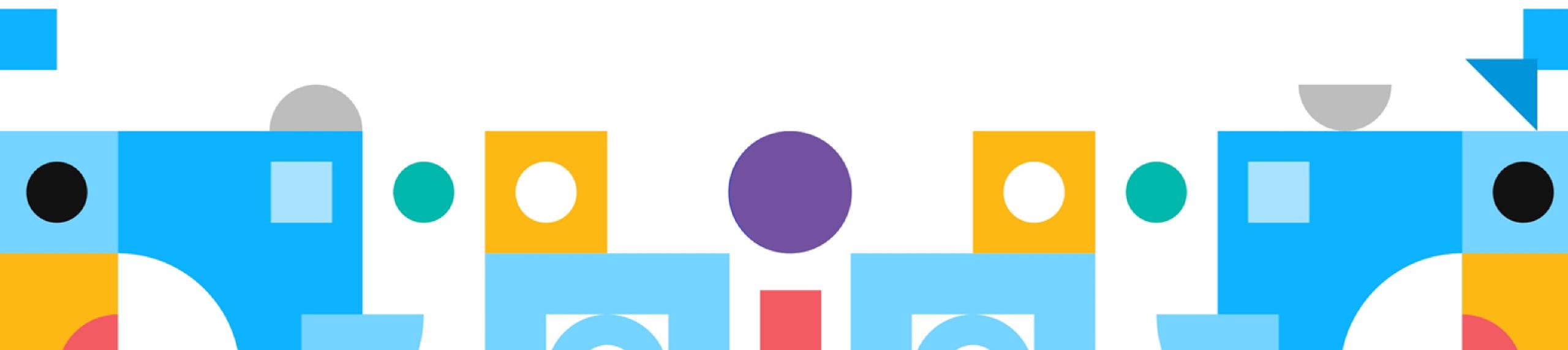


# The Path To Become A UX Research Leader







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## In 20 minutes, I'll share:

## Step Into the UX Research World

Starter kit for fresh graduates, new entry or mid-level professionals who want to get into the UX Research field.

# The Path to become a UXR Leader

All you need to know about what it takes to become a UX Research Leader.





