

HOW TO HAVE A KICKASS TEAM



A GREAT TEAM IS ABOUT THE
COLLECTIVE MINDSET OF THE
INDIVIDUALS ON THE TEAM.

UNDERSTAND THE MISSION

- You are responsible for making it clear
- You must ask questions if the "why" or the "what" are not clear

TOOLS

- Plan then code
- Wireframe
- Clear User Stories - As a (blank), I want to (blank) so I can (blank)
- Work from a Prioritized To Do list

If you don't understand or believe in the decisions coming from your team, it is up to you to ask questions until you understand what the team is doing.

COMMUNICATE OFTEN AND EARLY

TOOLS

- Stand Ups in morning and after lunch
- Track your progress in a shared location (Trello, Pivotal Tracker, etc.)

TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THE SUCCESS OF THE WHOLE PROJECT

Team -> Team Mate -> Self

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TOOLS

- Ask yourself: "What can I do to make this better?"
 - Elect a Team Leader as necessary

MAKE ITERATIVE DECISIONS

TOOLS

- Kanban - Complete WIPs before new tasks
 - Sprint Iterations
 - Retro if you need to
- OODA Loop - OBSERVE, ORIENT, DECIDE, ACT

CHECKLISTS - DON'T MISS STEPS

TOOLS

Checklist Manifesto

WORKING SOFTWARE IS THE PRIMARY
MEASURE OF PROGRESS.

TOOLS

- Minimal Viable Product (MVP)
- Test Driven Development (TDD)
- Deploy every day including the first day

AS A TEAM MEMBER OR LEADER BE...

Ready to Lead
Ready to Follow
Never Quit

ONE LAST THING...

If you're not having fun, you're doing it wrong

- **Team Mascot**
- **Team Bonding!**
- **Team Motto**
- **Team Flag**
- **Team Spirit**