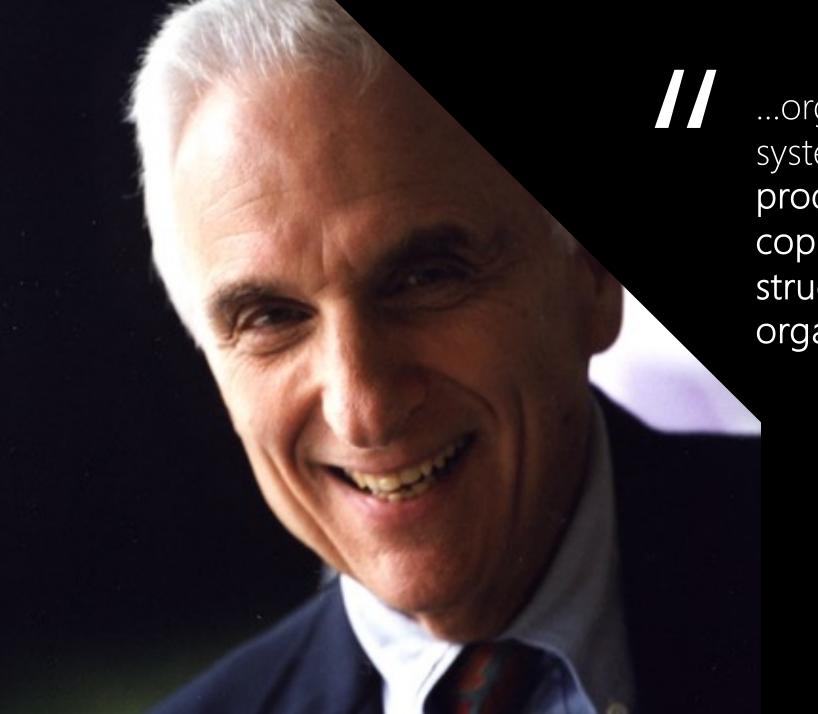
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# Your Organisation is your MOST IMPORTANT Product.

## ...so start treating your Organisation like a Product

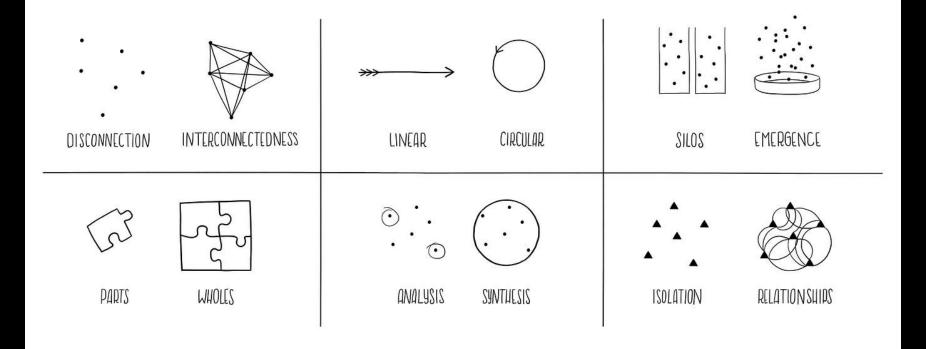


...organizations which design systems ... are constrained to produce designs which are copies of the communication structures of these organizations.

- Melvin Conway, 1967

## **Systemic Thinking**

### TOOLS OF A SYSTEM THINKER



## The Organisation-Product Analogy

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**Experience Focus** 

**Design Process** 

**Users** 

**Journey Mapping** 

**Feedback Mechanism** 

Development
Methodology
Measurement of
Success

#### **Product**

Features, modules, and subsystems

Customer experience

Product design and architecture

Customers

Customer journey (awareness to purchase and beyond)

Customer feedback, reviews, NPS

Agile, iterative development

Customer satisfaction, retention rates, sales

#### **Organisation**

Departments, teams, and individuals

Employee experience

Organisational design and structure

**Employees** 

Employee journey (recruitment to offboarding)