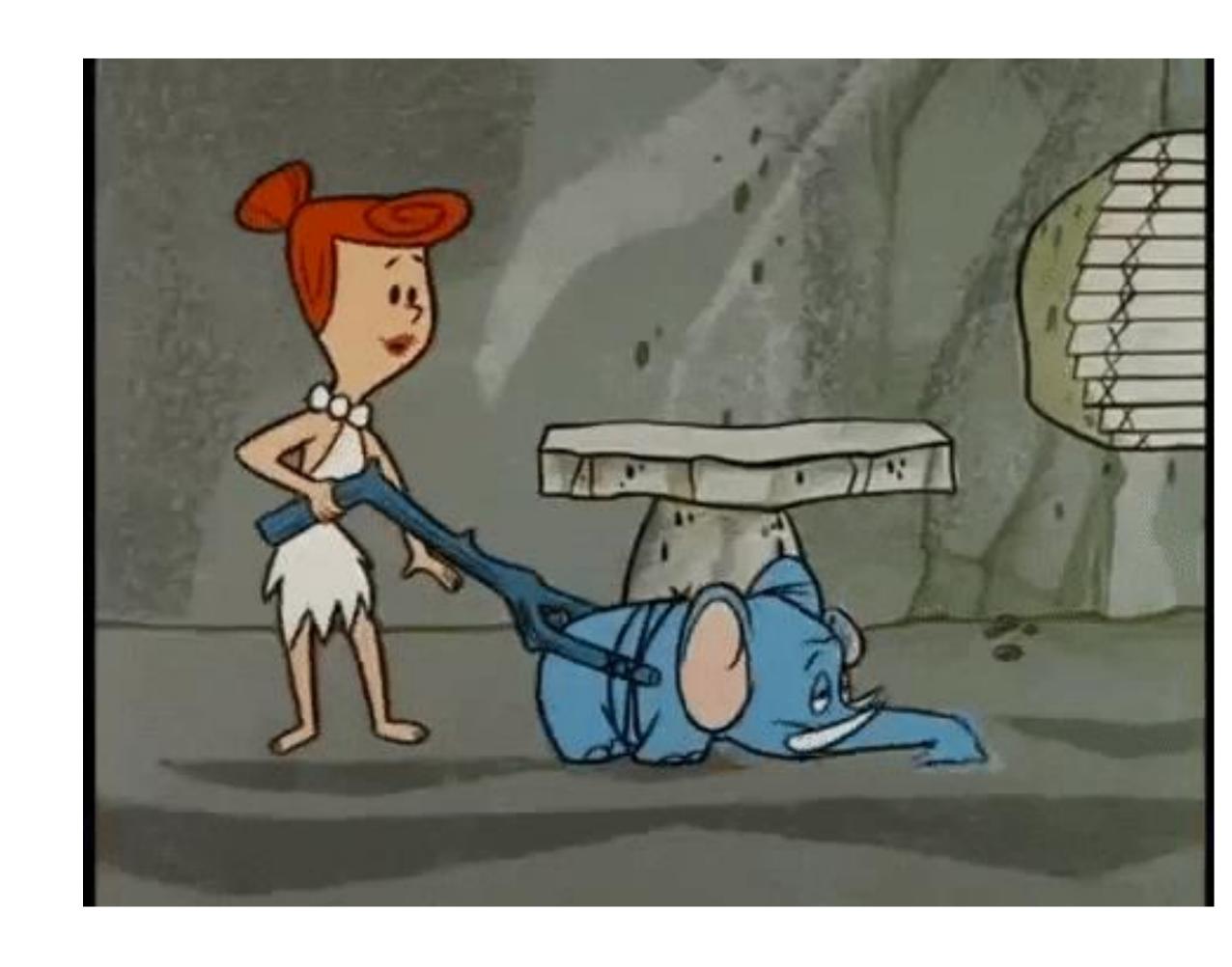


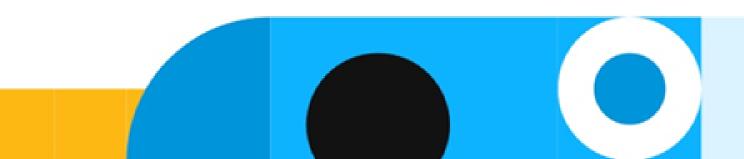
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## The Origin of UX Research



One of the defining characteristics of human nature is that we make and use tools<sup>1)</sup>.









