# **Example product launch checklist**

## **Product**

- Feature definition: Ensure that engineering teams have all the prioritization, sizing, and documentation needed to start building.
- UX / UI design: Provide designers with the UX research, wireframes, and specifications needed to start crafting.
- Engineering: Build the key features, most likely in a series of sprints.
- QA and Operations: Test and deploy the new functionality in production.

### **Go-to-Market**

- Launch date: Set a date and time for the launch and communicate to stakeholders.
- Pricing and packaging: Approve the pricing for the new product experience. Design and approve how it will be bundled or presented to customers, including upgrades (if relevant).
- Positioning: Draft a positioning doc or creative brief that covers the key messaging for the launch based on the product vision, the new functionality, and the value it will deliver to end users.
- Communications plan: Decide how the launch will be announced both inside and outside the organization.
- Marketing content: Create new messaging for the product's website, advertising, and campaigns. Map out all launch emails, blog posts, webinars, and landing pages.
- Social media: Prepare the launch announcement and campaign content to be posted on social channels.
- Media relations: Set up meetings with the media and provide updates on key capabilities that are coming. Leverage customer testimonials if possible.
- Analyst briefings: Reach out to industry analysts or other influential personnel if appropriate to brief them on what is new and why it matters.



## **Systems**

- Infrastructure: Make necessary changes to internal monitoring systems, such as analytics or product administration.
- Billing: Update existing billing options and functionality to accommodate the new product experience.
- Finance: Update key systems to track financial metrics associated with the new product or upgrades that generate add-on revenue.

## **Sales and Support**

- Documentation: Complete and approve all product documentation, including release notes, help and troubleshooting guides, FAQs, and technical data sheets.
- Sales strategy and training: Conduct training and enablement for sales reps. Create sales collateral and update existing materials to include what is new.
- Customer success: Train customer success and service teams on the new product functionality and provide them with necessary technical support materials.
- Partners: Update and enable partners and affiliates to help communicate and promote the launch.

### **Feedback**

- Review: Gather the team to discuss what was learned from the launch and how the process could be improved next time. Add to or tweak the checklist as needed.
- Follow up: Identify and submit bugs for engineering attention. Survey users for their feedback. Solicit testimonials or success stories from customers (if relevant).

