

LEVEL UP YOUR BUSINESS



# CREATING VALUE

Using Lean Startup Tools to Define Your Value and  
Connect with Customers



# WHAT WE WILL COVER TODAY

Value Proposition:

Capturing the value you provide

Creating the Right Fit:

Alignment with customers

Test New Markets:

Explore ways to reach new customers

ALIGNMENT

# TESTING YOUR IDEA

What we will cover today

## The Progress Board

Use the progress board to manage and monitor your tests and assess how much progress you are making toward success.

Get Progress Board poster



What did I test already?

Use the Value Proposition and Business Model Canvases to track which elements you have tested, validated, or invalidated.



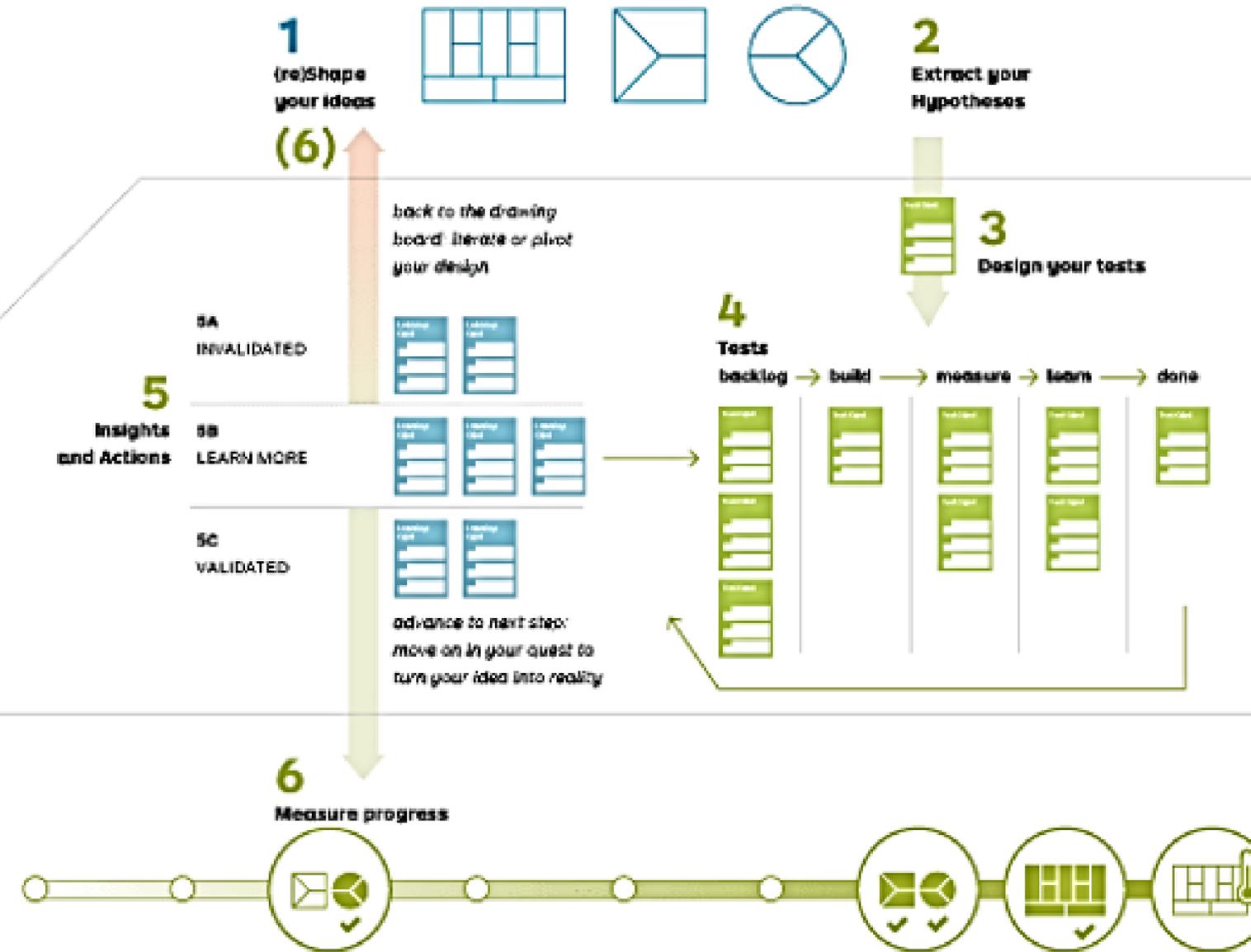
What am I testing, and what did I learn?

