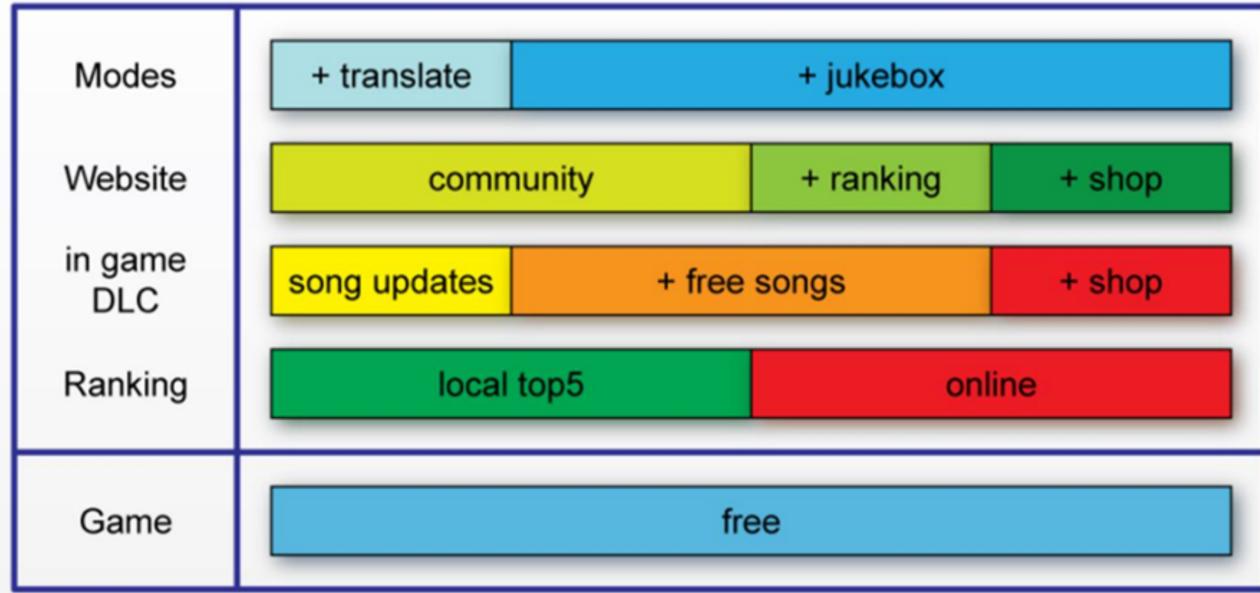


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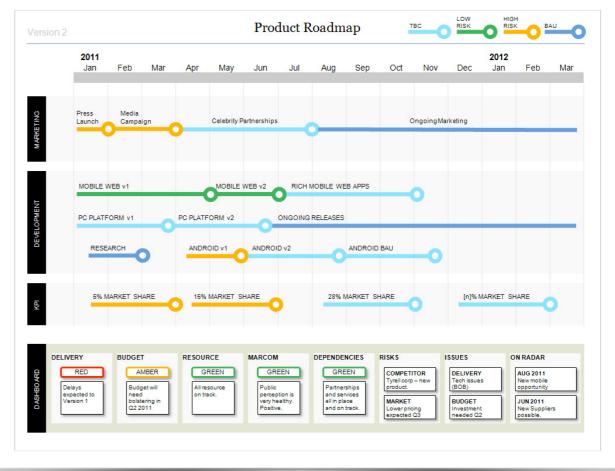
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THE PURPOSE OF A PRODUCT ROADIAP

- Internal Communication
- Team Alignment
- Product Positioning
- Resource Planning
- Achieving Stakeholder Buy-in
- Future Vision



WHAT SHOULD BE IN A PRODUCT ROADMAP?

- Themes (near term and long term)
- Goals and progress
- Individual projects
- Broad Timelines
- Priorities

EVERYTHING IN A PRODUCT ROADMAP SHOULD RELATE TO A GOAL OR KPI.

BASIC PRODUCT ROADMAP EXAMPLE

Themes

Q1

Q2

Overhaul Emails

Better Seller Experience

Increase Conversions

Email System Upgrade

Goal: Time to build email decreases by 1/2

Priority: High

Progress: Not started

Effort: Medium

Seller Portal

Goal: Uploading products decreases by 3/4

Priority: High Progress: Planned

Effort: High

Drip Email Implementation

Goal: Drip emails increase conversion by 15%

Priority: High

Progress: Planned & Designed

Effort: Low

Checkout Overhaul

Goal: Increase conversion by 5%

Priority: High

Progress: Not started

Effort: High

HOW DO YOU ESTIMATE TIME FOR PROJECT?

- Talk to the design and development team about effort
- Consider all the resources you'll need (marketing, design, development)
- Figure out what you need to launch spec lightly
 - Don't try to build everything, consider time constraints
- Try to balance large efforts with smaller efforts for a time frame per team.

PREDICTING TIME FOR DEVELOPMENT IS HARD.

ACTIVITY



KEY OBJECTIVE(S)

Create a product roadmap for an commerce company.

TIMING

10 min	In groups of 4, think through what main themes would be needed to build out a basic ecommerce site.
10 min	Think of which main projects would likely sit in each of those themes.
10 min	Discuss the priority and effort of each piece, and slate projects in quarters for a year plan.

DELIVERABLE

A year Product Roadmap broken down by quarters with projects in each quarter. Include priorities and effort for each project.

WHO REALLY BUILDS THE PRODUCT ROADMAP?

Enterprise: Senior Product Directors per division

Mid-Size: VP of Product, maybe CEO

Startups: CEO & VP of Product

PROJECT TIMELIES

THE PRODUCT ROADMAP IS MADE UP OF PROJECTS.

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DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT TO LAUNCH IN THIS TIME.

MVP

V1, V2, V3

Added Features

Redesign

Improvements

THE PROJECT TIMELINE



YOU SHOULD SCHEDULE TIME FOR:

- User research
- Speccing
- Designing
- Development
- QA Testing
- User Testing
- Iteration
- Approvals from stakeholders

ACTIVITY



KEY OBJECTIVE(S)

Create a project timeline for a checkout flow for an commerce site (ie. Amazon).

TIMING

10 min In groups of 4, think through what is needed on an ecommerce site

to checkout.

20 min Create a rough project timeline to build a new flow. Use your

best judgement for the development piece, but explain how you

would find out better estimates in real life.

DELIVERABLE

A project timeline for a new checkout flow in an commerce site.

TOOLS & RESOURCES



ProdPad

prodpad.com

idea management, roadmap, feature prioritisation

(US\$59/month)



Trello

trello.com

collaborative task management, feature prioritisation.

(FREE)

HOMEWORK

CREATE A 3 OR 6 MONTH PRODUCT ROADMAP FOR YOUR PRODUCT DETAILING THEMES AND HIGH LEVEL EFFORTS.

Q&A

HTTP://GA.CO/PDMTICKET

- 1. What is a product roadmap?
 - 1. The exact dates products will be delivered throughout the year.
 - 2. A high level plan of themes and products to be built over a given timeframe Answer
 - 3. The breakdown of the lifecycle of one product.

- 2. What is the main purpose of a product roadmap?
 - 1. To make sure everyone abides by the due dates.
 - 2. To show commitment to all the work that is on there.
 - 3. As a communication tool to align the company Answer

- 3. What should you schedule for in a project timeline?
 - 1. Development, User Research, Testing Answer
 - 2. Development Only
 - 3. Answering customer questions after launch