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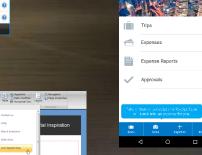
Focus on the Customer Ask the Right Questions Communicate the Solutions

#### 17+ Years of User Research



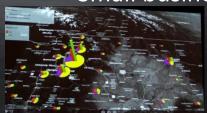








- Concur Expense Reporting and Invoice
- Core cross-product benchmarking
- Mobile phones and OSs
- Xbox One total experience
- Cloud storage & access (PC, Mac, iOS, Android)
- Windows server and tools integration
- Excel plugin Data visualization
- PC & Console Game research
- Keyboards, mice, and biometrics
- Xbox 360 hardware
- Customer service & support sites
- Live Meeting Online Conferencing
- Expedia travel & hotels
- Small business online <u>services</u>











**Project Management** 

Rapid Iterative Testing (RITE)

Ethnography

XO study creation and testing

Human-computer Interaction

Qualitative Research

Iterative Design

Information Architecture

**Paper Prototyping** 

**Heuristic Evaluation** 

Benchmarking

Competitive Analysis

**Exploratory Testing** 

Executive level presentations

User Roles & Personas

Surveys

Contextual Inquiry

Eye Tracking

Focus Groups

Data Analysis

- Field Work
- Card Sorting
- User Scenarios
- Task Analysis
- Human Factors
- TAPs program
- Participatory Design
- Heuristic Analysis
- Requirements Analysis
- Mobile Applications
- Web Analytics
- Game Design testing
- Hardware Development
- Hedonics
- Actionable Recommendations
- Ovo software
- Morae software
- DatStat
- Survey Gizmo
- Survey Monkey







# User Research Finds the Right Questions to Ask

- Customers needs a translator and so do teams
  - User research explores the customer's needs and conveys them to the team in a manner the team understands and can work with
- Developers and designers may not accurately know their customer or their needs
  - User research translates the team's questions into research questions that can provide actionable information in a timely manner

### **Product and Team Examples**

(Three of my many great teams)

**Concur Technologies** 

Xbox One end to end customer experience

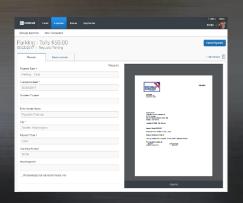
PowerMap Excel Plugin for 3D data visualization

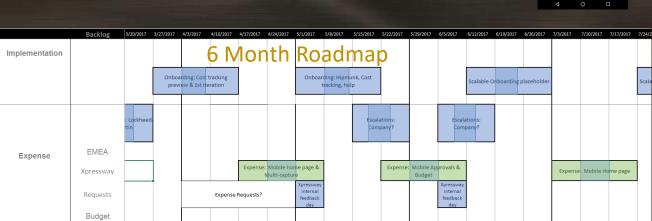
## Concur Technologies

Invoice

#### Multiple Teams – Multiple Research Needs

- UX Research Roadmaps for Stakeholders
- Coordinating with design & development
- Ethnographic Field studies
- Participatory design
- Iterative studies
- Remote studies
- Surveys
- User analytics





Early



### Reports Give Insight and Directions

Provide understanding of the users' experience

- Giving examples
  - Images hyperlink to supporting video clip

Giving actionable recommendations Not How the Approvals Screen is Organized

Users did not understand how Report
Approvals differed from other approvals

"Aren't they all reports of one kind of another?"

**Users Understand What Needs Approving But** 

Approvals differed from other approvals

No users understand the purpose of the grey categories below the active reports

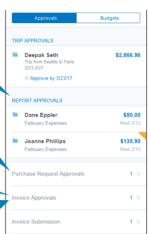
**Recommendation:** If we cannot show all items needing approval at the same level we should make local and non-local approvals look similar. For instance, maybe we should not show some approvals at the top level and make users drill into the categories regardless of whether item is local or not.

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"Approval requests above can also be found in these categories..."

"These are filters so I can view just these types of approval requests..."

"When reports are approved they go into these areas..."

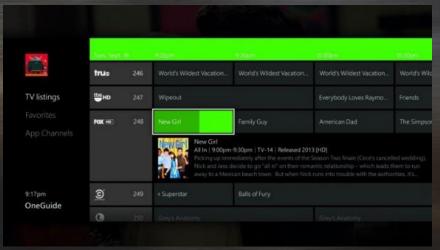


Answering "How big is the problem?"

### Xbox One User Experience

- Exploring the User's Journey
- Finding their needs
  - Golden Path Ethnography
  - Exploratory Testing
  - Paper Prototyping
  - Participatory Design
  - RITE Research
  - Task Analysis
  - Benchmarking
  - Competitive Product Benchmarks
  - Surveys
- Tutoring less experienced researchers







## PowerMap Excel Plugin





#### 3D Visualizations of Data

#### Problems?

- Development team's difficulty understanding customer expertise
- Backend development almost complete and limiting design options

#### Solutions –

- Team expectation interviews
- TAPS customer interviews
- Paired Adjectives testing
- Beta customer surveys
- Paper Prototyping
- Presentations of customer problems and requirements

### Working with the Product Team

- Working with stakeholders and projecting test methodologies and schedules according to development schedules
- Providing answers in ways the team can best use
  - Provide brief, regular summary emails to those not attending
  - Give end-of-testing Top Ten observations
  - Final report including recommendations worked on with team members
  - Research presentation of findings.
- Invite and encourage developers and designers to attend user testing
  - Observers help tally successes and failures during testing
  - Discuss the observations between participants and brainstorm potential solutions
- Educating the teams regarding user research and helping others advocate customer centered design
- Continued follow-up on design changes and recommendations
- Ensure buy-off of stake-holders