

The background image shows a large industrial facility, likely a power plant or manufacturing plant, with multiple levels of metal scaffolding, walkways, and large white electrical cabinets. In the foreground, there are stacks of brown, rectangular components, possibly mold parts. A small sign with the logo 'KNAPP' is visible on the right side of the structure. The overall scene is brightly lit with industrial lighting.

# Product Domain: Vision and Scope

- Takeoff helps Retailers\* to fulfil e-commerce orders fast and efficient
- We provide automation for orders picking and dispatch processes
- Our solution enables to fulfil online order 10x times faster than manual in-store picking. Up to 1500 orders a day can be processed by one automated site

*\* Retailer names masked due to the copyright limitations*

*\*\* This deck was compiled after Andrii has left the company and is not the part of any working documentation, it is used solely for portfolio purposes*

# Product growth strategy

Core features raise productivity  
of the Retailer's warehouse and  
staff - more orders are  
processed with less resources

Retailers rely on us, so we  
must have exceptional service  
to facilitate them using our  
product at other sites

We must be ready to  
sell more sites

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Productivity

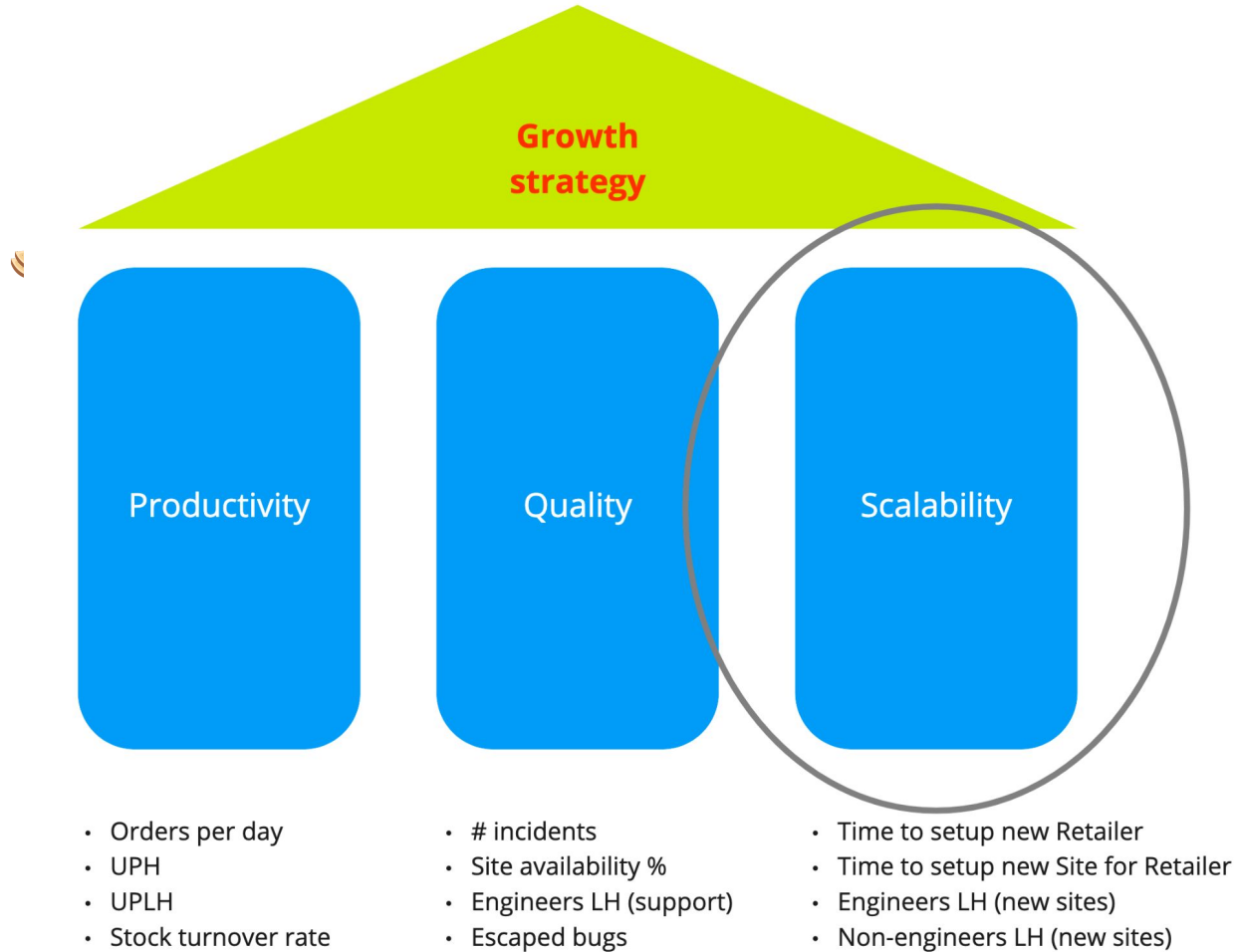
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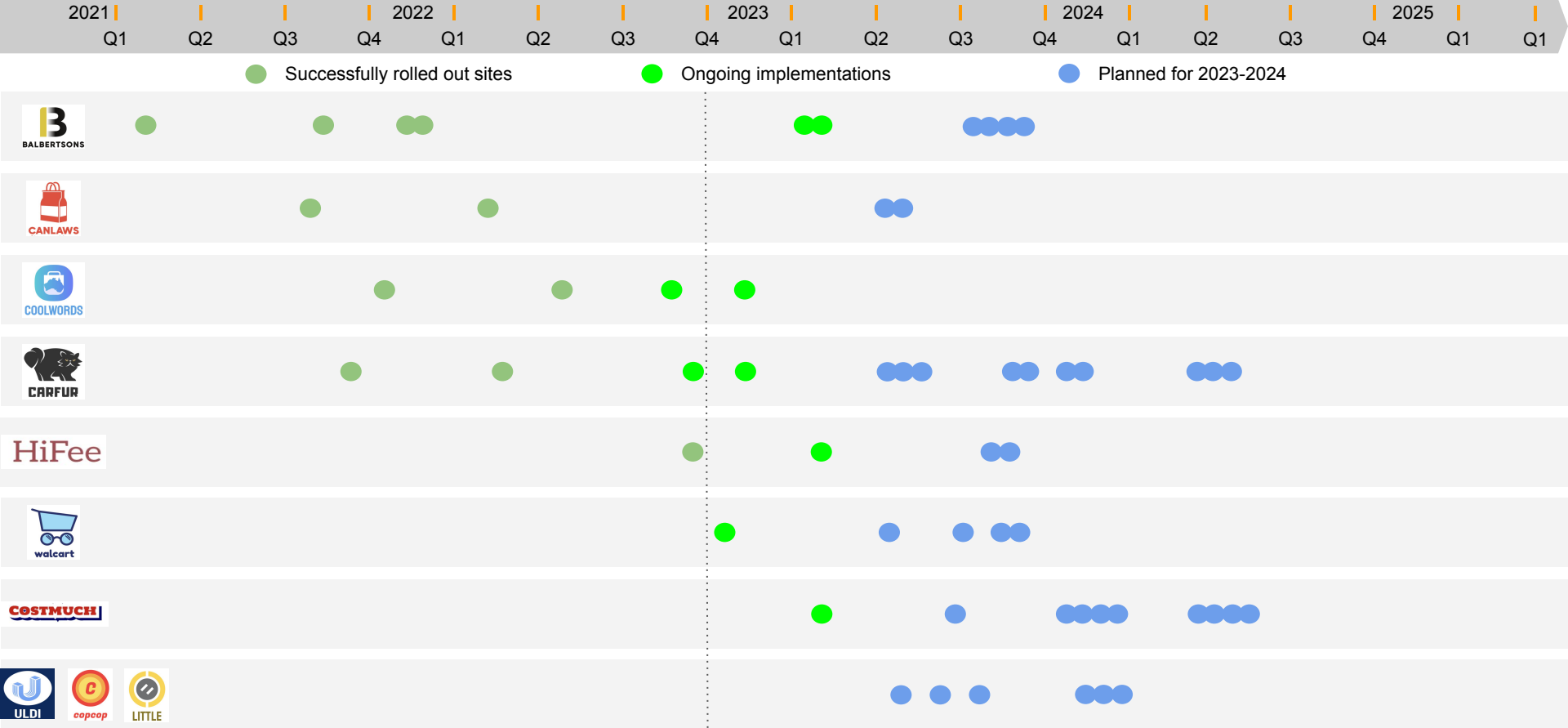
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Scalability