Employee feedback, surveys, eNPS

Agile, continuous improvement

Employee satisfaction, retention rates, productivity

## The Organisation-Product Analogy

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**Goal Setting** 

Innovation

**Stakeholders** 

**Co-Creation** 

Marketing

**Support Systems** 

#### **Product**

Customer personas

Product goals, OKRs, KPIs

Feature updates, new product development

Customers, users, investors

User-centered design, customer feedback loops

Product marketing, advertising

Customer support, technical support

#### **Organisation**

Employee personas

Organisational goals, OKRs, KPIs

Process improvement, culture development

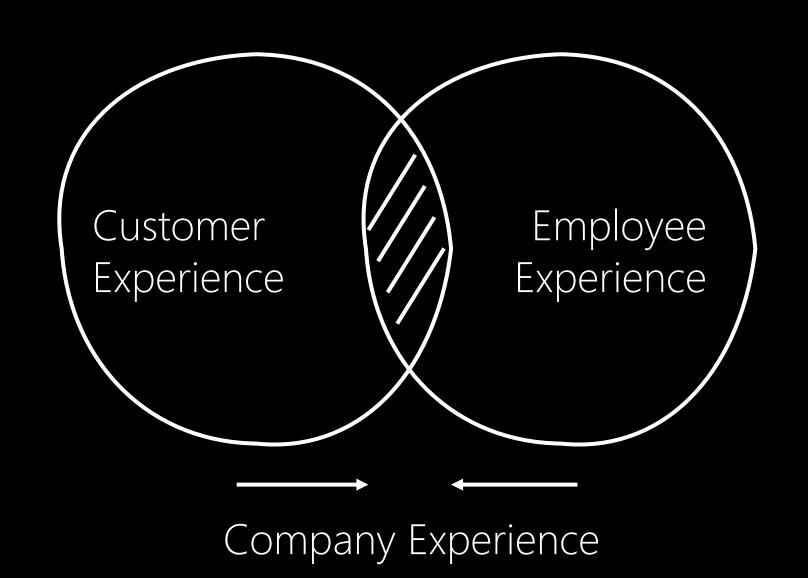
Employees, leadership, shareholders

Collaborative decision-making with employees

Employer branding, internal communications

HR, IT, management

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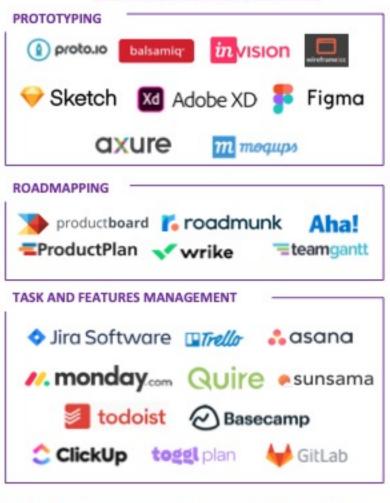


