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Creative and Critical Thinking skills in STEM focusing on Technology Education

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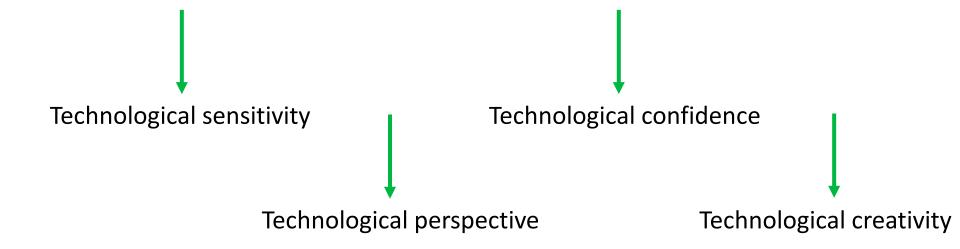
What is "STEM" education?

Increasing levels of integration: Which level applies in your context?

Form of integration	Features
1. Disciplinary	Concepts and skills are learned separately in each discipline.
2. Multidisciplinary	Concepts and skills are learned separately in each discipline but within a common theme.
3. Interdisciplinary	Closely linked concepts and skills are learned from two or more disciplines with the aim of deepening knowledge and skills.
4. Transdisciplinary	Knowledge and skills learned from two or more disciplines are applied to real-world problems and projects, thus helping to shape the learning experience.

Technological capability

To perform, to originate, to get things done, to make and stand by decisions.





Teacher Education Programmes

School of Education

Faculty of Education & Health Sciences

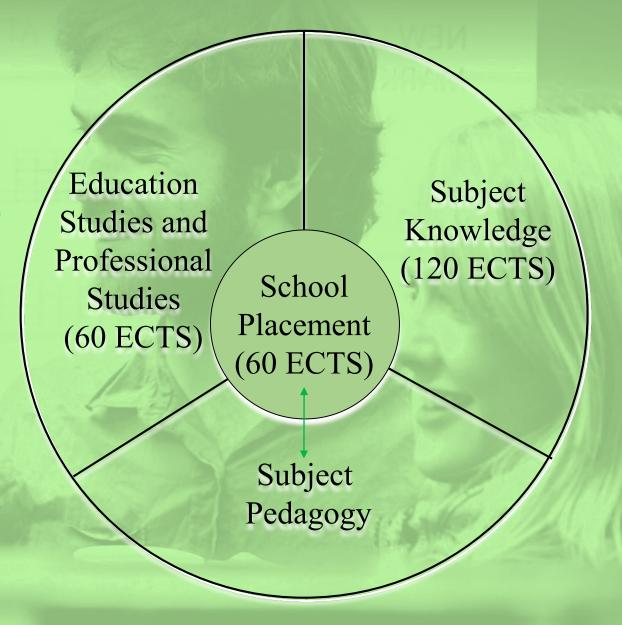


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ITE Undergraduate Programmes

- Architectural Technology Education.
- Engineering Education.
- Biological Science (+ Chemistry or Physics or Agricultural Science) Education.
- Physics and Chemistry Education.
- Physical Education with Elective.
- Mathematics and Computer Science Education.
- Language Education

Structure of the Courses

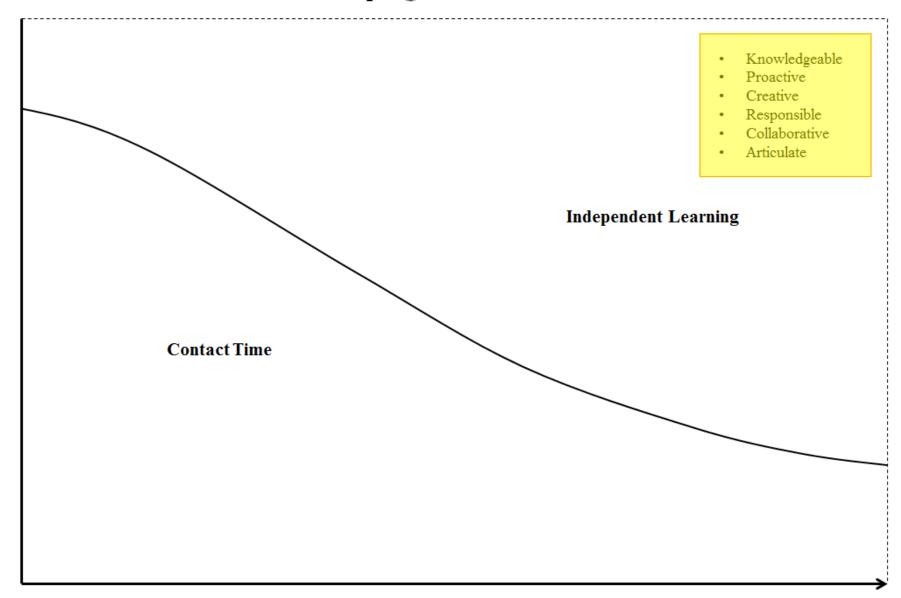






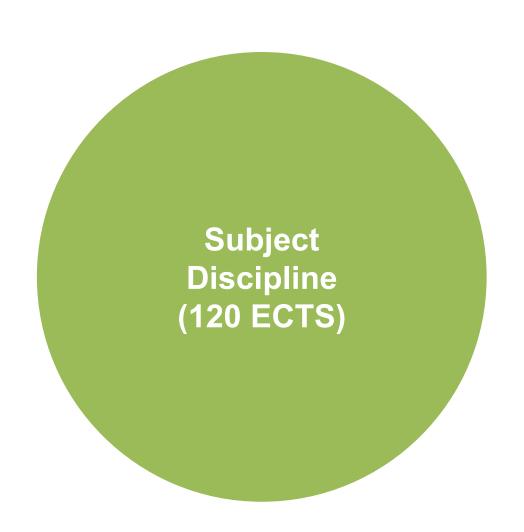
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Towards developing the UL Graduate Attributes





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Contact time versus Independent Learning time

LM094 - Design and Communication Graphics modules





Independent Learning

- Knowledge development
- Skill refinement
- Self-directed exploration
- Synthesis of graphical principles

Development of Spatial Skills

- Rotation and manipulation
- Physical and mental

Spatial Visualization Graphical Communication Geometric Principles

Cognitive Flexibility & Problem Solving Skills

- · Developing understanding of fundamentals
- · Manipulating regular geometries
- Solving defined and ill-defined problems

Graphics within the education system . and links across a range of disciplines . Concept generation and ideation

- Analysis of syllabi
- · Creating links with other subjects
- · Relating to real life applications

Understanding cognitive development underpinning graphical capability

- Cognitive architecture
- Human memory systems
- Visuospatiai sketchpad
- Graphical libraries

Ability to communicate and externalise graphical information

- Freehand sketching
- Digital media
- Articulation
- Gestures
- Physical modelling

Scaffolding the development of graphical understanding and skills

- · Resource development
- Questioning strategies
- Stimulating interest
- · Catering for mixed abilities

Strategies for assessing pupil development

- · Understanding measurement
- · Validity and reliability of assessment Task design

