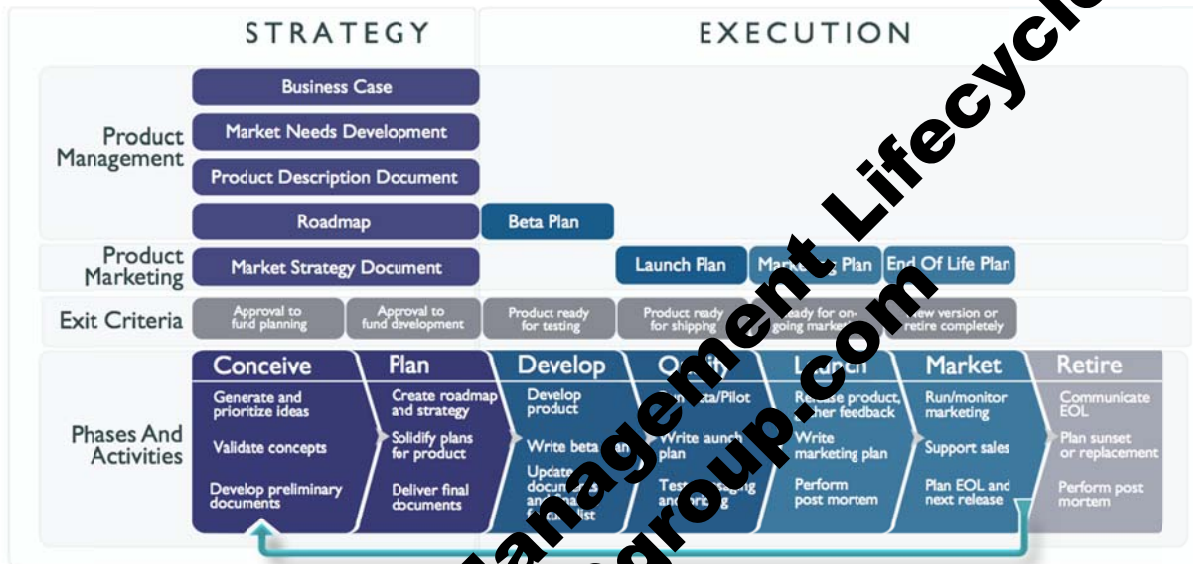


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## Roadmap

### 280 Group Optimal Product Process™



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## Principles of Optimal Product Process

- Avoid duplication
  - Best content container
  - Different stages, authors, purpose
- Maintain history throughout Product Life Cycle
  - Revise one document, and only when necessary
- Works in Waterfall and Agile organizations
- Separate strategy from execution
  - Ensures you have everything important to product's success
- Document is not a goal
  - How much/little you include is heavily dependent on situation
  - Each document could be as short as a dozen pages

## Purpose of this document

This document describes the vision of the product beyond the next release. This vision helps to guide development and marketing groups, keeping them in alignment. A roadmap serves two purposes. The first, and most important, is for product planning. This is a highly confidential document and should not be shared outside of the company, and may even be limited to product stakeholders within the company. It captures the highest level of objectives and the underlying strategy of product releases. Secondly is an external roadmap that can be created as a marketing tool and presented to sales, analysts, and if appropriate, for customers. This second roadmap, often a simplified one-page graphic without much detail, is based on the information contained within this document.

Bottom line – a roadmap is a strategic outline of a sequence of product releases

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