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DEV DETAILS

Balancing delivery speed and high-quality code

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Someone asked me:

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At a high level, such as when designing, I try to design/envision what the end goal would look like. I think several iterations down the line. Then, I work backward from that design to figure out milestones that will get me there.

Since I know where I intend to go, I can take shortcuts. But I'm not taking blind shortcuts. I know what tradeoffs I'm making — what it will save in time now vs. cost in tech debt later.

At a low level, I optimize for speed of delivery by writing tests that validate behavior interwoven with writing code.

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