

## What Is Entrepreneurship?

"A human institution designed to deliver a new product or service under conditions of extreme uncertainty."

-Eric Ries

"The pursuit of opportunity ... without regard to resources currently controlled."

-Howard Stevenson

"Insane perseverance in the face of constant rejection."
-Jack Thorne



## Not just startups...

#### **Lifestyle / Small Products**





#### **High Growth**







### **Ent. In Organizations**





### **Acquisition**



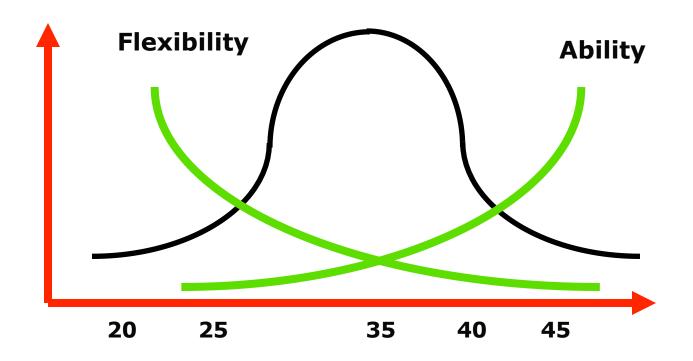






**UPMC** Enterprises

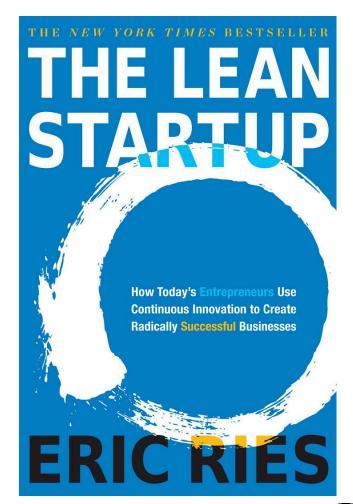
## The age of an Entrepreneur





### So, how to start?

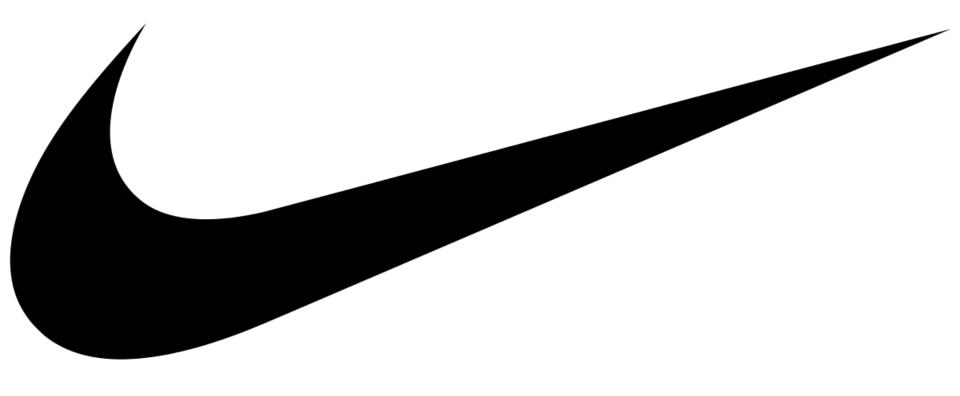
- Observe and identify market needs (speak to people!)
- Build MVPs quickly to validate needs (Make sure the dog eats the dog food)
- Use metrics that measure your leap of faith assumptions













#### **The Business Model Canvas**

Designed for:

Designed by:

**Key Partners** 

Which Key Activities do partners perform?

Who are our key suppliers?

Which Key Resources are we acquairing from partners?

**Key Activities** 

What Key Activities do our Value Propositions require? Our Distribution Channels? Customer Relationships? Revenue streams?

Value Propositions

What value do we deliver to the customer? Which one of our customer's problems are we helping to solve? What bundles of products and services are we offering to each Customer Segment?

Which customer needs are we satisfying?