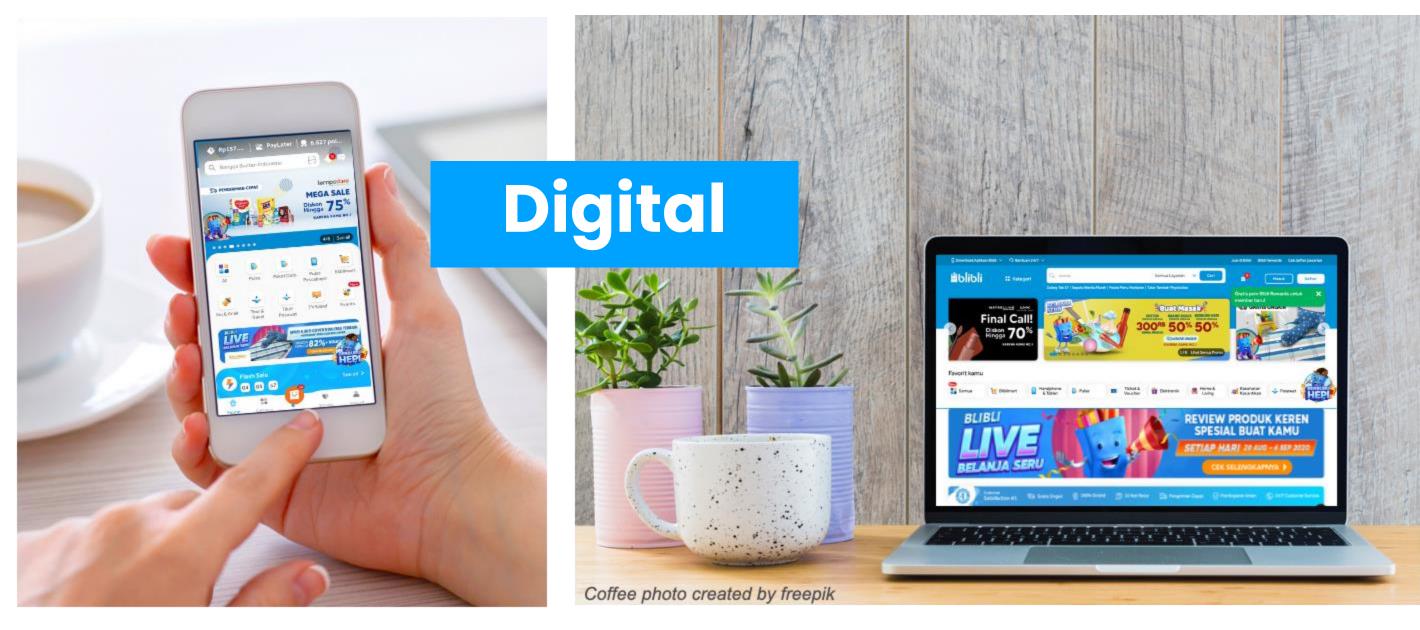
### **UX Research**

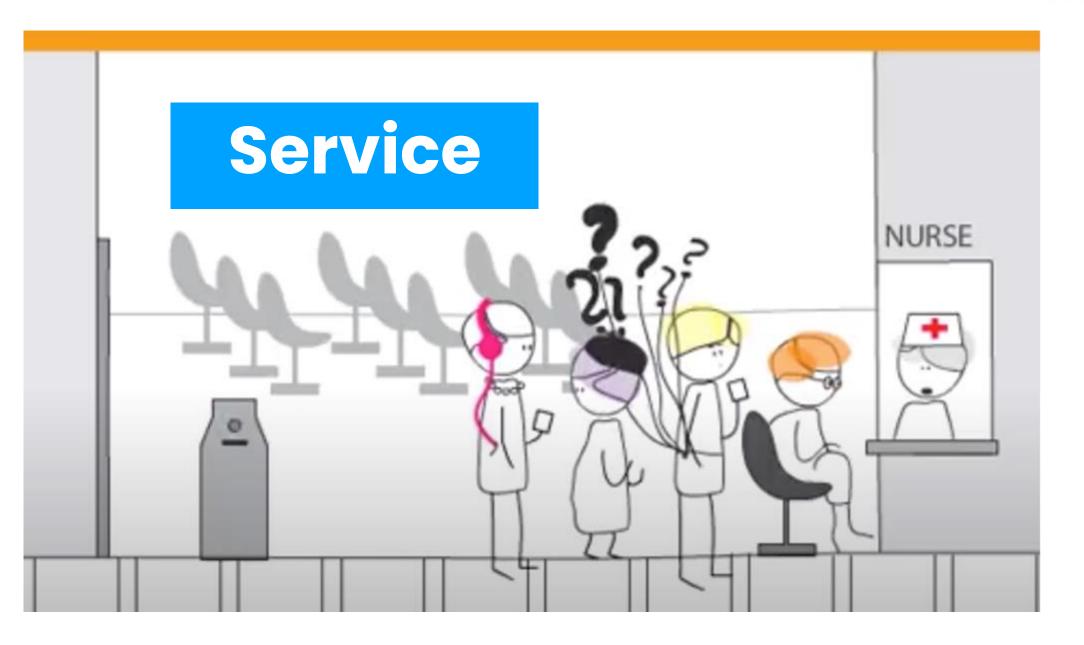
"User research is the systematic study of the goals, needs, and capabilities of users so as to specify design, construction, or improvement of tools to benefit how users work and live".