Formative assessment methods

Building





Manipulating

Synthesising

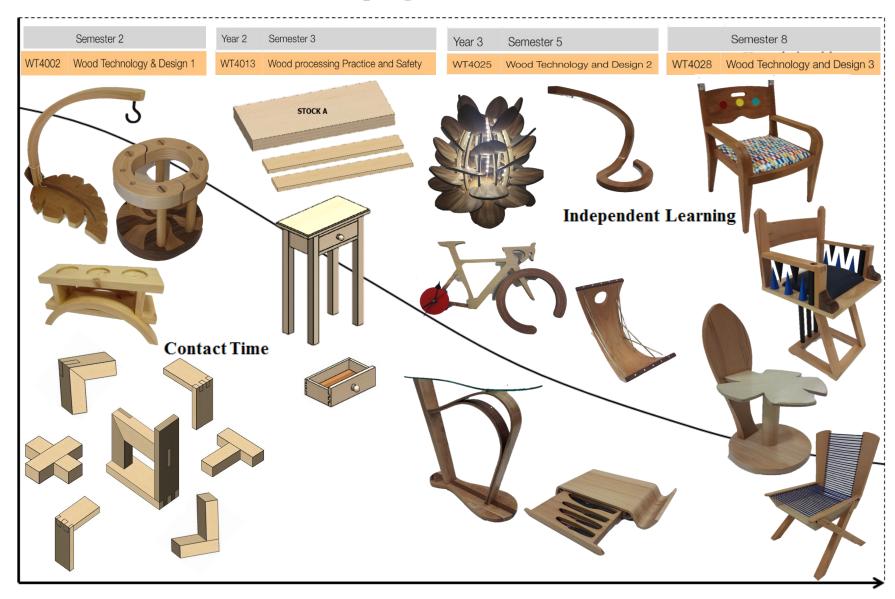
Progression through LM094

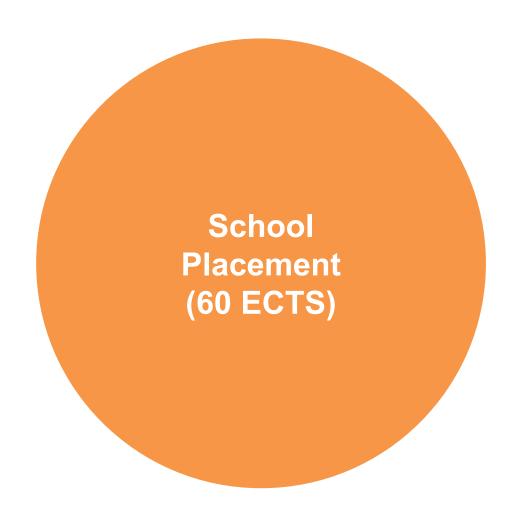


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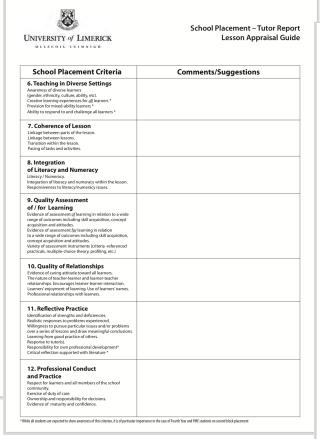
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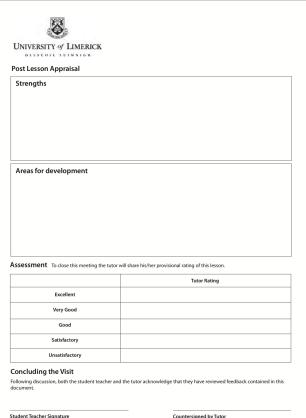
TP modules - School Placement



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Course		Tutor	
School Pla	cement Criteria	Commer	nts/Suggestions
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* While all students are expected to show awareness of this criterion, it is of particular importance in the case of Fourth Year and PME students on second block placement

Technology Education; supported by STEM

 While we aimed for horizontal and vertical integration of the course modules this was in best practice, but not always feasible in implementation.

 However, within some modules, there is an problem-based learning approach, which fosters STEM in the context of real-world problems.





INQUISITIVE:

Wondering & questioning Exploring & investigating Challenging assumptions

COLLABORATIVE:

Co-operating appropriately Giving & receiving feedback Sharing the product





PERSISTENT:

Sticking with difficulty Daring to be different Tolerating uncertainty

DISCIPLINED:

Crafting & improving Reflecting critically Developing techniques





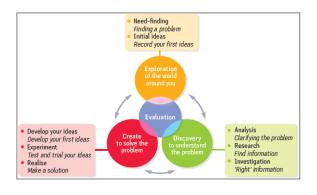
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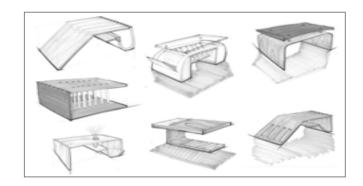
Using intuition Making connections Playing with possibilities

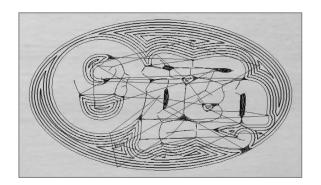
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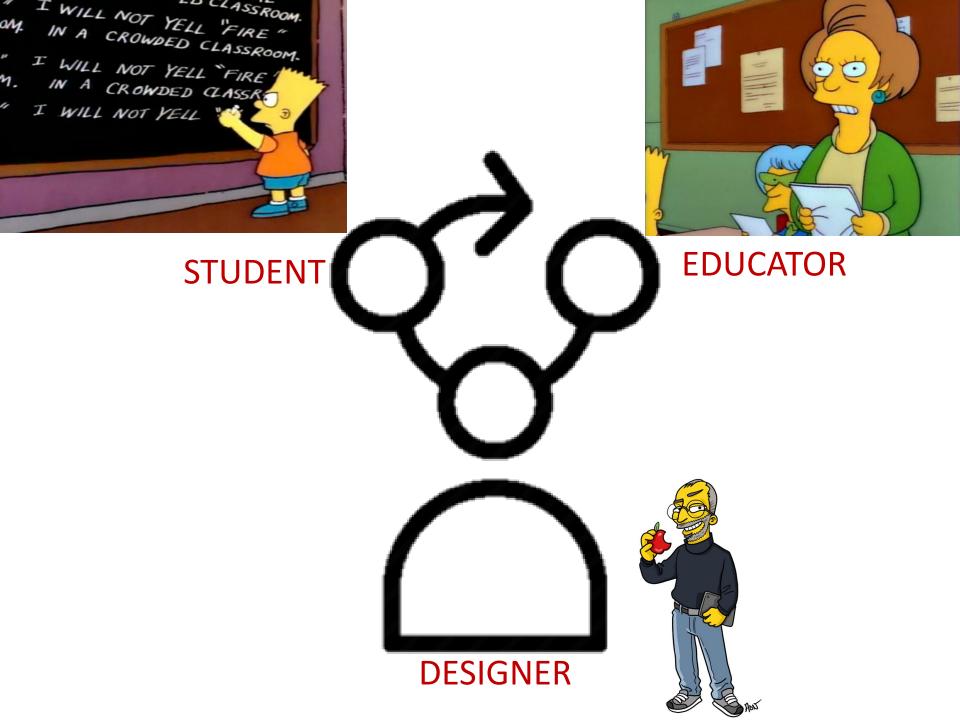
WT4025 - WOOD TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN 2











Hours per Week:

Lecture	Lab	Tutorial	Other	Private
2	4	0	0	4

Grading Type: N

Prerequisite Modules: WT4013

Rationale and Purpose of the Module:

This module will develop advanced manufacturing processing techniques for wood and wood composite based materials. Student's knowledge and skills will be developed through an introduction to contemporary trends and concepts utilised to add value to wood as a manufacturing material. Through design for context activity the properties, advantages and limitations of wood as a manufacturing material will be explored. Students will explore how modern wood processing and jointing techniques can be utilised to promote the use of wood in competition with other materials. The module will examine how the properties of solid wood and wood-composites influence product/component design. Students will experience the complexities of designing with wood through a series of tests and experiments that will examine the suitability of the material for the end use environment.

Syllabus:

Mechanical Properties of Wood: Natural characteristics, knots, rate of growth, slope of grain, specific gravity, elasticity. Grading: Strength classification, visual grading, and general structural and special structural grading parameters. Effects of machining and service environments: Moisture Content, Temperature, Deflection, Fatigue, Fire. Wood technology: Bending and Lamination, Form work, Jig and template design. Radio-frequency bonding, CNC manufacture, traditional and contemporary jointing techniques. Framing and assembly exercises. Strategic planning for manufacture and assembly of wooden artefacts/components. Programming and operation of CNC equipment. Data transfer from CAD systems. Design, realisation and testing. Physical and virtual (CAD) modelling of design solutions. Ecological impact of materials and processes. Analysis of the application of these technologies in the second level school setting.

