Thought Leadership Engine - Sprint 1

Authentication System & Brand Voice Foundations

Sprint Duration: 10 days (2 weeks - Mon-Fri)

Sprint Goal: Users can register, log in securely, and create their first brand profile with voice

calibration

Team Capacity: 5 developers × 6 hours/day × 10 days = 300 hours

Story Points: 55 SP (targeting 50-60% of historical velocity for first sprint)

® Sprint Objectives

Primary Goals

- 1. Complete authentication system (JWT + 2FA)
- 3. Voice profile configuration UI
- 4. Masic dashboard shell

Success Metrics

- [] Users can register and log in
- [] 2FA can be enabled
- [] Brand profiles can be created
- [] Voice tone can be configured
- [] Test coverage >80%
- [] All APIs documented in Postman

Sprint Backlog

Epic 1: Authentication System (25 SP)

Story 1.1: User Registration (8 SP)

As a new user
I want to create an account
So that I can access the platform

Acceptance Criteria:

- [] Registration form with email, password, first name, last name
- [] Password must be 8+ characters with special char
- [] Email validation (format + uniqueness)
- [] Passwords hashed with bcrypt (12 rounds)
- [] Confirmation email sent
- [] User record created in MongoDB

Technical Tasks:

- [] Create User schema with validation
- [] POST /api/v1/auth/register endpoint
- [] Password hashing middleware
- [] Email uniqueness check
- [] Unit tests for registration logic
- [] Integration test for full flow

Owner: Renee Reviewer: Sentinel Estimated: 2 days

Story 1.2: User Login (5 SP)

As a registered user
I want to log in with email/password
So that I can access my account

Acceptance Criteria:

- [] Login form with email and password
- [] Returns JWT access token (1h expiry)
- [] Returns refresh token (7d expiry)
- [] Invalid credentials returns 401
- [] Rate limited to 5 attempts per 15 min
- [] Last login timestamp updated

Technical Tasks:

• [] POST /api/v1/auth/login endpoint

- [] JWT token generation
- [] Password comparison logic
- [] Refresh token storage (Redis)
- [] Rate limiting middleware
- [] Login form component

Owner: Renee Reviewer: Sentinel Estimated: 1.5 days

Story 1.3: Token Refresh (3 SP)

As a logged-in user

I want my session to extend automatically

So that I don't get logged out while working

Acceptance Criteria:

- [] POST /api/v1/auth/refresh endpoint
- [] Accepts refresh token
- [] Returns new access token
- [] Validates refresh token not expired/revoked
- [] Frontend auto-refreshes before expiry

Technical Tasks:

- [] Refresh endpoint implementation
- [] Refresh token validation
- [] Frontend axios interceptor for auto-refresh
- [] Redis check for revoked tokens
- [] Unit tests

Owner: Sammi Reviewer: Renee Estimated: 1 day

Story 1.4: Two-Factor Authentication (9 SP)

As a security-conscious user
I want to enable 2FA
So that my account is more secure

Acceptance Criteria:

- [] Enable 2FA button in settings
- [] QR code generated with TOTP secret
- [] Verification code input (6 digits)
- [] 2FA required on login if enabled
- [] Backup codes generated (10)
- [] Can disable 2FA with verification

Technical Tasks:

- [] Install speakeasy library
- [] POST /api/v1/auth/2fa/enable endpoint
- [] QR code generation
- [] TOTP verification logic
- [] Backup codes generation + storage
- [] 2FA settings UI component
- [] Login flow modification for 2FA
- [] POST /api/v1/auth/2fa/verify endpoint

Owner: Sentinel Reviewer: Renee Estimated: 2.5 days

Epic 2: Brand Profile System (20 SP)

Story 2.1: Create Brand Profile (8 SP)

As a user

I want to create a brand profile

So that I can start generating content

Acceptance Criteria:

- [] Brand creation form with name, archetype
- [] 12 archetype options with descriptions
- [] POST /api/v1/brand endpoint
- [] User can have multiple brands
- [] Brand associated with user account
- [] Validation prevents duplicate names per user

Technical Tasks:

• [] BrandProfile schema implementation

- [] POST /api/v1/brand endpoint
- [] Brand creation form UI
- [] Archetype selector component with tooltips
- [] Form validation (client + server)
- [] Unit tests
- [] E2E test: Create first brand

