

Project Theme

Needfinding

Arduino +

Electronics

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Interactive Living

Re-imagine how a living space can support and enrich
our activities.

Apple Pie **Workspace**



Banana Split **Kitchen**



Creme Brule **Living Room**



Dulce de Leche **Bedroom**



Eclair **Bathroom**





Roomba
iRobot





Drop Scale
Adapatics



Confectioners
sugar
8.45oz



Salted butter
7.05oz



Egg white
6 Egg whites



Ground
almonds
5.30oz



Blackberries
5.30oz



All purpose
flour
0.60oz

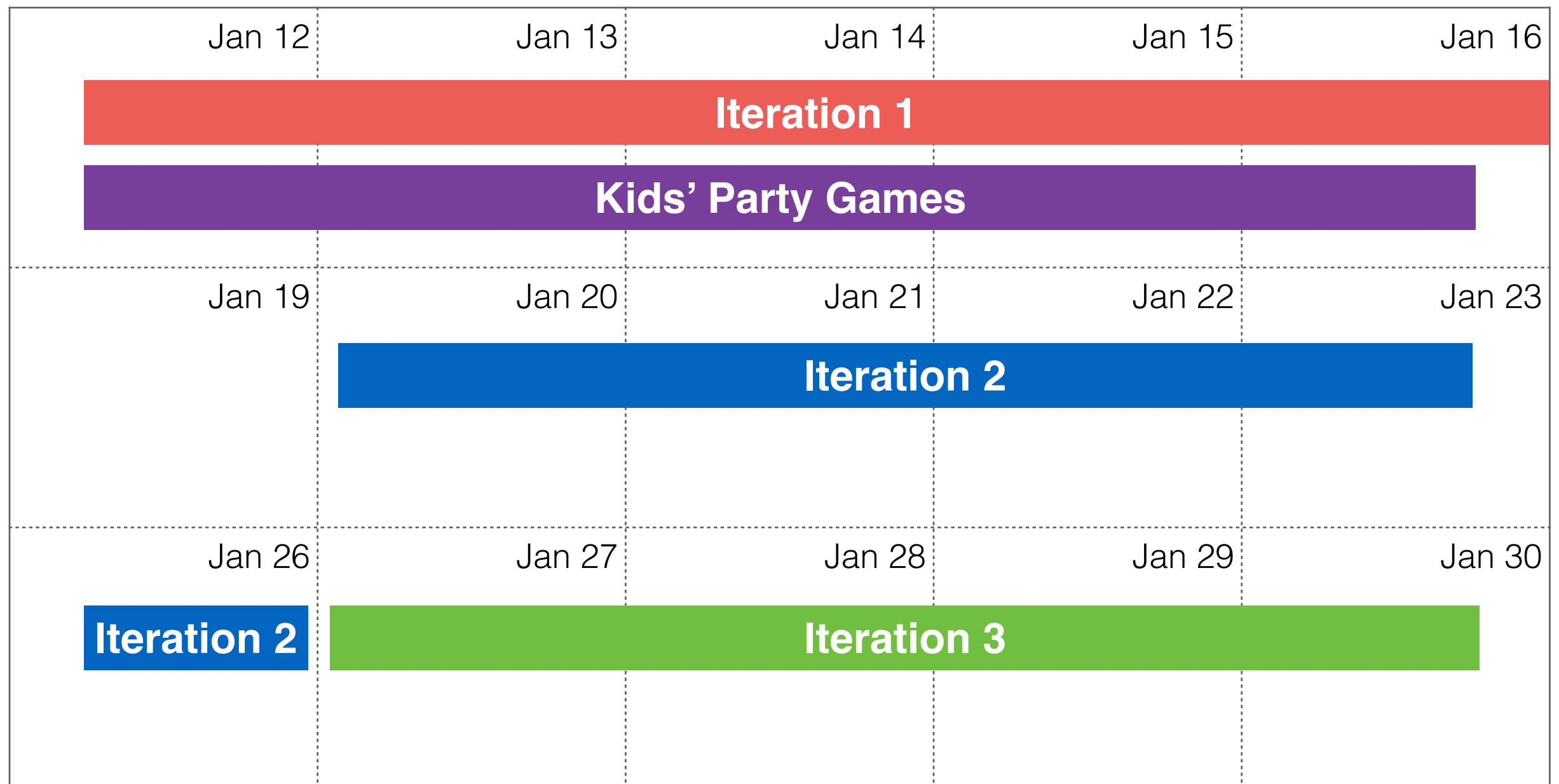


Confectioners
sugar
As Needed



Sing with Me Step Stool
Fisher-Price





- Alpha
 - Iteration 1** Storyboard 3 concepts
 - Iteration 2** Create and test 2 prototypes
 - Iteration 3** Present 1 final design
- Beta

Interactive Living Final Project

Documentation on Build in Progress

\$100 group budget

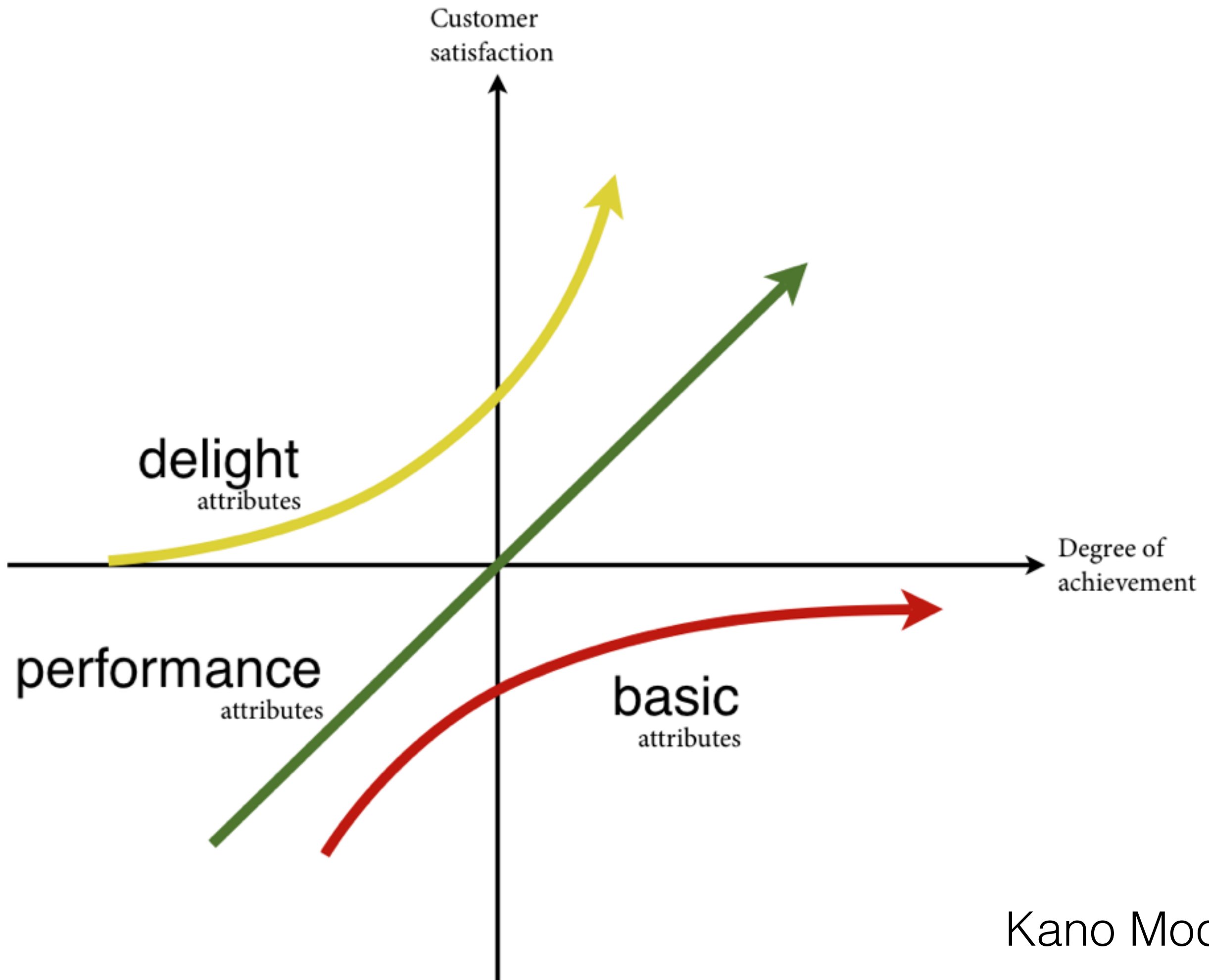
Google Spreadsheets + keep receipts!

