

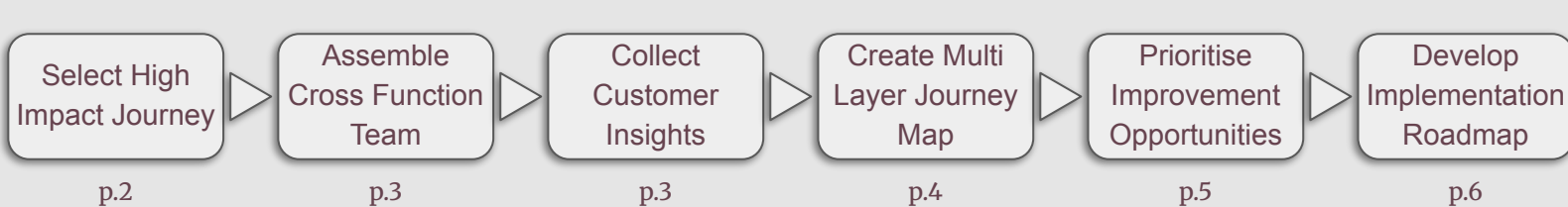


Journey Mapping Toolkit: From Insight To Action

Transform Customer Understanding into Business Results

Journey mapping is a powerful strategic tool that transforms customer understanding into measurable business change. When done right, journey maps illuminate pain points, inspire cross-functional action, and fundamentally reshape your customer experience. This toolkit provides practical frameworks, templates, and guidance to help you create journey maps that drive real organizational change rather than becoming decorative artifacts. By following this systematic approach, you'll develop journey maps that connect customer emotions to business metrics and translate insights into prioritized improvements with clear ownership and accountability.

Quick Start Guide



The Toolkit Includes

- **Journey Selection Framework (p.2)**
Identify and scope high-value customer journeys
- **Team Composition & Research Planning (p.3)**
Build your team and research approach
- **Journey Map Template (p.4)**
Create comprehensive, multi-layered journey visualizations
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Focus on improvements with highest ROI
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Learn from successful implementations



Journey Selection and Scoping

Choose journeys with maximum impact potential

Journey Selection Criteria

Rate each potential journey on a scale of 1-5 for each criterion

Customer Impact Potential – How emotionally significant is this journey to customers? Does it represent a major life event or high-stakes interaction?

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Business Value Opportunity – What financial impact could improvements create? Consider acquisition, retention, cost reduction, and revenue growth potential.

Cross-functional Touchpoints – How many departments or channels are involved? Journeys crossing multiple touchpoints often have higher improvement potential.

Current Pain Point Intensity – How severe are existing problems? Consider complaint volume, satisfaction scores, and critical feedback themes.

Competitive Differentiation Potential – Can excellence in this journey create meaningful distinction from competitors?

Implementation Feasibility – How realistic is meaningful improvement? Consider technical constraints, organizational readiness, and resource requirements.

