

# Product Ecology for the Elicitation of Requirements

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# About me

What, a tester?

Testing is an empirical, technical investigation conducted to provide stakeholders with information about the quality of the product under test.

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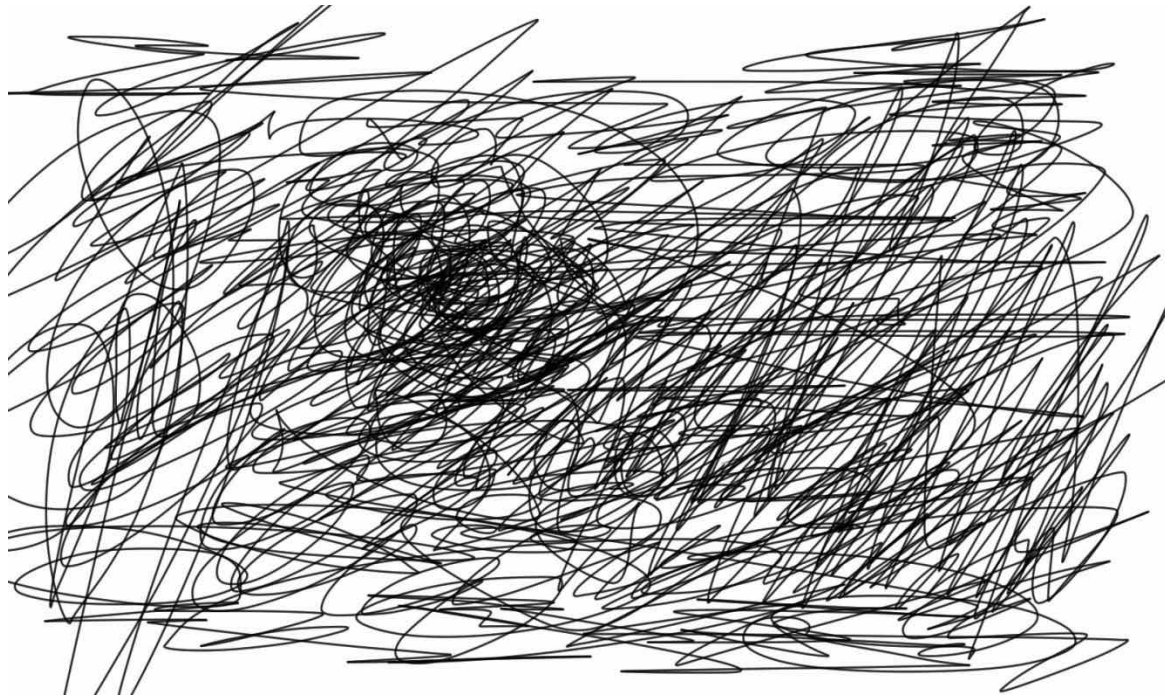
# Myth

Testing depends on documented requirements.

