

# Product Development The Menlo Way

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# Agenda

Relationship With Customers

Managing Turbulence

Set Based Design

Designers & Experts

Deep Relationships With Product Users

*Then Genba Walk Thru Menlo*



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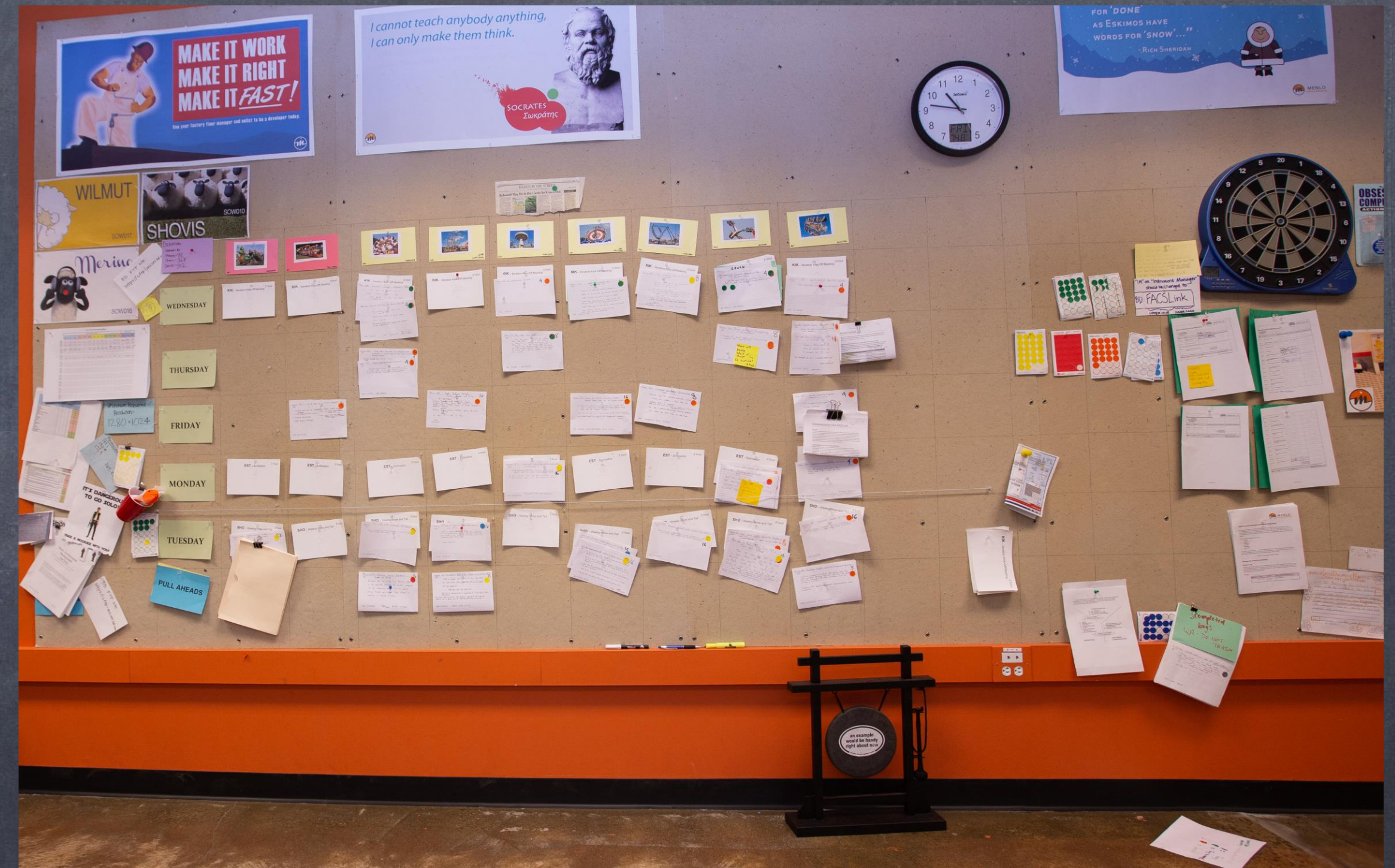
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Monday	MACHLI	CARTER	ATHENA	WILBUR	CARTER	WILBUR	MACHLI	QA	QA	PM	PM	ROLLER COASTER	X	FOS Support	IT				
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Tuesday	MACHLI	EGAO	CLOVER w/ SNAG	KENT	EGAO	KENT	MACHLI	QA	QA	PM	PM	ROLLER COASTER	MARKETING	FOS Support	IT				
1/17/2023	MACHLI	EGAO	CLOVER w/ SNAG	KENT	EGAO	KENT	MACHLI	QA Sales 3:00-4:30	QA	PM	PM	ROLLER COASTER	MARKETING	FOS Support	IT				
Wednesday	MACHLI	CARTER	CLOVER w/ SNAG	WILBUR	CARTER	WILBUR	MACHLI	QA	QA	PM	PM	ROLLER COASTER	MARKETING	FOS Support	X				
1/18/2023	MACHLI	CARTER Remote Checkin	CLOVER w/ SNAG	WILBUR	CARTER Remote Checkin	WILBUR	MACHLI	QA	QA	PM	PM	ROLLER COASTER	MARKETING	FOS Support	IT				
Thursday	MACHLI	CARTER On-site at Client	CARTER On-site at Client	KENT	CARTER On-site at Client	KENT	MACHLI	Prep PM workshop agenda	QA	Prep PM workshop agenda	PM	ROLLER COASTER	MARKETING	FOS Support	IT				
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Friday	MACHLI	CARTER Travel back to A2	CARTER Travel back to A2	HARRISON	CARTER Travel back to A2	HARRISON	X	QA	QA	PM	PM	ROLLER COASTER	MARKETING	X	IT				
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1/17/2023	LELAND w/ AKAU	HARRISON w/ BURB	LELAND w/ ABUR	PATTERSON w/ NHUT	HARRISON w/ AFAH	ROADTRIP	ROME 1:00 - 5:00	BROOKLYN	X	FLORENCE w/ SAND	X	MATERA w/ MMAG	X	BROOKLYN	ROLLER COASTER	LOWRY	ROME 1:00 - 5:00	PATTERSON w/ SBAL	PATTERSON w/ NMCL
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Everyone Tracks Their Time

