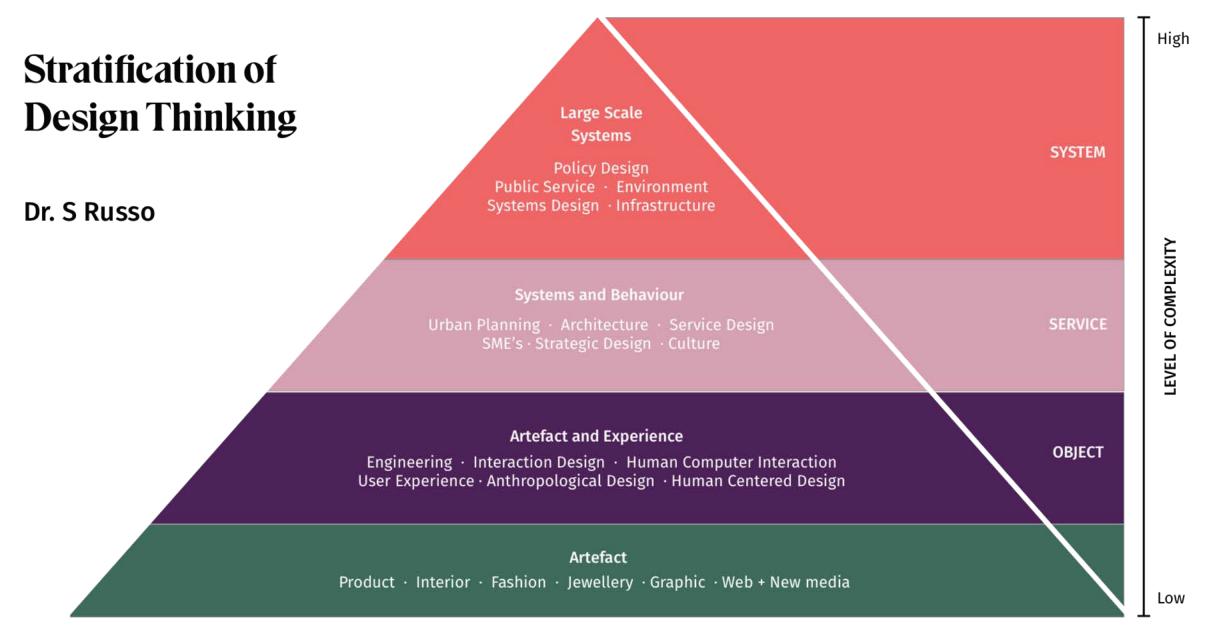
The Material of Outcomes



A crisis of confidence?

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'Things' win awards. We attach inherent value to 'thing-ness'.



We need to resolve the tension between being a designer who makes things and one that impacts human relations.

The trick is, it was never about the thing.

The tangible things are only a means to an end.

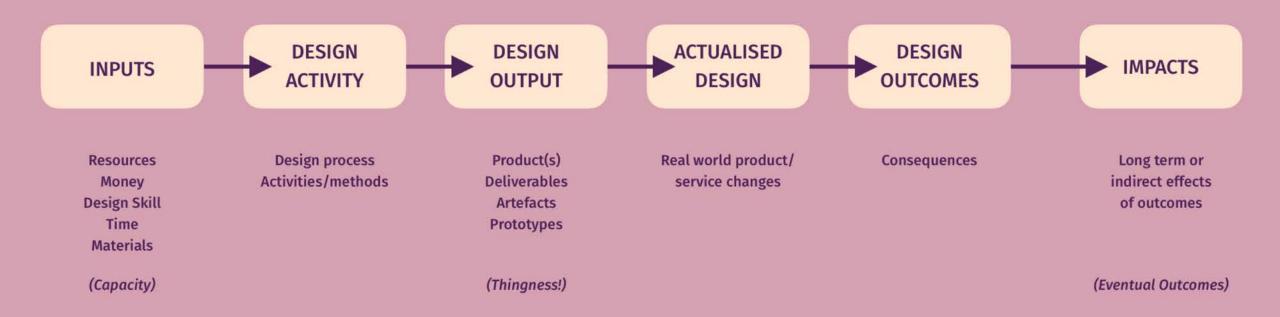


So what is the end? How do we start framing our work around outcomes?



