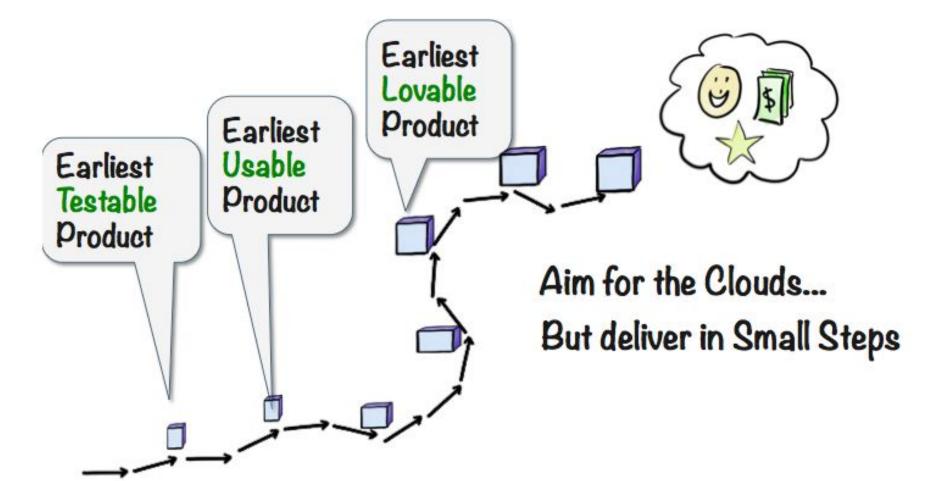
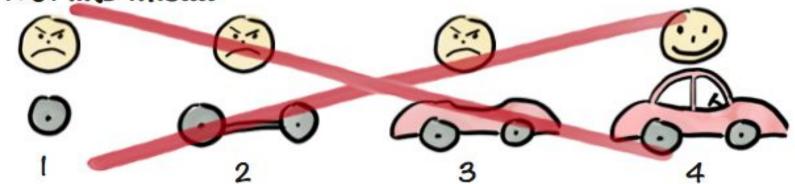
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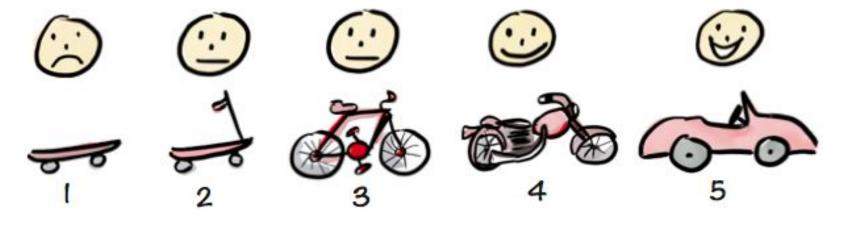
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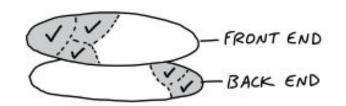


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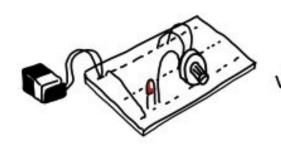
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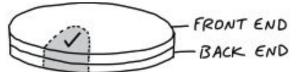


Breadboarding

We borrow a concept from electrical engineering to help us design at the right level of abstraction. A breadboard is an electrical engineering prototype that has all the components and wiring of a real device but no industrial design.