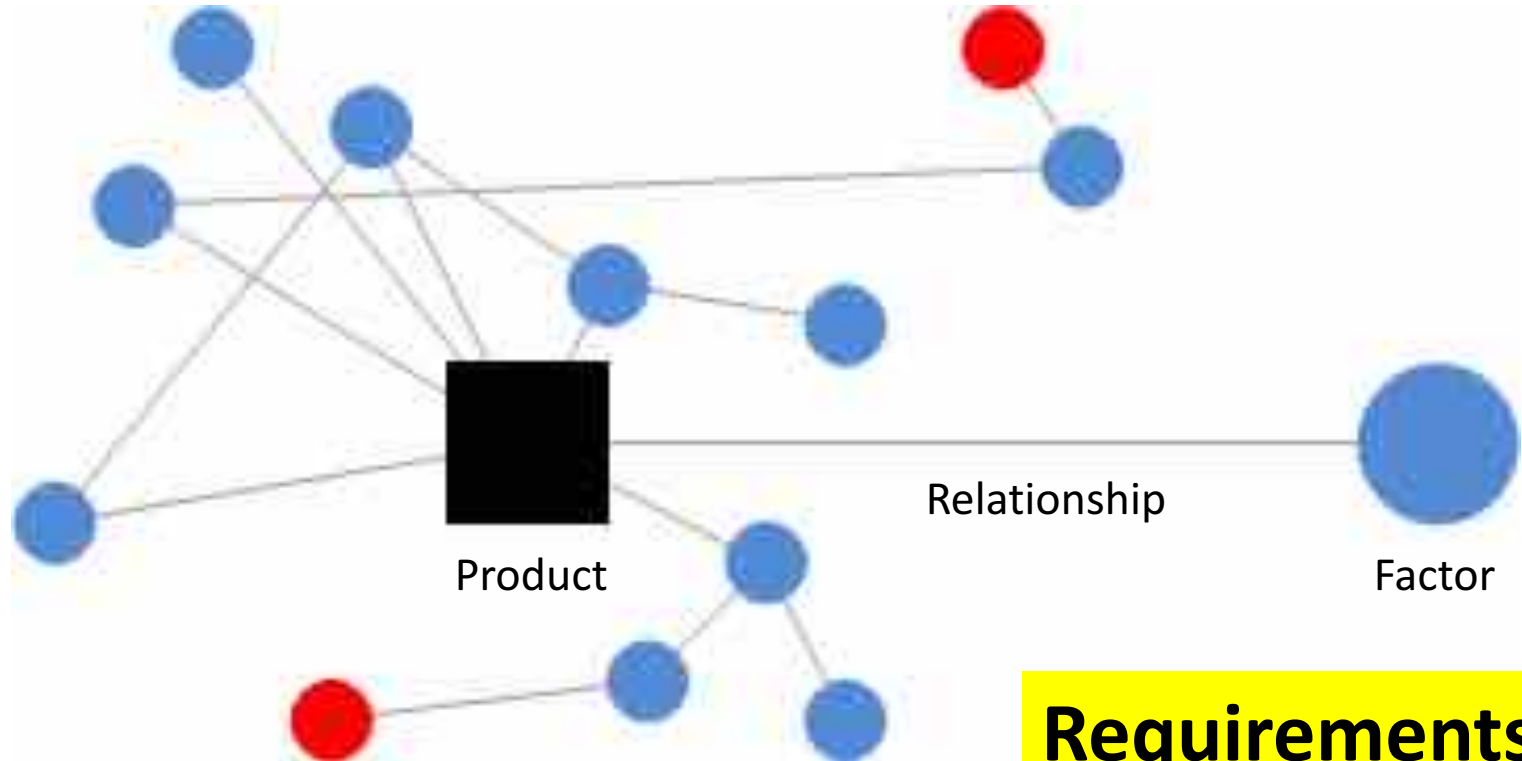
There is value in a high quality requirements document but it is often not available or maintained.

# Problem

The context of the product is unclear.



# A complex system



What factors influence the product and how?

What factors are influenced by the product and how?

Understanding one side of the interaction tells you little about the quality of the interaction.

# Product Ecology method

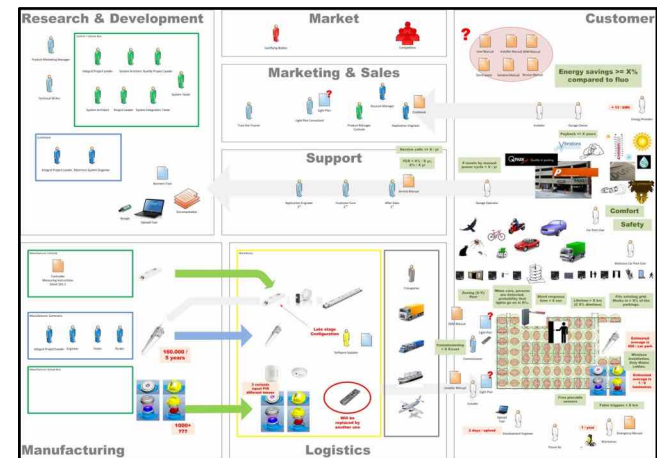
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1. making the invisible visible

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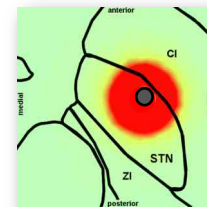
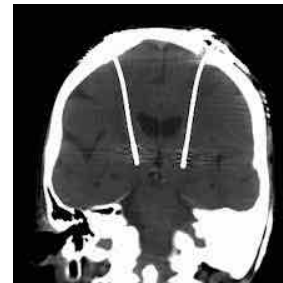
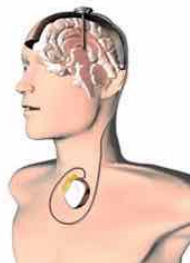
2. applying heuristics

to discover structures



# A pacemaker for the brain

- A Deep Brain Stimulation system that features an advanced DBS lead with 40 individual stimulation points
- This advanced system is designed to allow more precise stimulation of the intended target in the brain and may potentially result in reduced procedure time and fewer stimulation-induced side effects

