



Welcome to this session:

Product Management Fundamentals

The session will start shortly...

Any Questions?
Drop them in the questions section.



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Democracy

Every person's opinions matter.

Respect

We look after each other.

Tolerance

We accept each other's differences.

British Values

Rule of Law

We keep to the rules.

Liberty

We are free to make choices.

A group of diverse people, including men and women of various ethnicities, are shown from the chest up, giving thumbs up. They are smiling and looking towards the camera. The image has a teal overlay.

HOUSEKEEPING

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- The use of disrespectful language is prohibited in the questions, this is a supportive, learning environment for all - please engage accordingly.
 - ***(Fundamental British Values: Mutual Respect and Tolerance)***
- No question is daft or silly - **ask them!**
- Should you have a question during the lecture, please feel free to **post in the Questions section** and I will respond throughout.



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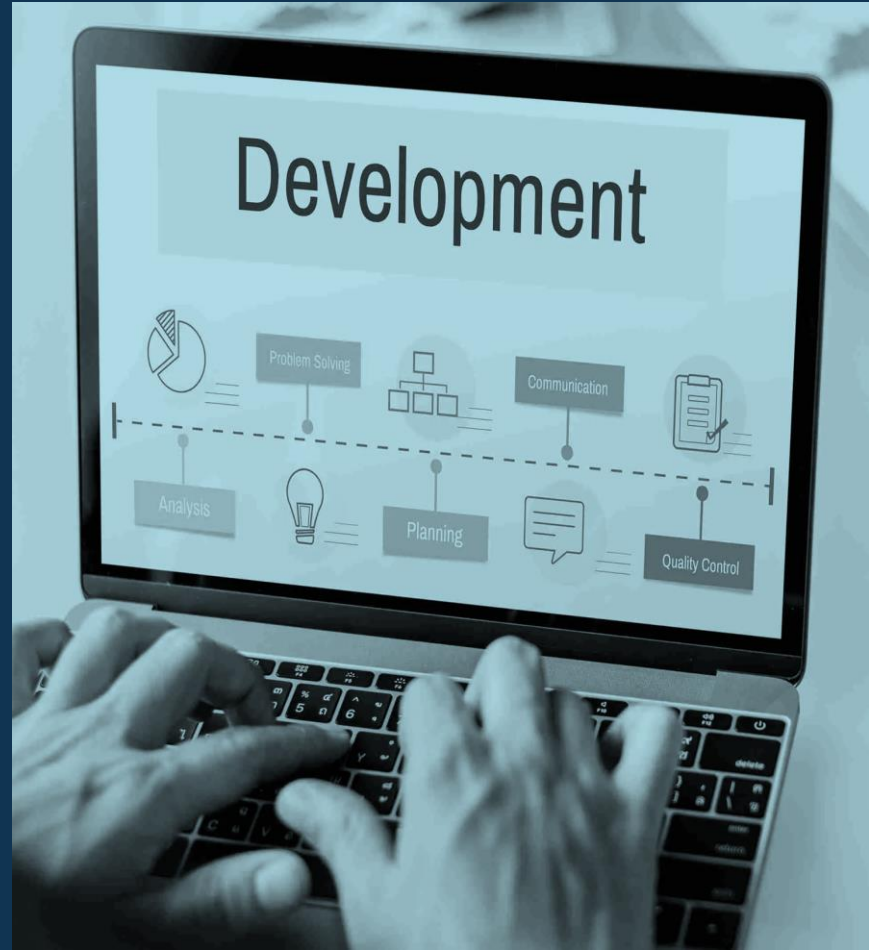
CONNECTION
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Open Questions...



Question 1

"When you think of product management, what comes to mind? Is it more about shaping a product, managing a team, or bridging the gap between business and customers, or maybe all of the above?"



Question 2

"Imagine a business launches a product without a clear plan or direction. What do you think would happen? Why do you think having a strong product management strategy is critical to a company's success?"

Question 3

"If you were hiring a product manager for your dream business, what skills or qualities would you look for? What do you think separates a great product manager from an ordinary one?"



