# **User Journeys**

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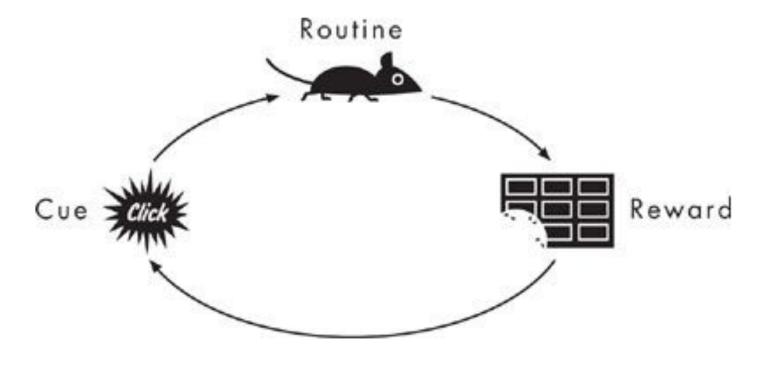


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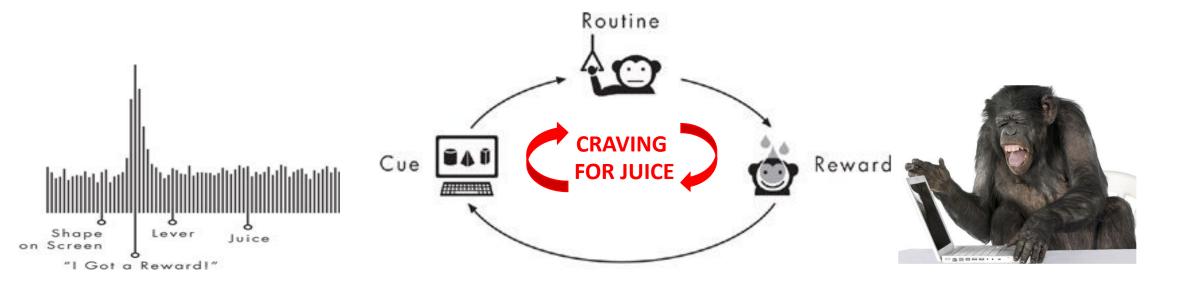


### The Habit Loop



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## The Habit Loop is Driven By Cravings



In a habit, what draws us to act is not the reward itself, but the need to **alleviate the craving for that reward**.



# Identify the user's **pain** and associate your product as the source of **relief**.

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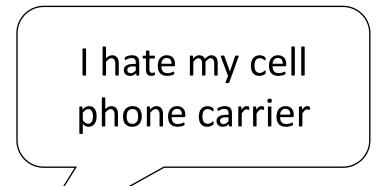
We must identify users pain to improve their experience.

# But.. If you ask "what causes you pain" you get answers like:

I hate paying taxes

I hate homework

I We want to get beyond the obvious, And get insights about what parts of this they hate up I hate my cell phone carrier To identify the users' pain points and *find opportunities to help them,* we need to dig into the details of their experience.



# What's the experience of switching mobile phone plans?

### Step 1. Find a real person who has done this recently.



### Jamie

## Step 2. Ask them about the last time the did it.



When was the last time you switched phone plans?

What made you want to do that?

What did you expect the experience to be like. Hard? Easy? Boring? Exciting?



#### JAMIE

**Scenario:** Jamie needs to switch her current mobile plan. She wants a plan that can save her money without having to sacrifice usage limits.

#### EXPECTATIONS

- Clear online information
- Ability to compare plan breakdowns
- Friendly and helpful customer support

## Why not ask a broad question: "What is like to switch phone plans?"



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People are better at accurately recalling a specific incident.

Asking about a general experience will force them to synthesize and generalize on the spot. We want to get data on one raw, authentic experience and synthesize it ourselves.

### Step 3. Listen to their story. Ask question to help elicit the chain of events. At each stage, ask:

What were they doing?

What were they thinking?

What were they saying?

### Step 4. Synthesize the experience into the states. Name them. Map out the emotional highs and lows.

DEFINE	COMPARE	NEGOTIATE	SELECT
<ul> <li>1. Review current plan</li> <li>2. Define parameters for new plan</li> <li>"I wonder if I can pay less."</li> <li>"I wonder if I can pay less."</li> <li>"That offer see like a better of the set of the</li></ul>			8. Decides on a new plan and calls customer service to switch service "Well, I guess that was all worth it."

# Step 5. Identify insights, opportunities and metrics.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Compare alternate companys' offers for her
- · Breakdown current plan into \$ amounts
- · Customer support via text messaging/chat

#### **INTERNAL OWNERSHIP + METRICS**

- Cusomer Support Team: reduce average call time to 2 minutes
- · Web Team: add funtionality to allow Jamie to compare plans within our site
- Marketing Team: track competing offers to create competitor database

# Let's try it.

"Tell me about a time you raised your hand in class and answered a question."

At each stage: What were you doing? What were you thinking? What were you saying?

#### NN/g customer journey map template

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# Now your turn -Try this exercise on a classmate.

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# Switch roles!

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But your not ready to design solutions yet.

## What are you missing?

## What kind of things would you ask me?

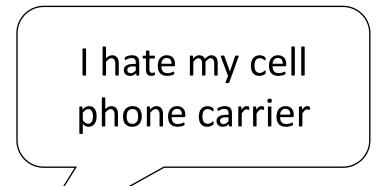
- When did you first start this policy?
  - What were your goals?
  - Expectations?
- What was your experience?

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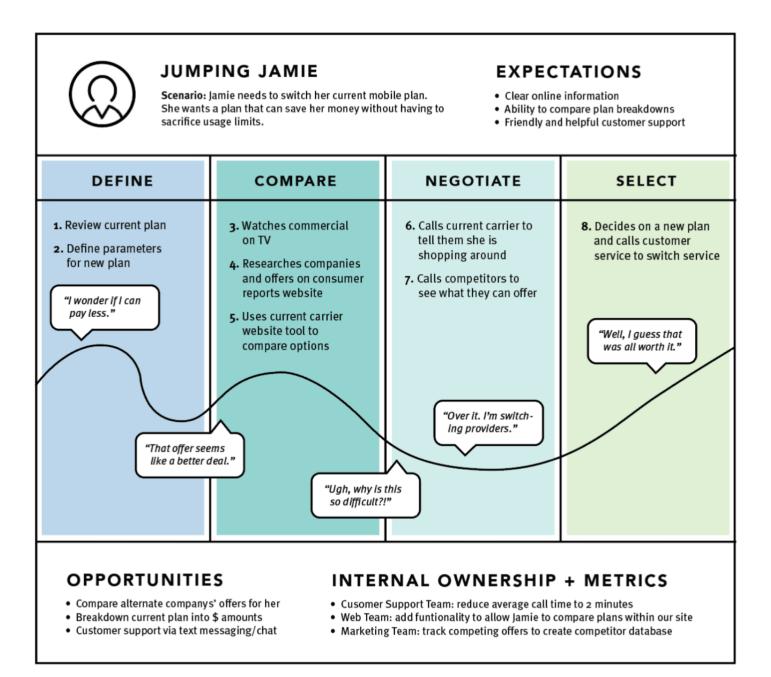


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#### **CUSTOMER JOURNEY MAP** *Example* (Switching Mobile Plans)



HW7 is out. Due **\*Friday\*** 3/13 4pm Do participation:

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