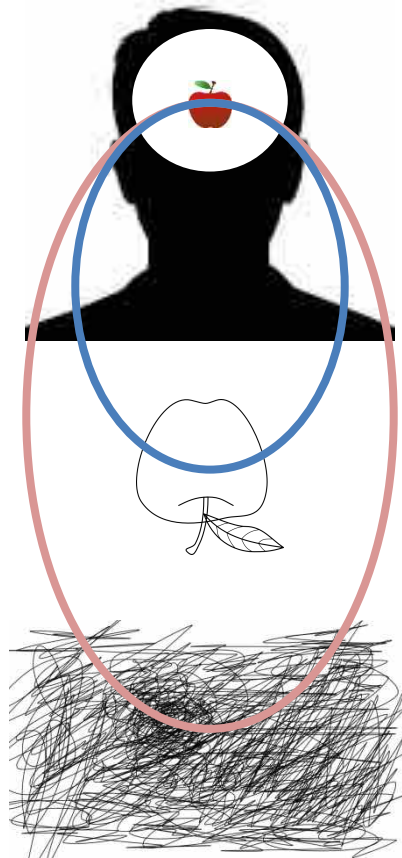


# Who are the stakeholders?

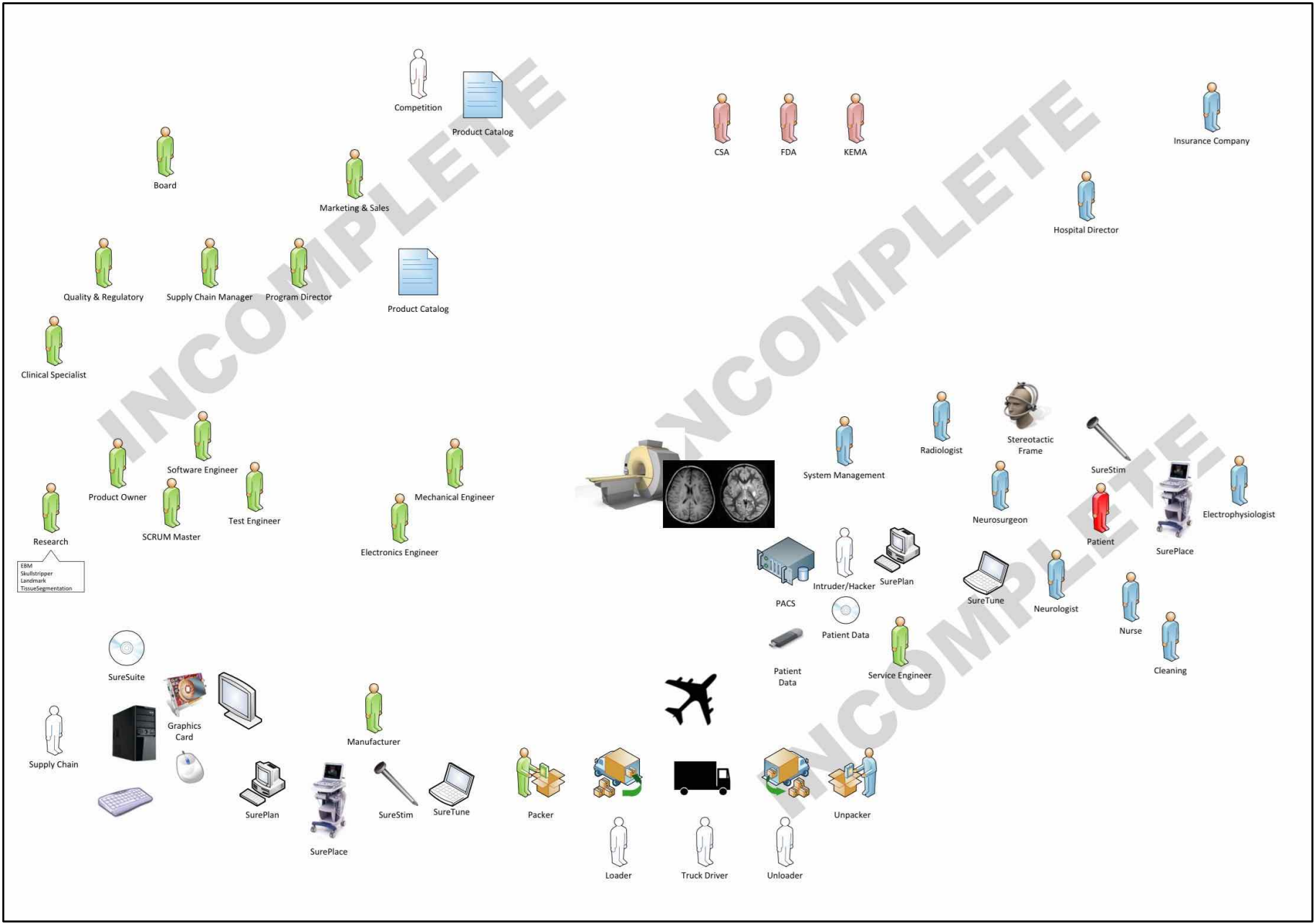




# Making the invisible visible



Clarifies the relationships existing between the parts of the whole.



EBM  
Skullstripper  
Landmark  
TissueSegmentation

# A lighting system for car parks

- Design a lighting system for car parks that consumes less energy than current systems
- Don't compromise on comfort feelings and safety
- ROI  $\leq$  2 years



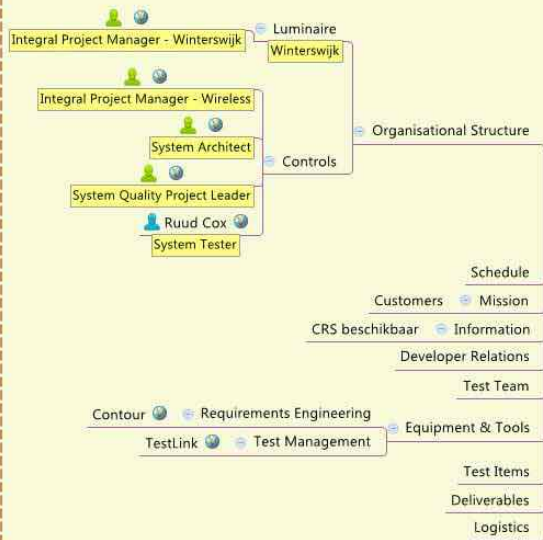
# Mark...

Competition

Law and Regulations

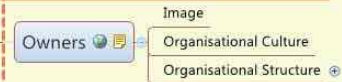
Philips Lighting

# Manufacturer



## Context Analysis

# Customer



## Problem

Energy cost

## Parking

Product-by-Service with Problem

Stakeholders and Users

Structure

Function

Data

Interfaces

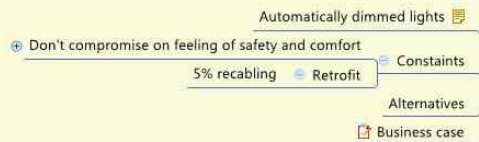
Platform

Operations

Time

Ask owner for Operational Profiles

## Solution



## Lighting System



# What is a heuristic?

A fallible method of solving a problem.

Simple rules and shortcuts, comprehensive procedures, or even sophisticated software tools.

Fallibility implies that wisdom and responsibility are critical.

# Heuristics

Producer, Market, Consumer

Problem, Solution

What is the problem that we are trying to solve?

What is our solution to the problem?

What other solutions were proposed or evaluated?

Product, People, Process

What are the elements of the product?

How are the people organized? Project? Departments?

What does the product development process look like?

**Market**

**Producer**

**People**

**Process**

**Solution**

**Product**

**Consumer**

**People**

**Problem**

**Product's Context**

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Philips Lighting

Integral Project Manager - Winterswijk  
Luminaire  
Winterswijk

Integral Project M

System Quality Project Leader

Ruud Cox

System Tester

Project Environment

Organizational Structure

Schedule

Customers

Mission

CRS beschikbaar

Information

Contour

TestLink

**Process**

Test items

Deliverables

Logistics

Automatically c

Don't compromise on feeling of safety and comfort

5% recabling

Retrof

Business case

Developers

Testers

**Consumer**

**People**

**Problem**

**Product's Context**

Time

Rogier Delnoij  
 Functie: Owner Sensing  
 PIR - tek. Byenhuif.  
 EEC 604.

