



FOR FOUNDERS & BUSINESS OWNERS

Website Project Roadmap 2026

Your step-by-step guide to planning a high-converting website.

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Why Strategy Comes Before Design?

Building a website without a roadmap is like building a house without a blueprint. It might look good on the outside, but if the foundation doesn't serve your business goals, it's just decoration.

This roadmap is designed to help you pause, reflect, and articulate your vision. By defining your goals, audience, and scope now, you save time, money, and frustration later.

Use this workbook to:

- Clarify your business objectives.
- Understand your ideal customer.
- Define the "Must-Haves" vs. "Nice-to-Haves."

Let's turn your vision into a tangible asset.

The 5 Pillars of a High-Converting Website

Problem Solver, Not Just Features

Instead of asking "Do I need a blog or a slider?", ask "What problem is my customer trying to solve?" Features are just tools; solutions drive revenue.

User-Centric, Not Personal Taste

It's natural to want a site that matches your personal style. But a strategic website is built for your customer. We design to build trust with them, not just to please us.

Content-First Strategy

Design without content is just decoration. A pretty container cannot fix a confusing message. We prioritize clear, compelling copywriting and high-quality imagery because your words do the selling—design simply amplifies them.

Trust & Authority

In the digital world, you have less than 0.05 seconds to make a first impression. A polished, glitch-free, and consistent aesthetic isn't vanity—it's your strongest trust signal. High-quality design tells visitors, "We are professionals, and you are safe here."

Clear Metrics, Not Just "Looking Good"

"Modern" is a vague goal. "Increasing inquiries by 20%" is a business goal. We focus on measurable outcomes so you can see the ROI of your design investment.

The Goal: From Expense to Asset

Ultimately, a website shouldn't be a monthly expense on your balance sheet—it should be a performing asset. When you apply these 5 pillars, your website stops being a static digital brochure and starts becoming a 24/7 business partner that captures leads, filters clients, and closes sales while you sleep.

SECTION 01:

The Business Objectives (Focus: The "WHY")

1. What does "Success" look like for this website?

e.g., Increase consultation bookings by 20%, reduce customer support emails, or build an email list.

Why this matters: A website without a target is just a digital brochure. By defining clear, measurable goals now, we ensure every design decision we make is focused on achieving a specific Return on Investment (ROI) for your business.

2. What is the single biggest operational or business pain point you need to solve?

e.g., "Our current site is embarrassing to show investors" or "We spend too much time manually explaining our pricing."

Why this matters: Great design solves problems. Understanding your biggest friction point allows us to build a website that doesn't just look good, but actively works to save you time or remove barriers to sales.

3. What is the ONE main action you want visitors to take?

e.g., Book a Call, Add to Cart, or Download a Guide

Why this matters: The "Paradox of Choice" kills conversions. If we ask users to do too many things, they do nothing. Identifying one primary Call to Action (CTA) helps us design a focused user journey that guides visitors exactly where you want them.

4. Who are your top competitors, and how can we outperform them?

Please list 2-3 links and note what they do well/poorly.

Why this matters: As a designer, we don't want to copy your competitors; we want to strategically differentiate you from them. Knowing the market landscape helps us identify "gaps" where your brand can stand out and claim authority.

SECTION 02:

The Audience & Brand (Focus: The "WHO")

5. Who is your "Ideal Client"?

Describe them specifically: Age, profession, what keeps them up at night? Avoid saying "Everyone".

Why this matters: A website that tries to speak to everyone ends up speaking to no one. When we know exactly who we are talking to, we can tailor the layout, tone, and imagery to resonate deeply with the people most likely to buy from you.

6. What is the most urgent problem your user wants to solve the moment they land on your site?

Why this matters: Users care less about your "features" and more about their own problems. Understanding their immediate needs allows us to structure the homepage so they feel understood and relieved within the first 3 seconds.

7. If your brand was a physical space (or a person), what would it feel like?

e.g., "Minimalist like an Apple Store," "Warm like a local bakery," or "Trusted like a law firm.")

