



Event Storming Cheat Sheet: Uncover Hidden System Dynamics

Tired of endless meetings that solve nothing? Struggling with misalignment across teams? Event Storming is a fast, interactive way to visualise complex systems, align teams, and solve real problems, before they become fires to put out.

Why Should You Care?

Event Storming helps you:

<p>Spot Bottlenecks Before They Cost You Identify friction points that slow delivery and impact customers.</p>	<p>Break Silos & Get Everyone Aligned Get engineering, product, and leadership speaking the same language.</p>	<p>Uncover Root Causes, Not Just Symptoms Go beyond surface issues and fix what really matters.</p>	<p>Map Out the Future, Not Just the Past Use insights to drive better architecture, strategy, and product decisions.</p>
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How It Works (in 4 Easy Steps)

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| <p>1 Map Key Events – Capture critical system moments (e.g., “Payment Fails for Subscription”).</p> | <p>3 Identify Key Players – Who’s involved? Developers, users, external systems?</p> |
| <p>2 Find the Hotspots – Where does friction occur? Highlight blockers, pain points, and inefficiencies.</p> | <p>4 Discuss, Iterate, Improve – Collaborate to refine workflows and uncover game-changing insights.</p> |

Three Levels of Event Storming

- ➔ **Big Picture Event Storming:** Maps the entire system’s flow, highlighting key events and actors to uncover areas for deeper exploration.
- ➔ **Process Modelling:** Zooms in on specific business processes, detailing steps, commands, and system interactions.
- ➔ **Software Design:** Focuses on technical implementation, defining architecture, bounded contexts, and domain logic.

