



LEVERAGING
TECHNOLOGY TO EMPOWER
COLLABORATION
BETWEEN CDI & CODING
TEAMS

MEET THE PRESENTER

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- CAC/CDI Product Manager at Dolbey
- Based out of Cleveland, Ohio
- 17 years of industry experience
- Spoken at many national and local shows
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MEET THE PRESENTER

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- Consultant/Middle Revenue Cycle Lead
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ABOUT UTMC

- Knoxville, TN
- 685 Bed Academic Health System
- CDI
 - 9 Nurses
 - Inpatient Focused
- Coding
 - Inpatient 8
 - Outpatient: 17 (Includes ER Charging)
- IT Systems

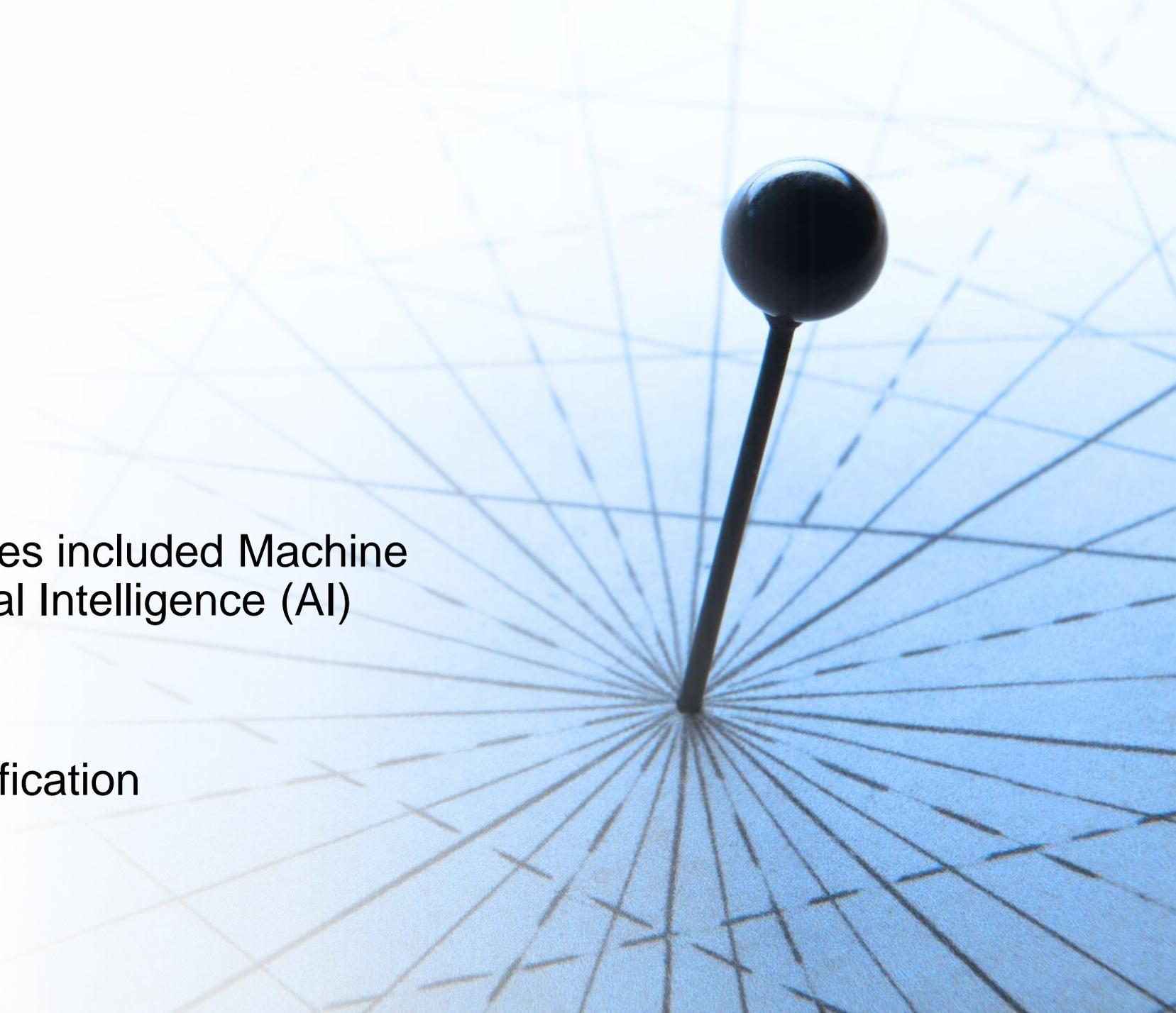


AGENDA

- About CAC
- The Journey
- Goals
- Go Live
- What does the future hold?