Owner: Lexa Reviewer: Renee Estimated: 2 days

Story 2.2: Voice Profile Configuration (12 SP)

As a brand owner

I want to configure my brand voice
So that content matches my tone

Acceptance Criteria:

- [] Voice configuration wizard (3 steps)
- [] Step 1: Select tone tags (multi-select)
- [] Step 2: Choose vocabulary preferences
- [] Step 3: Set emotional range (slider 1-10)
- [] Preview voice description generated
- [] Save voice profile to brand
- [] Can edit voice profile later

Technical Tasks:

- [] Voice profile sub-schema
- [] PUT /api/v1/brand/:id/voice endpoint
- [] Tone tag selector (checkboxes)
- [] Emotional range slider component
- [] Vocabulary input (tag input)
- [] Voice preview generator
- [] BrandVoiceEngine.getVoiceContext() implementation
- [] Validation logic

Owner: Lexa + Alex Z Reviewer: Renee Estimated: 3 days

Epic 3: Dashboard Shell (10 SP)

Story 3.1: Dashboard Layout (5 SP)

As a user

I want to see a dashboard after login So that I have a home base

Acceptance Criteria:

- [] Sidebar navigation (brands, content, personas, campaigns)
- [] Header with user menu
- [] Brand selector dropdown
- [] Responsive layout (mobile, tablet, desktop)
- [] Dark theme applied
- [] Loading states for data fetching

Technical Tasks:

- [] Dashboard layout component
- [] Sidebar component with navigation
- [] Header component with user dropdown
- [] Brand context provider (React Context)
- [] Route protection (require auth)
- [] Responsive CSS with Tailwind
- [] Loading skeleton components

Owner: Alex Z
Reviewer: Renee
Estimated: 1.5 days

Story 3.2: Basic Metrics Cards (5 SP)

As a user

I want to see key metrics on my dashboard So that I understand my progress

Acceptance Criteria:

- [] 4 metric cards: Content, Views, Conversions, Revenue
- [] Mock data for Sprint 1 (real data in Sprint 4)
- [] Bento grid layout
- [] Animated number counting
- [] Trend indicators (+/-)

• [] Responsive card layout

Technical Tasks:

- [] MetricCard component
- [] Bento grid CSS layout
- [] Number animation hook
- [] Trend calculation util
- [] Mock data service
- [] Responsive breakpoints

Owner: Alex Z + Finlay Reviewer: Renee Estimated: 1.5 days

Sprint 1 Schedule

Week 1

Day	Focus	Ceremonies
Mon	Sprint Planning	Planning (2h), Setup stories
Tue	Auth - Registration	Daily Standup (15min)
Wed	Auth - Login + Refresh	Daily Standup, Mid-sprint check-in
Thu	Auth - 2FA Start	Daily Standup
Fri	Auth - 2FA Complete	Daily Standup, Demo (internal)

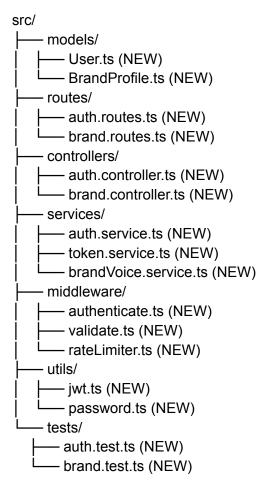
Week 2

Day	Focus	Ceremonies
Mon	Brand Profile Creation	Daily Standup
Tue	Voice Configuration	Daily Standup
Wed	Dashboard Shell	Daily Standup, Mid-sprint check-in
Thu	Integration & Testing	Daily Standup
Fri	Sprint Review & Retro	Standup, Review (1h), Retro (1h)

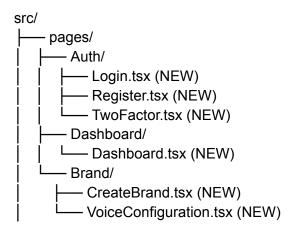


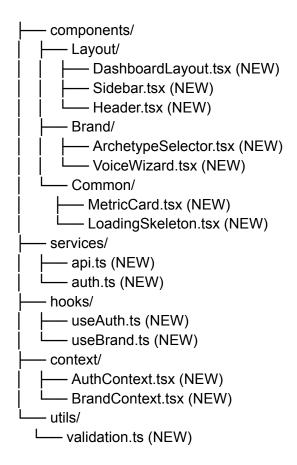
Technical Architecture for Sprint 1

Backend Structure



Frontend Structure





Daily Workflow

Daily Standup Format (15 min max)

