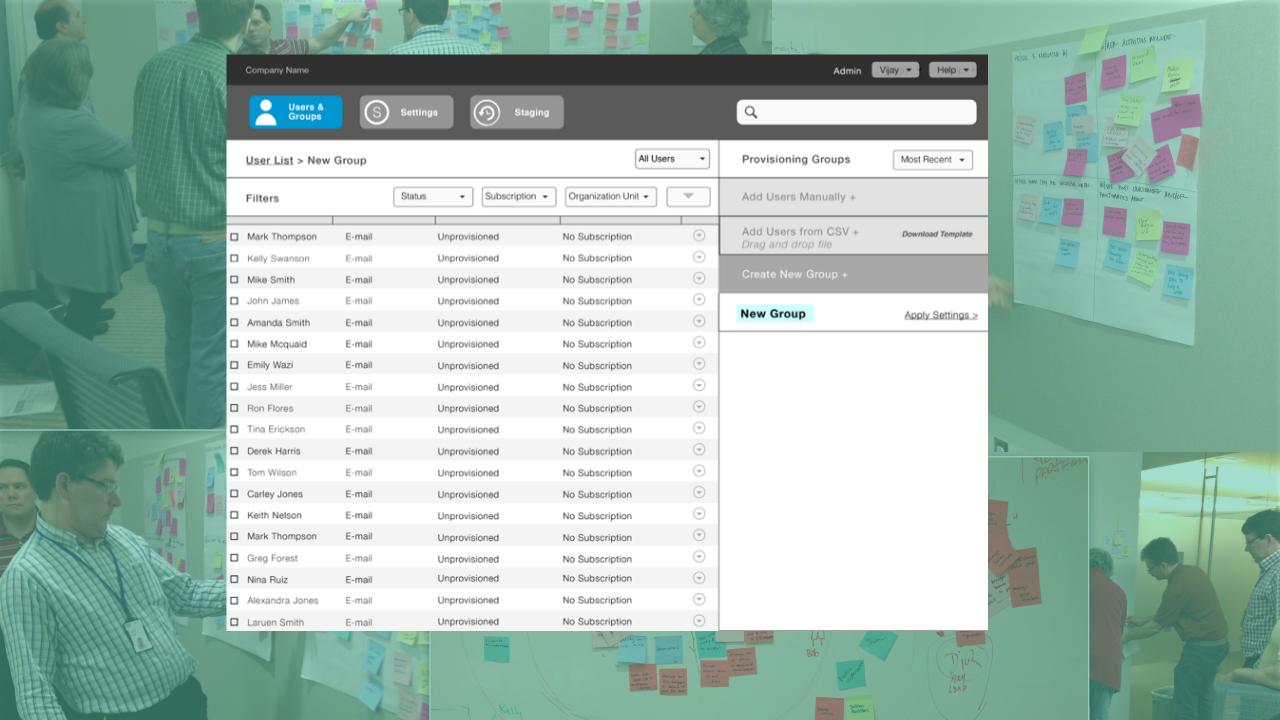
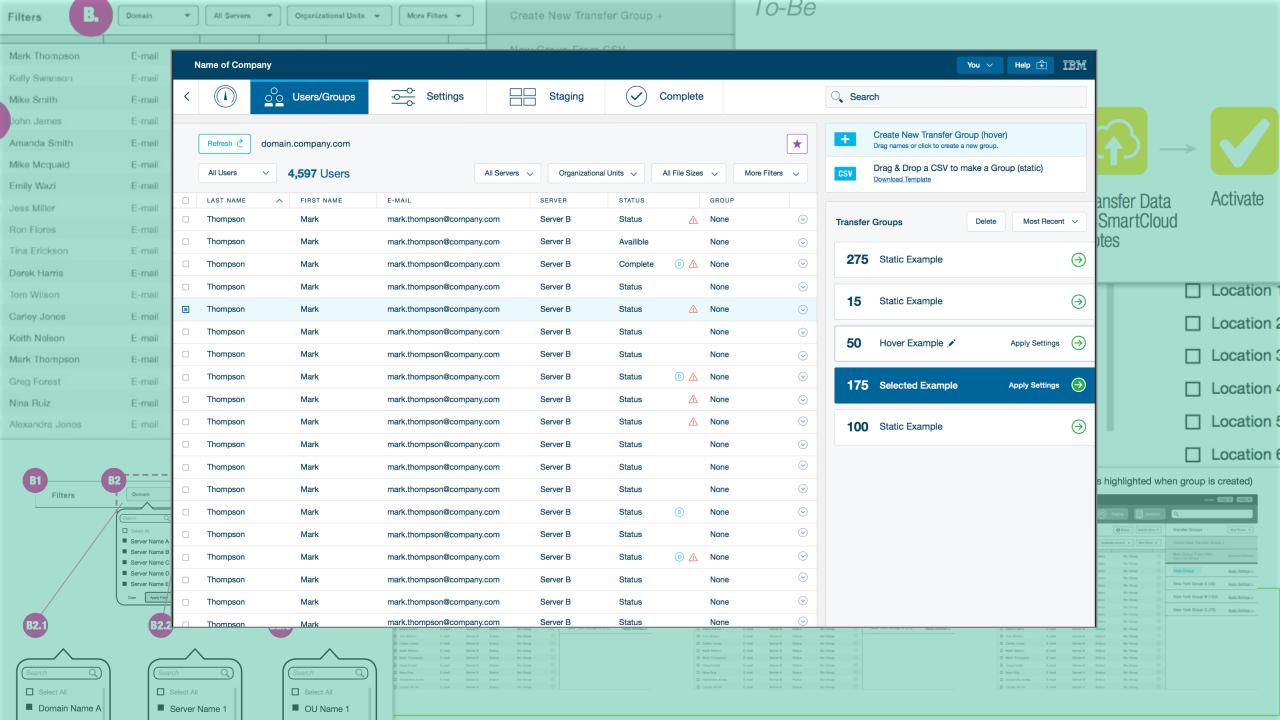
The "User Experience First" Developer