Tax exempt form

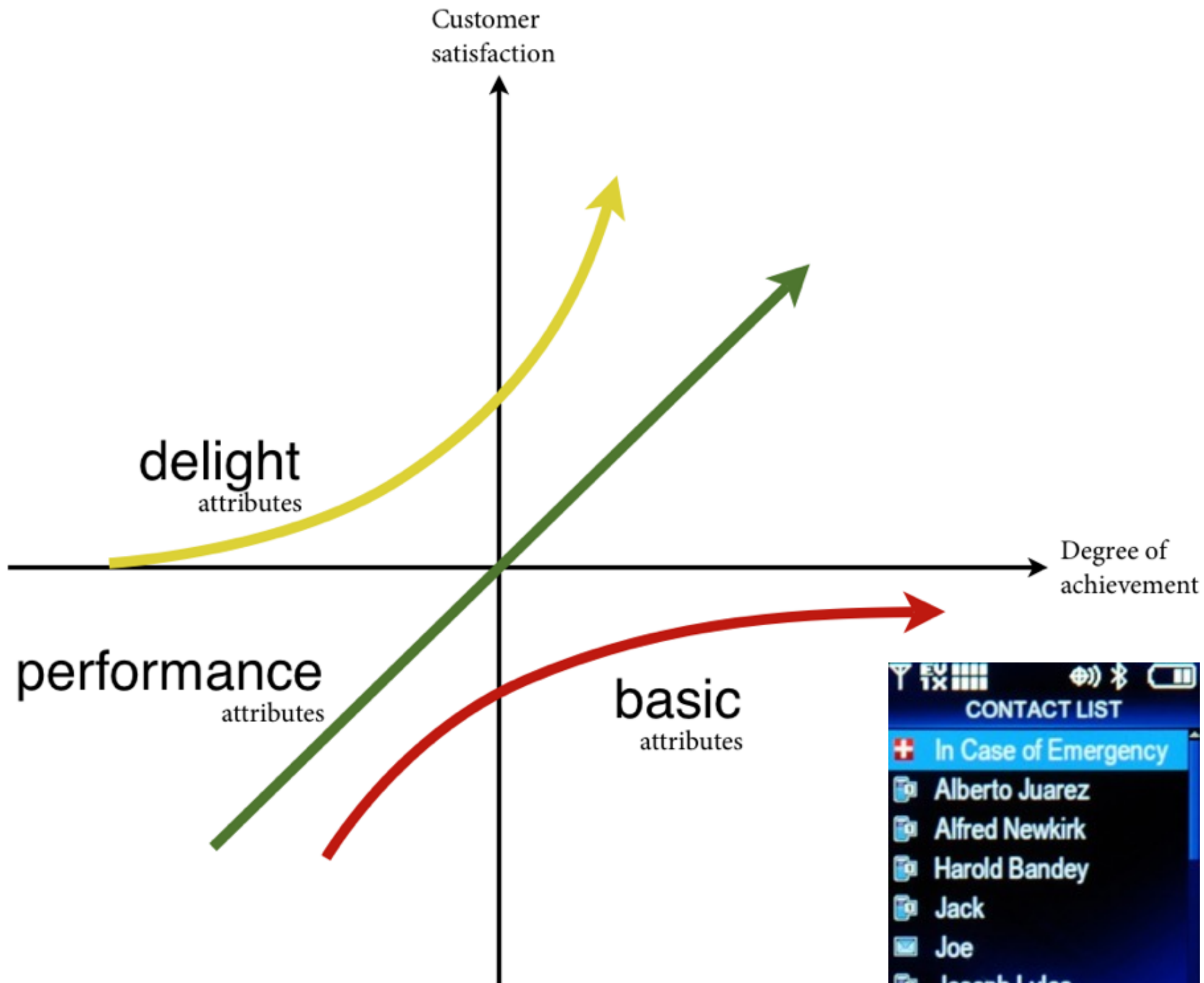
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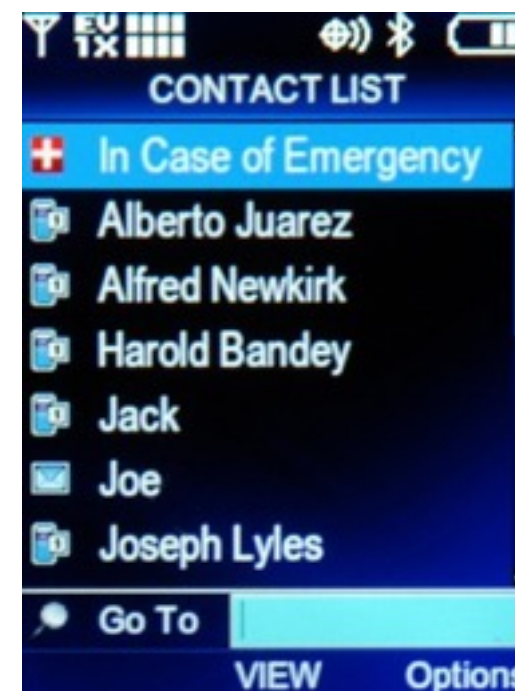
Uncovering design opportunities by identifying compelling, unmet **needs**



