

DESIGN THINKING MINDSET / DISCOVER PHASE / SYNTHESIZE

# Map the User Experience Journey

Understand the user's current and evolving challenges and motivations to derive insights about the use case.

# Why To

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A “User Experience Journey Map” enables a team to develop a shared understanding of the use case from the user’s perspective over time.

It helps a team recognize current user challenges and motivations, derive insights about the use case, and articulate user needs.

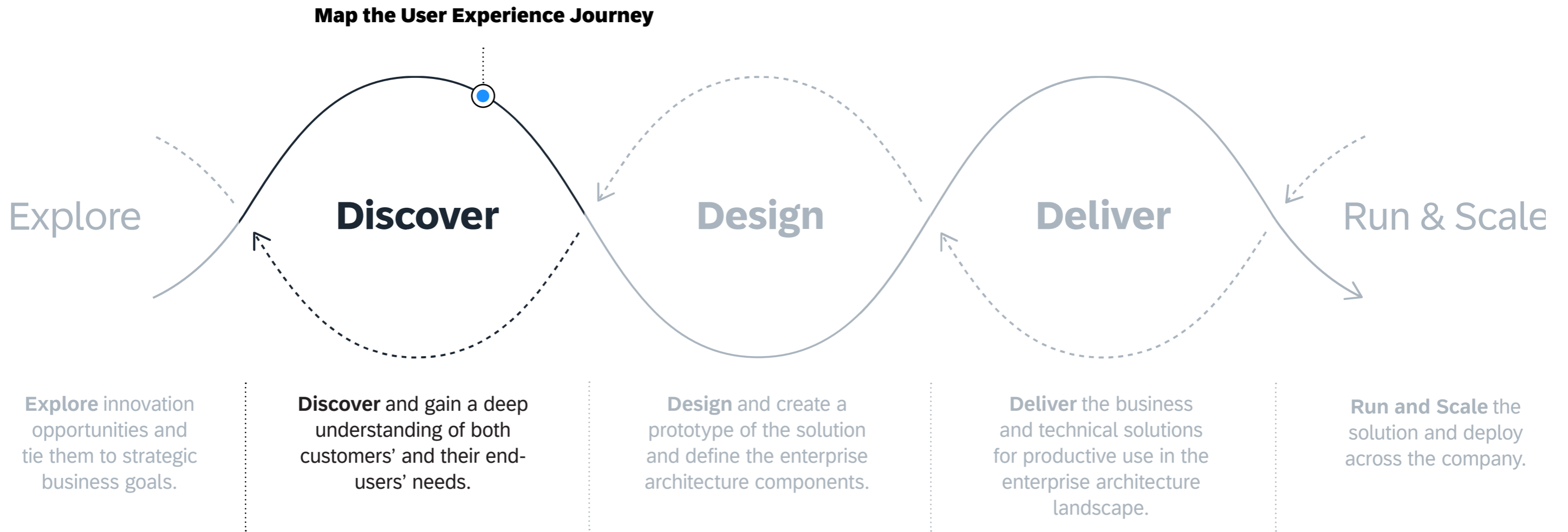
This exercise maps out the user experience in chronological order, step by step, on a whiteboard or large poster. Knowledge of the use case and the user is essential for conducting this exercise.



# When To Map the User Experience Journey

We use this activity to capture the as-is process during the Discover phase. The creation of the as-is process happens normally as part of the synthesis, after performing interviews with the corresponding user groups and gathering enough

information to understand the current situation. To create the “User Experience Journey Map”, it’s essential to have the persona(s) defined, as they will be the ones experiencing the journey.



Learn more about SAP's Human-Centered Approach to Innovation: <https://apphaus.sap.com/approach>

# How To

## Map the User Experience Journey



Duration  
**1 - 2 Hours**



Participation  
**3 - 5 People**



Roles  
**Designers, Architects**



Use Input From

- **Define a Persona**
- **Conduct Field Research**

### Steps

- 1** In the **center lane**, write down the actions step by step. What steps does the user take to achieve their goal or complete their tasks?
- 2** Write down the corresponding mindset in the **top lane**. What is on the user's mind during this journey? How do they feel at each step of their journey?
- 3** In the **bottom lane**, note the corresponding touchpoints: What does the user interact with along the journey? Include tools, devices, conversations, other people, and any other points of engagement.
- 4** Mark the pain points and moments of truth.

### Expert Tips

A “**moment of truth**” describes a situation when something could go wrong, and/or in which critical decisions have to be made.

“**Pain points**” are situations that the user finds uncomfortable, frustrating, or difficult.

