Building 0-1

BUILDING MARKETING TEAMS & FUNCTIONS: STARTUP vs. ENTERPRISE



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Dog Tax
Meet Chef Furry (@chef.furry)



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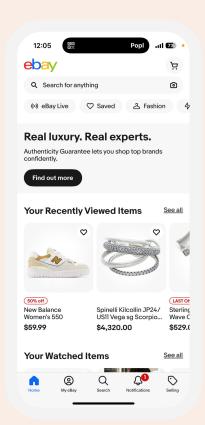
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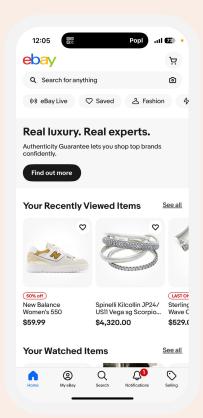
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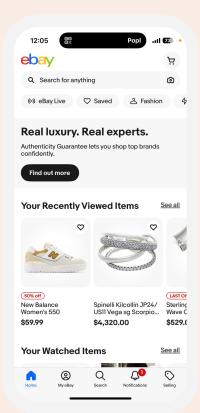
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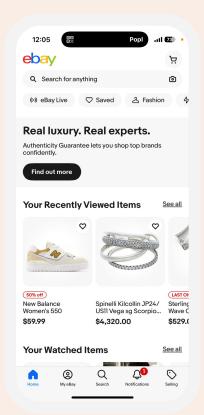
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TEAM HUB

INTRO

- Team org chart
 - Through executive level leadership
- Stakeholders
 - Product Management
 - UXR
 - Design
 - Brand Marketing
 - Analytics & BI
 - Sales & Monetization

VISION

- Definition of Product Marketing
- Previous examples from experience
- Examples of impact existing team members have driven
- Catalog of value add

STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT

- R&R / RASCI / "Ways of Working"
- Historical projects & insights (consumer/customer, industry/competitive, etc.)

ROADMAP (/CONTENT CALENDAR)

- (Keep this relatively high-level)
- Note prioritization (eg. P0-P3) & LOE (t-shirt sizing)

PROJECT TRACKER

- KPIs/Goals/Objective
- Linked resources (Exec decks, briefs, reporting, live campaigns, etc.)
- Campaign creatives/assets
- Historical or ongoing performance

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To Summarize

- One of the most important steps of onboarding is to meet and listen to stakeholders.
- Regardless of startup or enterprise size, building a function will require a ton of creativity and proactiveness.
- Ask for feedback, early on. Don't wait for official review cycles (even within larger org structures).

Q&A

Any questions?



Thank You!



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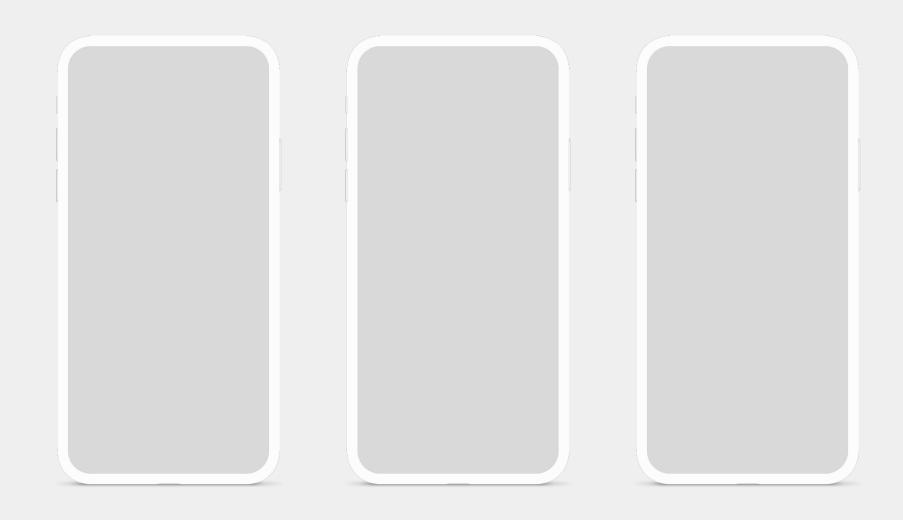