Kano Model



contact list
and
caller ID



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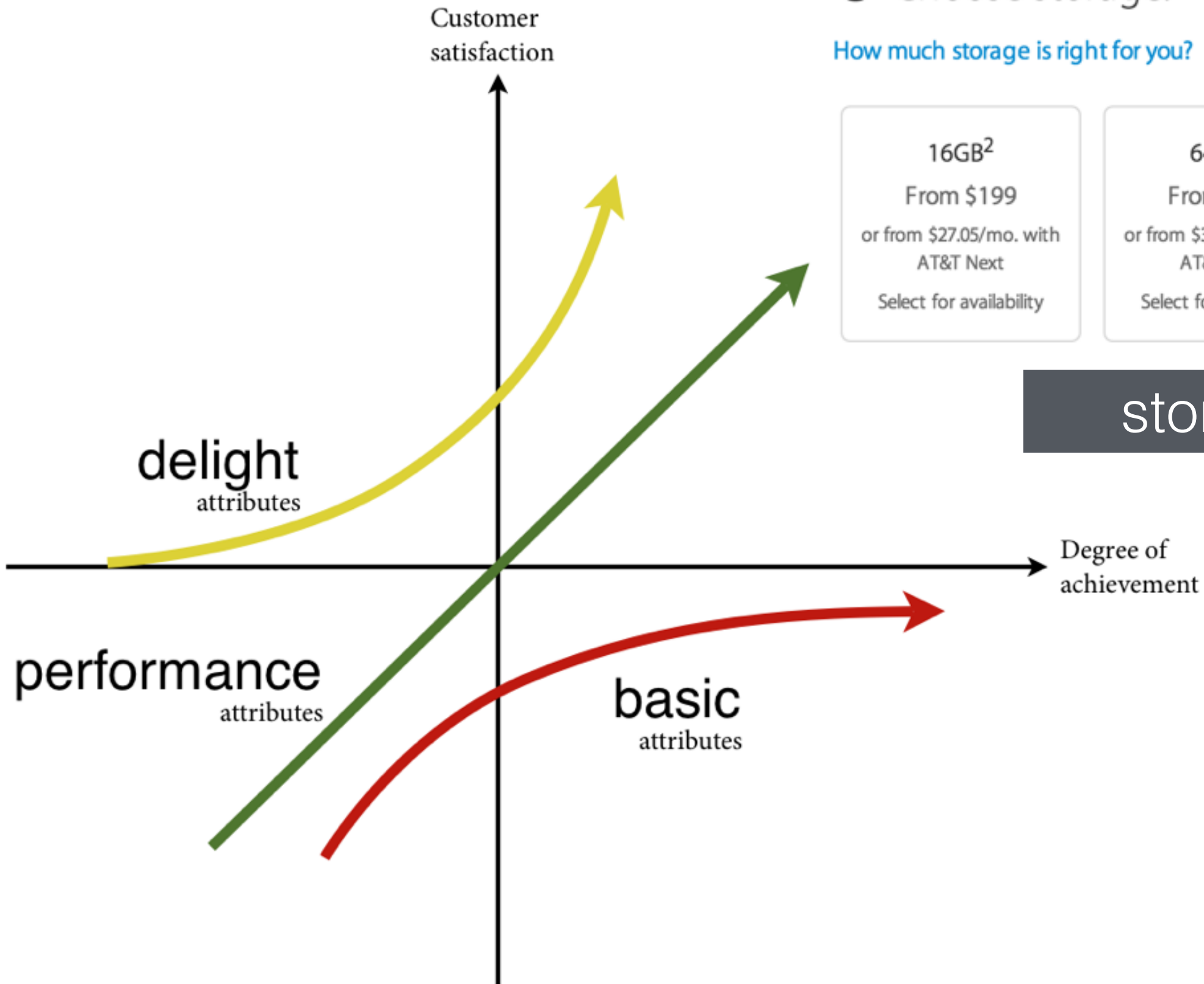