Learning Outcomes:

Cognitive (Knowledge, Understanding, Application, Analysis, Evaluation, Synthesis)

- Explain the factors that influence the mechanical properties of wood and wood composite materials.
- Analyse the in-service requirements for a product or component that will be manufactured from wood or wood composite material and apply knowledge of material properties and characteristics to formulate a design specification.
- Select or create appropriate modelling/prototyping/testing activities that will inform and evaluate the effectiveness

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'Education for Sustainability'

The National Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development in Ireland, 2014-2020



Box 1: Objective of National Strategy

July 2014

The National Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development aims to ensure that education contributes to sustainable development by equipping learners with the relevant knowledge (the 'what'), the key dispositions and skills (the 'how') and the values (the 'why') that will motivate and empower them throughout their lives to become informed active citizens who take action for a more sustainable future.

Real-world problem(s)

- Provide a context and relevance
- To shape the learning experience
- Integrate Head, Heart and Hand

Design for context

Preamble...

The UN Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.

Through an exploration of the 17 UN SDG observe the world around you, identify a development issue that needs to be addressed in a specific context.

"The world's biggest challenges"

Go to www.menti.com and use the code

The world's biggest challenges



Development issue that needs to be addressed in a specific context.



Specific context

Three dimensions in sustainable development:



Campaigns ~

Climate

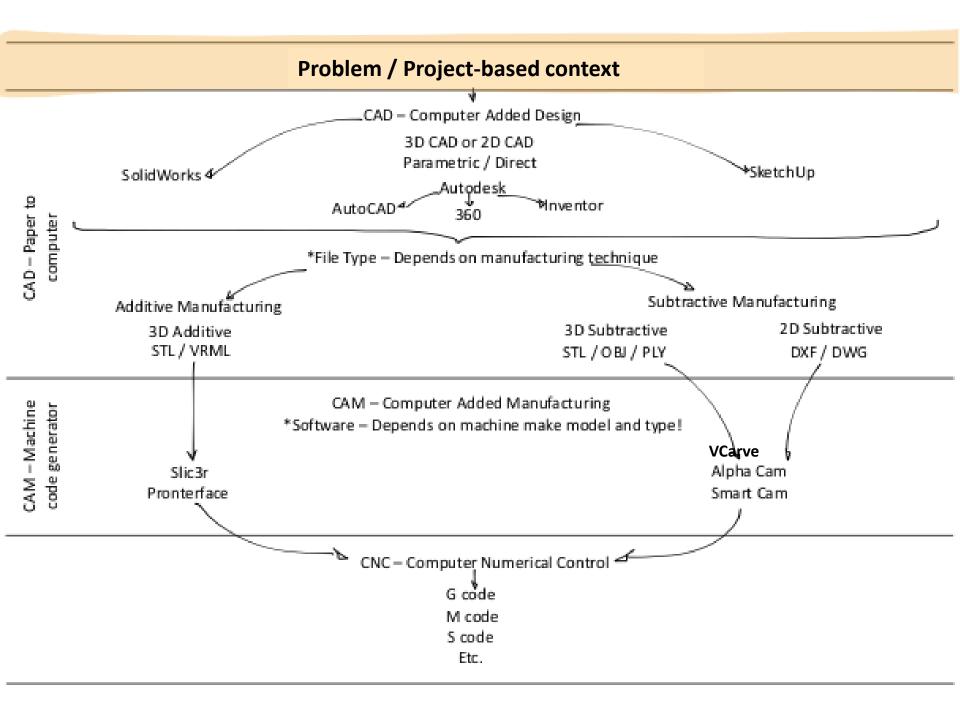
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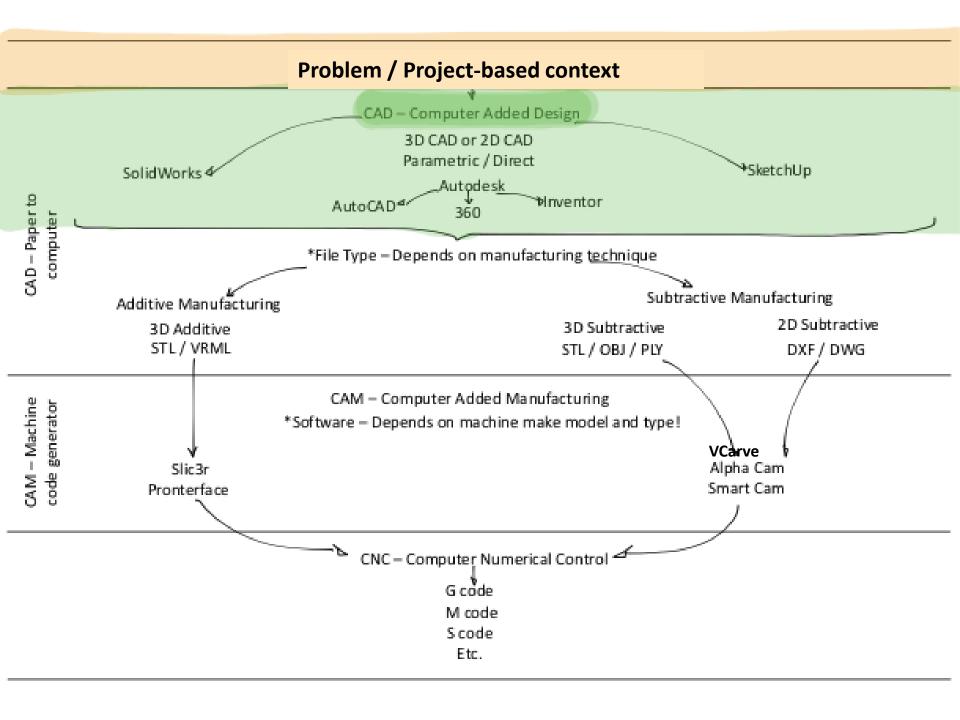
Water

Youth

Exploring contexts

- Look at contexts through problem/project-based learning.
- Explore other contexts within ones own culture or indeed the context of those in other cultures (handle with care).
- Considering the needs of others is an important part of developing an understanding of how products and technological systems come about.
- Adopt a values perspective as a state of mind and as a way of operating in the world.
- Technological literacy understanding of technology and how we value it's use and are aware of the consequences of its existence through the effects on others and the environment.





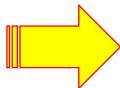
CNC - Computer Numerical Control





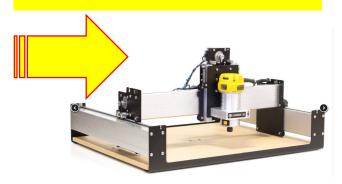






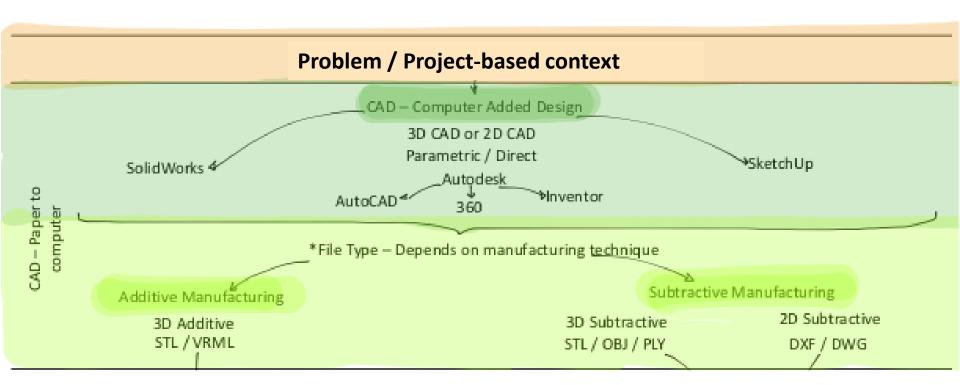


Computer controls the cutting and shaping of the material.



Computer **converts the design** produced by CAD / CAM software **into numbers**.

