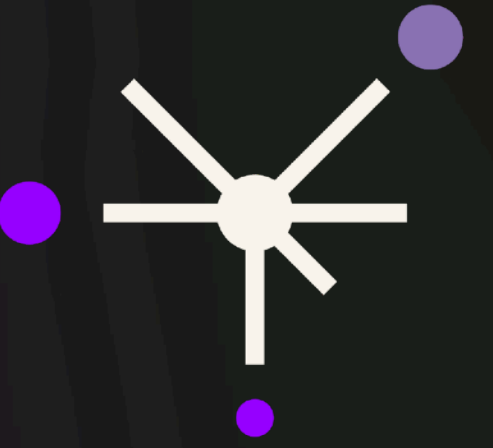




Product Decision Diagnostic Framework

How we help founders, product leaders, and product teams find where product decisions become unreliable before they spend more time building, testing, or scaling.

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01_ THE PROBLEM

Why product decisions become unreliable, even when teams work hard

What usually happens:

- Product decisions are made without a clear product focus
- Metrics exist, but don't explain what to do next
- Features are added based on intuition
- Experiments run without a clear success signal

As a result:

- Teams optimise the wrong things
- Signals get lost in noise
- Progress becomes harder to explain or repeat

The real problem:

Teams don't share a clear understanding of:

- **What user value actually is**
- **How it is created**
- **Which behavior repeats it**

When this logic is missing, teams compensate by doing more – more features, more experiments, more metrics – while decisions become slower and less confident.

In larger teams, this often gets worse because evidence, ownership, and context are split across product, data, engineering, marketing, and leadership.

02_ WHAT THE DIAGNOSTIC CHECKS

We check how product decisions are made, what evidence supports them, and where the logic breaks down.

What we bring clarity to:

- **Product value**
What value users actually come for.
- **Value creation logic**
How this value is created inside the product, step by step.
- **Repeating behavior**
Which user actions signal real progress and should be repeated.

What this changes:

- Decisions are no longer driven by intuition
- Metrics start supporting decisions better, not distracting from them
- Features are built for a reason, not because they “feel right”

What this enables for founders, product leaders, and teams:

After this work, you no longer need to constantly rethink:

- **What your product is really about**
- **What should actually grow**
- **Which direction is the right one**

The framework provides clarity and alignment.

Your focus shifts from “*what and why*” to “*how to build it better*”.

You can focus on improving execution instead of constantly reopening the basic direction.

This structure works **before MVP**, **after launch**, and **when growth is stuck**.

03_ HOW THE DIAGNOSTIC WORKS

We don't start by judging ideas, features, or experiments. We start by mapping the decision logic behind them.

Our decision framework:

- **Product intent**
Why the product exists and what problem it is meant to solve.
- **User value**
What value users actually seek and recognise.
- **Value creation logic**
How this value is created inside the product.
- **Repeating behavior**
Which user actions indicate real progress and should be reinforced.
- **Evidence quality**
What data, research, user behavior, or assumptions the team relies on, and whether that evidence is strong enough for the decision.
- **Metrics hierarchy**
How success is measured – from leading signals to high-level outcomes and decisions.

How decisions change:

- Product discussions become grounded in shared logic
- Trade-offs become easier to evaluate
- Ideas are assessed against value and behavior
- Metrics support decisions instead of driving random actions

What this framework prevents:

- **Endless debates about direction**
- **Reactive feature building**
- **Chasing metrics without understanding their meaning**
- **Restarting product thinking every few months**

The goal is **not speed or growth by itself**. The goal is **confident, repeatable decision-making**.

04_ WHAT WE REVIEW IN PRACTICE

The framework is not theoretical. It translates into concrete product work and clear next steps.

Depending on the product stage, this may include:

- **Reviewing decision evidence**
Understanding what evidence supports current product, growth, roadmap, or activation decisions, and where that evidence is missing, weak, misleading, or unused.
- **Clarifying real user value**
Understanding why users come to the product and what problem they are actually trying to solve (*often through **Jobs To Be Done** analysis*).
- **Checking the product goal or North Star Metric**
Identifying what should grow and why – expressed as a clear **North Star Metric** supported by leading indicators.
- **Mapping value moments**
Finding where users experience value (**VM**) and which actions repeat it (**RVM**).
- **Reviewing product analytics**
Assessing existing events, funnels, and metrics and identifying what is missing, misleading, or unused.
- **User insights (when needed)**
Interviews or qualitative analysis to validate assumptions and uncover blind spots.

