



Development Plan

aka The Manual

The development plan provides technical explanations of how each requirement from the requirements definition will be implemented in software.

OWNER:



BACK-END DEVELOPER

CONTRIBUTORS:



TECH LEAD

DESCRIPTION:

The development plan is the path that takes you from a list of features to a working product. To create the plan, all requirements are evaluated, discussed, and outlined, and then a development direction is established for each.

Features require thoughtful planning. Each feature should be fully articulated in a thorough description of how it will function. Mapping requirements to specific features, and features to itemized tasks puts the team a few steps ahead of the programming necessary to build the complete end product.

The goal is to understand how the feature will take shape before code is written. Writing code based on a well-vetted development plan is more efficient than problem-solving while developing.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- The RD is the what, the production plan is the front-end how, and the development plan is the back-end how.
- All team members must be able to understand this document, especially any new personnel that may be brought onto a project after production has kicked off.
- Map each feature in the RD to specific tasks to serve as a requirements checklist. Errors of omission are the hardest to spot!
- Include brief descriptions of how any existing structures will be used.

LOCATION IN THE PROCESS:

