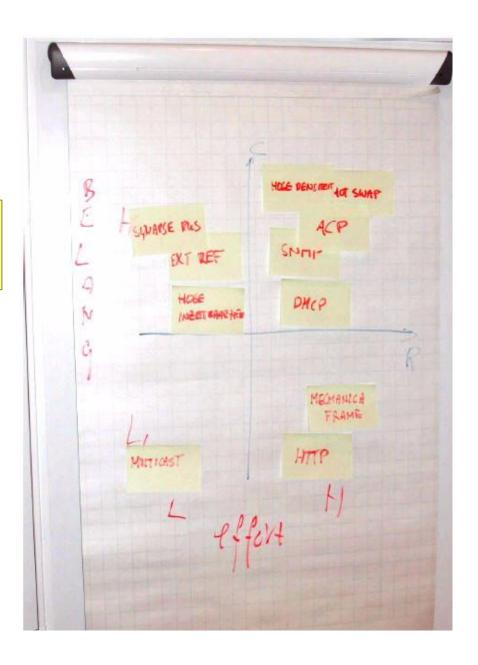
yellow notes flip over

tape

use high-tech when appropriate

excel

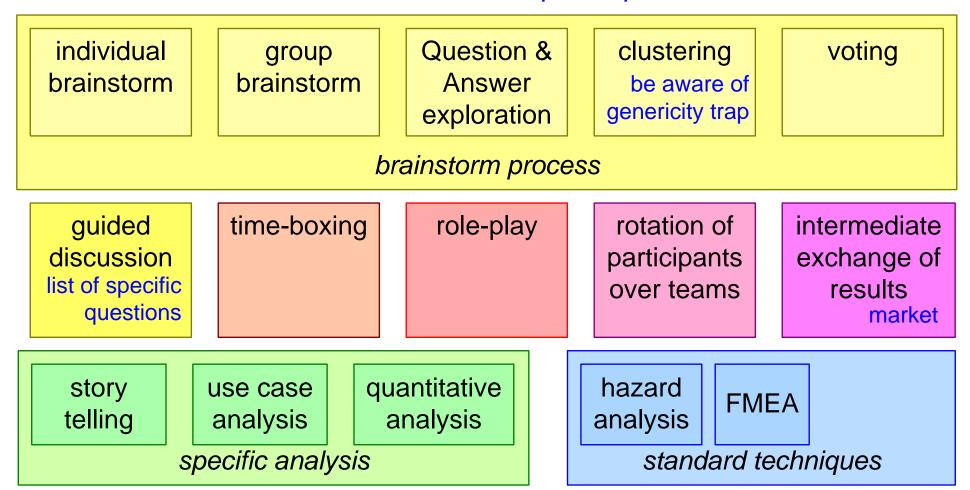
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Use Techniques in a Creative Way

mix and match of techniques is possible



N.B. the value is in the discussion and the interaction, not in the outcome



short summary and conclusions (leader or facilitator)

don't repeat discussions

follow-up (leader or facilitator)

who, what, when

evaluation; ask for balanced feedback (facilitator)

for instance benefits & concerns plenary or individual on yellow notes



Carefully select Participants

minimize the number of participants time needed ~ # participants

individual contribution

knowledge skills, experience function or role

interpersonal relations

political, social psychological

availability

full-time during workshop vs workshop timing vs workshop effectiveness



Rules During the Workshop

constructive attitude (no head seeking missiles)

allow contribution by all (also the more quiet persons)

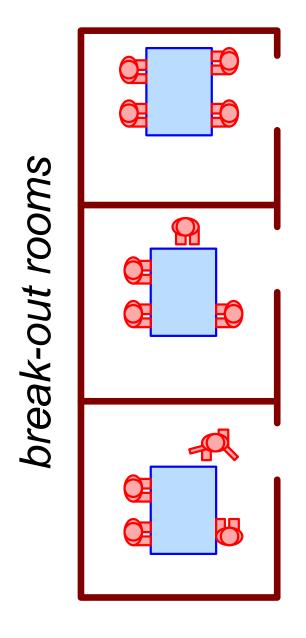
no cellphones

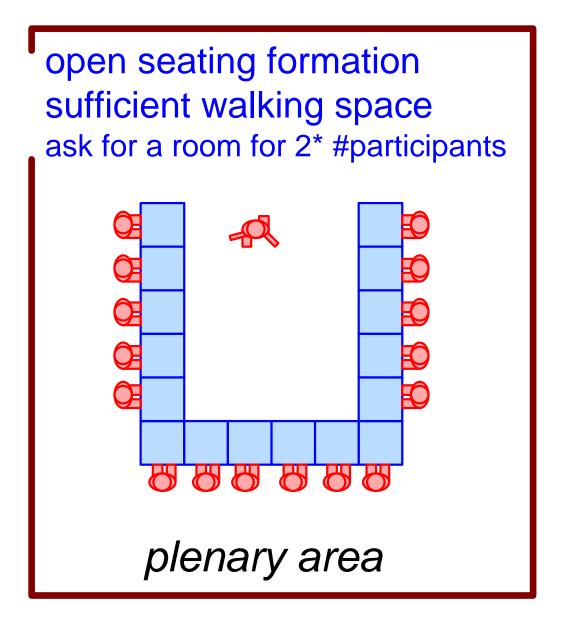
no laptop (except for workshop related application)

full-time presence



Venue Requirements







Secret Workshop Success Factors

active

>70% of the time active short intro, short broadcasts

focused

clear scope and goal format

well-prepared

timely invitation
seed presentations
seed questions
full-time present
no cellphone
no e-mail

involved participants