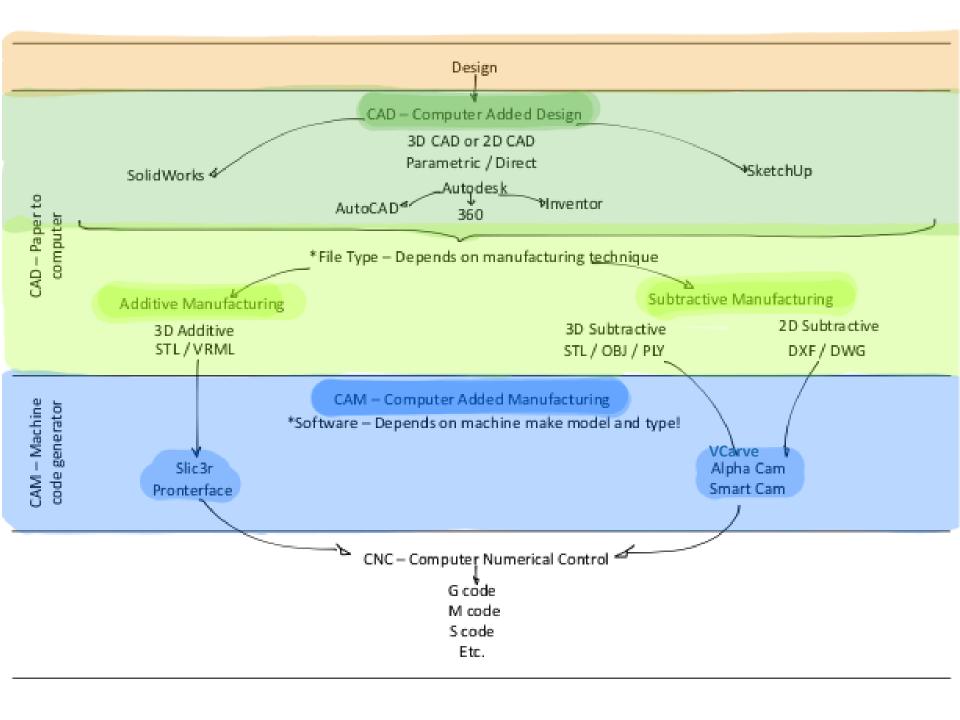
Numbers -> considered to be the coordinates of a graph -> control the movement of the cutter.

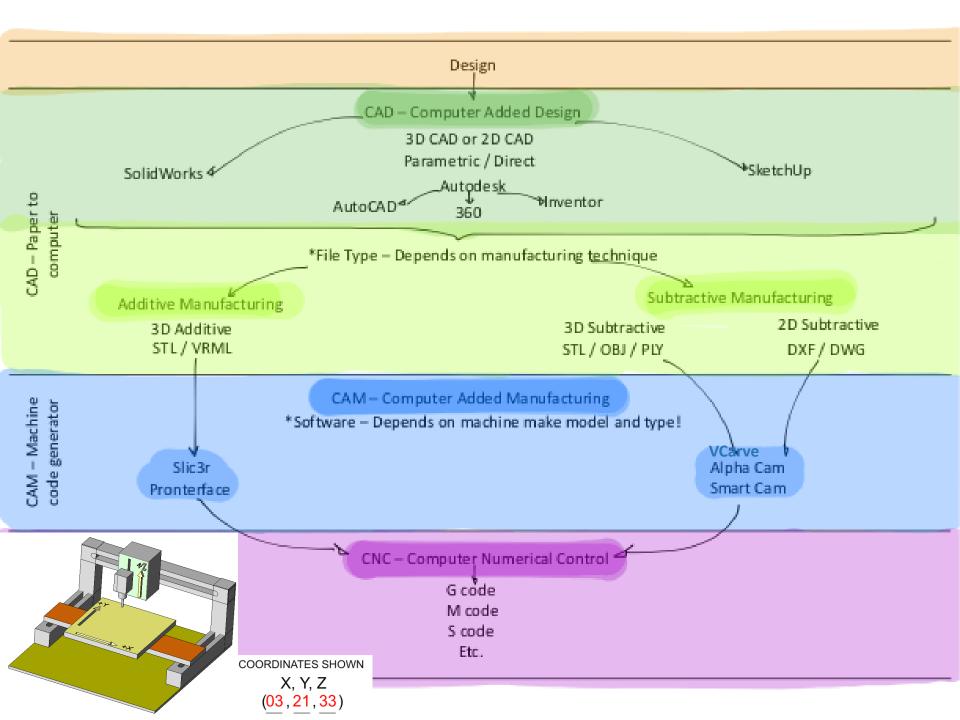


Spindle speed (**7,000rpm** to **18,000rpm**) is directly related to the **feed rate or surface speed**, which most machines are capable of doing up to about **200ipm**.

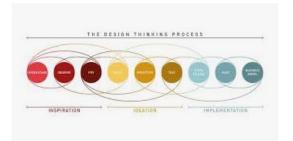
The two other variables, **step-down** and **step-over** should be kept so that the **cross-sectional area** engaged with the material is **no more than the radius times the diameter of the bit**. This is a rule of thumb, but it's a good starting point for **feed and speed calculations**.







Back to Problem / Project-based context...



Design Thinking: A Quick Overview ... interaction-design.org



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What is Design Thinking? (And What Are ... medium.com



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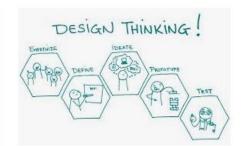
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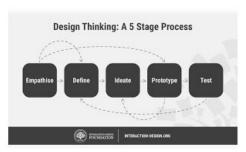
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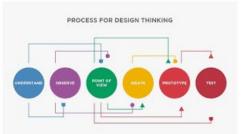
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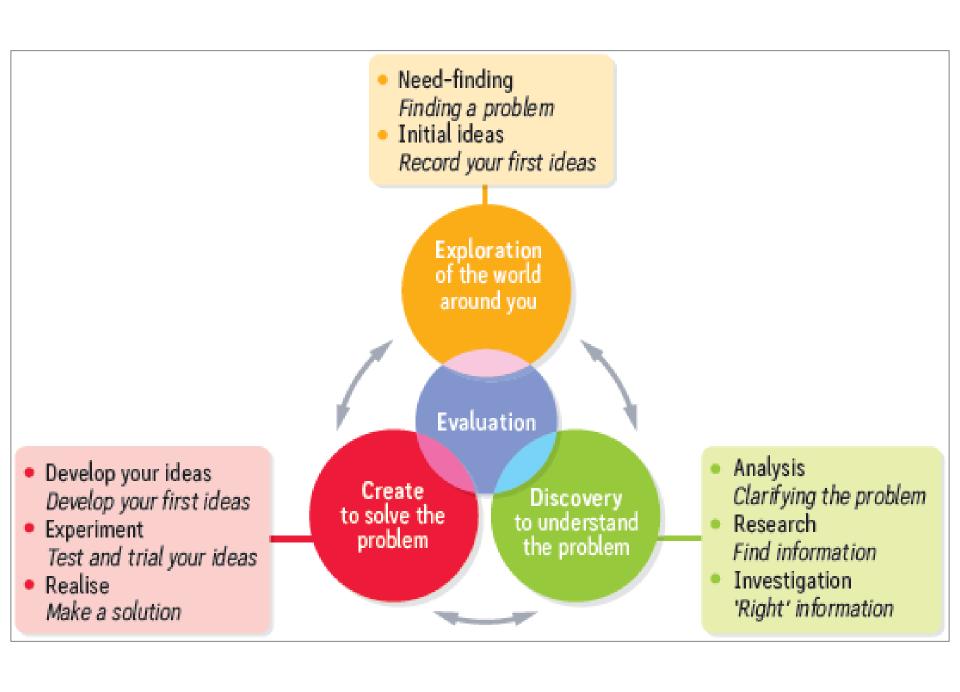
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navigate

Problem solving İS for something, for someone, for some purpose

Addressing / considering the SDG's



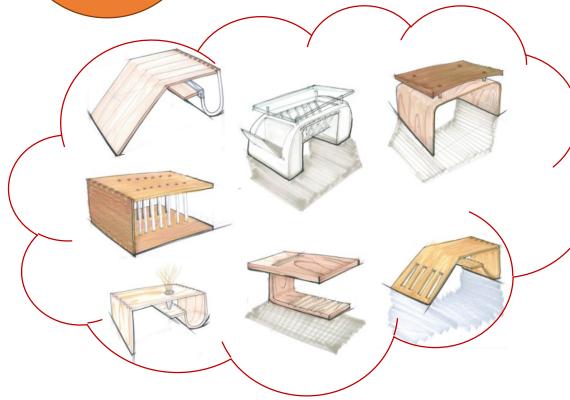




Exploration – *Intuitive!*



How can you solve the development issue?



