

# Legal Innovation Lab Wales

## Feature Planning

By now we should hopefully be able to answer the who, what, when, where and why. It's time to think in a bit more detail about the features and requirements which should give us the “**how**” of your idea. This guide aims to assist with building up a feature list in a structured way, it is designed to accompany the fourth step of the [Project Lifecycle](#).

### What does your idea need to do?

This is where you need to think about the **features** that your idea needs.

There are several different methods that can be used to lay out the specification/requirements in a structured way. One example is the [MoSCoW method](#). Work out all the things you want the solution to do, and order them by *Must-have*, *Should-have*, *Could-have* and *Won't-do*. The Wikipedia article has more detail on it.

These features should be quite detailed.

If we think about a tea pot as **an example**: It *must* be able to hold water and it *must* be able to pour that water into a cup. In order to make it a good product (and not just a vase) it *must* have a handle and a spout and a lid to keep the water warm. To make it even better it *should* have a captive lid (for example with a little tab) so the lid doesn't fall off when you're pouring your tea. It *could* have a strainer for brewing loose leaf tea, it *could* also have a filter on the spout, so your tea doesn't end up with bits in it. It *won't* be able to pour tea into your mug without you touching it, it *won't* be internet-connected. Also, it *won't* need to be made of carbon fibre, while that could be nice, we don't need that additional cost.