Peter Fitzki ARCH.  
 Zigbee team

Competition.

regulations.

core team Wo 11-12-

market segment.

Uncertainties  
 system payback time.  $\leq 2$  yrs.

Owner (Qpart)

Richard and Pats.

org culture.

Business

Image  
 - empathetic  
 - trust worthy  
 - knowledgeable  
 - courageous  
 - experimenting.

Business

org culture.

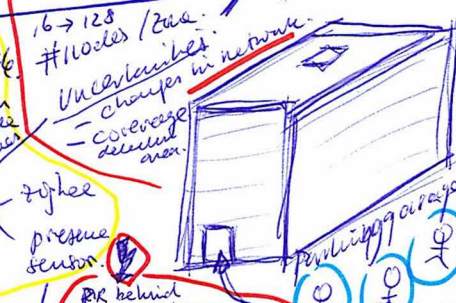
org structure

why? -

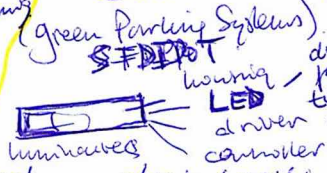
reduce energy costs.  
 (lighting 70% van)  
 energy costs.  
 without compromise on safety  
 unsafe feelings customers.

sys arch.  
 PST  
 did not react on any  
 move.

