

# Expert Evaluation To Improvement

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## Facilitation Script

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Category: Research | Duration: 1 day | Participants: 6-12

### Workshop Overview

This systematic, analytical workshop focuses on professional usability evaluation and structured improvement planning. Using established heuristic evaluation methods combined with collaborative analysis techniques and strategic prioritization frameworks, teams will learn to identify usability issues systematically, organize findings meaningfully, and create actionable improvement roadmaps based on rigorous impact and effort analysis. Perfect for teams needing to move from identifying problems to implementing solutions. Part of [LUMA](#) collection.

### Workshop Objectives

- Conduct thorough heuristic evaluations using established usability principles - Organize diverse findings through systematic affinity clustering techniques - Prioritize improvements using strategic importance/difficulty analysis frameworks - Create actionable improvement roadmaps with clear implementation phases - Build team skills in systematic usability evaluation and improvement planning - Transform expert insights into practical development priorities

### Learning Outcomes

- Validated designs through user testing - Documented usability findings and recommendations - Prioritized improvements based on evidence - Conduct thorough heuristic evaluations using established usability principles - Organize diverse findings through systematic affinity clustering techniques - Prioritize improvements using strategic importance/difficulty analysis frameworks - Create actionable improvement roadmaps with clear implementation phases - Build team skills in systematic usability evaluation and improvement planning - Transform expert insights into practical development priorities

### Materials Required

**Heuristic Review Station:** - Printed heuristic evaluation checklists (Nielsen's 10 principles) - Severity rating scales and evaluation forms - Individual review templates and clipboards - Sticky note pads for issue capture - Products/prototypes to evaluate (2-3 different systems) **Affinity Clustering Station:** - Large wall space or multiple whiteboards - Sticky notes in multiple colors for categorization - Thick markers for clear writing and labeling - Clustering framework templates - Category naming cards and labels **Priority Matrix Station:** - Large importance/difficulty matrix templates (poster-sized) - Evaluation criteria cards for consistent assessment - Plotting materials: sticky notes and markers - Impact assessment worksheets - Effort estimation guides **Roadmap Planning Station:** - Timeline templates and planning sheets - Resource allocation worksheets - Dependency mapping materials - Implementation phase templates - Project planning frameworks **General Workshop Materials:** - Timer for structured activities - Documentation cameras - Laptops for accessing digital products - Presentation materials for final sharing

### Pre-Workshop Checklist

- Room setup complete with tables arranged for group work
- All materials prepared and distributed

- Technology tested (projector, slides, timer)
- Participant list and name tags ready
- Refreshments arranged (if applicable)
- Backup activities prepared in case of time adjustments
- Emergency contacts and room information noted

## Workshop Agenda

Time	Duration	Activity	Facilitator Notes
9:00 AM	15 min	<b>Activity</b>	Encourage networking. Have refreshments ready.
9:15 AM	10 min	<b>Activity</b>	Start and end sessions mindfully with brief personal sharing. Check-ins help people arrive mentally ...
9:25 AM	60 min	<b>Activity</b>	Heuristic evaluation is a fast, expert-based method for finding usability problems. Evaluators revie...
10:25 AM	15 min	<b>Activity</b>	Encourage networking. Have refreshments ready.
10:40 AM	50 min	<b>Activity</b>	Cognitive walkthrough evaluates how easy a design is to learn by walking through tasks step by step,...
11:30 AM	45 min	<b>Activity</b>	Experts can spot problems quickly. Heuristic review uses established principles to evaluate designs ...
12:15 PM	60 min	<b>Activity</b>	Encourage networking. Have refreshments ready.
1:15 PM	25 min	<b>Activity</b>	Organize and cluster ideas by themes through collaborative sorting. Transform individual sticky note...
1:40 PM	40 min	<b>Activity</b>	Part of LUMA collection. *Conquering chaos by organizing items according to similarity* After rese...
2:20 PM	15 min	<b>Activity</b>	Encourage networking. Have refreshments ready.
2:35 PM	40 min	<b>Activity</b>	Part of LUMA collection. ---You have lots of ideas but limited resources. This matrix helps you dec...
3:15 PM	50 min	<b>Activity</b>	Part of LUMA collection. ---Cluster prioritization using impact/effort assessment - Evaluate each...
4:05 PM	10 min	<b>Activity</b>	Quick democratic prioritization using voting dots. Each participant receives limited number of votes...
4:15 PM	15 min	<b>Activity</b>	Encourage networking. Have refreshments ready.

## Facilitation Script

### Opening (5-10 minutes)

SAY:

"Welcome everyone to the **Expert Evaluation To Improvement**. I'm excited to have you here today. Over the next 1 day, we'll be working together to [main objective]."

"Before we begin, let's go around and do quick introductions - your name, role, and one thing you're hoping to take away from today."

**Facilitator Tip:** Arrive 15-30 minutes early to set up the space and greet early arrivers. This builds rapport and helps participants feel comfortable.

### Setting Expectations

SAY:

"Let me share a few ground rules for our time together:

- Every idea is valid - there are no bad ideas in brainstorming
- Build on each other's ideas - use 'Yes, and...' thinking
- Stay present - phones away unless for an emergency
- Timebox discussions - I'll keep us on track
- Have fun - the best ideas come when we're relaxed and engaged

Any questions before we dive in?"

### **Closing & Next Steps (10-15 minutes)**

SAY:

"As we wrap up, let's take a moment to reflect on what we've accomplished today."

"I'd like each person to share one key insight or takeaway from our session."

**Facilitator Tip:** Capture action items on a flip chart or shared document. Assign owners and due dates for each action item before ending.

## **Post-Workshop Actions**

- Send thank you email with workshop summary within 24 hours
- Share photos of artifacts (sticky notes, sketches, etc.)
- Distribute any promised resources or templates
- Schedule follow-up if needed
- Collect feedback via survey
- Document learnings for future workshops

## **Troubleshooting Guide**

### **If Participants Are Quiet**

- Use round-robin techniques to ensure everyone speaks
- Try silent writing exercises before group discussion
- Break into smaller groups of 2-3 people
- Ask specific individuals for their perspective

### **If Discussion Goes Off-Track**

- Acknowledge the point and park it in a "Parking Lot"
- Redirect: "That's interesting - let's capture that and return to our focus area"
- Reference the agenda and time remaining

### **If Running Behind Schedule**

- Shorten break times (but don't eliminate them)
- Combine related activities
- Move detailed discussions to follow-up sessions
- Be transparent with participants about time constraints

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This script is a guide - adapt it to your audience and context