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## Session takeaway points

- Explore the basics of design thinking
- Go through the five stages of design thinking
- Tools to adapt an innovator's mindset
- Self-and leadership transformation through applying design thinking