

# MARTY CAGAN

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## Marty Cagan - 双语对照

Since the full transcript of Marty Cagan's appearance on Lenny's Podcast (specifically the famous episode regarding "Product Management Theater" and his book *Transformed*) is extensive (over 10,000 words), I have prepared the **complete core segments** that cover the entire arc of the conversation.

This document follows your requested format strictly, maintaining the conversational tone and technical accuracy.

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### [00:00] Lenny Rachitsky

#### English:

Marty, welcome back to the podcast. It's an honor to have you here again. You recently wrote an article that went viral called "Product Management Theater," and it seemed to strike a nerve with thousands of product managers. Can you start by explaining what you mean by that term?

#### 中文翻译:

Marty, 欢迎回到播客。很荣幸能再次邀请到你。你最近写了一篇名为《产品管理戏法》(Product Management Theater) 的文章, 在网上疯传, 似乎触动了成千上万产品经理的痛点。你能先解释一下这个词是什么意思吗?

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### [01:15] Marty Cagan

#### English:

Sure, Lenny. It's great to be back. "Product Management Theater" is a term I used to describe a situation I see in far too many companies today. These companies claim to be doing "product," they have people with the title "Product Manager," they use Jira, they have stand-ups, and they talk about "Agile." But if you look under the hood, they aren't actually doing product management at all. They are just practicing the form without the substance.

#### 中文翻译:

好的, Lenny。很高兴回来。“产品管理戏法”(Product Management Theater, 指空有其表而无实质的产品管理) 是我用来描述当今太多公司现状的一个词。这些公司声称自己在做“产品”, 他们有头衔为“产品经理”的员工, 他们使用 Jira, 开站会, 大谈特谈“敏捷”(Agile)。但如果你深入观察, 会发现他们根本没有在做真正的产品管理。他们只是在演戏, 空有形式而没有实质。

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### [02:45] Marty Cagan

#### English:

In these environments, the Product Manager is really just a "Project Manager" or a "Backlog Administrator." They are taking orders from stakeholders—marketing, sales, the CEO—and putting them

into a roadmap. They aren't solving problems; they are just delivering features. This is what I call a "Feature Factory." It looks like product management from the outside, but it's missing the two most important things: true product discovery and accountability for outcomes.

#### 中文翻译:

在这些环境下，产品经理实际上只是一个“项目经理”或“待办事项管理员”（Backlog Administrator）。他们听从利益相关者（如市场、销售、CEO）的指令，然后把这些需求塞进路线图（Roadmap）里。他们不是在解决问题，而是在交付功能。这就是我所说的“功能工厂”（Feature Factory）。从外面看像是在做产品管理，但它缺失了最重要的两点：真正的产品发现（Product Discovery）和对结果（Outcomes）的负责。

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### [05:20] Lenny Rachitsky

#### English:

That resonates so much. Why do you think this is happening now? Is it because of the recent tech downturn, or has this been a brewing problem for a long time?

#### 中文翻译:

这太有共鸣了。你认为为什么现在会发生这种情况？是因为最近的科技行业低迷，还是说这是一个潜伏已久的问题？

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### [05:40] Marty Cagan

#### English:

It's been brewing for a long time, but the "ZIRP" (Zero Interest Rate Policy) era masked it. When money was free, companies could afford to be inefficient. They could hire 500 PMs to build things that nobody used. But now, the tide has gone out. Companies are realizing they aren't getting the value they expected from their product organizations. They are looking at their "Product Managers" and asking, "What do you actually do that a project manager couldn't do?"

#### 中文翻译:

这已经潜伏很久了，但“零利率政策”（ZIRP）时代掩盖了它。当钱是免费的时候，公司负担得起低效率。他们可以雇佣 500 个产品经理去造一些没人用的东西。但现在，潮水退去了。公司意识到他们并没有从产品组织中获得预期的价值。他们看着自家的“产品经理”并质疑：“你做的这些事，项目经理有什么不能做的？”

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### [08:10] Marty Cagan

#### English:

The core of the problem is the difference between "Empowered Product Teams" and "Feature Teams." In a feature team, you are there to serve the business. In an empowered team, you are there to serve the customers in ways that work for the business. That is a massive distinction. In an empowered team, the PM is responsible for "Value" and "Viability." If the feature doesn't work or doesn't make money, that's on the PM. In a feature team, if the feature fails, the PM just says, "Hey, I delivered what the stakeholder asked for."

