INFORMATION ARCHITECTURE

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The structural design of shared information

The process of organizing and labeling content and taxonomies

Acts as a navigational aid to content and information systems

Helps users understand: where they are, what they've found, what to expect, what's related

Represent IA with a site map

CARD SORTING

Must understand your users and your content

Helps you:

- Build the structure for your website
- Decide what to put on the homepage
- Label categories and navigation

Conducted by organizing content into logical topics and categories

CARD SORTING EXAMPLE

BASEBALL CARDS



BASEBALL CARDS: BY TEAM

BLUE JAYS







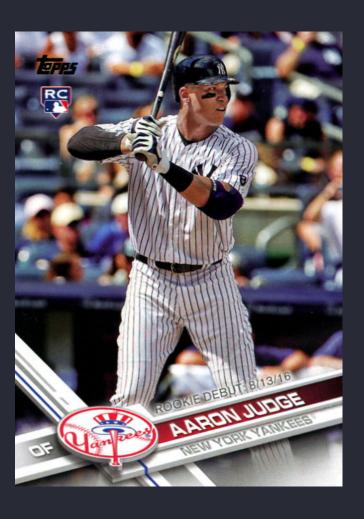






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BASEBALL CARDS: BY POSITION

PITCHER

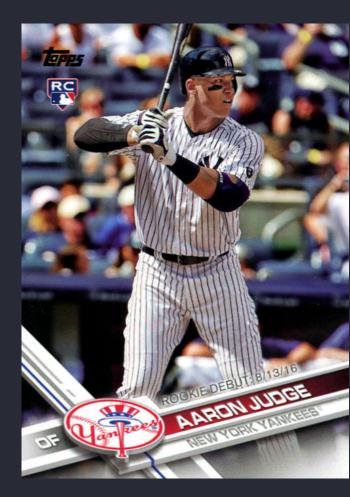








SHORTSTOP







RIGHT FIELD



BASEBALL CARDS: BY THROWING HAND

THROWS LEFT



THROWS RIGHT

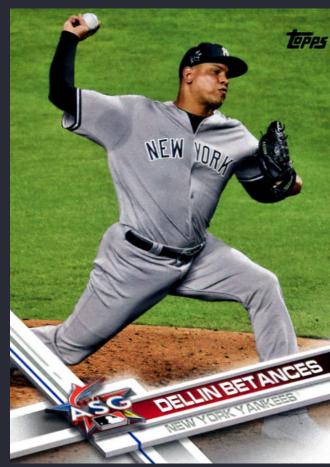














BASEBALL CARDS: YEARS PLAYED

13 YEARS



11 YEARS 10 YEARS





9 YEARS



6 YEARS



5 YEARS



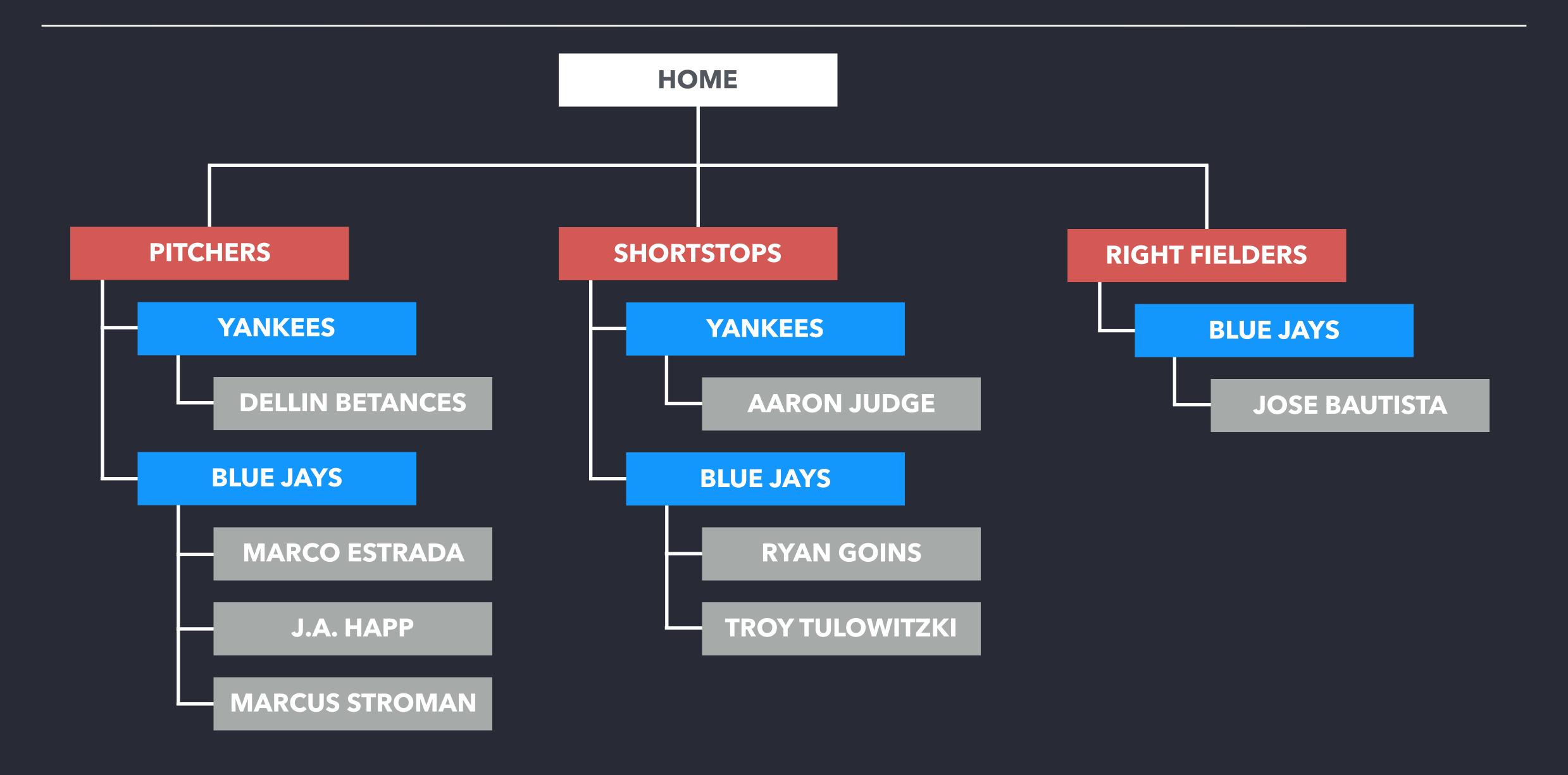
4 YEARS



2 YEARS



SITE MAP: BY POSITION



QUESTIONS?