Prototyping allows you to test your ideas before investing time and money in a final product. The process adds value to exhibits, helps make them more effective and engaging for visitors, and saves time and money in the long run.

Prototyping is an iterative process. It can include several rounds of designing, building, testing, analyzing, and refining your ideas. Because each project is unique, SIE will create a schedule specific to your prototyping project. Prototyping projects can take as little as two weeks or require several months, depending on their complexity.

What can we prototype for you?

**What exhibit elements can be prototyped?**

- Mechanical interactives
- Digital interactives
- Tactile elements
- 3D models
- Graphics
- Exhibit titles and text

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