

Understanding Business* Metrics

Can Make You A Better SRE





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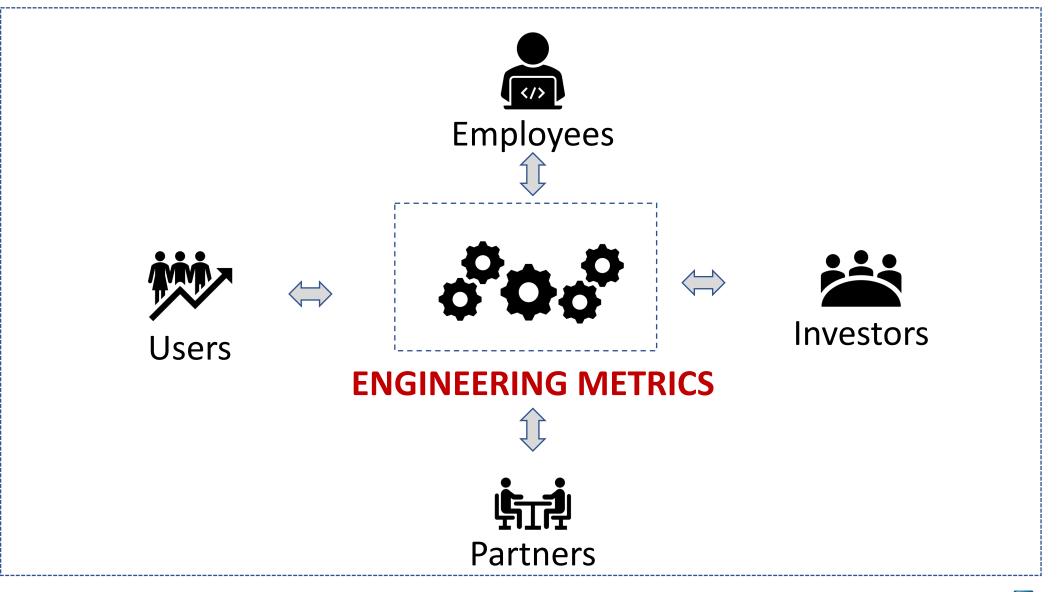
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Metrics – In Context





BUSINESS METRICS

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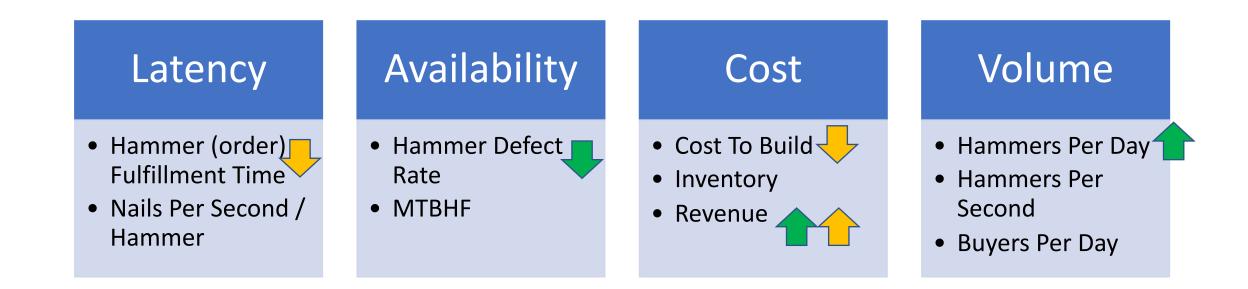




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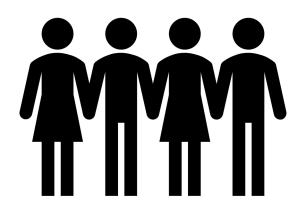
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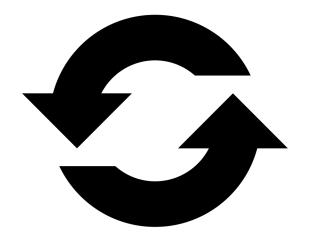
Monthly Active Users Daily Active Users







Churn







Total Addressable Market







Expenses (Liabilities)





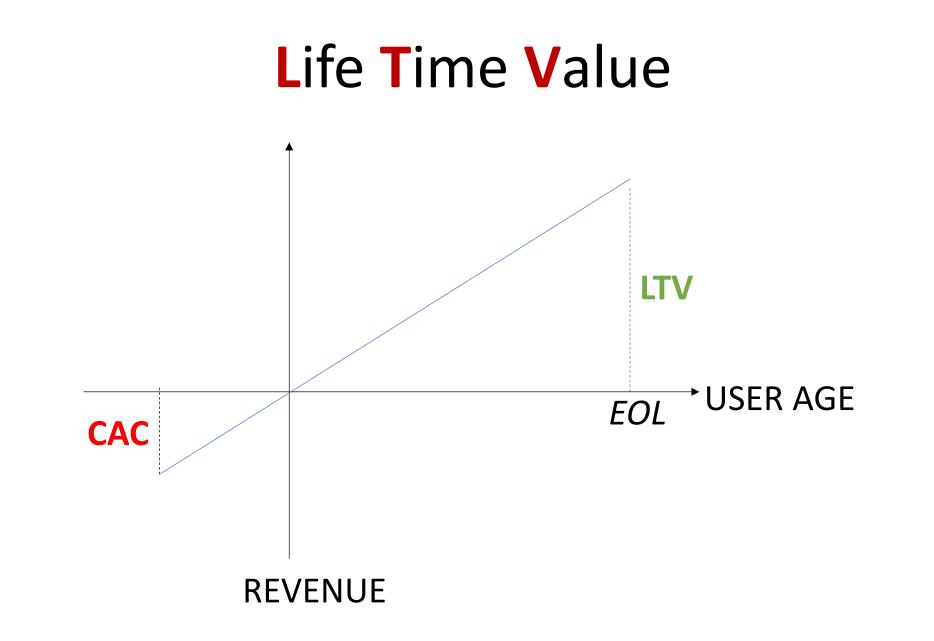


Customer Acquisition Cost







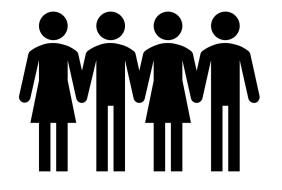






Average Revenue Per User









What's Mohit's Homework?



THINK GLOBAL ACT LOCAL







- On return flight (or weekend) take 15 minutes to think about MAU, Churn, TAM, Expenses, CAC and LTV for your company:
 - Determine how the service you work on affects these metrics
 - As manager, encourage team to understand what business metrics they help move
- Think global, act local what is the overall impact for each engineering change?
- Look beyond typical 'golden signals' like Availability, Latency and Volume to understand the "business impact" metrics

Questions?

UNDERSTANDING BUSINESS METRICS CAN MAKE YOU A BETTER SRE

a cheat sheet - dense by design



Business has a negative connotation Business metrics are a step closer to your non-goal of pointy-haired manager You can either be an engineer, or a guy who knows business (metrics)

WHY

WHAT

Helps **grow** your **career** Enables you to act on the basis of **ethics** and **self-esteem** (Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs) Sets you to make decisions for **larger business impact**

Revenue: How your company makes money
MAU/DAU: Monthly/Daily Active Users to your service. This is not request traffic.
Churn: Percent users who discontinue service in given time period
TAM: Total Addressable Market. A 'superset' of all current and potential users
Expenses: All capital and operation expenditure for your business
CAC: Customer Acquisition Cost. Price paid to acquire a new customer
ARPU: Average Revenue Per User
LTV: Customer Life Time Value. Revenue earned from paying customer in lifetime with service



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