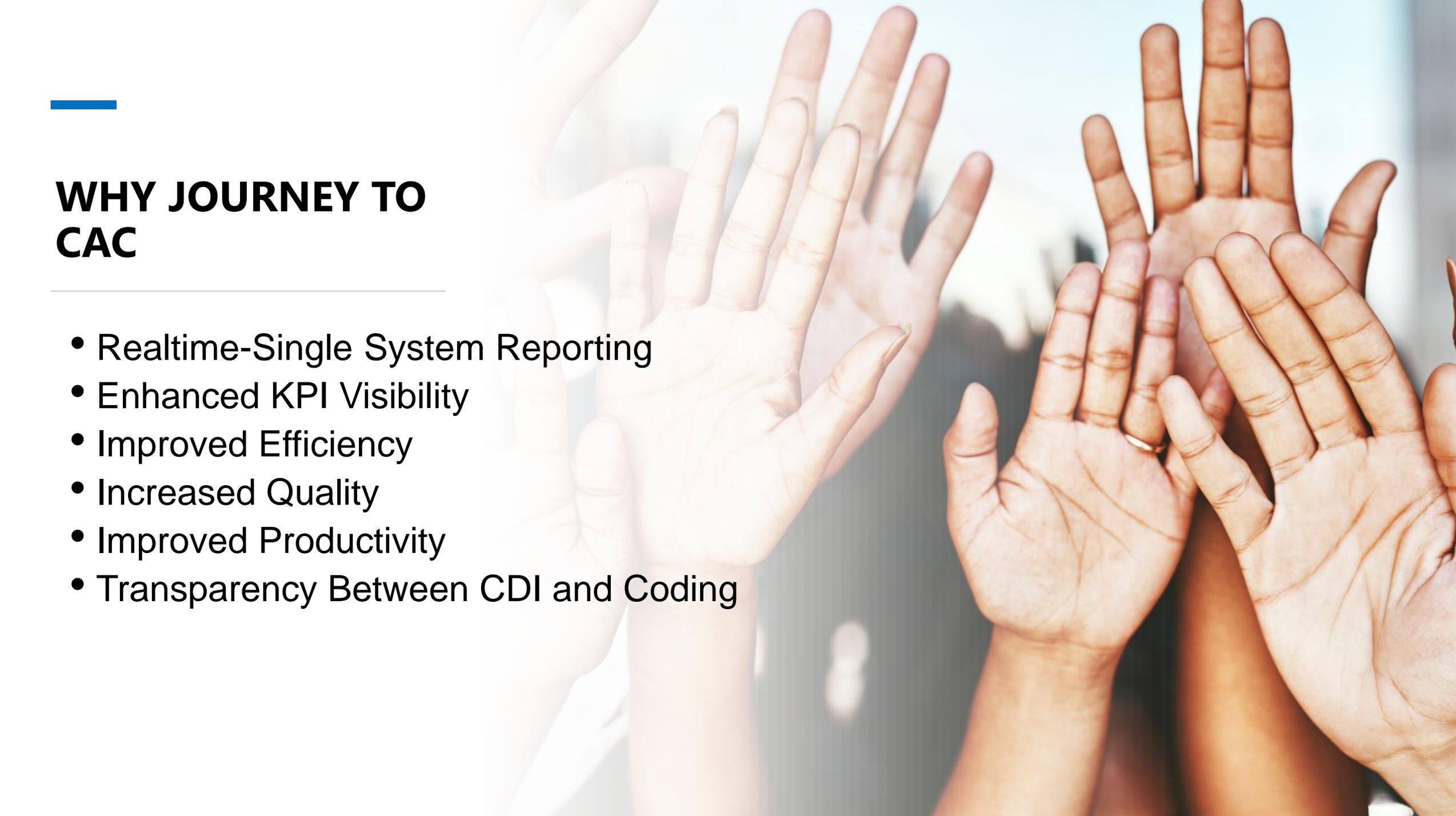


DESTINATION CAC

- 10+ Years on the Market
 - Continues to Evolve
 - Common Technology Types included Machine Learning (ML) and Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - Code Suggestion
 - CDI Prioritization
 - Quality Initiative Identification
 - Continuously Learning
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WHY JOURNEY TO CAC

- Realtime-Single System Reporting
 - Enhanced KPI Visibility
 - Improved Efficiency
 - Increased Quality
 - Improved Productivity
 - Transparency Between CDI and Coding
