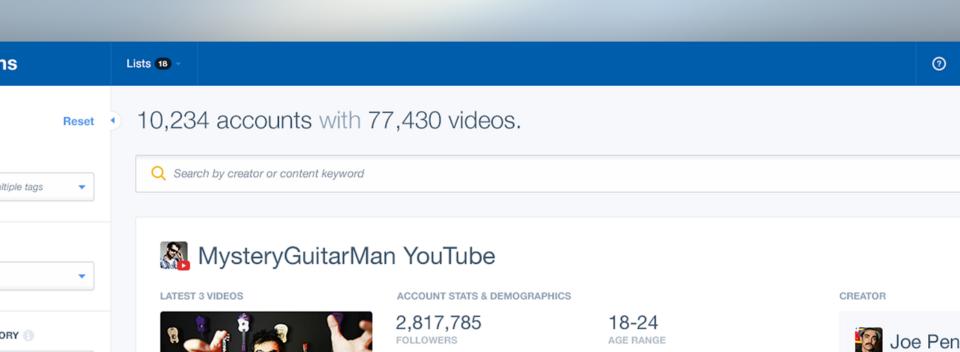


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#### STARTUPS! HARD LESSONS LEARNED

# Top 10 Advice For Technical Founders

#### Paladin Software

Bent Pixels, Las Vegas, 2012, YouTube MCN 2014 December. First software license agreement 2016 March. Technology spin-off to Paladin Software \$2 mill 2016 License Revenue

HQ, Los Angeles
DEV HQ, Kraków, 11 + 3 remote
US, Vietnam, Montenegro, Rumainia, Norway. (Sweden, Netherlands, Canada, Ukraine)



# Experience

Developer, Java, .Net, Ruby Startups since 2007

consultancies, healthcare, power trading market, voting tool, taxi queue system, video stats, media company, hair&beauty

Biggest loss: Imagenet

Small successes still live and kicking

Biggest win: Bent Pixels, Paladin Software



# Startup Advice

- for techies!



# I know a startup that disprove that!







DHH did it alone (did he really?)

You are jealous of DHH

My buddy B didn't follow %{the\_advice} and he made it, big time!

Elon Musk! Steve Jobs! Wordfeud!



# Enlighten me already!



# Be MANY



# SALES

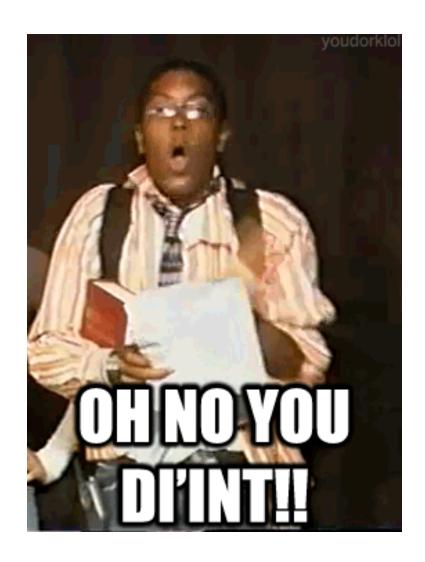


## **Great Sales**

is more important than

# **Great Tech**







# Great tech help sales

- but Sales pay the bills



# Domain Specialist

Know your market



## Make Pain Killers

Vitamin Pills are less addictive



# Test Market Early

Ideas are cheap - execution is everything



# fail fast - quit



# Persistence

Be Rocky Balboa, endure!