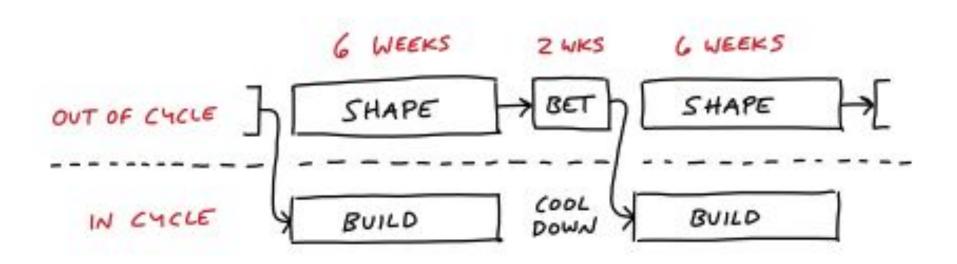


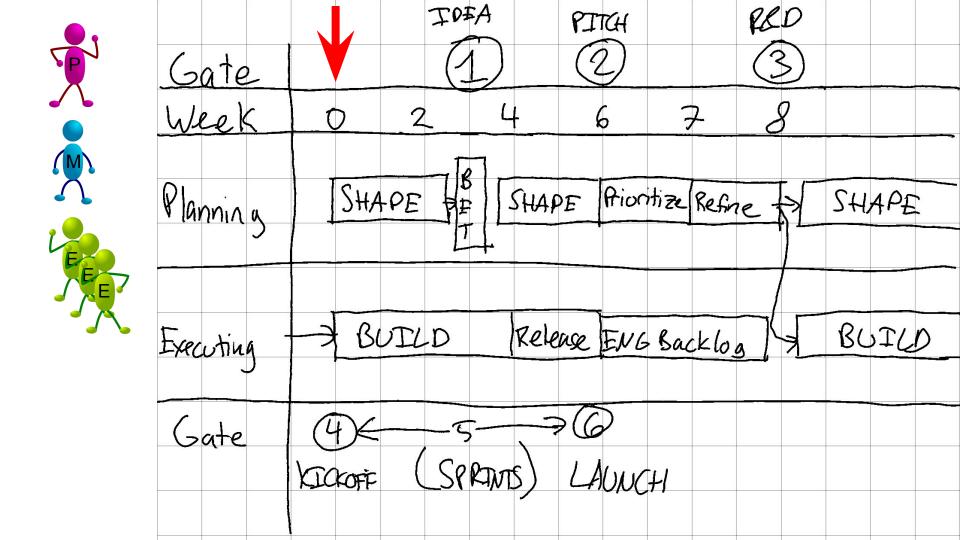
SOMETHING WORKS!

What are Cycles?









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Phase-Gate 1 (Ideation)

LG: 1 Sprint | **SM:** 1-2 Days

Objective

Create high-level user stories, user flow diagrams, and early-stage prototypes. Conduct initial consultation with Engineering leaders to get high-level T-shirt size.

Responsible	Accountable	Consulted	Informed
PM/SPM	PM/SPM	VP of Eng Dir. of Eng Product Designer SLT Initiator	VP of Product SLT Dir. of Product

Required Outputs

☐ Start	PRD template

Define high-level e	pics/milestones
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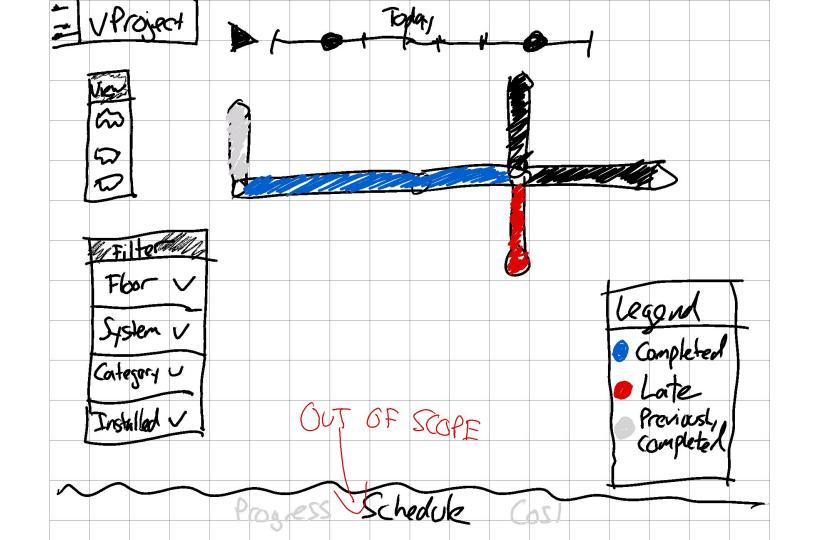
	User flow	diagrams,	competitor	screenshots,	and/or	paper	prototypes
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Wait what is a "paper prototype"?

Glad you asked...

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Rough sketch of the Dot Grid concept

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Phase-Gate 2 (Exploratory)

LG: 2 Sprints | SM: 2-3 Days

Objective

Work closely with the design team to set up and complete the design and research process to define UI/UX of the project.

Responsible	Accountable	Consulted	Informed
PM/SPM Product Designer PMM	PM/SPM	Eng Lead Dir. of Product	SLT VP of Eng Dir. of Eng Dir. of Product

Required Outputs

Updated brief

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	Wireframes/mockups ir	Figma	(70%	by end	of the	phase)
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- ☐ UX Research Research Process
 - CS/Sales Interviews
 - Customer Interviews
 - User Testing Plan
 - User Testing Summary
- ☐ 1-2 Tech Consults with Engineering as needed

What is a "Tech Consult"?

Simple: engineering says "we can commit to building this in 6 weeks." (there are a lot of steps to get there!)

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Phase-Gate 3 (R&D)

LG: 1 Sprint | **SM:** 1-2 Days

Objective

Complete brief, design, and research necessary to deliver the project.