Why this matters: Design terminology like "modern" or "clean" is subjective. Using analogies helps us align on the exact feeling and atmosphere you want to project, ensuring the visual identity matches your brand's DNA from the first draft.

SECTION 03:

Scope & Priorities (Focus: The "WHAT")

8. If you could only launch with 3 essential pages, what would they be?

Typically: Home, Services, About, Contact

Why this matters: Scope creep is the enemy of launch dates. By identifying the "Must-Haves" versus the "Nice-to-Haves," we focus your budget on the pages that actually drive revenue, ensuring a high-quality, timely launch.

9. Are there any design styles or elements you explicitly HATE?

Why this matters: Knowing what to avoid is often faster than guessing what you love. Identifying your "deal-breakers" early prevents wasted design rounds and ensures we don't present concepts that are misaligned with your taste.

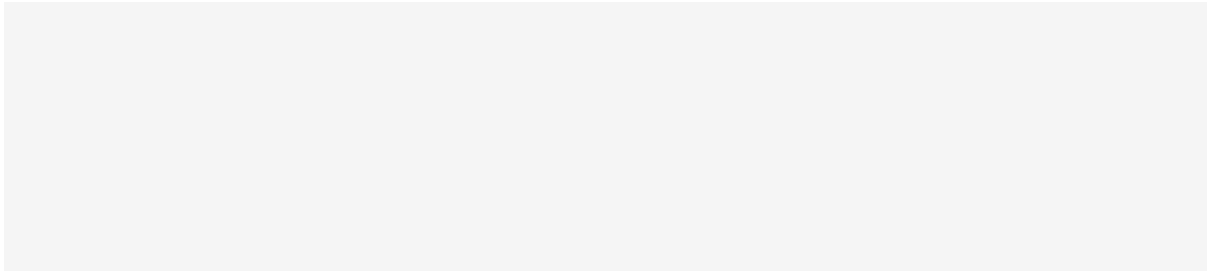
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Why this matters: Content dictates design, not the other way around. Knowing the status of your copy helps us plan a realistic timeline. If your content isn't ready, don't worry, we can assist with content planning and draft copywriting to ensure your message is clear, compelling, and ready for design.