Weekly Timesheet											
Each team member submits a weekly timesheet with the hours they worked on each storycard											
Name: Corissa (CNIE)											
Week Ending: 1/10											
Company	Project Code	Project	Role and Story Card #	Sat 1/4	Sun 1/5	Mon 1/6	Tue 1/7	Wed 1/8	Thu 1/9	Fri 1/10	TOTAL HOURS
ACME	SOW024	PROULX	HTA - KIK						1.50		1.50
ACME	SOW024	PROULX	HTA - STU			0.25			0.25		0.50
ACME	SOW024	PROULX	HTA - 48			6.25					6.25
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ACME	SOW024	PROULX	HTA - 51						6.00		6.00
16.00											
BETTER BOX	SOW002	RAMUS	HTA - STU				0.25	0.25		0.25	0.75
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24.00											
Billable Subtotal:											40.00
Daily Totals:				0.00	0.00	8.25	8.00	8.25	7.75	7.75	40.00
I certify that this is an accurate and complete record of work-related time.											
Signature:				Approved:							
Date: 1/10				Date:							



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# HIGH-TECH ANTHROPOLOGY® DISCOVERY PROCESS MAP

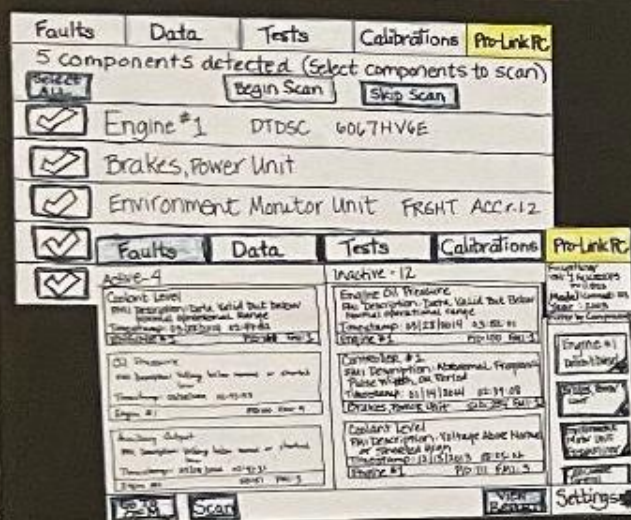




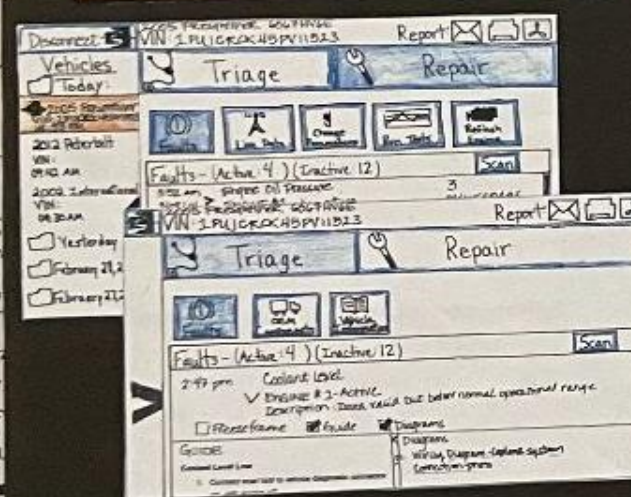
# DESIGN CONTRASTS

## Examples

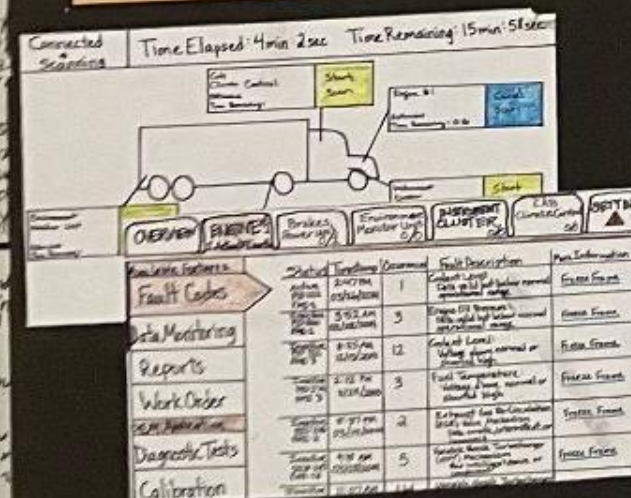
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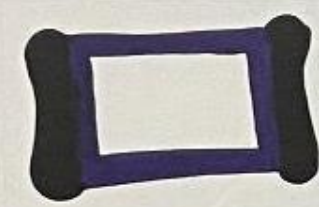


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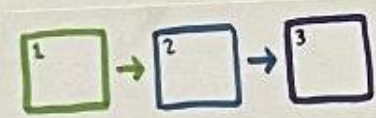


#### DESIGN BASED ON:

CONSISTENT WITH PRO-LINK IQ



CONSISTENT WITH WORKFLOW



CONSISTENT WITH MARKET



#### SCREEN SIZE & TOUCH-SCREEN COMPATIBILITY:

SPECIFICALLY FOR A TABLET



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#### ORGANIZATION:

VIEWS FILTERED BY COMPONENT



FEATURES SPLIT BASED ON TASK

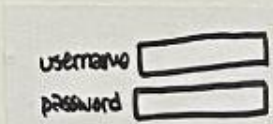


EACH COMPONENT HAS A SET OF FEATURES ORGANIZED BY LEVEL OF OEM DATA INTEGRATION



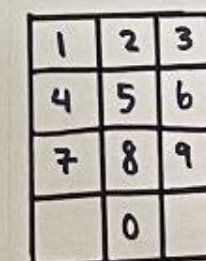
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USERNAME & PASSWORD



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#### CONNECT & SCAN:

FORCED TO CONNECT, CHOSE TO SCAN, & SCAN SHOWS OVERALL COMPLETION %



CHOOSE WHEN TO CONNECT AND SCAN & SCAN SHOWS COMPLETION % BY COMPONENT

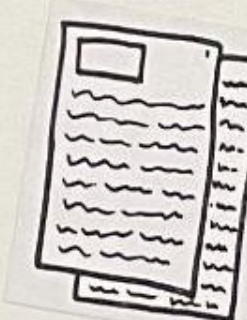


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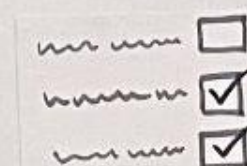
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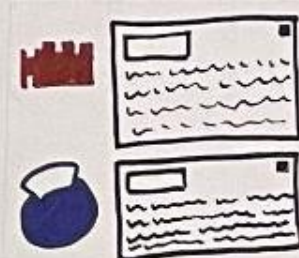
FULL REPORT