# Hold up! CONTRADICTIONS





# Persistence or quitting?

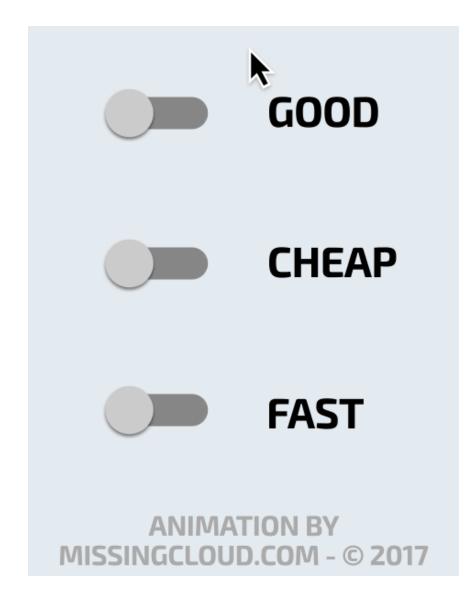
It's not meant to be easy, buddy



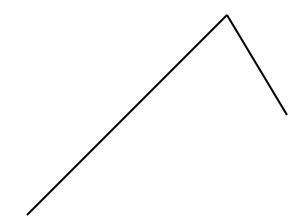
# Imperfection

But don't drag it too far, it's all about the market learning











# Fulltime Job







# Known Technology

Startups are hard enough without having to learn new tech



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## Luck Surface

Increase your likelihood of luck







# Increase your luck surface



- 1. Be Many
- 2. Sales
- 3. Domain
- 4. Pain Killer
- 5. TTM learn 10.Luck

- 6. Persistence
- 7. Imperfection
- 8. Fulltime
- 9. Known Tech



#### WAIT - what about %{important\_topic}?







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LOCATION

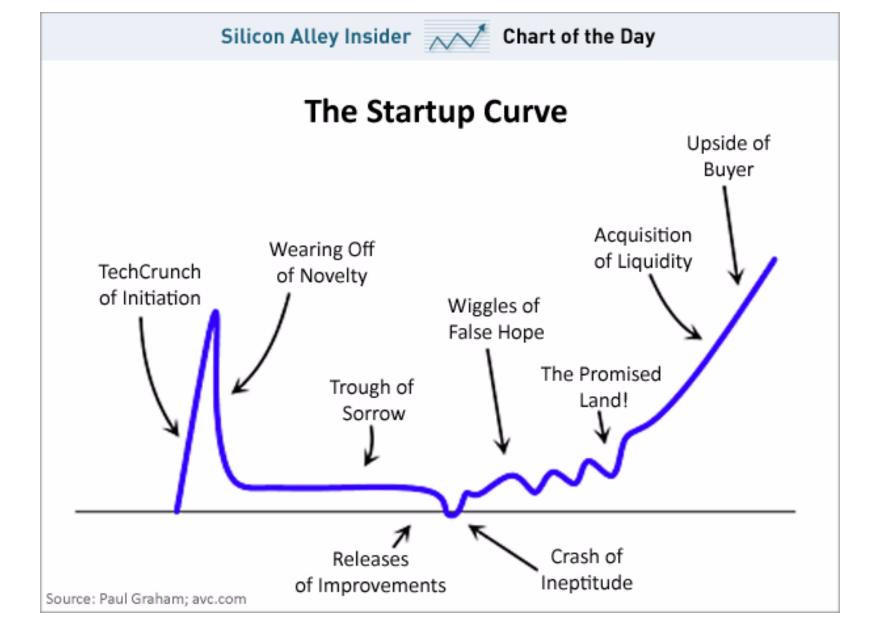
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Many factors and variables play in

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#### cklist

a single checkmark is recipe for failure



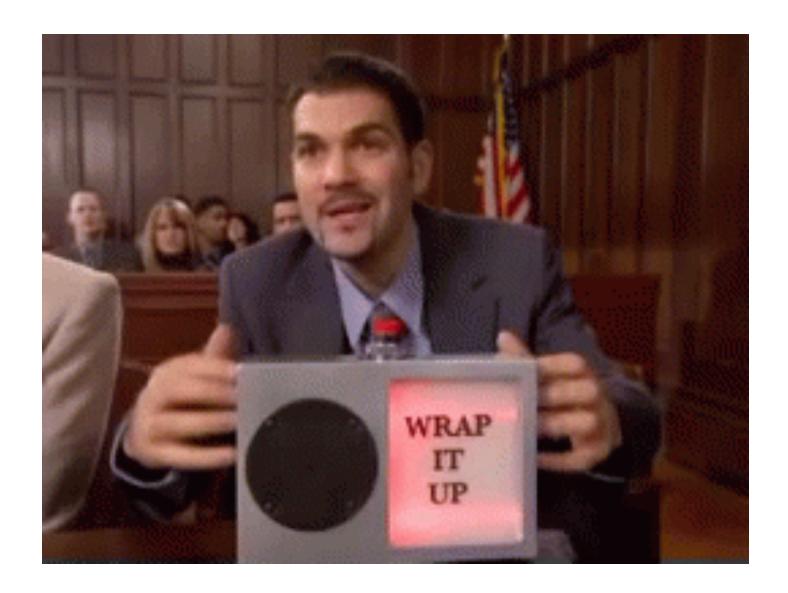


# Be careful what you wish for, you just might get it





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