Company Experience

#### PRODUCT MANAGEMENT LANDSCAPE

STRATEGY AND DESIGN







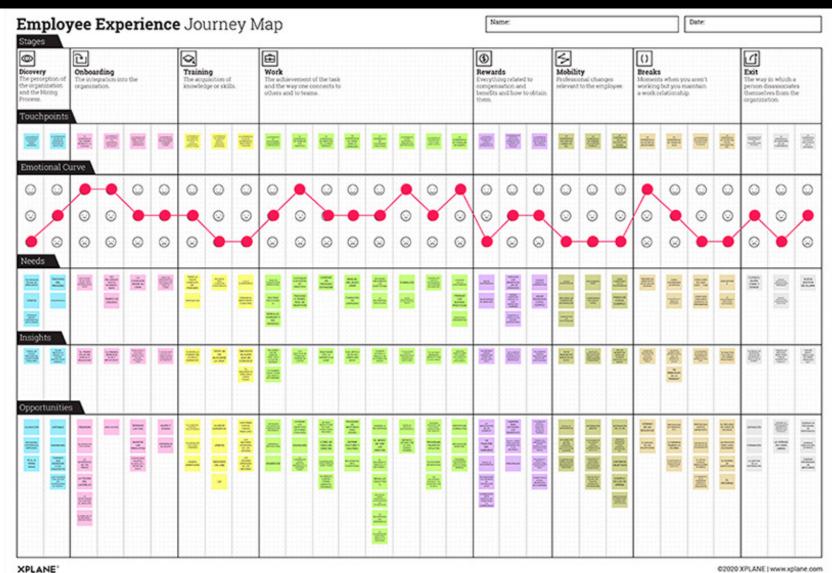








## **Employee Journey Map**



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## **Employee Personas**

#### CUSTOMER SERVICE WORKER SUE



#### PERSONAL BACKGROUND

- Age 45-55
- Married with teenage children
- · Has a high school diploma

#### ROLE

- · A front-line worker who deals with customers
- · Works in a call center three days a week
- · Has been with the company for more than 10 years
- Has to solve problems and keep customers happy
- · Sometimes needs to escalate issues to her superiors
- · Reports to the call center manager
- · Has good interpersonal skills

#### **GOALS & CHALLENGES**

- Now her kids are older she would like to work more days and have more responsibility
- She values job security so she can provide for her family
- She likes to be recognized when she does a good job
- Her biggest challenge is being assertive with overly rude and aggressive customers
- She doesn't like people who waste her time or make empty promises

#### PERSONAL PREFERENCES

- Likes structure and order in her day
- Dislikes surprises
- Likes to receive information in short, sharp bursts as she's frequently inundated in her personal life
- Uses Facebook to share photos of the kids.
- · Isn't on LinkedIn.

#### IT SPECIALIST SEBASTIAN



#### PERSONAL BACKGROUND

- Age 25-35
- · Single, lives alone in an apartment
- Has at least one degree

#### ROLE

- Works in the IT department of the company, troubleshooting various IT issues and assisting work teams to implement new IT systems
- · Works full-time
- Sometimes works very long hours and on weekends, particularly when there is a major issue that needs urgent rectification
- · Has been with the company for less than two years
- Needs to have good technical skills and extensive knowledge of the hardware and software the company uses
- · Reports to the Chief Information Officer

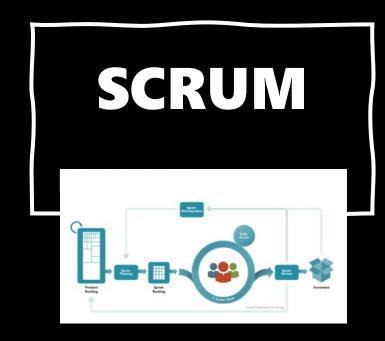
#### GOALS & CHALLENGES

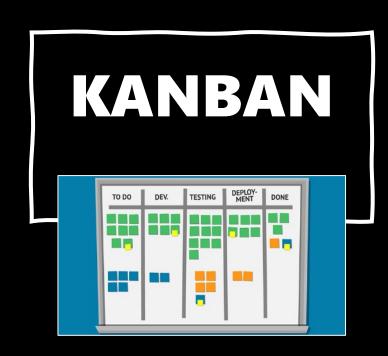
- Is starting out in his career and is ambitious
- Likes to get results and work through projects to completion Seeks to learn new skills and keeps up to date with industry trends
- Interpersonal and communication skills are not always great and people can misunderstand him

#### PERSONAL PREFERENCES

- Likes to work autonomously
- Enjoys challenges and problem solving
- Likes to try new technology
- Dislikes antiquated and outdated methods of communication
- Doesn't like meetings that could have been an email
- Uses Reddit