# Domain Product Vision





We opened 11 sites for 5 retailers in two years,  
9 sites are now in-progress

We plan 35 new sites and minimum 5 more retailers  
within the next two years

We scale fast!



Can we afford it?

# What it takes to rollout first Site for a new Retailer? High-level plan



Agree target solution with Retailer

Construct the site

Supply hardware and devices

Deploy the environment (services and interfaces)

Configure site assets

Configure site logic

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In reality, these are hundreds of activities, which last months.  
Many people from different domains are involved



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Site construction have too much specifics and physical world constraints.

We decided to scope them out.

They are taken cared by  
Site Construction Domain  
(PM: James Connor)

# What it takes to rollout first Site for a new Retailer? High-level plan



Agree target solution with Retailer

4-8 months

2-4 months

The rest seems too long...

- Who is involved?
- What exactly is done?
- Can we do 100 simultaneous implementations with the same approach?

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## Our stakeholders are those, who involved in implementation of new retailers and sites

Takeoff employees	Core teams engineers	Requirements discussion / customer calls Manual code customization Redeployment of services Manual end-to-end testing Manual files validation Configuration of access funnels with clients
	Core teams product people	Detailed product presentation Requirements gathering and adaptation
	Operations teams	Project management Client team support UAT testing
	Site engineers	Devices configuration and testing Purchase and supply
	L3 support	Issues resolution Click-ops (manual configuration)
Retailer employees	Site managers	Provisioning of detailed data and instructions on how the site operates Product testing and acceptance
	IT and operations	Integration of internal systems to Takeoff

## Domain Scope includes processes Takeoff does to setup and configure new sites

### Configure site assets

Assets are devices, tools and business entities.

Product requires initialization of such things, so that they can be used by its logic.

Example:

- Zebra picking device
- Storage shelf
- User record...

### Configure site logic

Business configurations, rules, constraints, everything we set in the product, which influences system logic

Example:

- Product barcode format, so that during the scanning, reader-device can understand it actually scans a product and not a shelf label

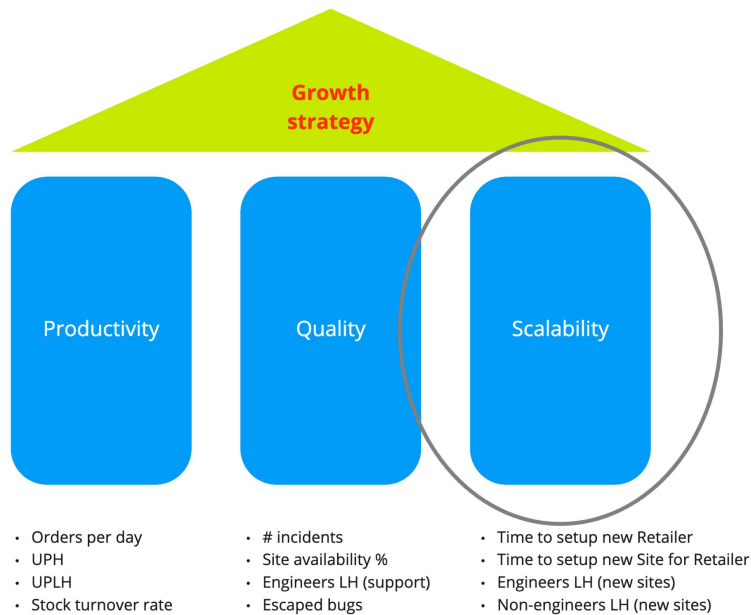
### Integrate with Retailer's systems

How our product communicates with Retailer's systems:

- Input data flows
- Output data flows

Example:

- How do we obtain list of products from Retailer? (interface, data format, processing logic, validation rules, etc)



## Our Domain's Vision

Make the product scalable, so that

Takeoff can onboard 10s of new Retailers  
and 100s of new sites annually

How do we define the problem and scope?

# 1. Work with stakeholders

Shadowing	Domain engineers were actively involved in new sites implementation, so that they can “feel the pain”
Questionnaires	What are the process steps? How long does it take? What tools do you use? Send us the template. What’s the input-output? What’s the variability from site to site? Can anybody else except you do this activity?...
Tickets	“No ticket - no work”. We facilitated all domains to use special labeling in tickets, so we can track assignees / their efforts / ticket lead time / etc

## 2. Define detailed processes

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Wifi and network	Orders fulfilment rules	Products (get)
Users and permissions	Picking sequence rules	Order statuses (send)
Manual shelves area	Products storage rules	Orders (get)
Totes	Max weight rules	Sales (get)
Picking devices	Barcode scanning rules	Purchase orders (get)
Picking stations	... example	Purchase orders (send)
Decanting stations		Inventory movements (send)
Open shuttles (AMR)		Delivery routes (get)
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Printers		...
Staging locations		
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### 3. Get details about every activity

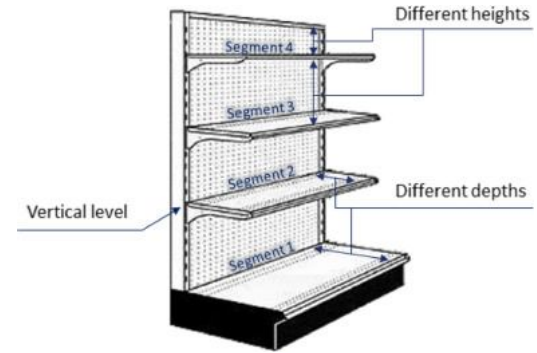
#### Configure site assets

Manual shelves area

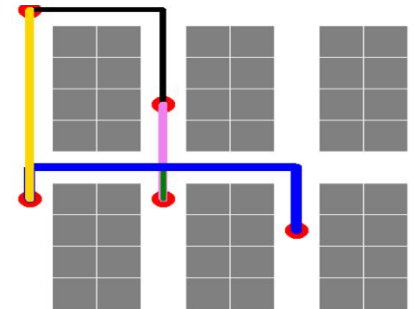
example

- Who is responsible?
- Where the requirements are captured?
- How frequently it is done? Do we update configuration after the site go-live?
- How data is captured by the system?
- Do we have an interface for that or it requires code change?
- Who has access? Can it be done by non-engineers? By Retailer's staff?
- Do we have audit track?
- ...
- How stakeholders would like to do this activity?

