

Startup in IT

UNIT 4

A **business plan** is a formal statement of **business** goals, reasons how they are attainable, and **plans** for reaching them.

Planning of startup business



Benefits



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STRENGTHS

- Things your company does well
- Qualities that separate you from your competitors
- Internal resources such as skilled, knowledgeable staff
- Tangible assets such as intellectual property, capital, proprietary technologies etc.

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WEAKNESSES

- Things your company lacks
- Things your competitors do better than you
- Resource limitations
- Unclear unique selling proposition

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OPPORTUNITIES

- Underserved markets for specific products
- Few competitors in your area
- Emerging need for your products or services
- Press/media coverage of your company

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THREATS

- Emerging competitors
- Changing regulatory environment
- Negative press/media coverage
- Changing customer attitudes toward your company

Executive summary

Brief but comprehensive synopsis of a business plan or an investment proposal, which highlights its key points and is generally adapted for the external audience

Executive summary

One of the Most Important task .

The summary of the Proposal

Clearly and Precisely Tell its Reader About
the Solution

What you should Do ?

- SHORT AND CONCISE PARAGRAPHS
- ONLY INCLUDE THE MATERIAL WHICH COVERED IN REPORT
- USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE
- DO NOT EXTEND YOUR SUMMARY BEYOND 10 PAGES
- USE FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS IN YOUR SUMMARY

WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT DO ?

- DON'T USE SLANG WORDS
- DON'T SHOW EGO-TRIP OF YOUR COMPANY
- DON'T MENTION PRICES .
- DON'T SUBMIT A COPY WITHOUT PROOF READING

Important Parameters

GIFBP

G-GOAL

I-ISSUE

F-FEATURES

B-BENEFITS

P- PROOF

- **GOAL-** OBJECTIVE OF THE CLIENTS
- **ISSUES-** PROBLEM UNDERLYING THESE OBJECTIVES OF THE CLIENT
- **FEATURES** – HIGHLIGHT SPECIFIC FEATURES (DIFFERENTIATORS WHERE APPLICABLE) ,THAT YOU ARE OFFERING AS PART OF THE OVERALL SOLUTION/PROPOSAL/TENDER

- **BENEFITS-** WHAT IS THE PRIMARY BENEFIT TO THE CUSTOMER?

WHAT DOES THE CLIENT GET OUT OF THE SOLUTION ?

- **PROOF –** WHY CLIENT SHOULD TRUST YOU ?
PROOF OF THE ABILITY OF YOUR REALIZATION OF THE SOLUTION .

Executive summary

- Write this section last.
- make it two pages or fewer.
- Include everything that you would cover in a five-minute interview.
- Explain the fundamentals of the proposed business:
 - What will your product be?
 - Who will your customers be?
 - Who are the owners?
 - What do you think the future holds for your business and your industry?
- Make it enthusiastic, professional, complete, and concise.

Executive summary

- If applying for a loan:
 - ☐ state clearly how much you want
 - ☐ precisely how you are going to use it
 - ☐ how the money will make your business more profitable

Why is an Executive Summary Important?

- **For Getting Investment**

If you're looking for investment from venture capitalists, you're going to need an executive summary because they will want to see what makes your startup a great investment for them.

- **The Attention Grabber**

Explain why your idea is so big or revolutionary in a few brief and to-the-point sentences.

Speak about what you've developed and why it's unique to solving a large problem.

The Problem

- Define your target customer/market's pain point or problem (current or emerging). The #1 reason why startups fail is that they make a product/service that doesn't address and fix a problem of their target audience, so don't make this mistake.
- Show the size of the problem and the size of the market so you can show a contrast between the two.
- Is there a percentage of people in that market with the problem or do they all have this problem?

The solution

- ❖ You're looking to show your product-market fit in this section.
- ❖ What's your solution to your target customer/market's problem?
- ❖ What have you created to fix it and how will it fix it?

