How to find and evaluate ideas for digital products

Diseño de productos e innovación en TI

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8	AWFUL IDEA	=	-1

- SO-SO IDEA = 5
- GOOD IDEA = 10
- GREAT IDEA = 15
- ⊕ BRILLIANT IDEA = 20

8	NO EXECUTION	= \$1
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- ☑ WEAK EXECUTION = \$1000
- SO-SO EXECUTION = \$10,000
- ⊕ GOOD EXECUTION = \$100,000
- GREAT EXECUTION = \$1,000,000
- ⊕ BRILLIANT EXECUTION = \$10,000,000

Common mistakes

- 1. Not solving a real problem AKA (Solution in search of a problema)
- 2. Getting stuck on a "tarpit idea"
 - 1. Widespread problema that a lots of potential founders encounter
 - 2. Seems like it could be easily solvable with a startup
- 3. Not evaluating an idea
- 4. Waiting for the perfect idea

10 key question to ask about an idea

- 1. Do you have founder-market fit? (find a good idea for your team)
- 2. How big is the market? (big now or big in the future)
- 3. How accute is the problem?
- 4. Do you have competition (having is good)
- 5. Do you want this?
- 6. Did this recently become possible or necessary?
- 7. Are there good proxies for the business?
- 8. Is this an idea you'd want to work on for years?
- 9. Is this a scalable business?
- 10. Is this a good idea space?

3 things that make an idea seem bad, but actually make them good

- 1. Hard to get started
- 2. Boring space (Siigo)
- 3. Existing competitors (Dropbox)

How to come up with new ideas?

- 1. Organic ideas are better than made up ideas
- 2. Become an expert, work at a startup
- 3. Build things without being a protifable idea

7 recipes for finding new ideas

- 1. Start with your team expertise and interests
- 2. Start with a problem
- Things you personally wish existed (beware of a tarpit)
- 4. Things that have changed recently
- 5. New variants of successful companies
- 6. Talk to people and ask for problems in an idea space
- 7. Small teams can disrupt big industries

No one knows for sure, so just launch and find out