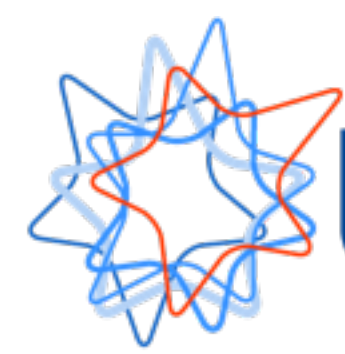




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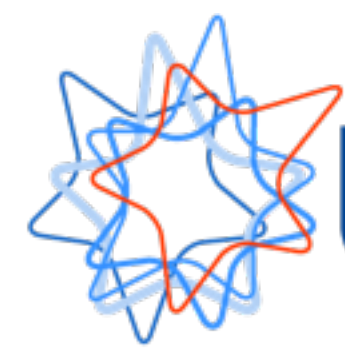
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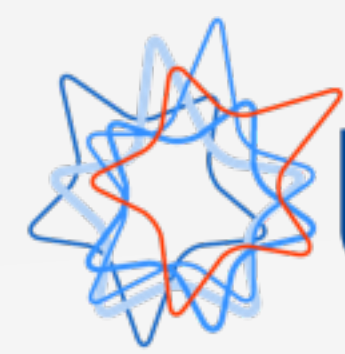


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**Sound Familiar?**





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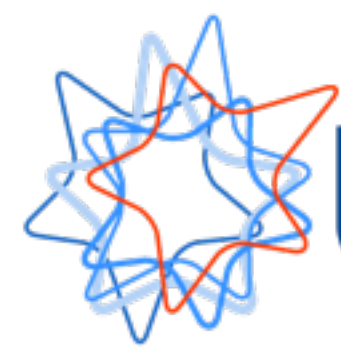
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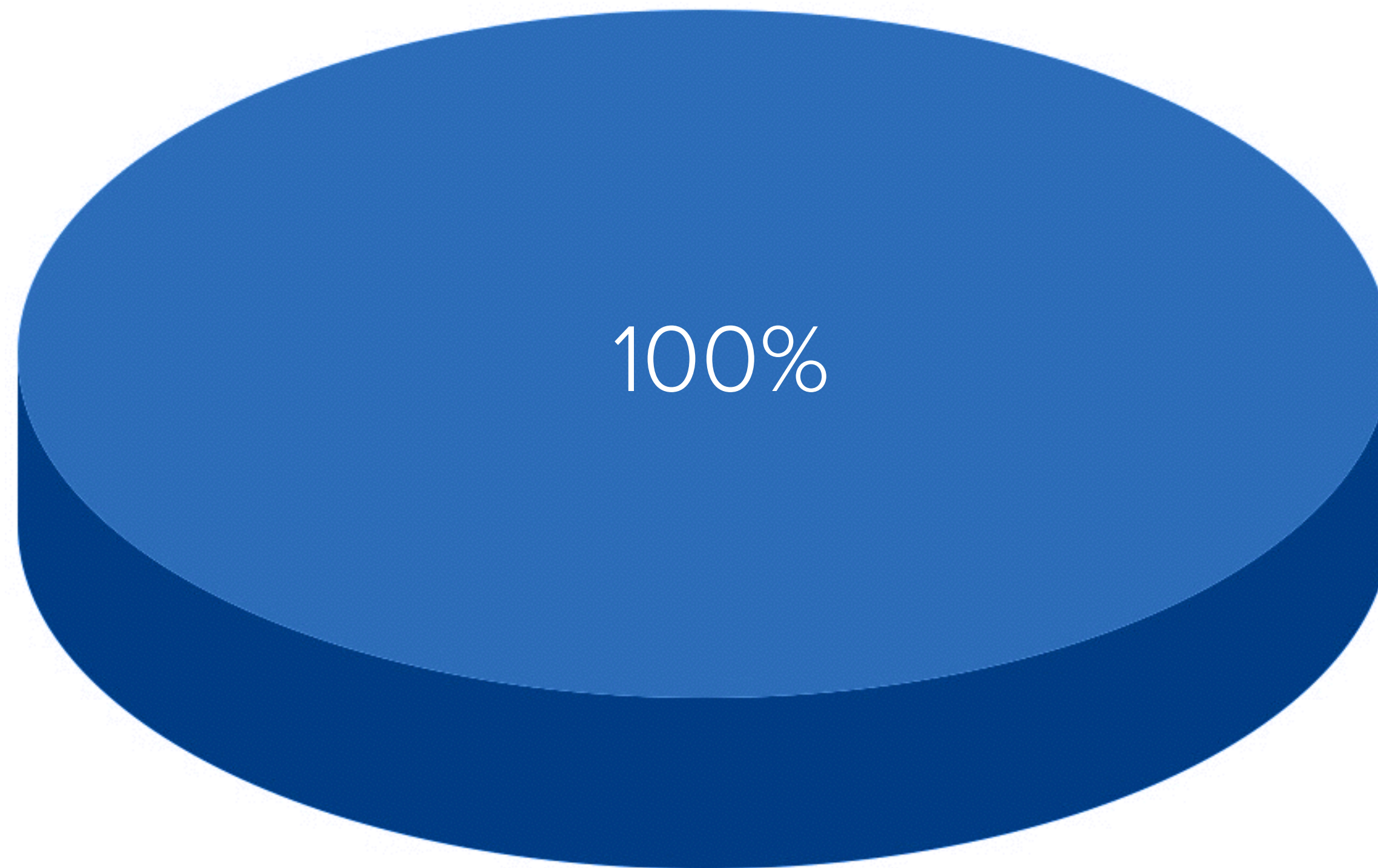
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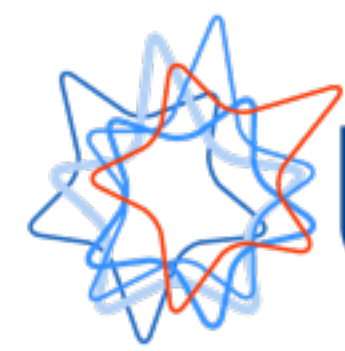
■ Have experienced a difficult transition