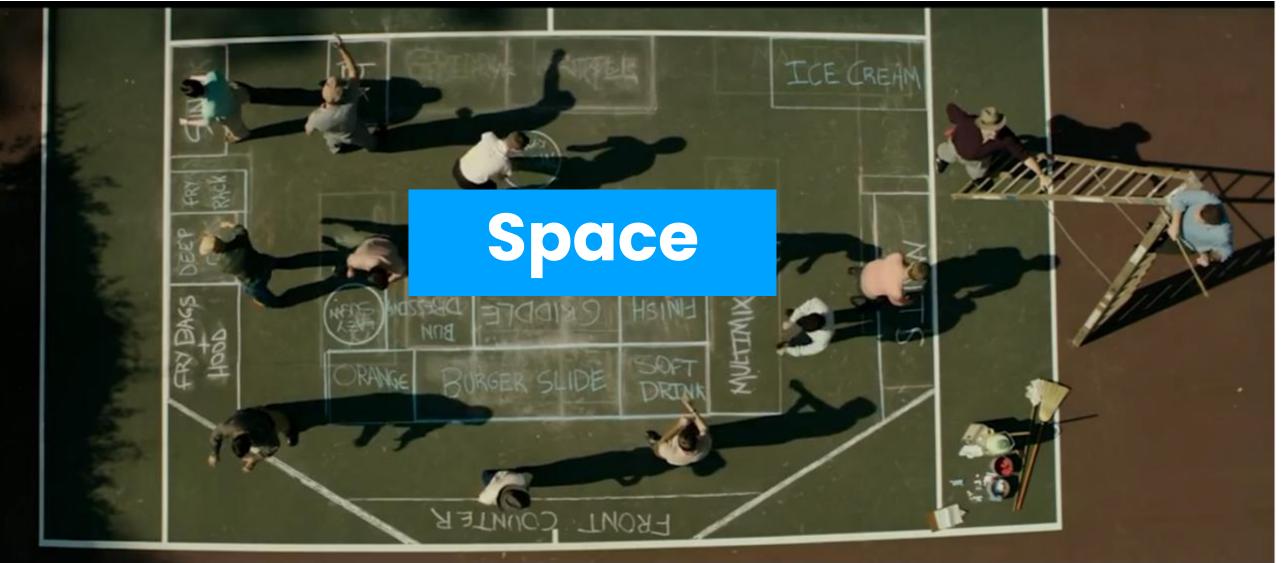
One of the elements/constructs of User research is User Experience.

## User Experience











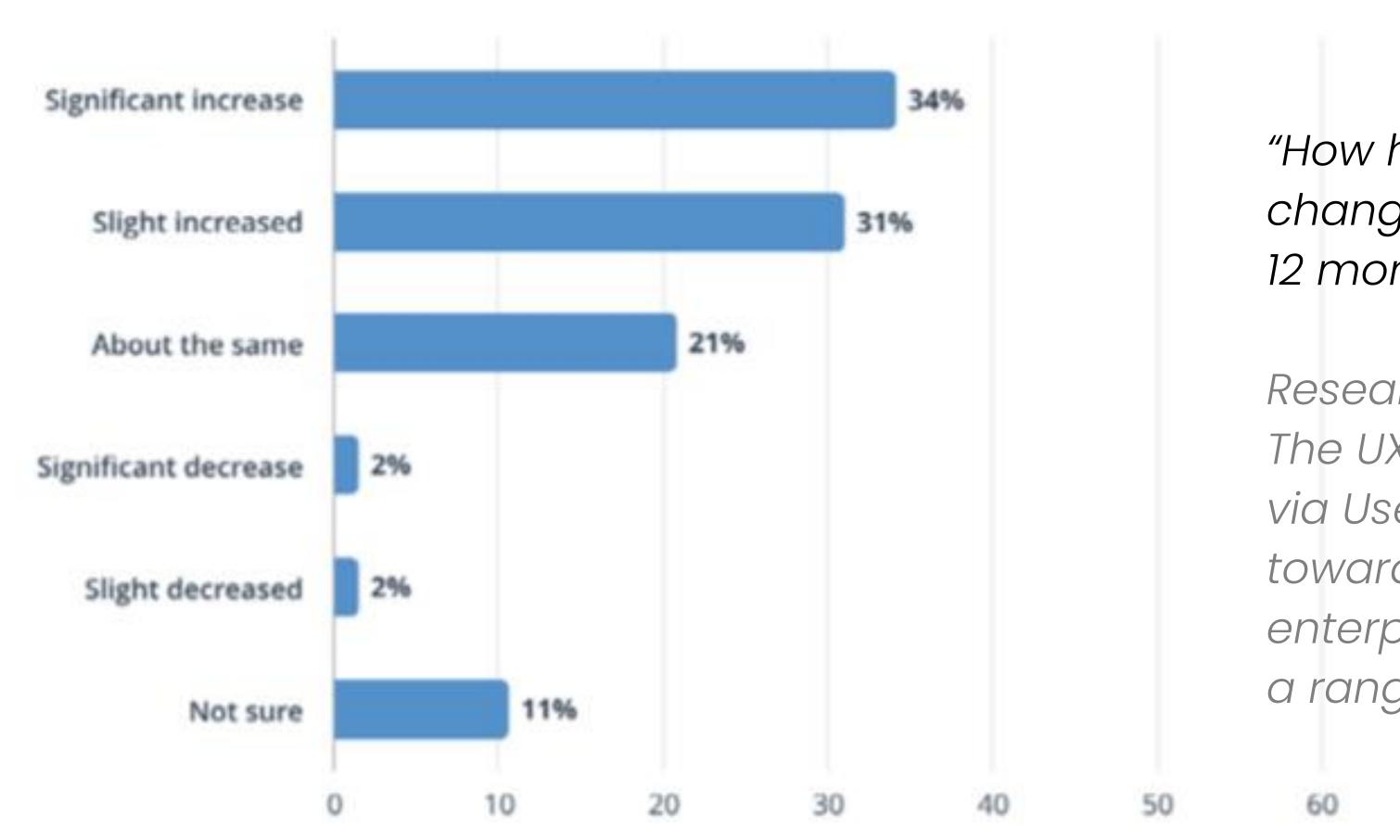
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## User Research Trend





