

Group Exercise: Mural (digital workspace for visual collaboration)

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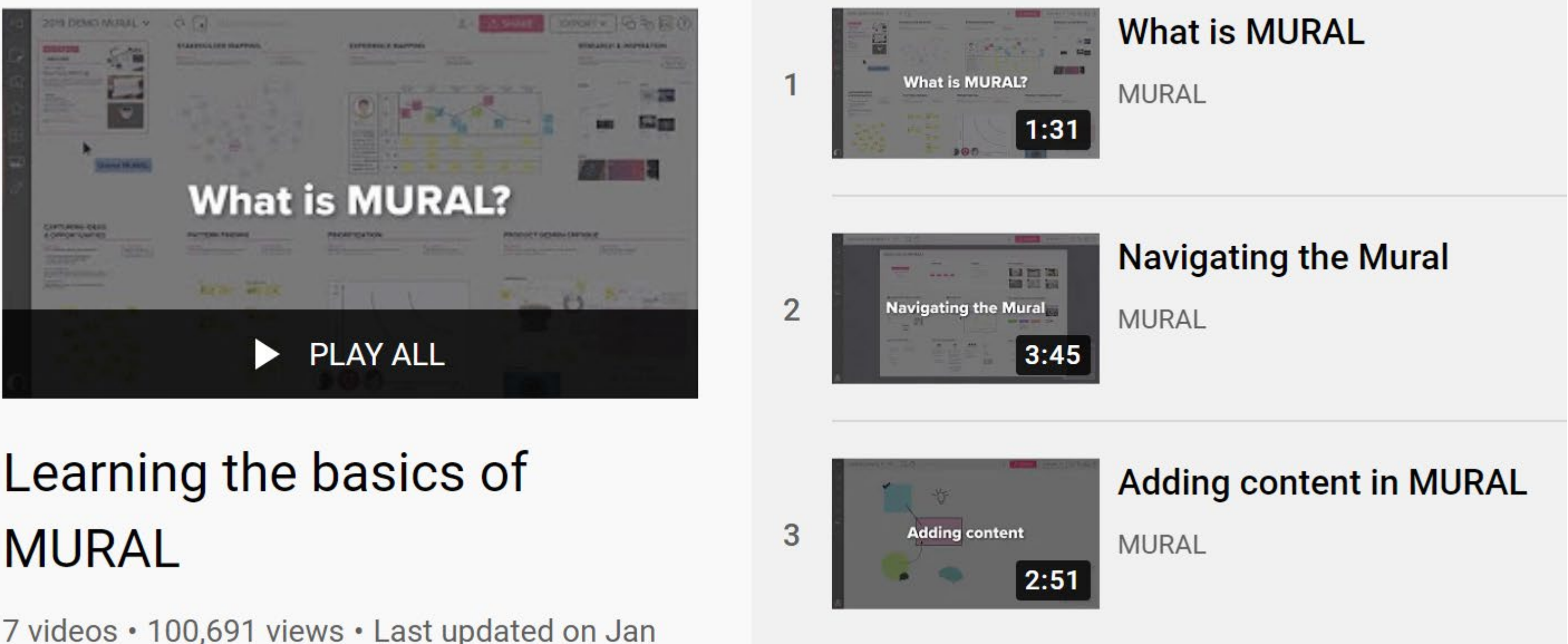
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Introduction to Mural

This is one of many digital workspaces for visual collaboration, like an online 'whiteboard'.

[Mural tutorial videos are online.](#) Search "learning the basics of MURAL - YouTube playlist"



The image shows a screenshot of a YouTube playlist. On the left is a large video player thumbnail with the text "What is MURAL?" and a "PLAY ALL" button. To the right is a list of three video items:

- 1. What is MURAL (1:31)
- 2. Navigating the Mural (3:45)
- 3. Adding content in MURAL (2:51)

Below the video player, the text reads: "Learning the basics of MURAL" and "7 videos • 100,691 views • Last updated on Jan".