Journey Scoping Worksheet

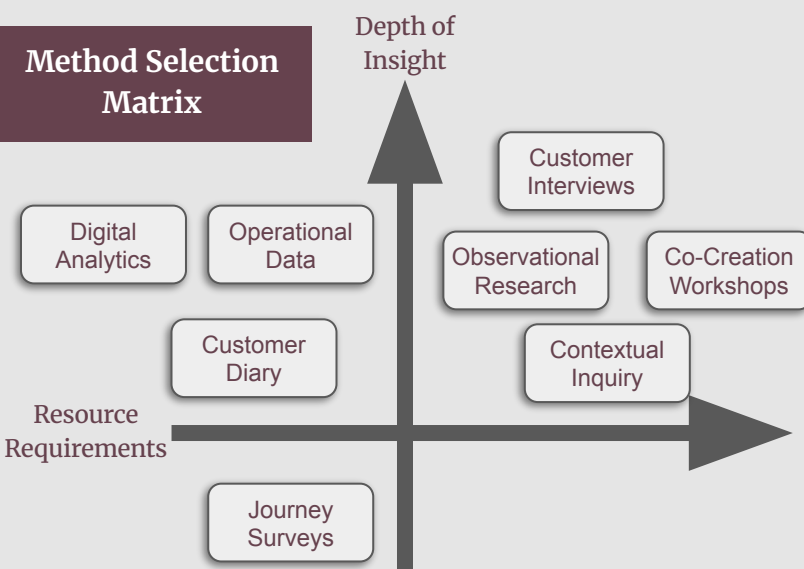
Journey Name	Customer Segment Focus
Clear Starting Point	Clear Ending Point
Key Stages	
1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.
In-Scope Elements	Out-of-Scope Elements
Revenue Impact Projections Increased acquisition: Improved retention: Cross-sell/upsell opportunity: Price premium potential:	Cost Reduction Potential Decreased service contacts: Reduced error/rework: Process efficiency gains: Self-service adoption:
Customer Metrics Impact Satisfaction improvement target: Effort reduction goal: NPS increase projection: Reduced churn forecast:	Strategic Alignment How does improving this journey support broader organizational objectives?



Cross Functional Team Structure

Core Team Roles	Extended Team Members
Journey Owner <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Accountable for overall journey improvement (typically director-level with cross-functional influence)- Responsibilities: Secure resources, remove barriers, report to executive sponsors	Frontline Representatives – Directly customer interaction Operations/Process Experts – Understand workflows IT/Digital Representatives – Manage systems and tech Marketing/Comms – Setting customer expectations Product/Service Owners – Decision-makers
CX Lead/Facilitator <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Guides journey mapping methodology and process- Responsibilities: Workshop design, research planning, documentation, neutral facilitation	Executive Sponsor Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authority to allocate cross-functional resources• Ability to influence organisational priorities• Commitment to attend key milestone presentations
Voice of Customer Expert <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ensures authentic customer perspective is represented- Responsibilities: Research design, insights synthesis, customer recruitment	Customer Participant Integration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include 3-5 actual customers in key workshop sessions• Alternate between customer and internal-only sessions• Compensate customers appropriately for their time• Establish clear expectations for customer involvement
Team Meeting Cadence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kickoff session (2-3 hours)• Research review workshop (2 hours)• Journey mapping workshop (full day)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pain point prioritization session (2 hours)• Action planning workshop (3 hours)• Bi-weekly implementation check-ins (30-60 minutes)	

Research Methodology Selection Guide



Type	Method	Best For	Time (w)
Qual	Customer Interviews	Understand motivations, expectations, and emotional journey	2-3
	Observational Research	Revealing unspoken needs and unconscious behaviours	2-3
	Contextual Inquiry	Understanding environmental factors and actual usage patterns	1-2
Qual	Journey Surveys	Validating pain points across larger population	1-2
	Operational Data	Identifying volume, error rates, and completion metrics	1-2
	Digital Analytics	Understanding online behaviors, drop-offs, and friction points	1-2
Comb	Customer Diary	Longitudinal understanding of extended journeys	3-4
	Co-Creation Workshops	Collaboratively designing future state journeys	3-4

Workshop Facilitation Tips

Pre-Workshop Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Send agenda 3-5 days before□ Test all technology and room setup□ Prepare all materials and supplies□ Brief customer participants	Materials and Supplies <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Sticky notes in multiple colors□ Dot stickers for voting/prioritisation□ Markers, tape, scissors, etc.□ Digital capture solution
Time Management <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start with easier sections• Timeboxing for each journey section• Schedule breaks every 75-90 mins• Park off-topic discussions	Conflict Resolution Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data to resolve alt. perspectives• Acknowledge departmental views• Focus on customer evidence• Separate future state ideas



