## Audience research and product development for small newsrooms

PART ONE TUESDAY 22. OF MARCH

# WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO LEARN?

- Why start up meetings is essential for a successful product development.
- How to run a start up meeting with your team
- How to collect information from your target audience.
- How to make sure your whole team benefit from the research.
- How to stay in touch with your users regularly.
- Examples of the process from the first interview to a solution in a product.

### Questions to be asked during the course session

YOU WILL GET ACCESS
TO THIS TOOL
DURING THE SESSION

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## GAMEPLAN

## Why start up meetings?

Start up meetings ensure that everyone on the team have a common understanding of why we are working on this product. Who we are making it for, and clarify who does what in the development process.

## TARGET GROUPS

- Who are we making this product for?
- Who are our potential target groups?
- Who are your internal users?
- Why are internal users also important?

## VISION

MISSION

What's the difference and how does it serve the product development team?

## ROLES

RESPONSIBILITIES

What can I do?

What kind of help do I need from others to do my job?

What if don't have enough people on the team?

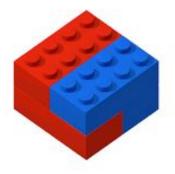
## GAME RULES

- How should we collaborate?
- How should we share information?
- What tools should we use?
- What kind of meetings do we need?
- How should we arrange meetings?
- How should we solve disagreements?

## FUNDAMENTALS FOR SUCCESS

- The market is large enough to achieve profitable operations
- Correct price model
- We solve user problems with unique, user-friendly and competitive solutions.
- Insight and data-driven product development
- Sufficient conditions to further develop and operate the product.
- Informative and engaging content

## Let's make a plan!



### GAME PLAN

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW YOU CAN RUN A START UP MEETING WITH YOUR TEAM

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# HOW TO GET TO KNOW THE TARGET GROUP

- IN-DEPTH INTERVIEWS
- SURVEYS
- OBSERVATIONS
- WORKSHOPS WITH USERS OR POTENTIAL USERS
- COMPETITOR ANALYSIS

# HOW TO CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW

- Ask open ended question
- Have the courage to be silent for an uncomfortable long period of time.
- Make people elaborate on their habits in life.
- Let them show you how they use similar products or the product you want to improve.
- If possible, be two people conducting the interview.
- Ask for permission to record and don't miss a valuable quote.
- Debrief immediately after the interview.

# MORE TIPS ON IN-DEPTH INTERVIEWS

- https://docs.google.com/docume nt/d/1wAXc6WxeIEJoG4laT-emwl o-Y6d18cAn6exClFLFprY/edit
- https://docs.google.com/docume nt/d/10JCSaAnvL6mYUeamLqLa 84cz9PPOBy6Ja4u5Mb8IfGo/edit#
- https://www.uxarmy.com/blog/p ost/a-guide-to-before-during-afte r-your-user-interview

## Tell me about a typical morning in your life?



# HOW TO GO FROM INTERVIEWS TO USER PAIN POINTS

We need to identify the target groups underserved needs or pain points.

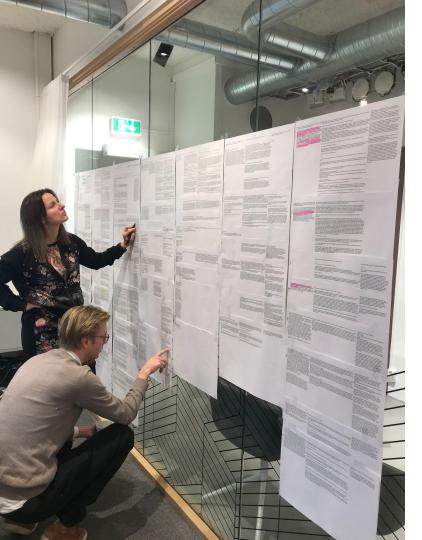
Conduct 6-12 in-dept interviews with people from the target group.

