

Load-Bearing Assumption Map

A free Lorde Builds worksheet for finding the business assumption you should test before you build.

Use this before results arrive. Completed examples are illustrative judgment, not validation.

1. State the idea plainly

Business idea	
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2. Score the six assumptions

Type	Assumption	Uncertainty 1-5	Consequence 1-5	Risk
Person				
Problem				
Behavior				
Value				
Product				
Trust				

Risk = uncertainty x consequence. Highest non-zero score is the candidate. If tied, test the fastest or cheapest first.

3. Turn the candidate into a test

Selected load-bearing assumption	
Testable belief	
Smallest credible test	

4. Decide before results arrive

Continue	
Change	
Stop this approach	

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