

OLC Presenter Services

Design Sprint Sessions

Presenting at an OLC conference is more than just sharing ideas—it's an opportunity to engage attendees in meaningful problem-solving, collaboration, and innovation. Design Sprint Sessions are designed to be dynamic and immersive, offering hands-on experiences where participants work together to tackle challenges, explore new strategies, and develop practical solutions.

A great Design Sprint session will:

- Actively guide attendees through a structured, time-constrained problem-solving or ideation process.
- Address a specific problem, strategy, or concept that is relevant to participants.
- ✓ Encourage rapid experimentation, iteration, and decision-making.
- ✓ Utilize group work, problem-solving exercises, or hands-on demonstrations to solve challenges and enhance learning.
- ☑ Balance facilitation and participant-driven exploration.
- Provide actionable insights, tools, or frameworks that attendees can immediately apply

A few key strategies for achieving these goals are outlined below.

Plan early:

- Review your accepted proposal to ensure alignment between your original concept and the final session.
- Clearly define a challenge or problem for your sprint and structure activities to achieve them.
- Identify key takeaways that participants should leave with and plan how to deliver them effectively.

Structuring your presentation:

- Keep the format interactive and fast-paced to maintain engagement.
- Introduce the challenge or topic concisely, setting clear expectations.
- Design breakout discussions or activities that prompt problem-solving and innovation.
- Guide participants through collaborative exercises and provide opportunities for reflection.
- Conclude with a wrap-up discussion that synthesizes insights and highlights actionable next steps.

Flawless delivery:

- Prepare backup materials in case of technical issues.
- Practice facilitating time-bound discussions and activities to maintain momentum and ensure effective time management.
- Use strategic audience engagement techniques such as polling, small group exercises, or live problem-solving sessions to keep the energy high and encourage participation.

Engage your audience:

- Use thoughtful, strategic, and intentional audience engagement to ensure it enhances your presentation rather than detracting.
- Use intention with placement, number, and frequency of interactions to ensure consistent flow and focus of the presentation.
- Foster a welcoming environment by encouraging participants to share insights, iterate on ideas and make connections with other attendees.