Followed up by analysing, categorizing and looking for patterns in the material from the interviews.

The aim is to start rather quickly to identify different personas with different needs



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# HOW TO SHARE PATTERNS / FINDINGS WITH OTHERS

## Why and what do kids read?

 Let's look at some examples to illustrate their reading habits... Bold text, CAPITAL LETTERS, framed text, speech bubbles all grabs the attention and is easy to digest.



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### Speech bubbles

"That's all I look at... I don't like to read. or sometimes I do" Comics?

"Yes... then I read it

all"

"Det er alt jeg ser på... Jeg liker ikke å lese eller noen ganger liker jeg... "

#### **Tegneserier?**

"Ja... da pleier jeg å lese hele".

- Boy, 6th grade

"[...] og så leste jeg de [snakkeboblene] for det er ikke så mye tekst i de, så du kan bare lese og så gå videre."

- Girl, 6th grade

[...] and then I read these [speech bubblesl. because it's little text in them, so you can just read and move on"



– Barna bør selv få velge om de vil ha bilder av seg på nettet når de blir eldre. Jeg føler ikke jeg har rett til å legge ut bilder av dem, sier mamma Synnøve

de fått lov til å legge ut et bilde av deg? - Ja, men ikke hvis det var et kjemperart bilde der jeg gjorde grimaser, for

#### Johnsrud Sundby Tohaug

Aftennetten Junior | 5



- Jeg synes det er skummelt En av verdens beste langrennsløpere, Martin Johnsrud Sundby (35), synes barne-langrenn er blitt for seriøst. Han begynte med langrenn da han var ni år. – Hvis du ikke er på trening to ganger i uken når du er 6,5 år, så er du liksom ikke med, sier Sundby til Aftenposten. Han mener det kan føre til at mange barn føler de må ha det

beste utstyret. - Det er skremmende, sier Sundby. Therese Johaug er enig. Hun synes det er kjempesynd at barn og foreldre tror barna må ha flere par skøyte-ski og flere par klassisk-ski.



#### Kong Harald ble lagt inn påsykehus

I forrige uke ble kong Harald sendt til Rikshospitalet i Oslo fordi han var svimmel. Men det

Kongen er nå sykmeldt i to uker. Egentlig skulle kongen åpne et nytt oljefelt i Nordsjøen forrige uke men det måtte han avlyse

For 16 år siden fikk kong Harald kreft. Etter en vellykket operasjon ble han frisk igjen. Året etter ble han operert på nytt fordi han hadde problemer med hjertet

Kong Harald er 82 år. Mens kongen er sykmeldt. er det kronprins Haakon som tar over jobben til

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# WHAT DID WE DO?

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"WE KNOW A LOT"

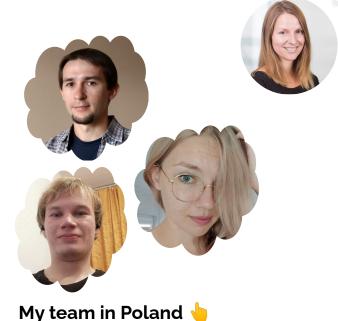
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"WE KNOW WHAT TO DO"

Human-centered approach to solving problems to the rescue

## HOW TO GET THE WHOLE TEAM TO EMPATHIZE WITH THE USERS' PAIN POINTS

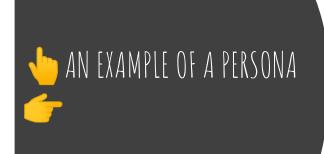
How do you get developers in Poland to have empathy with a real unique pain point for Norwegian teachers?