John Lance Craig Lordan April 2016

Let's begin with a story...

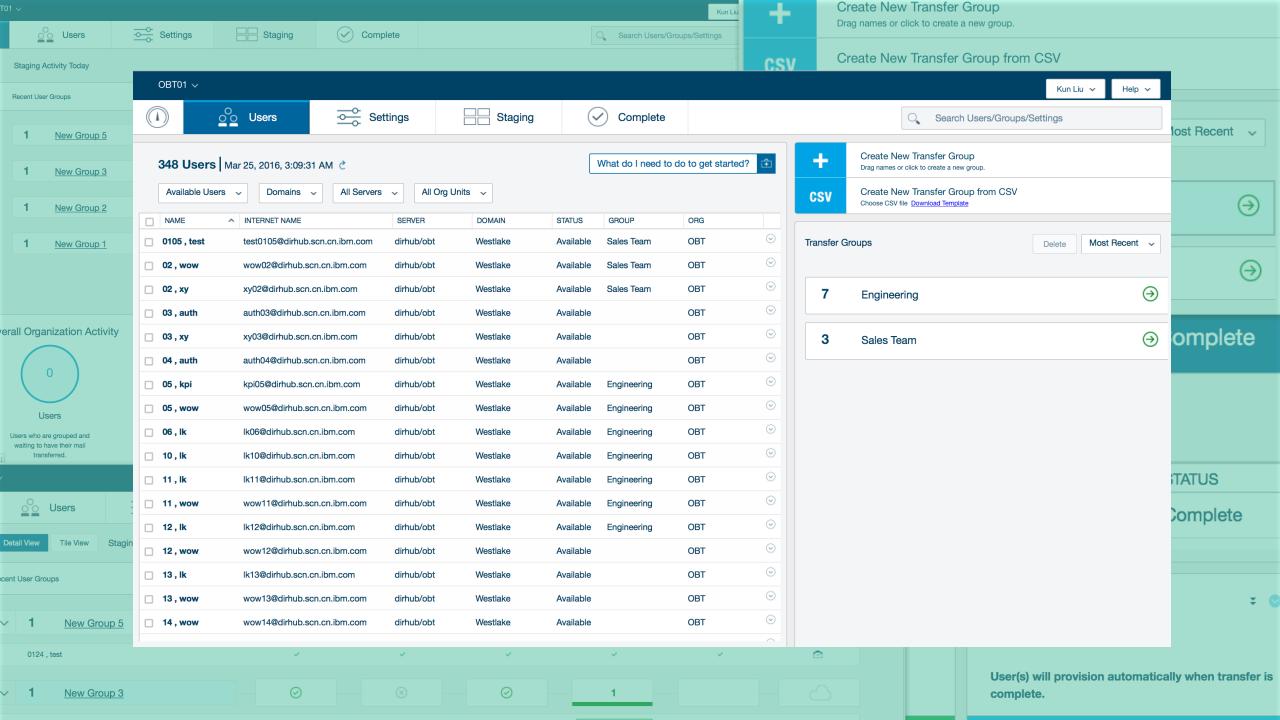












So, where does this all come from? IBM Design Thinking



Number 123 December 20, 1966

SUBJECT:

The Design Program

Good design is good business. Imaginative use of design helps to sell our products. Pleasant, efficient work areas contribute to better morale and productivity. Dramatic design in printed material increases its message impact.

The Vice President, Communications is responsible for coordinating all company design activities in architecture, interiors, displays, products, packaging and printed material.

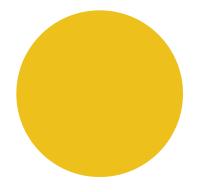
Since design excellence concerns all areas of the business, you should make certain that all your people are aware of its importance.

J & Water Jos T. J. Watson, Jr. "There's one key to our future growth: the client experience."

