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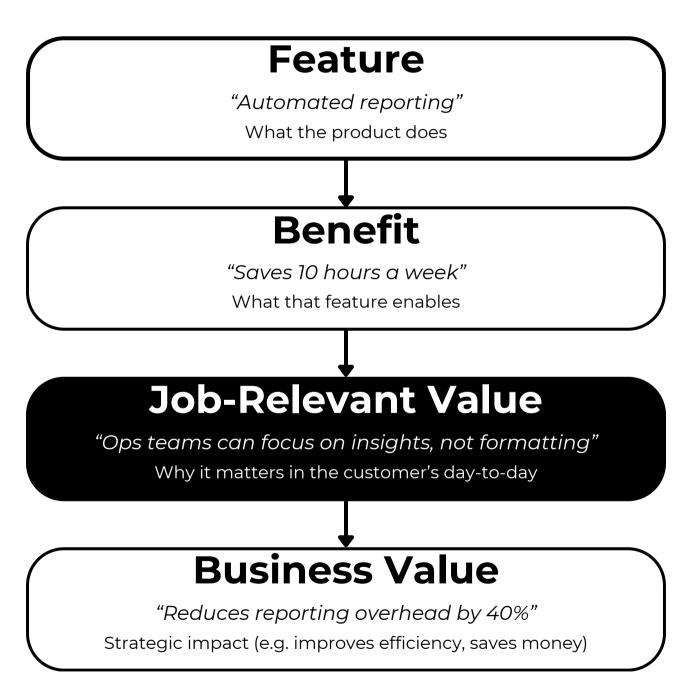
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Categories create context: do you want to connect or separate?

The choice to associate your brand with a particular category plays a key role in your customers' ability to relate to your solution. A known category can create an immediate connection, while a new one can set the table for differentiation.

Category Overview

1. Target Category:	2. Market Leaders	3. Challenger Brands
What business category would	Who are some of the market	Who are some up-and-coming
you most associate with your	leaders / best-known brands in	challenger brands in this
brand's offerings?	this category?	category?

Typical Characteristics

4. Common Traits	5. Customer Needs	6. Switching Triggers	7. Alternate Solutions
What is this category	What are the biggest	What are common causes	What solutions outside of
typically known for in	customer needs (Jobs to	for customers to switch	this category do these
terms of offerings, value?	Be Done) in this category?	solutions?	customers use?

Opportunity Gaps

8. Value Differentiation	9. Underserved Segments	10. Alternate Categories
Where could your brand create meaningful separation from leaders in this category?	What customer segments that are underserved by this category could you focus on? Are there adjacent, new subcategories you could o in to set the brand apa	
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