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MEET ME HALFWAY

DEVELOPERS AND DESIGNERS PAIRING FOR THE WIN

Charles Korn and Greg Skinner

A LITTLE ABOUT US



CHARLES
DEVELOPER

enjoys lego far too much

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GREG
DESIGNER

enjoys green trousers far too much

@GREG1586

WHO ARE THOUGHTWORKS?



a global consultancy aimed at improving the world through software

A group of approximately 20 people are playing beach volleyball on a sandy beach. They are all wearing athletic or casual clothing and are in various stages of play, with some jumping high to hit the ball. The background shows a line of trees and a clear sky. The entire image has a yellowish tint.

WHO ARE WE?

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WHO ARE WE?

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WHAT

we think

developers and designers

*should **pair***

like developers and other developers do

CUSTOMER!



SPEED TO VALUE

KEY TAKE-AWAYS



IDEA

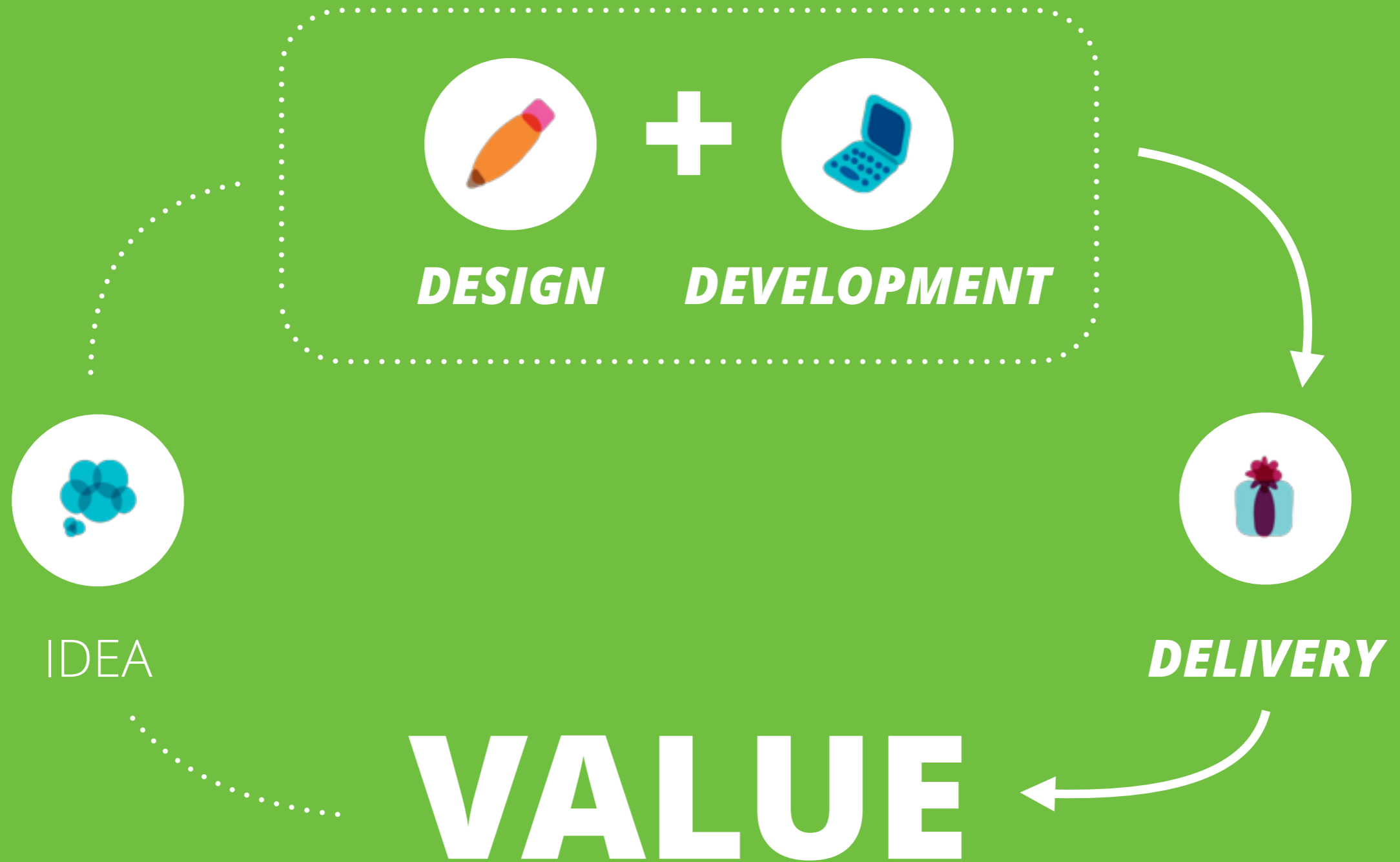


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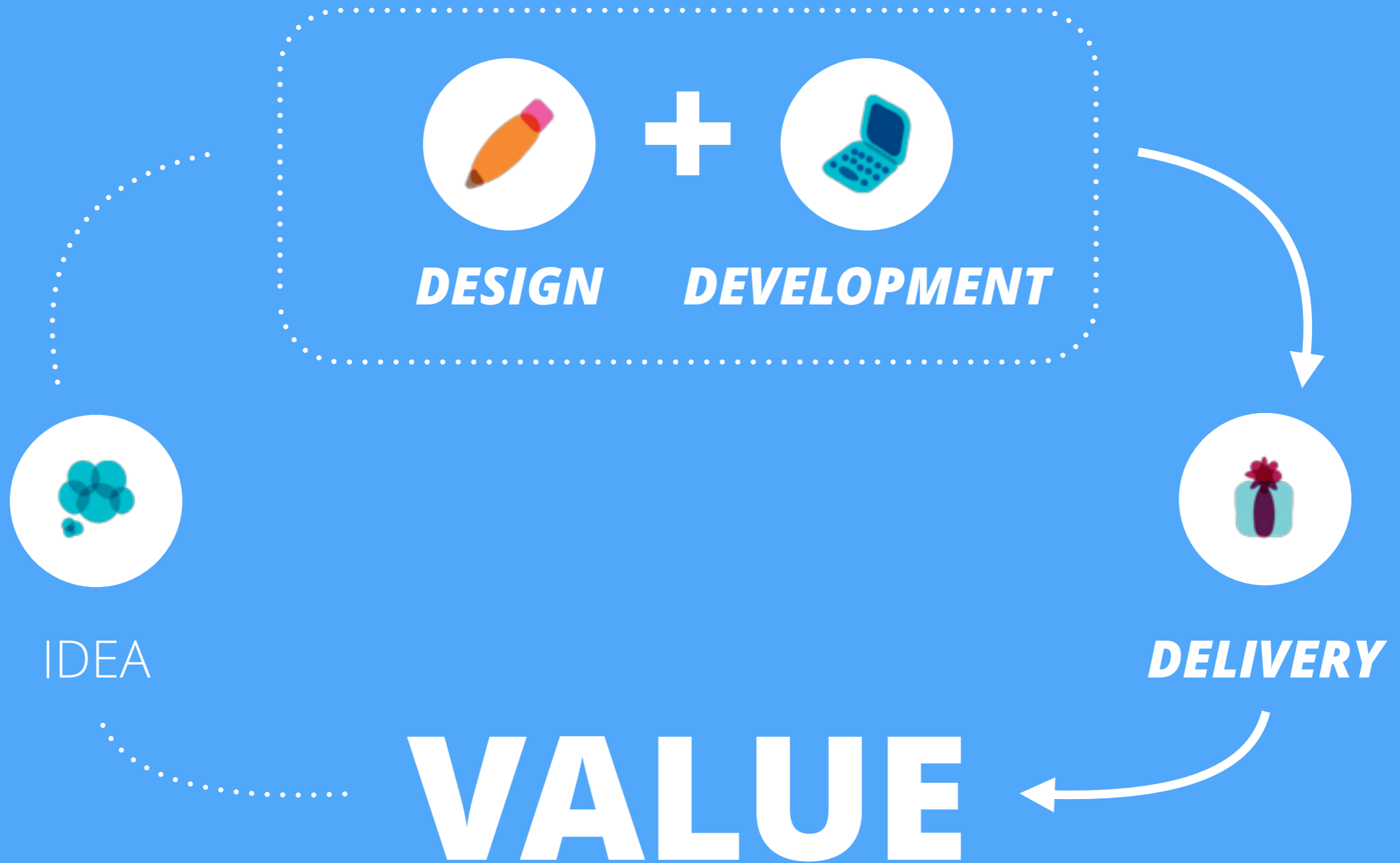