CHARACTERISTICS
Newmess
Performance
Customization
"Getting the Job Done"
Design
Brand/Status
Price
Cost Reduction
Bible Reduction

Customer Relationships

What type of relationship does each of our Customer Segments expect us to establish and maintain with them?

Which ones have we established? How are they integrated with the rest of our How costly are they?

**Customer Segments** 

Who are our most important customers?

Mass Market Niche Market Segmented Diversified Multi-sided Platform

**Key Resources** 

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TYPES OF RESOURCES

Intellectual (brand patents, copyrights, data)



Channels

Through which Channels do our Customer Segments

How are our Channels integrated? Which ones work best?

How are we integrating them with customer routines?

How do we deliver a Value Proposition to customers?

want to be reached? How are we reaching them now?

Which ones are most cost-efficient?

CHANNEL PHARES
1. Awareness
How do we raise awareness about our company's products and services?
2. Brailladion
How do we help customers evaluate our organization's Value Proposition?
3. Averhase

Purchase
How do we allow customers to purchase specific products and services?

After sales
 How do we provide post-purchase customer support?

Cost Structure

What are the most important costs inherent in our business model? Which Key Resources are most expensive? Which Key Activities are most expensive?

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Cost Driven (barnest cost structure, law price value proposition, maximum automation, extensive outsourcing)
Value Crimin (Drivensed on value creation, premium value proposition)

SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS
Fixed Costs (salaries, rents, utilities)
Variable costs
Economies of scale
Economies of scape

Revenue Streams

For what value are our customers really willing to pay? For what do they currently pay? How are they currently paying?

How would they prefer to pay? How much does each Revenue Stream contribute to overall revenues?