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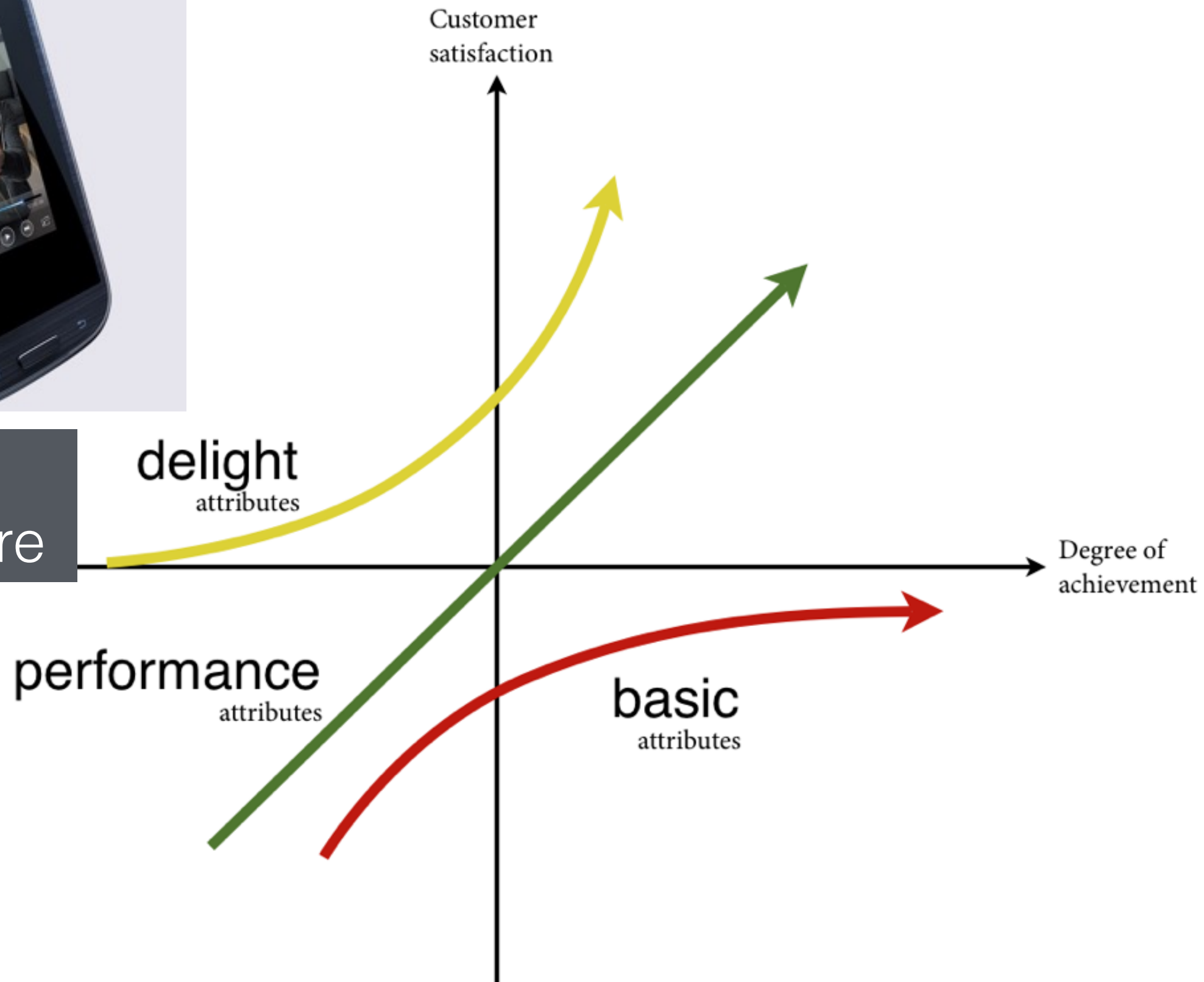
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NFC & Tap to Share



