

# User Stories Approval Process

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- 1) Come up with a concept for your project to pitch to instructors.
- 2) Once your concept is approved, begin writing user stories. Do not assign point values to user stories.
  - a. Each user story should be from the perspective of a specific user, the same way user stories for your projects up to this point have been written.
  - b. Be sure to have specific users to describe each feature, no general “As a *user*...”
  - c. These are not necessarily roles, just words that describe the end user for a feature
  - d. “As a photographer, I want to upload my photos to a portfolio page for others to view.”
- 3) After you’ve written your first draft of user stories, send them to all instructors in a group message via Slack. They will get back to you with feedback.
- 4) While waiting for instructors to get back to you about your user stories, start working! Your concept is approved, meaning there is plenty to do. Spend time planning things out on a whiteboard, creating models, setting up roles, or any other general work that will need to be done regardless of specific user stories.
- 5) When you receive instructor feedback regarding user stories, implement the feedback and send updated user stories back to the instructors via Slack. This “back-and-forth” process usually goes on for a few times. Instructors will call you over with any more specific questions they have.
- 6) Once user stories have been approved by all instructors, they will assign point values to each user story and send them back to you. Either confirm the point values look good on your end or reach out to an instructor with any questions or concerns you might have. Once point values are agreed upon, you are officially approved!