Problem



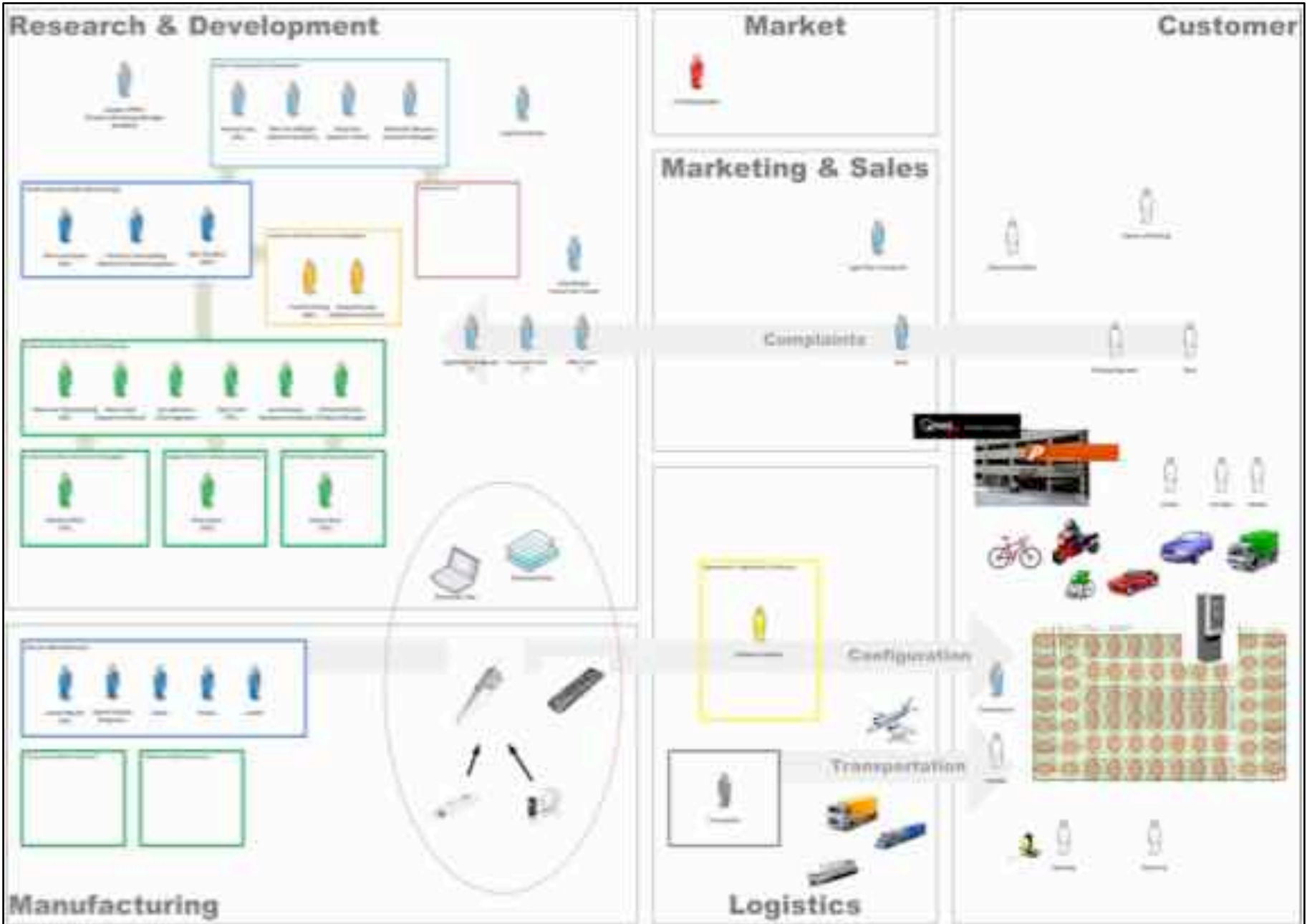
Solution



org structure.  
 Philips Professional Lighting Solutions.  
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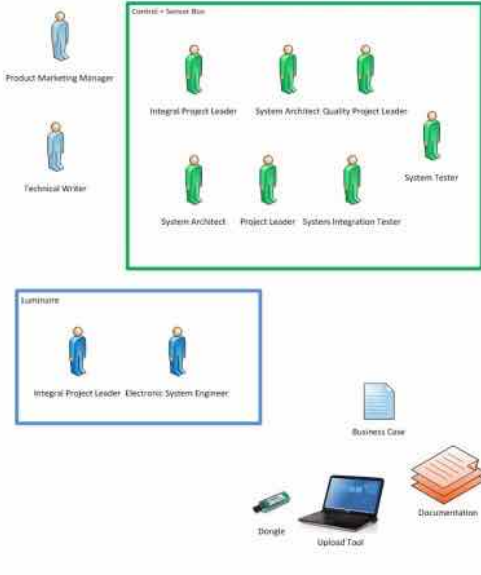
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Supply/Value Chain

Product Life-cycle

User Scenarios

# Research & Development



# Market



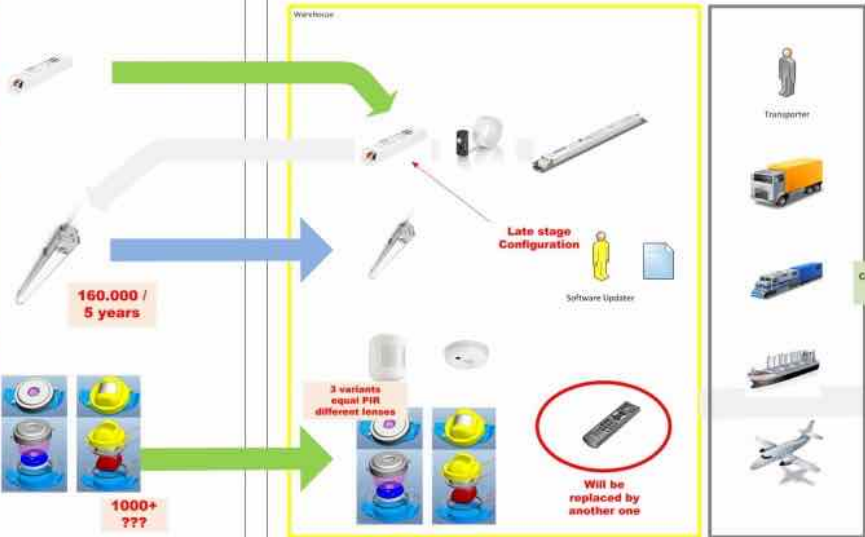
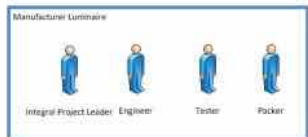
# Marketing & Sales



# Support



# Customer



# Manufacturing

# Logistics

# Prevention and recovery of RSI

- Workrave is a program that assists in the recovery and prevention of Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI)
- The program frequently alerts you to take micro-pauses, rest breaks and restricts you to your daily limit