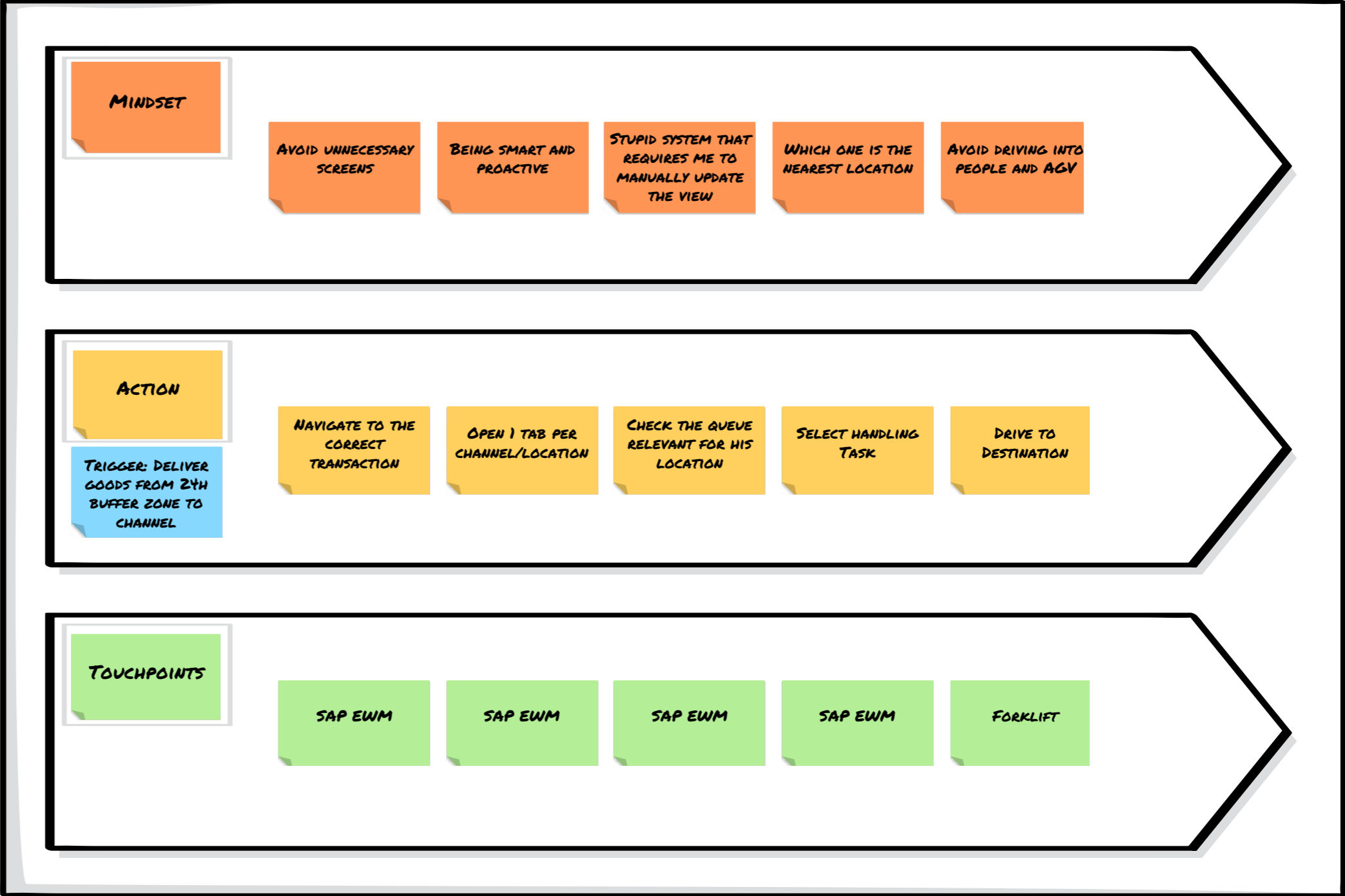
If ideas come up during the exercise, place them in an “idea parking lot,” a designated area on your whiteboard or brown paper.