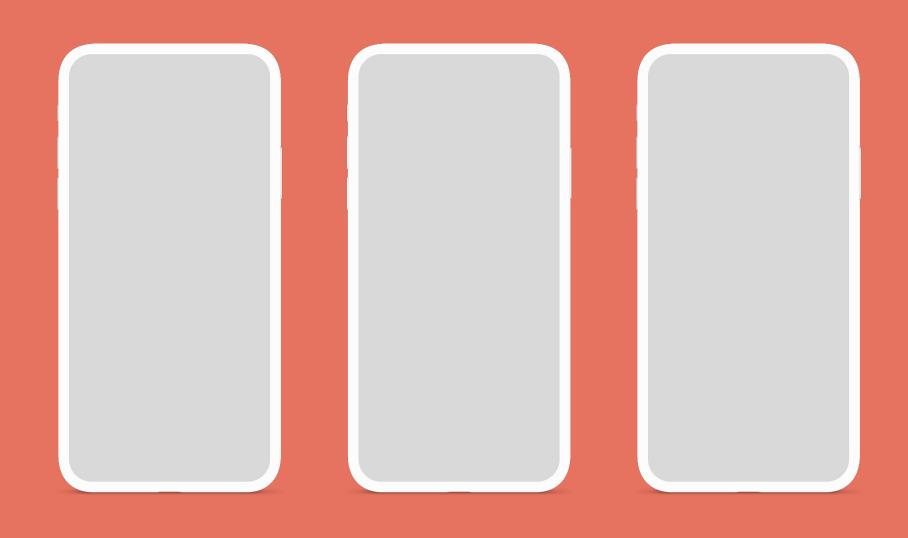
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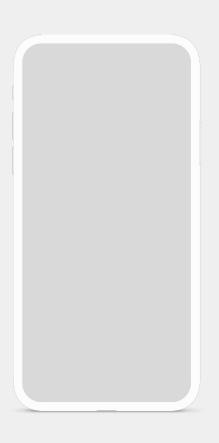
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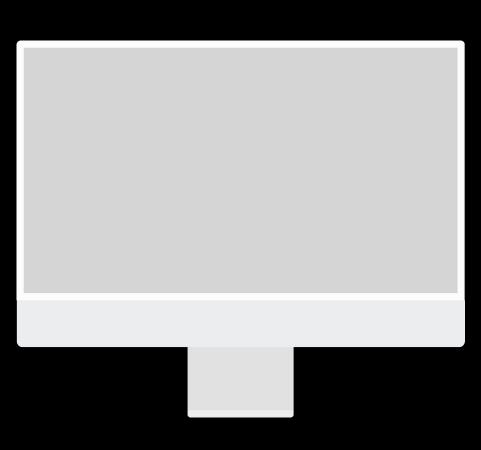








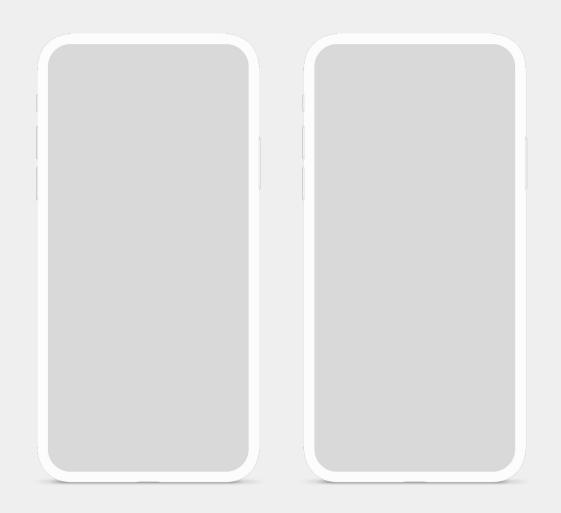




PRODUCT ROADMAP

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