

**well
designed:**

how to use empathy to create products people love



Where do great new products come from?



Is it *vision*?



“As a company, we certainly have a vision of where the product is going.

We generally have a North Star that we are all headed towards...”

Joe Gebbia
Chief Product Officer, AirBNB



Is it *process*?



“There aren’t a lot of examples of people who have gone through the whole process: how do you take a product, turn it into a startup, turn it into a company, turn it into an organization?”

...At the speed at which startups grow, that process is very fragile.”

Alex Rainert
Head of Product, The New York Times



Is it just *hard work*?



“I’ve been doing this, essentially by myself, for seven years and two months.

...I love what I do. I get to watch sports all day and talk about math. I went four years without making a single dollar, without a single customer.”

Mark Phillip
CEO, Are You Watching This?!



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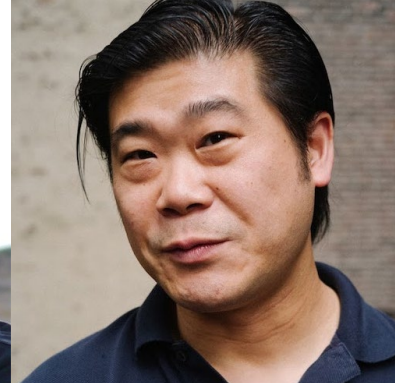
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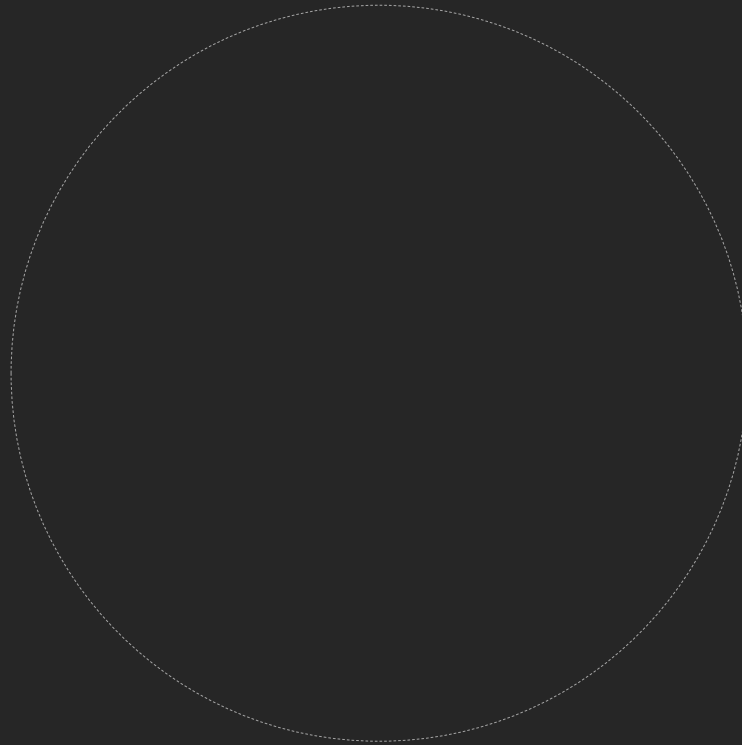
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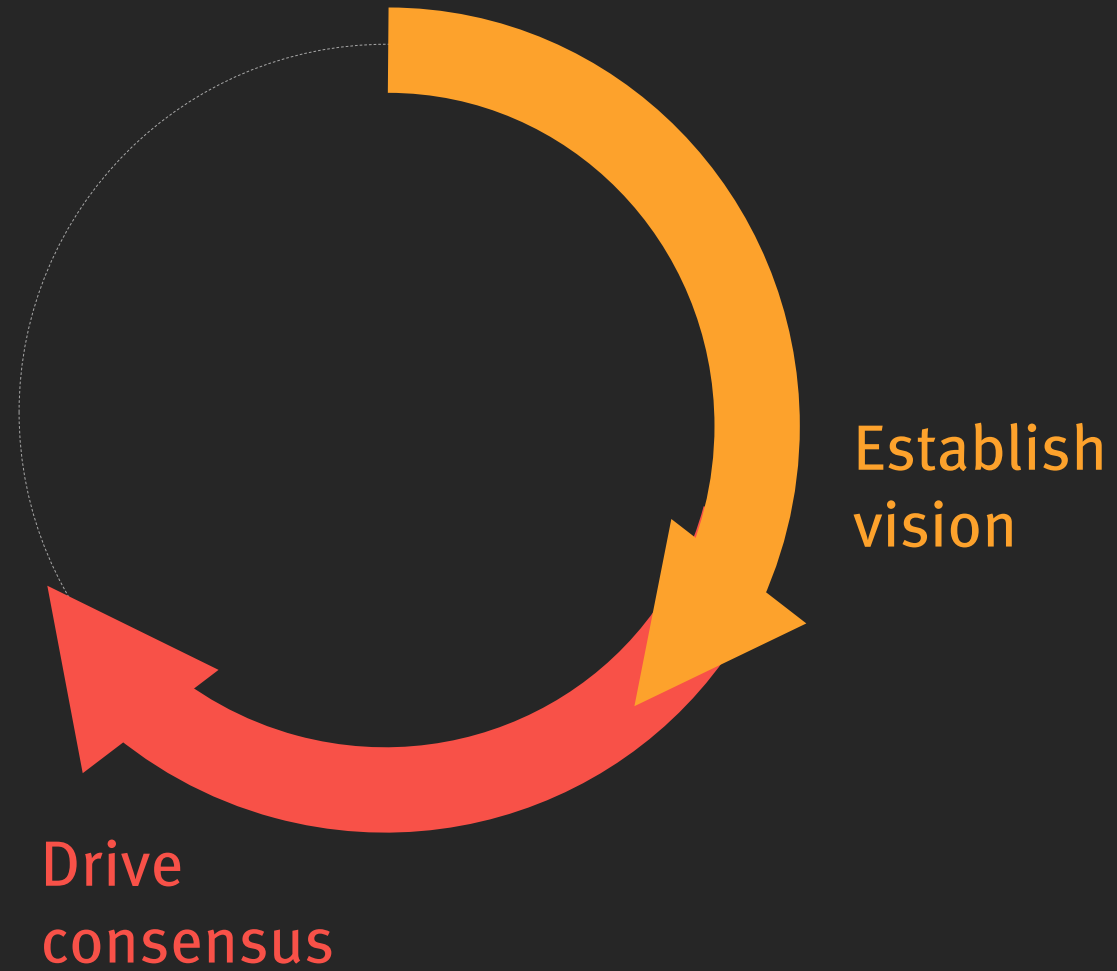
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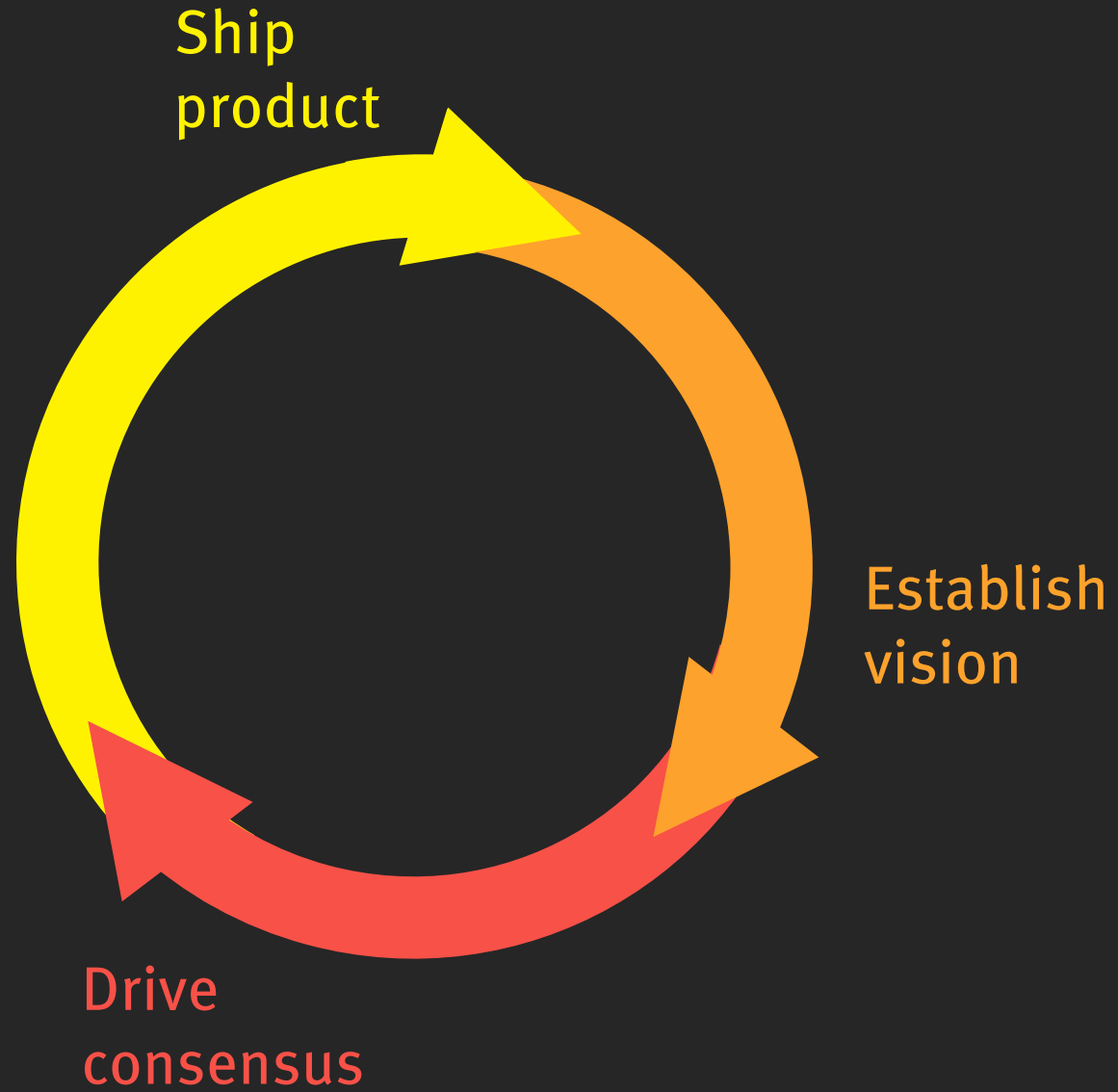
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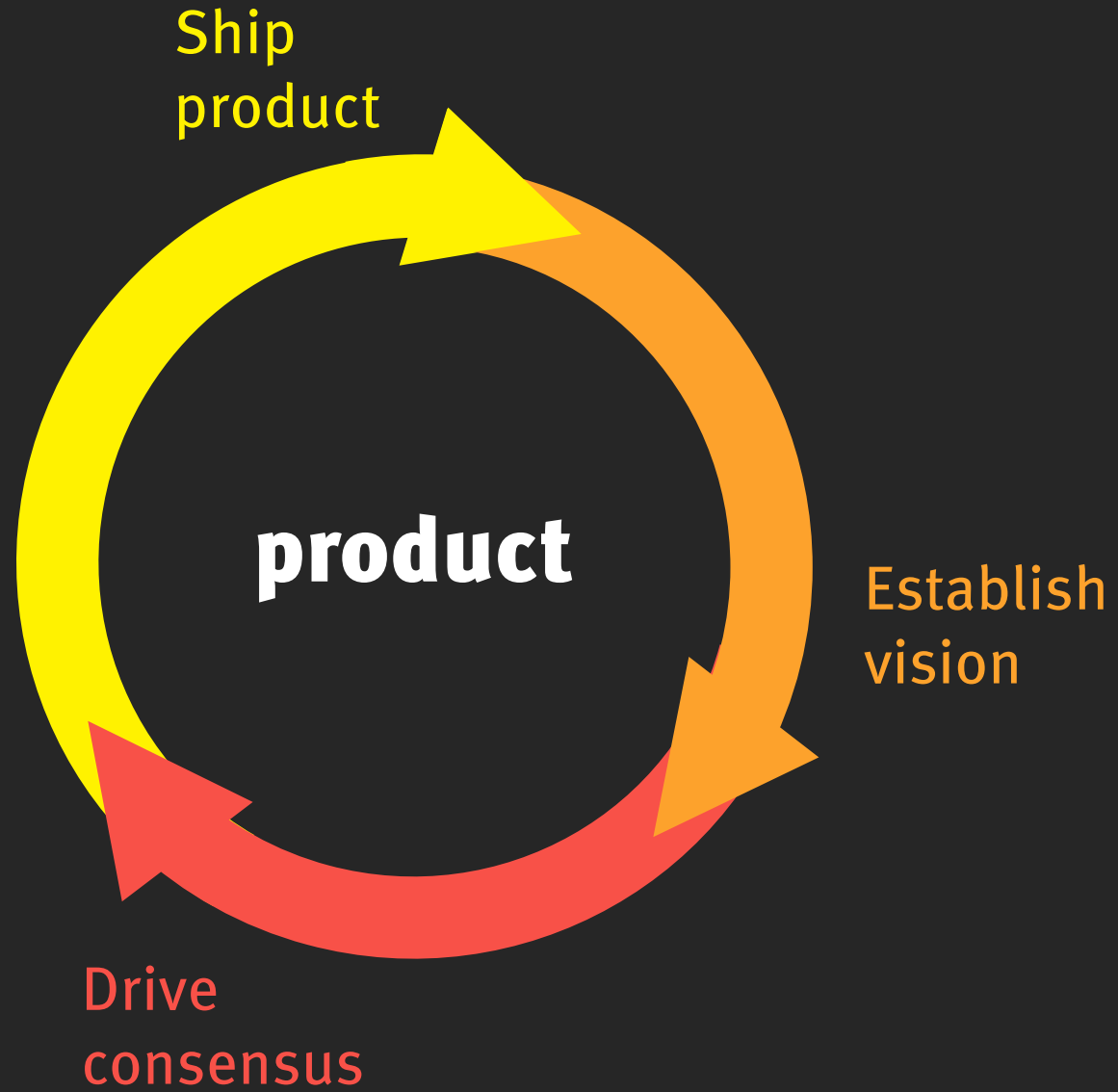
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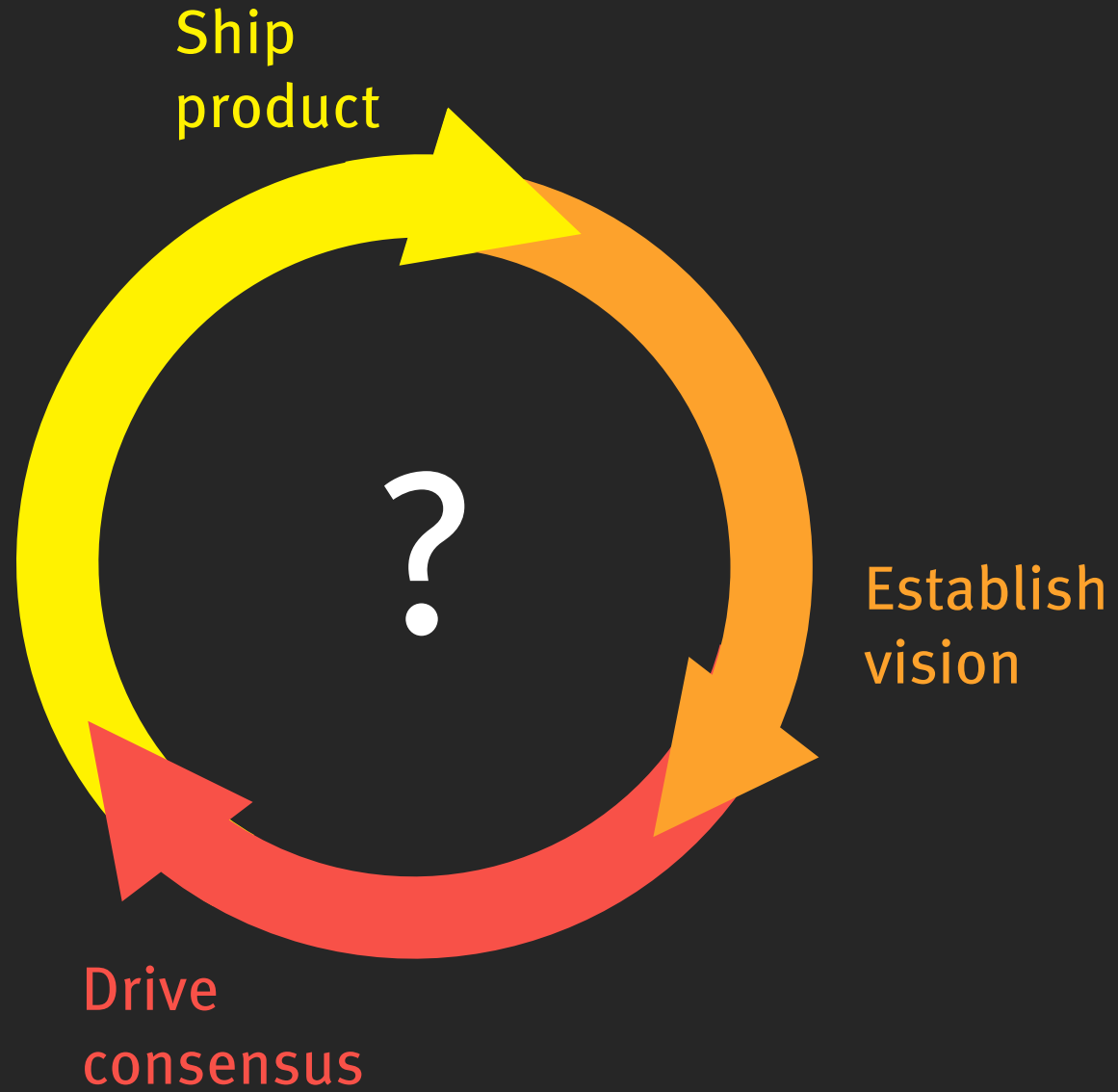


