

Growing the Team You've Got

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Problems with growing:

- Everyone was being pulled in ten directions and it was hampering the company's growth.
- We had a list of "needs" and weren't sure the best way to solve them...

Or in what order to solve them.



We're going to:

- Map out your company's organizational structure
- Uncover issues that will be exacerbated by growth
- Create a hiring roadmap



Growing is chaotic



"Adaptability is all about being fixed on the goal but flexible on the details."

- Anne Dwane



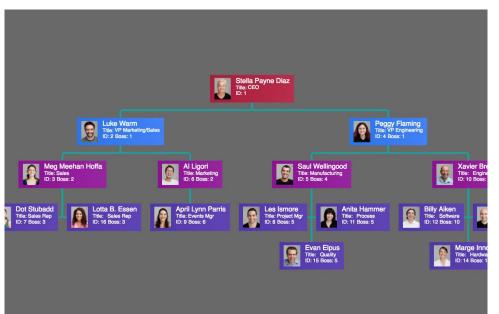
Organizational Structure



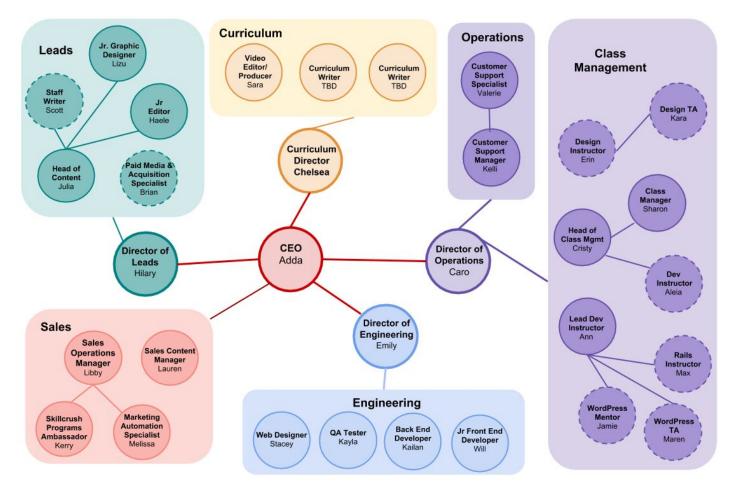
Org charts, yay!



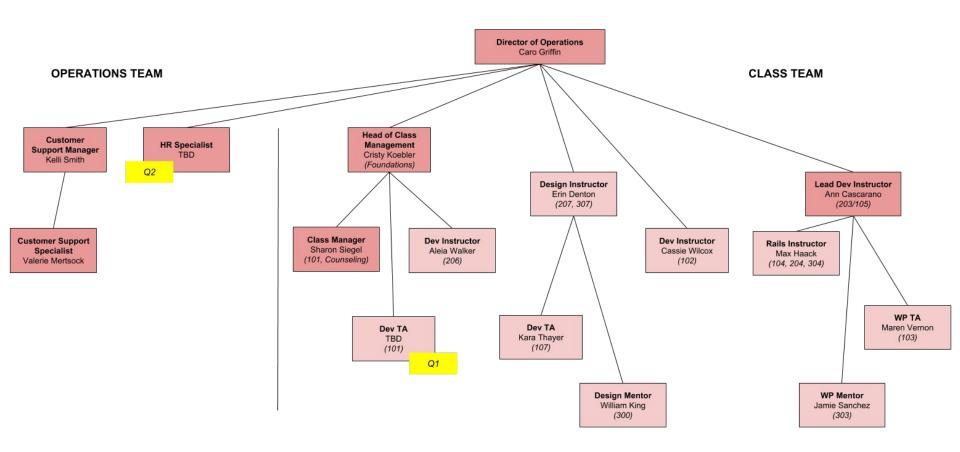














Find a structure that works before you add complexity.



Common organizational structures:

- Functional
- Cross-functional
- Flat



Keys to picking your structure:

- Communication
- Cost of upheaval



Make an org chart!

Map out your team or company's organizational structure.

Note somewhere on there if it's functional, cross-functional, flat, or something else entirely.

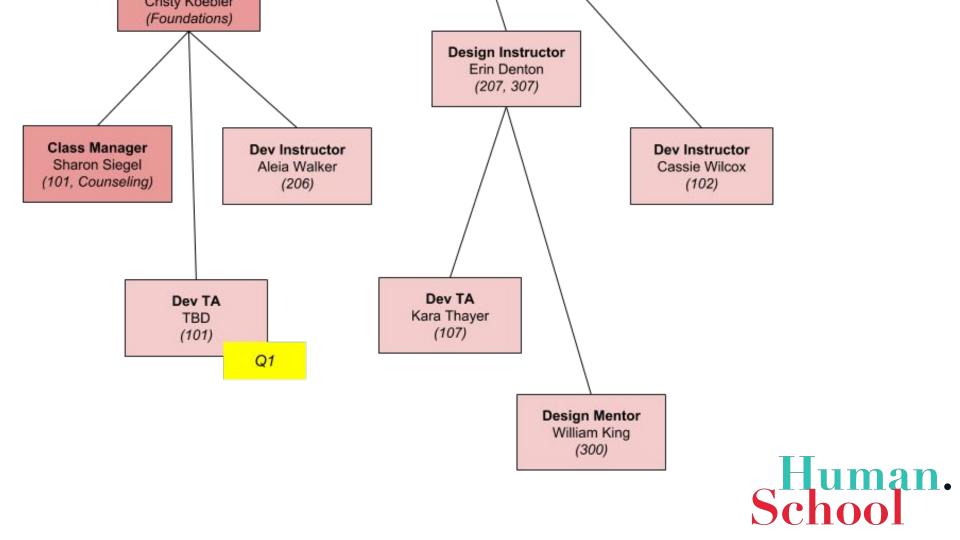


Hiring Roadmap



A hiring roadmap is a living document that shows how your team is likely to grow.





How to start a hiring roadmap:

- 1. Understand who is really doing what.
- 2. Make a list of needs you have now.
- 3. Make a list of needs you'll likely have in the future.
- 4. Turn those needs into roles.
- 5. Rank them!
- 6. Build yourself a lever.



Understanding who's really doing what.

Updated job descriptions

Managers having 1-on-1s with direct reports

You checking in with managers



What pains are your teams feeling?

- Who's overworked?
- Who's a single point of failure?
- What important things are being neglected because the person responsible doesn't have time?
- Who's doing something they really shouldn't be doing?



What pains will your teams be feeling?

- In what areas are you looking to grow?
- How will that growth trickle down?
- What expertise will be missing?
- Where will blockers be?



Turning needs into roles.

A little bit of research

More 1-on-1s!

More conversations with department heads

Your shiny new org chart!



Ranking the roles:

- 1. How pressing is this need?
- 2. Is this an area we are actively focused on growing?
- 3. How expensive is it to fill this need?
- 4. Has anyone on the team expressed an interest in any of this work? Or shown an aptitude for it?
- 5. Is there any way we can avoid hiring this role?



Follow up questions:

- 1. Will any teams be so big they're unwieldy?
- 2. Will all of your managers have time to manage?



Get yourself a lever.



A lever is a KPI that backs up your instinct.



To summarize:

- Standardize titles
- ☐ Schedule 1-on-1s
- Update job descriptions
- Create an org chart
- Create a hiring roadmap
- ☐ Get yourself a lever



Thank you!

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