Generate and illustrate ideas from your head based on your Exploration phase.

Discovery - Understanding!

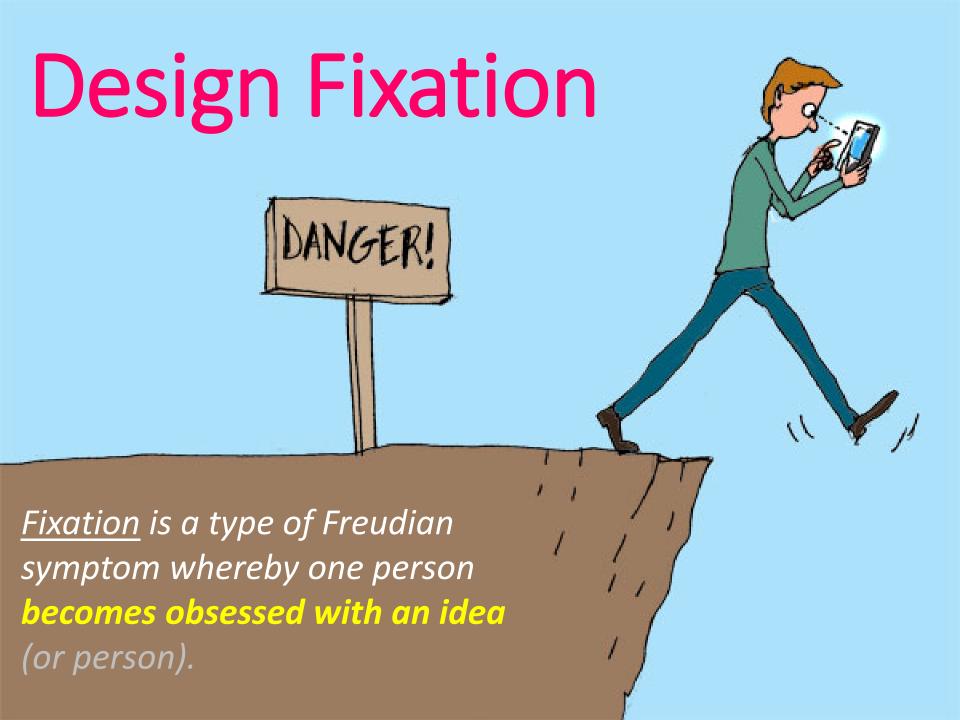
Analysis Clarify the problem

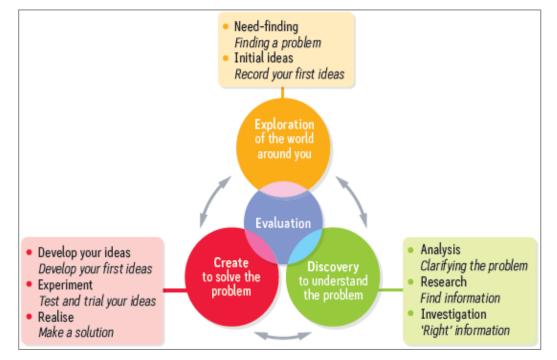


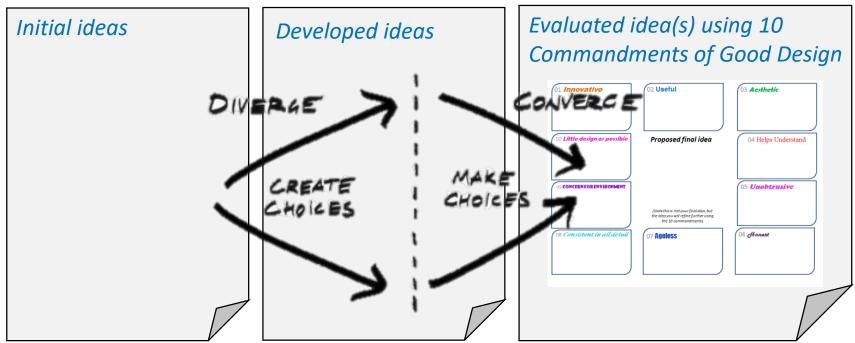
Research, finding the right information:

Research Find information

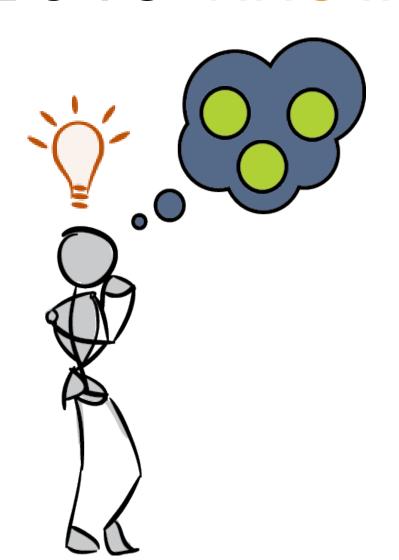
- Problem requirements
- Wood in competition with other materials (Use of wood and wood composite materials)
- Complexities of design with wood (influences on component / artefact design)
- Advanced manufacturing processing techniques.

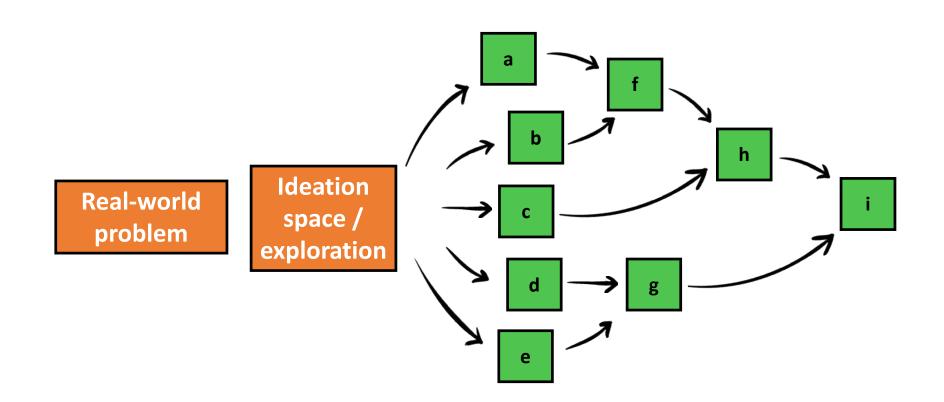






IDEA GENERATION LEADs TO INNOVATION

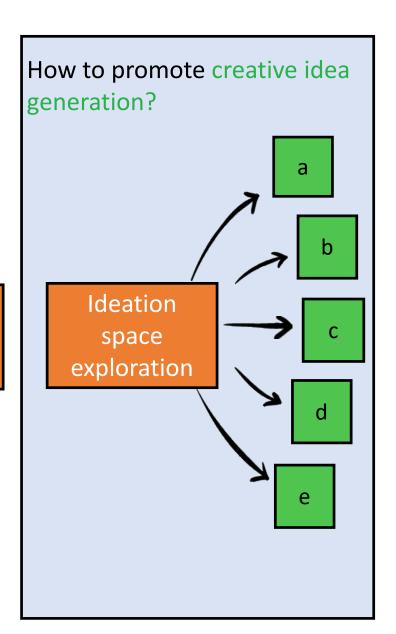




Challenges - Creative Idea Generation



- Lack of strategies for multiple and diverse idea generation
- Fixation
 - existing products
 - previous experiences
 - first idea



Realworld Problem

Creative Ideation fostered via:

- Design Heuristics
- SCAMPER
- 16 Squares
- Train of Thought
- Likes / Dislikes
- Ask the right questions
- Brainsketching
- Idea grid
- Random inputs
- Biomimicry

