

What is a concept?

- Draft
- Category (käsité)
- Idea
- Collection of ideas, a logical entity

Concept design

Idea -> concept -> concept plan

Concept design in different fields of design

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| 1) digital media | 1. Concept plan |
| 2) industrial design | 2. Prototypes |
| 3) game design | 3. Plan for production |
| 4. film and tv-production | 4. An idea of a production |
| 5) advertisement and marketing | 5. Presenting a product for sale |
| 6) spatial design | 6. An idea of a new construction |

Concept design project

1. Definition: goals, strategy, resources
2. Background information: use, history, benchmarking etc
3. Ideation: brainstorming
4. Planning the structure: information architecture, usability
5. Concretization
6. Realization
7. Feedback, iteration

Concept design is the most important stage

Concept design launches the project

Concept design is the most important stage for the success of a project, realization in theory: thinking it out beforehand

If later realization does not “work” even if it is carried out with care, it is the concept that is a failure

Importance of testing the concept: user-centered approach, scenarios

Good concept design

Is sufficiently broad in scope:

- employ all potentialities, broad knowledge is vital
- also strategic planning in view
- good concept designer knows a little about everything/ works in a team

Is well documented and articulated

Is unprejudiced and innovative

A concept plan

Definition

- strategic plan
- goal
- target
- promise
- challenges
- resources
- accessibility
- basic idea

Background

- benchmarking
- social context
- user research

Content

- message
- realization
- iterations where possible

Note!

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Iteration does not mean you ideate
for ever: when you've moved on,
stop ideating!