Track the tests you are planning, building, measuring, and digesting to learn and make your insights and follow-up actions explicit.



How much progress did I make?

Keep score of how much progress you are making.



# STEP 1 - DESIGNING A BUSINESS MODEL

## The Business Model Canvas

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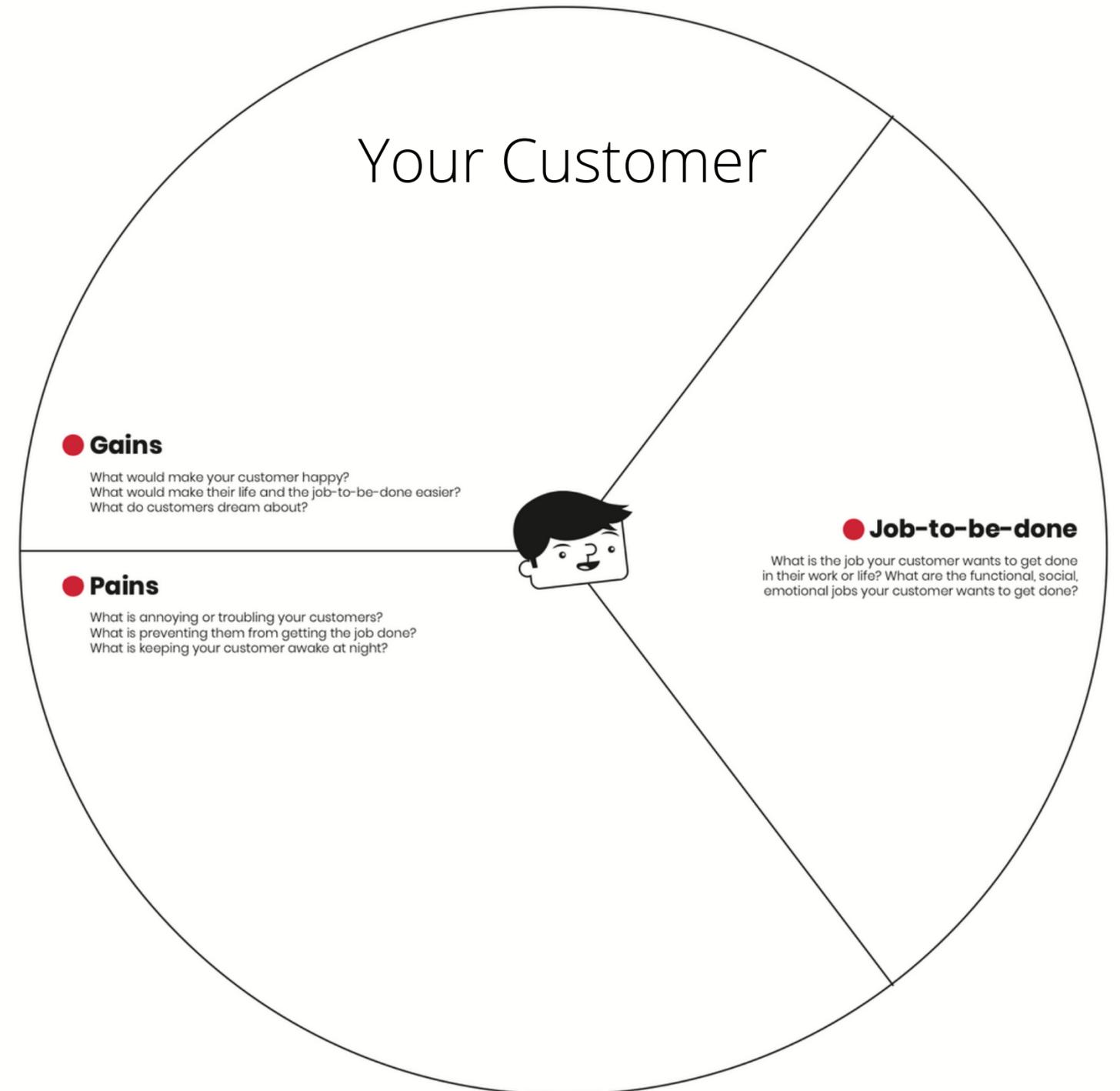
<b>Key Partners</b> <p>Who are our key partners, suppliers, and resource providers?</p> <p>Buyer-supplier, joint ventures, or strategic partnership?</p>	<b>Key Activities</b> <p>What activities do we deliver? Production, problem solving, platform, or network?</p>	<b>Value Propositions</b> <p>How are you creating value?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Newness</li> <li>-Performance</li> <li>-Customization</li> <li>-Price</li> <li>-Risk or cost reduction</li> <li>-Accessibility</li> <li>-Convenience</li> </ul>	<b>Customer Relationships</b> <p>What type of relationship does each customer segment expect? Personal assist/ self service/ automated/ co-create?</p>	<b>Customer Segments</b> <p>For whom are you creating value?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Mass market</li> <li>-Niche market</li> <li>-Segmented</li> <li>-Diversified</li> <li>-Multi-sided platform</li> </ul>	
<b>Key Resources</b> <p>What do we need to make this happen? Physical, intellectual, human, or financial capital?</p>		<b>Channels</b> <p>How do your customers want to be reached? Stores/ online/ wholesale?</p>		<b>Cost Structure</b> <p>What are our costs and how are they structured?</p> <p>Cost-driven, value-driven, fixed or variable costs?</p> <p>Economies of scale or scope?</p>	<b>Revenue Streams</b> <p>What are customers willing to pay for?</p> <p>Product or service sale, usage fee, subscription fee?</p> <p>Renting, leasing, licensing?</p>