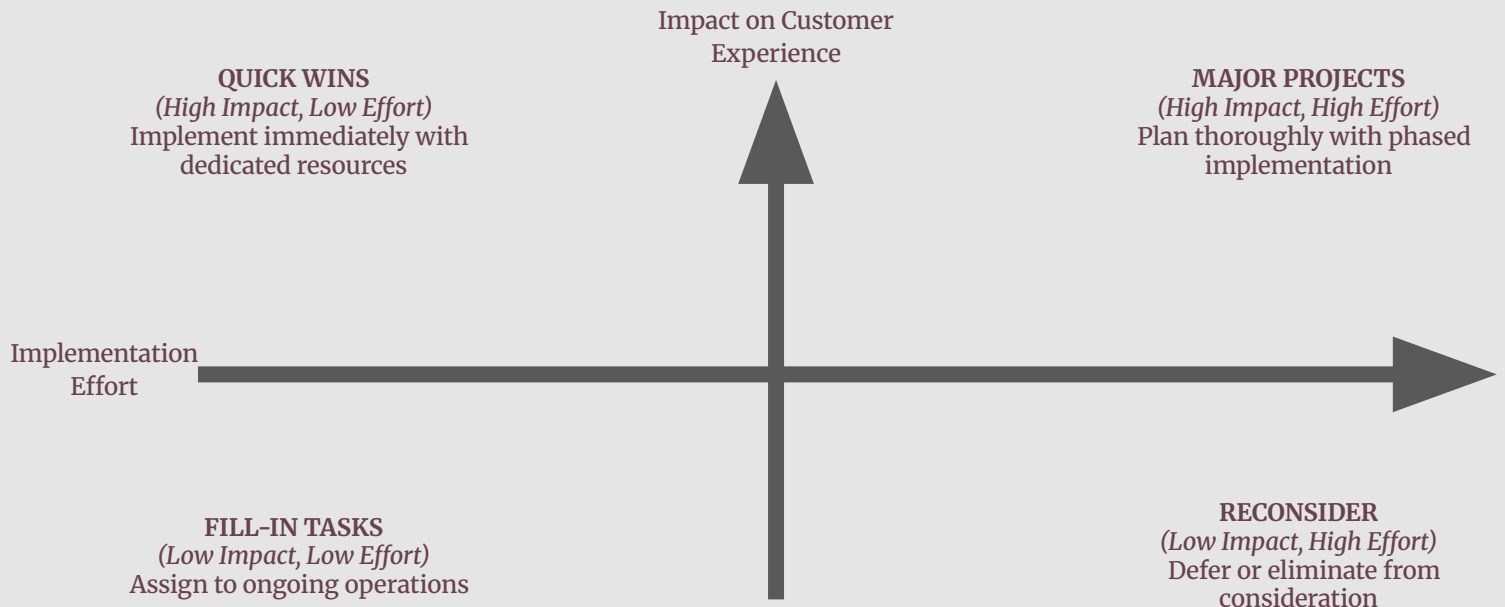
Document answers chronologically
across all phases

	Phase 1 Awareness	Phase 2 Consideration	Phase 3 Purchase	Phase 4 Onboarding	Phase 5 Usage	Phase 6 Support	Phase 7 Renewal/ Expansion
Customer Actions	What specific steps does the customer take?						
	What decisions must they make?						
	What information do they seek?						
	What alternatives do they consider?						
Thoughts & Feelings	What is the customer thinking?						
	What emotions are they experiencing?						
	What are their expectations?						
	What concerns or anxieties arise?						
Touchpoint \ Channel	What delights or frustrates them?						
	Which channels does the customer use?						
	Who do they interact with (roles)?						
	What specific interface or location?						
Pain Points & Moments	How does channel switching occur?						
	Which systems are customer-facing?						
	Where does the experience break down?						
	What causes frustration or confusion?						
Behind the Scenes	Moment with disproportionate influence?						
	Gaps between expectations and reality?						
	What unmet needs exist?						
	What systems and tech support each step?						
Metrics	Which departments are involved?						
	What processes do customers not see?						
	Where do handoffs between teams happen?						
	How long do backend processes take?						
	What KPIs exist for each touchpoint?						
	What is the completion rate at each step?						
	How long does each step take?						
	What is the cost to serve at this point?						
	What metrics indicate success or failure?						