SELECT WHICH INFORMATION TO SHOW IN THE REPORT



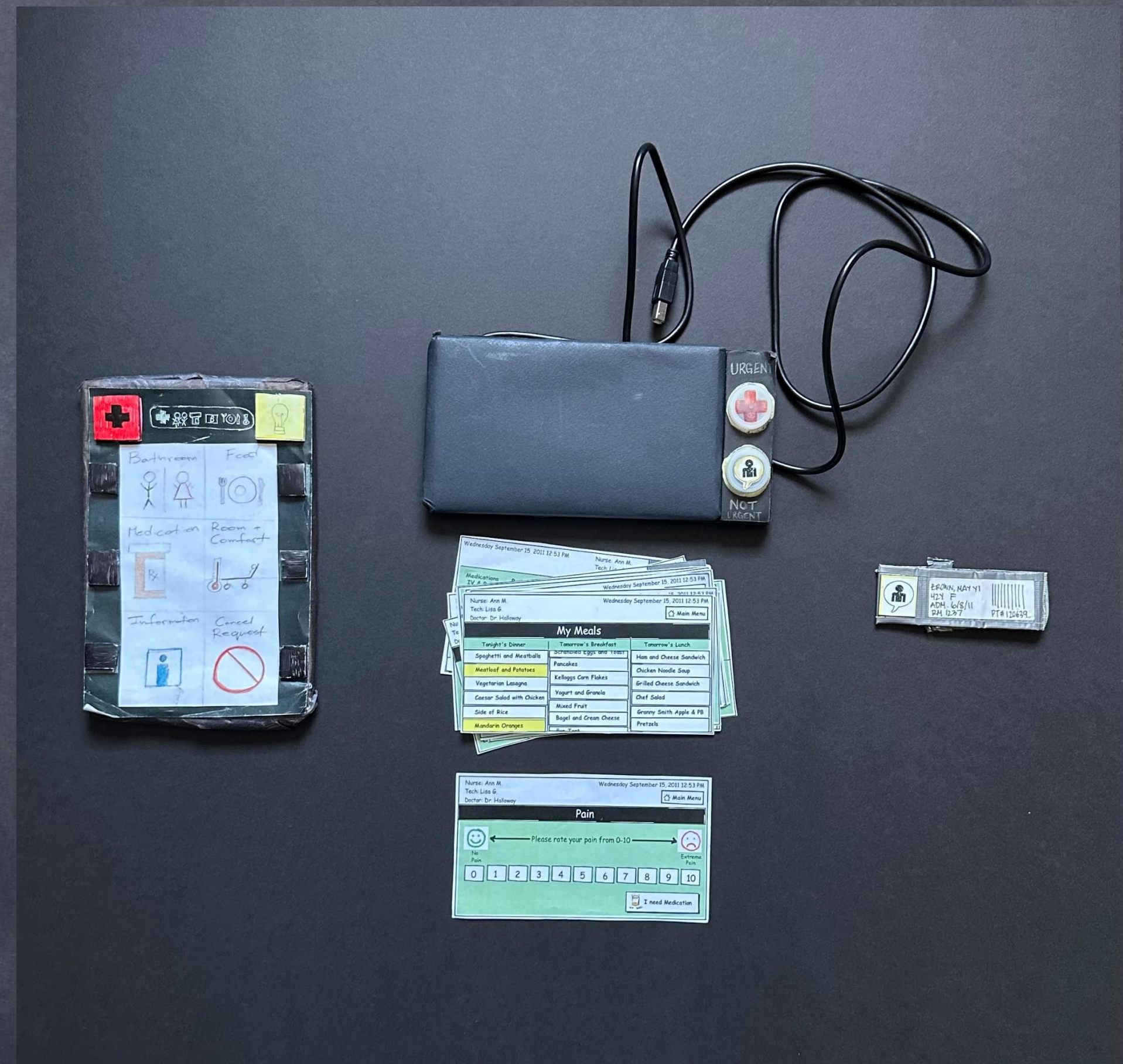
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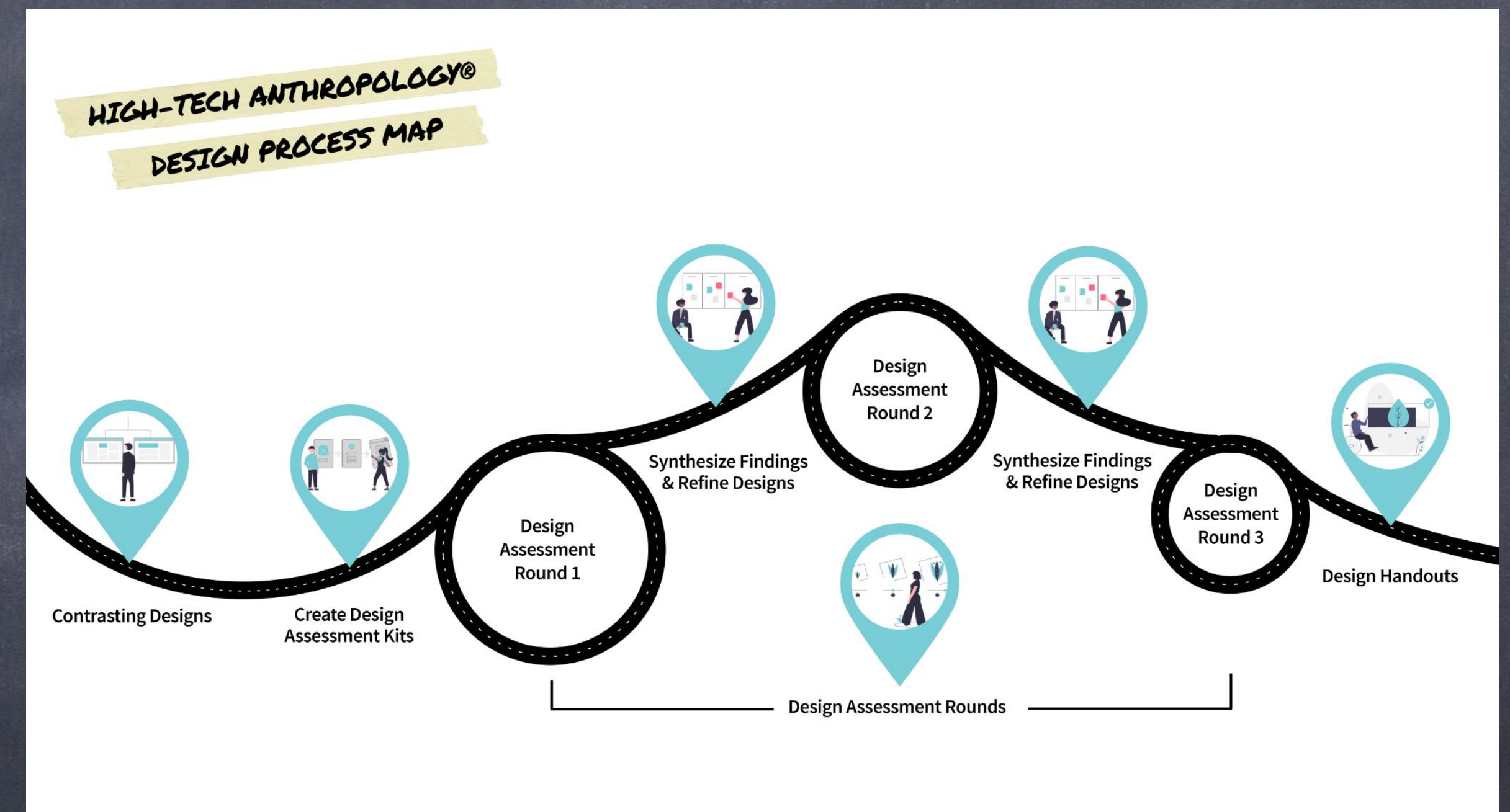