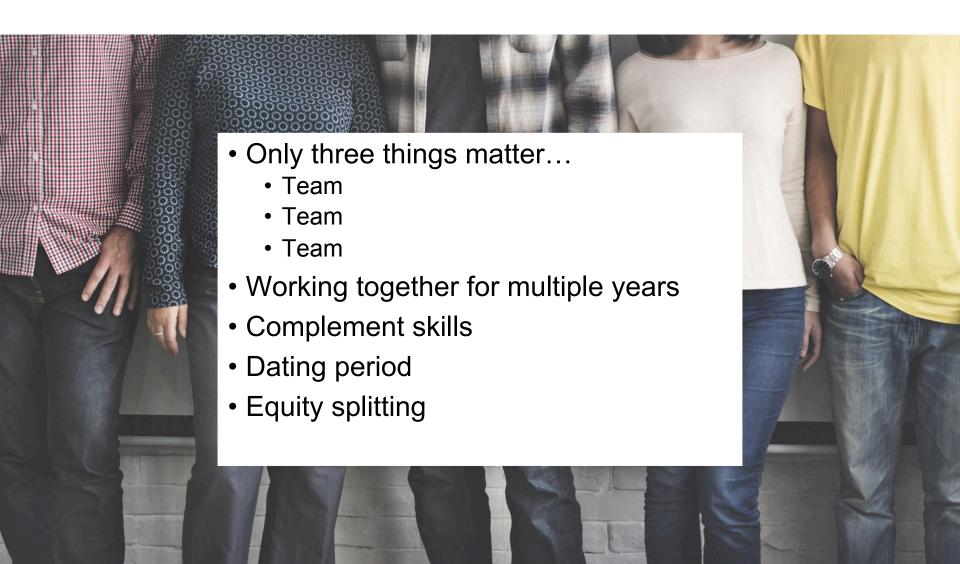








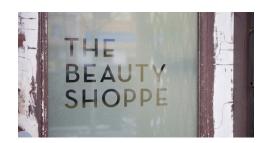
### **Build a team**



### **Investor Types**

# Incubators / Co-Working Spaces





#### **Accelerators**







#### **Angels & Angel Groups**





#### **Venture Capital Firms**



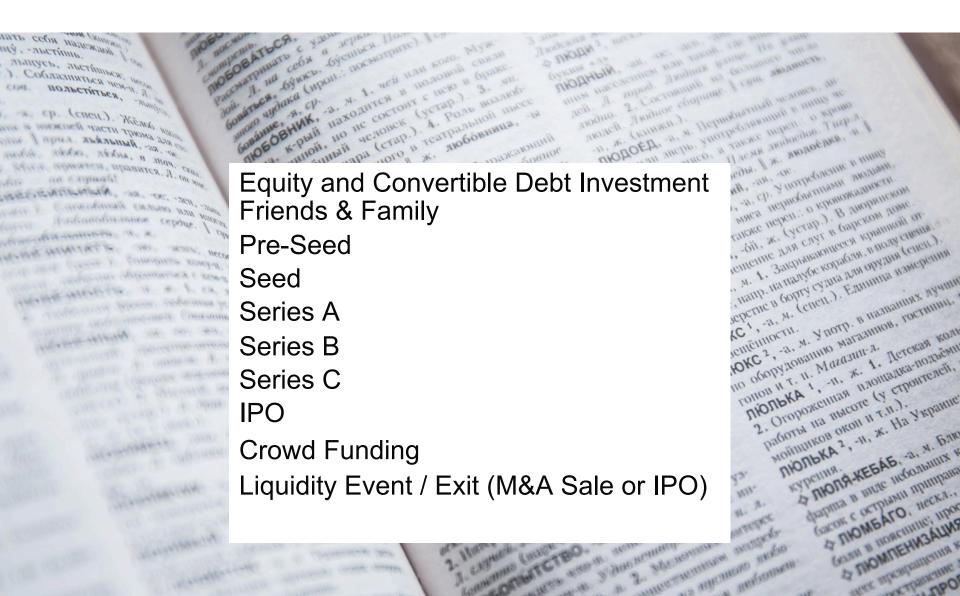




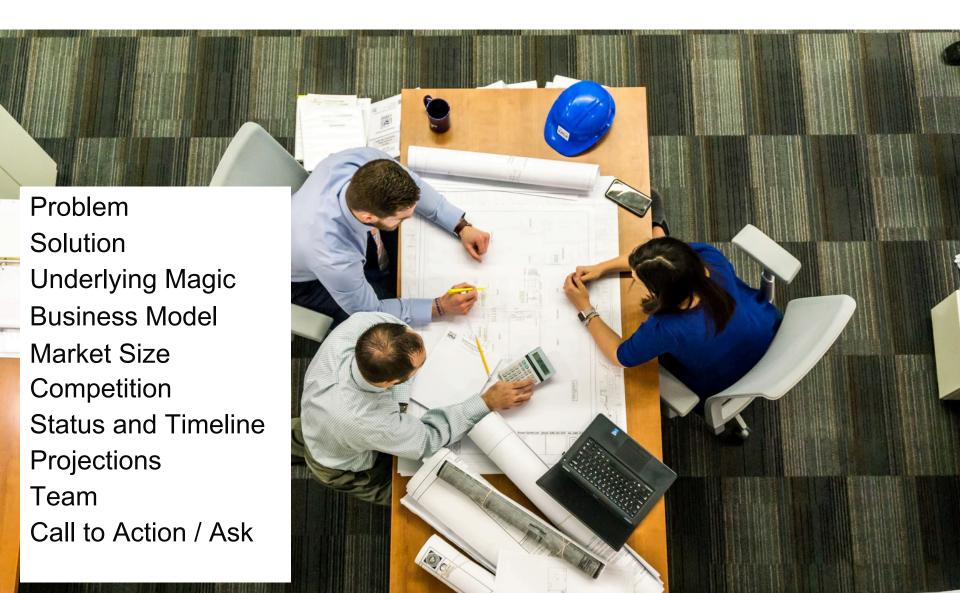




### **Terms To Know**



### **How To Pitch To Investors**



### Resources

- The Lean Startup (Eric Ries)
- Crossing the Chasm(Geoffrey Moore)
- Zero to One (Peter Thiel)
- The Hard Thing About Hard Things (Ben Horowitz)
- Venture Deals (Brad Feld and Jason Mendelson)

- CONNETS events
- Swartz Center
- Project Olympus
- http://www.startnowpgh.com/
- Everyone at CMU





# Work Hard

# Be Nice