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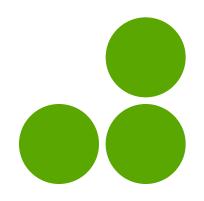


A focus on user outcomes

When you use IBM Design Thinking, put your users' needs first.

Principles

IBM Design Thinking



Multidisciplinary teams

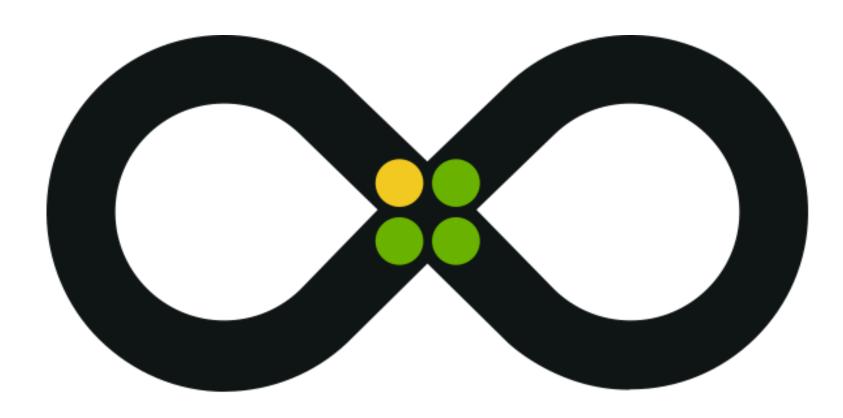
Collaborate across disciplines to move faster and work smarter.



Restless reinvention

Everything is a prototype. Listen, learn, and course-correct.

Understand user needs and deliver outcomes continuously





Observe >

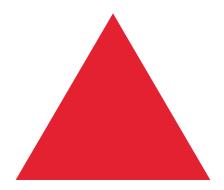
Get to know people, uncover their needs, test your ideas.

Reflect >

Build understanding, form intent, commit to decisions.

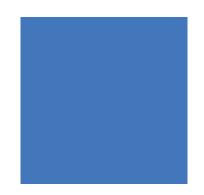
Make >

Explore ideas, prototype possibilities, drive outcomes.



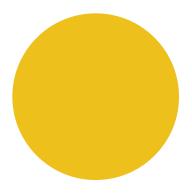
Hills

Align your team around specific, worthwhile outcomes to achieve.