## Agile Development of Organisations

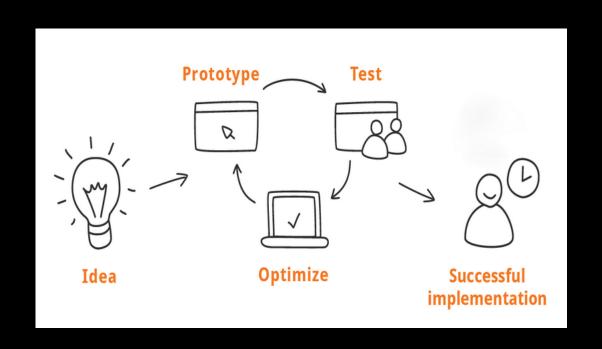


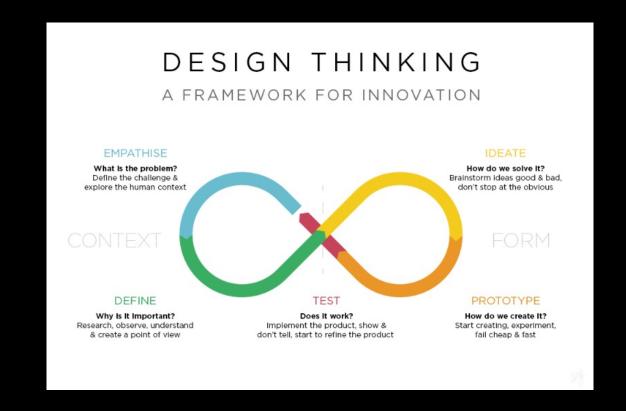




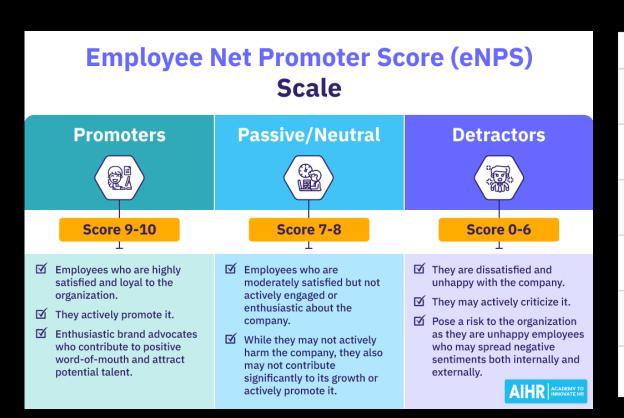


## **Co-Creation with employees**





## **Measuring Success**



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## **Potential Challenges and Flaws**

#### **Mitigation**

#### **Resistance to Change**

Misalignment of Goals

Lack of Leadership Buy-In

**Insufficient Training** 

**Cultural Misfit** 

Implement a comprehensive change management strategy that includes clear communication, training sessions, and involving employees in the decision-making process.

Use frameworks like OKRs (Objectives and Key Results) to ensure all departments are aligned with the overall organisational objectives. Regular cross-functional meetings can also help align goals.

Present a compelling business case to leadership, highlighting the benefits and potential ROI of adopting product management principles in organisational development.

Develop comprehensive training programs and provide ongoing support to ensure employees are comfortable and competent with the new processes.

Foster a culture of continuous improvement and learning. Encourage openness and flexibility through team-building activities and leadership by example.

## **Potential Challenges and Flaws**

#### Mitigation

### Over-Reliance on Tools

Inadequate Feedback Loops

**Resource Constraints** 

Complexity of Implementation

Measurement Challenges

Emphasize the importance of understanding the principles behind the tools.

Ensure that tools are used to facilitate, not dictate, the processes.

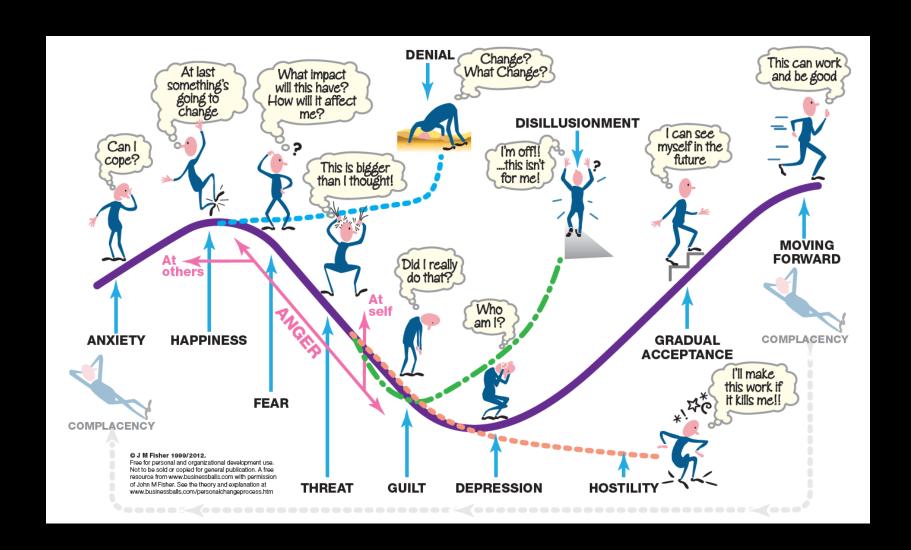
Establish regular feedback loops, such as employee surveys, retrospectives, and one-on-one meetings, to continuously gather insights and make necessary adjustments.