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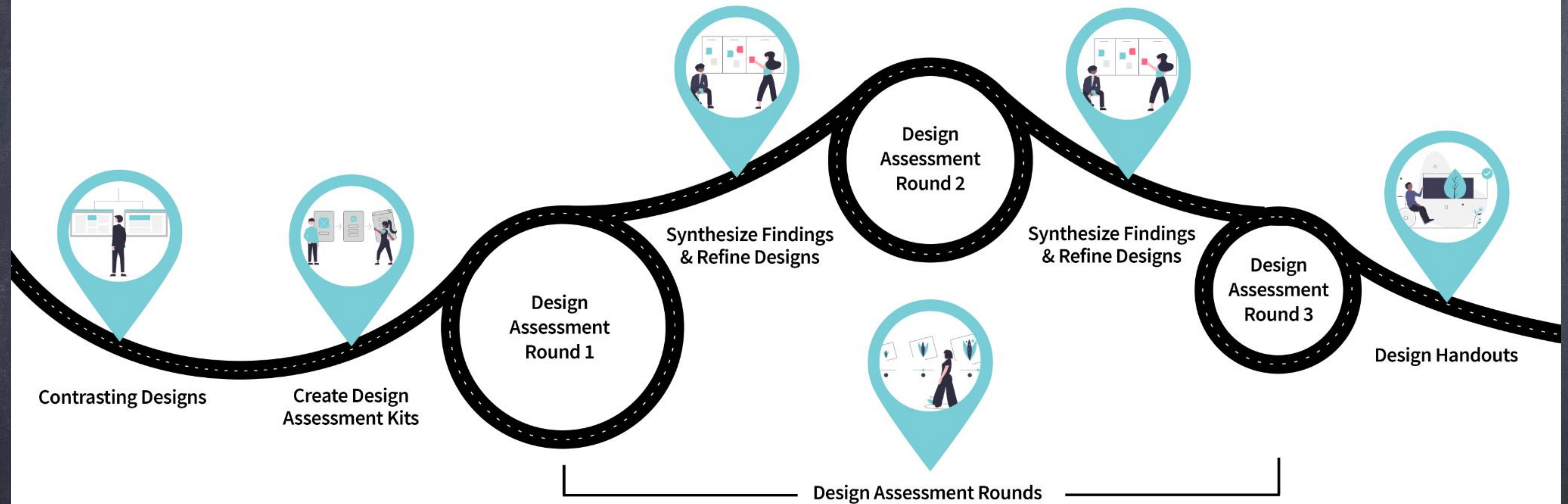
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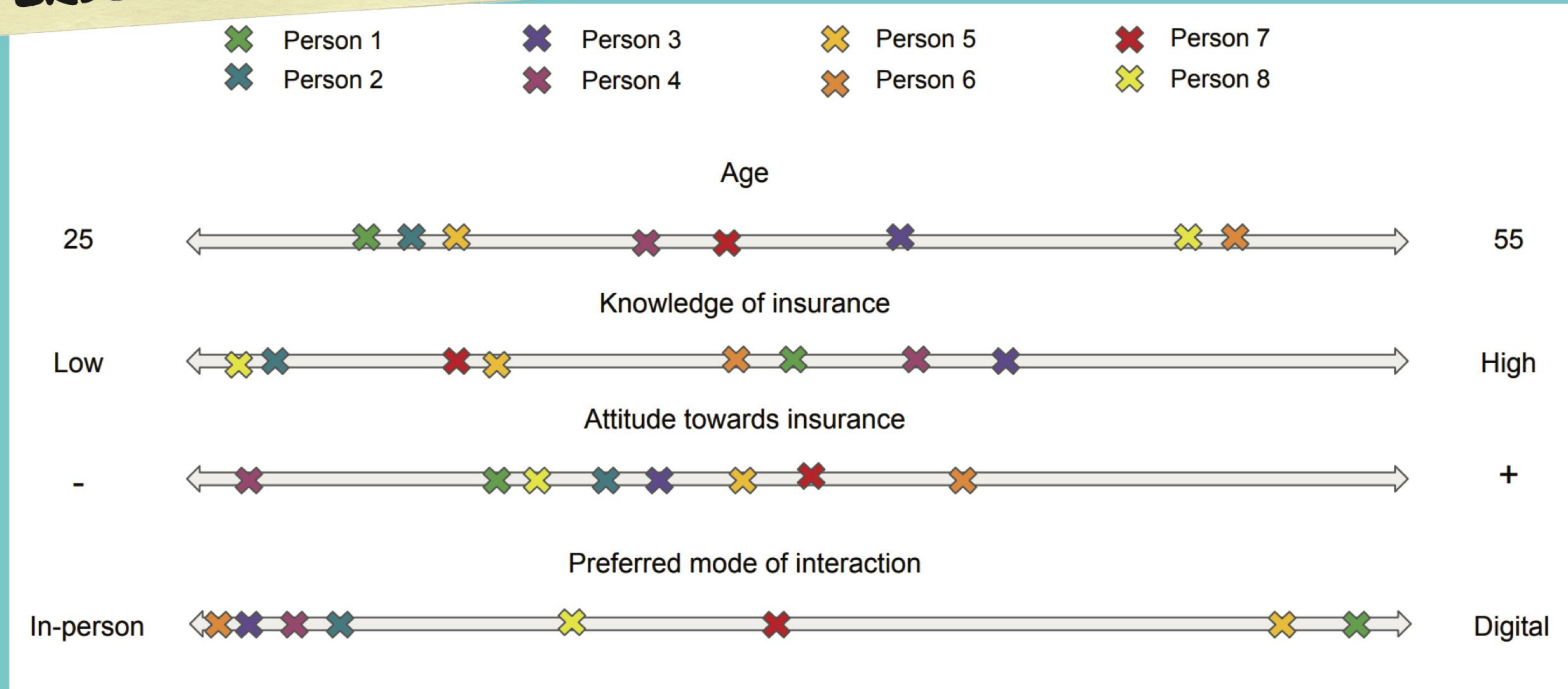


