

# Artifact, Activity and Spatial Mappings

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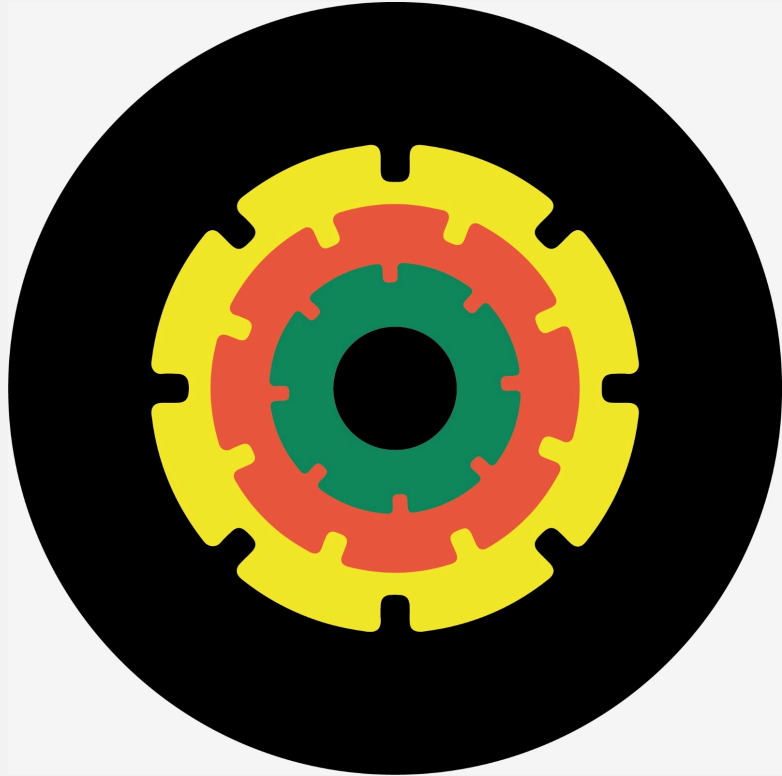


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## DT&I Tools

### T7 **Artifact, Activity, Spatial Mappings**

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# What are Mappings?





# What are Mappings?

Mappings help you to **visualize the information/data for your topic.**

When information/data is made visible through mappings, it makes it **easier to make cross connections** as well as **see the whole picture at one glance.**

**Mappings** can be done from **different points of view:**

- Artifacts (include Objects, Media, Services, Built environment)
- Spatial, Temporal
- Cognitive, Behavioral, Sensory
- Social, Narrative and Sustainable





# What are the types of Mappings?

For our analysis, we'll look at **3 types of Mappings**:

1. **Artifact Mappings**
2. **Activity Mappings**
3. **Spatial Mappings**



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# Types of Mappings . . .



## Artifact Mapping:

. The various objects/medias/services connected to the topic are shown in relation to each other



## Activity/Temporal Mapping:

. The various activities connected with the topic are shown across the time dimension.

- (a) One day in the life of . .
- (b) User Journey mapping
- (c) Life-cycle mapping
- (d) Causal Mappings/Diagrams



## Environment/Spatial Mappings:

. The various spaces or environments that are connected with the topic are shown in relation to each other

- (a) Physical Spatial Mapping
- (b) Spatial Connectivity Mapping





# Making the Mappings:

## Individually or in groups?



Mappings can be drawn **individually or in small groups**.

Working in groups, you can **share responsibilities** while doing the Mappings.

## How many of these mappings?

The mappings are similar to each other in many ways, except that the **focus in each of them varies**.

Hence, the suggestion is that you **select the one that is most relevant to your subject and do one mapping**. Of course, you are free to try out all of them.



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# What are Artifact Mappings?





# Artifact Mappings



## Artifact Mapping:

- Artifact in our context refers to any of the following
  - a. Objects
  - b. Medias
  - c. Services
  - d. Built Environment (Buildings and Structures)
- **Artifact Mapping** refers to showing the **Artifacts connected to your topic in relation to each other**
- The Artifact mapping can be organized according to **other Artifacts, Timeline, Location, Costing, Complexity, Types, Usefulness, etc.**



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# Artifact Mapping Steps:



**1. List all Artifacts connected with your topic**



**2. Make a Mindmap of the different Artifacts**



**3. Decide the Criteria on which you would like to **organize the Artifacts** – Timeline, Location, Costing, Complexity, Types, Usefulness, etc.**



**4. Organise the Artifacts in a given Space**



**5. Connect them with affinity links if essential**



**6. Draw inferences from the mapping**



**7. Make a list of inferences from this Mapping**

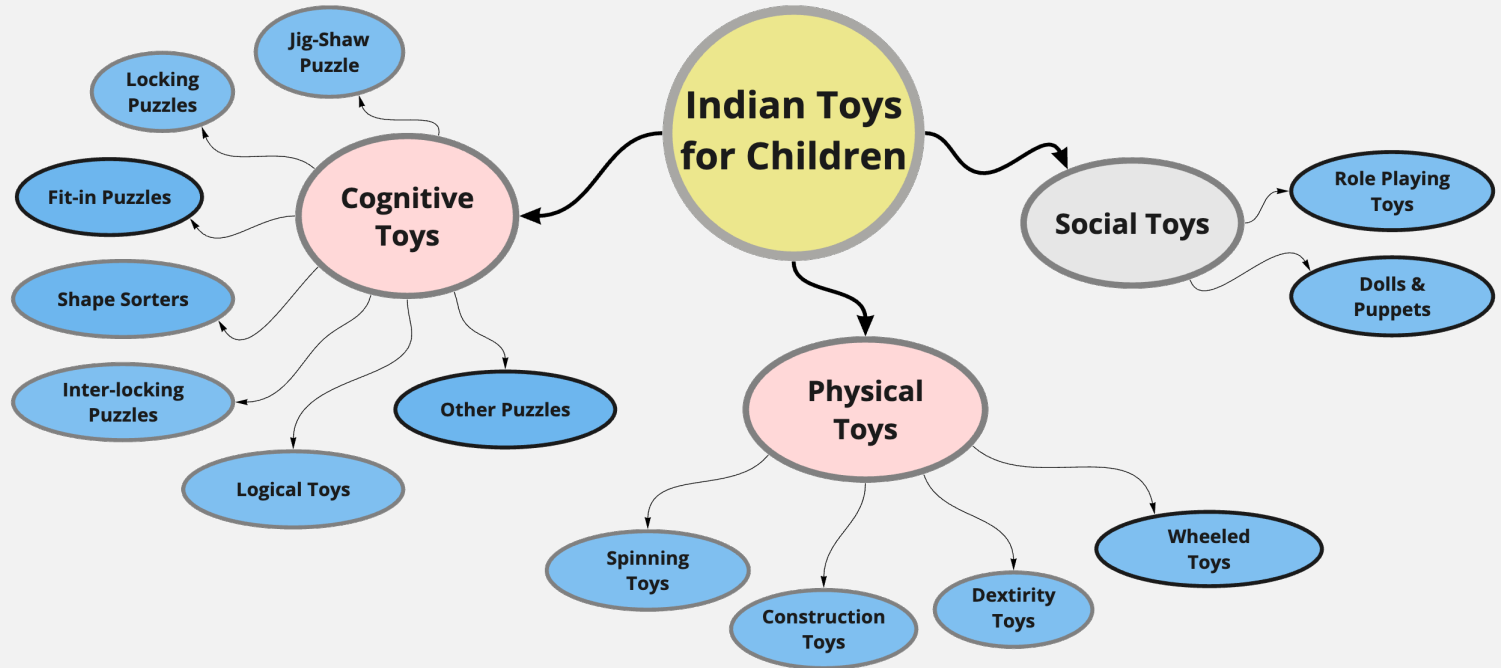


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Start with  
Mindmapping  
of Artifacts:

# Artifact Listing through Mind-mapping:



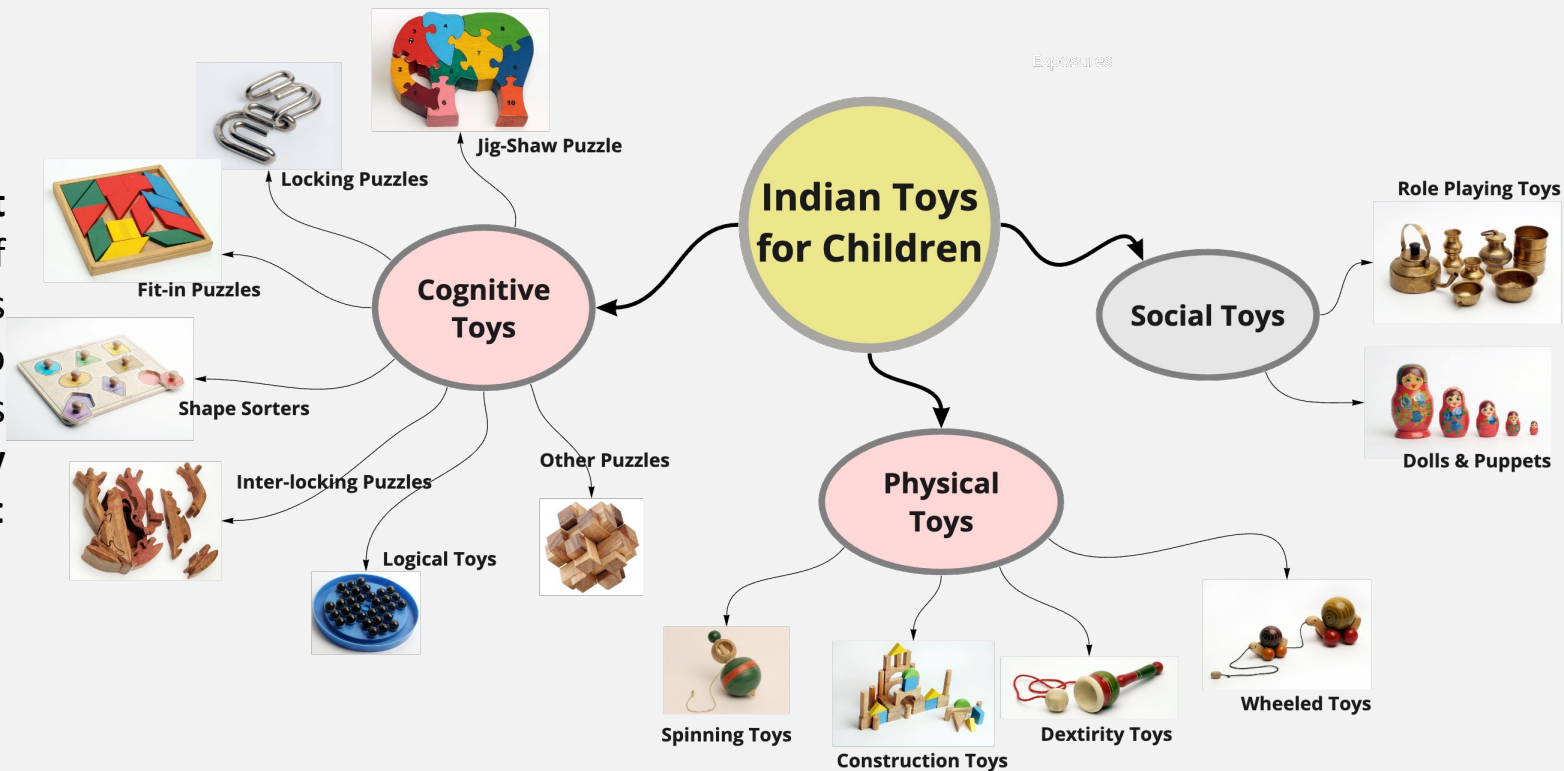


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# Artifact Mapping Example 1 . . . (Capabilities)

Artifact  
Mapping of  
Indian Toys  
according to  
children's  
capability  
categories:





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# Artifact Mapping Example 1 . . . (Materials)