"How has the demand for UX Research changed in the last 12 months?

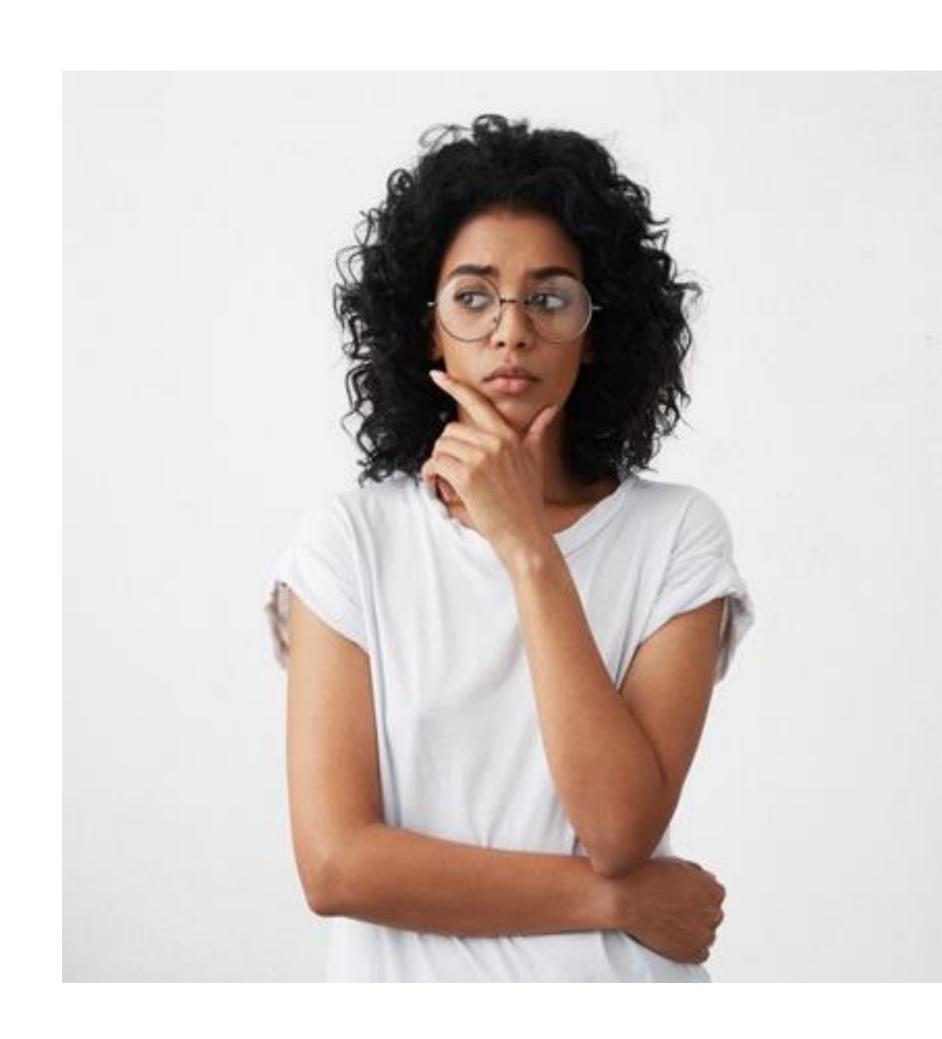
Research was conducted by
The UX Insights Company,
via User Zoom,
towards 222 participants from global
enterprise-level companies with
a range of major industries.