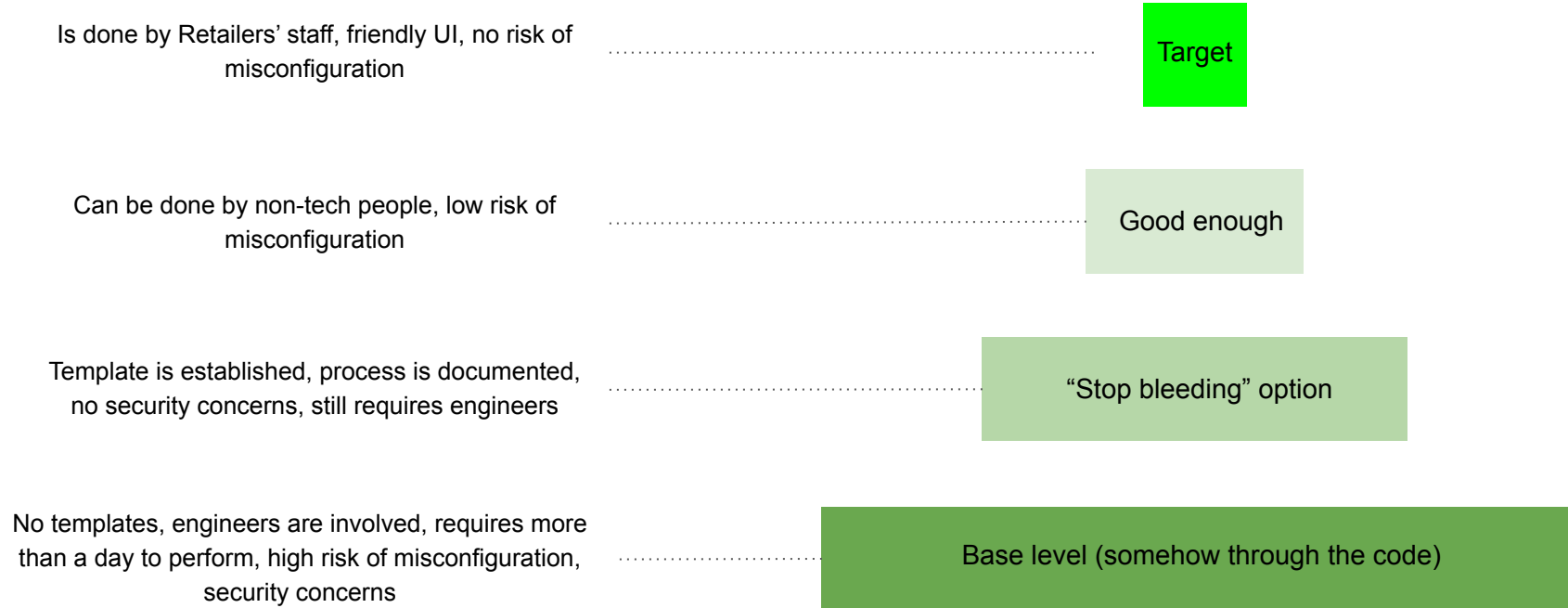
Shelf dimensions



Picking path



## 4. Choose next maturity model - quick fix or substantial UI feature



## 5. Estimate the cost with engineers

Some questions to discuss...

- Requires code refactoring? (change of the logic for core services, data model redesign)
- Requires new service or technology? (so we must go through PoC cycle first)
- Can we afford scrappy solution first to test the idea?
- Do we have security concerns?
- Do we have expertise? Who's better to implement the change (our domain or the "core service owners")
- Release requirements - can we simply go with the feature or we should do the full PoC lifecycle?

And the outcome is...