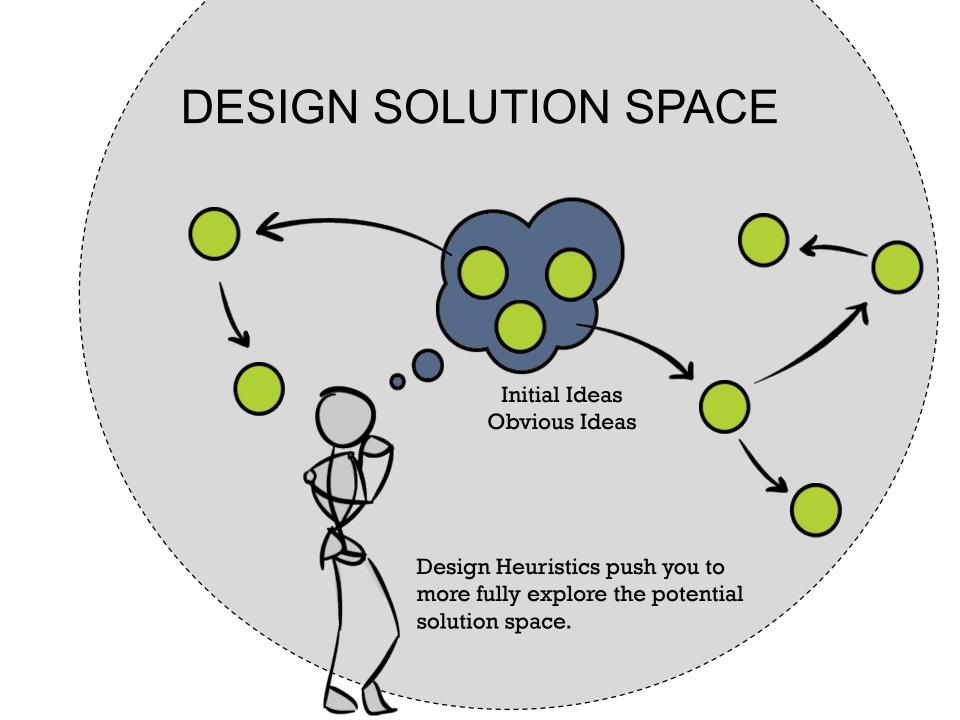
Cognitive heuristics

Reasoning processes that do not guarantee the best solution, but often lead to potential solutions by providing a short-cut.



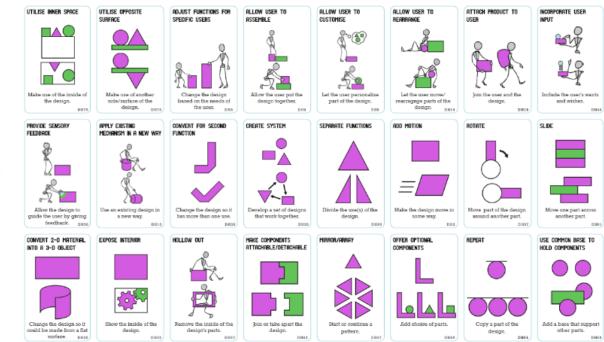
Design heuristics

Concept modifiers that quickly lead to a potential solution, providing the opportunity for a novel design to occur.

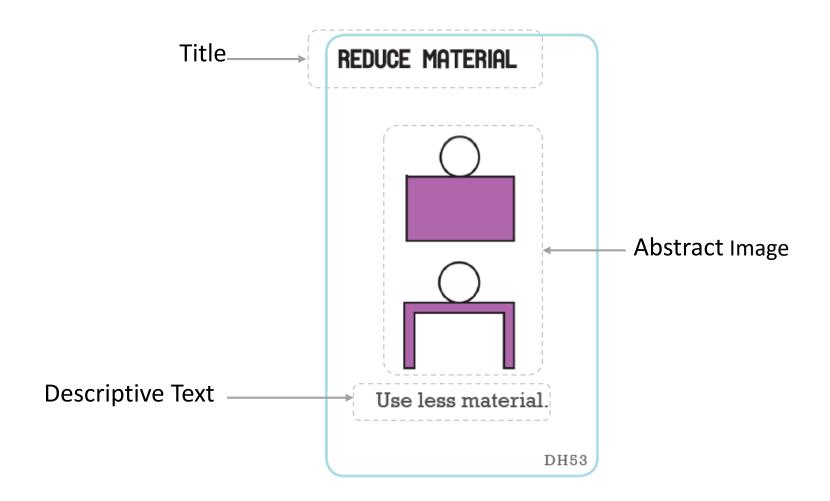


46 Design Heuristics: Creativity Unfolded





Example of one Design Heuristic



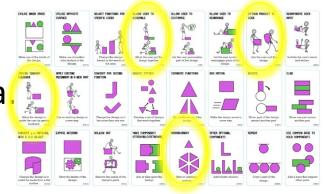
Ways to use the Design Heuristics

There are no rules or guidelines!

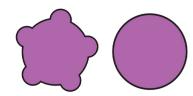




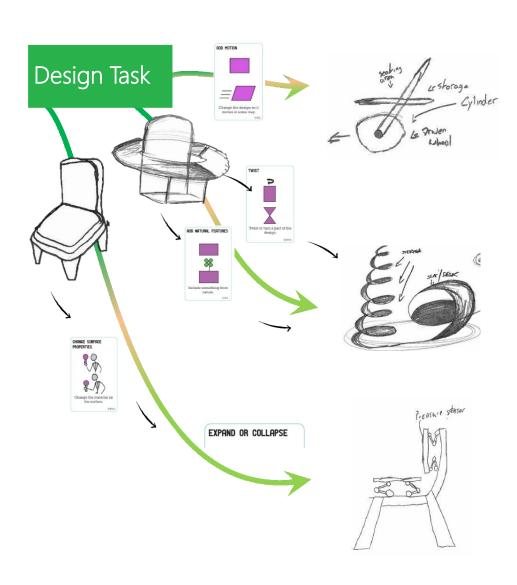
Use many cards to generate one idea



 Use any feature of a card; title, image, or descriptive text.



Design Heuristics evolving ideas



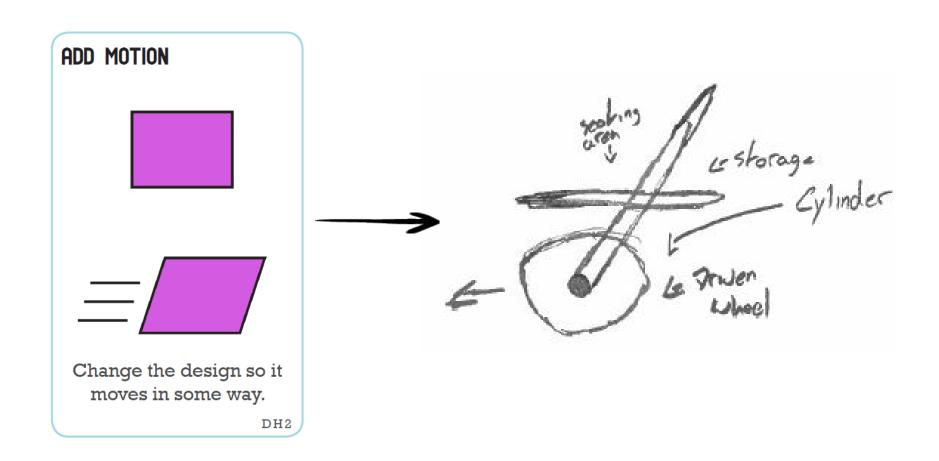
46 Design Heuristics tool can support creativity in the context of:

Generate a new idea.

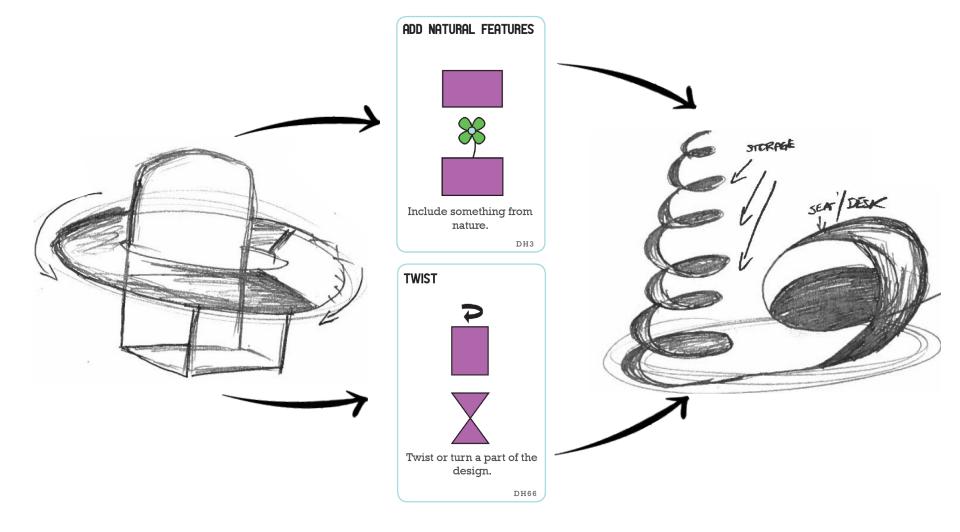
Develop an existing idea

Develop part of an existing idea.