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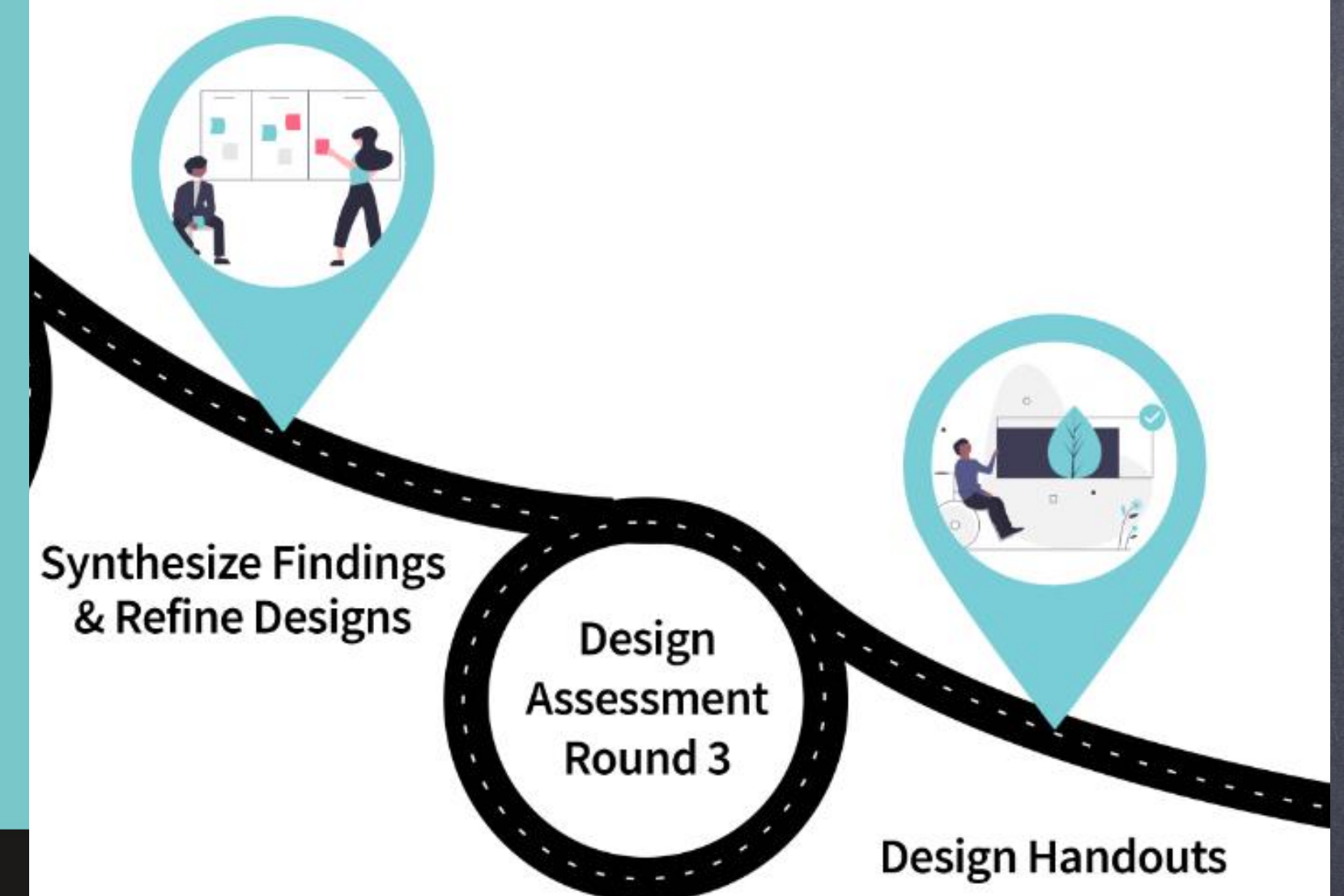


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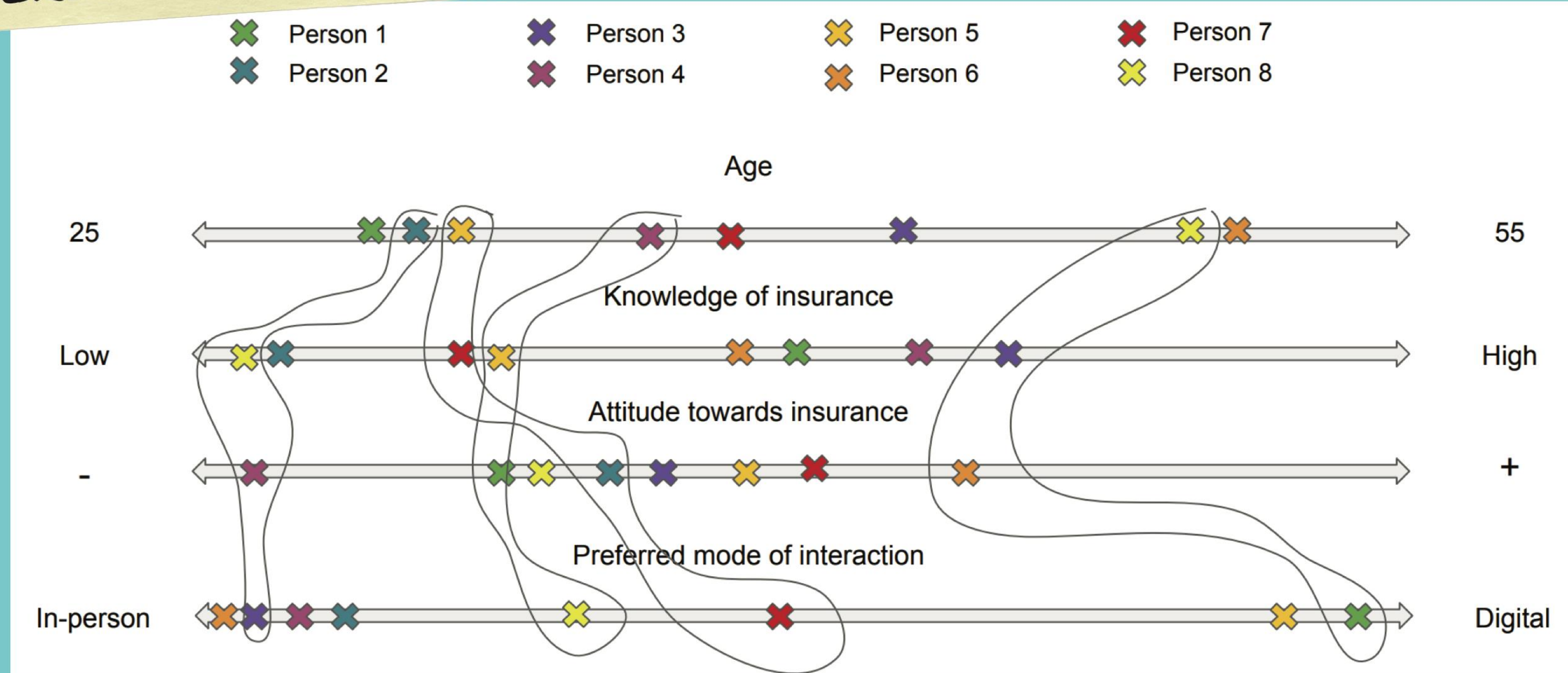
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- Identify trait patterns observed among users that are relevant to the solution path
- Create trait spectrums that reflect observed variations and plot users based on their unique traits