Playbacks

Reflect together in a safe space to give and receive criticism.



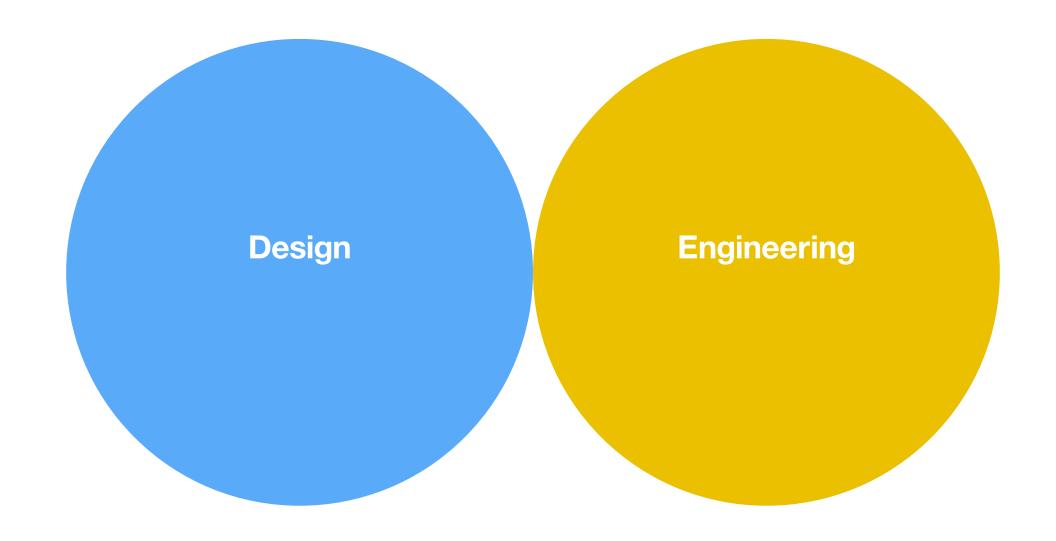
Sponsor users

Give users a seat at the table. Invite them to observe, reflect, and make with you.

The Keys

IBM Design Thinking





Design

UX Research, UX Design, Visual Design

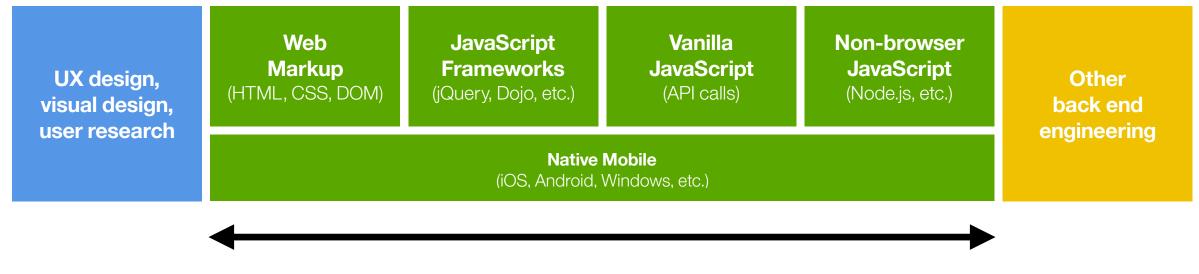
Front-End Development

HTML, CSS, DOM, JavaScript, UX/Performance, Accessibility, Globalization, UI Architecture

Engineering

APIs, Databases, Microservices, Security, Server-side processing

Defining Front-End Development at IBM



Spectrum of Front End Development skills define Front End Development practitioners (FEDs)

Two kinds of work **Prototyping + Delivery**

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Paper prototypes and wireframes

HTML/JavaScript facade

Real data & product APIs

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- Accelerate technical realism of overall design based on browser rendering, detailed interactivity, live data, and real product APIs
- Iterate front end artifacts for delivery and shorten path to production

FED skills essential!

