10 Ponder : Damage Control

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# Decrease Quality

To decrease the quality without effecting the time, cost or scope, we wouldn’t put as much time and effort into designing the UI elements. Everything will still work on the same budget, with the same delivery date but it will not have a clean UI.

# Decrease Scope

We have to remove one of the least important features that we have yet to implement. This means we need to take up to one additional day with the client, and talk about which features would have the lowest impact, but reduce the amount of development hours that we need to complete.

# Increase Cost

If we can get more funding, we can give the engineers overtime pay and still complete the project on time. If the engineers aren’t willing to do overtime, then we can contract out a module to a different company. This would need to be a self-contained module that we could implement directly into our code without issue.

# Increase Time

If we push the deadline back 2 months, we will for sure be able to complete this project.

# Multiple Variables

We would like to decrease the scope a little, and decrease the quality a little. We will take the least effective module out of the product scope to reduce it. We will also spend less time in UI designing and testing. We will use pre-built elements that don’t require any modification, but don’t fit as well with the design. This will help save us quite a bit of time, and we will be able to meet the rest of the needs.

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|  | Exceptional 100% | Good 90% | Acceptable 70% | Developing 50% | Missing 0% |
| Triple Constraints 30% | The interplay between the constraints is clearly demonstrated. | It is unambiguous that all four constraints are completely understood. | A minor aspect of one of the triple constraints is not adequately described. | One of the constraints is misrepresented. | More than one of the constraints are misrepresented. |
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