# DESIGN PROCESS CASE STUDY

Showing the design process for GE Oil & Gas E Commerce Portal

## THE PREMISE

- A GE OIL & GAS HAS IDENTIFIED THAT THEY DO NOT COMPETE WELL IN THE OIL & GAS EQUIPMENTS AND PART SALES.
- BRING THE TEAMS TOGETHER TO EXAMINE THE OPPORTUNITY.
- For this presentation, we will look at how the e commerce site gets designed.

# MARKET WORKSHOPS

- MARKET RESEARCH
- Design thinking workshops
- Ethnography and Contextual Studies

My UX team hosts a 3-day Design Thinking Workshop.

### DURING THE WORKSHOP THEY EVALUATE THE FOLLOWING:

- WHAT IS THE REAL PROBLEM WE ARE TRYING TO SOLVE?
- WHAT IS THE BEST APPROACH TO ADDRESSING THE GAP?
  - Sell equipments, parts, CONNECT WITH SALES?
- IF WE SELL, WHAT ARE OUR CUSTOMERS LOOKING FOR?
- How can we bring new customers into the brand with this offering?

#### **RESULTS OF THE WORKSHOP**

#### **INTENT:** SALES

**PROBLEM STATEMENT:** OUR OFFERINGS UNDERSERVE THE GROWING OIL & GAS PARTS MARKET.

#### HILLS

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- THIS ISN'T A LIST OF WHAT FEATURES MAKE UP A E COMMERCE.
- IT IS THREE STATEMENTS THAT SPECIFY THE PERSONA, PROBLEM, AND HOW THEY WILL MEASURE THE SOLUTION.
- THE FEATURES ARE DERIVED FROM WHAT PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED TO SOLVE HERE.

## LET'S LOOK CLOSER AT THESE HILLS

# RUNWAY RESEARCH

- DESIGN THINKING WORKSHOPS
- JOURNEY MAPS
- STAKEHOLDER REVIEWS
- Hills writing

The UX and Product teams take the hills and begins doing specific research to define the key capabilities that will define the e commerce site need to be build.

For the purposes of this example we will focus on the ease of access hill.

The teams:

- CONDUCT MORE SPECIFIC DTWs
- CREATE AND VALIDATE USER JOURNEYS
- WRITE MORE SPECIFIC HILLS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MARKET HILLS

HERE'S ONE OF THOSE EPIC HILLS:

As a family of school age children, I CAN LOAD CHILDREN IN AND OUT OF THE VEHICLE WITH MINIMAL EFFORT QUICKLY AND SAFELY.

This hill is taken forward into the planning stage as a key capability to focus on early. The team also needs to break this feature down into features as defined by user research and further discussion.

For this exercise we will use this capability hill:

As a oil & Gas company we like to understand our discounts and how to order parts or equipments and follow the order till we received it. This is further broken down to features for release planning. We will use this feature:

NOTE THERE'S A LOT IMPLIED HERE.



AGAIN, AS HILLS, THESE ARE PROBLEM STATEMENTS, NOT FEATURE LISTS.

Focusing on problem Statements puts the focus Directly on the user, not on What we think we know.

# TAKEAWAY

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# PLANNING

- STORY WRITING
- SCOPE ALIGNMENT
- RALLY PLANNING
- SCHEDULE PLANNING

The feature hills are broken down into User Stories to define what is in and out of scope for that feature.

USER STORIES IN SCOPE:

- 1. ASSIGNED A SALES PERSON WITH HI INFO TO THE CLIENT.
- 2. WHO I CAN TALK TOO IN GE OIL & GAS.
- 3. IS PART COME IN PACKET OF 2 OR ITEMIZED.
- 4. PARTS AVAILABLE OR NEED TO GET A QUOTE.
- 5. PARTS LEAP TIME.

#### User stories not in scope

- 1. APPLYING COMPANY DISCOUNT IN BULK ORDERS.
- 2. INTRODUCE A QUOTE TO CLIENT AND LEAP TIME TO MANUFACTURE THE PARTS.

These stories are sized, and the team creates the timeline with dependencies to stage out design and build processes on an agile timeline. "4 months" to release MVP1

# EXPLORE

- Wireframes
- SURVEYS
- WORKFLOW REVIEWS

WITH THE USER STORIES DEFINED, THE DESIGN TEAM DIGS INTO THE DETAILS OF EACH DESIGN. WORKING OUT THE DETAILS AND REQUIREMENTS THAT WILL MAKE EACH DESIGN MOST SUCCESSFUL.

The design team creates lo-fi prototypes to show customers and review with stakeholders.

Some requirements that came to light include:

- ENTERING THE GE PART NUMBER AND THE CLIENT PART NUMBER TO MATCH..
- FOR ORDERING BULK
  - MUST DESIGN A SPREAD SHEET TO MATCH THE CLIENT REP SYSTEM
  - ALLOW THE SYSTEM TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH CLIENT REP SYSTEM
- The design language for the E commerce site allow clients to order more to get more discount.
- CUSTOMERS PREFER FOLLOWING THE ORDER.
- Present a buck upload and single uploads.
- Show the leap time and long it will take to revive it.

WITH THESE (AND OTHER) INSIGHTS IN HAND, THE TEAM CAN MOVE TO THE HIGH-FIDELITY DESIGN PHASE.

## NOW WE GET SPECIFIC

• Now that we know the context and the problem, the solution is given details that address those problems directly in that context.

DESIGN

• MOCKUPS

• PROTOTYPES



#### AT GE OIL & GAS.

The design team works with their design language and other stakeholders to create a fully realized model and design both in computer renderings and physical prototypes.

THESE PROTOTYPES WILL BE USED IN MARKET RESEARCH AND USABILITY TESTING.

## VALIDATION

- USABILITY TESTING
- Stakeholder reviews
- FEASIBILITY REVIEWS

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The fully rendered prototypes are tested with users, industry experts, and internal stakeholders. Feedback is also gathered on technical feasibility and some compromises had to be made based on technology and facility abilities. Some facilities will have to be updated and the production team begins to explore those updates.

Feedback is gathered, and test scores are calculated. Based on this feedback, they may go back to the explore or design phase to work out where they missed the mark.

When everyone signs off and KPIs are achieved. The design is ready to spec out and hand over to the production team.

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## READY

- Specs/redlines
- REVIEW WITH UI DEV
- REQUIREMENTS DOCS

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The design is spec-ed out and reviewed with the production engineers. The requirements are detailed, and the production team begins.

As questions arise, they confer with the design team to make sure any needed adjustments are within the scope and spirit of the design.

## EPILOGUE

- THERE'S A LOT MISSING HERE, OBVIOUSLY.
- The point to take away here is that user focused design from the very beginning will result in
  - BETTER SOLUTIONS
  - HAPPIER USERS
  - MORE EFFICIENT GTM STRATEGY
  - ALL YOUR DREAMS WILL COME TRUE