
Planning Step 3 - Testing Matrix

Define Success

Overview: Any successful software development relies on ESTABLISHING A CRITERIA FOR SUCCESS. This is critical because it clearly defines what the system should do and how it should do it. Without this documentation, your development team is left guessing and making independent decisions. This step will define two types of rules and criteria.

1. **Workflow Rules:** These are the rules that govern system flow and user activity from screen to screen. They are the rules that your dev team will need to implement through development to ensure the workflows are working correctly and as envisioned.
2. **Testing Criteria:** Every screen of your platform needs a series of criteria that your development team can develop to. These are the criteria that you'll go through and test to ensure that each screen of your platform does what it should. Additionally, this is typically what most development teams determine cost and scope off of. We overlay all QA criteria on the wireframes to eliminate all ambiguity.

Step Deliverable: Testing Matrix

What is a Testing Matrix?

A: A Testing Matrix is document set that includes your final wireframes with all of the rules and actions superimposed on top of each screen. This component is important for when we are testing the product. We'll go through each testing criteria to ensure each component has been executed correctly.

Why is a Testing Matrix Important?

A: Simply Put, it establishes a black and white criteria for what success looks like in the context of your project.