Start with pilot programs in select departments to demonstrate value and secure additional resources. Prioritize initiatives based on impact and feasibility.

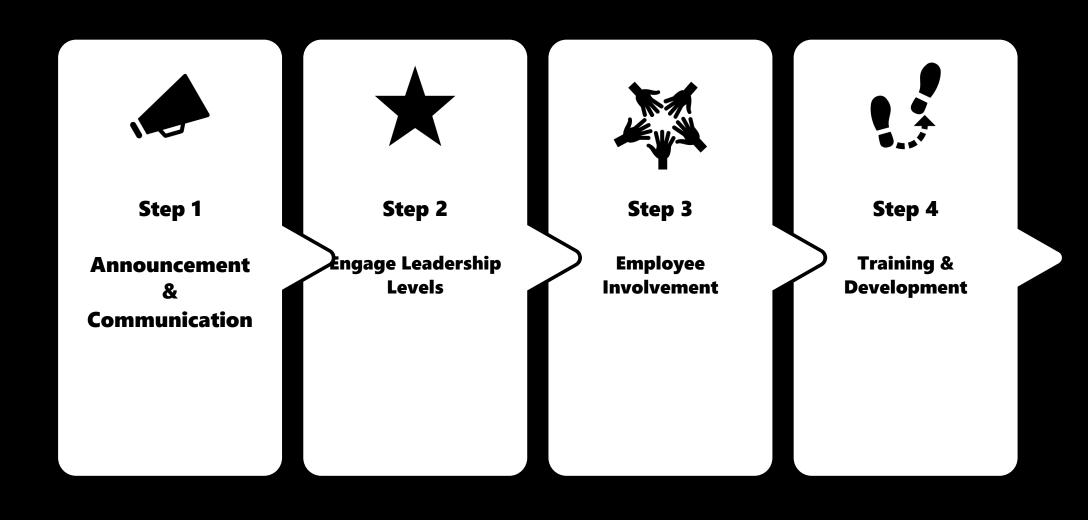
Break down the implementation into manageable phases. Provide clear timelines, goals, and support at each stage to ensure a smooth transition.

Define clear, quantifiable metrics for success before implementation. Use tools like eNPS, productivity metrics, and employee engagement surveys to track progress and impact.