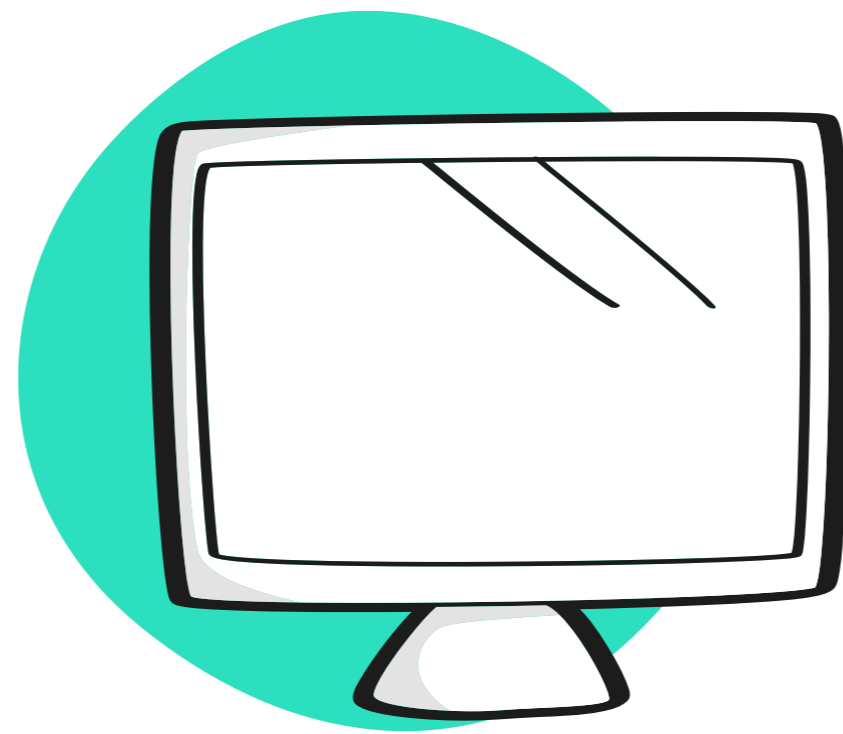
# Example

## User Experience Journey Map

**Persona:** Michael,  
Forklift Driver

**Trigger:** deliver goods  
from 24h buffer zone to  
channel





# Virtual Collaboration Template

# MURAL Template


## User Experience Journey Map


**Instructions**  
An User Experience Journey Map allows a team to gain a common understanding of the use-case through the eyes of the user over time.

**Time Needed**  
Ca. 60 min

**Participants**  
5 - 6


**How to use**  
Insert the name of the persona and the use-case that the user experience map will be about. Start with the central track and write down the actions / steps the user takes to achieve his/her goal or tasks. Indicate the mindset and touchpoints of each action as you move forward.


**Recommended for**  
Discover Phase 


**Previous step**  
Persona 

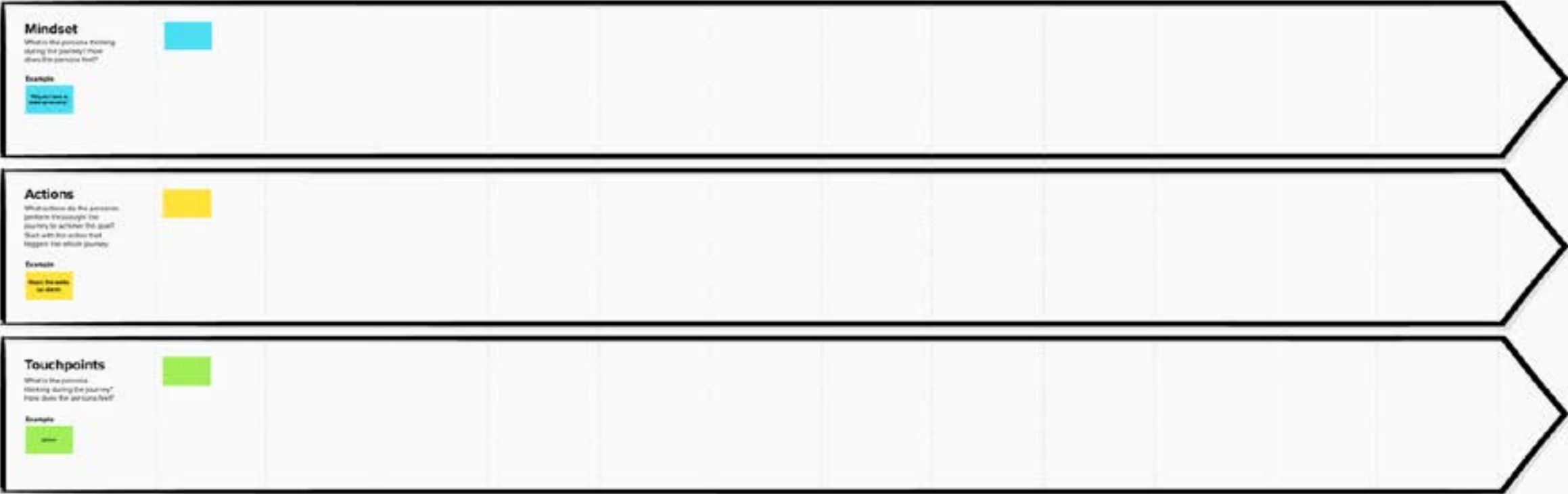
**User Experience Journey Map**  
Describe how the persona experiences the identified use-case.

[insert persona name] [insert use-case name]

**Mindset**  
What is the persona thinking during the journey? How does the persona feel?  
Example: 

**Actions**  
What actions do the persona perform through the journey to achieve the goal? Start with the action that triggers the whole journey.  
Example: 

**Touchpoints**  
What is the persona thinking during the journey? How does the persona feel?  
Example: 



Access the MURAL template\*: <https://app.mural.co/template/56c5fe56-1919-41e0-8a3e-8b063518d362/a3ac58aa-24ba-4781-b293-1c8a70f29056>

\*Registration required