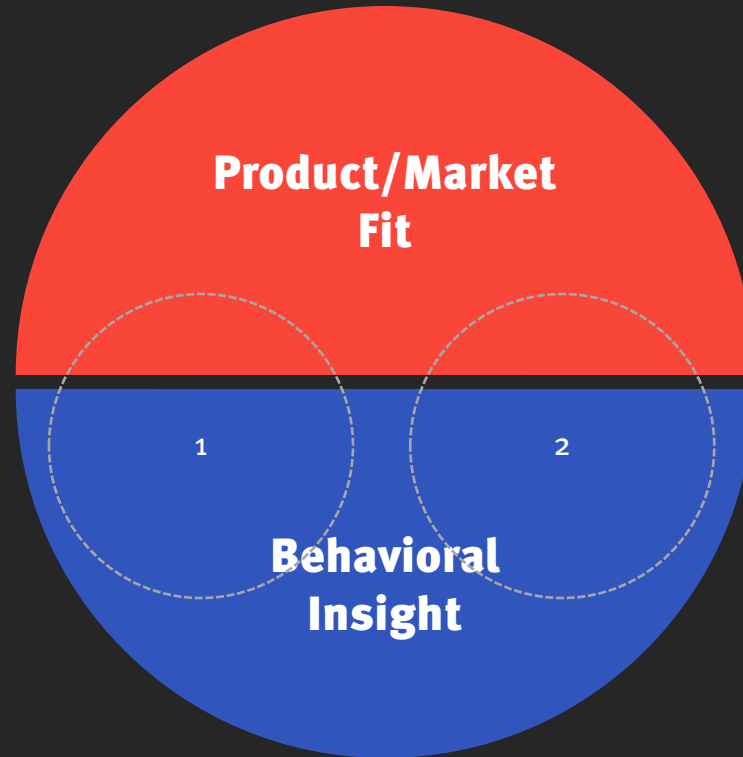


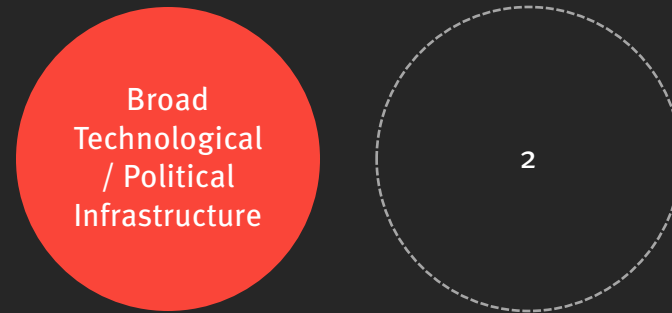


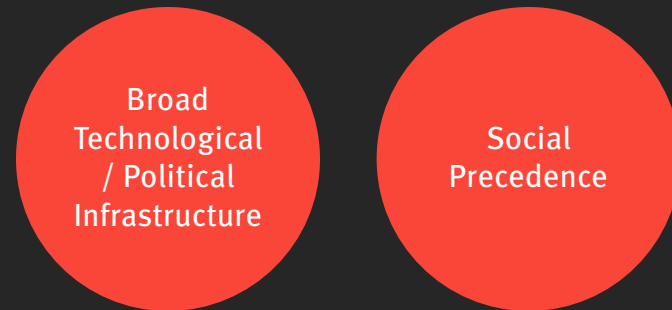












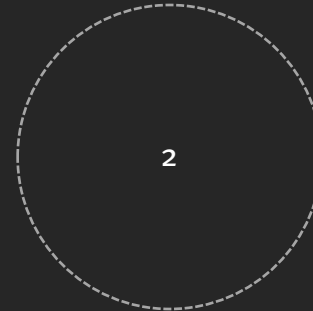


Behavioral Insight





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Value

Identity



Product Management



What are the qualities of a
good product manager?



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**Ability to tell stories¹
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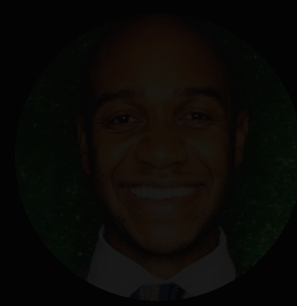
Ability to make sense of signals² from people and the market

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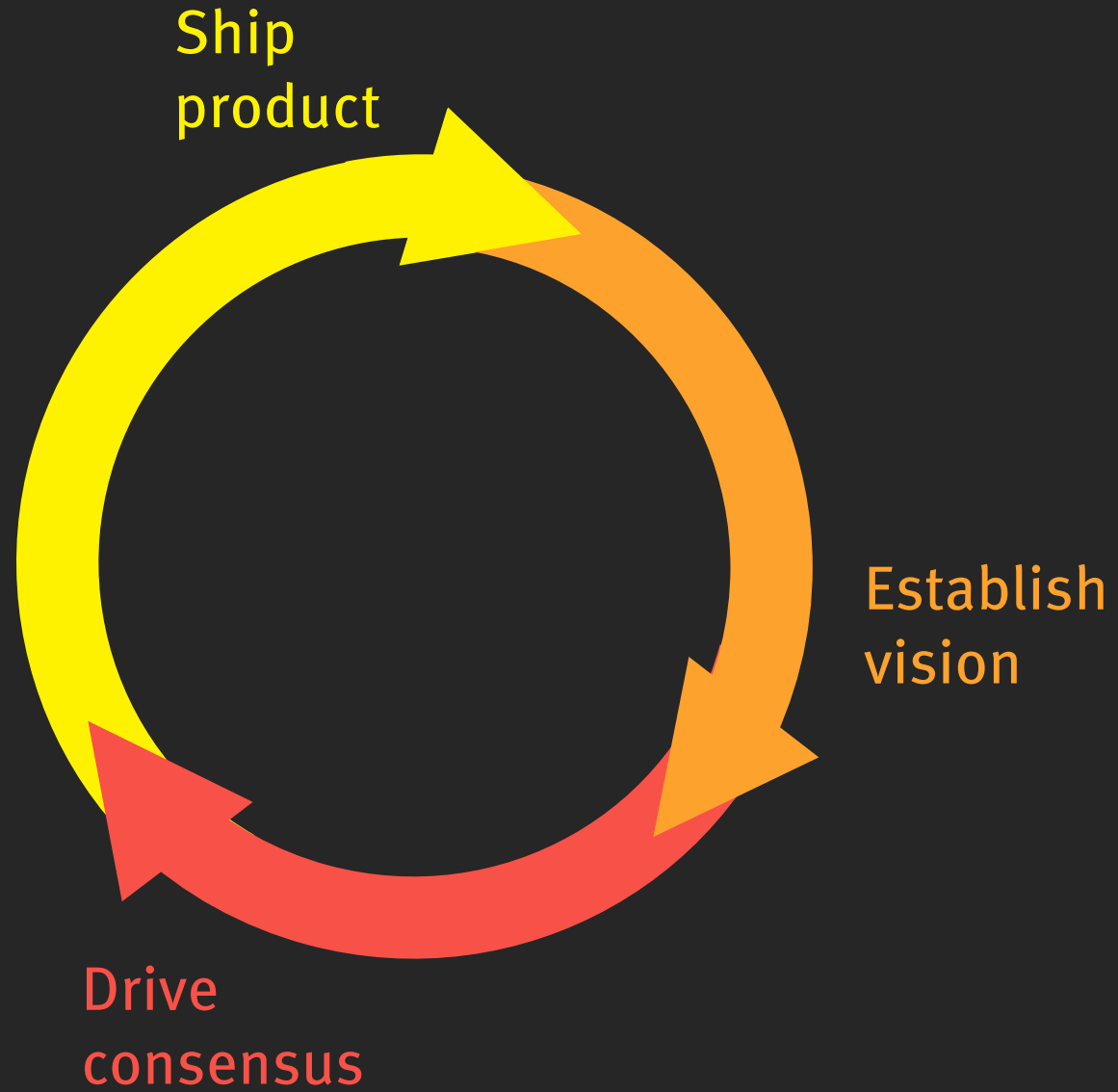
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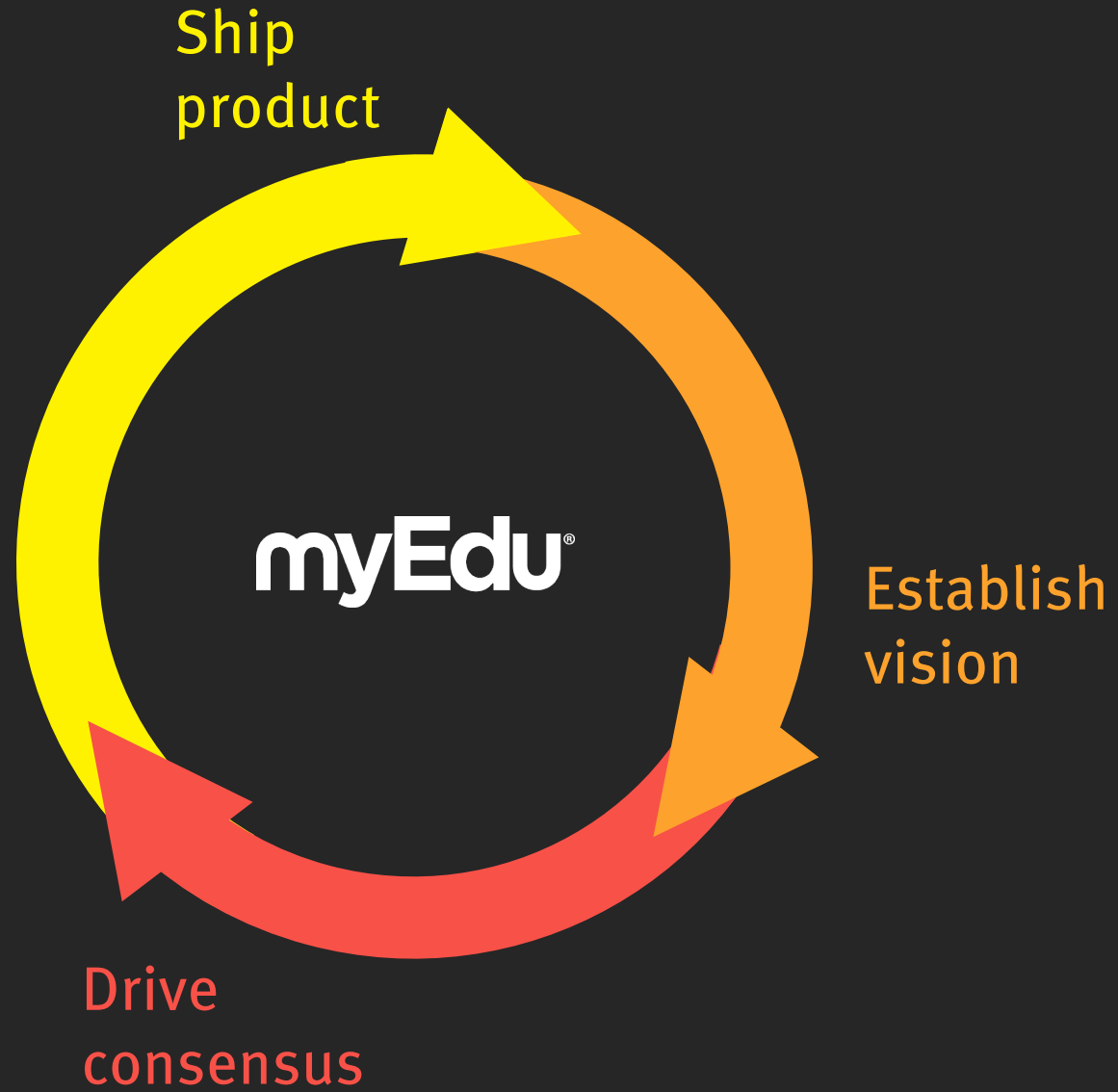
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So what does a
product manager actually do?







59%

*Six year graduation rate for
undergrads in the US*

US Department of Education



\$36,556

Four year tuition, public college

Collegeboard



\$124,924

Four year tuition, private college

Collegeboard



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**Succeed in
college**



**Tell their
story**



**Get
a job**



Jenny Wu

University of Texas, San Antonio


✉ Contact

MAJOR

Macro Biology

WORK EXPERIENCE


Intern
Bio Tech Incorporated
June 2012 - Aug 2012




Anatomy Project

3.5 GPA

DEGREE PROGRESS




44%



FLUENT IN
FRENCH
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I WANT TO STAY IN...