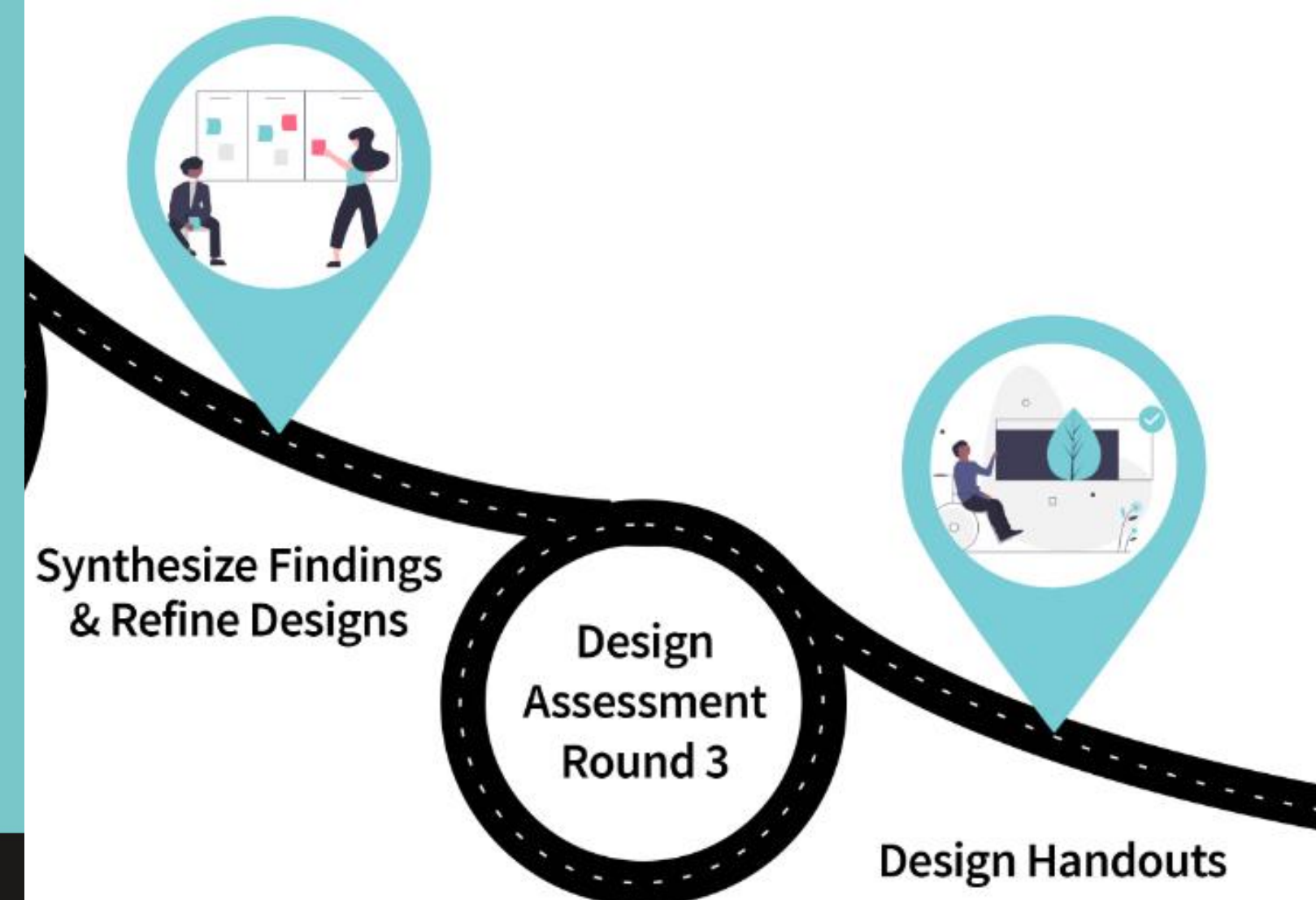


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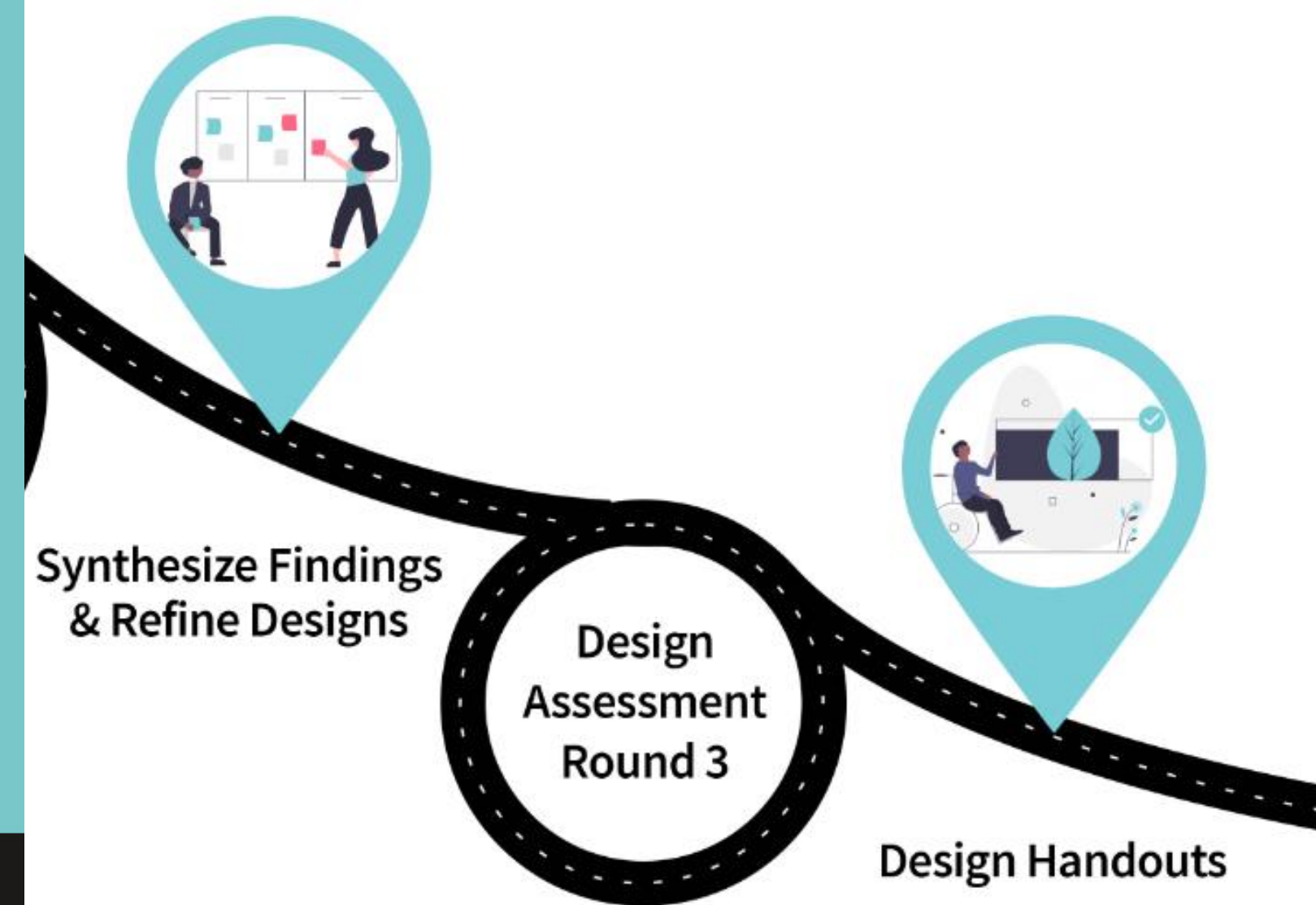


