

As-Is Scenario Map

1 hour 30 min

IBM Design

Intermediate

Document the current state of a user experience through visual storytelling. Capture what users do, think, and feel today before designing future...

H HOW TO RUN

1 Process (90 minutes):

2 Choose Scenario (10 min):

- Select specific user and task
- Make it concrete and bounded

3 Map the Steps (40 min):

- What does user DO? (actions)
- What does user THINK? (thoughts)
- What does user FEEL? (emotions)
- Plot from start to finish

4 Identify Moments (20 min):

- Highlight pain points (red)
- Note delights (green)
- Mark critical decisions (blue)

KEY TIP

Base this on real research, not assumptions.

O OBJECTIVES

- > Understand current experience
- > Identify pain points
- > Build empathy
- > Establish baseline

M MATERIALS

- Large wall or whiteboard
- Sticky notes in different colors (actions)
- Thoughts
- Feelings
- Markers

P PARTICIPANTS

4-8

F FACILITATOR NOTES

REMEMBER

- Use actual user quotes.
- Show the reality, including negative experiences.
- Focus on one specific scenario - don't try to map everything.
- This sets up the To-Be Scenario Map.