San Francisco, CA

I AM LOOKING FOR AN
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Contextual Research
Synthesis & Sensemaking
Behavioral Insights

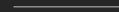
Value Proposition
Feature Definition

Launch & Usage Metrics
Iteration & Extensions

Communication Strategy
Community Feedback



Contextual Research



Build understanding
Gain empathy
Identify innovation opportunities



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**Don’t apply to 5 of my jobs,
because you aren’t going to get any of them.”**

Meg

Recruiter, software company in Austin



Contextual Research

**Go to the people instead of bringing
them to you**

Watch them live, play, and work

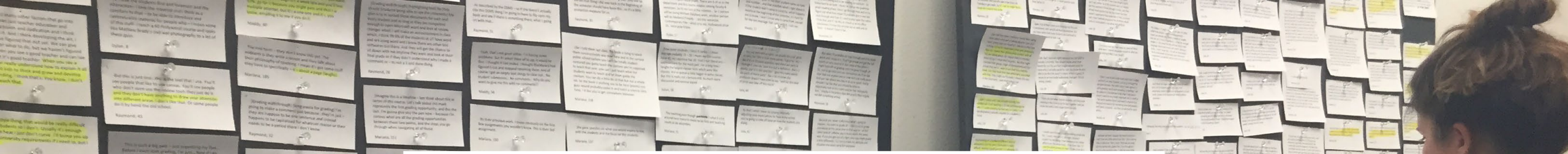


Synthesis & Sensemaking

**To make sense of chaotic, qualitative
research data**

**To find patterns and anomalies, and
to look at the world in new ways**

**To act as a procedural stepping-stone
between research and insight**



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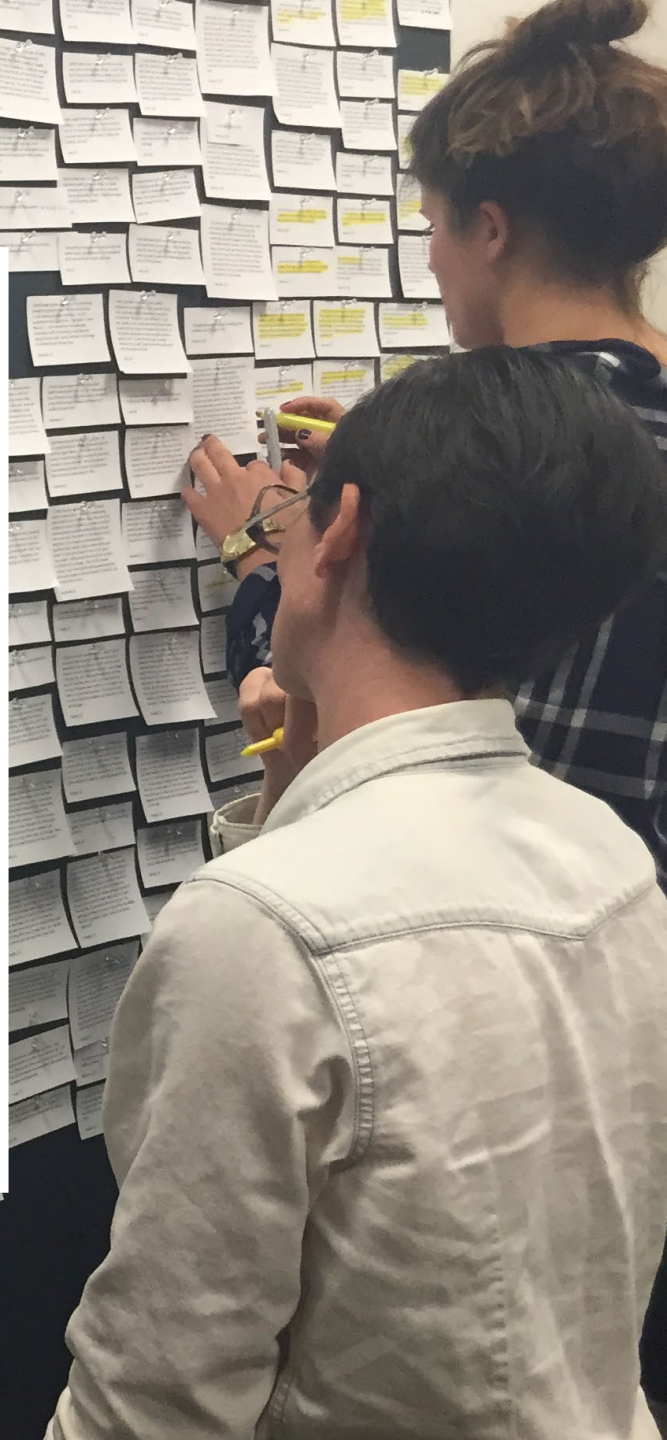
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Synthesis & Sensemaking

Transcribe all of the research data

**“Explode” the data, blending
utterances across participants**

**Identify groupings, and make
observations about them**

Identify anomalies



Behavioral Insights

**To formalize the “big rocks” that
provoke new innovate ideas**

**To make inferential leaps about why
people do the things they do**

**To make obvious the specific goal
for driving behavior-change**

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Emphasize bullets on a resume, rather than exhibit skills through artifacts (portfolio)

Think they should have a broad-but-shallow set of abilities, rather than a depth of competency in one area

Typically apply for any and every job

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Form an opinion of a candidate in seconds based on a single data point

Are looking for specific skills, and evidence of competency in that skill

Create a mental narrative of what a candidate can do, based on how the student presents themselves

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These are **insights**:
provocative statements about human
behavior, framed as universal truths.

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Behavioral Insights

Ask “Why” about the utterances and observational groups, and force yourself to answer (even if you don’t know for sure)

Make an inferential leap

Frame the statement as a universal truth (even though it’s biased)



Value Proposition

To formalize a new product or service trajectory based on insights

To identify the utility and emotional resonance you hope to provide

To create a North Star or vision for everyone to align around

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It's important to be viewed as having a broad set of interests and being open for anything.

I don't really understand what happens during the hiring process.

I don't know how to show specific skills. I'm not sure I *have* specific skills.

The key to getting a job is having a resume and cover letter.

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I need to see evidence that you can do certain things.

I'll build a story about you based on the smallest details, and use this to decide if you move through the process.

I'm looking to match a very specific skill profile.

I'm very busy.

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WHAT-IF OPPORTUNITY

What if we helped students identify their skills
and present them to employers
in a credible way?

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The logo for myEdu, featuring the text "myEdu" in a bold, lowercase sans-serif font, with a registered trademark symbol (®) to the upper right. The logo is centered within a white circle that overlaps the two main colored boxes.

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Value Proposition

Tell (and show) a story of the existing problem state

Provoke “What-If” questions to find ways to improve the problem state

Frame the new capability as a statement of value provided to a person



Feature Definition

To define the capability in a way that supports the value proposition

To reduce ambiguity during development

To ensure we ship the right product to the right people at the right time



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How will we do that?

BIOLOGY

CLASSES I'VE TAKEN

BIO 101 ... A

BIO 104 ... A

PROJECTS

REPORT >

EXPERIMENT >

MARY JONES



"I AM LOOKING FOR AN INTERNSHIP."

BIOLOGY

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
4.0

PRESIDENT,
SORORITY

VERIFIED

PART-TIME
JOB ...

APPLY FOR
JOB →

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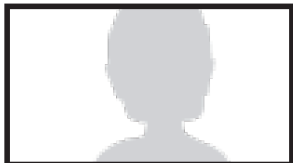
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PRIVACY

My Profile Cover Page

Your Profile Is Incomplete!

PROFILE STRENGTH:  Still missing info

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ACADEMIC YEAR
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FEATURED COURSE

A **ENG1301**
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(Classics)


Marketing Speech

DEGREE PROGRESS

22 credits
earned

50%
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MAJOR

What's your major?



ACADEMIC YEAR

What academic year are you in?



HOMETOWN

Where are you from?



WORK EXPERIENCE

What's your most recent job?



FEATURED COURSE

What courses have you crushed?



DEGREE COMPLETION

How close to a degree are you?