## How to become a UX Researcher



#### **Educational Background**

- Undergraduate/postgraduate degree
- Often from Social Science (psychology, anthropology, sociology), Behavioral Science
- Human Centered Design, Computer Science
- Marketing and Communication science
- Other related background with interest in human behavior & technology



## How to become a UX Researcher



#### **Hard Skills**

- Design Thinking Process
- Statistics
- Analysis & Synthesis
- Project Management
- Building Report &
   Presentation
- Facilitating Workshop

#### **Soft Skills**

- High curiosity
- Eager to learn
- Empathy
- Critical Thinking
- Independent but also collaborative

## Think about Changing Career?



#### S.T.A.R METHOD



2. THINK & ASSESS





## The Path to become a UX Research Leader

## Role of Leaders



UX Goals → to become a great UX : "helping company to shape products with a great user experience"













**UX Leadership opportunity** 

Capable UX team

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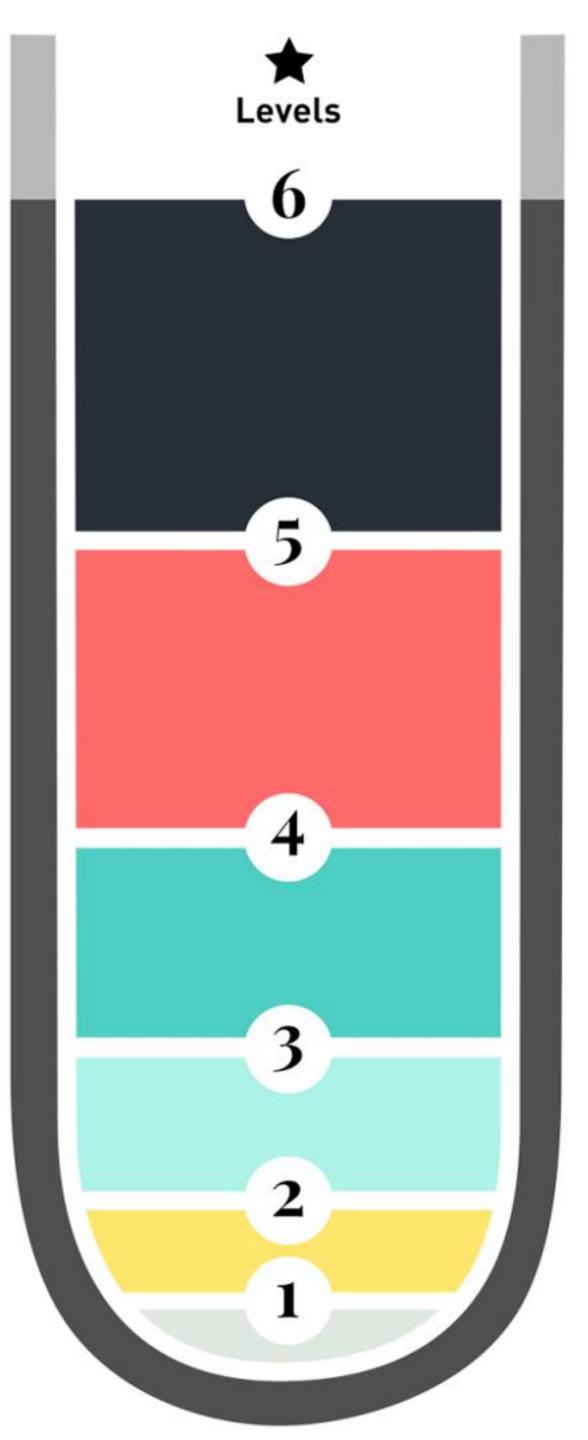
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Six pillars supporting great UX"