Lena - Product manager working from Norway

### Cecilie





- Cecilie works in municipality that actually is and island. She is for the moment a teacher at 6. Grade
- This is also a municipality where different groups of student have either bokmål and nynorsk as their main written language.
- At her school about 50% uses bokmål and 50% uses nynorsk.
- She has a equal mix in her class.
- For her it is very important to have an article available in both language forms so it is easy for her to use the same text to all her students but in the right form for each of them.
- She says it is great that to have text in both forms, but she emphasize that her student should also practice to read the language form that is not the first language as well.
- Since they have mixed classes she also emphasize that it is important to have the exact same article in both nynorsk and bokmål.
- She says it is written in the teaching plan from the government that students should master to read both forms.

Does it really exist languages that is only written, but never spoken?



Does it really exist countries with two really similar languages that is only written and not spoken and where students have to learn both?

## Yes it does!



Norwegian is a single language which can be written in two almost identical, yet distinctly different systems: Bokmål and Nynorsk.

When we are making a school product we have to have all news articles in both written languages.



WHAT DOES SHE THINK AND FEEL?

WHAT DOES SHE HEAR?



WHAT DOES SHE SEE?

WHAT DOES SHE SAY AND DO?

Pain

Gain

## EXAMPLE FROM AN EMPATHY SESSIONS

#### Teachers who only have nynorsk students in their class.



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long for easy Nynorsk resources

Translation problems (time, quality, external help)

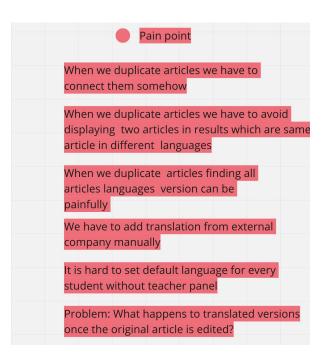
PAINS

GOALS

## DEFINE NEEDS BASED ON EMPATHY MAP

eachers who only have bokmål students in their class	Teachers who have both nynorsk and bokmål students in the
students who struggle to nynorsk is actually read not that different get students to read at all in their primary language not enough nynorsk skills lack of exposure to Nynorsk makes it difficult and causes problems later on difficulties from both students an teachers	lack of exposure to Nynorsk  differences between Nynorsk and Bookmal students in favour of Bookmal  Bookmal as a preferred language - students won't choose Nynorsk if they can avoid it  lack of automatic translations get them to read in a language they should read in
eachers who only have nynorsk students in their class.	
students have different needs at the same time - multiple needs	COMMON NEEDS
lack of resources	time and effort
	lack of resources in Nynorsk responsibility for fulfilling curriculum
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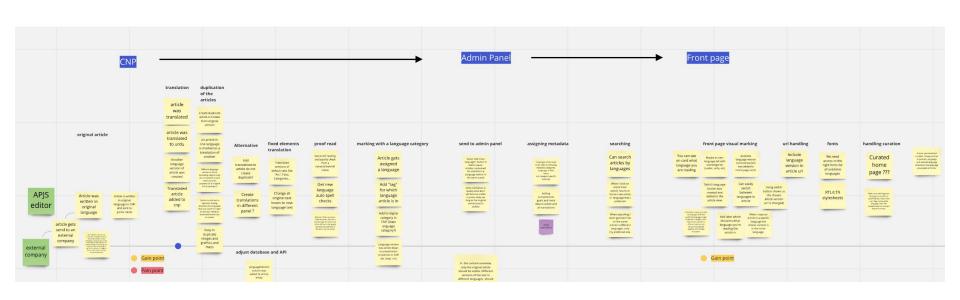
The developers perspective - A look into possible technical solutions and possible obstacles when solving this user problem.