Mural introduction

The screenshot shows a Mural workspace titled "MAWSAC May...". The top navigation bar includes a "SHARE" button, a "Facilitator" role indicator, and a user count of 4. The main workspace contains two sticky notes. The left sticky note is titled "Support for problem statement and goal" and contains text about water supply and a scale from 8 to 1. The right sticky note is titled "What would make you..." and contains questions about strengthening the problem statement. A table with 8 columns and 3 rows is visible, with a red arrow pointing to it from the text "Double click sticky notes to type comments". On the right side, there is an "Outline" panel with five items: "1 Consider the Problem", "2 Revise the Problem", "3 Is anything missing? ...", "4 What could we start ...", and "5 Leading the way". A red arrow points from the text "More guidance in the Outline. Click on the gray boxes to expand the instructions." to the "1 Consider the Problem" item. At the bottom, there are three red callout boxes: "To move around the space, click and drag. To zoom in and out, use Ctrl+ or use the scroll wheel on your mouse.", "Hover over LR icon and choose follow", and "Zoom settings". The bottom left corner shows a "3 LR" icon, and the bottom right corner shows a "Zoom settings" panel with a zoom level of 8%.

MAWSAC May... Facilitator 4 **SHARE** ?

All changes saved

Support for problem statement and goal

Consider the proposed problem statement and goal, and share your 'gut reaction' on a scale from 8 (like it) to 1 (no-block):

There is always the potential of another contaminant emerging in our water supply. As a region, we are not always proactive or best prepared to prevent spread or be responsive when new sources of contamination are discovered. *In this context, "framework" is defined as the ideas, information, and principles that form the structure of a plan or process.*

MAWSAC and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) would like all the region's... prepared for new, emerging contaminants and empowered to continually work... supply. The MAWSAC, under advisement of the TAC, recommends that, to address... Metropolitan Council and the State of Minnesota support a framework to maintain... integrated water approaches developed collaboratively by communities, water...

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ENDORSEMENT	ENDORSEMENT WITH A MINOR POINT OF CONTENTION	AGREE WITH RESERVATIONS	ABSTAIN	STAND ASIDE	FORMAL DISAGREEMENT BUT WILLING TO GO WITH THE MAJORITY	FORMAL DISAGREEMENT WITH REQUEST TO BE ABSOLVED OF RESPONSIBILITY	BLOCK	
"I like it."	"Basically, I like it. A change or addition might make it better."	"I can live with it."	"I have no opinion. I need a question answered, or this does not affect me."	"I don't like this, but I don't want to hold up the group."	"I want my disagreement noted in writing, but I'll support the decision."	"I don't want to stop anyone else, but I don't want to be involved in implementing it."	"I veto this proposal."	

What ideas that your colleagues shared do you want to highlight? (Vote)

What would make you...

Share suggestions to strengthen the problem... What would you change, if anything, to support...

Does thinking about these questions make you... statement ->

- What are the current challenges with this topic?
- How would you like things to be? What is your vision?
- What happens or what opportunities do we miss if we don't change?

More guidance in the Outline. Click on the gray boxes to expand the instructions.

Double click sticky notes to type comments

To move around the space, click and drag. To zoom in and out, use Ctrl+ or use the scroll wheel on your mouse.

Hover over LR icon and choose follow

Outline

- 1 Consider the Problem**
 - Take a minute to read and consider the proposed problem statement. Do you...
- 2 Revise the Problem**
 - For the next minute or so, share suggestions to strengthen the problem
- 3 Is anything missing? ...**
 - Take a minute to read the proposed solutions and consider how well they will
- 4 What could we start ...**

What is an example of something we can start doing now to proactively prevent or
- 5 Leading the way**

Consider the suggested action that could start now. Is there an example of an existing effort that

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Zoom settings 8%

Support for problem statement and goal

On a scale from 8 (like it) to 1 (block it), how strong is your support?

Problem or need

There is always the potential of another contaminant emerging in our water supply. As a region, we are not always proactive or best prepared to prevent spread or be responsive when new sources of contamination are discovered.

Goal

MAWSAC and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) would like all the region's changing communities to be prepared for new, emerging contaminants and empowered to continually work to provide a safe water supply. The MAWSAC, under advisement of the TAC, recommends that, to achieve this outcome, the Metropolitan Council and the State of Minnesota support a framework to maintain equitable, long-term, integrated water approaches developed collaboratively by communities, water utilities, and regulators.



What would make your support stronger?

- 1) Share suggestions to strengthen the problem statement or goal. What would you change, if anything, to support it more strongly?
- 2) What ideas did your colleagues share that you would like to highlight?

Prioritizing solutions

Review the actions on pages 3-5 of the memo.

- a) Is anything missing?
- b) What would make the biggest or long-term impact?
- c) What is easiest to implement?

Leading the way

Consider an action that could start now.

- Is there an example of an existing effort that could be used as a model or be expanded on?
- Who would be a good leader for work in the area? Who are critical partners?
- What expectation do you have of these leaders?

Questions

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