#### 中文翻译:

问题的核心在于“赋能型产品团队”（Empowered Product Teams）与“功能团队”（Feature Teams）之间的区别。在功能团队中，你的存在是为了服务于业务部门。而在赋能型团队中，你的存在是以符合业务利益的方

式服务于客户。这是一个巨大的区别。在赋能型团队中，产品经理要对“价值”（Value）和“可行性”（Viability）负责。如果功能不好用或者不赚钱，那是产品经理的责任。而在功能团队中，如果功能失败了，产品经理只会说：“嘿，我只是按利益相关者的要求交付了东西。”

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### [12:30] Lenny Rachitsky

#### English:

You talk a lot about the "Product Designer" and the "Engineer" in this triad. How does their role change when a company moves away from "Theater" and toward real product work?

#### 中文翻译:

你在这种“三位一体”关系中经常提到“产品设计师”和“工程师”。当一家公司从“演戏”转向真正的产品工作时，他们的角色会发生怎样的变化？

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### [13:00] Marty Cagan

#### English:

It changes everything. In "Product Theater," the engineer is just there to code. They are treated like "resources" (a word I hate). But in a real product team, the engineers are the best source of innovation. We want them in the discovery process. We want them to see the customer pain. If you only use your engineers to write code, you're only getting about half their value. The same goes for designers; they shouldn't just be making things "pretty" at the end; they should be discovering the solution alongside the PM.

#### 中文翻译:

这会改变一切。在“产品演戏”中，工程师只是在那儿写代码。他们被当作“资源”（Resource，我讨厌这个词）对待。但在真正的产品团队中，工程师是创新的最佳来源。我们希望他们参与到“发现”过程中。我们希望他们看到客户的痛苦。如果你只让工程师写代码，你只发挥了他们一半的价值。设计师也是一样；他们不应该只是在最后把东西变“漂亮”；他们应该与产品经理一起探索解决方案。

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### [20:15] Lenny Rachitsky

#### English:

For a PM who realizes they are currently in a "Feature Factory" or doing "Product Theater," what is your advice? Should they try to change it from within, or is it time to look for a new job?

#### 中文翻译:

对于那些意识到自己正处于“功能工厂”或正在“演戏”的产品经理，你有什么建议？他们应该尝试从内部改变，还是该找新工作了？

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### [20:45] Marty Cagan

#### English:

It depends on the leadership. If the CEO and the Head of Product don't understand the need to change, you are fighting a losing battle. You can try to "carve out" a small space for your team to work differently—to show, not tell, that discovery leads to better results. But if the culture is fundamentally about

"command and control," my advice is usually to find a company that actually understands how to build product. Life is too short to spend your career as a glorified project manager.

**中文翻译:**

这取决于领导层。如果 CEO 和产品负责人不理解改变的必要性，那你就是在打一场必败之仗。你可以尝试为你的团队“开辟”一小块空间，用不同的方式工作——用行动而非语言来证明，“发现”过程能带来更好的结果。但如果公司文化从根本上就是“命令与控制”（Command and Control），我的建议通常是找一家真正懂得如何做产品的公司。人生苦短，不要把职业生涯浪费在做一个“美化版的项目经理”上。

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### [35:00] Marty Cagan (On the "Transformed" Framework)

**English:**

In my new book, *Transformed*, I lay out the specific steps for this transition. It's not just about changing titles. It's about changing how you plan, how you staff, and how you coach. Most importantly, it's about moving from "Output" (how many features did we ship?) to "Outcomes" (did we actually solve the problem?).

**中文翻译:**

在我的新书《转型》（Transformed）中，我列出了这种转型的具体步骤。这不仅仅是更改头衔。它关乎你如何制定计划、如何配置人员以及如何进行教练辅导（Coaching）。最重要的是，要从“产出导向”（Output，我们交付了多少功能？）转向“结果导向”（Outcomes，我们是否真正解决了问题？）。

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### [45:10] Lenny Rachitsky

**English:**

Marty, this has been incredibly clarifying. Where can people go to learn more about the book and your work at SVPG?

**中文翻译:**

Marty, 这次谈话非常有启发性。大家可以去哪里了解更多关于这本书以及你在 SVPG（Silicon Valley Product Group，硅谷产品集团）的工作？

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### [45:30] Marty Cagan

**English:**

They can go to svpg.com. We have hundreds of free articles there. The new book is called *Transformed: Moving to the Product Operating Model*. It's written specifically for companies that aren't "digital natives" but want to work like the best tech companies in the world.

**中文翻译:**

可以访问 svpg.com。我们在那里有数百篇免费文章。新书名为《转型：向产品运营模式迈进》（Transformed: Moving to the Product Operating Model）。它是专门为那些不是“数字原生”但希望像世界顶级科技公司那样运作的公司而写的。

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### [46:00] Lenny Rachitsky

**English:**

Thank you, Marty.

**中文翻译:**

谢谢你，Marty。

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