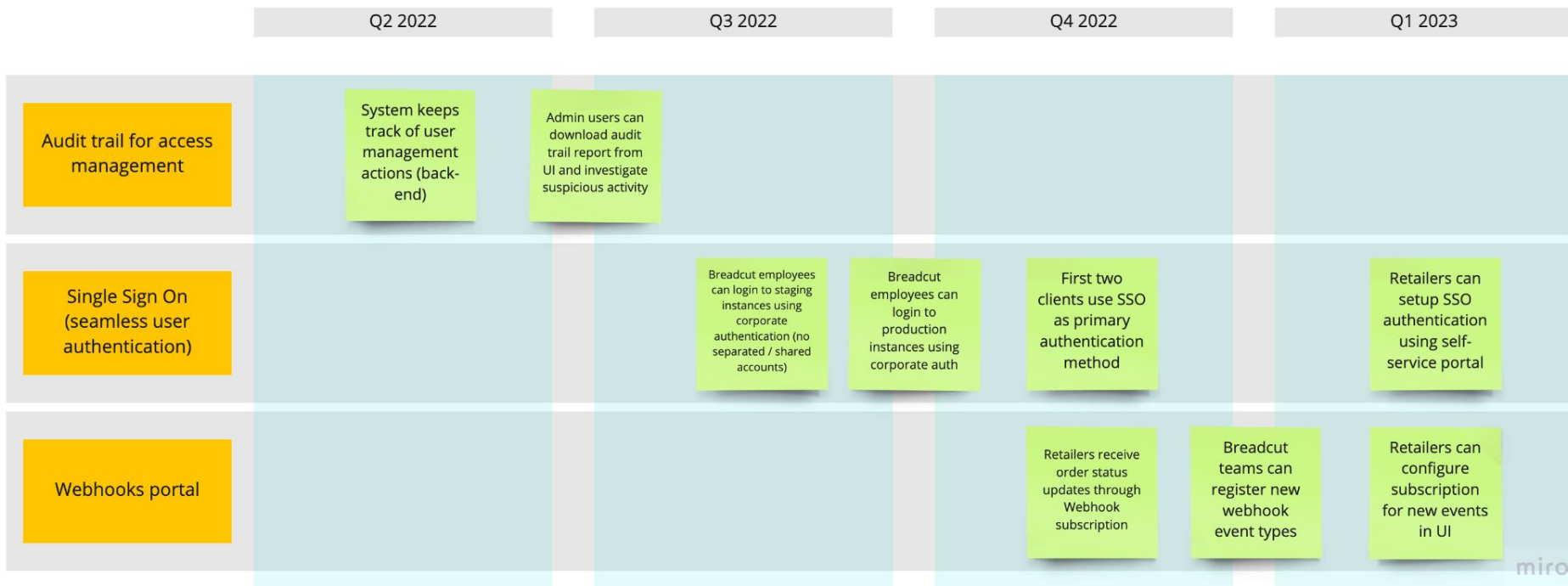
- How the process should look like in the next iteration
- T-shirt size of the solution

## 6. Assess the value based on the chosen solution variant

### Value indicators examples

- Time to setup new Retailer
- Time to setup new Site for Retailer
- Engineers efforts for new sites configuration (labor-hours)
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- Number of support tickets
- Number of issues reported by Retailers caused by site misconfiguration
- Number of issues reported by Retailers caused by integration failures or logical corner cases
- Hard requirements stated by new clients (like, security concern - risk of losing the contract)

# Product roadmap



## Past quarter results

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Past quarter we focused on security issues and user management processes

- We've got ISO Cert. This standard requires SaaS providers to have proper access management policies and controls, which we lacked
- Tier1 client claimed audit trail as a hard requirement for future implementations
- Our support spends too much time managing users on behalf of the clients, we have seen cases, where client's staff couldn't get access to our system on the first day of their work
- We want to achieve the following:
  - Visibility of access management updates (security requirement)
  - Number of "please, create user" tickets (reduce from 30 per site/month to 0)
  - Speed of new user provisioning (from up to 2 days to 30 seconds to onboard new user)
  - Number of shared accounts (security requirement) -> 0
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We want to **enable users "login with ..." button, so they don't use separate passwords. It will require sufficient tech redesign of several services and new UI login page**

## User management improvement initiative (last 2 quarters)

Metrics	Before	After
Visibility of access management updates (security requirement)	No track	Report about “who give access to whom” is available in UI
Number of “please, create user” tickets	±30 per month per site	±10 per month (we released SSO feature to 30% of sites so far, to be reduced in the next quarter)
Speed of new user provisioning	Up to 2 days (create ticket + create user + pass credentials to the user + user login)	Instantly (30 seconds new user is authenticated in Retailer’s Active Directory)
Number of “shared accounts (security requirement)	±50 shared accounts used by Takeoff employees ±10 shared accounts per site used by Retailer’s employees	No Takeoff’s shared accounts ±3 Retailer’s shared accounts (to be reduced further)