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NFC &
Tap to Share

Keep in touch
with our
friends and family

Reflect and
extend our
memory

Share our
experiences
with others

How do we identify needs?

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Market Research & Benchmarking

Observations and Interviews

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Observations and Interviews

Needfinding: observations

Used to observe actions that are implicit / difficult to articulate

Choose site and observe activities in the space

- Demographics (age, gender, etc.)
- Activities
- Behaviors
- Unexpected interactions
- Focus on entire space / one individual

Natalie.
She has a new idea. Brings towards robot, but they decide against. It get another piece.

"Natalie, so what we're going to do is this" (A) "Nice!" (N).

(N) seems genuinely excited

"So hold on. show me the idea again" (N). *→ patiently.*

They work together on putting together pieces to add to the robot.

"You don't need four regular pegs. You just need one" (A).

A adds pieces to the robot. They disagree about which piece to add to the robot first. (N) agrees with (A).

(N) put together new design.

"This needs a rubber band" (N)

"No no no, it needs this" (A) *→ grabs piece & adds to robot.*

"Oh I see" (N).
(N) said positively, no sign of anger/resentment.

(N) brings robot over to table. (A) grabs it from her and says "Let's program it first."

(Alex) - (A)
Second boy intervenes. Suggests not using a third motor.

(A) tells another boy not to do what he's doing with another robot. The other boy strongly disagrees. (A) walks away.

(X).
Third boy (green shirt) says if they use the third motor, no one else can.

Doesn't seem like he's letting the girl add anything to robot.

(A) seems to run off with his idea. Doesn't communicate it fully to (N).

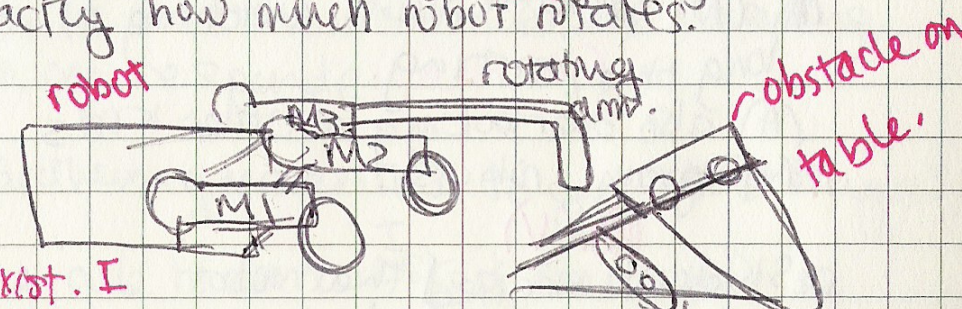
Generally (A) looks for pieces while taking about new idea.