Paint Point Prioritisation Framework

Focus on actions with highest customer & business impact



Prioritise each pain point using the following criteria and labelling instructions

Impact: Result of the Emotional Impact Assessment
Effort: Result of the Implementation Effort Estimation
Value: Result of the Business Value Evaluation
(determines the size of the label on the framework)

Emotional Impact Assessment	Implementation Effort Estimation	Business Value Evaluation
Intensity of Negative Emotion 1 = Mild annoyance 2 = Noticeable frustration 3 = Significant disappointment 4 = Strong anger or anxiety 5 = Extreme distress or betrayal	Technology Requirements 1 = No technology changes needed 2 = Minor configuration changes 3 = Moderate development work 4 = Significant system changes 5 = Major platform/architecture	Revenue Impact Potential 1 = Negligible (<0.5% increase) 2 = Minor (0.5-1% increase) 3 = Moderate (1-2% increase) 4 = Significant (2-5% increase) 5 = Major (>5% increase)
Frequency of Occurrence 1 = Rare (<5% of journeys) 2 = Occasional (5-25%) 3 = Common (25-50%) 4 = Frequent (50-75%) 5 = Nearly universal (>75%)	Process Change Complexity 1 = Simple procedural change 2 = Adjustments in one department 3 = Multiple department changes 4 = Core process redesign 5 = Complete operating model	Cost Reduction Opportunity 1 = Negligible (<1% reduction) 2 = Minor (1-3% reduction) 3 = Moderate (3-5% reduction) 4 = Significant (5-10% reduction) 5 = Major (>10% reduction)
Customer Segment Impact 1 = Affects low-value only 2 = Affects mid-value 3 = Affects mix of values 4 = Affects high-value primarily 5 = Affects all equally	Resource Requirements 1 = Minimal resources (<0.5 FTE) 2 = Low resources (0.5-1 FTE) 3 = Moderate resources (1-3 FTE) 4 = Significant resources (3-5 FTE) 5 = Major investment (>5 FTE)	Competitive Differentiation Value 1 = All perform similarly 2 = Slightly ahead of some 3 = Distinctly better than average 4 = Significant advantage 5 = Unique and distinctive capability
Emotional Impact Score (Intensity × 0.4) + (Frequency × 0.4) + (Segment Impact × 0.2) = TOTAL	Combined Effort Score (Technology × 0.4) + (Process × 0.3) + (Resources × 0.3) = TOTAL	Combined Business Score (Revenue × 0.4) + (Cost × 0.4) + (Competitive × 0.2) = TOTAL