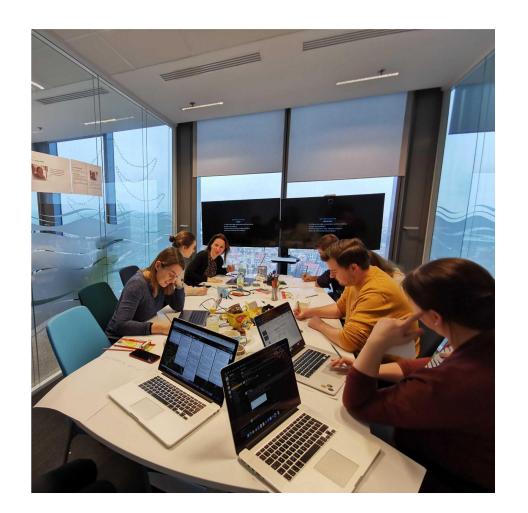




Editorial perspective - we map out the different stages from having one article in one language to having the article in two language forms.



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# HOW TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR USERS



#### OBSERVATION IN CLASS

kl. 12:15. 45min. Antall elever: 15 (17 til vanlig). Sitter 3 og 3 sammen (noen 2). Chromebook med tastatur. Tema: Reklame --> opplegg på APJ sole Dette er en nynorskklasse. De har egne nynorsk og bokmålklasser på skolen.

De starter med at læreren sier at de skal lukke Chrome book.

en elev får ikke hodetif til å virke og går ut på gangen for å lytte (kommer ikke inn i klasserommet Elevene lytter igien før de har begynt å gå individuelt til podkast gjennom spørsmål i plenum) med hodetelefoner

En del uro og bevegelse i klasserommet i starten av timen.

Mye skrolling opp og

ned og spilling mens de lytter til podkast (invidivuelt)

Flertall av elevene spiller spill. Åpner spill i det øyeblikket de åpner chromebook.

elever chatter og gjør andre ting i steden for/eller ved siden av det de skal gjøre

selv om lærer sier gjentatte ganger "ingen spill" har det ingen

De fleste elevene spiller ulike spill mens de lytter til podkast

Lærer leser bakgrunnsinformasjonen høyt for elevene. Stopper opp ved gult ord: "Her er ordet gult, hvorfor det?"

De fleste elevene er ikke innlogget (kan ha noe å gjøre med at akkurate dette opplegget ligger åpent)

Noen elever bruker veldig kort tid på diskusionsoppaven. Andre virker genuint uenige ("Det er jo

Lærer: "Dette er mandag, da er

Et par gutter bruker 40 sekunder på å snakke seg gjennom spørsmålene før de går tilbake til å spille

Lærer ber elevene som har hørt

ferdig, om å diskutere spørsmålene.

Elevene er for det meste stille mens de lytter

Lærer begynner å gå gjennom spørsmålene





Flere elever er på

spill samtidig som

do lutter til pedkast





Zoom in

Læreren

gjentar flere ganger at de













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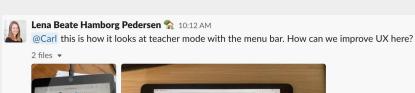


## COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR USERS EVERY WEEK!

- ADOPT A USER
- ESTABLISH SUPER TEST USERS
- SURVEY ON SITE
- [-MAIL
- PHONE CALL
- OBSERVATIONS
- LAB VISIT

## TEST YOUR PRODUCT EVERY WEEK!

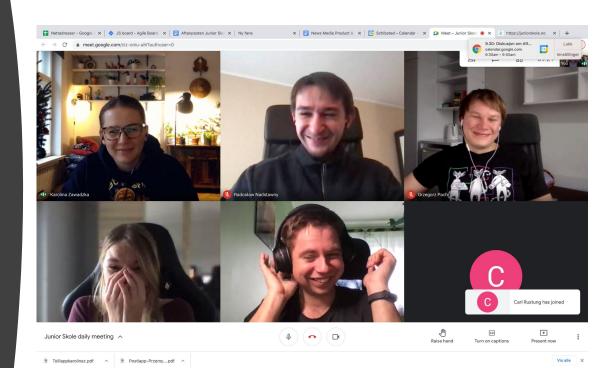
- MOBILE ANDROID IOS
- DESKTOP
- TABLET







## DON'T FORGET TO HAVE FUN!



#### THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!



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