**Why should you care?**

(or is this going to be a  
complete waste of your time?)





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## You will lose:

- Clients
- Team members
- Money
- Self Respect

**This dynamic is the #1  
reason why good  
agencies succeed or fail  
to thrive.**



- More importantly, can this kind of company be successful at scale?



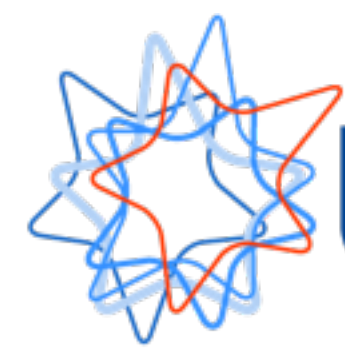
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# What Sales Needs





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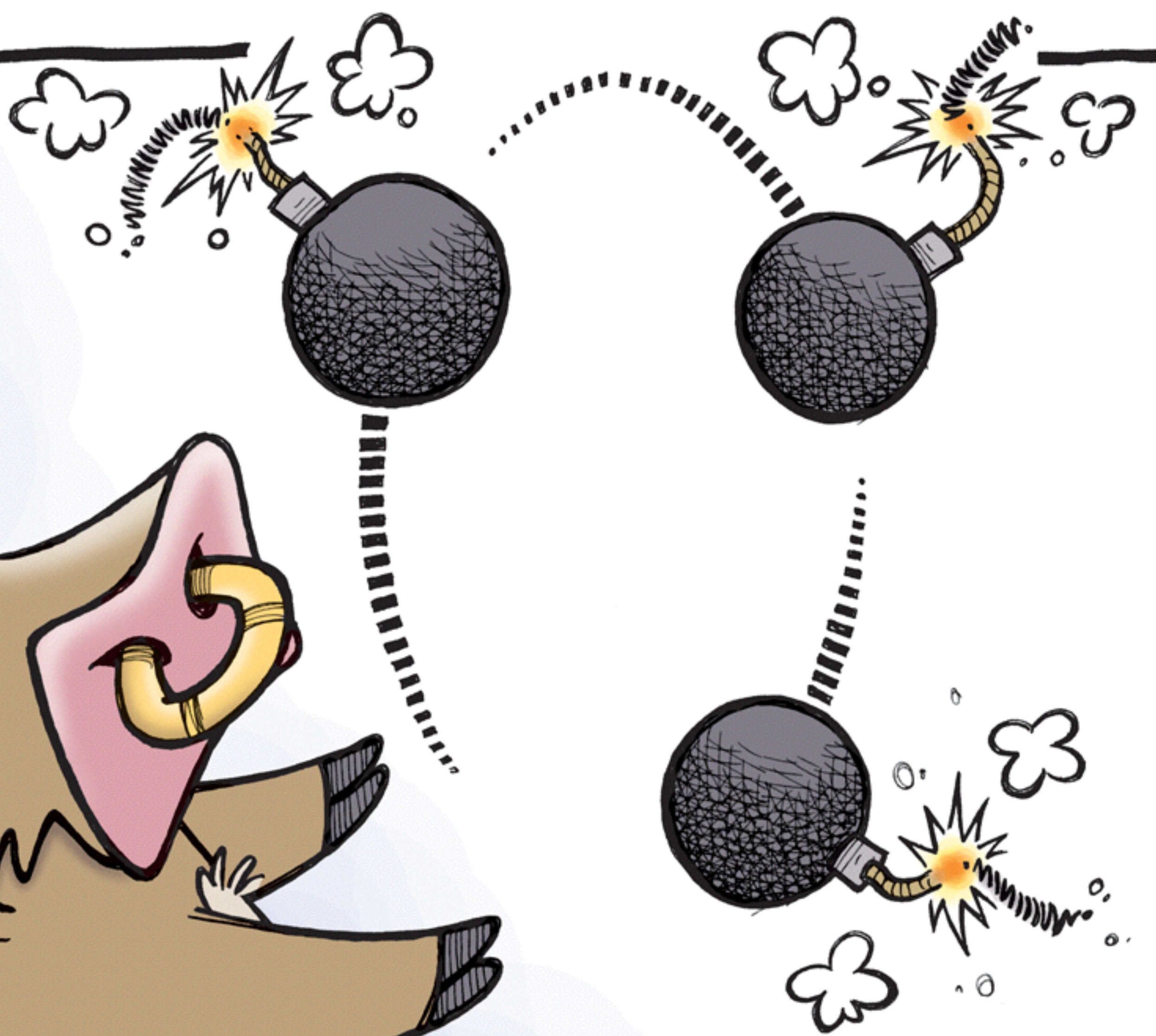
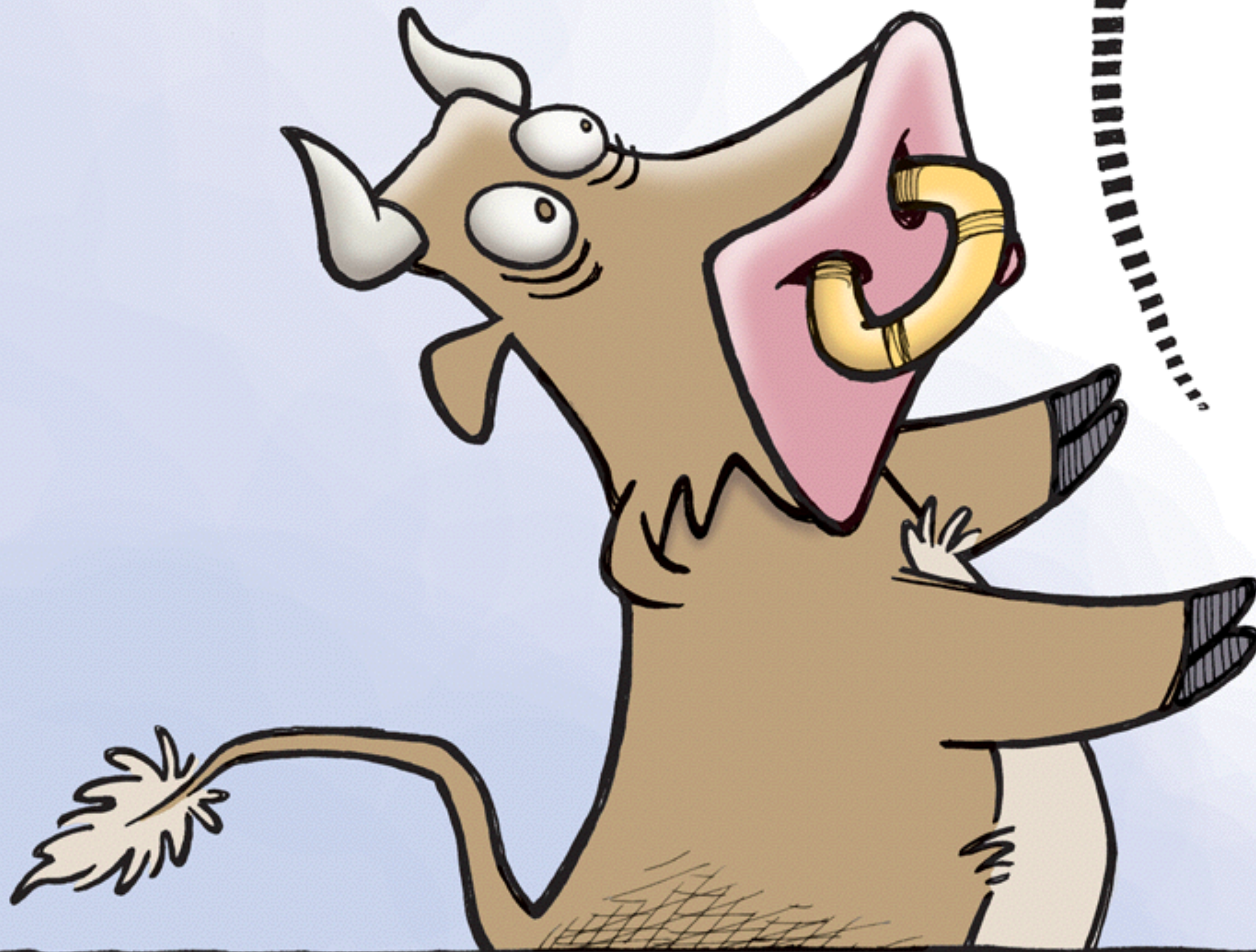
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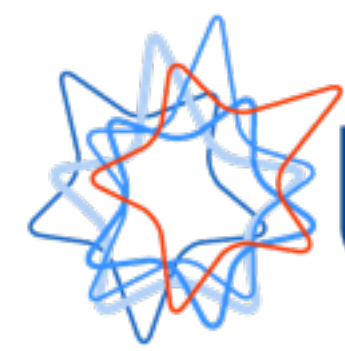
## What Sales Needs:

- To sell & to win
- Technical oversight
- Feedback

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# What PM Needs



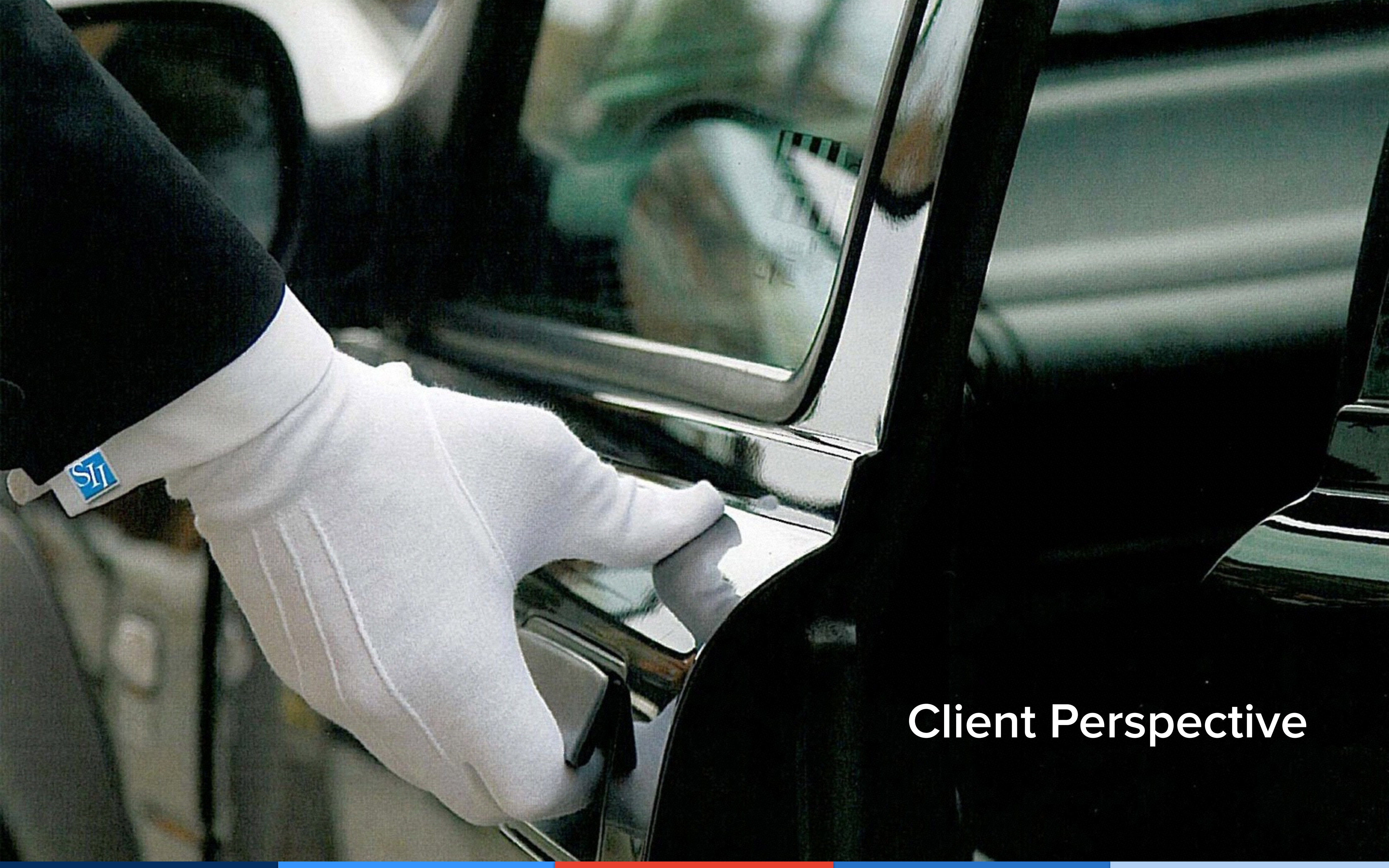


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## What PM Needs:

- Projects
- Realistic client expectations set
- Full debrief with project handover
- Resource availability



**Client Perspective**

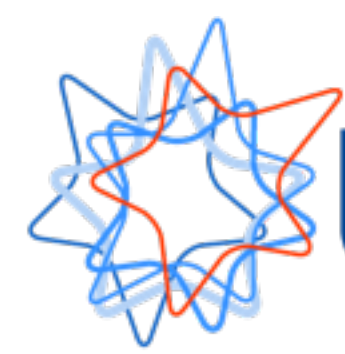
## Client Perspective:

- Needs to be able to plan their business
- Clear communication
- Wants to feel heard
- Want continuity in the hand-off





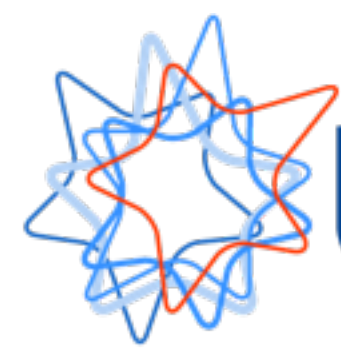
How to do a Hand-off (don't drop the baton!)



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Critical Transition Tools =  