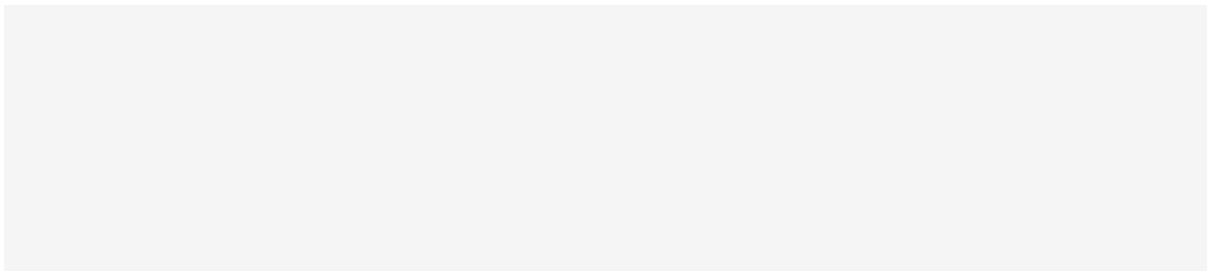
The Workbook

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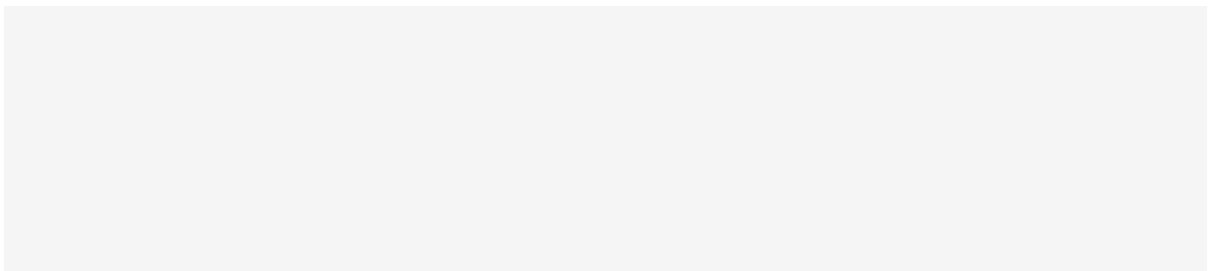
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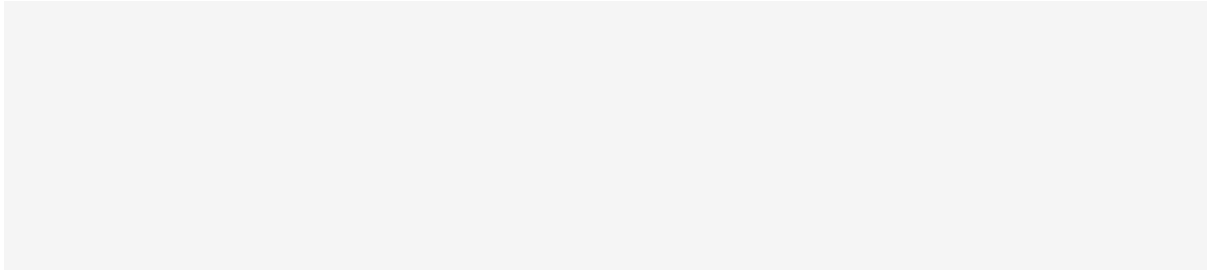
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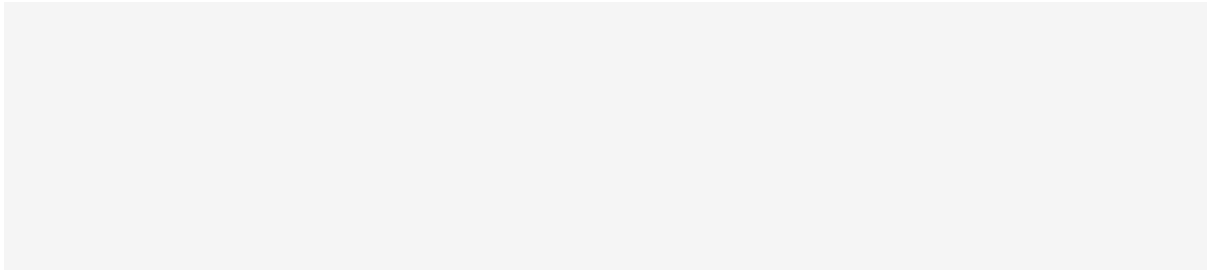
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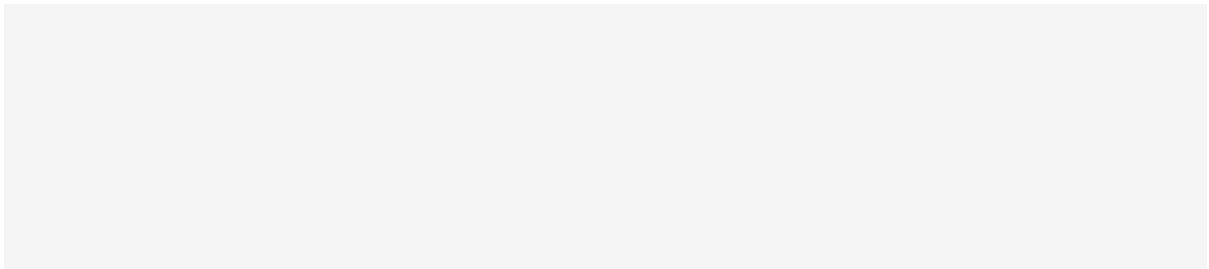
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Ready to turn this roadmap into a reality?

You've done the hard work of defining your vision. Now, let's see if we are the right partners to build it.

When you are ready, click the button below to input your project details. I will personally review your roadmap and reply within 48 hours with a custom proposal and strategic feedback.

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