FED personas we have experienced

- The newbie: Recent graduates with design orientation and technical interest
- The newbie*: Designers becoming developers
- The webhead: Web site programmers/stylists new or veteran
- The coder: Veteran programmers changing focus from app or product development
- The technologist: Always looking ahead to the next approach or framework

The newbie – and things we look for

- Recent college graduates
- Computer Science degrees with a front-end focus (example: Computational Media from Georgia Tech)
- Minor or dual major in graphic design or humanities, illustrating knowledge of visual design and/or an ease in communicating with others
- Internships where front-end development or design was a key element
- Collaborative projects with other comp sci graduates, for example, working with other students to develop an iPhone App where "the newbie" was the UX focal point
- Knowledge of basic technologies (HTML 5, CSS, JavaScript), plus at least awareness of the current front end frameworks (Angular, ReactJS, etc.)
- Mobile development experience is a bonus

The newbie*

- Interaction designers who want to change focus
- "T-shaped" interaction designers who realize they are technical
- Designers who like to build advanced prototypes in tools like Axure and want to take it to the next level
- They are fascinated by technology and learning the latest and greatest, but always interested in the UX.

The webhead

- Deep skill and experience with HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- Works on web sites or existing browser-based deliverables
- "the GUI person" specializes in the visuals vs. the interactions
- Tends to have expertise with responsiveness, accessibility, animation, reusable components
- Agnostic Doesn't tend to get locked into specific frameworks

The coder

- Veteran programmers/application developers who want to change focus or specialize
- Not as adept with design choices "the doer"
- Deeper experience with tooling, build processes, code repositories, product APIs, testing environments
- More likely to be interested in iOS/Android prototyping and development

The technologist

- Always looking into the next front-end framework or mobile development approach
- Excited to work with the product architects on the next holistic approach
- Can either be ahead of the product team on what direction to take, or in the perfect spot to help them
- May be hard to keep happy on a long-term project

Roles for our FEDs

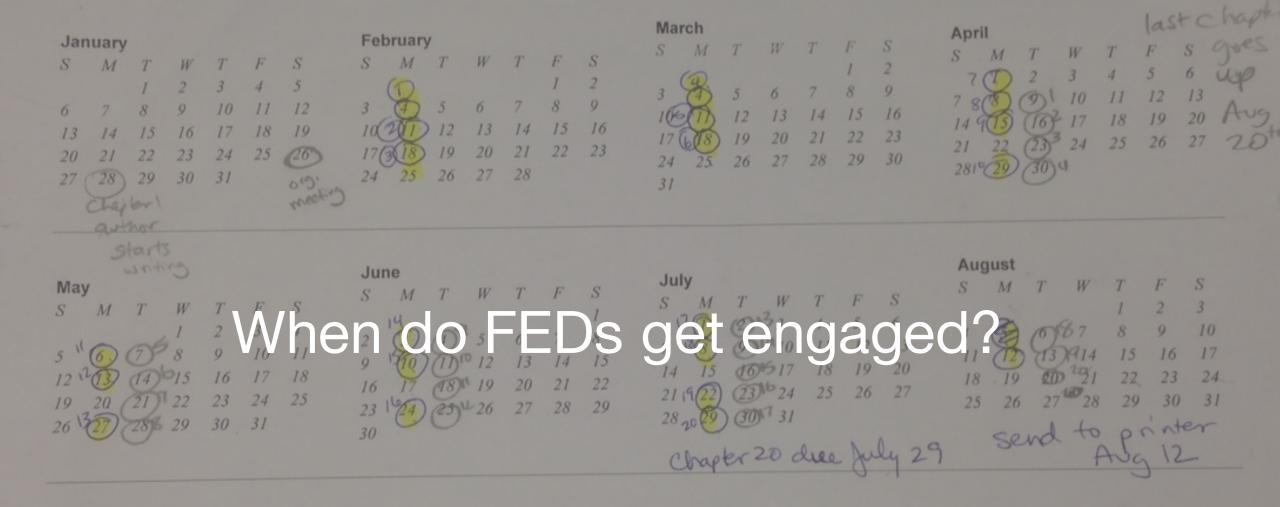
Entry and junior-level FEDs

- Individual contributors
- One or two project assignments
- · Work within a design team
- Work within a product team on specific front-end tasks or mobile development

Veteran and senior-level FEDs

- Individual contributors +
- Multiple assignments, or leadership role on a single big project
- May lead a design team or FED team
- Sets best practices for the FED team and/or the product team
- Lead liaison role on a product team for UX deliverables
- Eminence in the larger community of FEDs across the IBM corporation and in local labs.