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# STEP 2: DETERMINING THE RIGHT FIT



# BEGIN WITH A HYPOTHESIS

-STRATEGY-



- Experimentation in Lean Startup is not a “Just do it and see what happens” approach
- Guided by the organizations’ vision, it begins with a clear hypothesis
- The premise is to determine what the assumptions are and then test those assumptions up front.

# WAYS TO TEST YOUR IDEA

We will focus on this today!

## The Value Hypothesis

- tests whether a product or service really delivers value to customers once they are using it

## The Growth Hypothesis

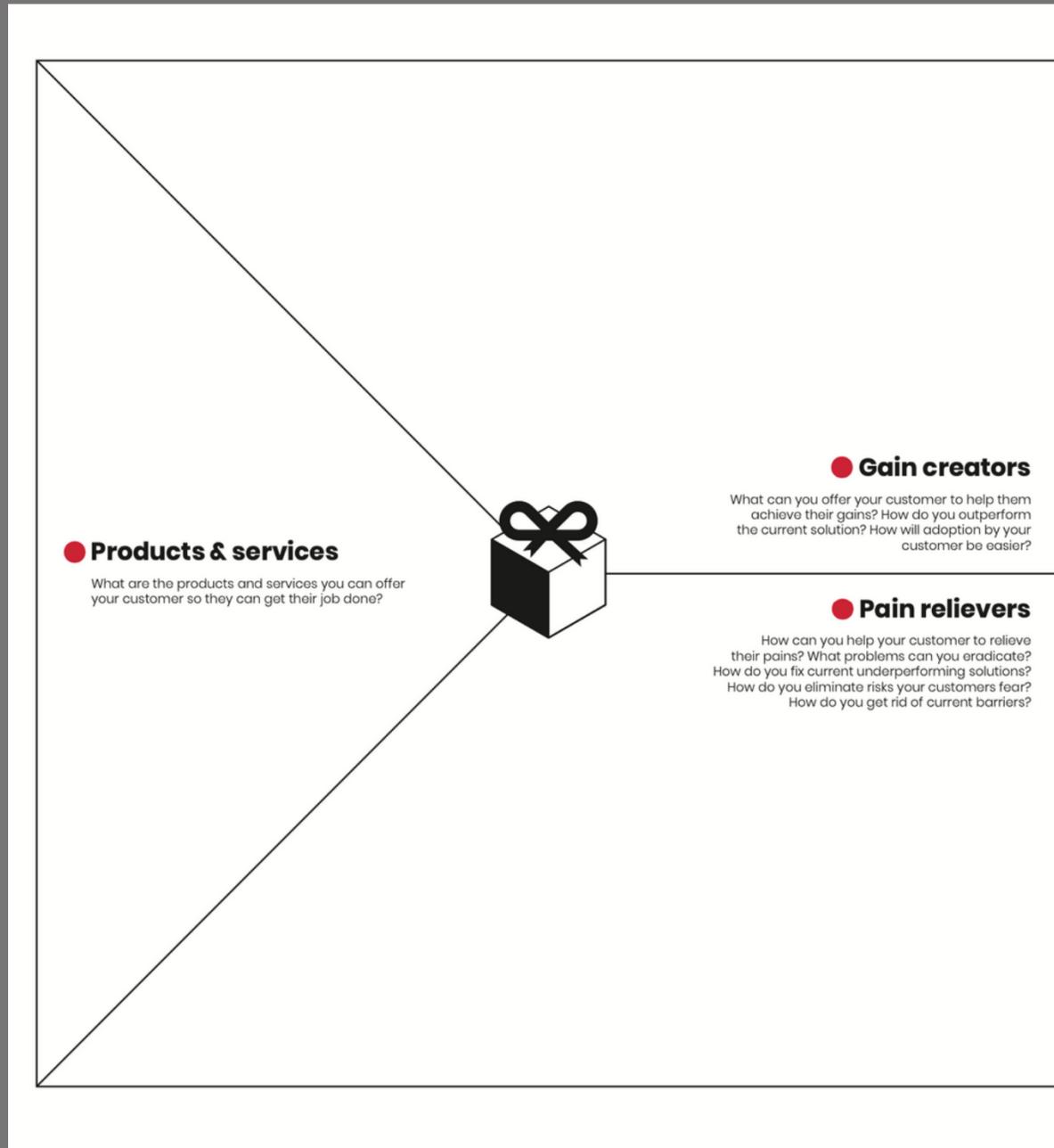
- tests how people will find discover a product or service
- how do you move from early adopters to mass adoption?