(N) follows, tries to look for pieces too, but doesn't seem sure of what they're looking for.

disagreement that never comes to conclusion

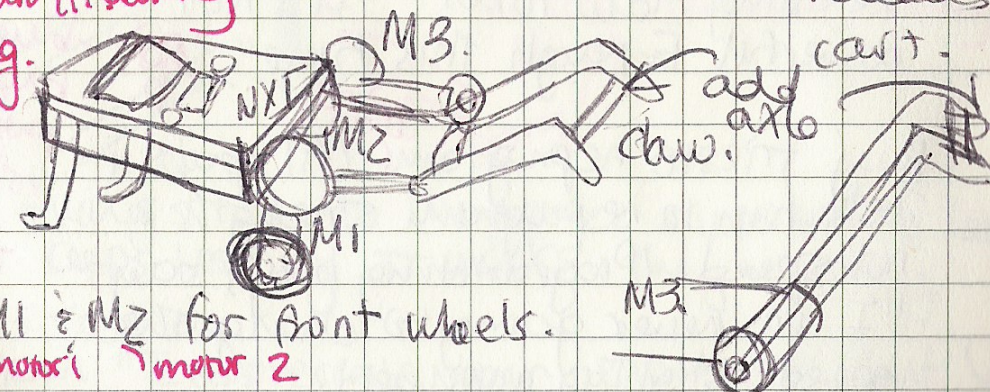
"Just go work on your own robot (A) to (G5)."
(X).
12:04-10:05 (G5) explaining how the wheels rotate/slide.

"2.69" seems like they're figuring out exactly how much robot rotates.



Axle didn't exist. I suggested it at end of observation.

Axle drawn in during note taking.
arm actuates needle down ramp. lever ~~actuates~~ releases cart.



M1 & M2 for front wheels. *Motor 1 Motor 2*

12:11. Boy programming claw/robot has taken over robot, (A) & (N) overlooking.

"You're doing great. Keep at it!" (K).

Strategy is not to use sensors unless they need to. Dead reckoning instead. Told a story about another team that came in last with sensors. Decided against it next year and won nationals.

All students listen to story (K) about how people should be "open, helpful, sharing" *→ one team shared strategies, was nice with other team. In finals, their robot ran out of batteries. Other*

When Kim talks, students seem to listen intently. She never seems to need to do much to get their attention, doesn't speak over them.



Airport Security Exercise

- Demographics (age, gender, etc.)
- Activities
- Behaviors
- Unexpected interactions



BNVN

00:00:05:18

Airport Security Example

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Needfinding: observations

Being observant

**Count how many times
the players wearing
white pass the ball**

The correct answer is
16 passes

Needfinding: observations

Being observant

Minimize biases and preconceptions

Exercise: Go Forth and Observe!

Observe a living space on campus

Take notes and photographs (put on BiP)

- > 5 activities you observe

- How are these activities carried out?

Start with observing entire space, then focus on a single individual

30 minutes

Apple Pie
Workspace

Ideation (3-446)
/ Athena Cluster

Banana Split
Kitchen

Steam Cafe (7-407)

Creme Brule
Living Room

Stratton First Floor
Couches

Dulce de Leche
Bedroom

Dollar Bill Lounge
(Lobby 10)

Eclair
Bathroom

Infinite Corridor
Bathrooms

30 minutes
(20 minute observation)

Exercise: Go Forth and Observe!
Share

EXTREME

Users

Extreme users

Edge cases - people who have unusual needs

Amplify needs that may be more generalizable



IDEO & OXO

Extreme users

List attributes of the space

Create a spectrum / map for each attribute

Identify a user at either extreme

Extreme users

Attributes



Storage Closet

Extreme users

Attributes



Storage Closet

What is stored?

How big is it?

Extreme users

Attributes



Storage Closet

What is stored?

How big is it?

What is stored?

How big is it?