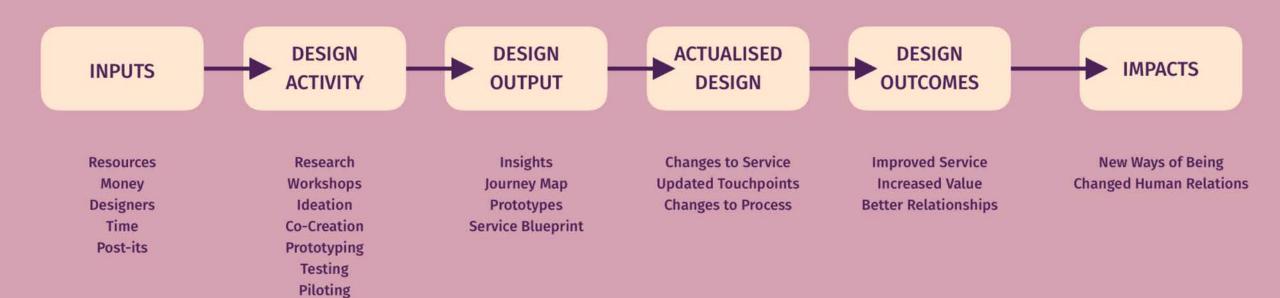
Outcome: a direct, intended beneficial effect.

In design work...



We often confuse outputs and outcomes in design work.

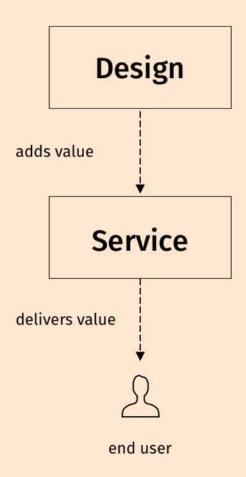
In a service design project...



Outcomes are not linear; they are dynamic, and are being produced at all stages of design process.

Design of Services

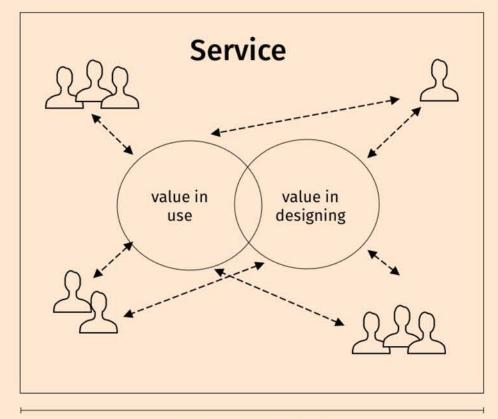
based on goods-dominant logic



Josina Vink, Katarina Wetter-Edman, Bo Edvardsson, Bård Tronvoll Understanding the Influence of the Co-Design Process on Well-Being Outcomes are not linear; they are dynamic, and are being produced at all stages of design process.

Design as Service

based on service-dominant logic



total co-creation of value

Outcomes as co-created value throughout the service design process.

Service Design Outcomes

New services Improved services Changes to touchpoints Changes to service interactions New service artifacts Increased service efficiency Reduced waiting times Higher quality service Improved service relationships

In order to achieve service level outcomes, we have to achieve organizational outcomes.

Service Design Outcomes

Capability building/capacity building Creation of 'value' New perspectives on something New conversations Convening (new) relationships Enabling a different problem solving process Adoption of a new set of words/language Change in behaviour Adoption of new mindset

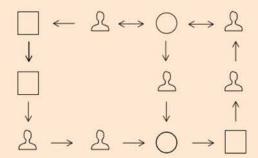
"The material of service design is the Organization."

Stephen Taylor, Harmonic Design

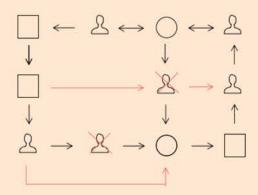
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Organizations as systems



assumes that outcomes happen on the basis of a plan being implemented

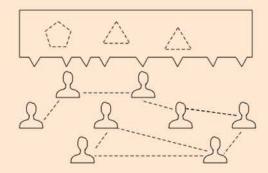


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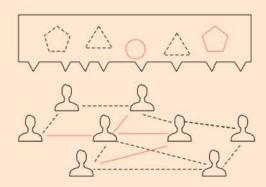
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Organizations as conversations



assumes that outcomes happen when we join and affect the ongoing conversations within the organization



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Outcomes are changes to conversations throughout the service design process.