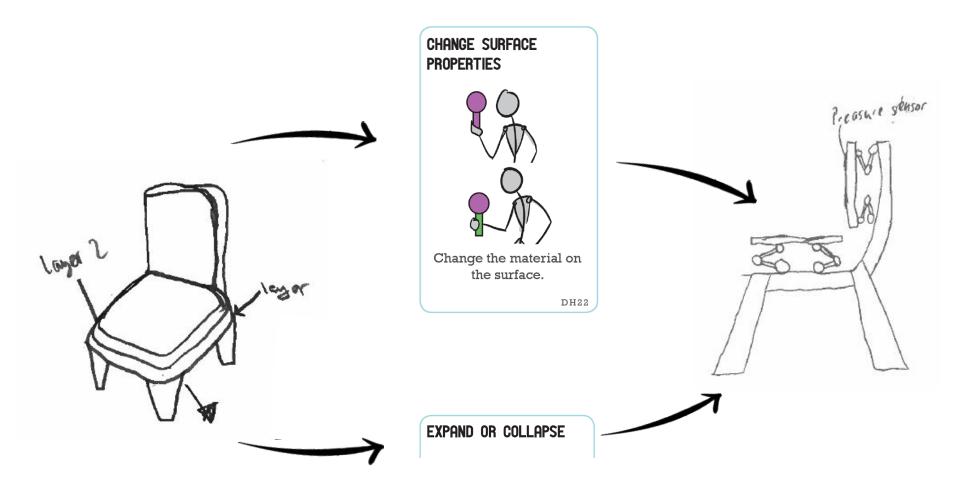
Design Heuristics initiating an idea



Design Heuristic transforming an idea

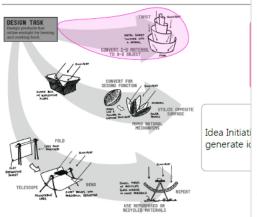


Design Heuristics developing parts of ideas



Using Design Heuristics

Idea Initiation



- It can be difficult to generate ideas from the 'top of our
- We often have one idea, and find it difficult to think of m
- . We often look at existing solutions or ideas to help us ge
- · We often fixate (become obsessed) with:
 - Existing ideas
 - Existing solutions/products
 - Prior experience.

Think like a designer with Design Heuristics

Design Heuristics are idea modifiers, which:

- Offer an exciting means of generating a initial ideas dur the idea generation process.
- Help us when we cannot think of initial ideas.
- · Prompt us when we are stuck for ideas.

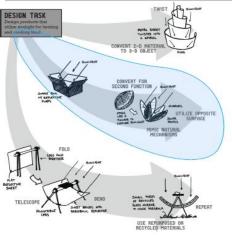
Design Heuristics are represented on cards.

- •Use any part of a card to generate a new idea
- •Generate new ideas by applying a card to a previous idea
- •Use the abstract image to inspire ideas
- •Use the title to inspire ideas
- •Use the description to inspire ideas





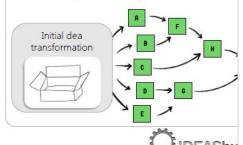
Idea Transformation



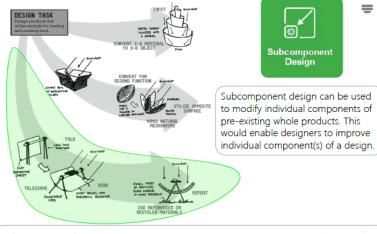
Transformations:

- · It is very difficult to design from scratch, or from no
- Many new products are developed from existing per that need to be improved for the user.
- Transform ideas by pushing your thinking a little fu

Generate multiple ideas through transformations



Subcomponent Design



Subcomponent design

- Design by parts or components is a method which comes from engineering.
- It allows you to think of a product or idea in terms of the use of its many parts or components.



Subcomponent design can involve two main activities:

Decomposition is the process of breaking something apart into smaller parts.

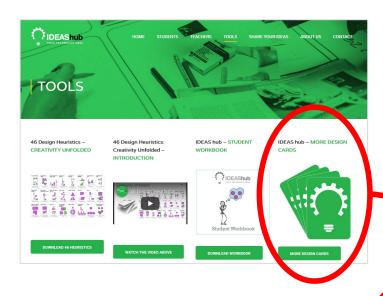


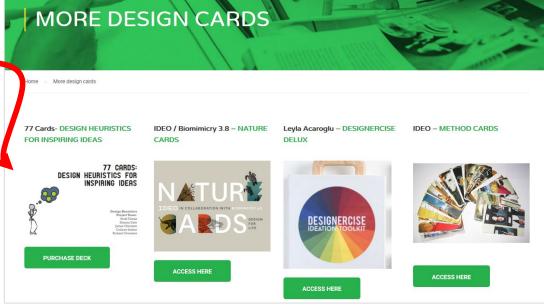
Recomposition is the process of putting the redesigned parts back together into one designed product.





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SELECT PROMISING IDEAS

CLUSTER FAVOURITE IDEAS

Sketch to think LAMP -COMPLICATED EFFECT I took the criss-cross effect and the made me think about pine cones and layered effect and combined them here to create the sketch shown.

REFLECT

PROBLEM CONTRAINTS

WHAT TO INCLUDE / ADD

01 Innovative



Inspired by pine cones and transforming lamp shades, the artefact is definitely unique.

10 Little design as possible

Although the lamp may look complex, it only has 4 different parts. I think it is simple yet bespoke.

09 CONCERN FOR ENVIRONMENT

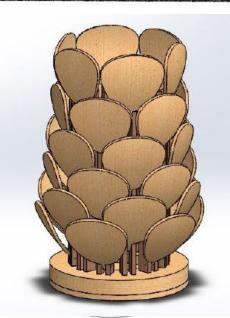
The lamp will use LED strips instead of a regular lightbulb. (Average 85% more efficient)

08 Consistent in all detail

I feel as though this design is lacking consistency through all parts, but is consistent in some.

02 USEFUL

The point of a lamp is that it emits light. The support structure of this model doesn't allow much light to escape.



FULFILLED

NEEDS WORK

07 **Ageless**

Again the nature element helps make this design ageless as pine cones have and will always exist.

03 Aesthetic

The lamp has a unique aesthetic, but needs to be refined somewhat in my opinion to closer resemble a pine cone.

04 Helps Understand

The lamp could be used to show people how pine cones work and release their seeds. The opening/closing feature allows us to see how this happens.

05 Unobtrusive

The lamp is small and compact. With some refinements to the chosen material and overall aesthetic it will become unobtrusive.

06 Honest

There is honesty in this design as it takes its inspiration from nature as well as modern designers.

VIABILITY DESIRABILITY

FEAS/B/L/TY



Critical Thinking: Reflection of / for the 'right' information

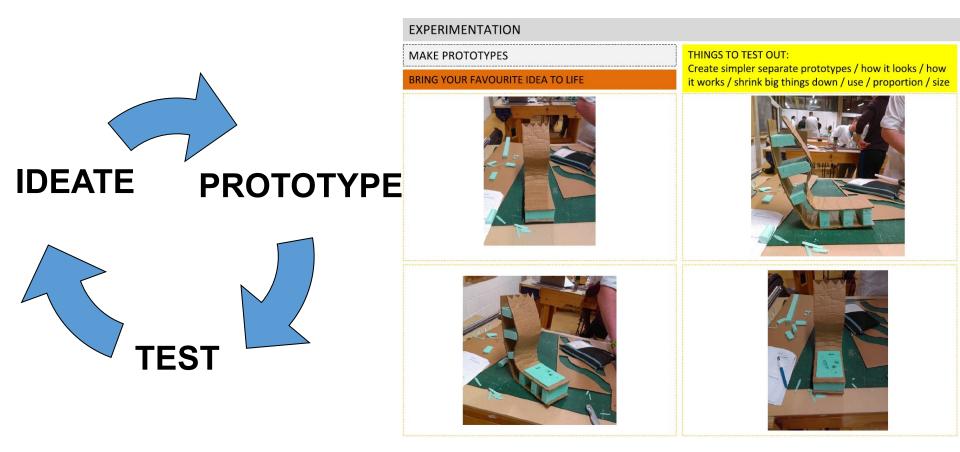
Investigation shows your <u>critical</u> thinking in the context of the <u>relevant</u> information to solve the problem.