Each person answers:

- 1. What I completed yesterday
- 2. What I'm working on today
- 3. Any blockers

Renee facilitates, takes notes, assigns unblocking tasks

Pull Request Process

- 1. Create feature branch: feature/sprint-1-story-X
- 2. Implement story with tests
- 3. Self-review checklist:
 - [] Tests pass locally
 - [] Lint passes
 - [] No console.logs

- [] Code formatted
- [] Types correct (TS)
- 4. Push and create PR
- 5. Request review from designated reviewer
- 6. Address feedback
- 7. Merge when approved + CI passes

Code Review SLA

Initial review: Within 4 hours
Follow-up review: Within 2 hours
Emergency: <1 hour (ask in Slack)

Testing Requirements

Unit Test Coverage Targets

Controllers: 90%Services: 95%Utils: 100%

• Components: 80%

Test Examples

Backend Unit Test:

```
// tests/services/auth.service.test.ts
describe('AuthService', () => {
  describe('register', () => {
    it('should create user with hashed password', async () => {
     const input = {
        email: 'test@example.com',
        password: 'SecurePass123!',
        firstName: 'Test',
        lastName: 'User'
    };
    const user = await authService.register(input);
    expect(user.email).toBe(input.email);
    expect(user.passwordHash).not.toBe(input.password);
```

```
expect(await bcrypt.compare(input.password, user.passwordHash)).toBe(true);
  });
  it('should reject duplicate email', async () => {
   await authService.register(existingUser);
    await expect(
     authService.register(existingUser)
   ).rejects.toThrow('Email already exists');
  });
});
});
Frontend Component Test:
// tests/components/Login.test.tsx
describe('Login Component', () => {
 it('should submit login form with valid credentials', async () => {
  const mockLogin = jest.fn();
  render(<Login onLogin={mockLogin} />);
  await userEvent.type(screen.getByLabelText('Email'), 'test@example.com');
  await userEvent.type(screen.getByLabelText('Password'), 'password123');
  await userEvent.click(screen.getByRole('button', { name: 'Log In' }));
  expect(mockLogin).toHaveBeenCalledWith({
   email: 'test@example.com',
   password: 'password123'
  });
 });
 it('should show validation errors for empty fields', async () => {
  render(<Login />);
  await userEvent.click(screen.getByRole('button', { name: 'Log In' }));
  expect(screen.getByText('Email is required')).toBeInTheDocument();
  expect(screen.getByText('Password is required')).toBeInTheDocument();
});
});
```

Integration Test:

```
// tests/integration/auth.test.ts
describe('Auth Flow Integration', () => {
 it('should complete full registration and login flow', async () => {
  // Register
  const registerRes = await request(app)
    .post('/api/v1/auth/register')
   .send({
     email: 'newuser@test.com',
     password: 'SecurePass123!',
     firstName: 'New',
     lastName: 'User'
   });
  expect(registerRes.status).toBe(201);
  // Login
  const loginRes = await request(app)
   .post('/api/v1/auth/login')
    .send({
     email: 'newuser@test.com',
     password: 'SecurePass123!'
   });
  expect(loginRes.status).toBe(200);
  expect(loginRes.body).toHaveProperty('accessToken');
  expect(loginRes.body).toHaveProperty('refreshToken');
  // Access protected route
  const profileRes = await request(app)
   .get('/api/v1/user/profile')
    .set('Authorization', `Bearer ${loginRes.body.accessToken}`);
  expect(profileRes.status).toBe(200);
  expect(profileRes.body.email).toBe('newuser@test.com');
});
});
```