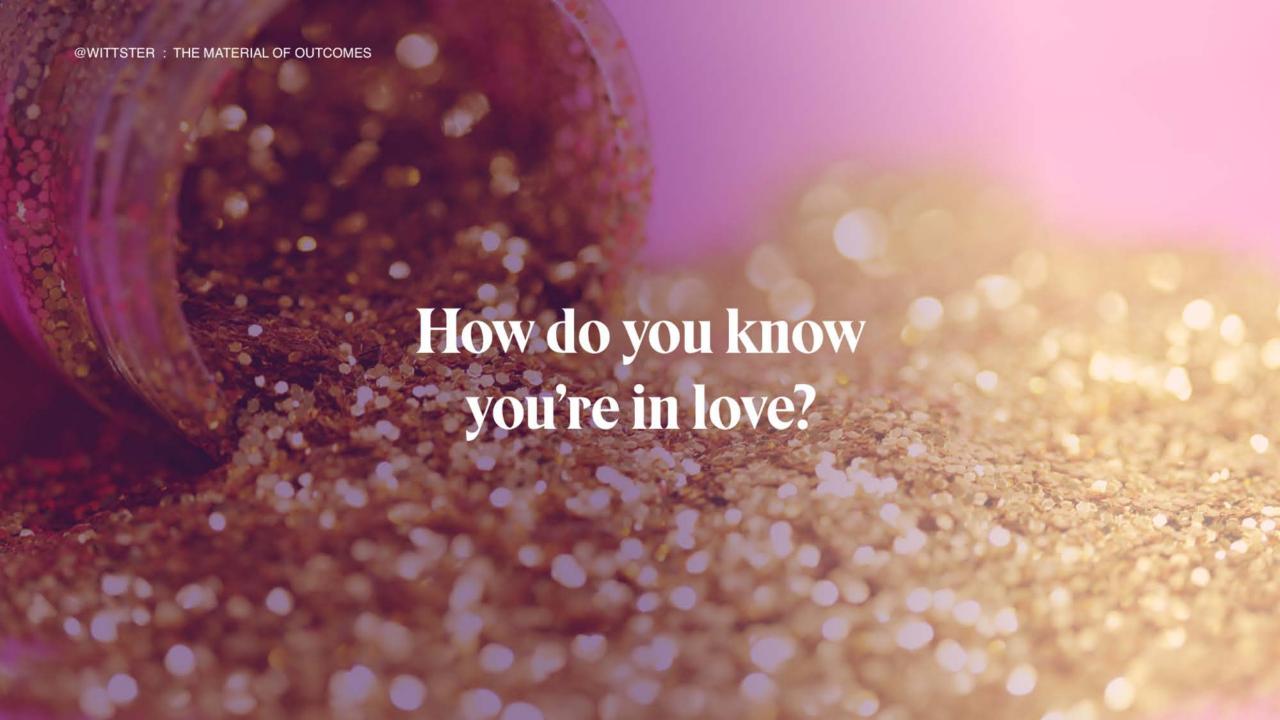
So how do we know we are going in the right direction - towards desired outcomes?

Feeling self assured?

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Measurement is a Proxy for Outcomes



"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou

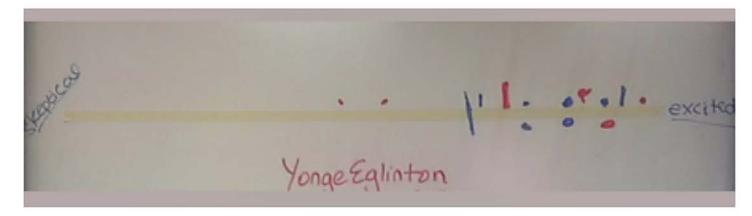
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Show change in feeling over time.

