How Lean Thinking Can Make You A Better Service Designer

Part 1: Thinking Like a Scientist

Part 2: Lean Experimentation

Part 3: Activity

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A more scientific approach to service design allows for more *innovation*

As technology continues to advance,

the two worlds are converging

Service designers need a new skillset to remain **relevant**



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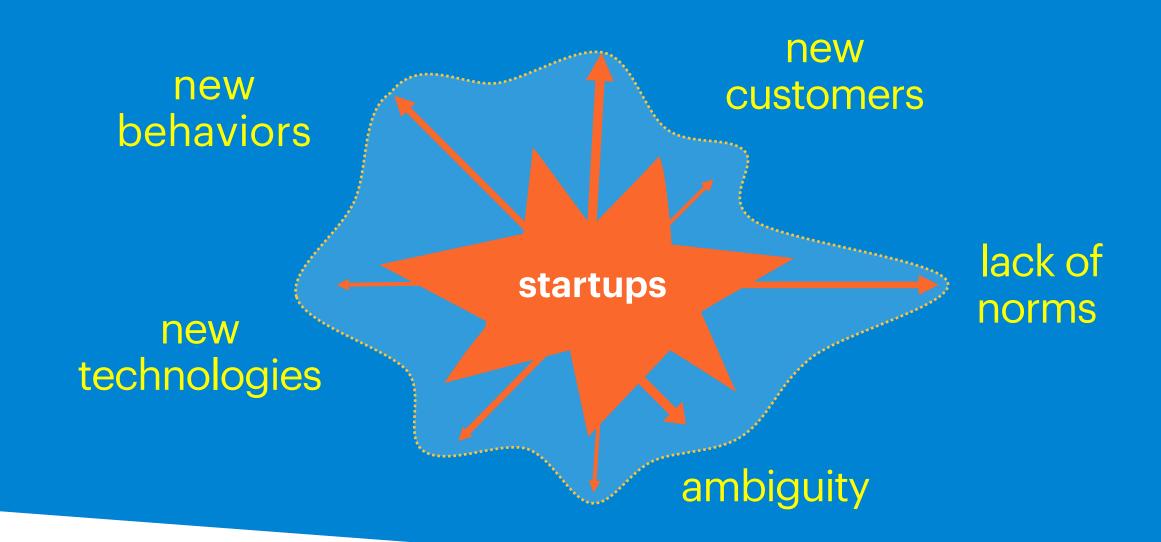
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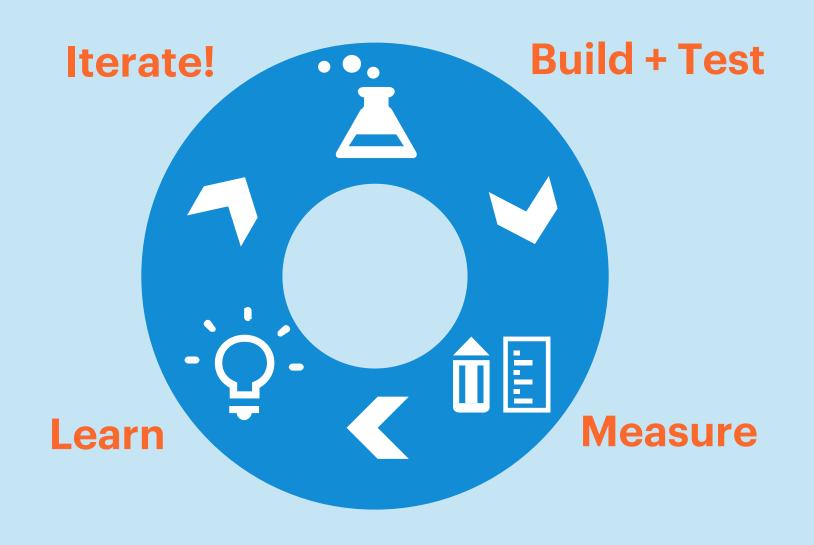
Traditional service design methods don't work well in uncertain startup environments

- Long lead time from insights to building solutions to testing
- Difficult when there is no defined problem/service/user
- Traditional tools take a long time to create
- Difficulty pivoting quickly

What constitutes an uncertain environment?



Scientific experimentation: mindset



Lean Methodology

- 1. Designing a good experiment
- 2. Executing the experiment
- 3. Measuring outcomes
- 4. Learning (and iterating)

Experiment Design

Define a hypothesis: structure your idea in a testable assumption



Ex: If we provide people with a small load all-in-one washer/dryer machine for urban apartment dwellers, they will use it.

Experiment Design

Create a test:

how you'll prove or disprove this hypothesis with minimum time + effort + waste



Ex: Small existing 2-in-1 machines that were close to the prototype were placed them in the homes of 15 consumers in NYC for a week

Types of MVP tests

1. Concierge: hand-created experience

2. Wizard of Oz: fake software backend (looks like actual product/service)

3. Sell: sell it before you have it (landing page/kickstarter video, etc)

Measuring Outcomes

Collect pivotal metrics throughout: (qual + quant) helps you prove/disprove your hypothesis

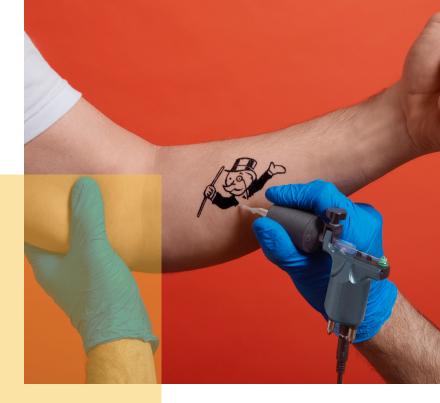
Ex: Qualitative data collected throughout, and "hidden test" collected usage data for a week after the 7 day initial trial period



Pivot or Persevere

Evaluate learnings:
did you prove your assumption?
should you continue?
or should you pivot and revise?

Ex: 12 out of 15 people continued to use washer, and 8 out of 15 wanted to keep the washer (vs getting paid for participation)



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Activity: Make your own experiment



Pick a random service from the box



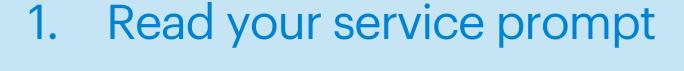
Design an experiment with your team

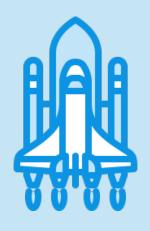


Practice execution (roleplay)

Time: 20 mins

Present your experiment! (in 2 minutes)





- 2. State your hypothesis
- 3. Act out your experiment
- 4. Share any learnings

Activity: questions to consider

What is your biggest assumption?

What hypothesis can be created for this assumption?

How would you test this hypothesis with your user?

What type of prototype could you create (Concierge, Wizard of Oz, Sell)?



What would make this experiment a success or failure?

Part 1: Thinking Like a Scientist

Part 2: Lean Experimentation & Analytics

Part 3: Workshop

At the end of the day, it's all about how you think....