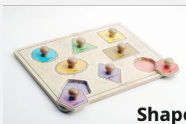
## Wooden Toys



Fit-in Puzzles



Wooden Puzzles



Shape Sorters



Inter-locking Puzzles



Dexterity Toys



Spinning Toys



Construction Toys



Jig-Shaw Puzzle



Dolls & Puppets



Wheeled Toys

## Metal Toys



Locking Puzzles



Role Playing Toys

## Mixed Materials



Logical Toys



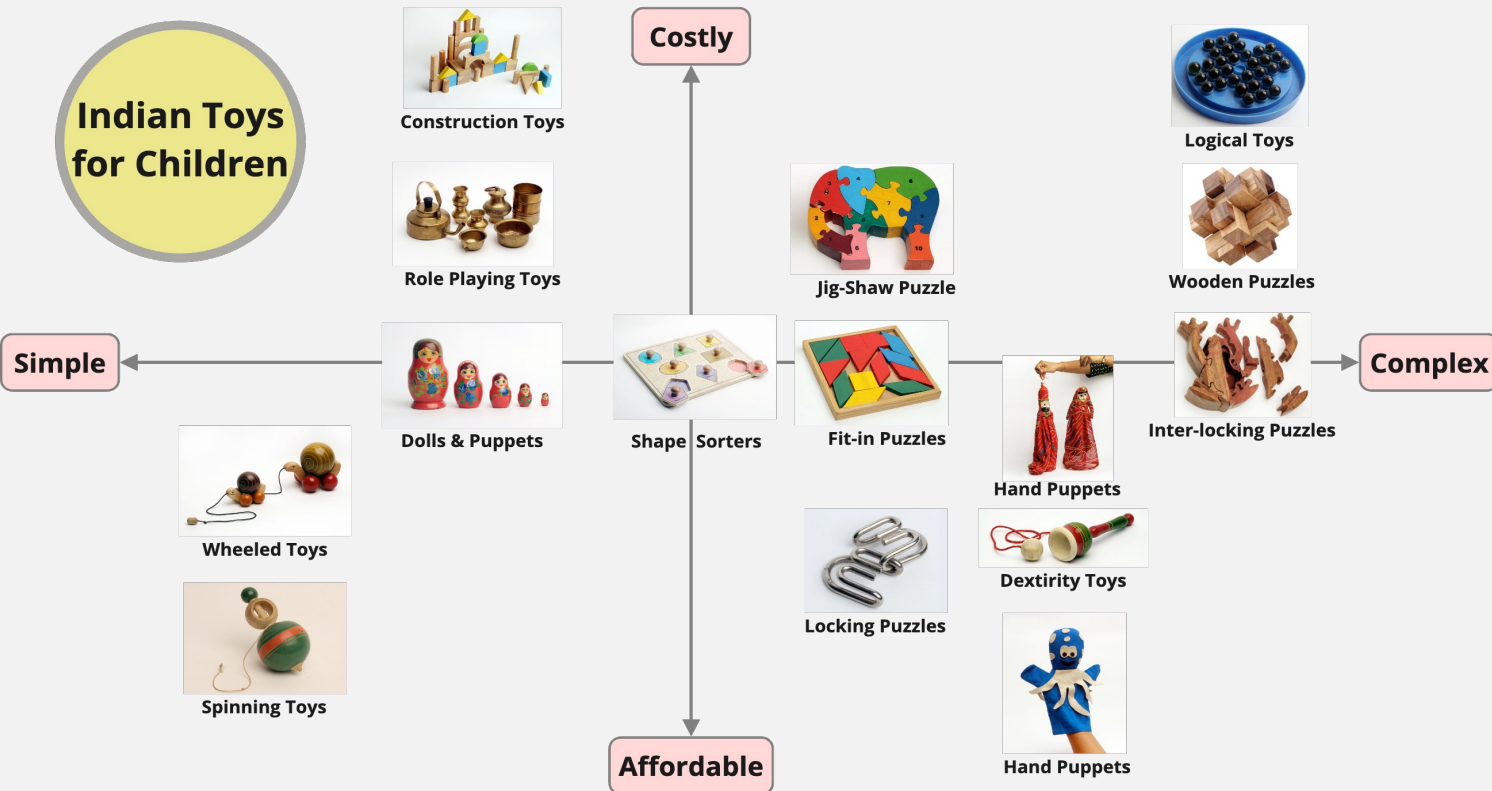
Indian Toys  
for Children





# Artifact Mapping Example 1 . . . (Scale)

## Indian Toys for Children



Artifact Mapping of Indian Toys for Children in a scale of **Simple to Complex** and **Costly to Affordable**:



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**Artifact  
Mapping  
related to  
Artifacts  
from  
Memphis  
Design  
Movement  
Example 2:**

## Artifact Mapping Example 2:



Carlton Bookcase



Bel Air Chair



Casablanca Sideboard



Tahiti Lamp

Ettore Sottsass



Memphis Sofa



Sowden Toaster

George Sowden

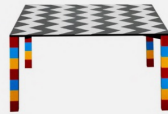


Cucumber Vase



Super Lamp

Martine Bedin



Pierre Table



La Superonda Sofa



Super Lamp



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# Artifact Mapping related to Tea Route across Ages - objects, medias, services

## Example 3:

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**TEA BRICKS**  
Before 19th century packed into bricks for transport.

**OLD TEA SAMPLES**  
141 BC  
Some of the oldest tea samples found in a tomb.



**BREWED TEA RELICS**  
475BC- 221BC  
Soaked and brewed tea relics.

**TEA CAKES**  
Pressed into cakes for transport.

**LEAVES**

To make transport easy, leaves were packed into bricks, cakes, packets or even sacks. Over the course of travel, freshly packed green leaves would start oxidising- providing the black, green, red and other ranges of teas we now know to love.



Porters carrying tea in packs pressed together each porter carried 60 kg - 125 kgs



**PORTERS RESTING ON THE WAY**

Teapots held significance in Chinese, Japanese, and English rituals. Porters on tea routes used them to brew tea during stops. Yixing's manufacturing in China contributed to their enduring popularity over the years.

**TEAPOTS**



**HANDPAINTED TEAPOT**  
Chinese porcelain - blue and white painted teapot.

**YIXING CLAY TEAPOTS**  
10th Century  
Handmade with 'zisha' - purple sand/clay to brew tea.



**MING TEAPOT**  
Today's round teapot is based on the 'ming' teapot design.

**ANCIENT TIBETIAN TEAPOT**  
1900's  
Handmade with cold red copper and decorated with tibetian silver.

Traders employed mules, yaks, horses, and animals for cross-border tea transport. Some, relying on resilience, carried massive loads barefoot on perilous paths. Exhausting and hazardous, these journeys saw groups of porters providing mutual support as they navigated the challenging terrain.

**PORTERS & GRAVEL**



**ANIMALS AS TRANSPORT**  
Horses and yaks with porters along with handwoven boxes and baskets of teas strapped on them.



**SICHUAN TEA PORTER**  
Porters carried large sacks on their backs for miles.

Tea chests, vital for transit, evolved from ornate, unlabeled to labeled wood and paper boxes, especially at sea. In the 1800s, adorned trunks were favored for transporting tea and silks, occasionally featuring rare intricate carvings as valuable additions.

**CHESTS**



**YOKOHAMA TEA CHEST**  
1862-1897  
A chest from Japan with wood, inlay and lacquer mainly used in trading.



**WOOD & LEATHER TRUNK**  
9th Century  
Chinese Wood and Hand Painted Leather Trunk with Nail Head Accents

**LABELLED TEA CHEST**  
1867-1874  
loosely packed leaves were wrapped in foil, or in such chests from India or other producers.

Storage jars and cups were relevant to chinese culture especially during matcha season. Every spring, the storage jars would be taken to a field and filled with new leaves for the coming year. Concoctions were made in the cups, leaves were steeped and matcha powders were mixed with brushes.

**STORAGE & CUPS**



**PORCELAIN CUP**  
Found with 2400 years old tea residue



**'CHIGUSA'**  
1350 - 1450 storage jar from china



**CHINESE TEA BOWL**  
12th century  
Hare's fur glaze



**JAPANESE TEA JAR**  
14th - 15th century  
Tea storage jar



**KOREAN TEA VESSELS**  
Rustic Ceramic vessels from Korea



**LEAVES IN A BOTTLE**  
17th dec. 1773  
Tea Leaves in a glass bottle found at dorchester neck.

**Artifacts related to Tea Route**

**SORTING & MEASURING**  
Sorting through harvested tea leaves (right)



**CLEANING TEA**  
workers washing tea leaves in a stream of fresh water.



**PAINTINGS**

Several paintings were found pertaining to tea cultivation, sorting and manufacturing of tea in China. They depicted scenes of transport, cleaning and often of groups of people with exporters. These paintings give deep insights and act as doors to the past.



# Bauhaus

Artefact Mapping

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Artifact  
Temporal  
Mapping  
related to  
Artifacts  
from  
Bauhaus  
School  
Example 4:

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1913



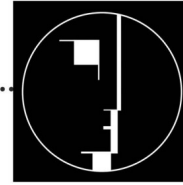
Color Study  
Wassily Kandinsky  
1913



Red & Blue Chair  
Gerrit Rietveld  
1917



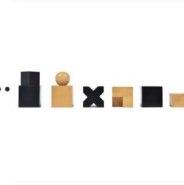
Bauhaus Manifesto  
Walter Gropius  
1919



Bauhaus Logo  
Oskar Schlemmer  
1922



Theatre Costumes  
Oskar Schlemmer  
1922



Chess Set  
Josef Hartwig  
1923



Wagenfeld Table Lamp  
Wilhelm Wagenfeld  
1924



Tea Infuser  
Marianne Brandt  
1924



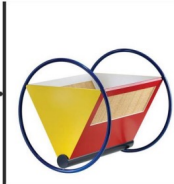
Wallpapers  
Gunta Stölzl  
1920s



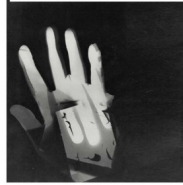
Rug  
Gertrud Arndt  
1923



Exhibition Poster  
Herbert Bayer  
1923



Baby Cradle  
Peter Keler  
1923



Experimental  
Photography  
László Moholy-Nagy  
1920s



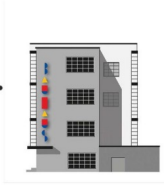
Bauhaus Typography  
Herbert Bayer  
1925



Laccio Table  
Marcel Breuer  
1925



Wassily Chair  
Marcel Breuer  
1925



Bauhaus Building  
Dessau  
Walter Gropius  
1926



Barcelona Chair  
Mies van der Rohe  
1929

1926



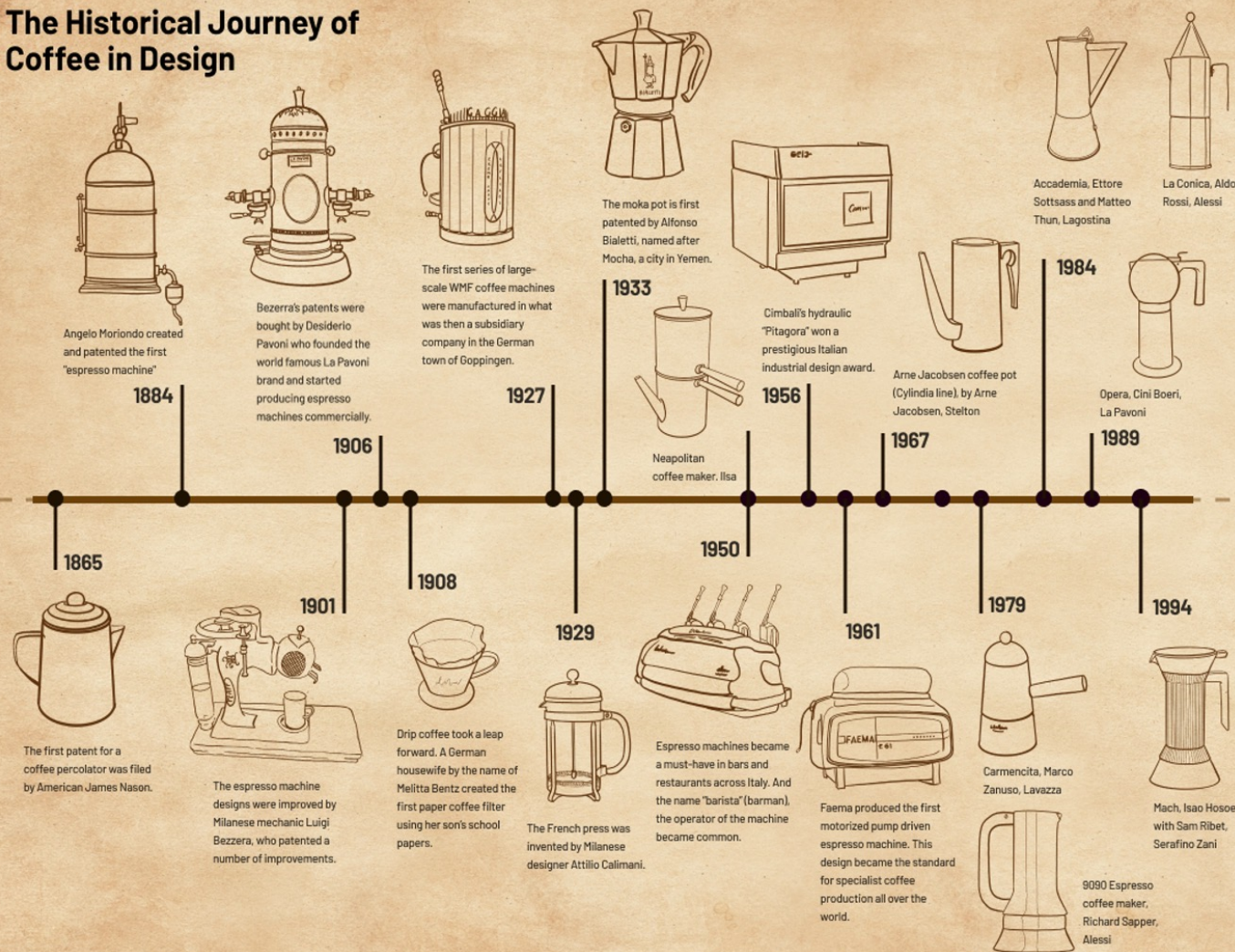
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# Artifact Temporal Mapping showing Coffee Makers across Time Example 5:

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## The Historical Journey of Coffee in Design



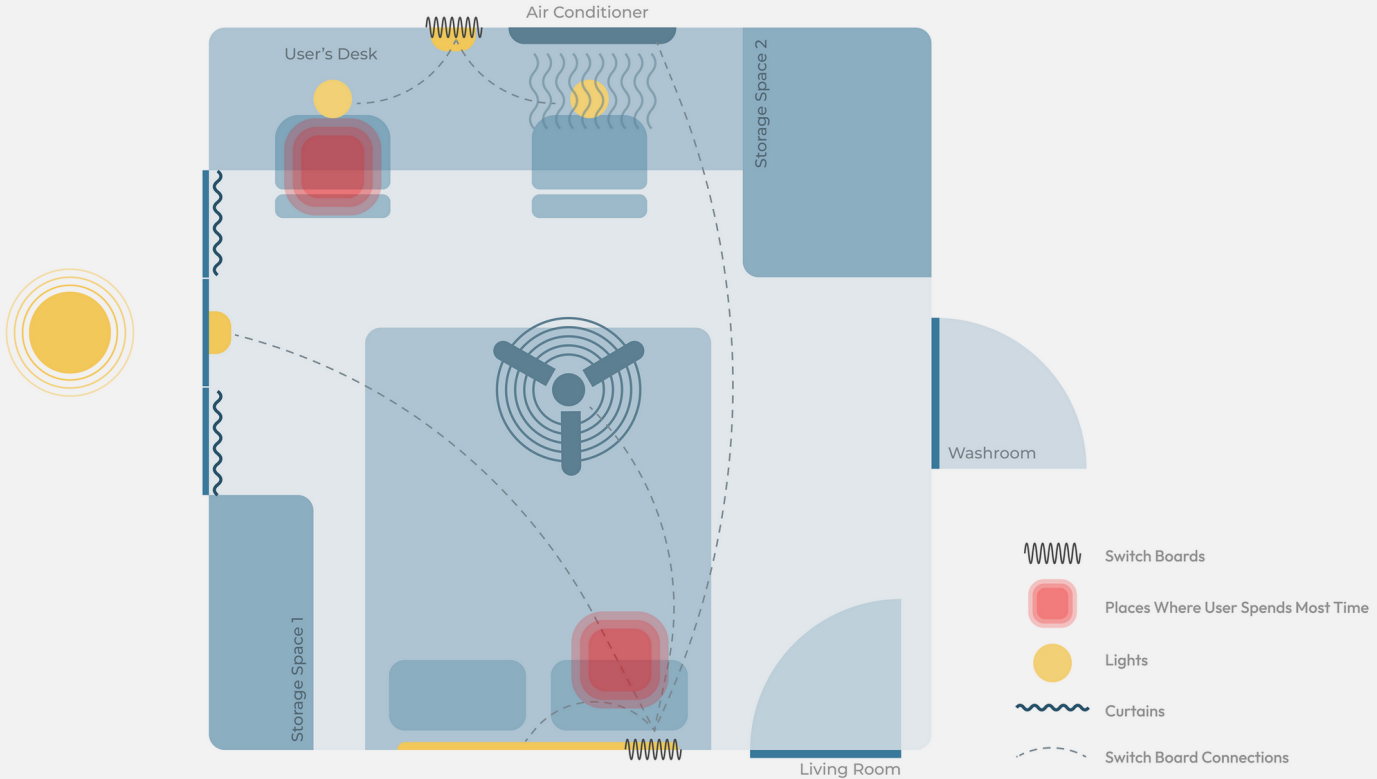


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**Artifact  
Spatial  
Mapping  
showing  
Devices in  
Bedroom  
environment  
Example 6:**

## Devices in Bedroom:





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# What are Activity Mappings?





# What are Activity Mappings?



## Activity Mapping:

- Activity as the name refers to an activity or a process done across a timeline.

The different types of activity mappings include:

- a. One day in the life of . .
- b. User Journey mapping
- c. Life-cycle mapping
- d. Causal Mappings/Diagrams

- **Activity Mapping** are also referred to as **Temporal Mappings**



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# Types of Activity Mappings:

## 1. One Day in the Life of . . . .

**One day in the life of** could be of an **User, Product or Service**. It documents the **sequence of events from time A to time B**. The time could be the time required to complete an activity – **few hours, a day, a week or even an year or more**.

## 2. Journey Mapping

Journey Mapping documents the journey of an user, product or service in relation to many other factors that are related to it. It could be the environment, artifacts, time, feelings, other users, feelings, etc.

## 3. Life Cycle Mapping

Life Cycle mapping is quite similar to ‘One Day in the Life of’ except that completes a cycle and comes back to the starting point..

## 4. Causal Mappings

Causal mappings are interconnecting the variables in an activity. The connections could be uni-directional, bi-directional or looped together.



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# Activity Mapping Steps:



**1. Select an Activity connected with your topic**



**2. Select a Timeline** for the Activity  
- a day, a week, a month, a year, lifetime



**3. Make a Timeline** of the different phases of the Activity and note down the keywords



**4. Organise the Activities in a given Space**  
- Time could be either on X axis or Y axis or circular



**5. Make use of colours to differentiate and arrows to show connections**



**6. Draw inferences from the mapping**



**7. Make a list of inferences** from this Mapping

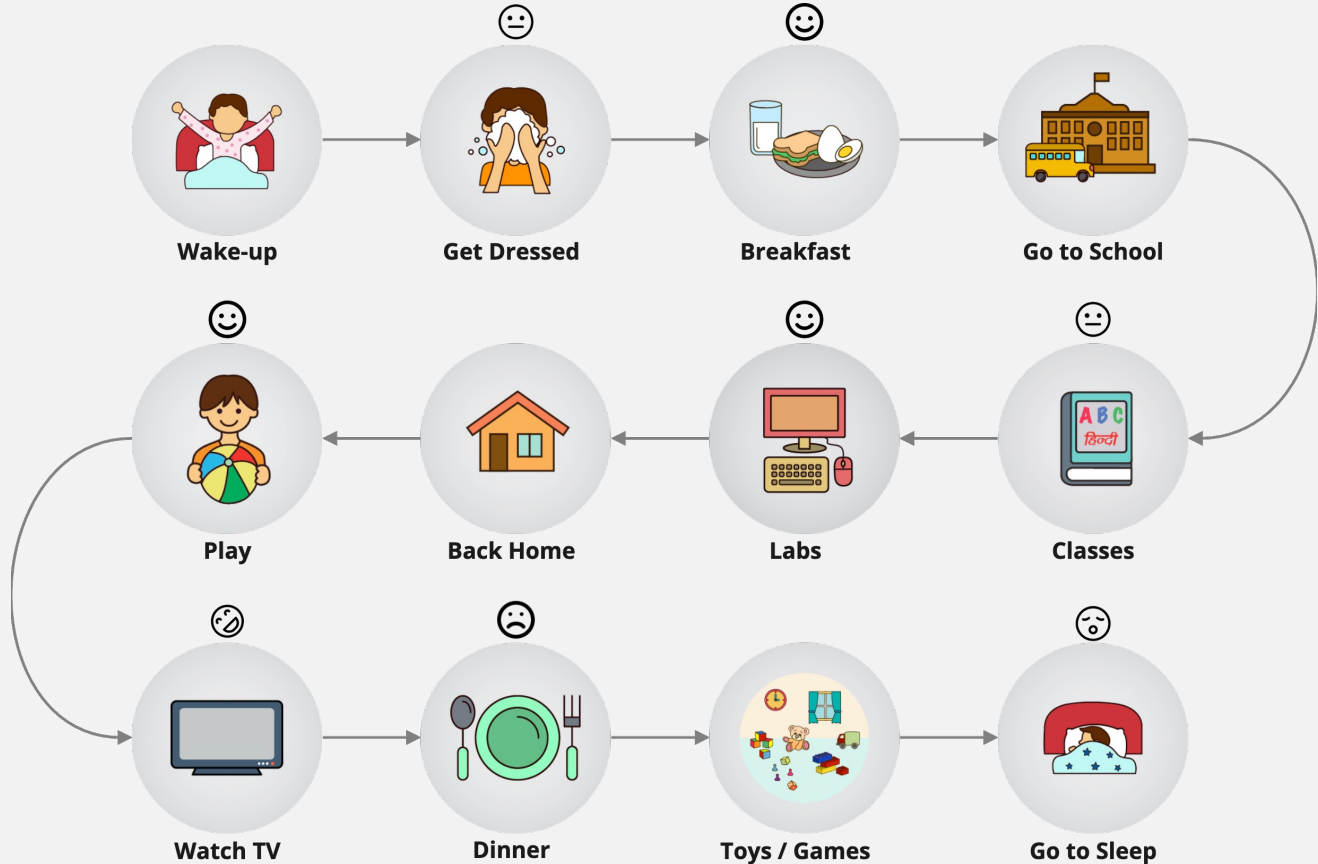


# Activity Mapping Example: One day in the Life of a Child

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**Activity  
Mapping**  
- One Day in  
the life of a  
Child  
Example 1:





# Activity Mapping Example: Journey Map of an Autistic Child

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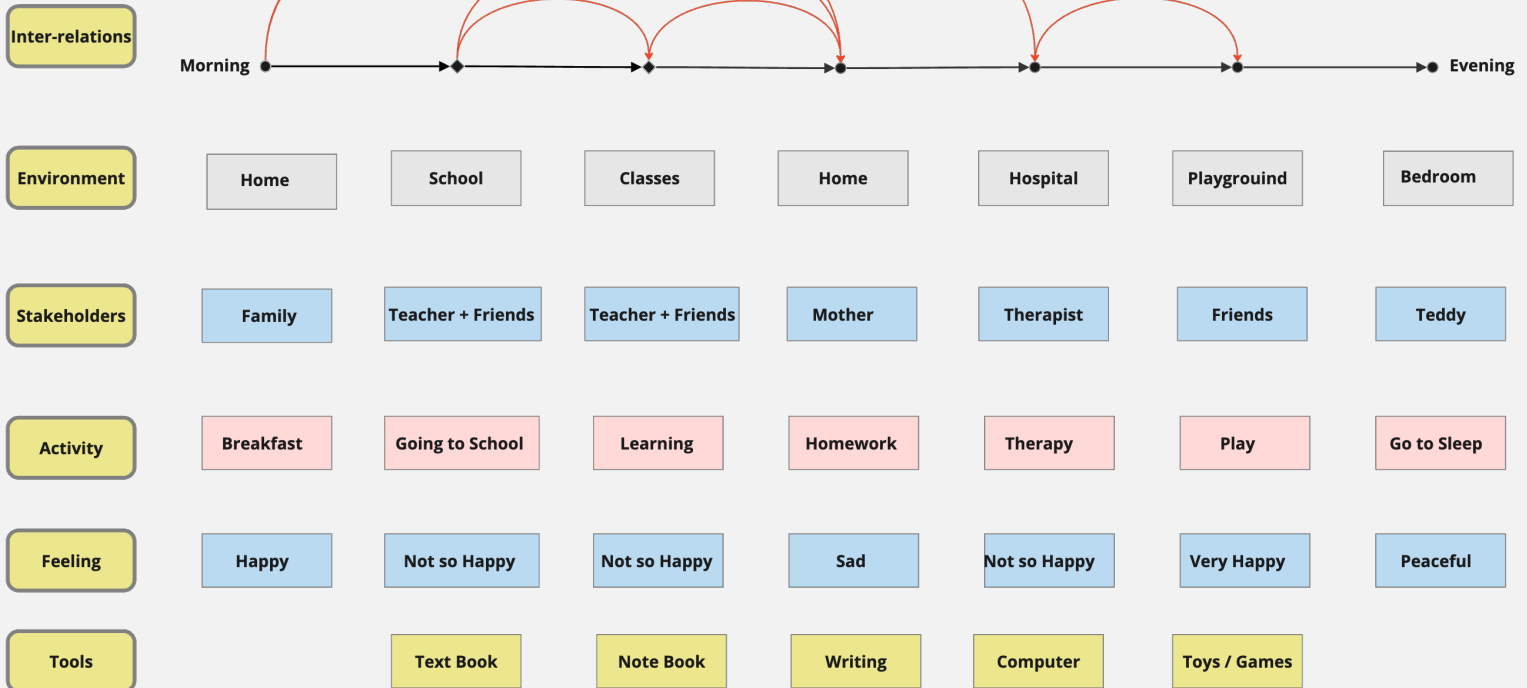


## Activity Journey Mapping

- in relation to  
Environment,  
Stakeholders,  
Feelings, and  
Tools

Example 2:

### Journey Map of an Autistic Child





# Activity Mapping Example: Journey Map of an Autistic Child

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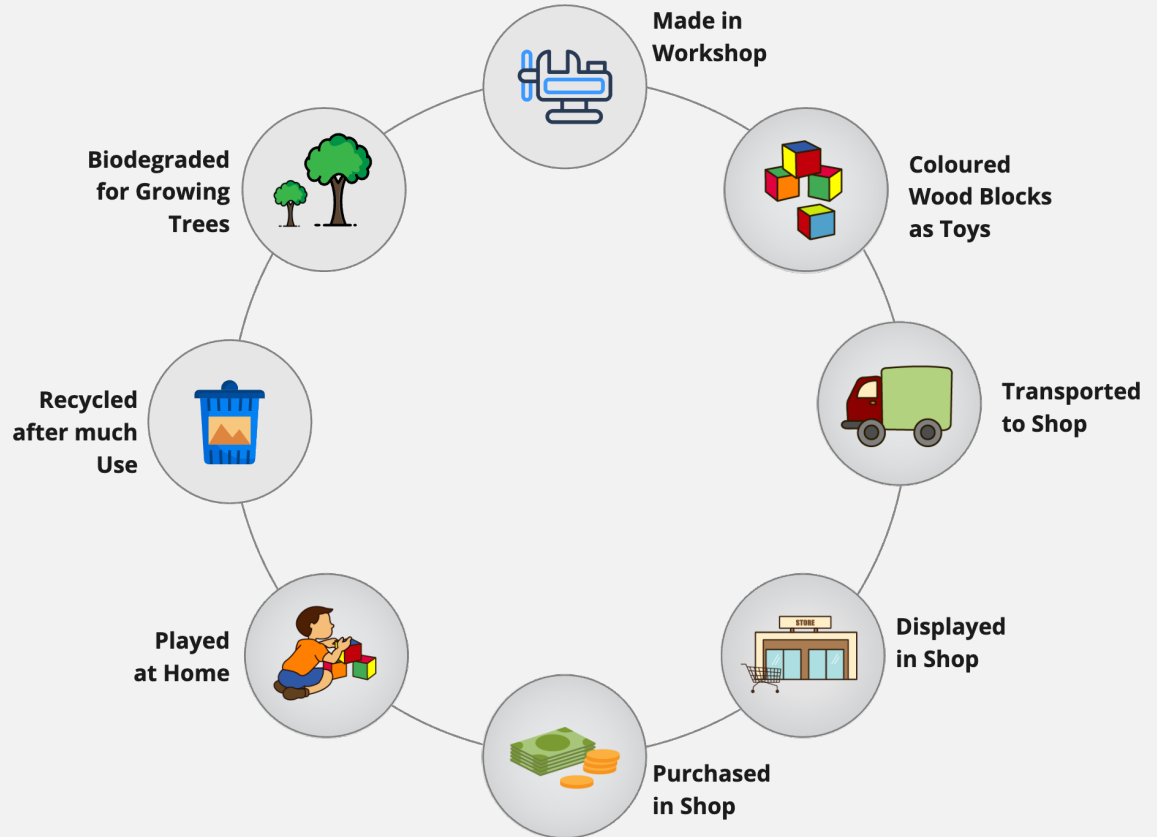
# Activity Mapping Example: Life Cycle Map of a Toy

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Recycle  
Toys for  
Children

**Life Cycle  
Mapping**  
- showing  
different  
stages of the  
Toy  
Example 3:



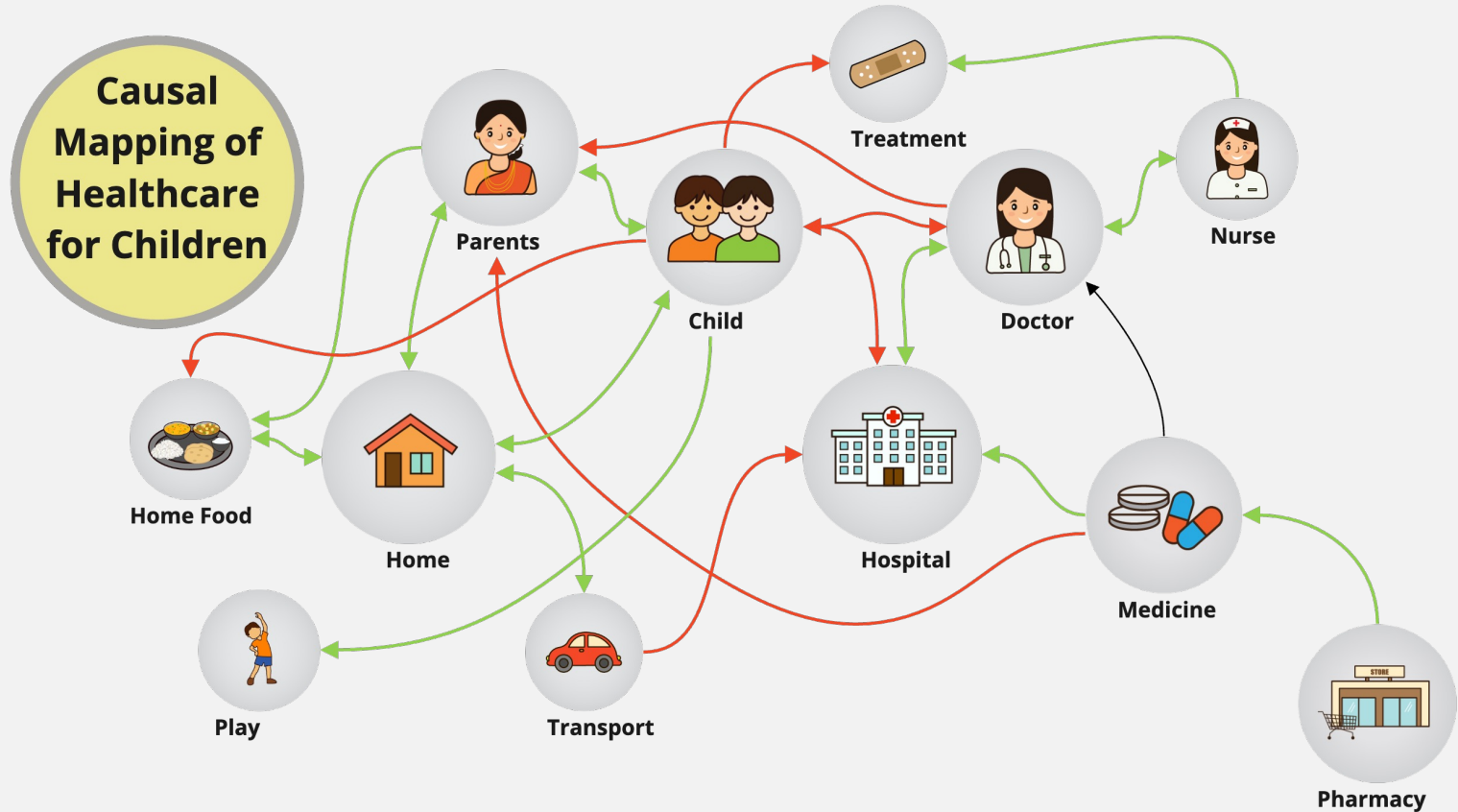


# Activity Mapping Example: Causal mapping of Healthcare

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**Causal Mapping**  
- showing  
Healthcare  
system for  
Children  
Example 4:



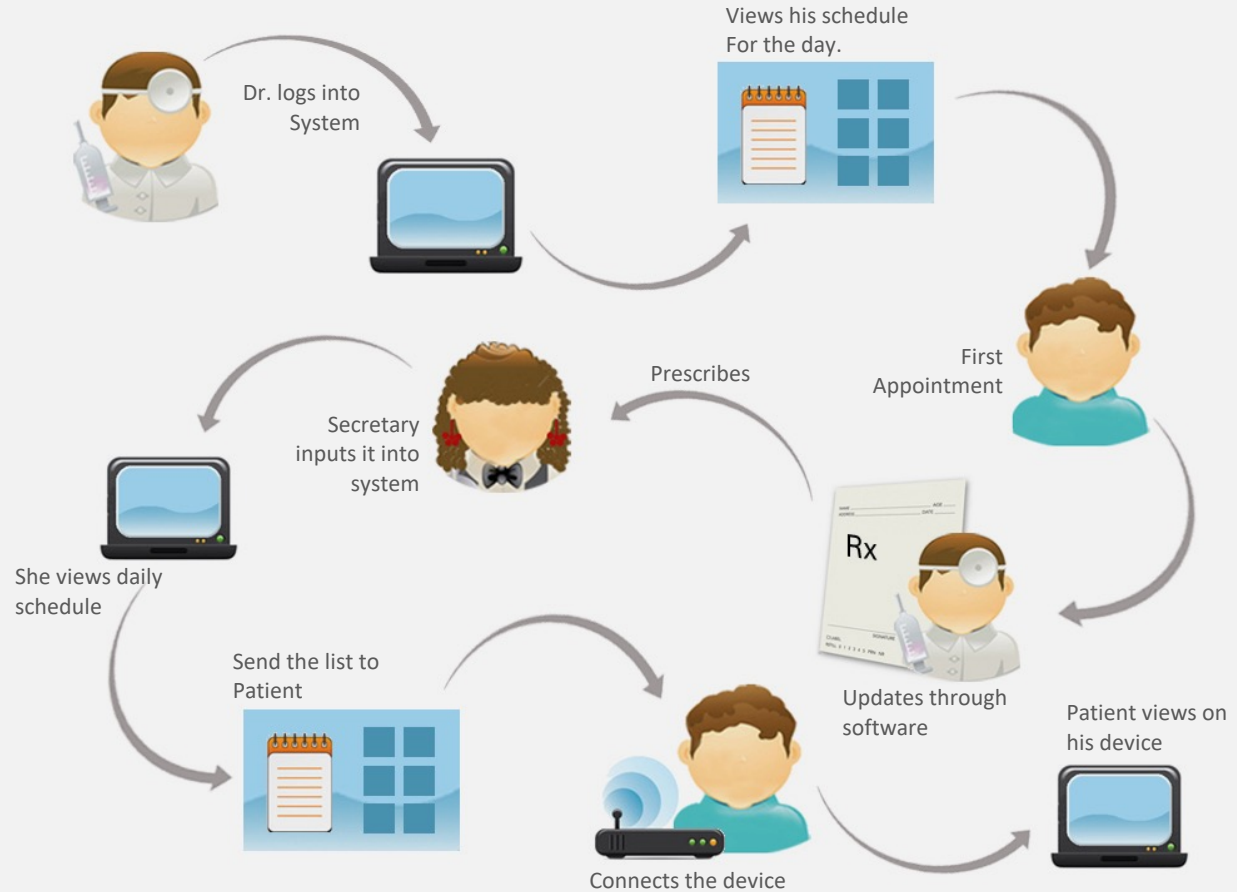


# Activity Mapping Example: Doctor - Patient Interaction

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## Activity Mapping - Doctor- Patient Interaction Example 5:



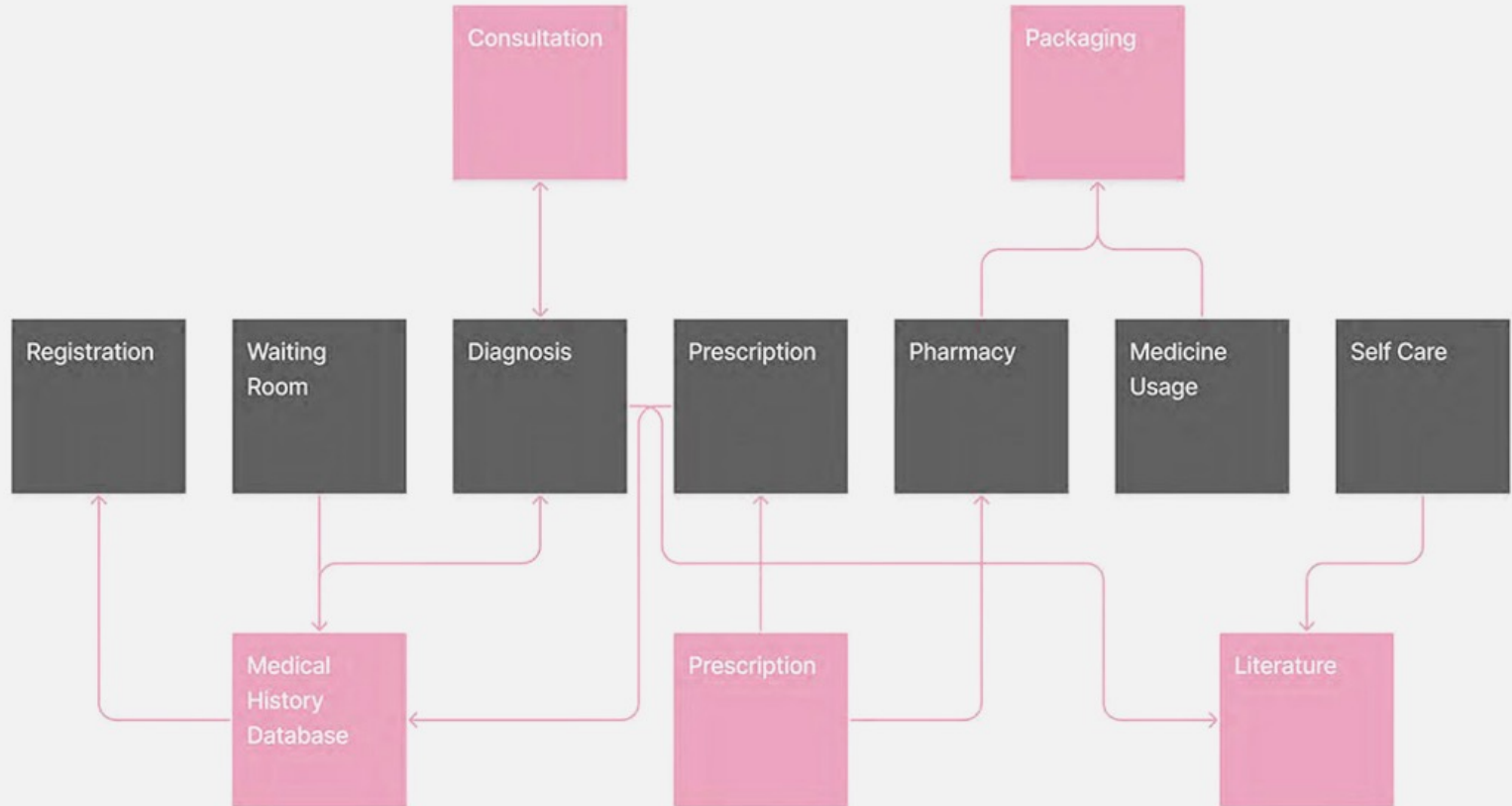


# Activity Mapping Example: Medicine Treatment Sequence

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**Activity Mapping**  
- Indian  
Medicine  
Treatment  
Sequence  
Example 6:





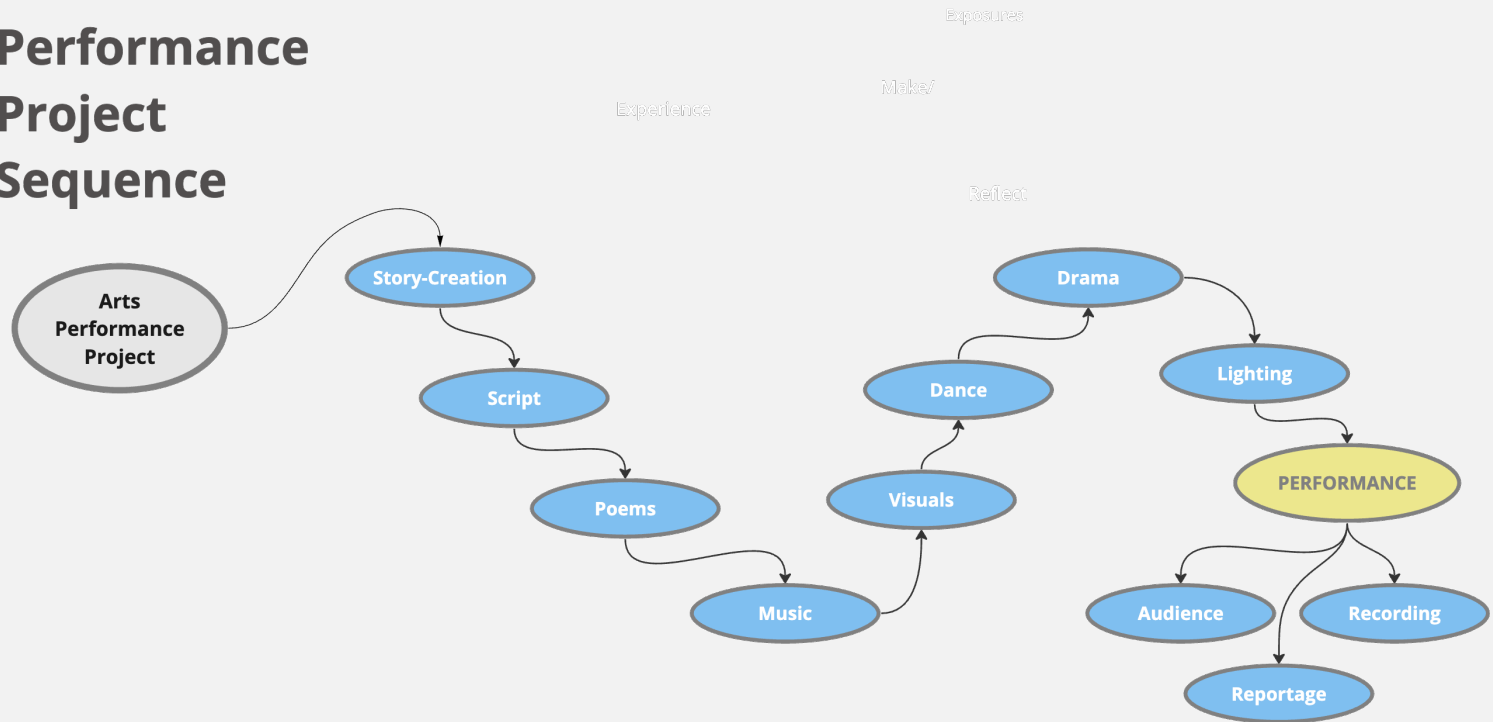
# Activity Mapping Example: Sequence of a Performance

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**Activity Mapping**  
- Planning  
Sequence of  
an Arts  
Performance  
Example 7:

## Arts Performance Project Sequence





# Activity Mapping Example: Sequence of DT&I Process

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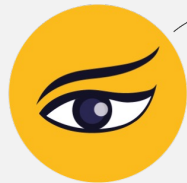
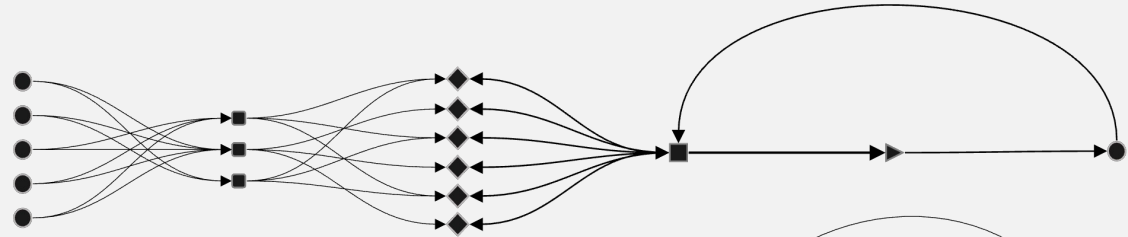


Design Thinking and Innovation as part of  
**Indian Knowledge System**

- > Shilpa Shastra
- > Vastu Shastra
- > Natya Shastra

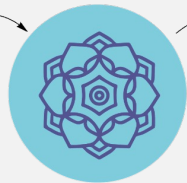
## Activity Mapping

- Sequence of  
Design  
Thinking and  
Innovation  
process as  
part of IKS  
Example 8:



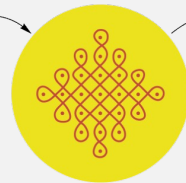
**Observation**

- Nature as Inspiration
- Study of Life



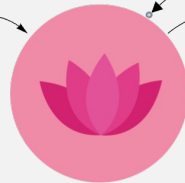
**Critical Analysis**

Analysis of Life Cycles, Structures, Materials, etc



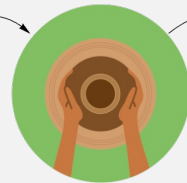
**Creative Variations**

- Explorations based on Structure and not Sameness



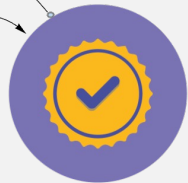
**Learning**

- Observe, Explore, and Mastering



**Implement**

- Perform, Create, Produce



**Validation**

- Sustained across centuries



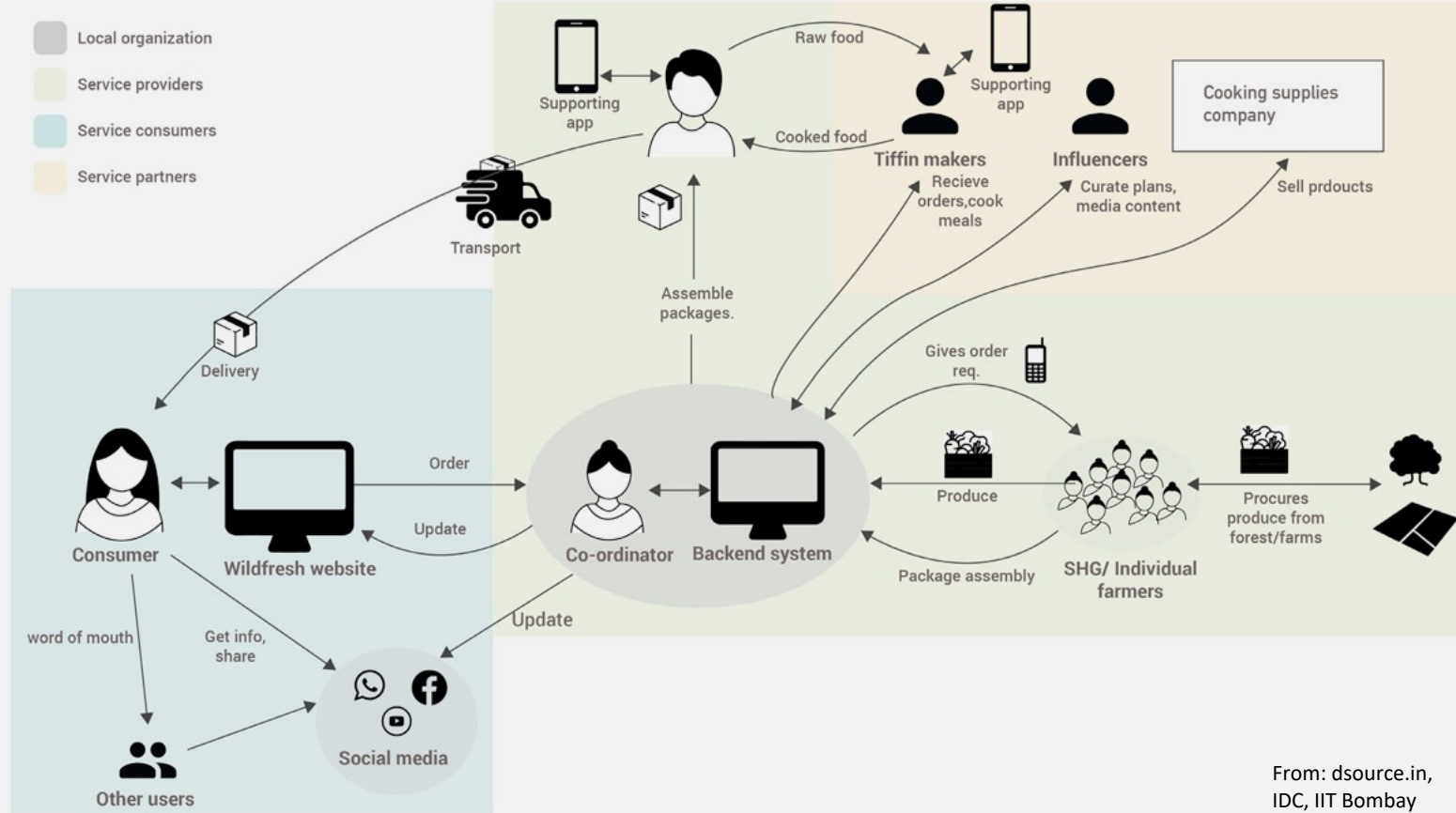
# Activity Mapping Example: Vegetable Service eco-system Map

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## Activity Mapping

- Service Eco-system showing activities for Vegetable as a Livelihood  
Example 9:







# Shintoism

## temporal map



Agyo Ungyo



8th to 12th Centuries  
(Nara and Heian Periods)

### Pre-4th Century Prehistoric and Ancient Periods

- Practices centered around nature worship, animism, and ancestor veneration.
- Kami (spirits or gods) were believed to inhabit natural elements like trees, rocks, and mountains.

The establishment of the Nara and Heian capitals saw the formalization and organization of Shinto practices.

The compilation of written records such as the Kojiki and Nihon Shoki, which outlined myths, legends, and rituals, contributed to Shinto's codification.

### 4th to 7th Centuries:

- Influences from neighboring cultures, notably China and Korea, led to the importation of Buddhism and Confucianism into Japan.
- Shinto practices coexisted with these imported belief systems, adopting some of their rituals and structures.

- The Meiji Restoration of 1868 aimed to modernize Japan and promote nationalism.

- Shinto was redefined and used as a tool for state ideology, leading to the separation of Shinto from Buddhism and the establishment of State Shinto.

- Shrines were rebuilt, and Shinto rituals were integrated into public life.

### Late 19th to Early 20th Centuries (Meiji Restoration)



- Shinto continues to be an integral part of Japanese culture and identity.

- Shrines and rituals are still actively maintained and visited by millions of people each year, especially during traditional festivals and ceremonies.

- Shinto's role in modern Japanese society remains diverse, with some adherents emphasizing its spiritual aspects while others engage in cultural practices without necessarily holding strong religious beliefs.

### 21st Century

- After World War II, State Shinto was abolished by the Occupation forces, and the Japanese government was separated from religious affairs.

- Shinto regained its autonomy and was practiced freely alongside other religions.

- There was a resurgence of interest in Shinto rituals and traditions, although some aspects remained controversial due to their association with Japan's militaristic past.

### 20th Century Mid to Late

Activity  
Temporal  
Mapping  
Documenting  
the History  
of Shintoism  
Example 10:



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# Activity

## Temporal Mapping

### Documenting the Spread of Christianity

#### Example 11:

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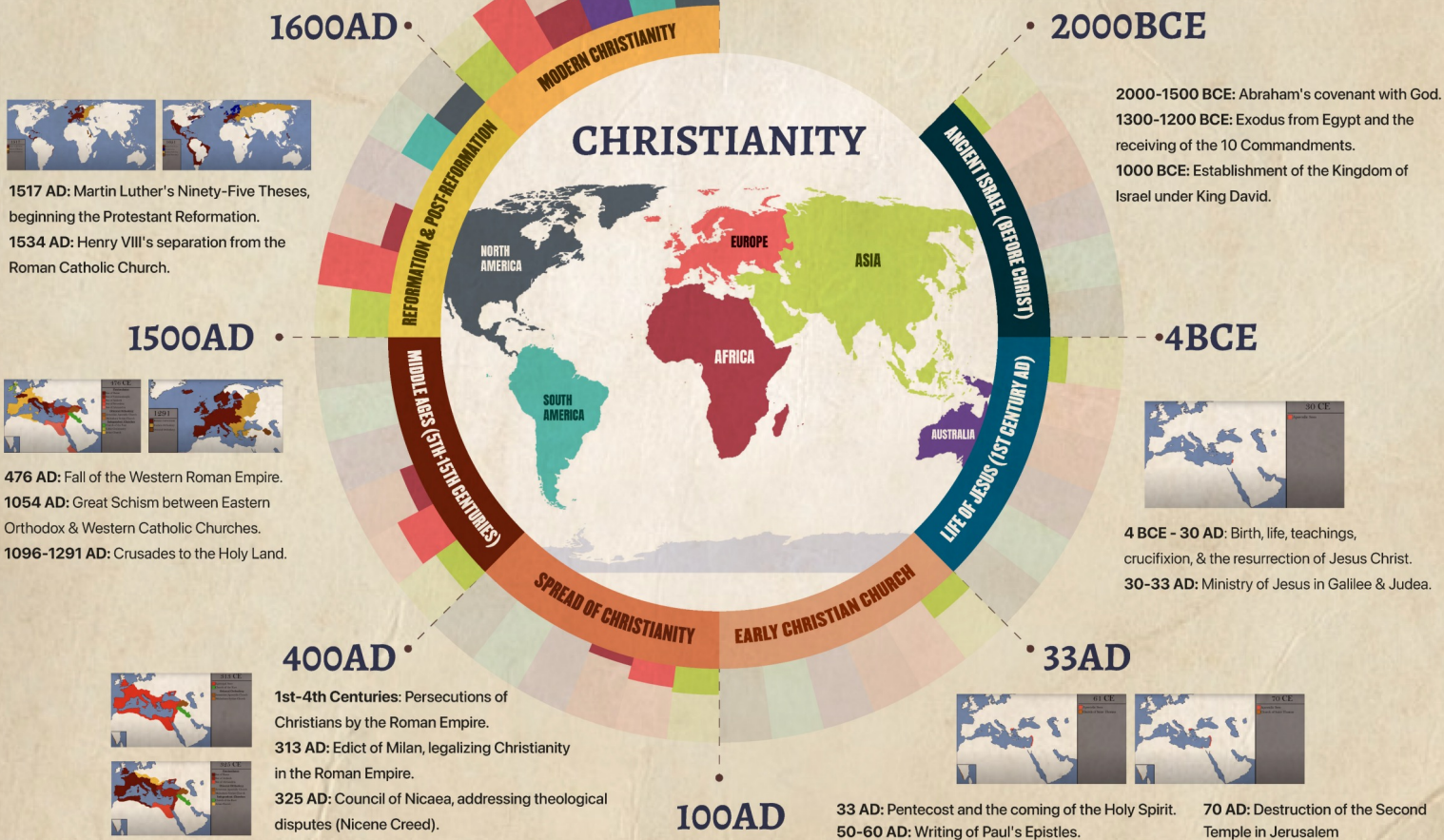


**18th-19th Centuries:** Expansion of Christianity through missionary work.  
**20th Century:** Ecumenical movements, Vatican II, and growth of Protestant denominations.

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- 21st Century: Contemporary challenges and shifts in religious

## Temporal Map





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# Activity Temporal Mapping Visualizing the Taste of Food from different Cultures

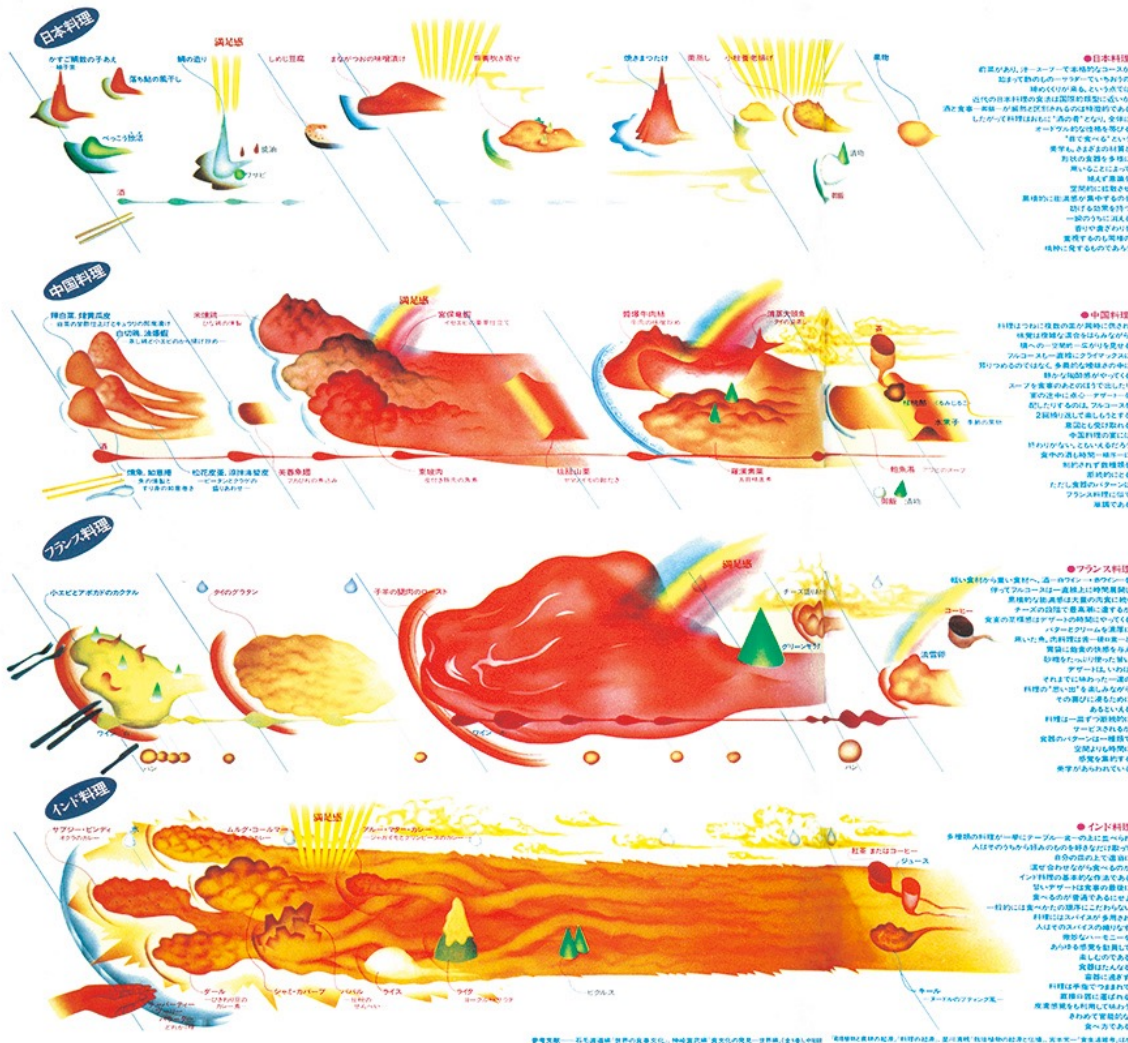
Example 12:

Japanese

Chinese

French

Indian





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# What are Spatial Mappings





# What are Spatial Mappings?



## Spatial Mapping:

- Spatial Mappings refers to an mapping artifacts, activities and environments connected with your topic and shown in relation to each other on a spatial dimension.