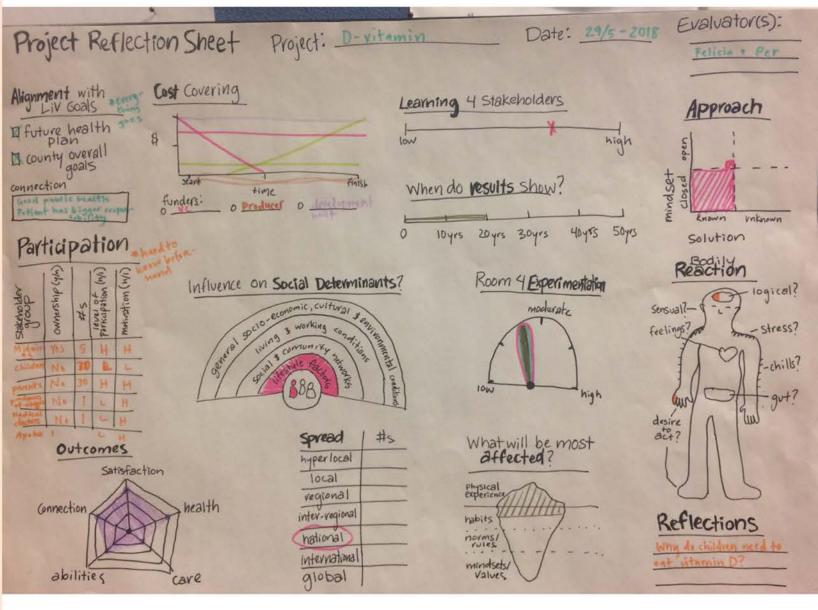
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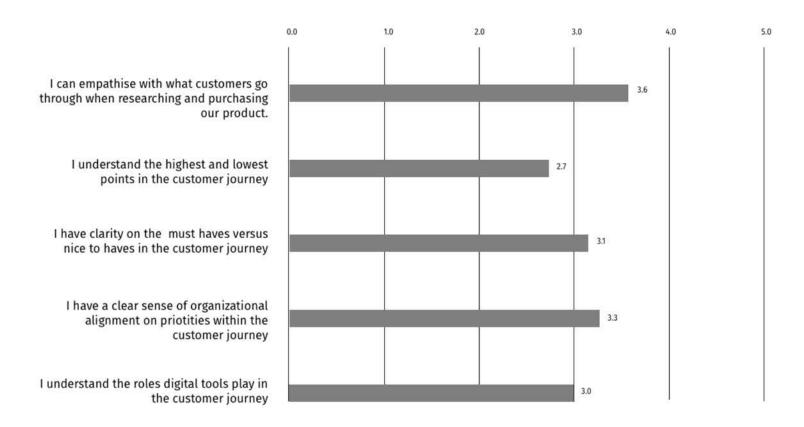
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Experio Lab work in progress Courtesy of Josina Vink

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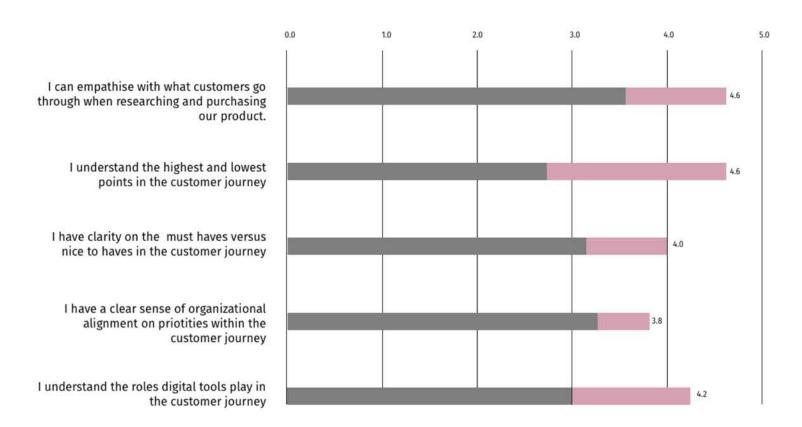
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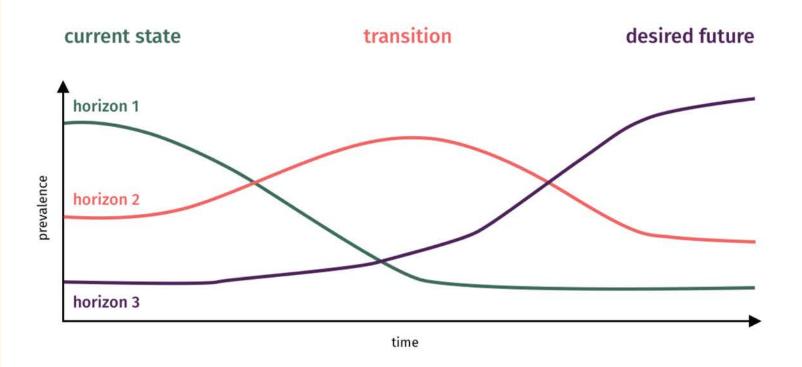


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-It's the final outcome!

Complex systems and service work is never done. There is no mission accomplished.

What if... our outcomes are bridging narratives to horizon 3?



Three horizons model developed by International Futures Forum members and other futures practitioners (see Hodgson & Sharpe, 2007; Curry & Hodgson, 2008; Sharpe 2013)





"To avoid missing unintended consequences of their tools and platforms, social media companies should hire worryers and neurotics.
That would help, right?"

Charlie Brooker Photo and quote in a tweet by Ken Banks (@kiwanja)



We need to get better at exploring possible outcomes and unintended consequences...

...while also recognizing that the outcomes of our work as service designers are emergent, hard to control, and intangible.

N.A.T.O.

(not attached to outcomes)

What if the solution to our existential fixation on 'impact' is to let go of design's attachment to control over outcomes?



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