

CHEAT SHEET: USER TESTING IN PRACTICE



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This document is a condensed guide to using the **USER TESTING IN PRACTICE TOOLKIT**, with key tools organized by stage. Designed for educators, students, or teams to quickly select and apply the right tools during product development.

TOOL	PURPOSE	USE WHEN...	TIME
A PRE-TESTING <i>To know more, explore pages 6-8 in the Handbook</i>			
A.1 DEFINING THE PURPOSE	Clarify what to test: Look, Feel, Usability	The team has a concept or early prototype & needs to define test goals	15-30 min
A.2 SELECTING THE RIGHT TEST PARTICIPANTS	Identify & prioritise potential users	There is uncertainty about which users to involve in the session	15-25 min
A.3 ESTABLISHING A TESTING APPROACH	Choose the most suitable testing method	The team needs to align the testing method with their goals	10-20 min
A.4 PLANNING & MAPPING THE TESTING FLOW	Define logistics & map the testing flow	The team needs to develop the structure of a user testing session before conducting it	20-40 min
B DURING TESTING <i>To know more, explore pages 9-10 in the Handbook</i>			
B.1 CONDUCTING THE USER TESTING	Guide the full testing session from start to finish	<i>The team is running a test & needs practical guidance on facilitation & observation</i>	10-35 min
C AFTER TESTING <i>To know more, explore pages 11-12 in the Handbook</i>			
C.1 ORGANISING & MAPPING FINDINGS	Spot patterns & themes	Teams have collected data & want to identify key insights	10-30 min
C.2 TRANSLATING INSIGHTS	Connect insights to improvement ideas	There is a need to turn findings into design directions	10-20 min
C.3 IMPLEMENTING INSIGHTS & DEFINING NEXT STEPS	Prioritise & act on insights with clear responsibilities & success criteria	It's time to move from ideas to action & define how to evaluate success	20-40 min



FOR EDUCATIONAL USE

The handbook offers several resources to support teaching, including **EXAMPLE SCENARIOS** (p. 15-18), an **INDUSTRY CASE WITH FILLED TEMPLATES** (p. 19-27), and an expansion pack with **FICTIONAL CHALLENGES, PERSONAS AND ROLE CARDS** (p. 13-14).

These help educators design effective exercises and assignments for various classroom contexts.