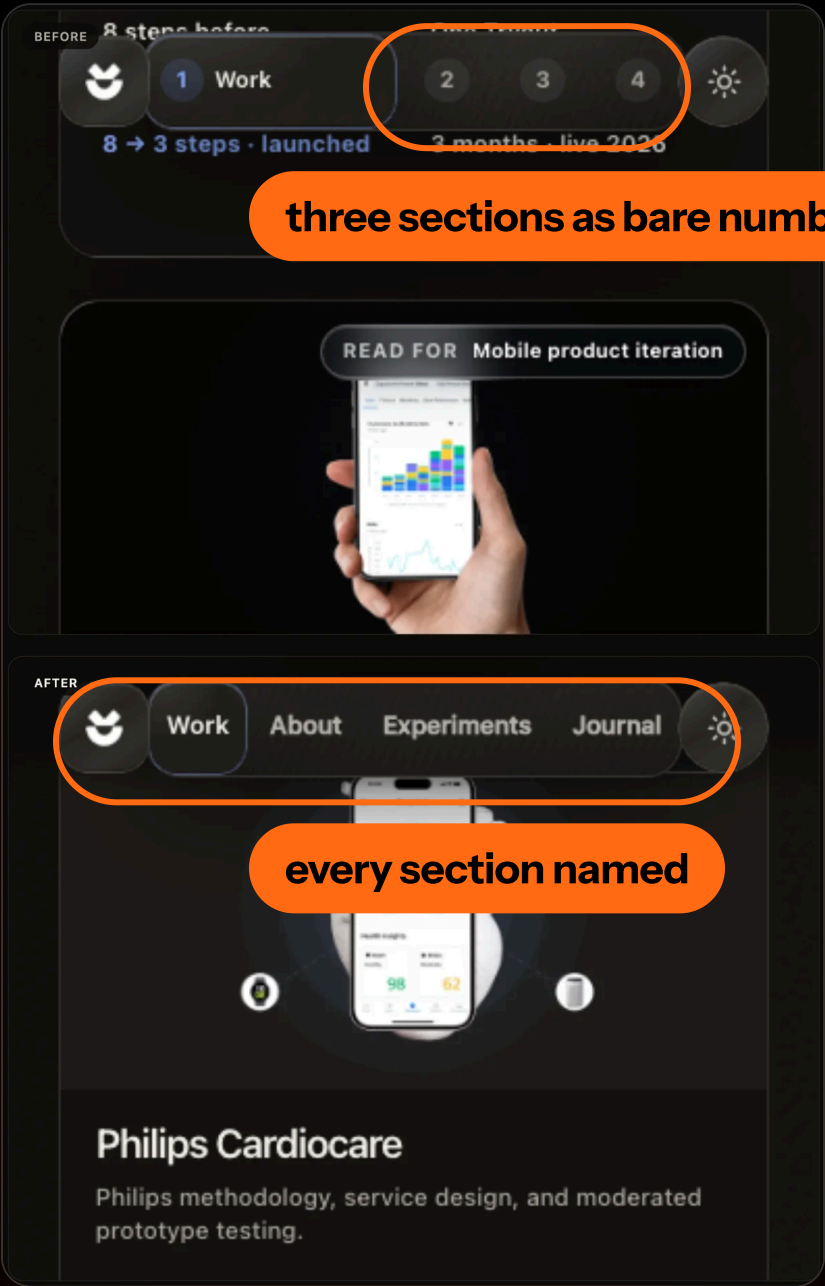


COUNT *the* SPACE.

Do the arithmetic before you hide the labels

Most collapsed navs never needed to collapse. How to check yours in a minute.

My nav on a *phone*



Same phone, same width. The labels fit all along.

The space I actually had

262 *vs* 245

Pixels between the logo and the theme button at 390px, against what the four labels needed.

They fit. They never needed to be numbers.

Measure yours *in the console*

```
$ [...document.querySelectorAll('nav a')].reduce((w, a) => w + a.getBoundingClientRect().width, 0)
```

- Paste it at 390px wide. If the total fits between your fixed controls, keep the names.

Before you collapse *a nav*

1

Measure the room

The width between fixed controls, per screen.

2

Add up the labels

Text plus padding, in the real font.

3

Find the width that fails

Test 390, 360 and 320. Collapse only below it.

4

Keep the names

Numbers are tidy. Names tell people where they are.

Count the space *before you decide there is none.*

Save this for your next responsive pass.

1 Follow for Note 08, every Monday and Thursday

2 1:1 mentorship. 5 designers each April and October.

3 Masterclasses for design schools and teams

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