### PERSONA SPECTRUMS - CREATE COMPOSITES

- Create groupings across spectrums that reflect trait diversity of actual users
- Ensure that the distributions of personas capture observed patterns but strategically mix and match unique user traits





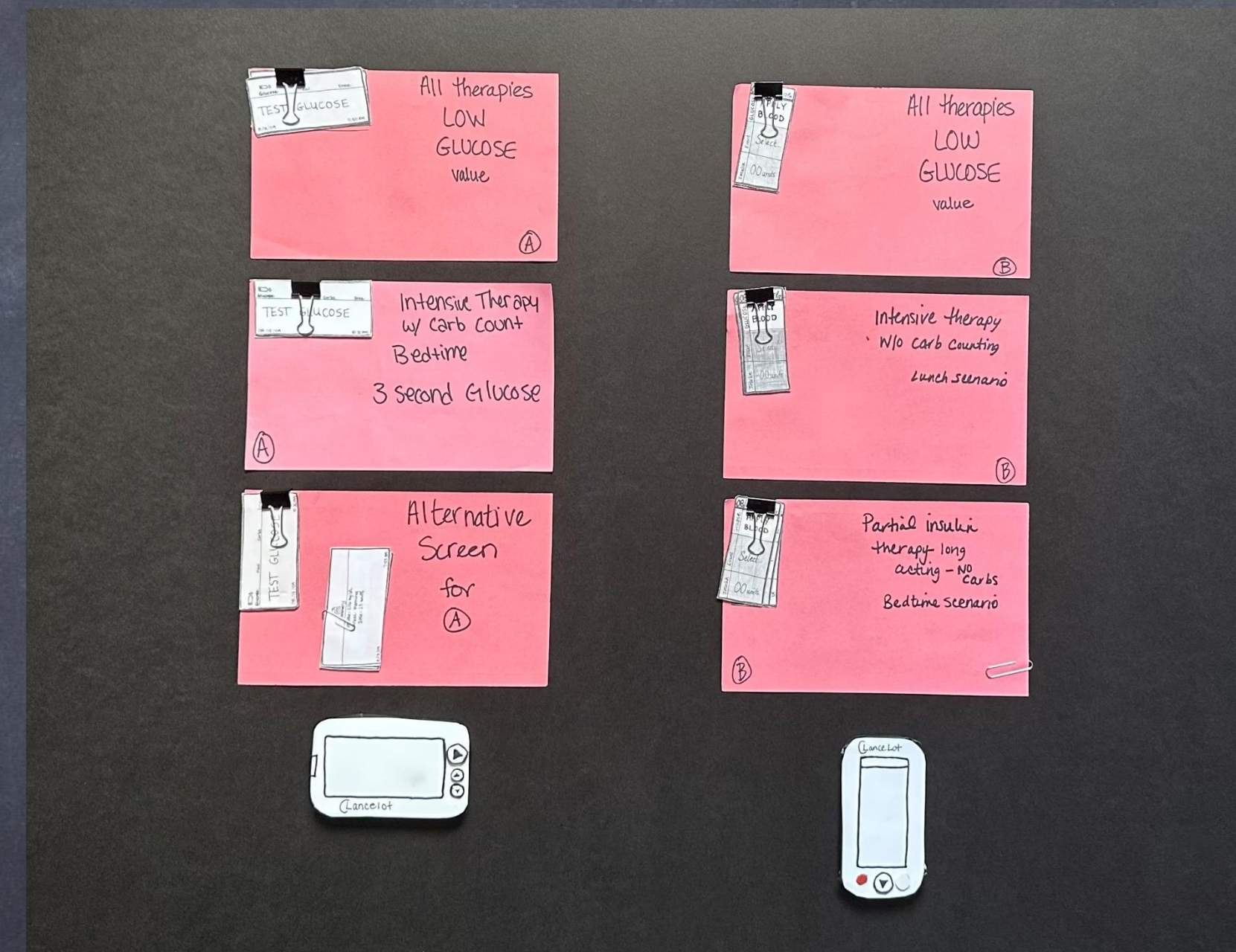