## Requires measuring behavior

- start with early adopters and deliver an MVP to try



# ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS



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What is annoying or troubling your customers?  
What is preventing them from getting the job done?  
What is keeping your customer awake at night?

**● Job-to-be-done**  
What is the job your customer wants to get done in their work or life?  
What are the functional, social, emotional jobs your customer wants to get done?

# WHAT THEY NEED

## KNOW YOUR CUSTOMER

Do you have the right customer?

How does your product or service make that job easier?

Required gains  
Expected gains  
Designed gains  
Unexpected gains

Customer Jobs  
Functional  
Social  
Personal / Emotional  
Supporting

Undesired outcomes  
Problems,  
Undesired characteristics  
Obstacles  
Risks



- Do consumers recognize that they have the problem you are trying to solve?
- If there was a solution would they buy it?
- Would they buy it from us?
- Can we build a solution for that problem?

The process

Source:  
Strategizer

EXERCISE

## Step into Your Customers' Shoes

### OBJECTIVE

Visualize what matters to your customers in a sharable format

### OUTCOME

1 page actionable customer profile

How good is your understanding of your customers' jobs, pains, and gains? Map out a customer profile.

### Instructions

Map the profile of one of your currently existing customer segments to practice using the customer profile. If you are working on a new idea, sketch out the customer segment you intend to create value for.

1. Download the Customer Profile canvas.
2. Grab a set of small sticky notes.
3. Map out your customer profile.



1

#### Select customer segment

Select a customer segment that you want to profile.



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#### Identify customer jobs

Ask what tasks your customers are trying to complete. Map out all of their jobs by writing each one on an individual sticky note.



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#### Identify customer pains

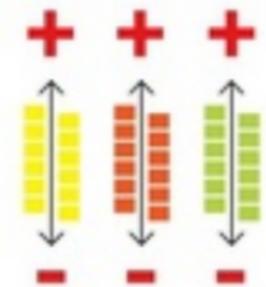
What pains do your customers have? Write down as many as you can come up with, including obstacles and risks.



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#### Identify customer gains

What outcomes and benefits do your customers want to achieve? Write down as many gains as you can come up with.



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#### Prioritize jobs, pains and gains