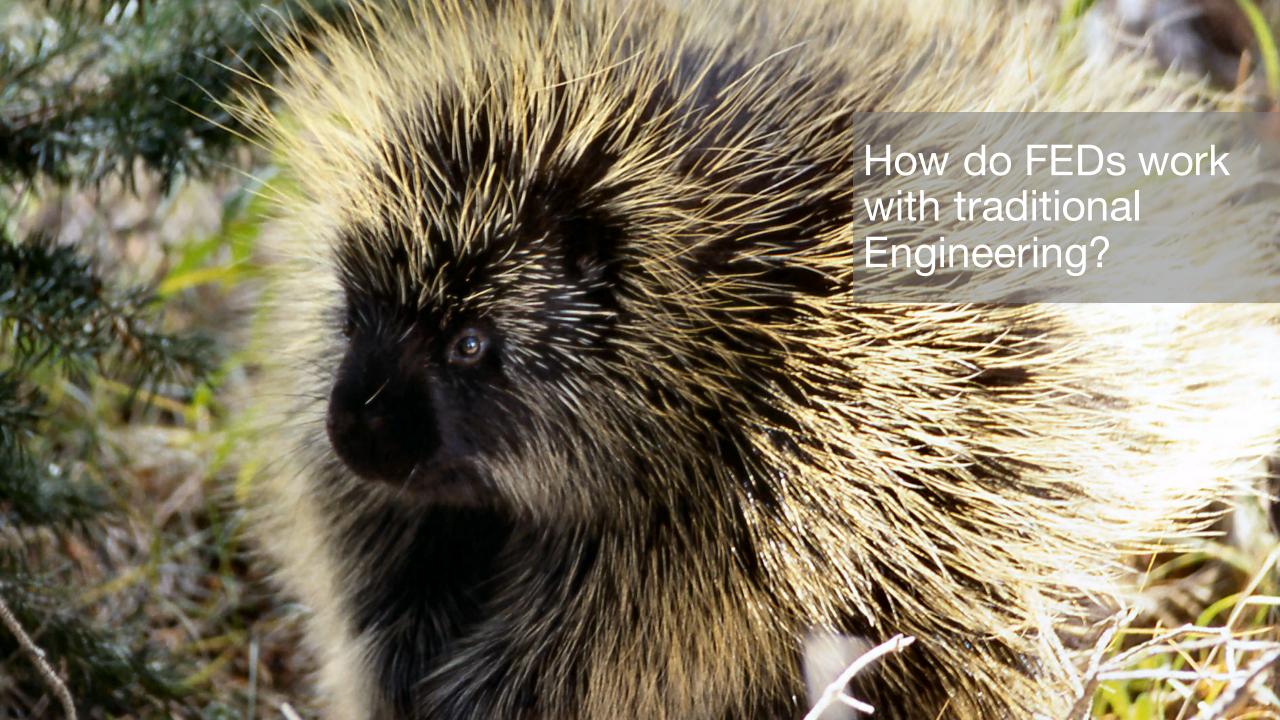
Integrating FEDs Into Projects

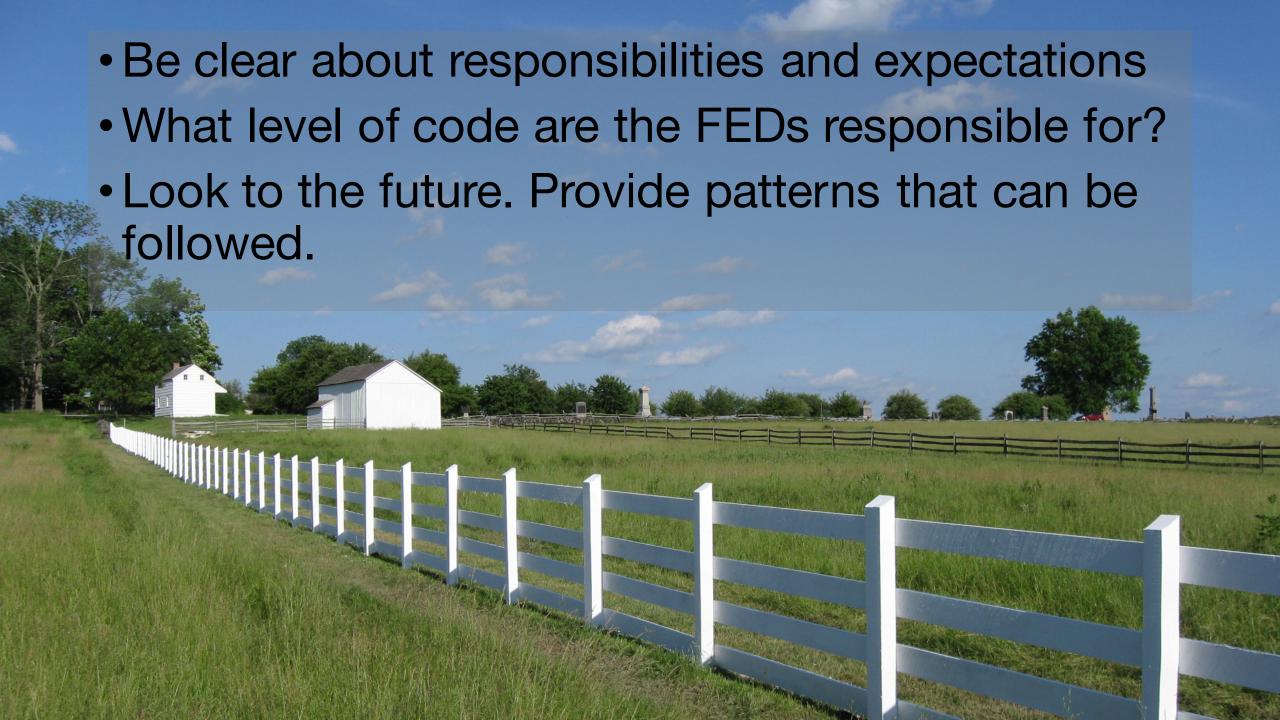