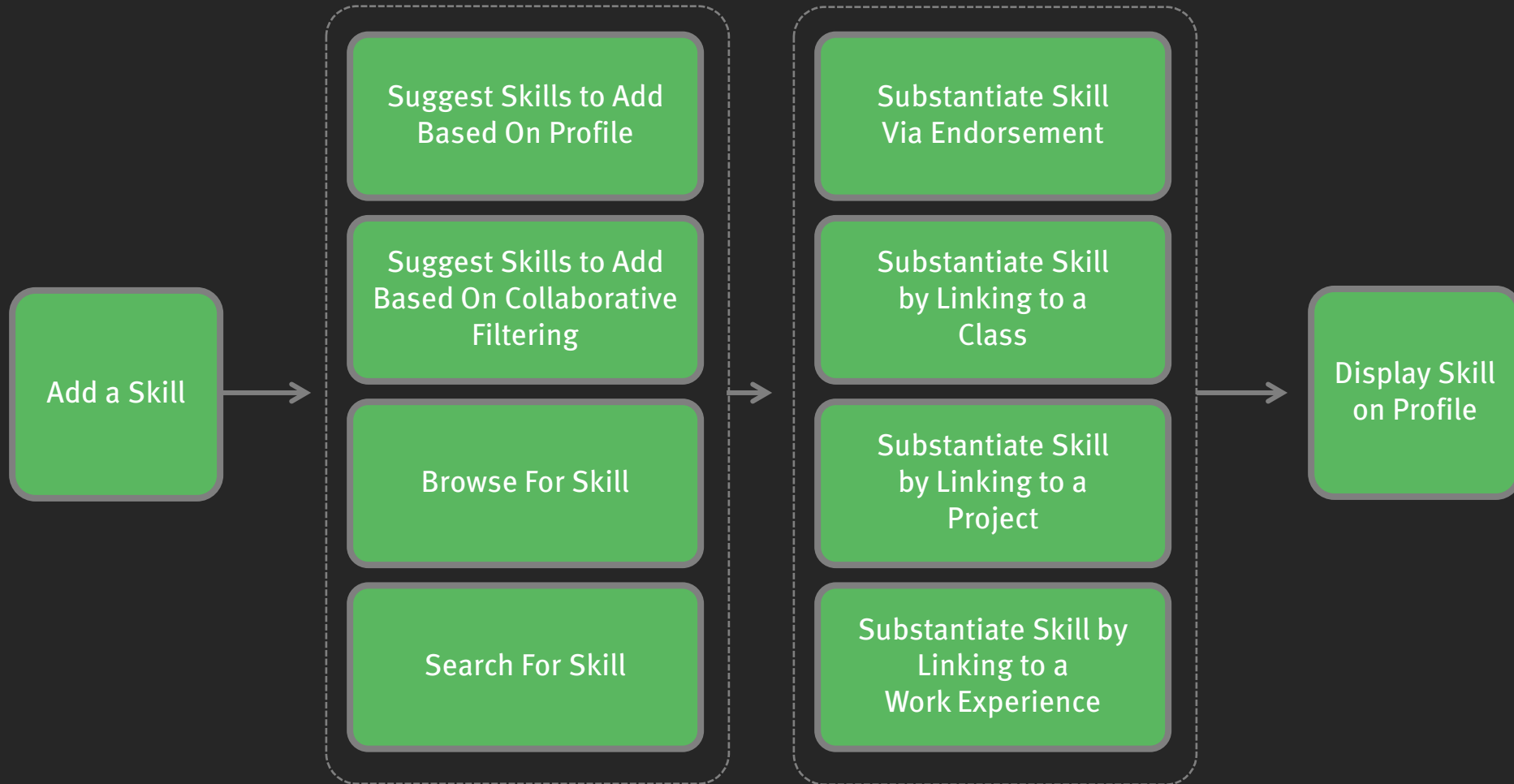
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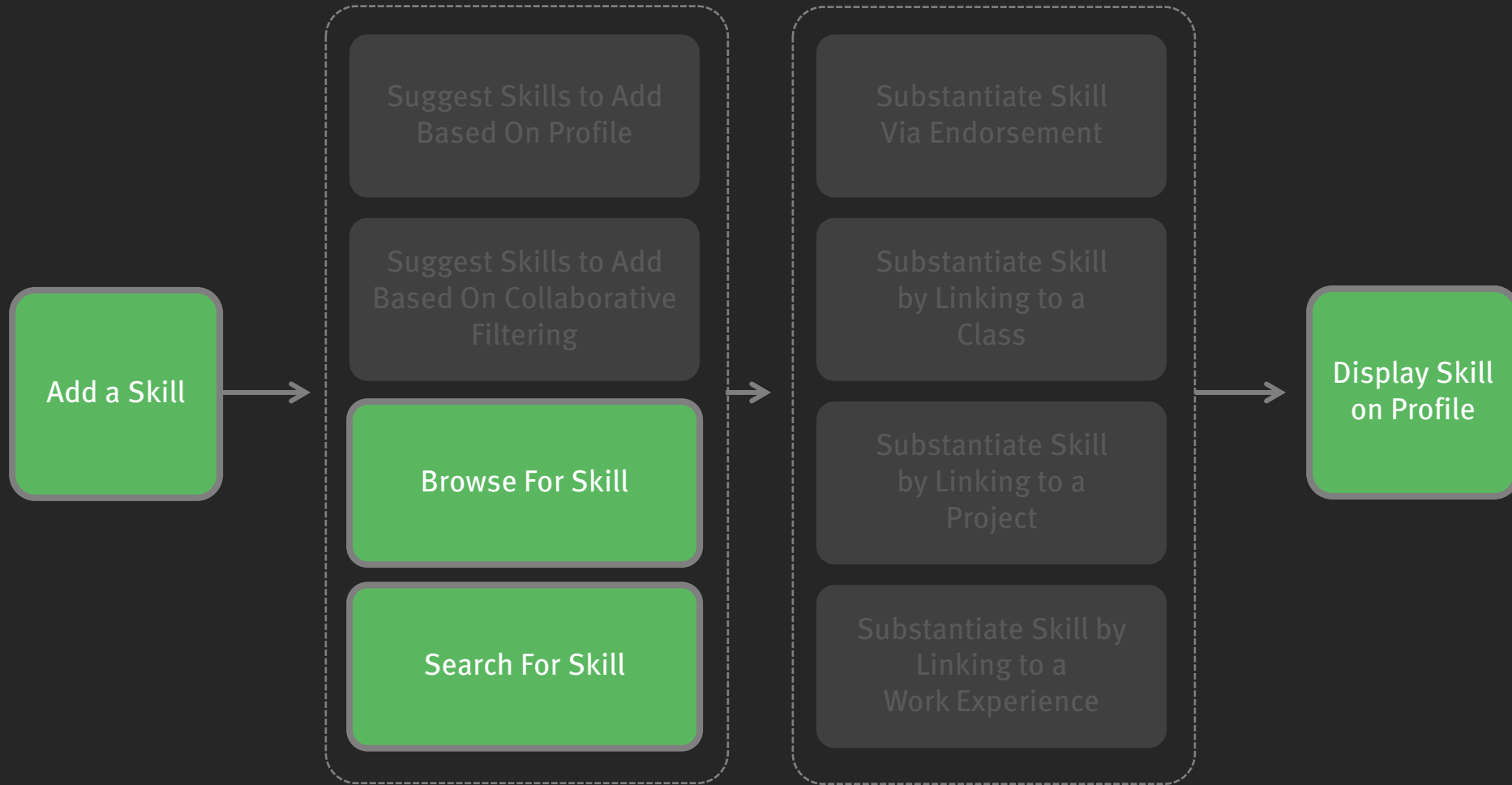
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YOUR NETWORKS

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Profile - Skills Tab

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▼ Details

Type:	Story	Status:	Closed (View Workflow)
Priority:	P3 - Normal	Resolution:	Completed
Component/s:	Profile Skills Management	Fix Version/s:	2013.2.8
Labels:	q113_ask		
Ranking:	5		
Acceptance Criteria:	▾ Skills will be a new tab on Profile.		

A proficiency system will be introduced to gauge how well a student knows a skill. Proficiency will be determined by a combination of associations of Projects, Work Experiences, Courses, and Endorsements. The first iteration of Skills will only introduce the first two levels of the proficiency system -- Unverified and Learning (Note nomenclature may change). Each level will have its own distinct badge and name.

- Unverified: The most basic proficiency level. Gained when a user adds a Skill with no additional associated information (Work Experience, Projects etc.)

- Learning: The 2nd level in the proficiency system. Gained when a user adds a Skill and associates it with a Course. Ex. If a user adds Skills through Course Feedback they will be a Skill that is being learned.

- Zero State: The first time a user enters the Skills tab of Profile they will be presented with a banner that contains a brief message describing what Skills are and why they are important to a users Profile. Below the message 3 suggested Skills will be shown that will allow the user to quick add. Suggested Skills will be tied to a users major and be pre-populated. As a user quick adds the Skill it will be removed and added to their list of Skills, and another will be shown in its place in the banner. When no additional Skills are left the banner will be removed.

- Adding Skills Zero State: Users with no Skills will be presented with a short message and large call to action button that allows the user to add Skills. Clicking on the button will pop the add a Skill modal.

- Listing Skills: Skills will be listed by proficiency level. Each skill within a level will be arranged left to right in alphabetical order and will contain the levels badge and Skill name. Additionally a call to action to add Skills will be shown on the top right of the listing.

- Add Skills Modal: The initial display of the modal will include an input box (auto focused) and suggested Skills by Major (same list used in the zero state header). The input box will perform an autocomplete search after entering 3 characters. A total of 10 search results will be shown and will replace the suggested Skills. If the user deletes the text inside the input box the suggested Skills will be re-surfaced. Clicking on a Skill will highlight the Skill, fade it out, and add it to their Unverified listing. Users will be kept in the modal experience after selecting a Skill.

- Associating Skills: Clicking on a Skill from the listing page will result in a modal being shown that contains two call to actions if the user has no Courses associated. A cancel (and X) that will take the user out of the edit modal experience, and a "Add Course" call to action. Beside the "Add Course" call to action two gray teasers will be shown, informing the user that adding Projects and Work Experience will be coming soon. Clicking on "Add Course" will show the user a list of all their Courses by term and year in descending order. Courses will be listed with Dept Abbrev, Course #, Course Name, and Professor Name. Clicking on a Course will highlight it and then fade/remove it from the list from that Skill (never to be shown again) and add it to the previous screen.

- Associating Skills with existing Associations: If the user has already associated Courses, they will see a listing of associated Courses. Clicking "Increase Skill" will then result in the 3 calls to action as previously described.

- Associated Course Listings: Courses will be listed on the Edit modal in alphabetical order left to right. A scroller will be shown when more than 3 Courses have been associated. Clicking on the scroller controls (left and right) will result in 3 additional Courses shown.

- Removing Skills: Users will be able to remove Skills by clicking on "Remove Skill" on the bottom right of the Edit Modal. Clicking on "Remove Skill" will result in a short confirmation description above two options -- "Remove Skill" and "Cancel". Clicking on "Remove" will remove the Skill and any associated information. Clicking on Cancel will simply revert the options to the previous state.

- Public Viewing of Skill: Users will be able to view Skills from another user via that users Skills tab. The Skills tab will look and function almost identically to the previously described with the exception of editing and adding content. Users will be able to click into a Skill and see all associated meta data.

The following will not be shown:

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Reporter:	Daniel Loury
Product Owner:	Daniel Loury
Developer:	Zaid Albaker (Inactive)

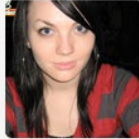
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My Projects

Add a Project

Add a project in order to showcase your skills, emphasize your interests, and illustrate your unique passions to prospective employers.

What's the project name?

Describe the project. What did you do, and what did you learn?

What's the web address of the project?

You can enter a link to Youtube, Vimeo, Slideshare, and more...

What category is the project in?