#### User-centered - 3 years ahead

Corporate strategy is driven by UX and has turned into a belief system.

#### Embedded - the present

Experience has broken through to the non-digital realm and a true omnichannel strategy is applied.

#### Committed - 4 years behind

UX strategy is applied across the organization for digital experiences.

#### Invested - 7 years behind

UX is important to build a better product.

#### Interested - 15 years behind

Selected few within the organization in what design can do.

#### Oblivious - Light years behind

The organization is hostile toward

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## Management VS Leadership



#### Managers

- Have people who work for them
- Have process to maintain
- Count value
- Assign tasks
- Maximize efficiency
- General (the same approach applied to all employees)

#### Leaders

- Have people who follow them
- Have a vision to fulfill
- Create value
- Define purpose
- Nurture skills and develop talent
- Tend to be more personalized (have more personal approach)





## 7 Things You Need to Know if You Aspire to be a Leader





1. Know your vision







## 2. Find out the Career Path







# 3. Collect information about expectation / requirements





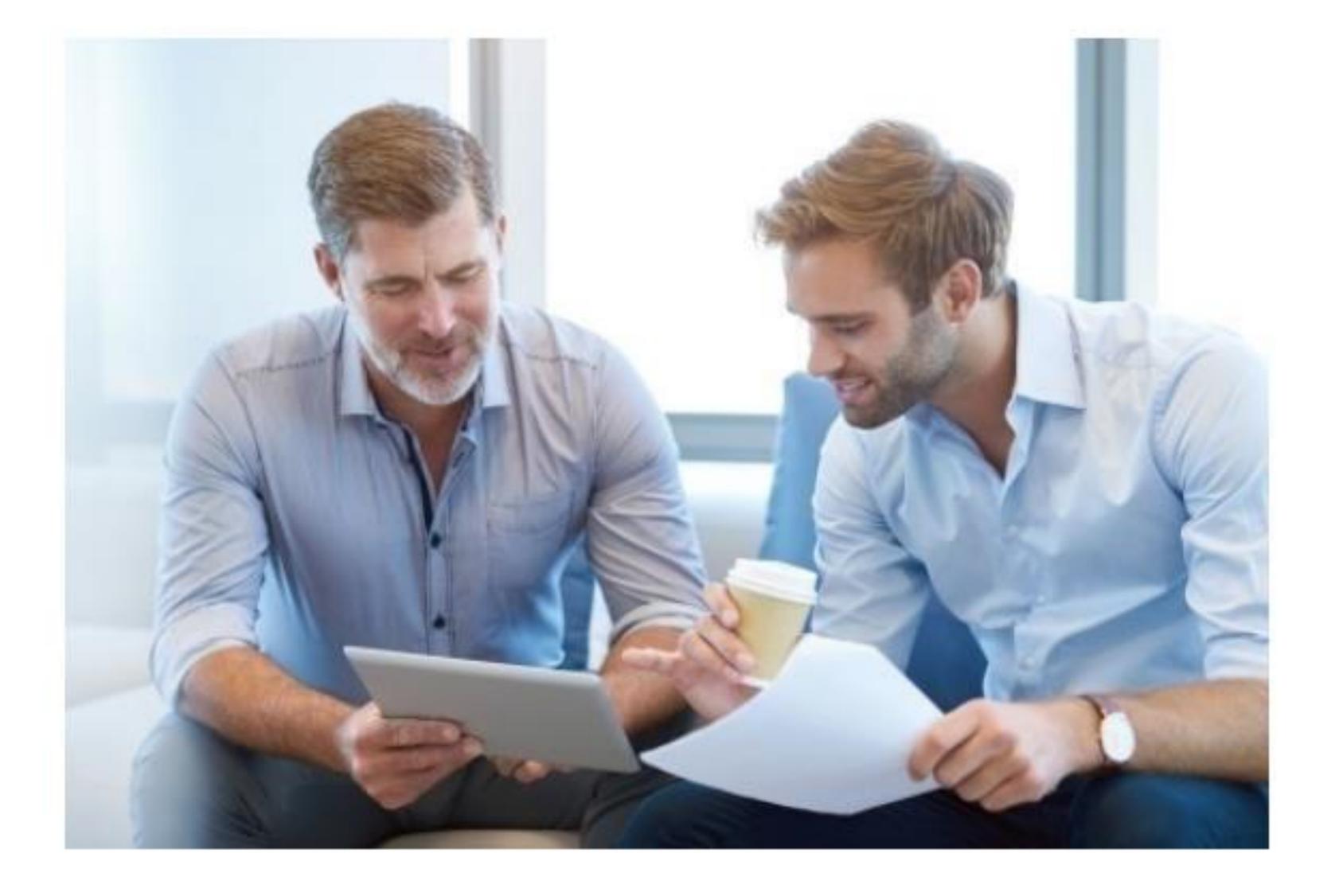
# 4. Know type of leadership you aspire to be & identify your potential