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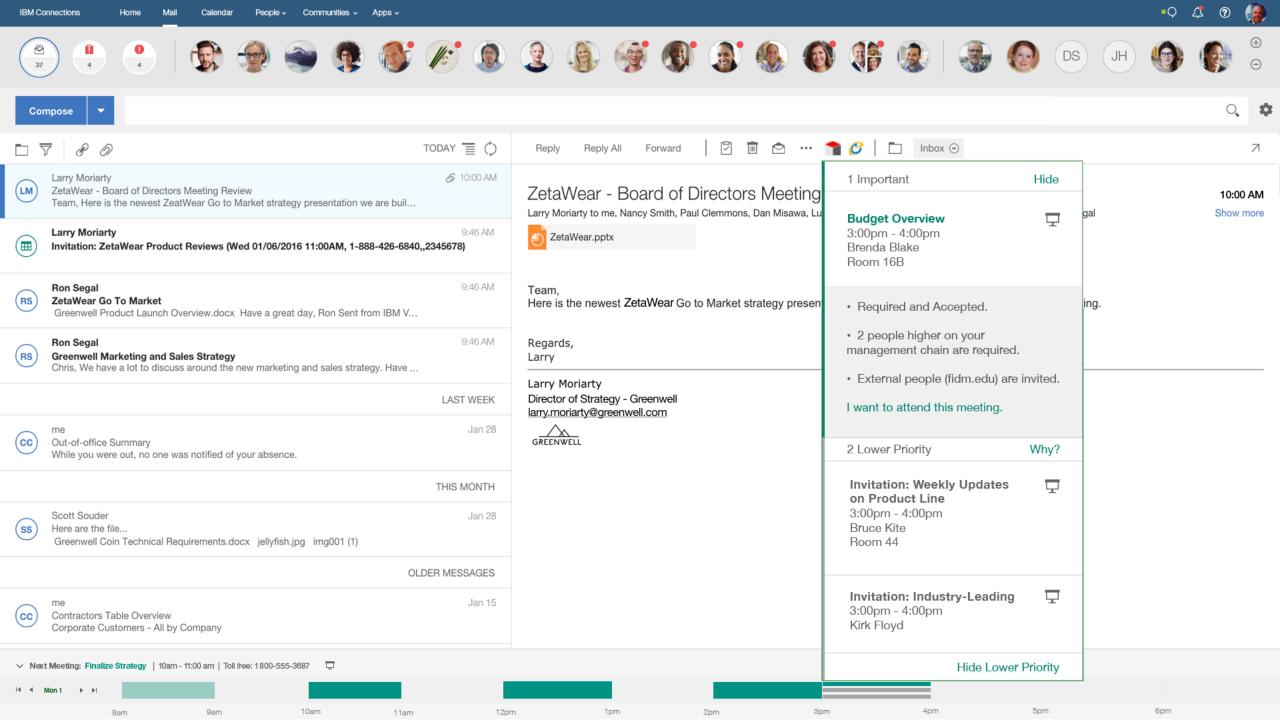