- Academic
- Extracurricular
- Internship
- Personal
- Volunteer

If the project was for a course, which course was it for?

Who were your teammates and collaborators on this project?

[Add](#)

Enter your teammates names; if they have a myEdu account, you can add them to this project.

Feature this on my Cover Page

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Feature Definition

Create scenarios and high-level flow diagrams of the ideal solution state

“Chunk” the ideal solution state into a series of smaller feature initiatives

Work with design to produce wireframes, comps, assets, etc



Launch & Usage Metrics

To provide everyone with a common language for tracking & understanding success

To understand the effectiveness of the product changes you've made

To adjust subsequent activities

Mail

Navigation icons: back, forward, search, trash, folder, tag, settings. 3 of 7,848

COMPOSE

Daily Metrics Update for Oct 07, 2013

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People (2)

Inbox

- Starred
- Important
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Skills

Average skills per profile: **2.4837**

Daily trends - past 7 days

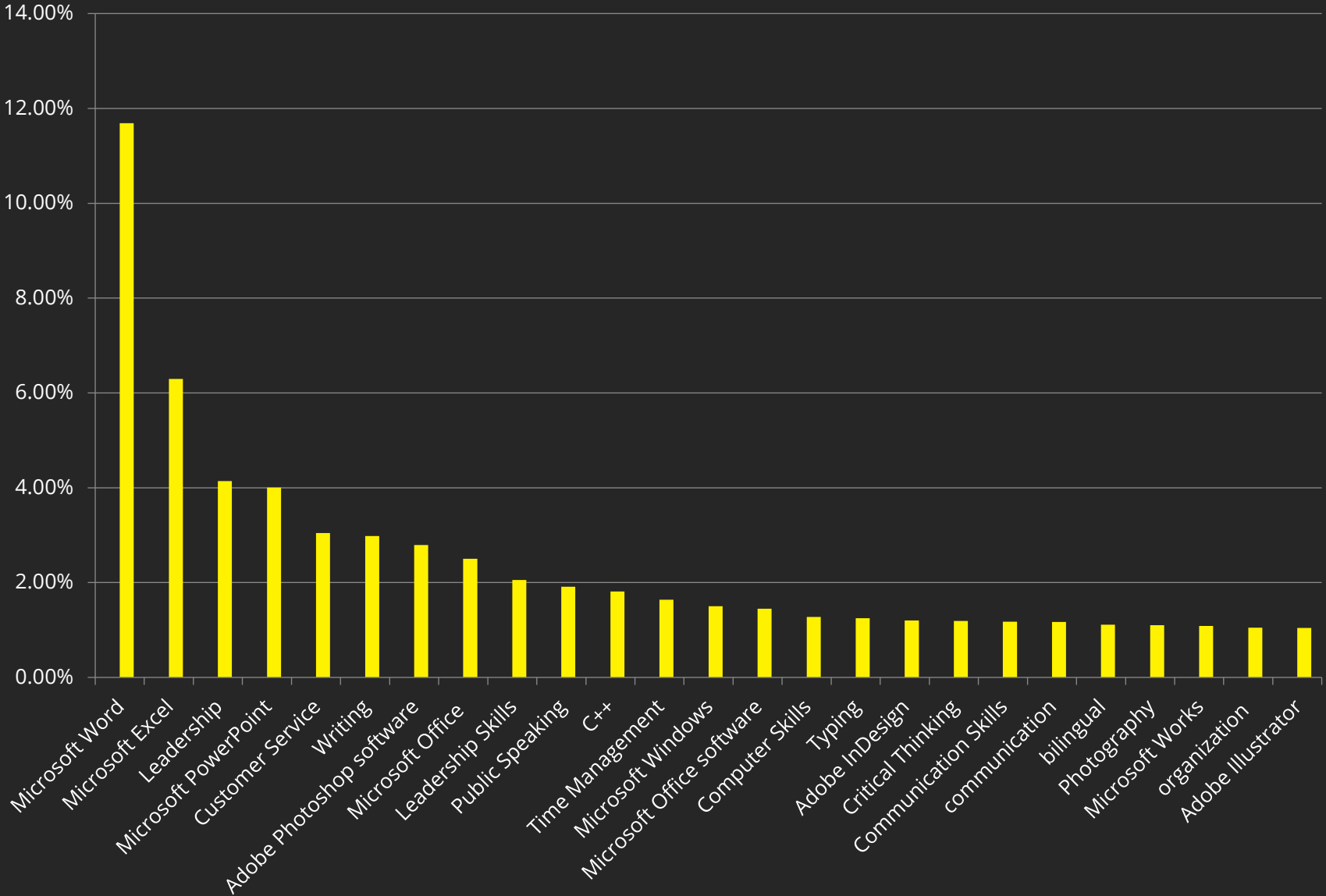
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Top schools adding skills

- The University of Texas - Pan American
- The University of Texas at Austin
- Texas A&M University
- The University of Texas at Arlington
- The University of Texas at Brownsville
- The University of Texas at Dallas
- The University of Texas at San Antonio
- University of Houston
- The University of Oklahoma, Norman Campus
- The University of Texas at Tyler

Top courses links to skills (unique skills)

Harvard: Academic Literacy II	19
UT Pan Am: Intro to Info Sys & Tech	16
Texas: First-Year Signature Course	16
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Launch & Usage Metrics

Prior to launch, identify usage behavior that will indicate if your value proposition is being realized