**Communication + Process!**



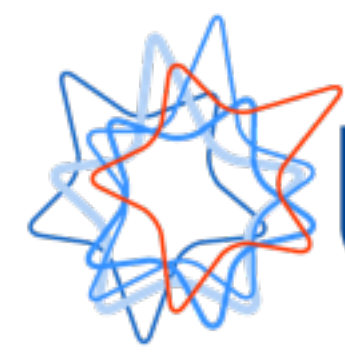
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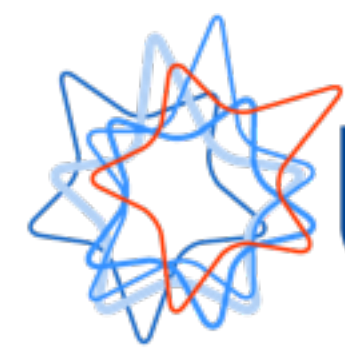


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## PROCESS OVERVIEW

1. Alert team / set hand-off expectations with the client
2. Handoff email + Project one sheet
3. Read handoff documentation
4. Plan resources for the project
5. Internal kickoff call
6. External kickoff call(s)



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## RESPONSIBILITY BREAKDOWN

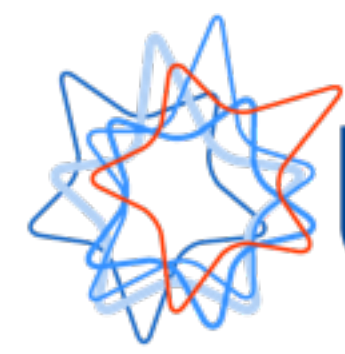
# Hand-off Process

## Sales

- Alert team immediately
- Prepare hand-off documentation
- Prepare client with timeline of handoff
- Follow up with PM to ensure internal + client kickoff scheduled
- Attend kickoffs

