ITI8740/ITX8522: Software Development Team Project

03. Team Completion. Intro to Lean Startup

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Now let's finish the team formation

For Each Team

- Minimum 4 people
- Maximum 6 people
- Decide what you want to do in general (details come later).

Divide Up Roles & Responsibilities

- Developers:
 - Backend
 - Frontend
- Project Manager
- (Analyst?)
- (Public face? / Sales rep?)

Kick-off

Start with kick off meeting

- Share the team contacts
- Agree on workflow
- Make sure everyone understands the outcomes
- Decide on realistic scope
- Divide tasks (volunteer basis)
- Start the development cycle

Agree on Project Workflow

- Internal Communications Channel: Teams? Slack?
- Method: Kanban or something else
- Working days: when, where and how both individual and with team. The total contribution for every team member should be 19hrs per week and tracebale via issue tracker
- Team meetings: when, where and how?
- Stand-ups: when, where and how?
- Retrospectives: When and how?
- Sprints: when and how?

For the Next Session

- Create project environment to TUT Gitlab: https://gitlab.cs.ttu.ee/
- Join the course Team Channel if you have not done so. See: https://courses.cs.ttu.ee/pages/ITI8740
- Have a kick-off meeting amongst team
- Create initial project wiki with the minimal of:
 - List of team members and roles. Decide on team lead
 - Initial idea description (max 0.5 A4)
 - Read Chapter 1 from "Running Lean" book
- Set up issue tracker
- Have a kick-off meeting and write down general project agreements

95% of all startups fail

Reason:

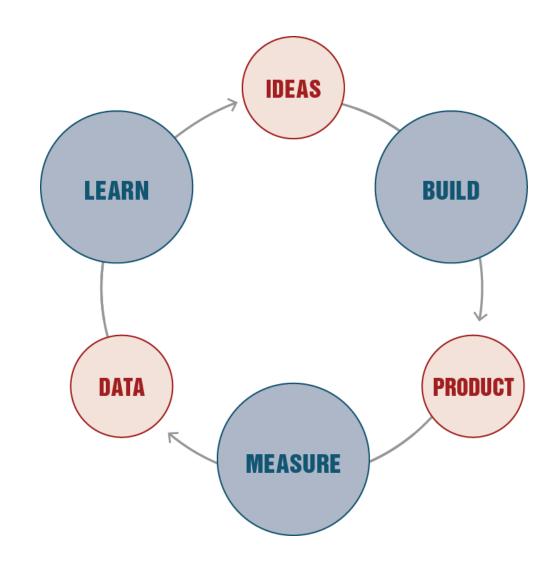
Building a product that nobody wants

Solution:

The Lean Startup Methodology

Lean Startup Meta Process

- 1. Document your Plan A
- 2. Identify the **riskiest** part of the plan
- 3. Systematically **test** your plan



Both technology and business development cannot be viewed separately during whole startup lifecycle and are equally important.

Next Session: Documenting Plan A

Reading Materials

- Lean Validation Playbook: https://guides.co/g/the-lean-validation-playbook/60783
- Startup Playbook https://playbook.samaltman.com/
- Thoughtbot Playbook https://thoughtbot.com/playbook
- Meta Principles I Learned from Running Lean. https://blog.leanstack.com/metaprinciples-i-learned-from-running-lean/

Thank you!