THE GAME REPORT

Your reference for current key features & roadmap progress

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About the report

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Who are you?
As press, competitors, analysts, job seekers, team members, business leaders or current clients looking into Cognizant's services you may be wondering why we're sharing this information so publicly.
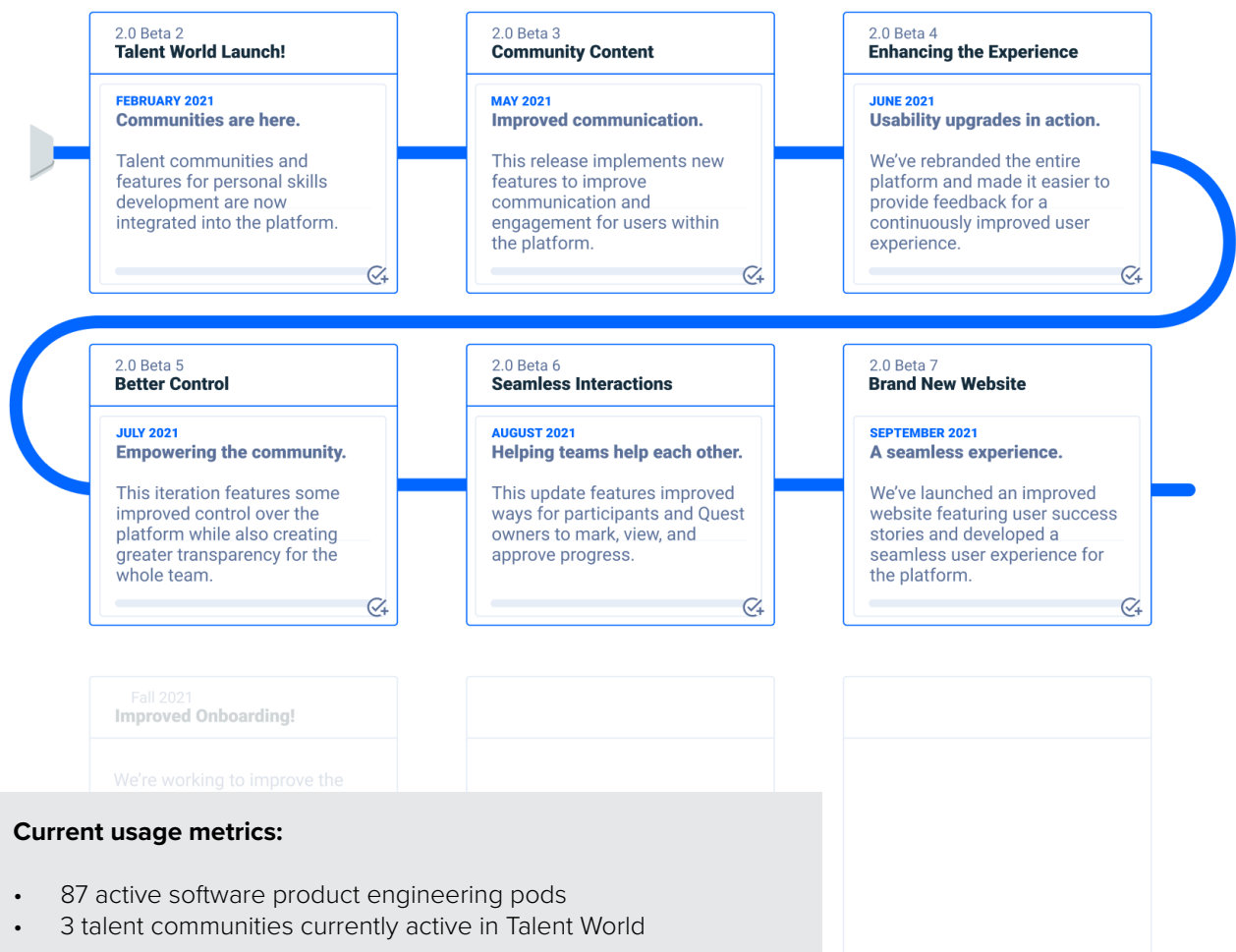
In short, because it's a journey. So join us and keep up with what we're doing with Game of Pods—and ask plenty of questions.

We set out to build something that revolutionizes how our teams and, one day, our clients' teams—operate, deliver excellence and evolve with purpose. We didn't set out to over-promise or build things in a vacuum. So let's work together—send us a note with your comments or questions.

ROADMAP MILESTONES

The following represents our current progress, as of this report's publication date, along our Game of Pods product roadmap.

Game of Pods is a living, breathing software product. Every day, Cognizant teams and their clients put its core features to test and drive new outcomes. With that living and breathing aspect comes change. As we identify new needs, new interest in features, exceptions and more, this roadmap will almost certainly evolve.