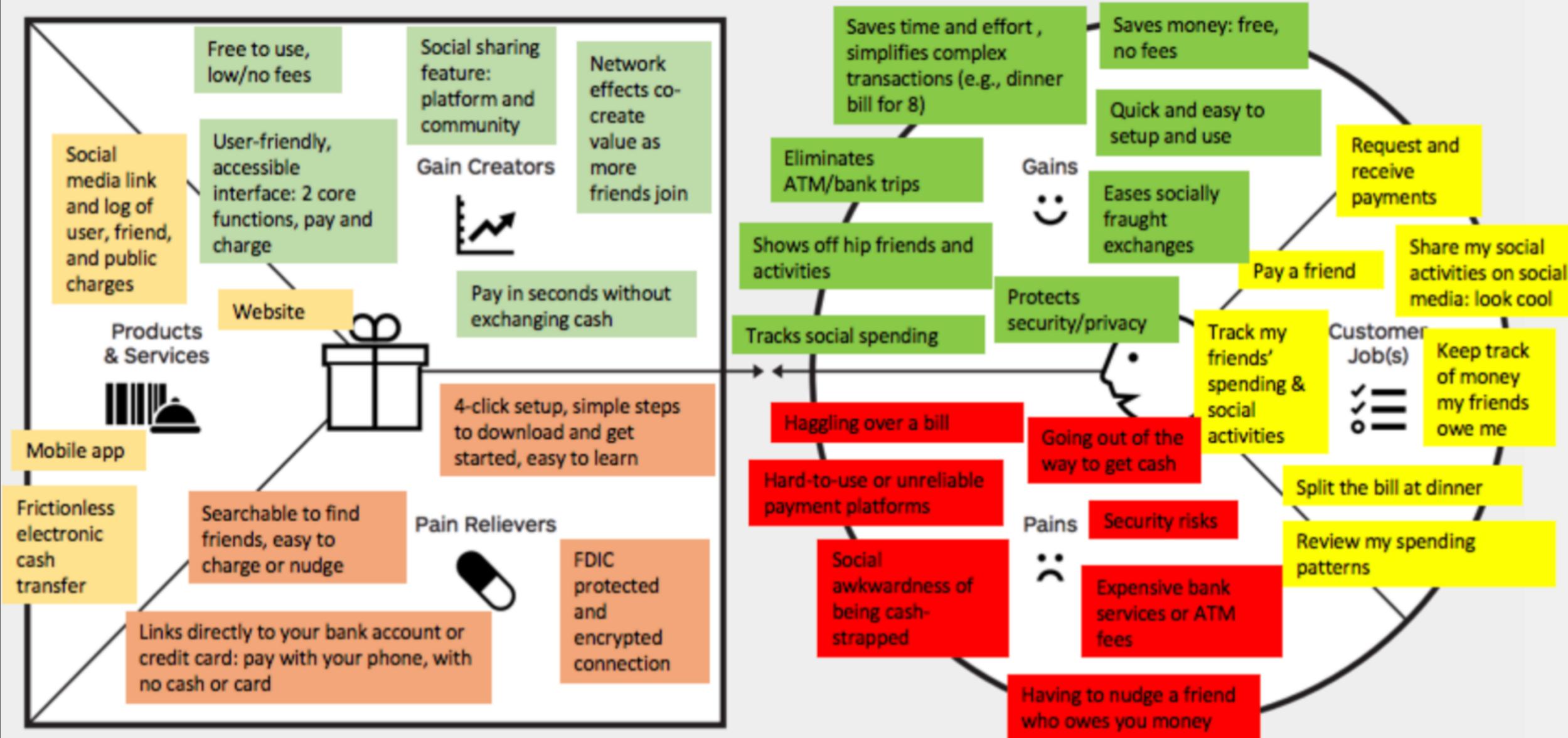
Order jobs, pains and gains in a column each with the most important jobs, most extreme pains and essential gains on top and the moderate pains and nice to have gains at the bottom.

# EXAMPLE: VENMO

## The Value Proposition Canvas

**Value Proposition** A fast, easy way and social way to transfer funds to friends.

**Customer Segment** Young urban professional millennials with limited disposable income.



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# YOU

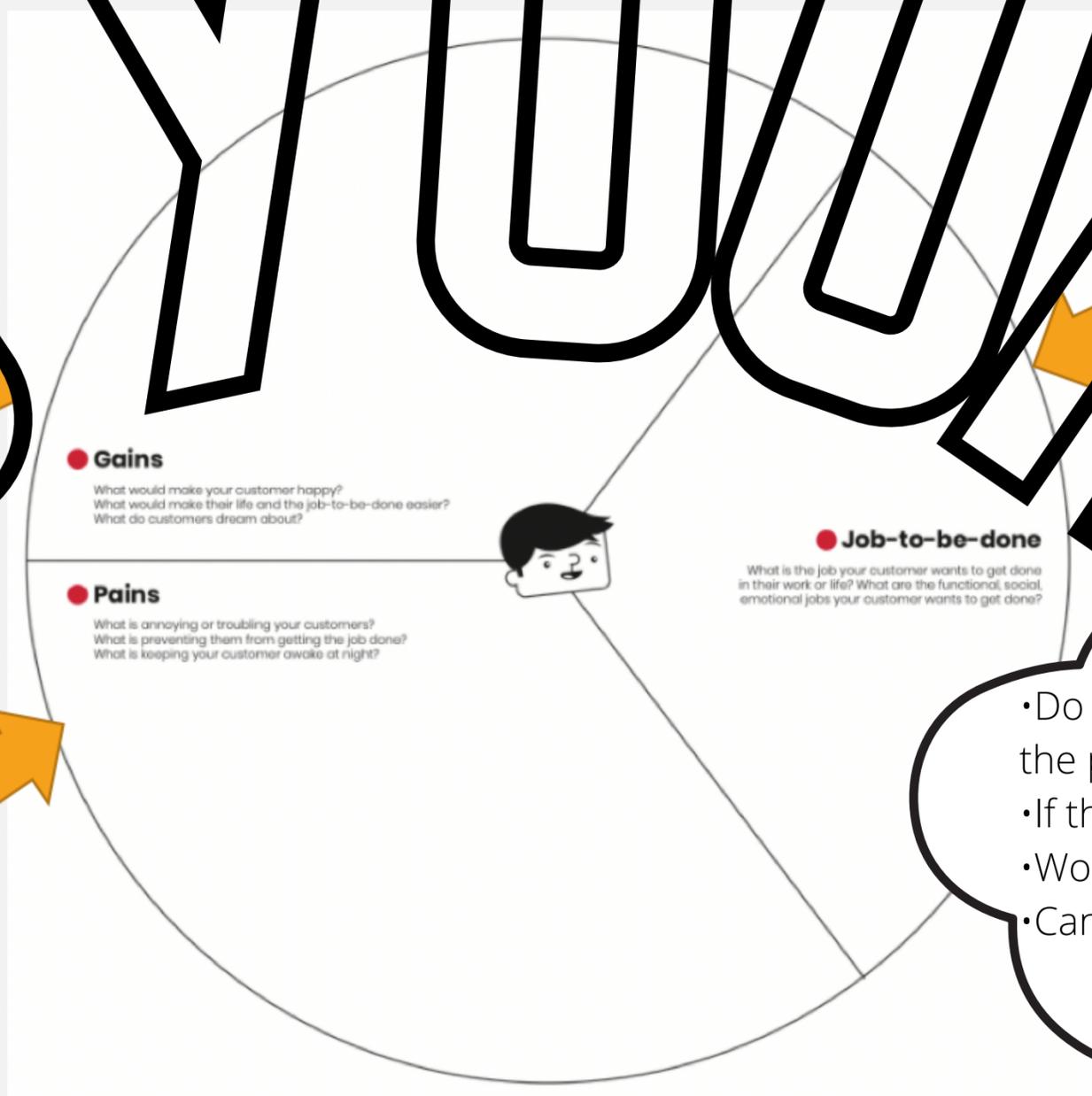
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# ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

What can you offer your customer to help them achieve their gains? How do you outperform the current solution? How will adoption by your customer be easier?

## ● Products & services

What are the products and services you can offer your customer so they can get their job done?



## ● Gain creators

What can you offer your customer to help them achieve their gains? How do you outperform the current solution? How will adoption by your customer be easier?

## ● Pain relievers

How can you help your customer to relieve

How can you help your customer to relieve their pains? What problems can you eradicate? How do you fix current underperforming solutions? How do you eliminate risks your customers fear? How do you get rid of barriers?

## ● Gains

What would make your customer happy? What would make their life and the job-to-be-done easier? What do customers dream about?

## ● Pains

What is annoying or troubling your customers? What is the job done? What is the job done? What is the job done?



## ● Job-to-be-done

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# WHAT YOU OFFER

## VALUE MAP

Assumption: Your hypothesis suggests there is a need for this product or service.

Physical/ Tangible  
Intangible  
Digital  
Financial

Relevance??



Have you accurately identified the customer's pain points?

Can you create

- Savings
- Better outcomes
- Positive social consequences
- A fulfilled desire?

How do you alleviate pain?