What this produces:

- **A clear decision framework grounded in real user behavior**
- **Focused recommendations aligned with product value**
- **Confidence in what to build, improve, or stop doing**

The result is **not a list of ideas**. It is a **structured foundation for decision-making**.*

*The depth of work depends on the product stage and goals. The framework remains the same.

05_ WHEN THIS IS USEFUL

The diagnostic is useful whenever important product decisions feel unclear, risky, slow, or reactive.

Typical situations:

- **Before building an MVP**
When the idea exists, but it's not clear what exactly should grow and why.
- **After launch**
When users are coming in, but metrics don't explain what is actually working.
- **When growth is stuck**
When experiments are running, but results feel random or short-lived.
- **When metrics don't guide decisions**
When dashboards exist, but teams still rely on opinions and intuition.
- **When teams are misaligned**
When product, data, design, engineering, sales, marketing, or leadership interpret the problem differently.
- **Before a major roadmap, pricing, activation, onboarding, or growth decision**
When the team needs confidence before investing more time or budget.
- **Before scaling or major investment**
When making the wrong decision becomes too expensive.

This work is most valuable when the cost of **unclear decisions** is higher than the cost of slowing down and structuring them.

06_ WHAT YOU GET FROM THE DIAGNOSTIC

This framework doesn't give you more ideas. It gives you clarity and confidence in product decisions.

After this framework is in place:

- **Clear product logic**
A shared understanding of what your product is about and why users come back.
- **Decision focus**
You know what actually matters, what should grow, and what to ignore.
- **Confidence in decisions**
Product choices are made deliberately – not as reactions to noise or pressure.
- **Meaningful metrics**
Metrics stop being a collection of numbers and start supporting real decisions.
- **Structured product progress**
Growth is no longer chaotic or experimental by default, it follows a clear logic.

In practice:

Instead of asking “what should we do now?”, you focus on “how do we do the right thing better?” and stop revisiting fundamental product questions again and again.

The result is **a product direction your team can explain, build, measure, and improve with more confidence.**

07_ WHAT THIS IS NOT

This framework is intentionally focused. It is designed to structure product decisions before execution.

What this is NOT:

- **Not growth hacking**
No isolated tactics, tricks, or short-term optimisations without a clear product and decision framework.
- **Not marketing user acquisition execution**
Channels, ads, and campaigns are not addressed before product value and growth logic are clear.
- **Not a UX review or feature audit in isolation**
Screens, flows, activation, and UX are reviewed only when they affect the product decision logic, user value, or evidence behind a decision.
- **Not analytics cleanup without product context**
Metrics and dashboards are not defined before it's clear what should grow and why.
- **Not a promise of growth**
The outcome is not growth itself, but a product that can grow intentionally.

How this fits with execution work:

Execution work (analytics, activation analysis, product flows, growth loops, or experiments) **can follow this framework**, but is not done without it. Without decision structure, execution amplifies noise instead of value.

What this framework actually aims to do:

This framework creates the conditions where growth becomes a **logical outcome**, not a gamble. This work is often **the foundation** for deeper product, analytics, or growth execution.

08_ ABOUT US

We work with founders, product leaders, and product-led teams on product decision clarity before execution, scaling, or major investment.

Our background combines:

- Product thinking
- Growth and metrics
- Hands-on experience with real products, growth and development

The focus is always the same:

find where decision-making becomes unreliable and create clearer product logic.

The same diagnostic works for small teams making decisions directly and for mid-size teams where evidence and ownership are spread across functions.

If you want to talk, reach out and share a short description of your product and context.

No preparation needed, no predefined scope.

Just a conversation to see whether this framework is the right foundation for your next decisions.

NOT SURE WHERE THE PROBLEM IS?

Start with a free product question, or use a Decision Evidence Review if one important decision needs a quick check.

- **Free Product Question**

For when you have one unclear product, metric, activation, or growth question and want to know whether there is a deeper decision problem behind it.

Best first step if you are not sure what you need yet.

- **Decision Evidence Review - \$500**

For when one important decision is already on the table and you want to check whether the evidence behind it is strong enough.

We review the decision, the supporting data or assumptions, and where the evidence may be missing, misleading, or too weak.

- **Product Decision Audit - from \$2,500**

For when the issue may sit across product direction, metrics, activation, user value, roadmap assumptions, or team alignment.

We diagnose where product decisions become unreliable and give you a clear view of what to fix first and why.

Book a free product question: x91tech.com/free-question

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