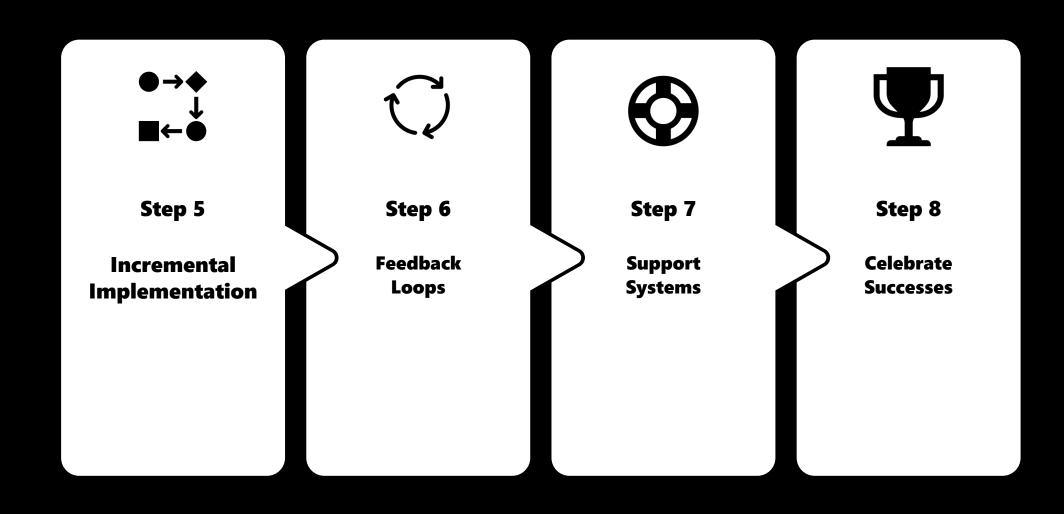
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## Aligning Goals across Departments

#### **Unified Direction**



Ensures all departments are working towards the same organisational objectives.



#### **Enhanaced Collaboration**

Promotes inter-departmental cooperation and reduces silo mentality.





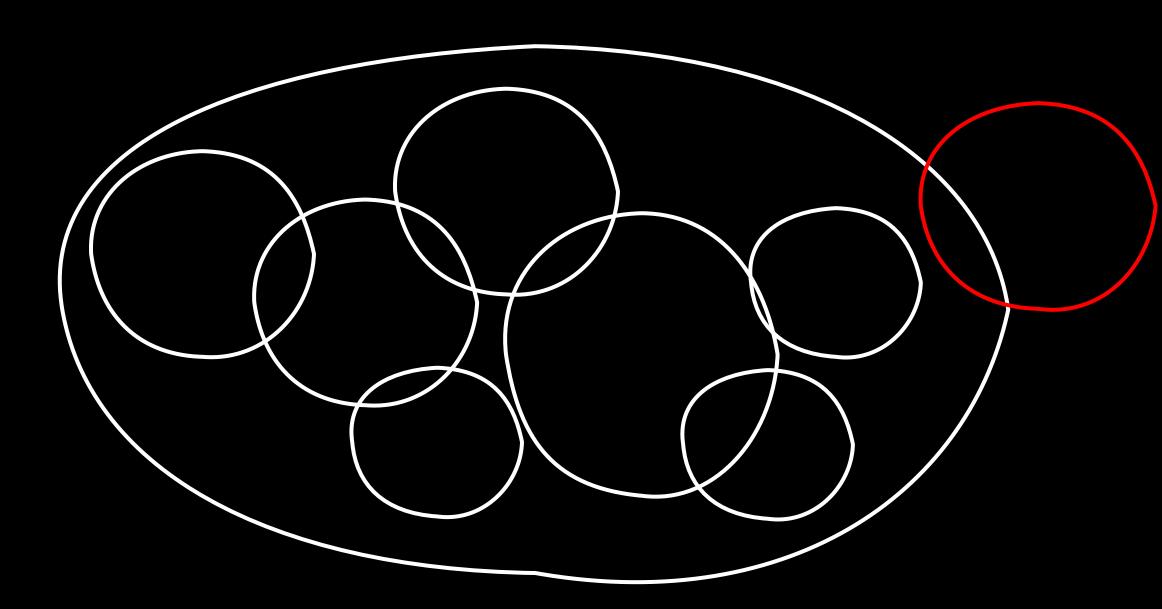
Streamlines efforts, reducing duplication and focusing resources on priority areas.



#### **Improved Accountability**

Clear goals help track progress and measure success across the organisation.

## Aligning Goals across Departments



## Concepts & Trends of ProductDev to take over into OrgDev



AI & ML



**Agile Methodology** 



**Data-Driven Decision Making** 



**User-Centered Design** 



**Personalization** 



CI/CD



**Sustainability and Ethics** 



Customer Feedback Loops

Generate better business outcomes

Treat your organisation as a Product

Develop better products

Create a increased employee experience

# Start treating your Organisation the way you treat your product!