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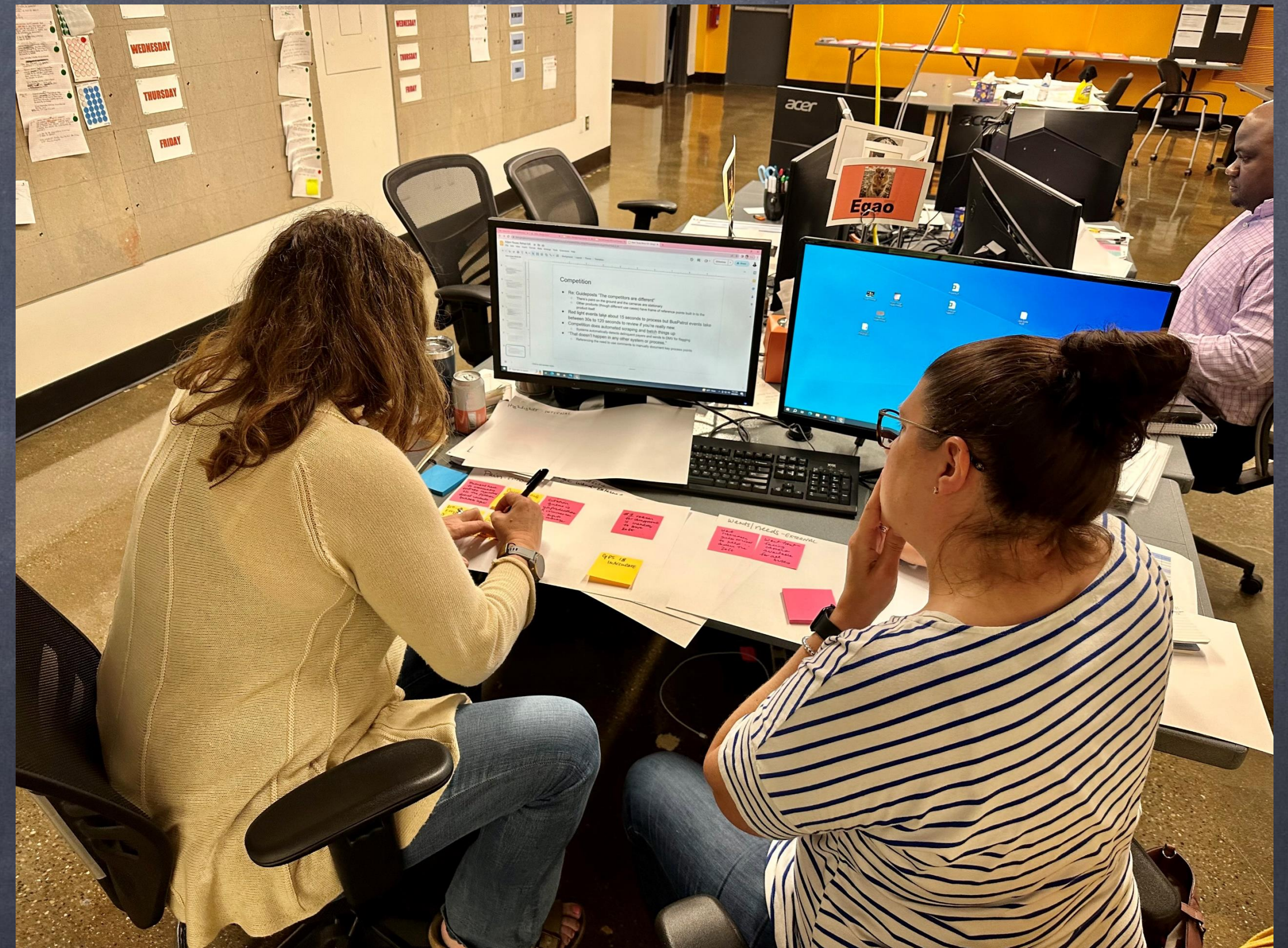




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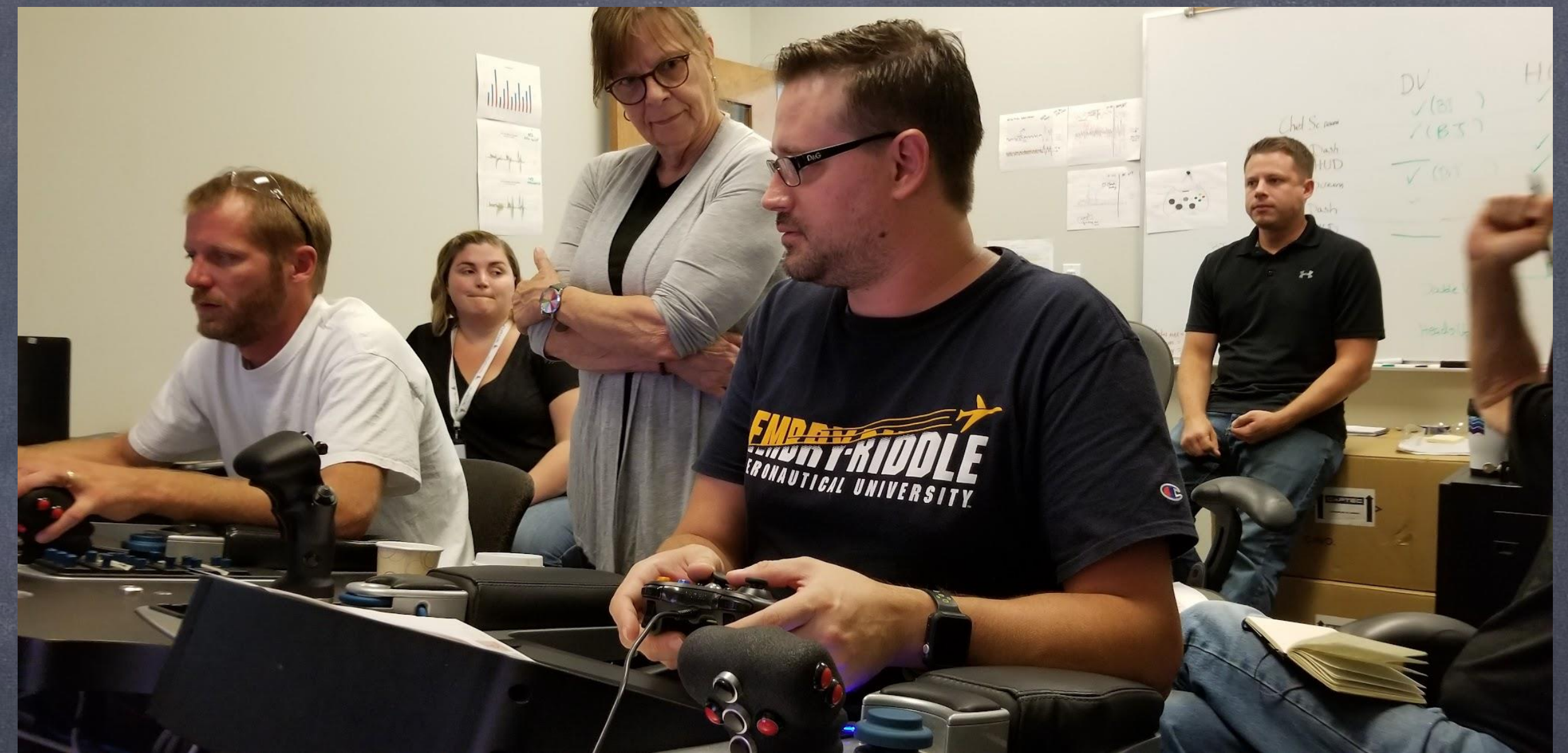




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Q & A