

Project Breakdown for 'Carlytical' Car-Buying Platform

Project Overview

The Carlytical project aims to create a comprehensive online platform for purchasing cars, which simplifies the car-buying process, from searching for cars to comparing options and finalizing the purchase. The platform includes features like user-friendly car comparisons, cost breakdowns, financing options, and documentation verification, ultimately delivering a seamless and efficient experience for car buyers.

Key Project Phases, Timeline, Team & Budget Breakdown

| Phase | Duration | Description | Deliverables |
|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Planning & Research | 1 month | Initial research, finalization of project scope, requirements gathering, and setting up project infrastructure. | Detailed project plan, wireframes, and initial mockups. |
| UI/UX Design | 1 month (overlaps) | Design all user interfaces, create wireframes, and prototypes for main pages. | High-fidelity prototypes, design assets, and guidelines. |
| Backend Development | 6-8 months | Develop APIs, user authentication, car data integration, cost calculation algorithms, and recommendation engine. | Backend APIs, data management system, integration scripts. |

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| Frontend Development | 6-8 months | Implement UI components, responsive design, and integrate frontend with backend. | Fully functional frontend for user interactions. |
| Testing & QA | 1-2 months | Conduct unit, integration, and user acceptance testing. Debugging and performance optimization. | Testing reports, resolved bug fixes, and final product. |
| Deployment & Support | 1 month | Deploy the platform to the server, set up monitoring, and ensure smooth launch. | Live platform and maintenance documentation. |

| Role | Monthly Cost | Total Cost (6 Months) |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| UI/UX Designer | \$500 (one-time) | \$500 |
| Frontend Engineer | \$500/month | \$3,000 |
| Backend Engineer | \$750/month | \$4,500 |
| Total | | \$8,000 |

Market Rate Comparison

| Role | Current Rate | Industry Standard | Difference |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| UI/UX Designer | \$500 | \$1,500 (average) | \$1,000 saved |
| Frontend Engineer | \$500/month | \$1,200/month | \$700 saved per month |
| Backend Engineer | \$750/month | \$1,500/month | \$750 saved per month |
| Total Savings | | | \$2,450 saved per month |

Summary

The project, budgeted for \$8,000 over 6 months, is highly cost-effective compared to industry standards.

Carlytical is expected to save approximately \$2,450 per month in development costs, with total savings reaching up to \$14,700 over 6 months.

If extended to 8 months, the overall savings would further increase.

Deliverables by Month

- Month 1: Project planning, UI/UX design completion, initial backend setup.
- Month 2: Backend API development starts, frontend starts with basic UI integration.
- Month 3: Backend integration of third-party services (car listings, finance), frontend expands to incorporate search and comparison features.
- Month 4: Advanced backend features (recommendation engine), frontend fully interactive.
- Month 5: Testing phase, backend optimizations, bug fixing.
- Month 6: Final testing, deployment, project handover.