

## Preface

This book at hand shall provide you with an understanding for the power of collaboration. In particular in the virtual context, in which we are more and more operating, we are exposed to a manifold set of collaboration means to spur our creativity, to share information quickly, and to collaboratively create new meanings. I look at these means as boundary objects and would like to suggest to you a purposeful use during collaboration so that you can achieve a shared understanding in your community in a best possible way.

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