## Next quarter focus

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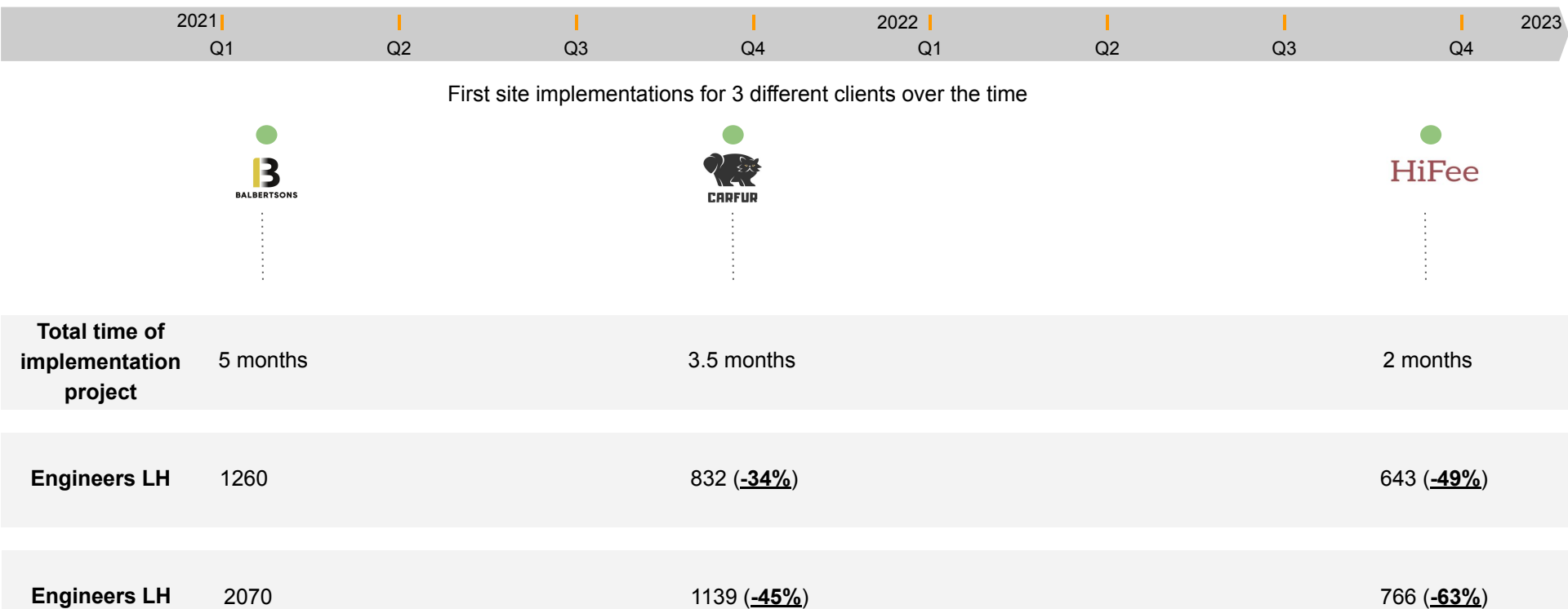
Next quarter we focus on processes which cover Takeoff -> Retailer integration

- 2 out of 5 new retailers in the pipeline claimed Webhooks service as a hard requirement. They have internal systems, which are actively developing, so they need to be flexible and experiment with the flow of order status updates. With current architecture we can configure new push-messages in several days, it requires extra loops of collaboration and engineering involvement
- We plan to switch the rest of the clients to this progressive approach by the end of 2023
  - Saves us about 160 engineering LH a year per client for support
  - Reduces the risk of data loss (last year we had 4 cases of operations freeze due to Retailers lost Order Status Update messages and couldn't quickly re-try sending them)

We want to **create the self-service portal, where they can subscribe to any outgoing data and use it for their internal systems**, so this process will be fully outsourced on their side ("target option" according to maturity model)

How do we validate results with stakeholders?

Main progress driver looks like this:  
We reduced time and efforts to setup new site,  
but still it requires sufficient resources



# Where do we get insights for validation?

## Direct feedback:

- Demo + direct communications with stakeholders
- We produce “feature teasers”, one pager docs, and send them to our clients to see if they are interested. Before any implementation

## Some useful tools:

- JIRA to track tickets reflecting the work done for sites implementation
- [Heap](#) a tool for UI user experience analysis, tracks user interaction
- Kibana + GCP logs to track system operations, API calls sequences, response time, errors, etc