A Product Manager's Check List
For Avoiding Getting Burned by Software Quality

Product Management is hard. You have enough to worry about without wondering if you've covered all the software quality bases.

Here's a simple checklist that can help make sure you've touched all the important quality bases and won't have any nasty surprises when you launch.

We help our Product Manager customers answer these questions every day. The more answers you have, the lower your risk of failure to achieve your goals.

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Story Development

- Are stories complete with a verifiable end state?
- Are stories testable - happy path, edge cases and failure?
- Are story assumptions clearly documented?

Faster Software Cycle Times

- Are stories with test cases included in schedule?
- Is real-time testing behind each software developer?
- 3rd party unit testing?
- Test Automation Creation Vs Maintenance Vs Manual Testing - what's the best split?

Achieving Your Goals

- Are Goals clearly defined and understandable?
- Is there a valid strategy or just a To-Do List plan?
- Are goals written or discussed daily?
- Is Cost Vs Value still aligned?

Project and Release Planning

- Will you need regression testing? If so, how much?
- How will you align sprint testing with next sprint development and fixes?
- Real time testing, unit testing, or planned testing phases?
- How much test coverage is enough? How will you know?
- Plan B for testing when delays blow up your plan?

Risk Identification and Management

- Test coverage amount?
- Penetration testing coverage?
- Performance testing coverage?
- Cross device/browser testing coverage?
- Risks identified with a burn down list?

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