Bringing Research and Investigation together

Information on:	Information I have to date:	I have the right information	I need more information
Safety			
The user			
Ergonomics			
Sizes			
Materials			
Existing			
products			
Manufacture			
Theme / topic			

CRITICAL THINKING through **Evaluation** drives changes in design, through some type of user testing, user feedback, etc.



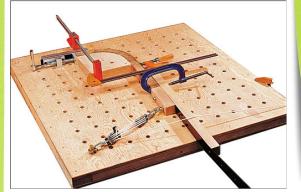
Complexities of design with wood

Wood influencing product / component design



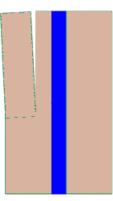
Wood is an organic material it is impossible to predict

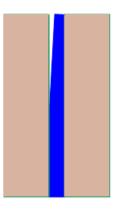


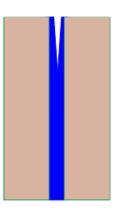


Wood is a hygroscopic material; it absorbs moisture very easily





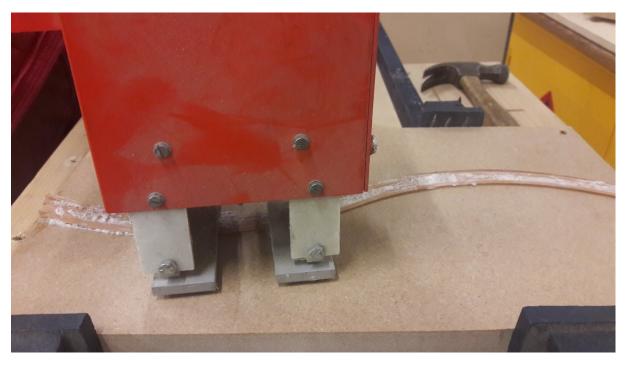






Adhesive failure

Cohesive failure



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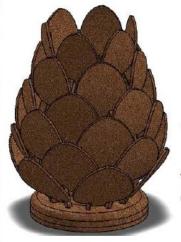
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The design is symmetrical, of solid colour and repeats the shape and size of various pieces throughout the artefact.

02 USEFUL

The lamp allows for both ambient lighting when closed and sufficient lighting when open, making it functional and practical.





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The lamp closely resembles a pinecone in shape, proportion, and colour. The transforming aspect only adds to this.

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05 Unobtrusive

The lamp is small and compact. It is suitable as a feature piece in either a hall, living room or bedroom of a house and will not be an eyesore.

06 Honest

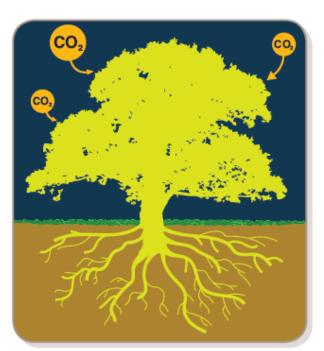
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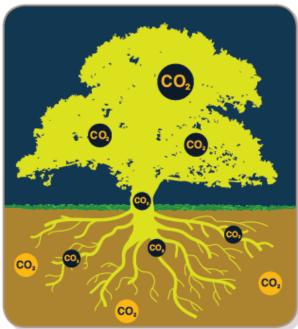


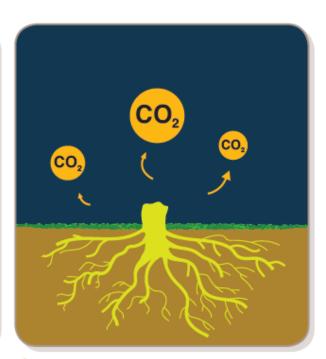


How can we bring Environmental and sustainable considerations into the classroom?

In Chapter 11, we learned how carbon sequestration is the process of taking in and storing carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere.







Trees sequester (store) CO₂ from the atmosphere for photosynthesis. This carbon is stored in the leaves, roots, trunk and branches of the tree, and in the soil of the forest.

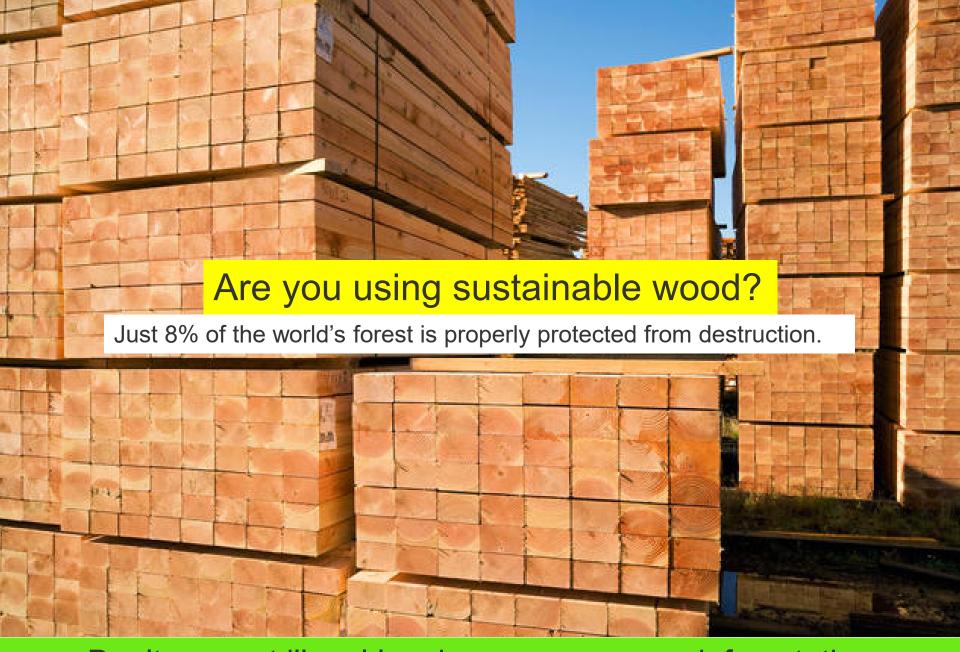
When a tree is felled or dies, the carbon stored in the leaves, roots and soil is released.



Cradle to Cradle



- To seek a more sustainable approach to product design
- one that creates both economic and environmental value — through attentive design efforts that maximise benefit to the environment, rather than just minimise harm.
- Relies on a design cycle of innovative materials, processes, and systems wherein all waste that cannot be simply disposed into the biosphere is pooled and fed back to the technosphere



Don't support illegal logging or encourage deforestation

What is sustainable wood?

- It is <u>sourced legally</u>.
- Wood is <u>harvested using practices</u> <u>that protect the species that live</u> <u>in the forest, the local water</u> <u>quality, and the rights of</u> <u>indigenous people</u>, all at a very high level.

DESIGN IS OFTEN DONE TO
MAXIMIZE ECONOMIC GAINS
RATHER THAN TO CONSIDER THE
SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACTS OF WHAT WE DO IN
THE ECONOMY.



Aside from the economic value, what are the social and system-wide implications of what you are creating? **ECOLOGICAL IMPACT** = Effect of human activities and natural events on living organisms and their non-living environment.

Material extraction, removal, and Energy and Damage to transportation effects associated environment with disposal; during harvesting end of life **Ecological Impact of Materials and Processes Environmental impact** Recyclable material **Environmental** during the life cycle impacts during processing



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THANK YOU

QUESTIONS or COMMENTS?