Implementation Roadmap Template

Turn insights into accountable plans with clear ownership

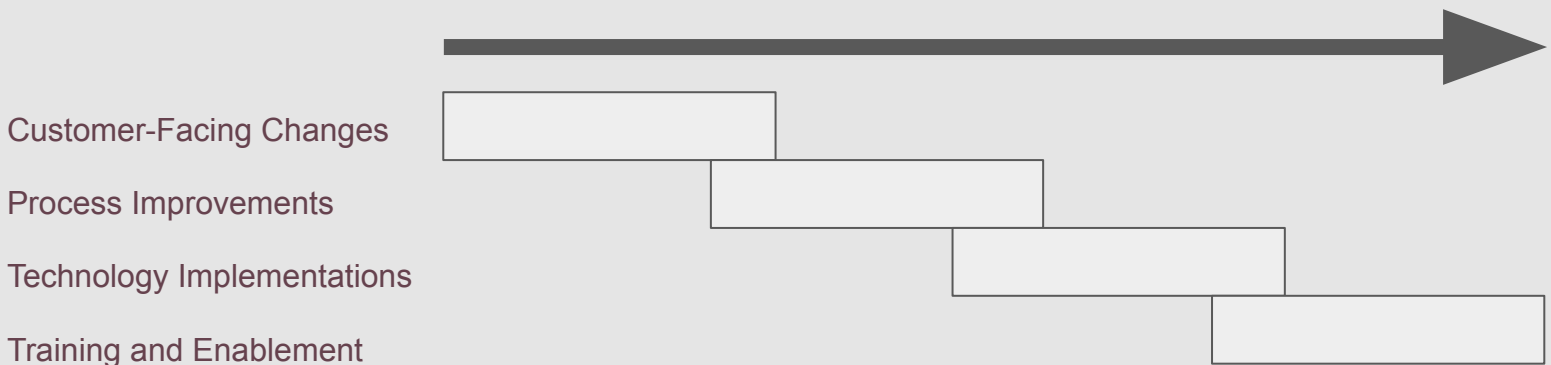
Ownership and Accountability Matrix (RACI Chart)

Initiative	Responsible	Accountable	Consulted	Informed
E.G. Streamline onboarding form fields	UX Designer	Digital Director	Legal, IT, Operations	Sales, Marketing

Role Definitions - Ensure only one person is Accountable for each initiative

- **Responsible** – Person(s) who do the work to complete the task
- **Accountable** – Person ultimately answerable for the correct completion (only one person)
- **Consulted** – Persons whose opinions are sought before decisions or actions
- **Informed** – Persons who are kept up-to-date on progress and decisions

90 Day Implementation Timeline



Action Planning Template

Initiative	Description	Deliverables	Resources	Timeline
Short name for the improvement	Clear explanation of the change	Specific outputs and outcomes	Budget, people, and tools needed	Key dates and milestones

EXPERT TIP: Schedule bi-weekly review meetings with the core team and monthly reviews with executives to maintain momentum and accountability



USAA Insurance Claims Journey Transformation

Background and Challenge

USAA, the financial services company serving military families, identified their insurance claims process as a critical moment of truth. While their overall satisfaction scores were industry-leading, the claims journey created significant anxiety and uncertainty for members during already stressful situations. The process involved multiple handoffs, unpredictable timelines, and limited visibility—creating an emotional rollercoaster for customers navigating property loss or damage.

Journey Mapping Approach

USAA assembled a cross-functional team including claims adjusters, call center representatives, digital designers, field appraisers, and payment processors. They conducted in-depth interviews with 24 members who had recently completed the claims process and analyzed operational data from over 10,000 claims.

Their journey map revealed three critical pain points:

1. Uncertainty about claim status and next steps
2. Coordination complexity between multiple parties (contractors, adjusters, etc.)
3. Inconsistent and surprising timelines for resolution

Insights

- The emotional low point came after initial claim filing, members faced "black box" processing
- Member anxiety increased without updates
- Digital-only experienced 30% more uncertainty
- Field adjusters rated but inconsistently delivered
- Payment process was efficient but poorly communicated

Actions

- Real-time claim status tracking mobile app
- Dedicated claim concierge for complex cases
- Proactive timeline comms, predictive updates
- Streamlined approval processes reducing decision points by 40%
- Redesigned digital experience with video documentation capabilities
- Enhanced adjuster training focused on empathy and clear communication

Results

- Claims satisfaction increased by 23%
- Time to resolution decreased by 31%
- Cost per claim dropped by 15% due to operational efficiencies
- Customer retention following claims improved by 28%
- Digital adoption of claims process increased from 47% to 78%
- Member effort score improved by 40%

Success Factors

- Executive sponsorship from both Claims and Digital leadership
- Dedicated cross-functional team with decision authority
- Member involvement throughout the redesign
- Clear metrics linked to both experience and operational outcomes
- Tech and process changes implemented in parallel