LEARNING OUTCOMES

A photograph of three people in a meeting. A man with curly hair and a beard is pointing at a whiteboard. A woman is smiling and looking at the whiteboard. Another woman is in the foreground, looking towards the whiteboard. The image has a blue tint.

Learning Outcomes



- Define product management and articulate its role within organisations, including its **significance in driving product development, market success, and overall business strategy**.
- Grasp how effective product management **contributes to market competitiveness, customer satisfaction, revenue growth, and long-term business success**.
- Identify and explore the **core competencies required to excel in product management roles**, including strategic thinking, communication skills, user empathy, and leadership abilities.

A close-up photograph of a woman with a joyful expression, her face partially covered in thick, dark mud. She is wearing a large, circular hoop earring. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting. The overall tone is gritty and authentic.

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DEFINITION AND ROLE OF PRODUCT MANAGEMENT

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Product management is a crucial discipline within a company that is responsible for **driving the development, marketing, and improvement of a product** or service throughout its life cycle.

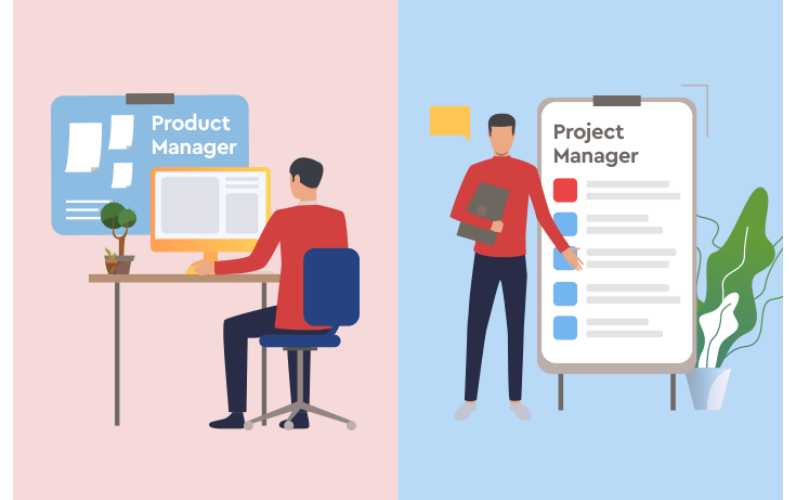
It encompasses various activities, **from conceptualisation and design to launch and ongoing enhancements.**

The primary goal of product management is to ensure that the **product meets the needs of both customers and the business,** driving its success in the market.

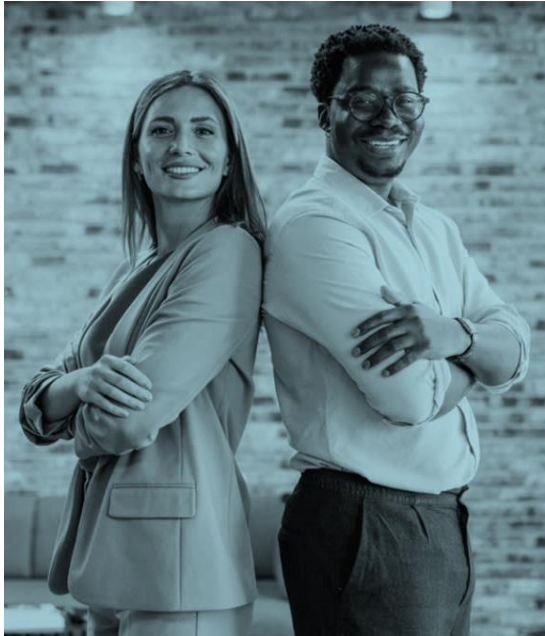
DEFINITION AND ROLE OF PRODUCT MANAGEMENT

Product management revolves around **strategic direction and life cycle management**, ensuring alignment with market needs and business objectives.

Project management executes **specific projects within a defined scope, timeline, and budget parameters.**



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While product management entails **long-term oversight from ideation to retirement**, project management typically **operates within shorter timeframes**, focusing on task execution and deliverables.