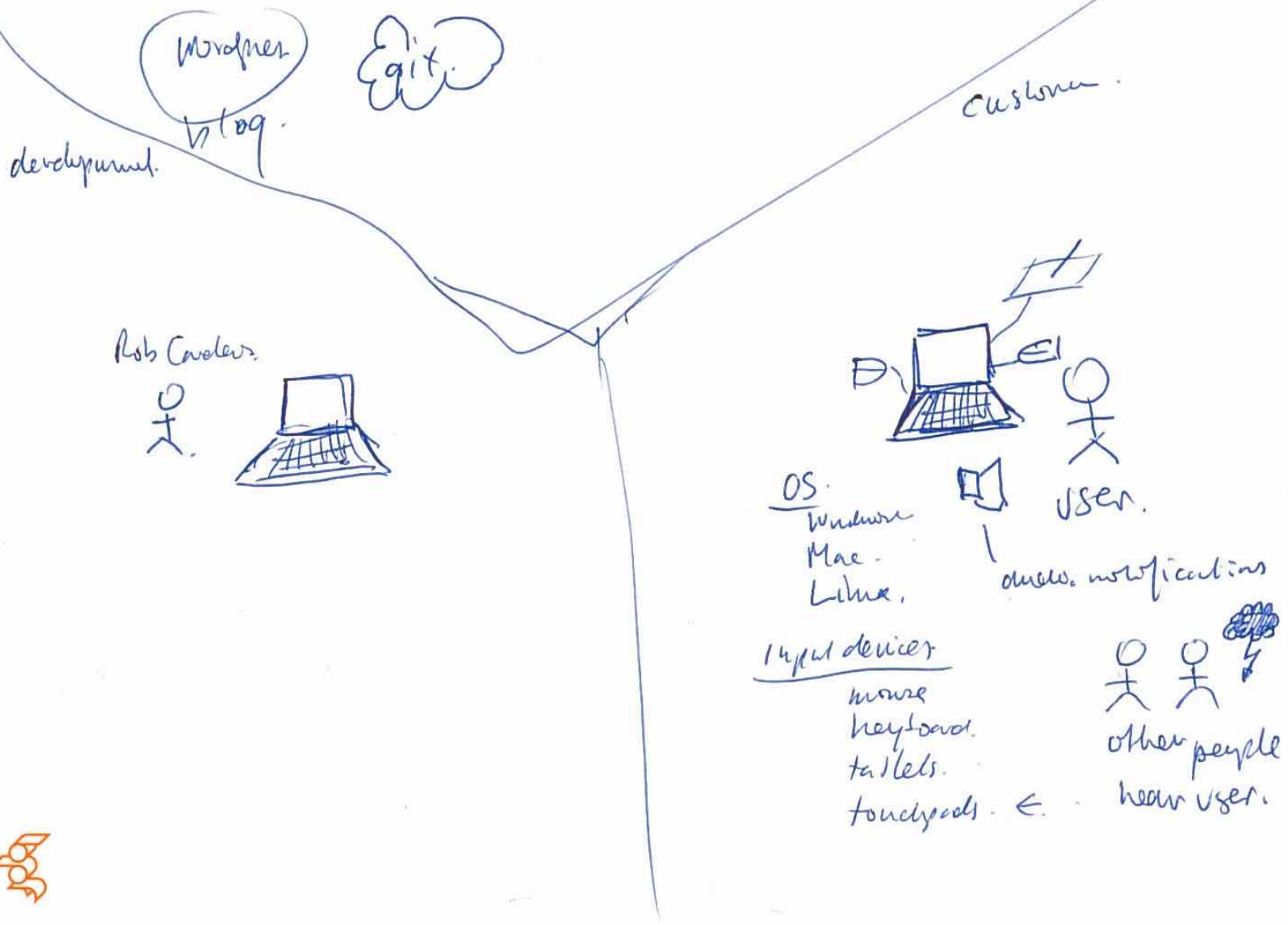
The break prelude window, bugging you to take a micro-pause:



If you give in to the annoying prelude window, this is your reward:



# product ecology



Supply Chain



GitHub

Market/Competition



Open Source -  
How to model other dev's?



An overview of the research on RSI and the effectiveness of breaks

research.  
validity of  
breaks. +  
break duration.

Law & regulations



Research & Development

Open Source dev?