(a) Physical Spatial Mapping

(b) Spatial Connectivity Mapping

- **Spatial Mapping** are also referred to as **Environment Mappings**



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# Spatial Mapping Steps:



**1. Select the different spaces connected with your topic**



**2. Select a Space or the location**  
- building, neighborhood, town/city, state, country, world



**3. Make a list of the different aspects of the space and note down the keywords**



**4. Organise these in a given Space**  
- These could be mapped on an X Y directions



**5. Make use of colours to differentiate and arrows to show connections**



**6. Draw inferences from the mapping**



**7. Make a list of inferences from this Mapping**



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## Spatial Mapping

Visualizing the  
different  
facilities in a  
rural location

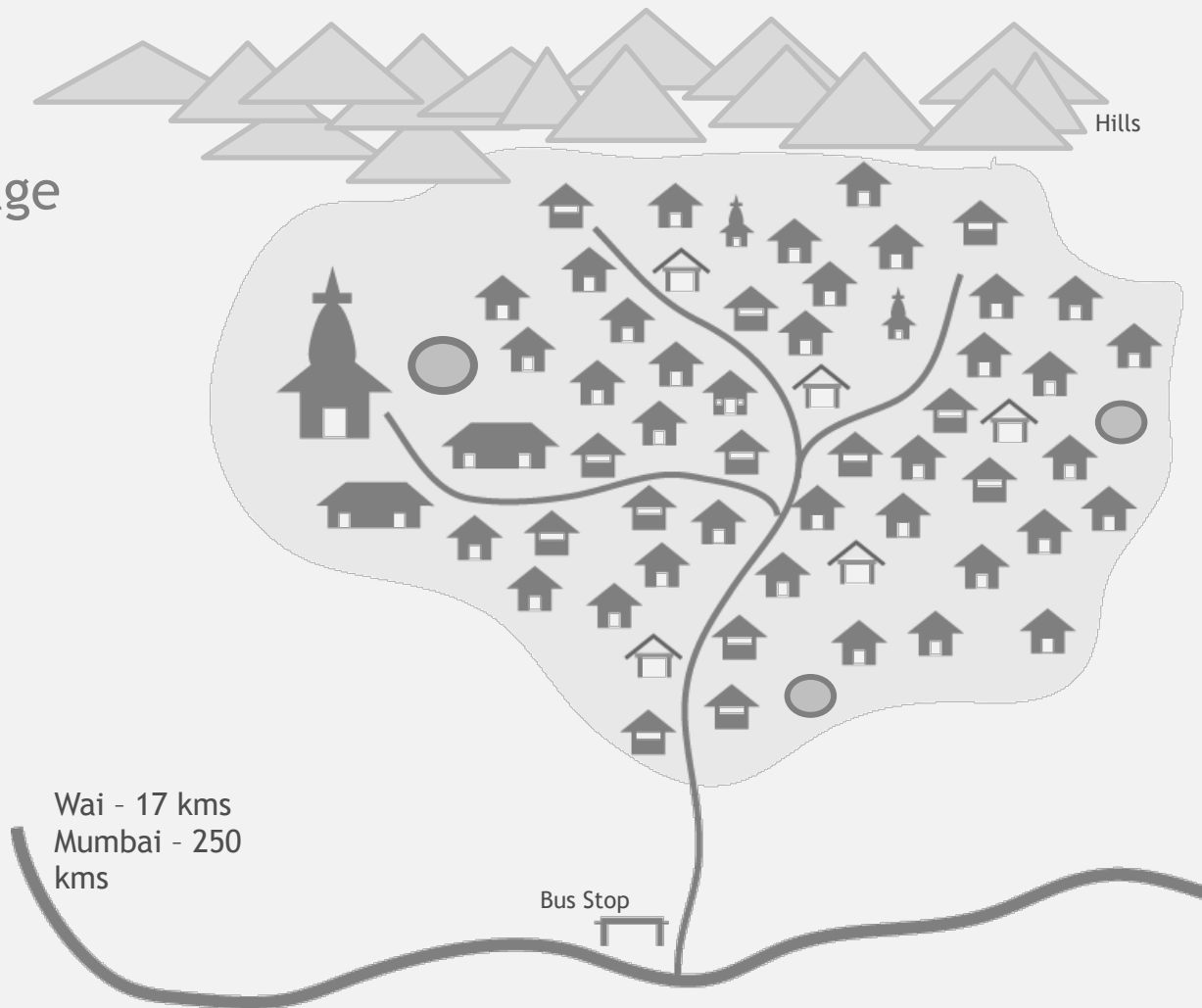
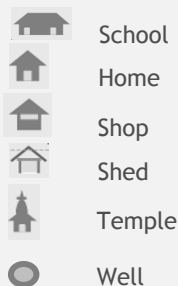
Example 1:

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## Chikhli Village

- . 650 households,  
4000 people
- . Agriculture,  
Labourers
- . Plains
- . Have mobiles





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## Spatial Mapping

Visualizing the  
different  
facilities in a  
neighborhood  
Example 2:

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Mumbai:  
181 kms





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Spatial  
Mapping  
Visualizing  
Journey from  
IITB to Marine  
Drive  
Example 3:

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## IIT Bombay to Marine drive

Total steps - 7537  
Duration - 1hr 55 mins



Ambience



Mode of transport



Garbage



Noise



Distance



Greenery



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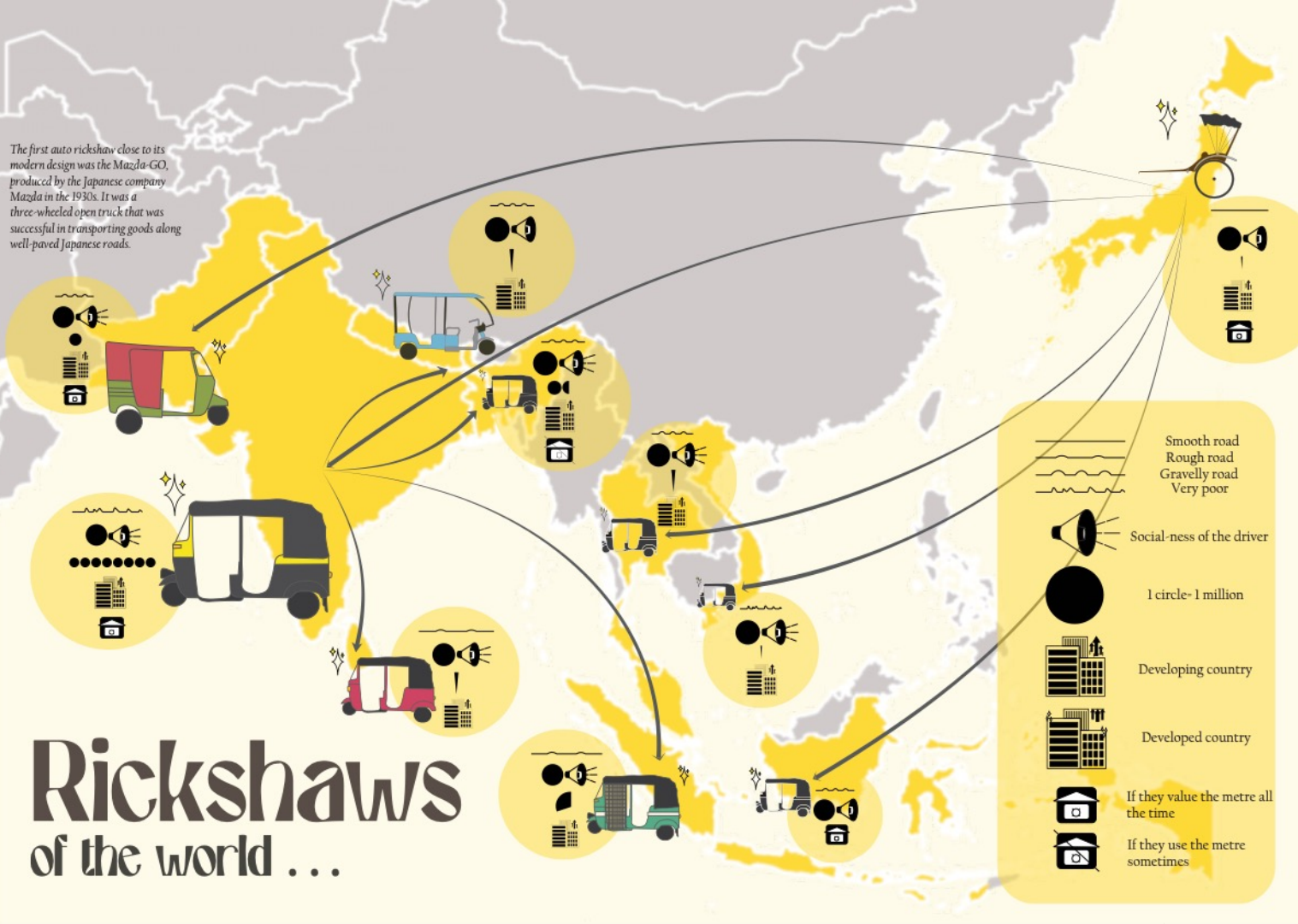


Spatial  
Mapping  
Visualizing  
Rickshaw  
production  
and Spread  
Example 4:

Muhammed Fuaad  
Upasana R  
From: dsourc.in,  
IDC, IIT Bombay

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The first auto rickshaw close to its modern design was the Mazda-GO, produced by the Japanese company Mazda in the 1930s. It was a three-wheeled open truck that was successful in transporting goods along well-paved Japanese roads.





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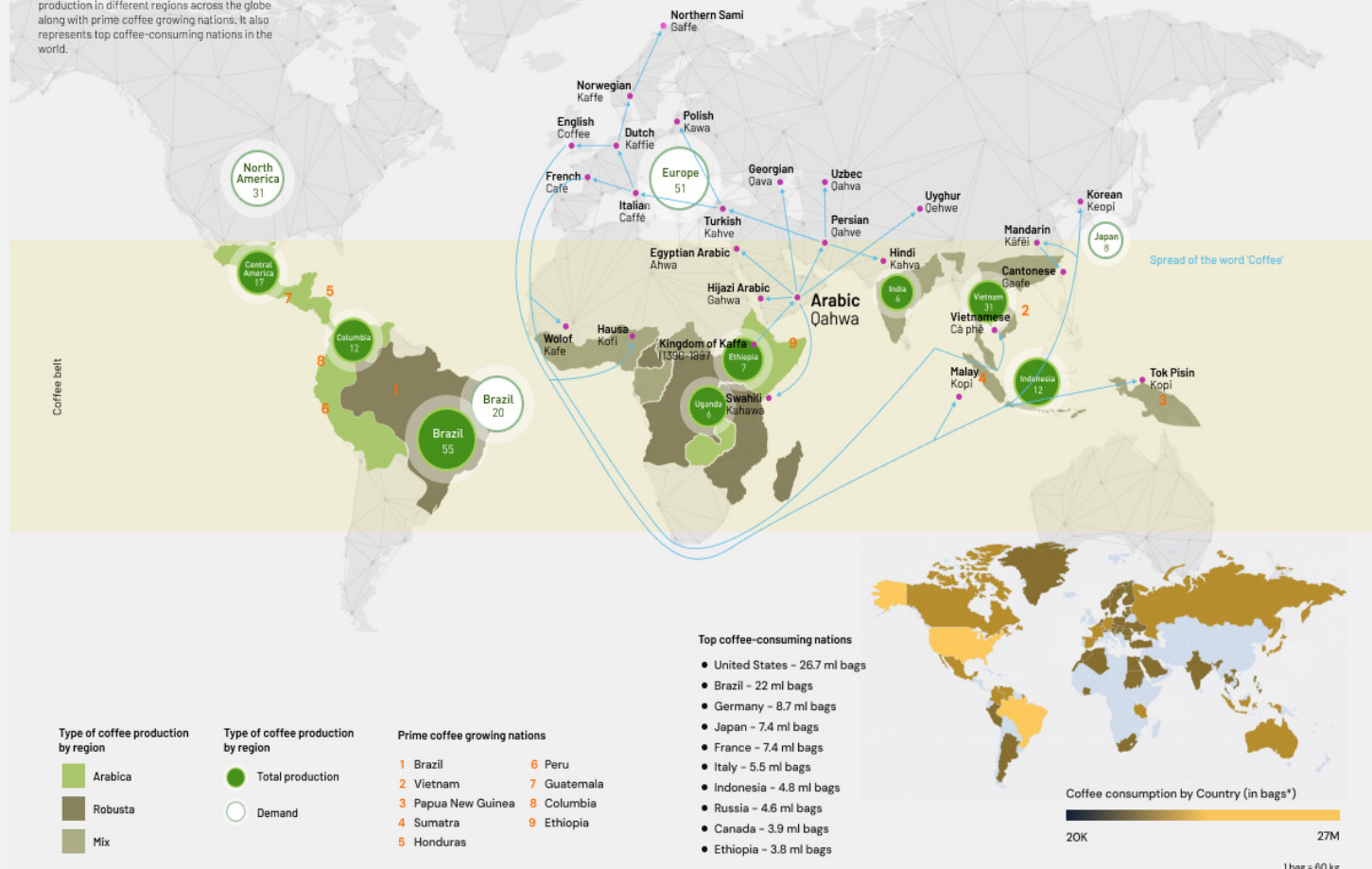
# Spatial Mapping Visualizing Coffee Production and Consumption Example 5:

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## Spatial Map

This map shows the 'coffee belt' type of coffee production in different regions across the globe along with prime coffee growing nations. It also represents top coffee-consuming nations in the world.



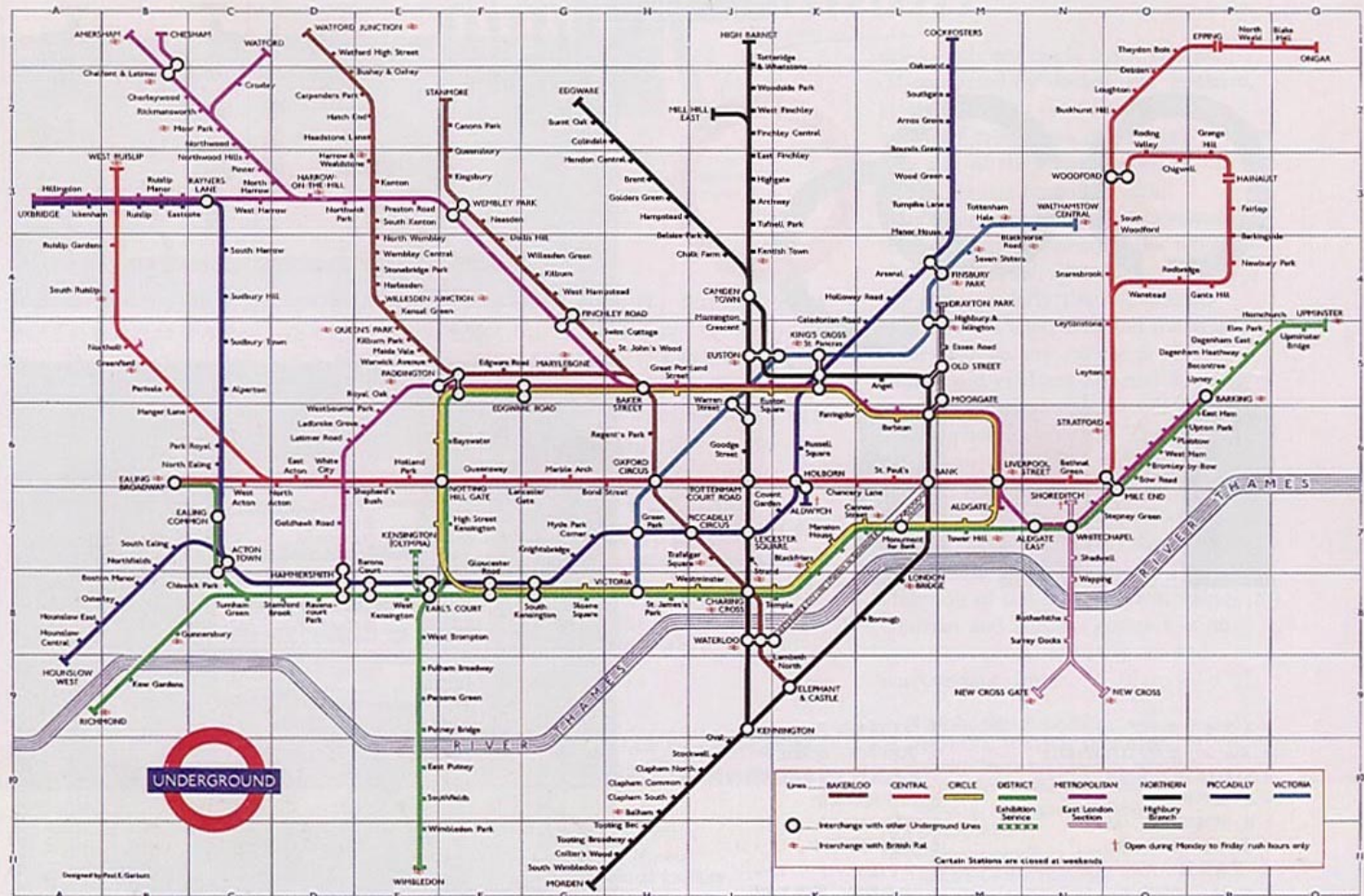


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# Spatial Connectivity Mapping Visualizing Underground Train Connections Example 6:

- by Harry Beck, 1933





# Spatial Connectivity map of Flight Paths:

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DESIGN



**Spatial  
Connectivity  
Mapping**  
Visualizing  
Flight paths  
across the  
globe  
connecting  
10,000  
airports

Example 7:

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# Spatial Speech map – example:

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## Spatial Mapping

Visualizing  
Pronunciation  
of Sound by  
Human  
capability

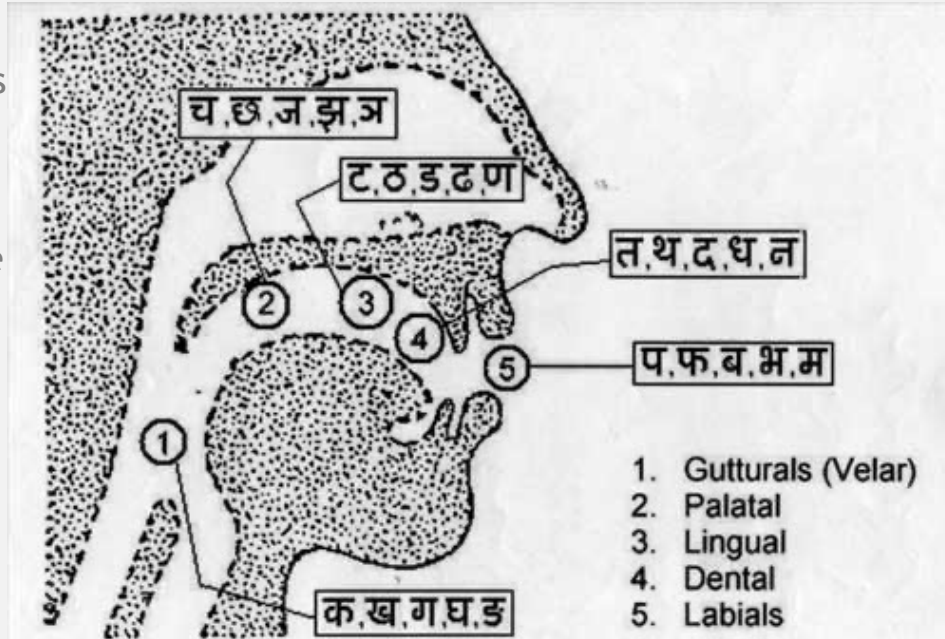
Example 8:

Syntax - sound of letterform  
Semantics  
pragmatics - pronunciation

The categorisation of devanagiri letterforms is based on the pragmatics of being able to pronounce the sound..

- ▶ connection to how humans generate sound
- ▶ identified, categorised and structured in a logical manner

Example:  
Devanagiri Sound Mapping:



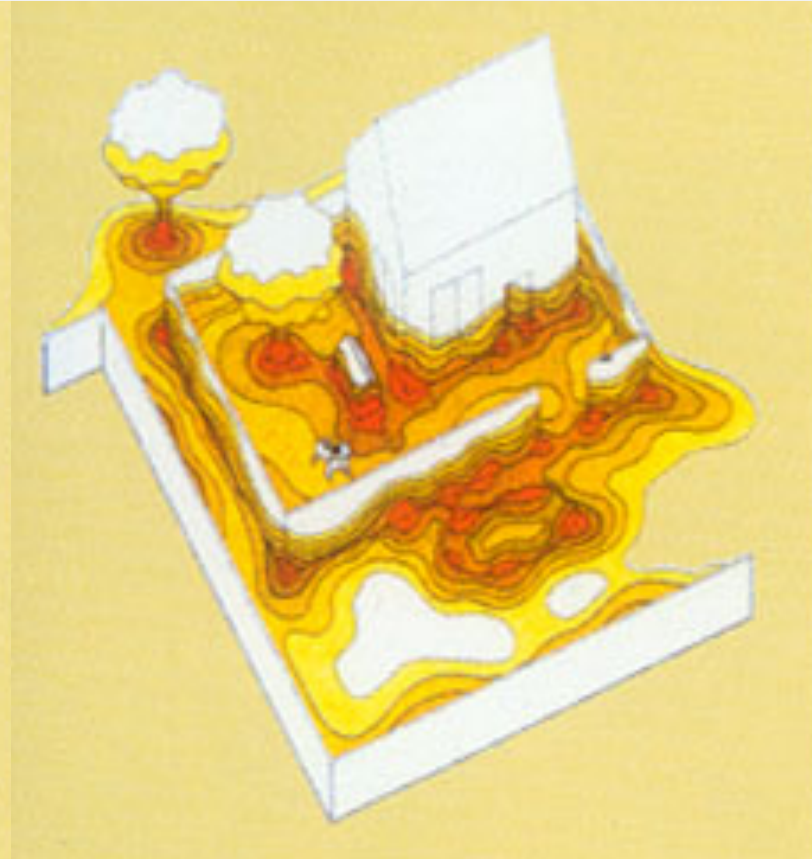


# Spatial Smell Map of a Dog:

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DESIGN



**Spatial  
Smell  
Mapping**  
Visualizing the  
Sensory  
world of the  
Dog  
Example 8:



- by Prof. Sugiura





# Types of Mappings . . . Summing up



## **Artifact Mapping:**

. The various objects/medias/services connected to the topic are shown in relation to each other



## **Activity/Temporal Mapping:**

. The various activities connected with the topic are shown across the time dimension.

- (a) One day in the life of . .
- (b) User Journey mapping
- (c) Life-cycle mapping
- (d) Causal Mappings/Diagrams




## **Environment/Spatial Mappings:**

. The various spaces or environments that are connected with the topic are shown in relation to each other

- (a) Physical Spatial Mapping
- (b) Spatial Connectivity Mapping





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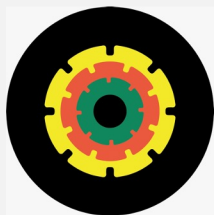
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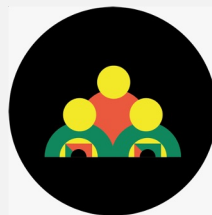
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- > Information/Data  
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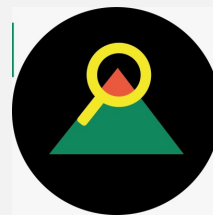
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- > Artifact,  
Activity, and  
Spatial Mappings



DT&I  
Project  
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- > Analysis
- > Use of Artifact /  
Activity / Spatial  
Mappings



DT&I  
Cast Study  
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- > Case Study  
Project:  
Sustainable  
Housing Society +  
Coffee, Tea and  
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