VALUE

KEY TAKE-AWAYS



KEY TAKEAWAYS



WHY

to deliver more value

SPEED TO VALUE



WHEN

not all the time

WHEN

not all the time

WHERE

at a computer

OR

in front of some users

OR BETTER:



WHY NOT BOTH?

HOW

one asks the other

LIVE

PAIRING

scenario

***I want to wish people
happy birthday***



DELEGATE

*get the internet to do the hard work for
you both*

USE FRAMEWORKS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

show your client

***Wow! that was
super fast!***



GO TO A PERSON.

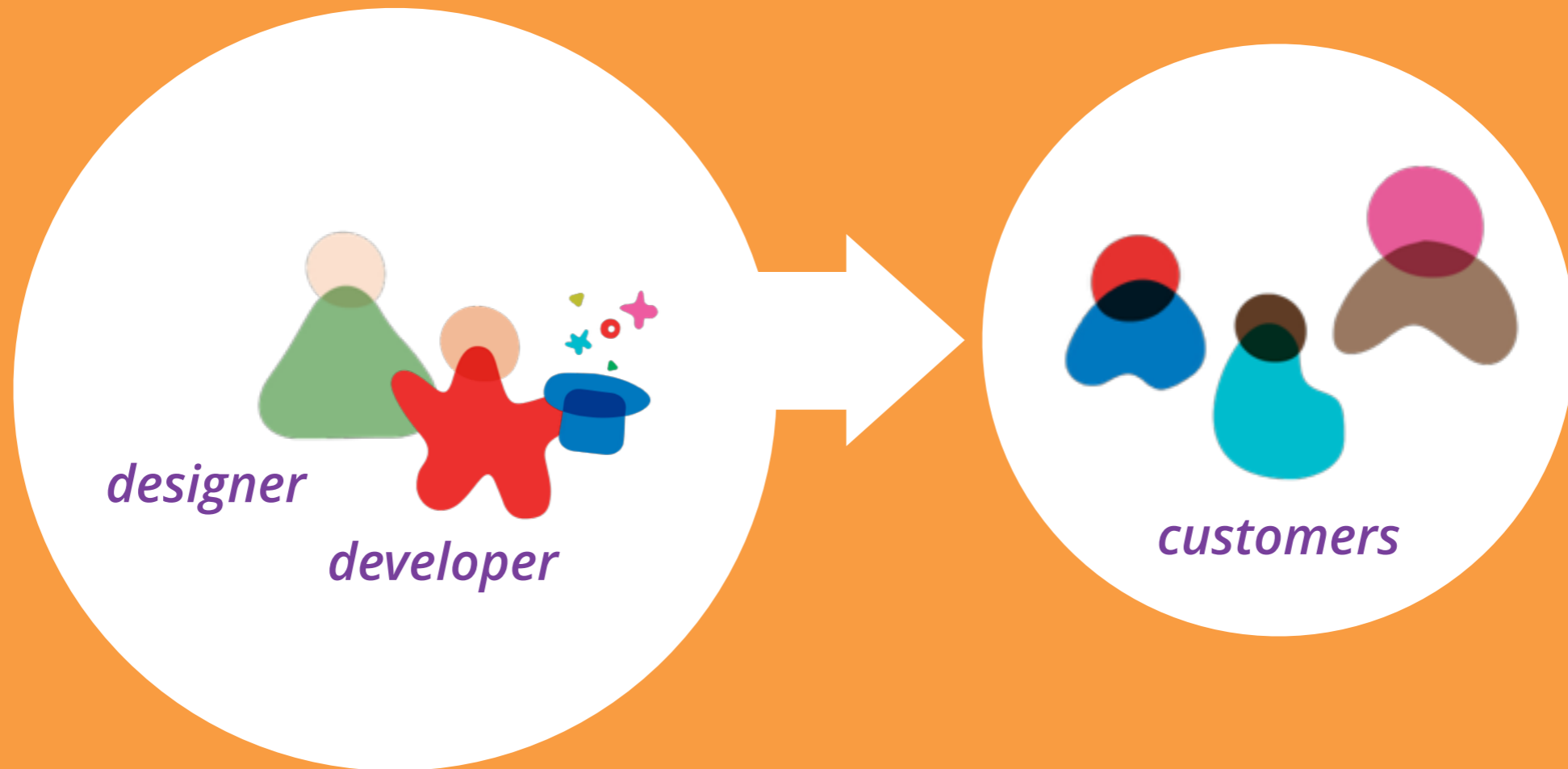


SHOW THINGS TO THAT PERSON



DO SOME TESTING

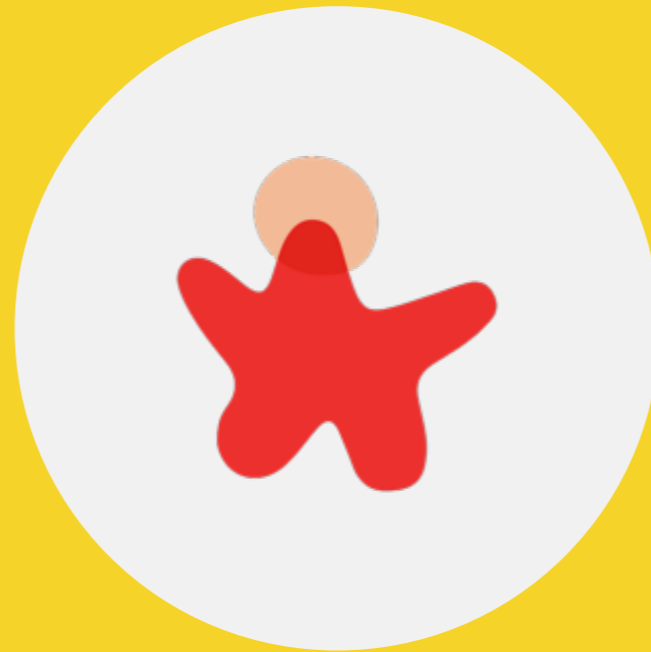
(BOTH OF YOU)



PUSH EARLY, PUSH OFTEN

so people can see it

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GATHER YOUR USER FEEDBACK

look at your analytics, learn from your users



ADAPT TO THAT FEEDBACK

choose the right technology for your users needs



PUT A BIT OF STYLING AROUND IT

but not too much - it's not art



PUSH A NEWER VERSION

see whether it works any better



KEEP ON ASKING

more feedback is good feedback

LOOP OVER THIS PROCESS

you both have a great understanding of

user and ***technology***

no, neither of you can do the job of the

*other, but at least you ***get it****



CROSS-FUNCTIONAL TEAMS



Woolworths



KEY TAKE-AWAYS



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DESIGN

DEVELOPMENT

DELIVERY

TECHNOLOGY

CUSTOMER!



GET TO VALUE FASTER



Speed to value, not speed to market

ANY QUESTIONS?



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THANK YOU!

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CREDITS

WHY NOT BOTH: https://i.ytimg.com/vi/vqgSO8_cRio/hqdefault.jpg

FROM Old El Paso tacos commercial, which can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGnTW8EhGSk>
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