Developer, Tester

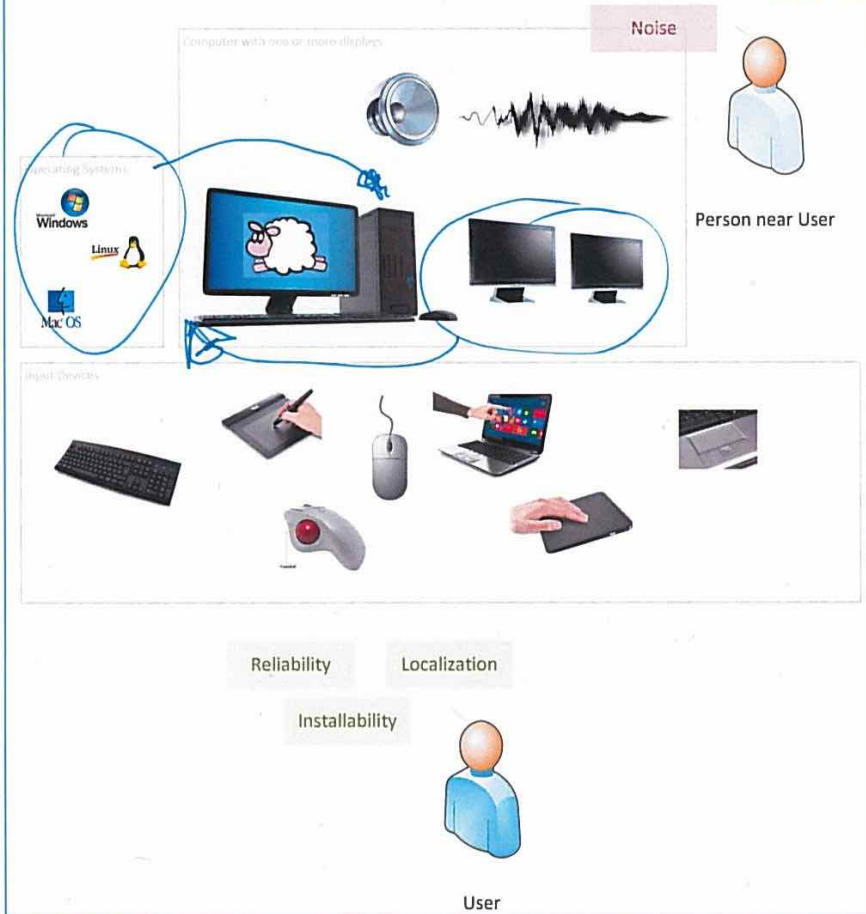
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Portability



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Customer



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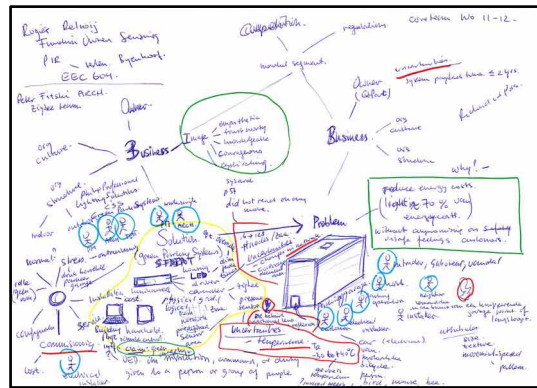
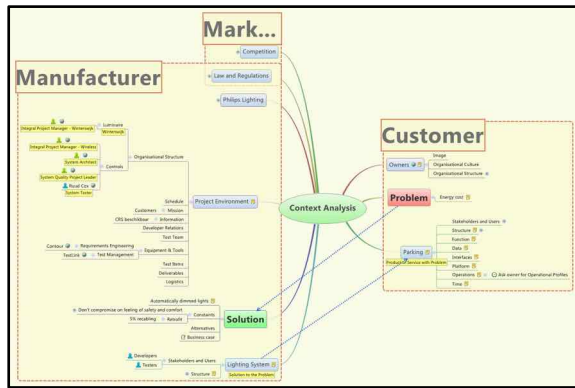
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# Representations



A new situation might require a change of representation.  
(Re)structure, dual-task effect.



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# Requirements identification

Quality is in the relationships between the product and its environment

Holistic; more than operational context

Social impact; more than technological impact





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