

Project Management Overview

Hello

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Agenda

- Task Management
- Team Collaboration

Task Management

Define Your Project

- What's the vision for your app?
- What's the problem that its trying to solve?

Find the Core

- Minimal Viable Product (MVP)
- Include your project requirements
- Build half an app, not a half-assed app

Tasks

- Create a list of tasks to build your core app
- Breakdown your features into small tasks
- Less than 4 or 8 hours of effort per task

Parallel Development

- Vertical slices - By feature
- Horizontal slices - Front vs back end
- Look for opportunities to pair programming

Don't Get Distracted

- Ignore the details early on
- It's a problem when it's a problem
- Document new tasks as they are identified
- Move them to the backlog

Team Collaboration

GitHub

- Issues and Milestones
- Feature Branches and Pull Requests

Issues and Milestones

- Create a milestone for each sprint (or version)
- Create an issue for each task
- Organize your issues into milestones
- www.zenhub.io provides boards integrated into GitHub

Demo

Feature Branches and Pull Requests

- Provides the means to collaborate on code
- Allows team members to give feedback on your code

Demo

Team Communication with Slack

- Provides real-time communication
- Persisted, searchable history
- Lots of other options (in case Slack is not your thing)

Resources

— Getting Real by 37 Signals

Closing Thoughts

- Do what works for your team
- Your advisors will have lots of excellent input as well... so listen to them