

I can't find a proper term to describe my role, basically it is a product owner and a software architect role combined. I have final say for both product and technical decision.

The Product owner role as in scrum and more. When I do my product owner role, I **get** (without using other fancy word) requirement from my customers; I manage the product backlog, decide the priorities, decide which feature/requirement goes in which release. In a word I decide the product roadmap (of course, work with my team).

I also take the software architect role and make the most important technical decisions. For example, decide which tech stack for front-end (we chose vue over react); decide whether to use nodejs or php/laravel for back-end (we chose to use both for different features), and design the most important database designs.

I don't want my question and potential answers dwell on scrum, like "you shouldn't do that; you don't do scrum right", because it is the reality in my company. As far as I know it is quite common here in China, especially for start up company. All I can say every practice has pros and cons. One of advantages of taking these 2 roles together is that I can know whether a requirement is doable or not. And to delegate is the key to do both roles right.

So my question is **does anyone have any experience in taking these 2 roles together? How do you split your time in doing both. Is there any best practice?**

PS, there are many reasons I don't want my question to focus on scrum except it is already a reality. The other reasons include (a) I already posted a scrum question here [How do I prevent Scrum from turning great developers into average developers?](#) I do not want to debate with others about what is scrum's way (b) I feel scrum does not operate on technical level, in scrum there is no defined place for an architect. And the so-called self-organized team sometimes goes too far IMHO.

PPS, is there a name for such role? In way I think **product owner** is a good name because I indeed **own** the product, every bit of it. But scrum already uses it without talking about technical side too much, I am looking for other name. Besides, when I see the words like technical manager, engineering manager, product manager without seeing the context I always have no idea what role does.