A Roadmap to Your Own Yellow Brick Road

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Bhupendra is a seasoned cross functional leader passionate about driving change at scale to accelerate pace of innovation via disciplined execution to deliver business value faster.
AGENDA

• Overview of PayPal and its Agile Transformation

• Key Steps of Roadmap Planning

• Challenges and Learnings

• Top 5 things to be successful at Roadmap Planning at Scale

• Q&A
PayPal’s Transformation Story

Three Big Ideas for Transformational Change

• Big Bang

• Common Sprint Duration (2 weeks)

• One Tool (Rally)
PayPal’s Transformation - What Was to What Is Now...

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<td>Feature oriented requirements</td>
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<td>Project based planning</td>
<td>Planning by team, group, and product</td>
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<td>People assigned to Projects</td>
<td>Stable Teams aligned to Product</td>
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<td>Dedicated Teams</td>
<td>Delivery Teams and Delivery Groups</td>
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<td>Phases and Phase Exits</td>
<td>Roadmaps, Release Plans and Sprints</td>
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Overview of PayPal and our Agile Transformation

PayPal’s Transformation Framework

5 Levels of Planning

- Vision
- Roadmap
- Release
- Iteration
- Daily

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What do we mean by a High Dependency Environment?

In the world of large global enterprise software development:

• Multiple teams delivering on one roadmap item
• Platforms and APIs that are built by different Product Lines
• Code Ownership residing in other Product areas
• Global Products with Regional Market Experiences

How do you have a higher degree of confidence in delivering on your Product Roadmaps?
Key Steps of Roadmap Planning

1. Identify new Roadmap Items to be added to the Product Roadmap
   a. Standard Sizing
   b. Cone of Uncertainty - Precisely wrong

2. Using Enterprise Priorities to address conflicts

3. Identify and Size Dependencies

4. Balance Demand vs Capacity

5. Define a Continual Cadence of Roadmap Planning
What Roles to make this work

- Product Leaders
- Planning Leaders
- Engineering & Architects
Roadmap Sizing – Cone Uncertainty

- Roles - Product, Planning, Engineering & Architecture

- Planning at a high level of Uncertainty – don’t be precisely wrong

Have a common currency
Dependency Management

“Details are in the Dependencies”

Consider two type of Dependencies

• Work that is done by other teams to complete your Roadmap Item

• Work that other Product Roadmaps have to do in order for your Roadmap Items to complete
Question?

At scale, how would you resolve dependencies across your Product Roadmaps?

Share your experiences and ideas!
Enterprise Priorities

Value of Enterprise Priorities

• Permits stack rank of top areas that need to be completed at the Company Level
• Assists Dependent team in choosing which work to plan first
• Conflict Resolutions and Tradeoffs

How do you Determine Priorities

• Business Value tied to each Program/Initiative
Using Enterprise Priorities

How certain you are that the Top Priorities can get delivered?

- Determine Business Value of each Initiative/Program
- Determine the size of each Initiative/Program
- “Filling the Jar” – Big Rocks, Little Rock, Pebbles
- Assess Total Business Value based on what is in the “Jar”
- Re-prioritize if needed

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Illustrative Purposes Only
Balance Demand vs Supply
Exercise – Instructions  Try your hand at Roadmap Planning with Priorities!

1. Review the list of Prioritized Roadmap Items (RMIs) provided from your leadership team
   - You must ensure that you plan for the highest Priority RMIs first
   - Some RMIs may take more than one quarter to complete

2. You will need to Plan for 2 quarters
   - Each quarter, you will have **100 team sprints** of available capacity to plan against

3. Use the colored stickies to represent the different RMIs on the wall in your area
   - Each Ranked RMI is represented by a different color sticky, see RMI list for color relationships
   - You only need to write the **Team Sprint SIZE on the colored sticky** and place it under the quarter
   - Ensure you do not go over capacity in each quarter
   - Use the **Overflow column for RMIs** that can not be fit within the capacity

4. When done, choose 1 person to share your approach with the room
# Exercise – Prioritized Roadmap Items

Your Executive Staff has set the following Priorities for all RMI:

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<th>Roadmap Items</th>
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<td><strong>Total Demand of all RMI</strong> in TS</td>
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## Exercise – Results

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<th>Q1 (100 Team Sprint Capacity)</th>
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Total Work = 100 TS
At scale, how would you implemented Roadmap Planning?

Share your experiences and ideas!
Transparency of Roadmaps at all Levels of the Company

- Moving from verbal plans to documented plans that are visible to all
- Tools are critical – one tool for capturing plans (Rally)
- Reporting is key – a Dynamic visualization of plans and results
Challenges & Learnings

- High Level of Uncertainty – precisely wrong!
- Need to look across Business Units versus only within Business Unit
- Collaboration and Communication
Top 5 things to be successful at Roadmap Planning at Scale

• One Common Sizing Model

• Enterprise Priorities

• Focus on Dependencies

• Transparency of Roadmap Plans at all level of the Company

• Continual Planning Process as part of your Company’s Operating Rhythms
Q&A