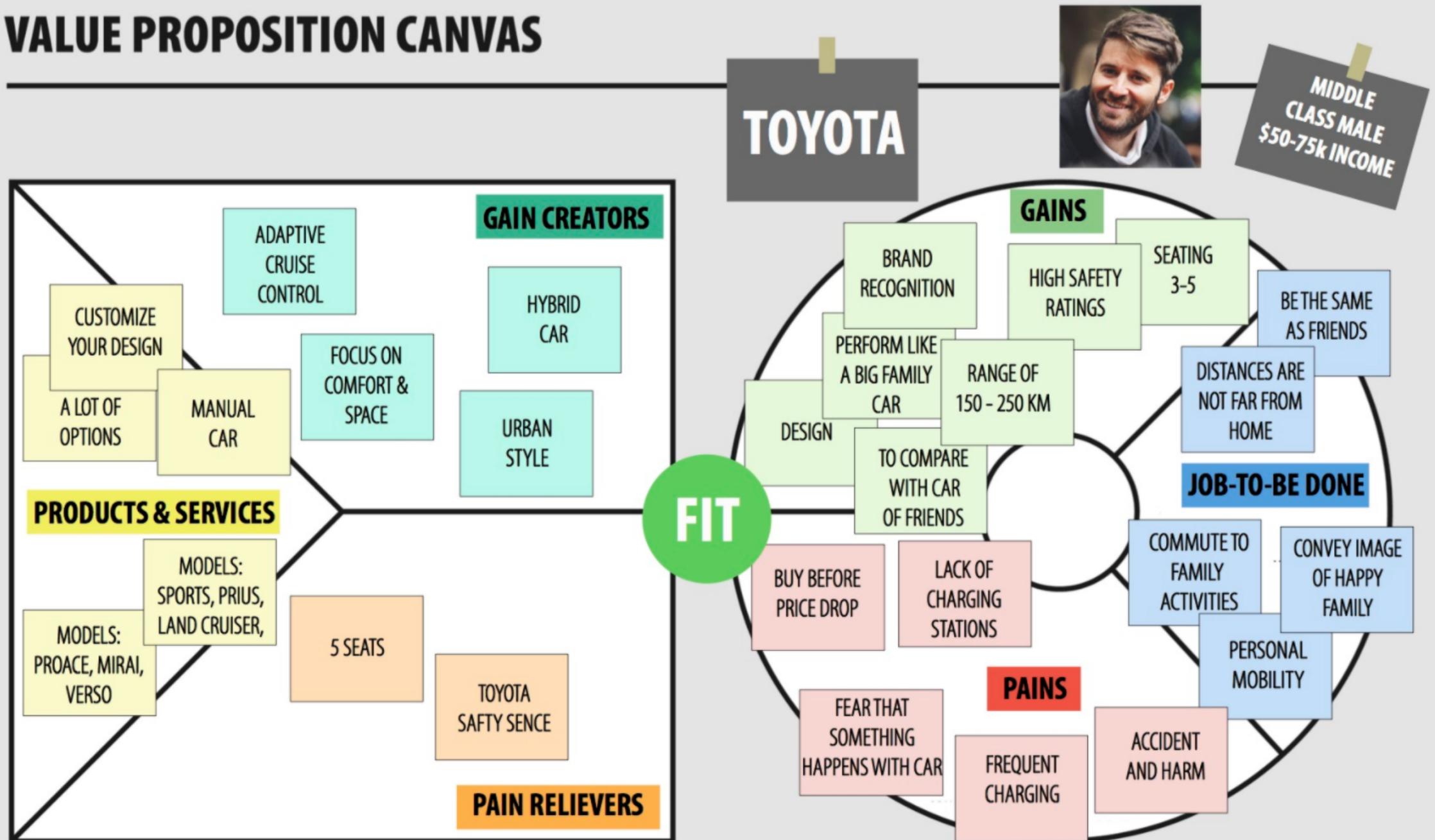
Examples..

Do you:

- Produce savings
- Take away problems
- Fix challenges
- Eliminate risk?