5. Improve yourself!







# 6. Demonstrate your capability as potential leader





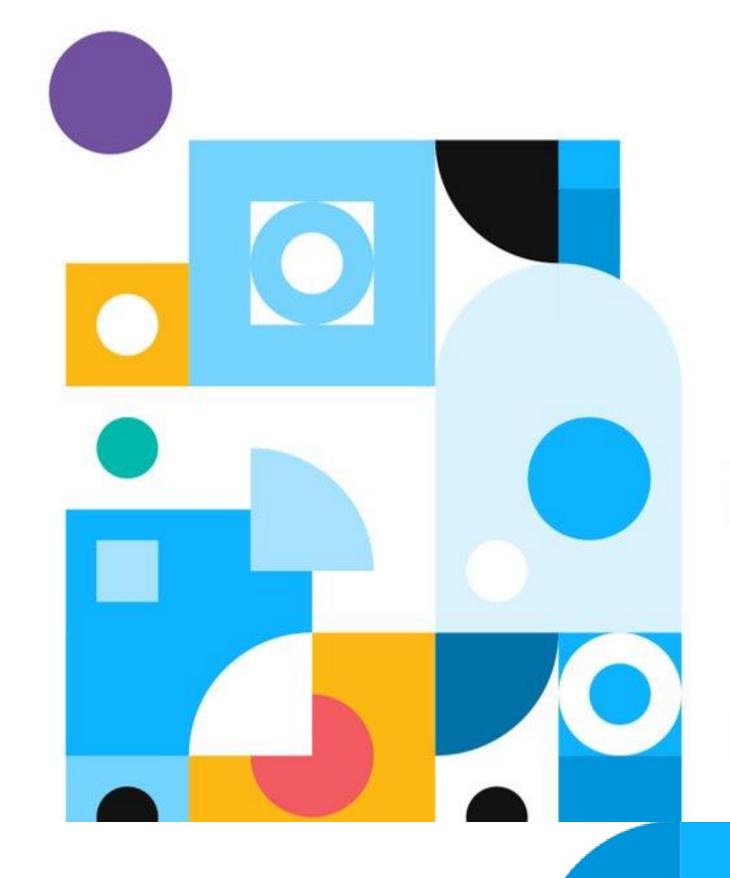
# 7. Be prepared and follow the process

#### Summary

- UX Research demand has increased in the last 12 months since more company over the world see that User Experience has become a competitive differentiator.
- If you want to become a UX Researcher, you must sharpen the UX Research's hard and soft skills.
- If you want to switch career and become a
   UX Researcher, asses the decision using
   STAR method (Stop Think & Assess Act Reevaluate).
- If you aspire to be a UXR leader, there's 7
   things you need to know (Vision Career path Expectation/requirement Type of leadership/your potential Practice Demonstrate Follow & enjoy the process)



## Thank you!



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