■ Definition of Done

Story-Level DoD

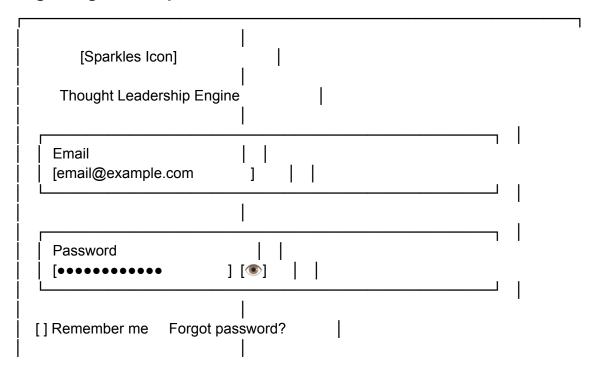
- [] Acceptance criteria met
- [] Code reviewed and approved
- [] Unit tests written (>80% coverage)
- [] Integration tests added (if API change)
- [] Manual testing completed
- [] Documentation updated
- [] No new linting errors
- [] Deployed to staging
- [] Product owner accepts

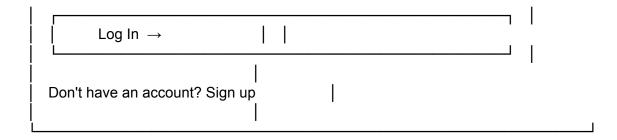
Sprint-Level DoD

- [] All stories meet story DoD
- [] Sprint goal achieved
- [] No P0/P1 bugs open
- [] All code merged to develop
- [] Staging environment stable
- [] Sprint demo completed
- [] Retrospective action items documented

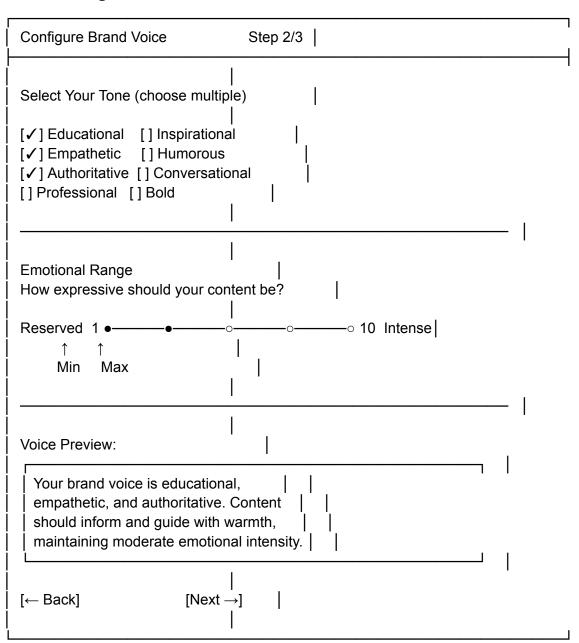
🎨 UI/UX Design Specifications

Login Page Mockup

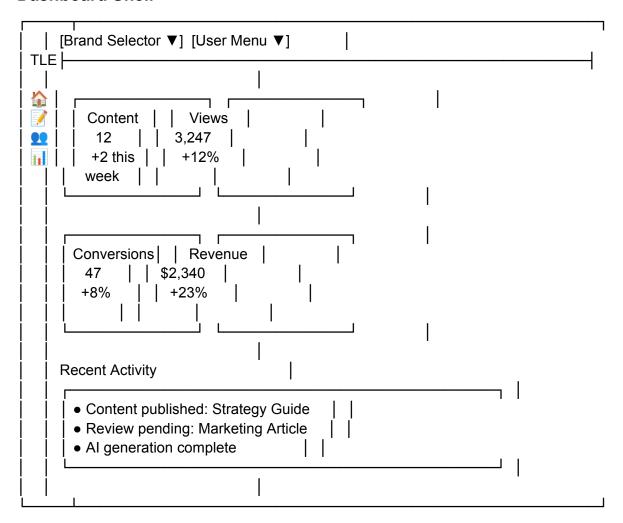




Voice Configuration Wizard



Dashboard Shell



Deployment Strategy

Continuous Deployment Flow

```
Developer Push
  \downarrow
GitHub PR Created
CI Pipeline Runs
Lint Check
 ├─ Unit Tests

    Build Check

└─ Security Scan
  \downarrow
```

PR Approved \downarrow Merge to Develop Auto-deploy to Staging Railway (Backend) L Vercel (Frontend) Manual QA on Staging Merge Develop → Main Auto-deploy to Production Smoke Tests Run Monitoring Alerts Active