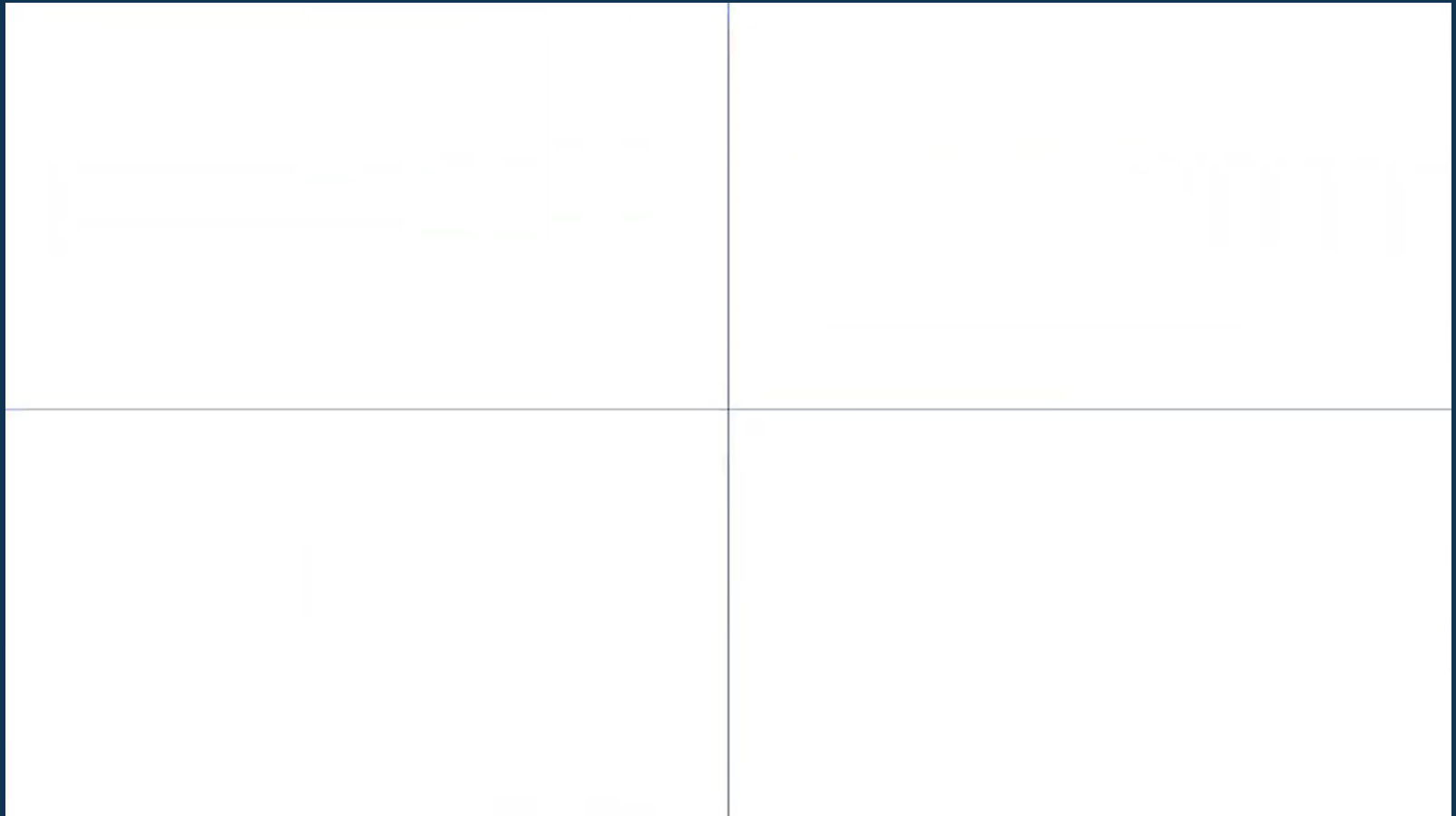
DEFINITION AND ROLE OF PRODUCT MANAGEMENT

In terms of stakeholders, **product management engages a broad spectrum of stakeholders**, including customers, executives, and various internal teams. Project management primarily involves **managing stakeholders directly involved in project execution**.

