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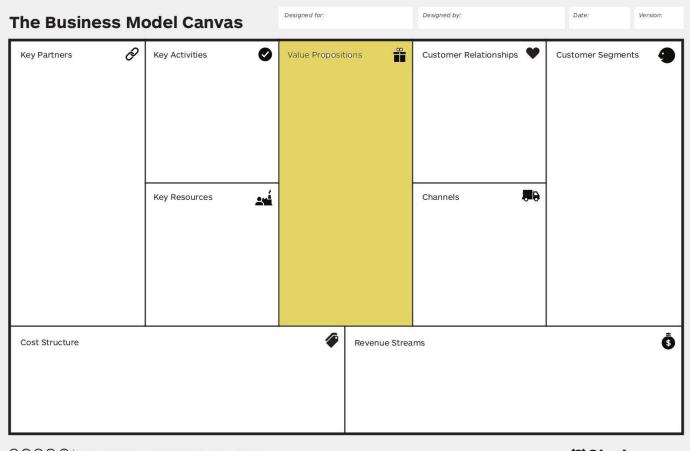
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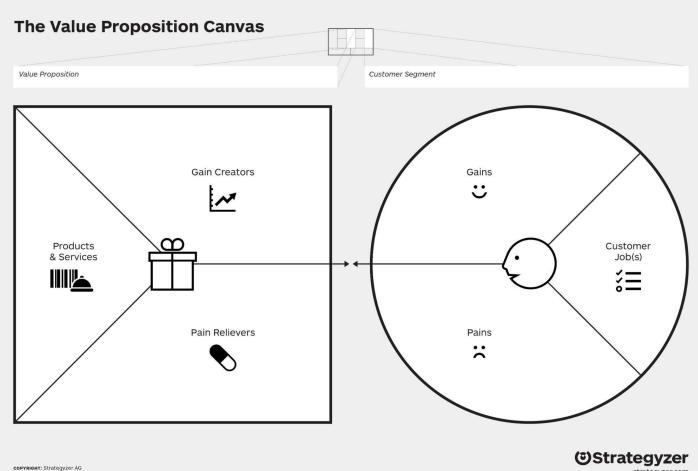
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Value Proposition is the Key!

- The Value Proposition box is the center of the canvas because it is the most important and first step in developing your startup.
- Why? It's how you provide value!
- Removing pains and increasing gains





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Activity 1

- Fill out left side of Value Proposition Canvas
 - 1. What product/service are you providing?
 - 2. Which pains are removed when someone buys your product?
 - 3. Which gains are created?

[Work alone for 5 minutes, then find a partner and work together for 5 additional minutes.]





Activity 2

- Fill out right side of Value Proposition Canvas. Based on the left side of your canvas:
 - 1. What gains (benefits) does your customer receive?
 - 2. What pains (negative experiences) are eliminated?
 - 3. What tasks do they perform (customer jobs)?

[Work alone for 5 minutes, then find a partner and work together for 5 additional minutes.]





Ad-libs are a great way to quickly shape alternative directions for your value proposition. They force you to pinpoint how exactly you are going to creating value. Prototype three to five different directions by filling out the blanks in the ad-lib below.

OBJECTIVE OUTCOME



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Activity 3

 Transfer the information from the Value Proposition Canvas to the Value Proposition Ad-Lib worksheet

[Work alone for 5 minutes, then find a partner and work together for 5 additional minutes.]



What does this all mean?

- Until we start customer discovery next time, these are all just guesses. It's ok to guess right now!
- Your value proposition statement informs your Minimum
 Viable Product (MVP). It helps you focus on the problem
 rather than the solution.



For next time...

- Hang onto those two worksheets!
- We are going to revisit these handouts in the next session.





Homework

 Read *Talking to Humans* before our Friday session.

