Baking Quality In

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The Plan

- Why product review?
- How to apply testing skills ...
- ... and what **questions** to ask



Product Specification

Requirements

To be defined... later.

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Product Specification

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Everything is NOT awesome.



Testing begins even before a single line of code is written

Why do it?

It's (Not) A Matter of Trust

A *selfish* reason for a greater goal

Test Strategy

The *real* reason

Better Product

How to apply testing skills...



GTKEO with...



- Product
 - o Why
 - What

- People
 - o Who
 - o Impact



- What's the problem*?
- For whom?
- What is the timeline?
- Collect relevant information

*I want to know what the problem is, and why is it worth solving?



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*Who are the targeted user personas? I should learn how they use our product



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- For whom?
- What is the **timeline***?
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*I can use it later as an argument for removing invaluable or unused features out of scope



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*I should learn about past problems, usage metrics, and competitor products

Product Specification

- Are there any complicated features?
- Are there any unused features?
- Are there any unnecessary features?
- Are there any missing features?
- Are there any foggy requirements?
- Are there any **business** risks?
- Are there any product risks?
- Are there any obstacles for testing?

Product Design & User Experience

- Is the product easy to use?
- Is the product too easy to use?
- Is the product **overcomplicated**?
- Is the product giving **useful feedback** in a timely manner?
- Is the product **self-explanatory** or does it need additional content?
- Is the product **consistent** with the quality criteria?

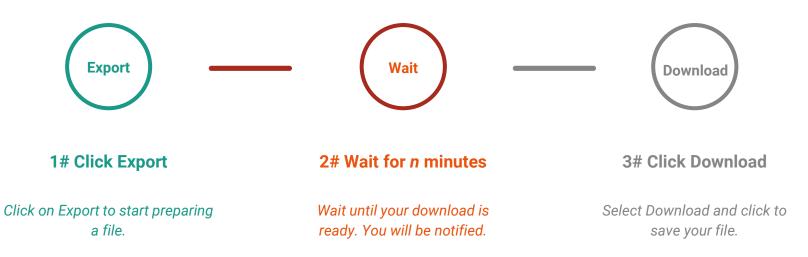
Example 1# Where is my Export?

Is the product giving **useful feedback** in a timely manner?

Sometimes the feedback is lagging and users can get confused.

Don't leave them hanging.

Example - Flow could be better...



Example - Nice(r)!



Download

1# Click Export

Download will start automatically.

No attention needed.

2# Automatic Download

File will be saved automatically under Downloads.

Example 2# Too easy to slip away

Is the product **too easy** to use?

In some contexts, this is not a good thing!

Help users through critical flows that could affect their financial balance, or data integrity.

If they still make mistakes, allow them to recover easily.

Context: Consumer application



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Context: **Enterprise application**



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CONTINUE

When giving feedback...

- The format: Travel light
- The **content**: Concise. To the point. (Be *nice*)
- The **purpose**: Relevant for your stakeholders



Takeaways

- Get to know each other: With the product... and the people!
- Test early: Apply critical thinking during the product review phase.
- Advocate for testability. The sooner the better...
- Ask questions: Clear the air.
- Give feedback: Sharing is caring...



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