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PLANNING THE JOURNEY

1. Initiation
2. Requirements Gathering
3. System Build
4. User Acceptance
5. Go Live & Closure



WINDOW 1: INITIATION

- Assemble Project Team
- Allocate resources
- Establish 'norms'
- Review scope
- Project kick-off call





TEAM PARTICIPATION

- UTMC Team
 - CDI Team Lead
 - Coding Team Leads
 - Consultant
 - IT Team
 - Super Users
- Dolbey Team
 - Project Manager
 - Install Technician
 - SME Team



WINDOW 2: REQUIREMENTS GATHERING

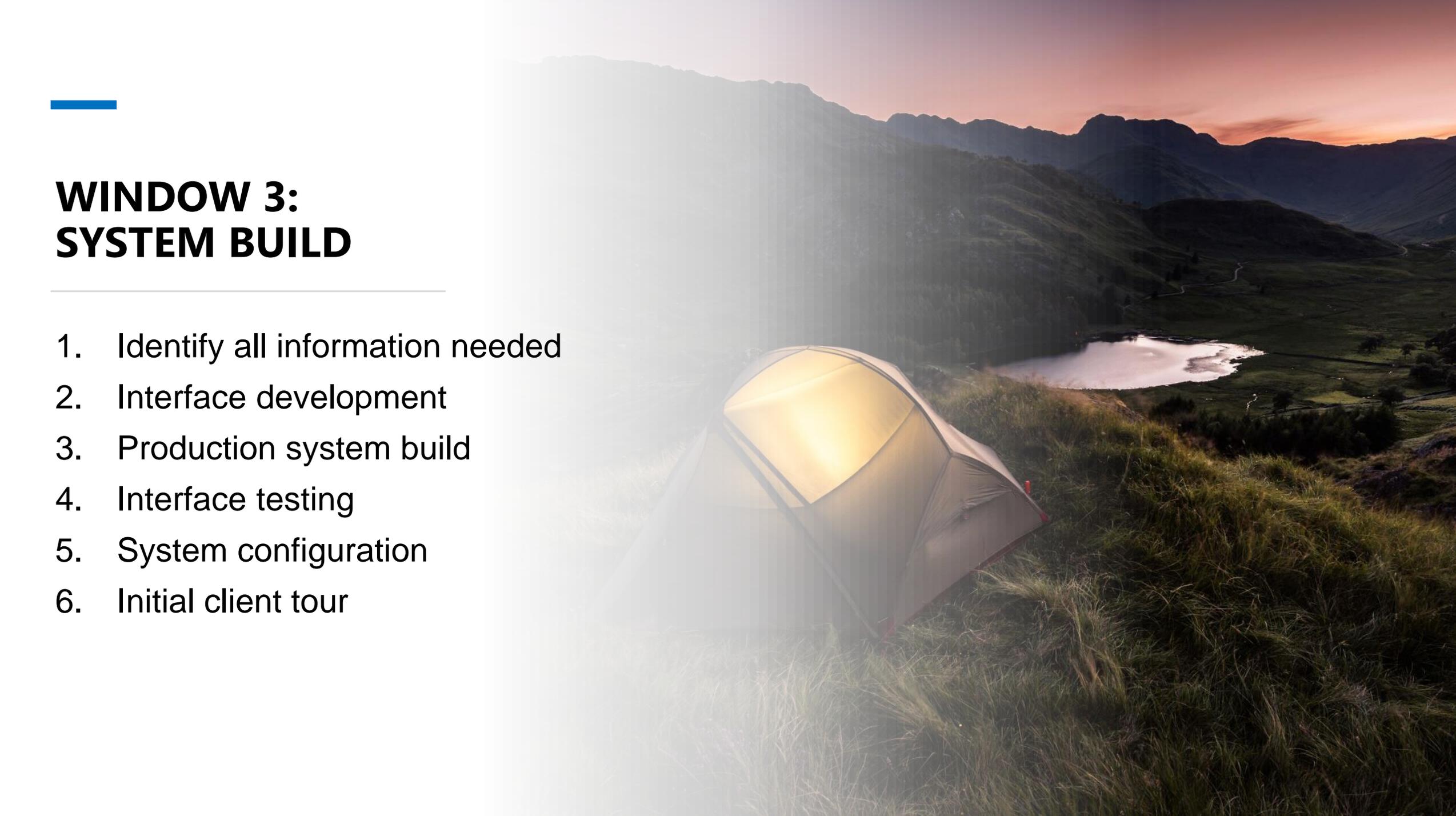
- Interface Requirements
- Infrastructure
- System Configuration