Create a regular communication mechanism for disseminating results

Try to understand relationship between design and behavior

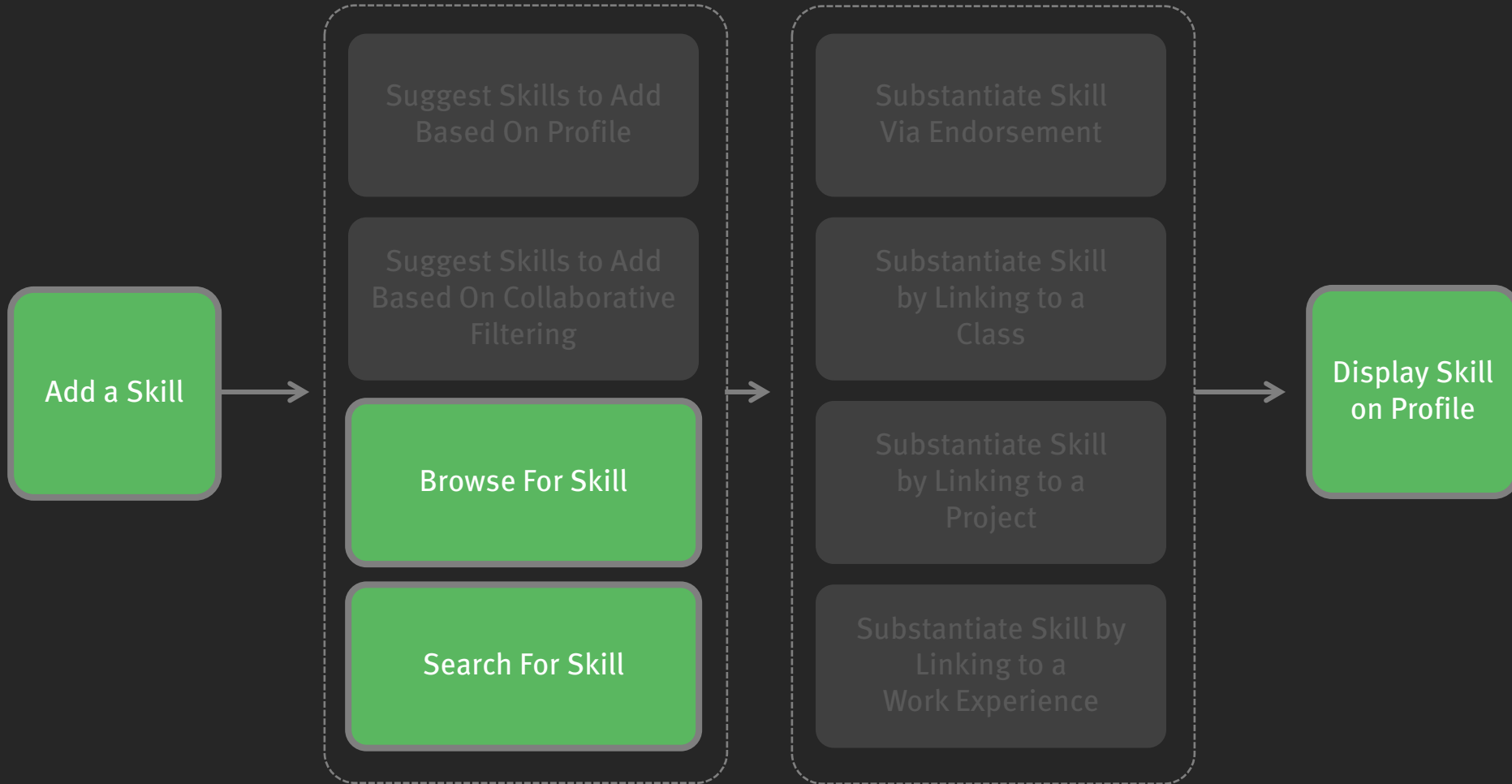


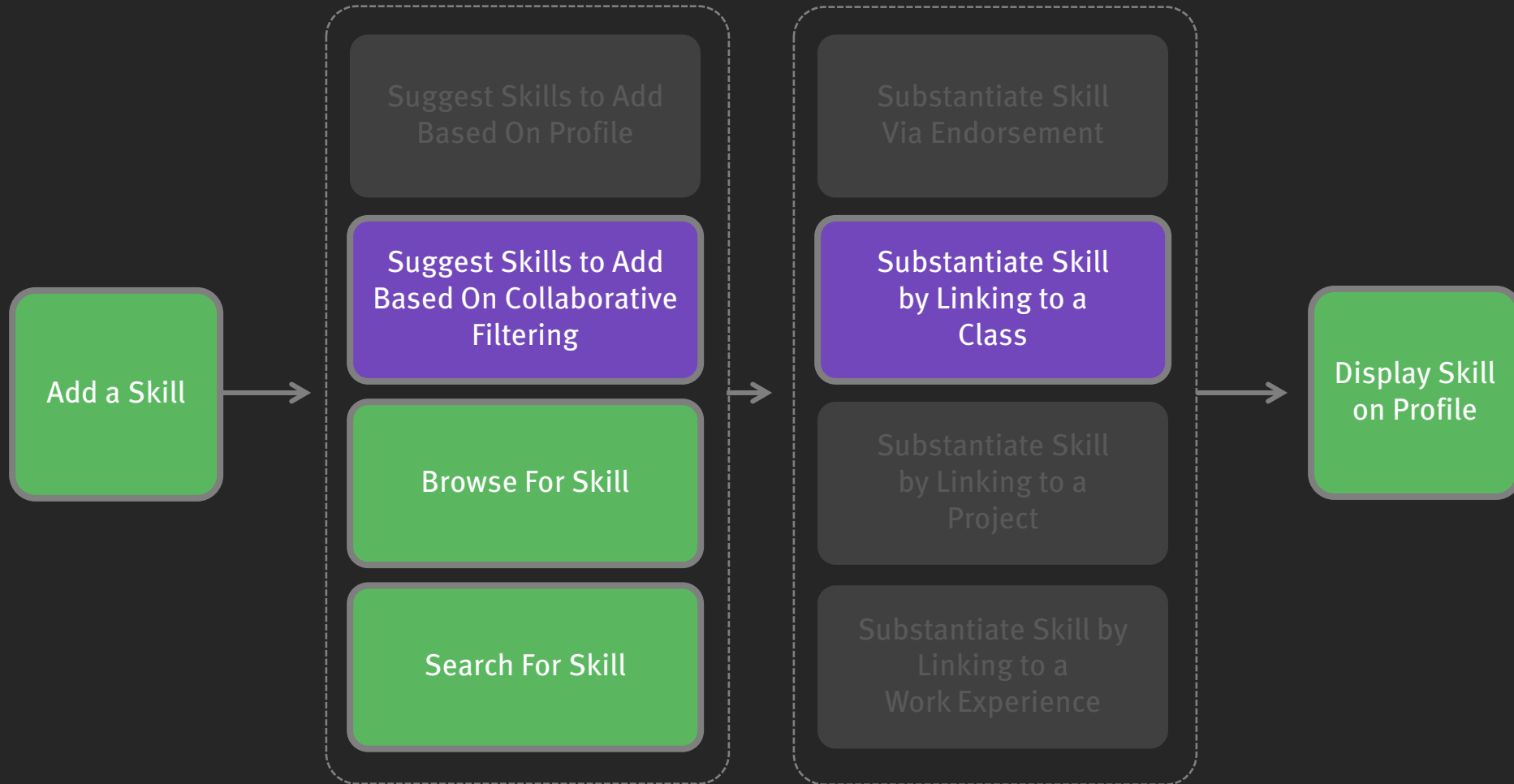
Iterations & Extensions

To improve a given capability based on usage data and insight

To fix defects or usability issues

To finish deferred work that directly supports the value proposition







Advanced in
DRAWING

LEADERSHIP

**STRONG
WORK ETHIC**

**AHA C.P.R.
Certification**
Aug, 2012


TIME MANAGEMENT

**MY
RÉSUMÉ**

**AUTHORIZED
USA
TO WORK IN**

5 Experiences with
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Brandon W.
2015 | @ University


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BUSINESS
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 ARE MY PASSIONS.

SEEKING A
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 IN SALES
 Fall 2012



SOPHOMORE

IDEAL JOB
 MARKETING


DEGREE PROGRESS

35%

DESIRED
 WORK LOCATION

Dallas, TX


TOP SKILLS
 TEAMWORK
 SALES FORECASTING
 PROJECT MANAGEMENT




Jessie S.
2014 | @ University

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FILM & MEDIA
 IS MY PASSION.


 - TRANSFERRED 2010 -


Motivation
 Inspire others
 through the art
 of storytelling.

TOP SKILLS
 DIRECTING
 FINAL CUT PRO
 SCRIPTWRITING
 ACTING

A IMED 1401
 Introduction to
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DEGREE PROGRESS

62%

INTERNSHIP
 Reporter
The Campus News
 Jun 2012 - July 2012

NVC Graduation
IDOL SUBMISSION
 Film Project
 May 2012




Iterations & Extensions

Make hypotheses based on usage data and value proposition

Prioritize design changes based on assumed effectiveness

Work with design to produce wireframes, comps, assets, etc



Communication Strategy

To communicate the existence and value of a new capability

To increase the likelihood of realizing your value proposition

To formalize an entryway into the new capability or feature

**myEdu**

March 15, 2013

Jon S. said he learned
UV/VIS Spectrophotometry
in General Chemistry
Laboratory. Did you?



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Skills email learnings

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to Frank, me, Daniel

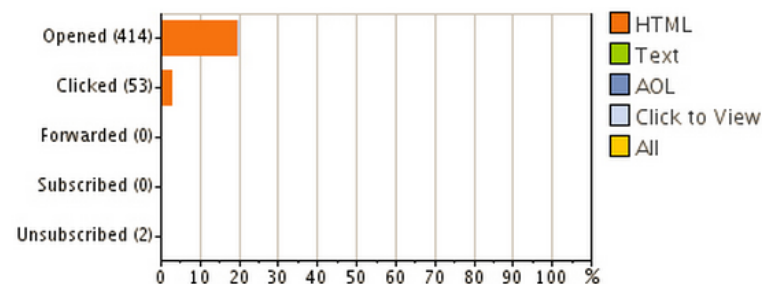
Frank & Jon -



May 22



I realized that since you ducked out early last Friday that you missed some of my insights into the skills mail that went out last week. I understand you're pretty busy today, but seeing as it's late night I finally have a spare moment to catch you up a bit. Here's the breakdown:



This is recent as of this very moment. The mail was sent to 2,158; we received 414 unique opens and 53 unique clicks.

Honestly, with a mail so targeted and with such a user-specific headline (%%first_name%%, did you learn %%skill1_name%% in %%skill1_course%%?) I did expect better OR and CTR. However, I believe that I can attempt to explain.

When we send a mail I typically only target our users who have opened a mail at all OR users that have logged in in the last 30 days. Sometimes 60 if we want to really increase volume. Usually this ensures that overall we're sending to engaged users (and thus real inboxes, in theory, though we still hard bounce when new users sign up [which counts as a login] with bad emails). With this send, however, because the list was already so small, I did not add this extra condition in the query. We ONLY sent to users where they had classmates with skills. That was the only condition. And it appears our open rate took a hit for it. In a way it was a worthy experiment that proves our list may need to be eventually cleansed of inactive/incorrect addresses...

The low clickthrough rate, however, is fully dependent on the way the dynamic content populated the mail. Since that's different for every user, I can only assume that the skills added by the users' classmates were simply not relevant enough.

We hope to fix this, at least in the short term, by grabbing the top 8 majors and manually sending them their top 5 skills (dictated by our own research) according to their major. If I can manage it, I will build this new template to include any classmate's skills at the bottom, should a user qualify, which will effectively merge these two concepts in one mail.

It's my hope that this next skills mail targeting our top 8 majors will perform much better because in theory it will be far more relevant. As of right now it's a really manual process for me to build such a mail for 8 different majors, but I have an idea around the concept of a skills dashboard that will hopefully and eventually lead to dynamic content within the body of the mail and automation (like jobs!) as a result.

I hope this was thorough enough! Have a good one.



Communication Strategy

Identify strategic method for communicating value

Ensure method includes an action that supports the value proposition

Disseminate a test to a significant population of users



Community Feedback

**To leverage alternative signals
related to product usage**

**To better understand how people
perceive product changes**

**To understand the “gestalt” of the
community**



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Jmolnar Jul 10 12:52 pm

Where can I see a list of what Skills have their own dedicated images?

Tags

myedu_profile question submit_request

Delete or Post to Forums or [Create follow-up](#)

Jmolnar

- User profile – merge
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Tickets

- New, Open, or Pending (0)
- Solved or Closed (1)
- Assigned to you (1)

User notes – edit

Edit widgets on this page



Jmolnar

I'm OCD like that. I've found 5 on my own but surely there are more.

Thanks!

July 10, 2013 12:52 pm



MyEdu Support
MyEdu

Hi -
Thanks for writing. We like the magic of the surprise, so you'll have to discover the other ones :)
Thanks -

July 10, 2013 01:07 pm

This ticket has been rated as **Bad, I'm unsatisfied**

With the following comment:
That's not a very good policy. Some of the skills overlap and there's no way to know if a skill you listed might have its own image. For example, I had "Teamwork and Collaboration" featured on my profile. No image. I figured there might be an image for just "Teamwork," so I changed it. Still nothing. Eventually I added just "Collaboration" and boom! Custom image. All of those are basically the same skill, yet only one has an image and there's no way to know. Bad form.