Both roles are indispensable for successful product delivery and achieving overarching business goals.




https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPR6HsUO_XY



RESPECT

Product Managers need to engage with a wide range of stakeholders and **treat everyone's input with consideration and dignity.**



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1. Reflecting on the distinctions between product and project management, how can I leverage my understanding of these roles to enhance collaboration and effectiveness within cross-functional teams?

A photograph of three people (two women and one man) from behind, standing in a meeting room and looking at a whiteboard. The whiteboard displays a project flowchart with the word 'PROGRESS' at the top. The flowchart shows a sequence of steps: A → B → C → D → E → F. Below this, there is a vertical flow: PROJECT → PILOT → RESULT → SUCCESS. The image has a blue tint.

IMPORTANCE OF PRODUCT MANAGEMENT IN BUSINESS

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In today's competitive marketplace, the role of product management has become increasingly **crucial for the success of businesses across industries.**

Product management is a key player between various organisational departments, aligning strategic goals with customer needs **to drive innovation, growth, and profitability.**

IMPORTANCE OF PRODUCT MANAGEMENT IN BUSINESS

Why Product Management Is Essential For Businesses

- ✓ Market Understanding and Customer Focus.
- ✓ Strategic Direction and Road mapping.
- ✓ Cross-Functional Collaboration.
- ✓ Innovation and Differentiation.
- ✓ Revenue Growth and Business Performance.
- ✓ Risk Management and Adaptability.
- ✓ Customer Satisfaction and Retention.
- ✓ Maximising ROI and Resource Efficiency.

DEMOCRACY

Collaboration between teams, where everyone's voice is heard, and **decisions are made based on collective input**, champions democratic principles.



Time To Reflect



1. How can my business leverage the strategic role of product management to drive innovation, foster cross-functional collaboration, and ultimately enhance customer satisfaction and loyalty in today's competitive marketplace?

Midway



A group of six diverse young professionals (three men and three women) are shown from the waist up, cheering enthusiastically with their arms raised in a modern office or warehouse setting. They are smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred industrial-style space with concrete walls and hanging lights.

KEY SKILLS AND TRAITS OF SUCCESSFUL PRODUCT MANAGERS

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Product management is a multifaceted role that demands a **diverse set of skills and characteristics** to excel in driving product success.



KEY SKILLS AND TRAITS OF SUCCESSFUL PRODUCT MANAGERS

Key Skills And Traits

- ✓ Strategic Vision.
- ✓ Market Understanding.
- ✓ Customer-Centric Approach.
- ✓ Cross-Functional Collaboration.
- ✓ Communication Skills.
- ✓ Leadership and Influence.
- ✓ Adaptability and Resilience.
- ✓ Problem-Solving Skills.
- ✓ Continuous Learning and Improvement.



Human Insight Podcast

Janelle Estes



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Andy Macmillan




LIBERTY

Product managers need
**flexibility and autonomy to
make bold decisions,**
innovate, and lead
without undue constraint.



1. How can I cultivate and leverage the key skills and traits, such as strategic vision, market understanding, and cross-functional collaboration, to excel in driving product success and delivering value to customers and businesses in today's competitive environment?

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS





LECTURE CONCLUSION & RECAP

RESOURCES

A monochromatic, teal-toned photograph of a library or study area. In the foreground, an open book lies flat, with a pair of round-rimmed glasses resting on its right page. Behind it, another open book is visible. The background is filled with numerous tall, stacked books, creating a sense of depth and abundance of resources. The lighting is soft, highlighting the textures of the paper and the frames of the glasses.

RESOURCES

VIDEOS:

- ✓ [Product Manager vs Project Manager](#)
- ✓ [A Harvard Prof's Three Fundamental Characteristics Of A Great Product Manager](#)

Thank you for attending



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