ABOUT THE JOURNEY

- Understand your Existing Processes
 - What Works
 - What Doesn't Work
 - Where are the Bottlenecks
 - Wishlist
 - What If?
- Keep an Open Mind!
- Take Pictures Along the Way



A scenic landscape at sunset. In the foreground, a tent is pitched on a grassy hill, illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. The tent is a simple, dome-like structure with a mesh front. In the background, a valley opens up, featuring a calm lake that reflects the orange and pink hues of the setting sun. The surrounding hills and mountains are silhouetted against the bright sky, creating a dramatic and peaceful atmosphere. The overall scene suggests a quiet moment of reflection or preparation in nature.

WINDOW 3: SYSTEM BUILD

1. Identify all information needed
2. Interface development
3. Production system build
4. Interface testing
5. System configuration
6. Initial client tour

A person is holding a large, unfolded map on a mountain peak. The map is spread out, and the person's hands are visible. The background shows a vast mountain range under a cloudy sky. A blue horizontal bar is located at the top left of the image.

WINDOW 4: USER ACCEPTANCE

- UAT Training
- 4 or More Rounds / Sprints
- Ensure all Departments & Roles are Represented
- Goals:
 1. Establish a Level of Comfort with Chart Integrity
 2. Establish Confidence in Workflow
 3. Ensure Every Integration is Fully Functional
 4. Submit Outbound Production Chart Data & Follow all the way to Bill



WINDOW 5: GO-LIVE

- Testing
- Workstation Readiness/IT
- Training Approach
 - Style
 - Materials
 - Scheduling
- Code Freeze
- Workflow Cut Over

GO-LIVE WEEK SCHEDULE

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Morning	CDI Nurse Training	OPDX Training	ER Training	Inpatient Training	Surgery/Obs Training
Afternoon	CDI Nurse Production Reviews	OPDX Production Coding	ER Production Coding	Inpatient Production Coding	Surgery/Obs Production Coding

- Lessons Learned
 - Spread out Training
 - Supporting Production Team Members

RETURNING HOME

- Post-Production Validation
 - Workflow
 - Productivity
- Training
 - Management
 - IT
- Fine Tuning





TAKEWAYS

- Ensure you understand what the goals are.
- Keep an open mind.
- Ask questions if a process doesn't make sense.
- Testing is the key!



THANK YOU

FOR JOINING THE PRESENTATION!

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