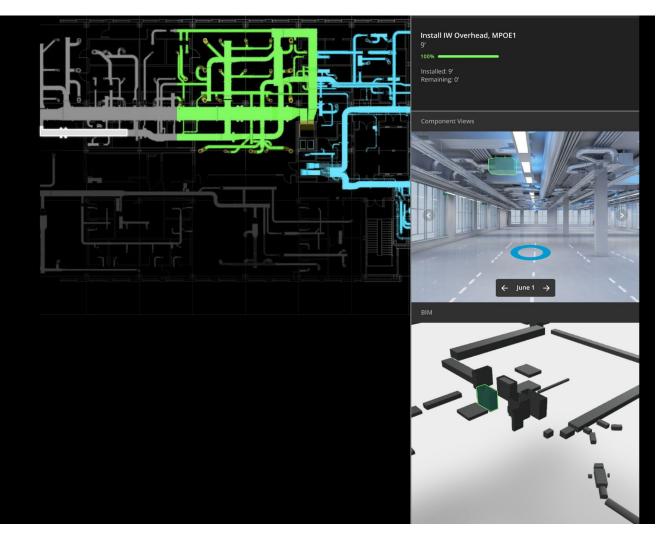
☐ Created epics and user stories in Jira

☐ Define GTM Strategy with PMM

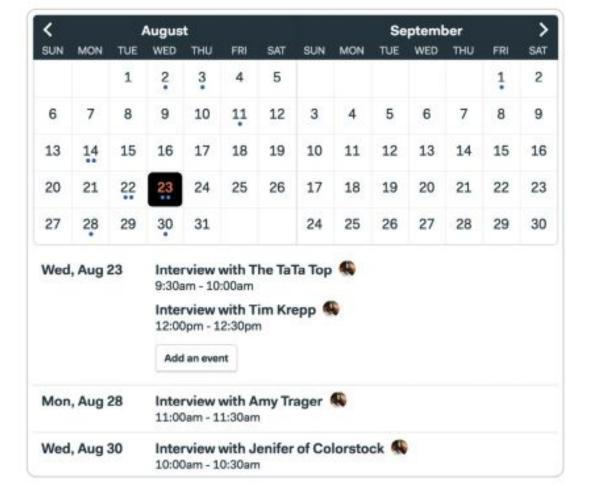
Responsible	Accountable	Consulted	Informed
PM/SPM Product Designer PMM	PM/SPM	Eng Lead DevOps QA Lead Dir. of Product	SLT VP of Eng Dir. of Eng Dir. of Product

Outputs

☐ Complete brief			
 Identify our competitive advantage. How is what we're building better than or 			
differentiated from our competitors?			
☐ Complete Figma file (90%)			
☐ Documented Agreement on Final Scope with Engineering			
☐ Identify Engineering squad responsible for project execution			
☐ Product walkthrough of clickable prototype to find holes/gaps			



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Screenshot of the Dot Grid when it launched

What is a "commit" vs a "goal"?

Commit: we will work nights & weekends to ship this.

Goal: we are 70% sure we can ship this. Stretch: we are <50% sure we can ship this, but we will try.

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Phase-Gate 4 (Implementation Planning)

1-2 Days

Objective

Refinement of execution plan and documentation within Jira. Onboard the Engineering squad that will be responsible for delivery of the project.

Responsible	Accountable	Consulted	Informed
PM/SPM Product Designer	PM/SPM Eng Lead Scrum Master	Engineering Squad Dir. of Eng Scrum Master Dir. of Product DevOps	SLT VP of Eng Dir. of Eng Dir. of Product

Outputs

☐ Demo and walkthrough of feature with relevant Engineering squad
☐ Invite Engineering squad members to project Slack channel
☐ Start writing out AC for tickets in the first 2 sprints
☐ Story mapping
☐ Product Engineering backlog grooming and prioritization of Jira tickets

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So how do I get stuff built??

Glad you asked...

Is it small?

"Fits in the cracks" → no change, prioritize in Sprint process

Is it "non-product"?

Use the Engineering Sprint: 2 weeks dedicated to improving our lives, not just our customers' lives.

Otherwise...

You need to follow the Cycle process...

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Cycle #1 (April)

- 2/24/22: BUILD! Cycle#1–Sprint #1 starts...
- 2/17/22: Projects + commits + team finalization (EMs + PMs)
- 2/10/22: Pitch Review + Betting Table (Robin + Saurabh)
- 2/8/22: Pitches due (approved by Dobromir + Reid)
- 2/3/22: "Practice" Pitch Review

4 weeks to be shovel-ready!!!

2 weeks for Engineering-sprint ready!!!

Next week...

Training on our templates.

FAQ