Food

Clothing



Storage Closet

Memorabilia

Packaging



Dry goods

Refrigerated goods

Home cook

Chef

Food

Clothing



Memorabilia



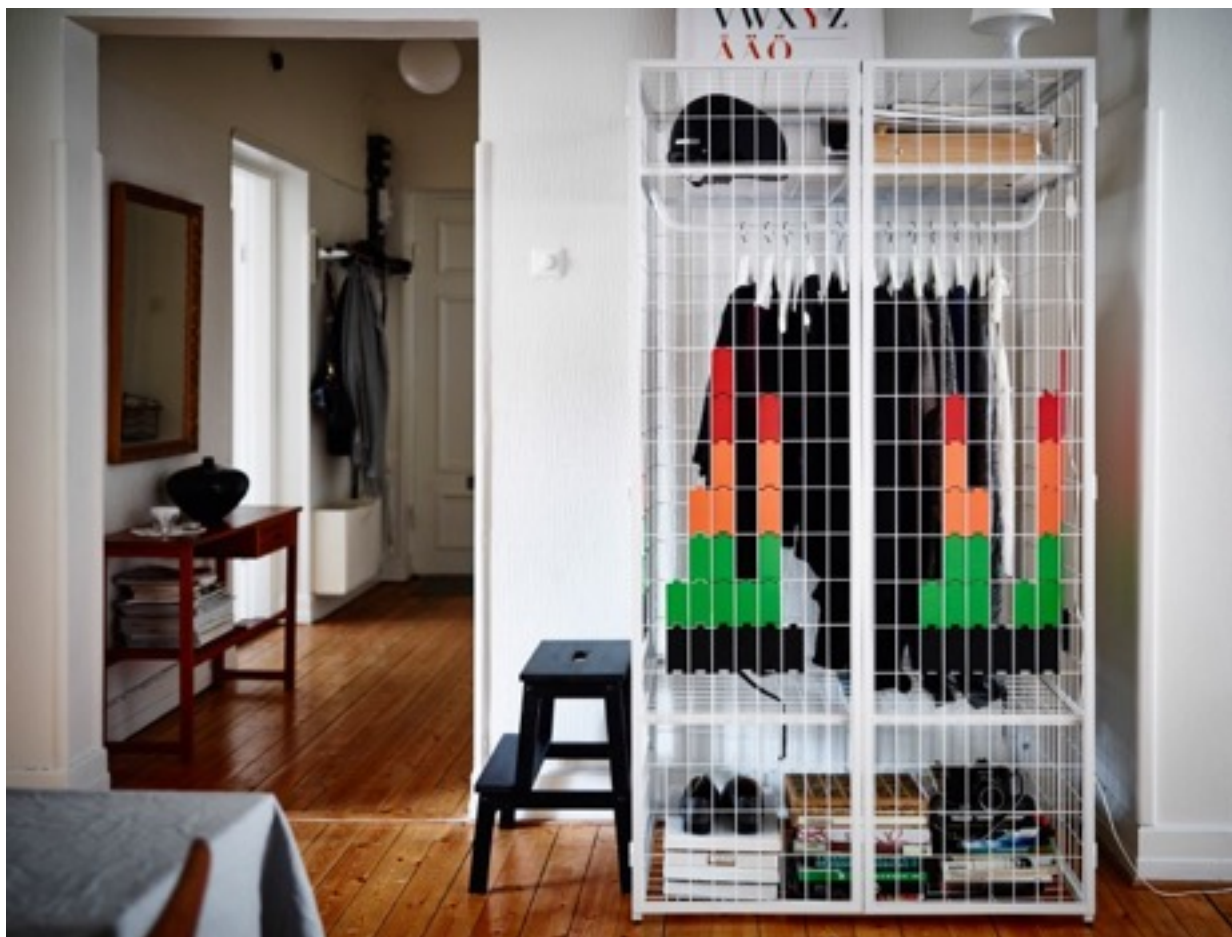
large

**Suburban
Home
Owner**

What is
stored?

How big is it?

Clothing



small

Urban Dweller

Exercise: Identify Extreme Users

Using your observations, come up with a list of 3 extreme users for your assigned living space.

10 minutes

Bedroom?



campers

Bathroom?



athletes

Home Office?



builders

Assignment: Due Tomorrow

Do one more observation of an area that falls under your team's assigned living space

(ideally one of your extreme users)

Can be done in group or individually

Add to your list of observed behaviors

Post images and observations to BiP

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