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Community Feedback

Ensure that you receive all communication that in any way touches an end-user



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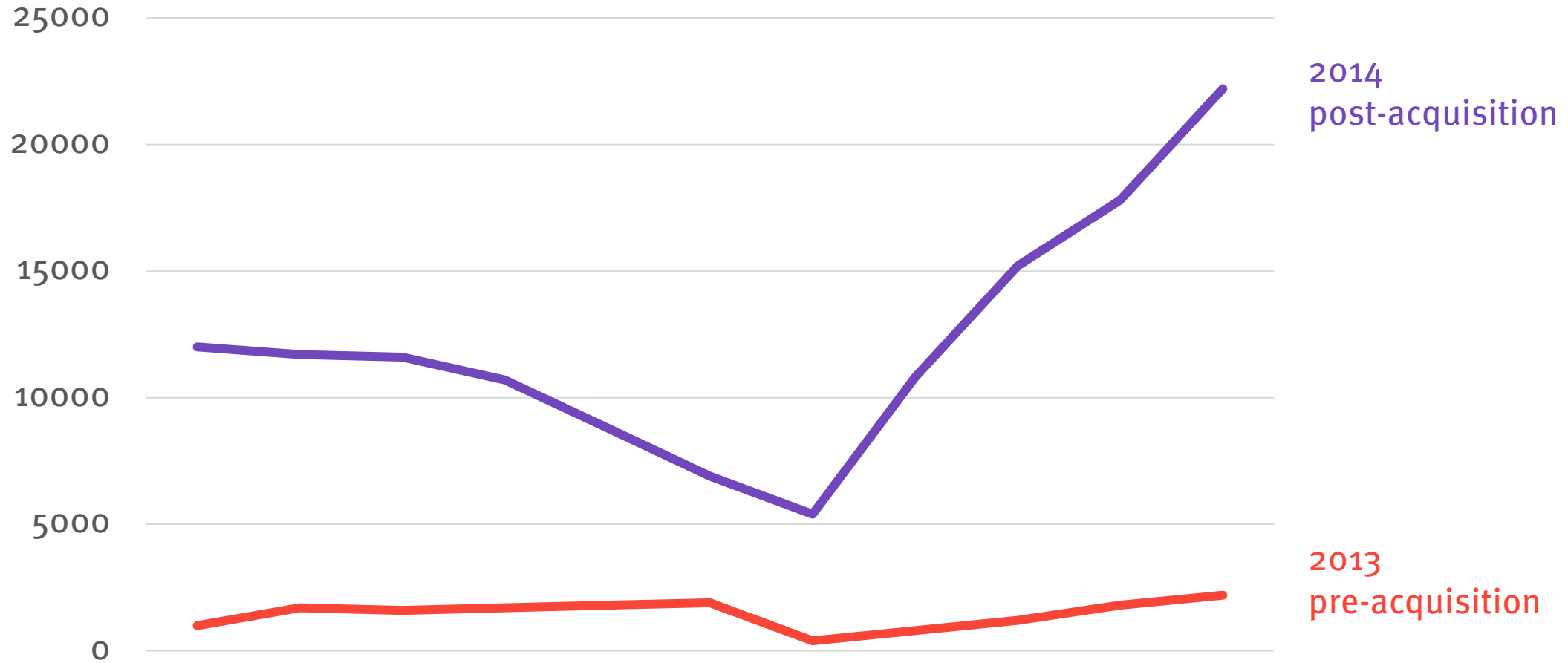
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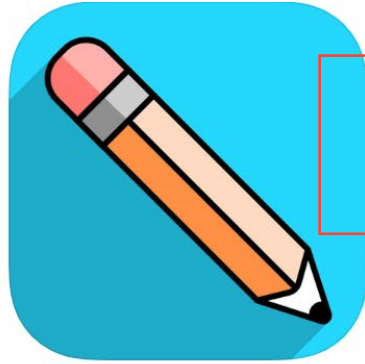
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- Help

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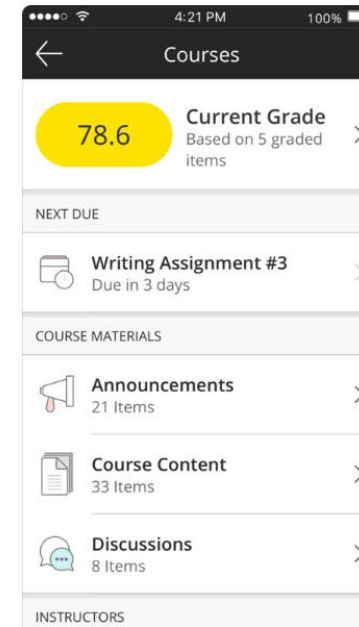
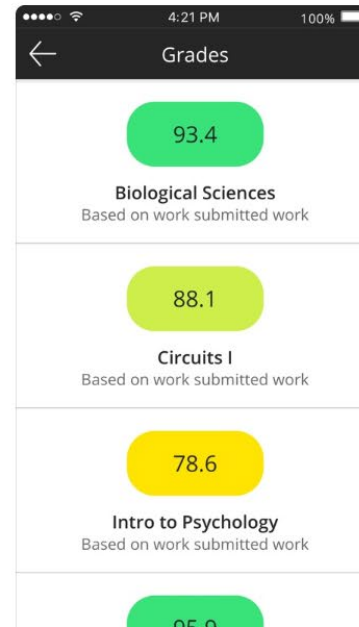
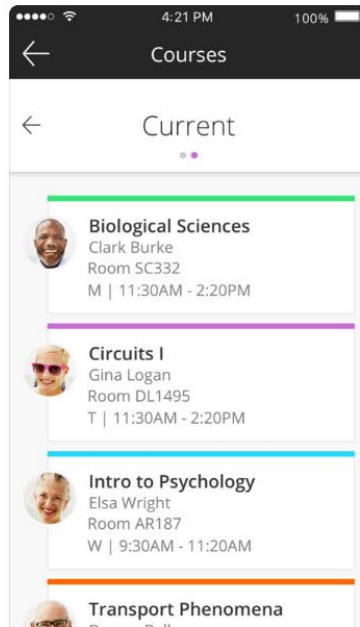
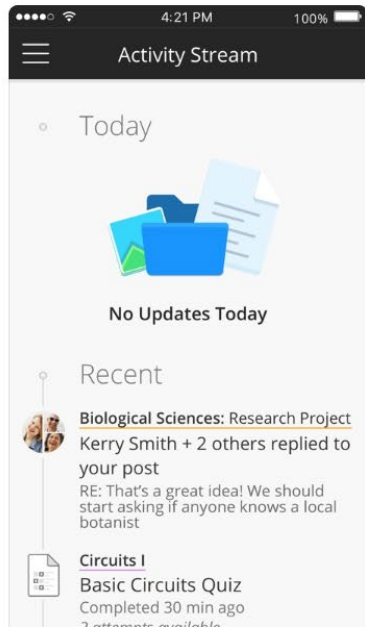
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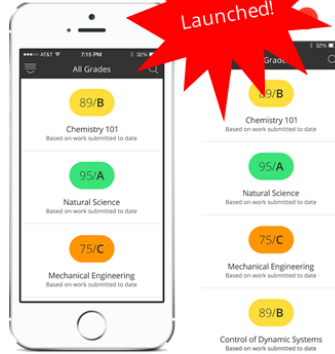
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Student Northern

Bb Student

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- Grades follow a consistent visual paradigm throughout the product, allowing students to quickly recognize their status in a given class or assignment

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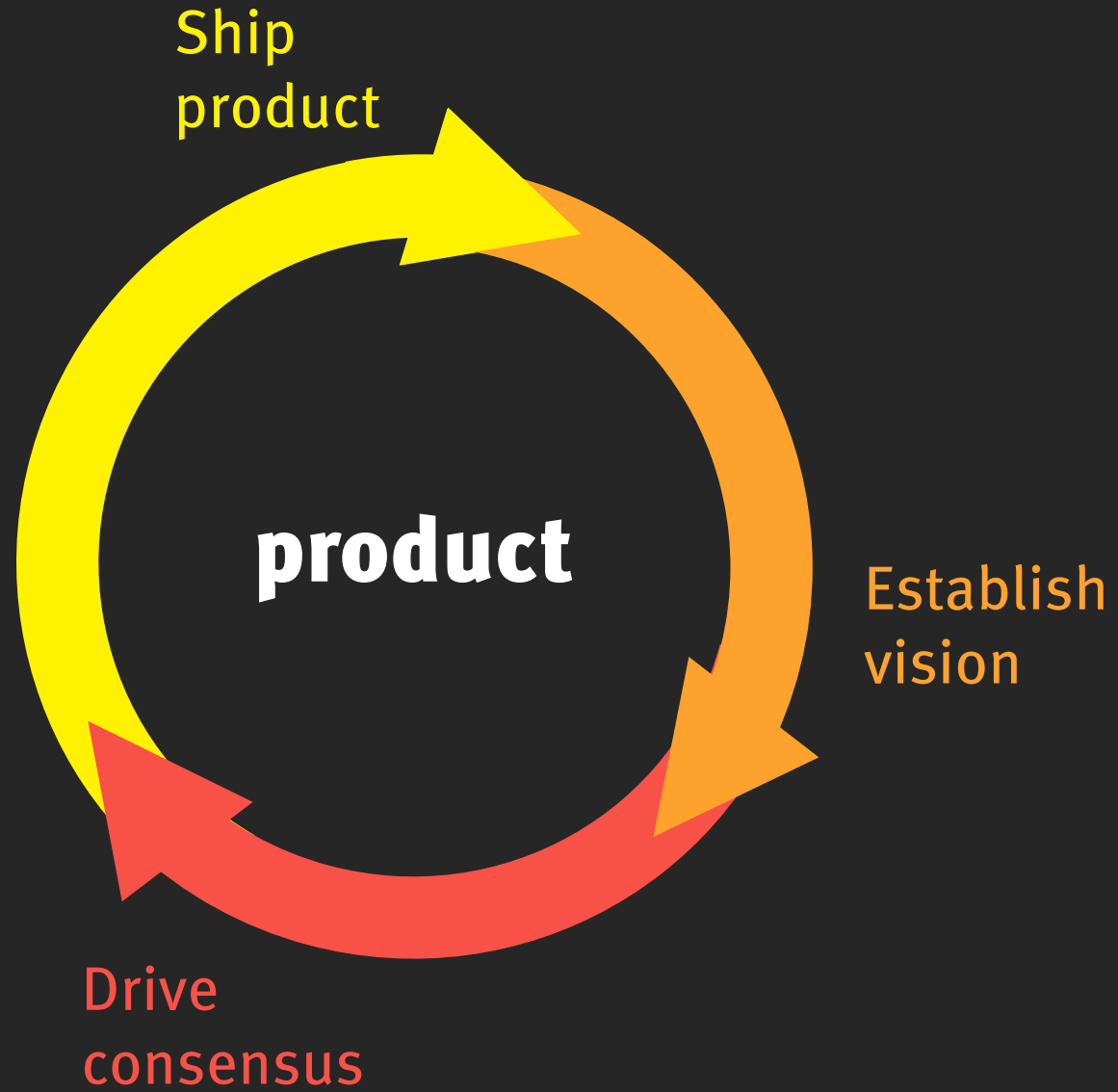


Contextual Research
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Joe Gebbia
Chief Product Officer, AirBNB



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Gary Chou
Former GM, Union Square Ventures Network



product/market fit



behavioral insight



Go make something!

- thanks!



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