2.0 Beta 2 **Talent World Launch!**	2.0 Beta 3 **Community Content**	2.0 Beta 4 **Enhancing the Experience**
FEBRUARY 2021 **Communities are here.** Talent communities and features for personal skills development are now integrated into the platform.	**MAY 2021** **Improved communication.** This release implements new features to improve communication and engagement for users within the platform.	**JUNE 2021** **Usability upgrades in action.** We've rebranded the entire platform and made it easier to provide feedback for a continuously improved user experience.

2.0 Beta 5 **Better Control**	2.0 Beta 6 **Seamless Interactions**	2.0 Beta 7 **Brand New Website**
JULY 2021 **Empowering the community.** This iteration features some improved control over the platform while also creating greater transparency for the whole team.	**AUGUST 2021** **Helping teams help each other.** This update features improved ways for participants and Quest owners to mark, view, and approve progress.	**SEPTEMBER 2021** **A seamless experience.** We've launched an improved website featuring user success stories and developed a seamless user experience for the platform.

Fall 2021
Improved Onboarding!

We're working to improve the

Current usage metrics:

- 87 active software product engineering pods
- 3 talent communities currently active in Talent World

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The Game of Pods adventure continues with this latest update, adding exciting new dimensions to the platform. Platform usage is continually improving, with nearly 90 software product engineering pods active in the Game. We're consistently rolling out innovative ways to command the platform better while also improving communication for your whole team. We're excited to share these updates and more in this month's release notes.

What's new

- We're putting our best game face forward with Game of Pods' brand new website, which illuminates our philosophy of Agile culture mastery and focuses on the "why" and the "how" of our unique platform.
- Curious to see what other people think about Game of Pods? Check out our website's new Success Stories section.
- Our new "Welcome to Your Community" email is an exciting way to find out when and how to engage with your Community.
- We've developed a seamless user experience based on interactive animations to help users get involved in different activities or find the quest they've been looking for!
- See anything in the activity feed that tickles your skills? Share your knowledge by organizing a tech event in your community!
- Are you a fan of digital upskilling and innovation? Users can now suggest a quest idea that can ultimately turn into a Community Quest!
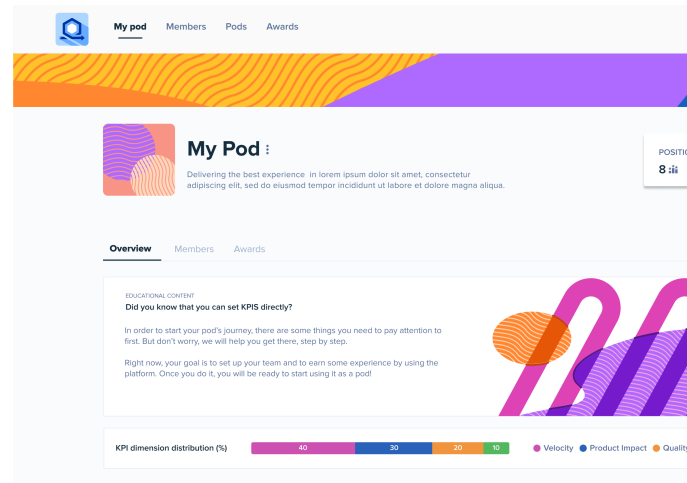
What's next

- We will continue working on basic functionalities that provide improved support for My Team and Team Quests and better Quest handoffs.
- We're developing the ability to approve/reopen Quest steps and mark one's progress on Quest Journey cards.
- We're increasing user visibility by showing each participant's status on a Quest.
- There will be added email notifications for different states of a Quest step.

KEY FEATURES

My Pod section

The My Pod section provides a platform for pods to come together, plan their work, interact, establish and track shared goals, communicate work to clients, identify roadblocks, seek support and so much more.

This is where our best practices for project delivery are codified and pod-based work gets done.

My Community section

Game of Pods makes the critical connection between the delivery of technology projects and the ongoing proactive skills development of team members.

Within the My Community section, individuals—grouped by their talent communities—visualize their personal growth goals, engage in skills development work in collaboration with their communities, bring lessons from delivery back to their teams and more. This is where talent development and our digital culture are nurtured every day.

Pod onboarding feature set

How do we help teams formalize their work around the pod model?

Onboarding in Game of Pods follows a step-by-step process that codifies our best practices for early-stage teams. This approach teaches teams the basics of Game of Pods and kicks off work within the platform.
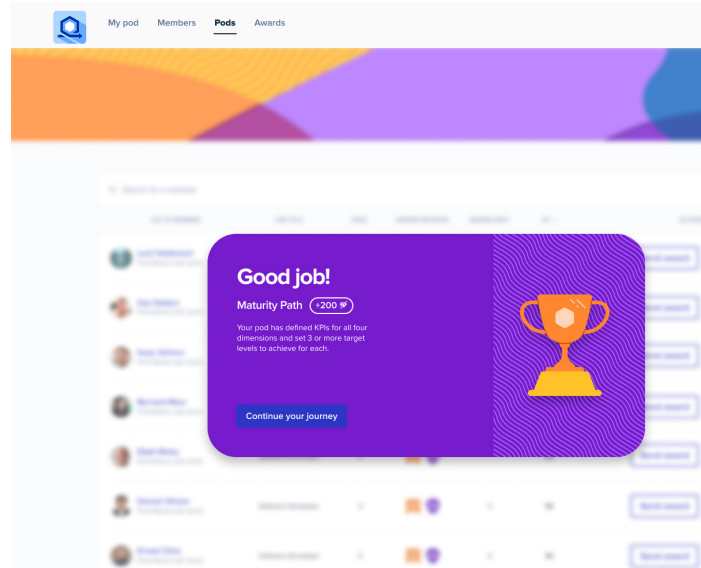