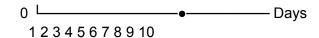
Staging URLs

- Frontend: https://staging-tle.vercel.app
- Backend API: https://tle-api-staging.up.railway.app
- Docs: https://docs-staging.tle.dev

Sprint Metrics & Tracking

Burndown Chart Target

Story Points 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 10 |



Velocity Tracking

Sprint 1 Target: 55 SP
- Completed: TBD
- Carry-over: TBD
- Velocity: TBD

(Baseline for Sprint 2 planning)

Risk Register

Risk	Probability	Impact	Mitigation
2FA complexity underestimated	Medium	High	Pair programming, early spike
Team member sick	Low	Medium	Cross-training, documentation
Third-party API issues	Low	High	Fallback to email-based 2FA
Scope creep	Medium	Medium	Strict story acceptance, PO approval

Sprint Review Agenda (Friday Week 2)

Attendees

- Development Team
- Product Owner (if applicable)
- Stakeholders

Agenda (1 hour)

- 1. Sprint Goal Review (5 min)
 - o Did we achieve the sprint goal?
- 2. **Demo** (30 min)
 - Story 1.1: User Registration

- Story 1.2: Login Flow
- Story 1.3: Token Refresh (show dev tools)
- Story 1.4: 2FA Enable/Verify
- o Story 2.1: Create Brand Profile
- Story 2.2: Voice Configuration Wizard
- o Story 3.1: Dashboard Layout
- Story 3.2: Metric Cards
- 3. Metrics Review (10 min)
 - Velocity achieved
 - Test coverage
 - Code quality
- 4. Feedback (10 min)
 - What worked well?
 - O What could be improved?
 - o Questions from stakeholders
- 5. Sprint 2 Preview (5 min)
 - Next sprint goals
 - o Dependencies

Sprint Retrospective Agenda

Format: Sailboat Retrospective



- Wind (What moved us forward?)
- Anchor (What held us back?)
- Rocks (What risks ahead?)
- 🏂 Island (What's our goal?)

Questions

1. What gave us wind? (Keep doing)

- What was our anchor? (Stop doing)
- 3. What rocks ahead? (Risks for Sprint 2)
- 4. Are we headed to the island? (On track?)

Action Items Template

Action Items from Sprint 1 Retro

1. [Action]: Improve PR review time

- Owner: Renee

Due: Before Sprint 2Status: In Progress

2. [Action]: Add more UI component examples

Owner: Alex ZDue: Day 2 Sprint 2Status: Not Started

Sprint 1 Checklist

Pre-Sprint

- [] Sprint planning complete
- [] Stories estimated
- [] Stories assigned
- [] Acceptance criteria clear
- [] Design mockups ready
- [] Dependencies identified

During Sprint

- [] Daily standups happening
- [] Burndown chart updated
- [] Blockers resolved quickly
- [] Code reviews timely
- [] Tests passing
- [] Staging deployments working

End of Sprint

- [] All stories demo-ready
- [] Sprint review completed

- [] Retrospective completed
- [] Sprint 2 backlog refined
- [] Velocity recorded
- [] Lessons learned documented

Support & Communication

Daily Standup: 9:30 AM

Mid-Sprint Check-in: Wed 2:00 PM

Sprint Review: Fri Week 2, 2:00 PM

Retrospective: Fri Week 2, 3:30 PM

Slack Channels

- #sprint-1 Sprint-specific discussion
- #development Technical questions
- #design UI/UX feedback
- #blockers Urgent issues

Pair Programming

- Available daily 10-12 PM, 2-4 PM
- Book via #development
- Recommended for Story 1.4 (2FA) and Story 2.2 (Voice Config)

🎉 Sprint 1 Success Criteria

Sprint 1 is successful when:

A new user can:

- 1. Register an account
- 2. Log in and see dashboard
- 3. Enable 2FA
- 4. Create a brand profile
- 5. Configure brand voice

6. See placeholder metrics

The system provides:

- Secure authentication
- Token-based sessions
- Protected API routes
- Responsive UI
- 80%+ test coverage

The team has:

- Established velocity baseline
- Smooth collaboration
- Clear next steps

Sprint 1 Kickoff: Monday Week 1, 9:00 AM Sprint 1 Complete: Friday Week 2, 5:00 PM Sprint 2 Planning: Monday Week 3, 9:00 AM

Let's ship it! 🚀