## PM

- Request or plan resources for quick project start
- Read & ensure team has read documentation
- Set up internal and client kickoff calls
- Coordinate any travel for on-site
- Prepare and share meetings agendas
- Attend kickoffs



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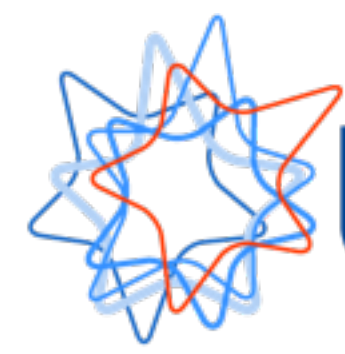
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## HAND-OFF EMAIL



## Hand-off Email

- Client Contacts - contact info and roles in the company
- Client DNA
- Reference Documentation (including reference to attached documents)
- Summary of project
- Known Risk Factors
- Actions and Responsibilities (Time-sensitive)



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## PROJECT ONE SHEET

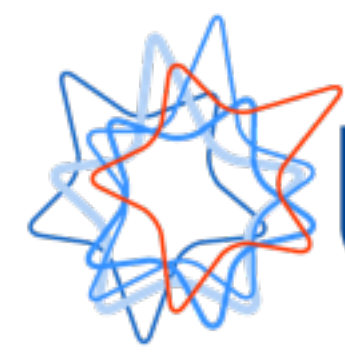
# Project One Sheet

- Client name
- Client industry
- Stakeholders/contact info
- Budget
- Timeline
- Quick overview
- Any other notes

## Example Project Cover Sheet

Here's an example of what it should look like when filled in:

<b>Client</b>
RyanGosling.com
<b>Client products / services</b>
Media site with blog posts and Gosling sating photos
<b>Project Title / description, high level</b>
RyanGosling.com Site redesign
<b>Client contacts</b>
<b>(name, e-mail, title)</b>
Eva Mendes, eva@ryangosling.com, CEO/Wife
<b>Budget</b>
<b>(defining budget across our disciplines, not by phase)</b>
\$50,000 Total
\$15,000 for UX
\$10,000 for Design
\$25,000 for Development
<b>Client deadlines</b>
<b>(presentations, unavailability, projected launch date)</b>
Traveling and unavailable Nov. 15-30th.
Important stakeholder meeting December 15th.
Projected launch February 1.
<b>Scope overview</b>
<b>(short and sweet. ex: D6 to D7 upgrade of product site with UX &amp; UI redesign, e-commerce and migration)</b>
Redesign of current D7 site.
Engagement strategy.
Add ranking system to blog posts and cross promotion.
<b>Other Notes</b>
Anything else worth noting about this project...
Need to include all stakeholders in major decisions.
Client may have funds for an add on project beginning in February.



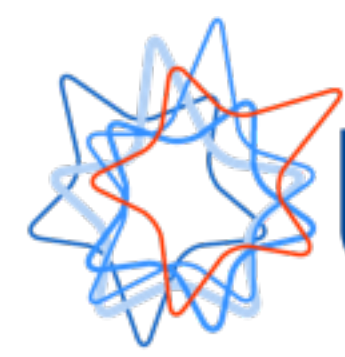
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# INTERNAL KICK OFF

## Meeting Agenda: Internal Kick Off

- Sales Overview
- Walk through project 'one sheet'
- Q&A over documentation
- Discuss risks associated with project
- Prep for client kick-off
- Action items



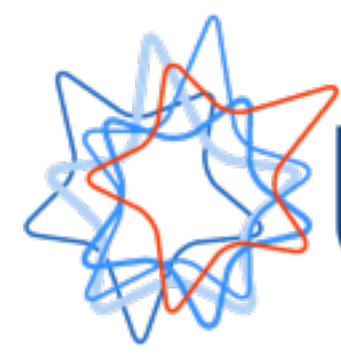
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# CLIENT KICK OFF

## Meeting Agenda: Client Kick Off

- Introductions
- Process overview
- Project overview
- Key stakeholders
- Timeline - important deadlines
- Budget
- Defining success
- Next steps

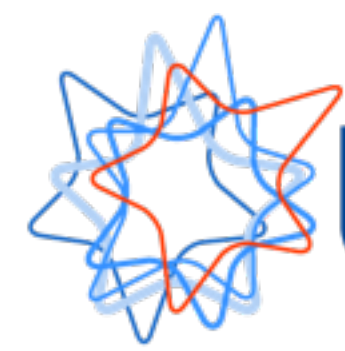


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