# EXAMPLE: TOYOTA ELECTRIC CARS

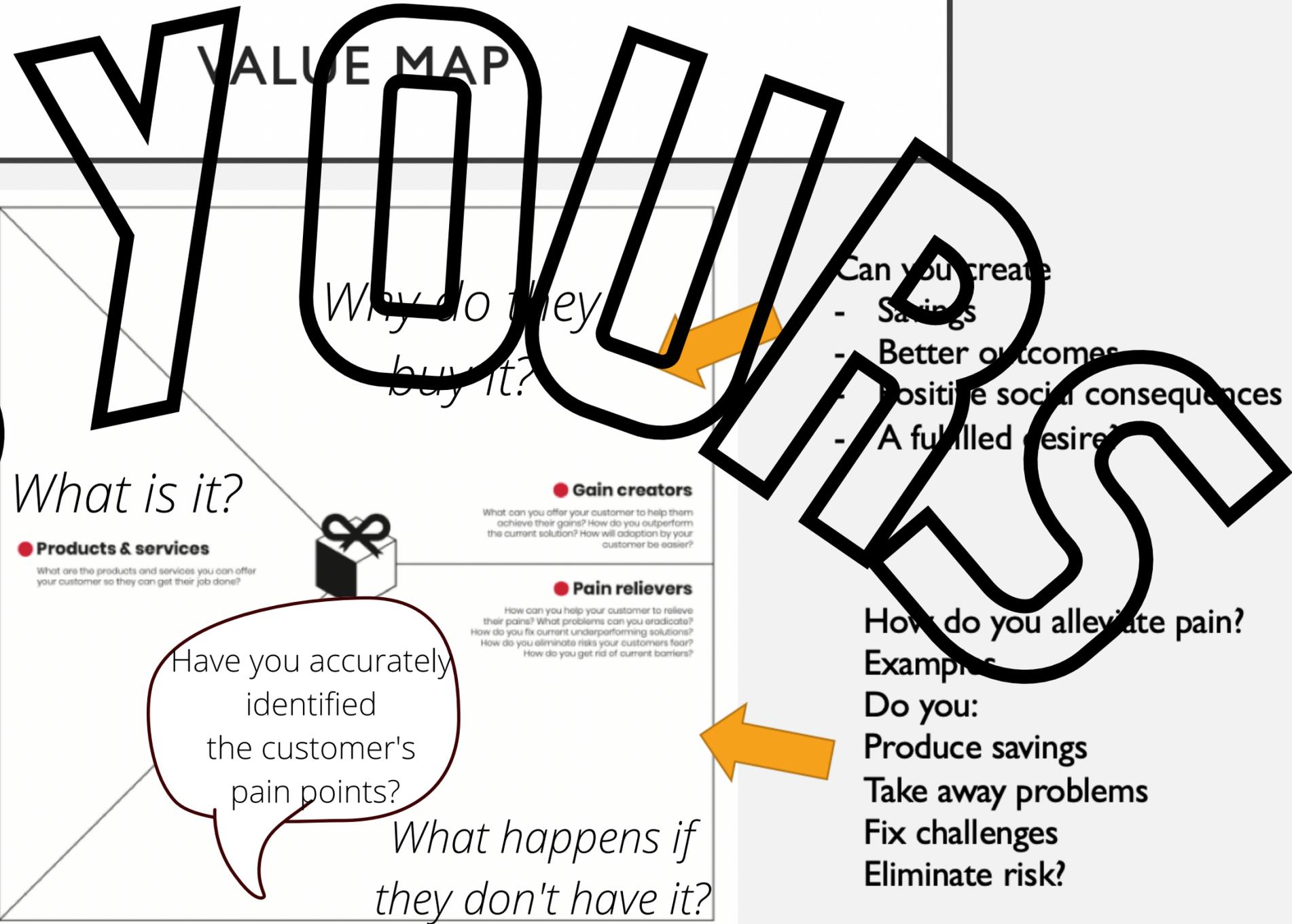
## VALUE PROPOSITION CANVAS



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Have you accurately identified the customer's pain points?

What happens if they don't have it?

# Finding the right fit

A close-up photograph of a person's hands placing a small, light-brown puzzle piece into a larger, partially assembled puzzle. The puzzle pieces are made of a textured material, possibly wood or cardboard. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light, suggesting a window or a bright indoor setting. The overall mood is one of careful attention and problem-solving.

- Did you find a fit?
- Check your fit
- Do you have the same customer / different context?  
Does that call for different solutions?
- Three kinds of fit:
  - On paper /In the market /In the bank
  - \*\*Create separate maps for different customer segments

## THE GROWTH HYPOTHESIS

- TESTS HOW PEOPLE WILL FIND DISCOVER A PRODUCT OR SERVICE
- HOW DO YOU MOVE FROM EARLY ADOPTERS TO MASS ADOPTION?



- Create new growth by identifying new customer groups
- Design solutions for new customer groups using the value map to create fit to their needs
- This creates an opportunity to explore new markets as you are ready for growth



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