Beaten paths worth following: quests

Quests are packaged, step-based modules that help teams achieve various key outcomes in the real world—facilitated by Game of Pods. They're purpose-built around common challenges that we've learned to overcome, and they enable us to scale that knowledge across teams.

Here, we see a community quest in more detail. Community members share this quest, which was prompted (and defined) by the community leader to respond to a common challenge within their team.
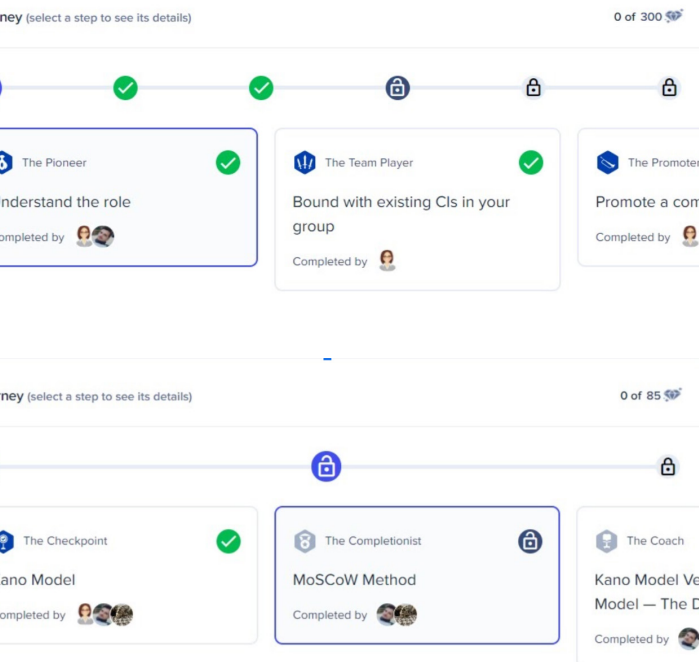
Integrated thought leadership

Our culture and talent development is impossible to facilitate in a vacuum. The voice of our team, and the individual viewpoint that each team member brings to their work, makes the entire organization smarter and stronger. Game of Pods has thought leadership functionality built in so individual players can share their thinking globally.
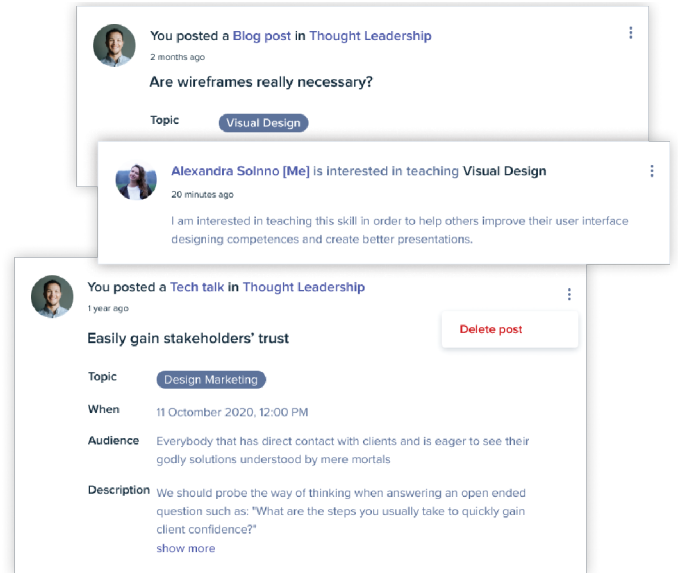
There's so much more. How about a demo?

Game of Pods is a rich, evolving platform that deserves to be experienced to be better understood. We're working directly with individual team members, client teams and partners from many organizations to bring this platform to life—the feature set is expanding every day. Interested in working with Cognizant and curious to learn more about how Game of Pods can codify excellence in your software project?
Request a demo by emailing us at GameofPods@softvision.com.

What comes next?

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We invite you to continue following our journey as Game of Pods expands and evolves.

For press inquiries or a press kit, please contact **marketing@softvision.com**.

For inquiries about working with us or using Game of Pods within your teams, we encourage you to reach out to us via our primary contact forms (found across **Cognizant.com**) or directly at **gameofpods@softvision.com**.

For all other questions, please visit the contact page of our website and reach out. We look forward to talking with you.

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