Building on the lessons: IBM Verse

What is IBM Verse?

- IBM Verse is an email and business messaging experience with an innovative user-centric design, including social analytics and advanced search capabilities. IBM Verse helps users quickly find and focus on what content is most important, empowering them to build stronger working relationships while optimizing business results.
- An experience where several FEDs were committed to delivering production code
 - An extended commitment, that has involved bugs
 - Working on subsequent releases

www.ibm.com/verse



Building on the lessons: Project Toscana

What is Project Toscana?

- Small team collaboration
- Project Toscana is IBM's solution for conversational collaboration.
- It is an enterprise-grade software-based system of engagement
- Designed to provide concurrent, real-time communication and collaboration services for small internal and cross-organizational groups of people.



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Conversations



ZetaWear Launch













TEAMS





ZetaWear Launch

Chris Crummey, do you have anything from the latest shoot we...



Project Teal

I also think we may need to review the doc



Greenwell Design

Sounds good, I'll begin to make the changes

See all

DIRECT MESSAGES





Sarah Gibbons



Dan Misawa



Ron Segal



Heather Reeds



Caitlin Garfield

See all



TODAY





ZetaWear Launch.pptx



Dan Misawa 10:48 AM

I thought you said you wanted a different opening image?



Sarah Gibbons 10:49 AM

Chris Crummey, do you have anything from the latest shoot we could use?





covershot1.jpg



10:45 AM Teams ZetaWear Launch 10:45 AM Here's our landing page site **Project Teal** 8:12 AM I also think we may need to review the doc **Board Presentation** 7:23 AM Sounds good, I'll begin to make the change DESIGN 365 10:12 AM I approved the budget is there anything else you... Rockport Project 9:03 AM I'm not sure if we should go in that direction New Hires United Project Yesterday Absolutely! Office X 1/23/16 agreed.











We're starting to see some buzz

on the social media sites already.

Glen Cloud 10:46 AM



Is Sarah Gibbons going to post the launch presentation soon?

Dan Misawa 10:46 AM



I'm talking to them right now.

Amy Blanks 10:46 AM



Greenwell and Zeta Team to Create Nextgen...

Greenwell announced today at a launch event in New York, a new line of activewear, dubbed ZetaWear









2015 Financial Counsel

Did you send out the latest update?





1/22/16

To Sum Up

- FEDs have a variety of backgrounds, from traditional university degrees to experienced coders with an interest in design
- FEDs provide guidance to interaction designers on the feasibility of designs and assist in communicating, and building, those designs with traditional engineering

Front end developers realize the design vision in code

Thank You