- [According to an article from the Harvard Business Review by Kevin Laws, titled “Successful Startups Don’t Make Money Their Primary Mission”, it describes how founders and their startups are much more likely to succeed if they focus on a mission rather than focusing on dollar signs.](#)
- This is because they’re providing value to their target customers first, and asking for money second.
- However, the goal of a startup is to make money and be profitable. That’s why it’s important that you have a business model that supports this.
- [Here are 10 of the most popular B2B and B2C startup business models to use. 17% of startups fail because they have no business model, so make sure you have one.](#)

B2C

Smaller purchase size and lower dollar amounts.

Purchases are made for individuals or households. Buying decisions may include influencers or other users.

The sales process tends to be more product- or service-driven and less relationship-driven—excluding service providers.

Frequent impulse buys and emotional buying decisions can be made.

The sales cycle is much shorter; the buying process is often a single step.

Purchases revolve around immediate results and gratification.

Brand identity is emphasized.

Marketing departments frequently take a larger percentage of the overall expense.

B2B

Larger purchase sizes and higher dollar amounts.

Many people are involved in the buying decisions and they can be from multiple departments in an organization.

Relationship-driven sales process.

Highly calculated, rational buying decisions.

Longer, more complex sales cycle.

Purchases are based on long-term goals.

Brand identity less emphasized.

Marketing departments take up a small percentage of the overall expense.

- Once you have a business model, you can use the formula below to create a value proposition which includes your business model.

We solve _____ A _____ by providing
_____ B _____, to help _____ C _____
accomplish _____ D _____ and we make
money by charging _____ E _____ to get
_____ F _____.

A: Problem

B: Product/service offering

C: People using product/service (specific)

D: Specific Task offering improves/completes

E: Users or it could even be a 3rd party i.e.
advertisers etc

F: Value provided for money

General Company Description

This section provides a **general** direction of the **business** and outlines the **company** for potential investors or potential partners.

General Company Description

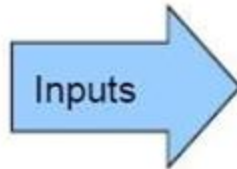
- Mission Statement
- Company Goals and Objectives
- Business Philosophy
- Target market
- Describe your industry
- Company strengths and core competencies.
- Legal form of ownership

Products and Services

Transformed resources,

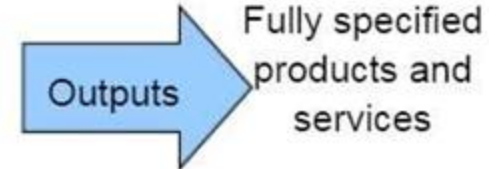
e.g.

- Technical information
- Market information
- Time information



The product / service design process whose performance is measured by its

- Quality
- Speed
- Dependability
- Flexibility
- Cost



Fully specified products and services

Transforming resources,

e.g.

- Test and design equipment
- Design and technical staff

Marketing Plan

A **marketing plan** is a comprehensive document or blueprint that outlines a business advertising and **marketing** efforts for the coming year.

Marketing Plan

Market research - Why?

Market research - How?

- Secondary research means using published information
- Primary research means gathering your own data.
- Give statistics, numbers, and sources.

Economics

Facts about your industry:

- What is the total size of your market?
- What percent share of the market will you have?
- Current demand in target market.
- Trends in target market
- Growth potential and opportunity for a business of your size.

Marketing Plan

Barriers

Some typical barriers are:

- o High capital costs
- o High production costs
- o High marketing costs
- o Consumer acceptance and brand recognition
- o Training and skills
- o Unique technology and patents
- o Shipping costs
- o Tariff barriers and quotas
- And of course, how will you overcome the barriers?
- How could the following affect your company?
- o Change in technology
- o Change in government regulations
- o Change in the economy
- o Change in your industry

Marketing Plan

Product

describe them from your customers' point of view.

Features and Benefits

List all of your major products or services.

For each product or service:

- Describe the most important features. What is special about it?
- Describe the benefits. That is, what will the product do for the Customer?

Marketing Plan

Customers

- ❖ Identify your targeted customers, their characteristics, and their geographic location.
- ❖ For each customer group, construct what is called a demographic profile:
 - Age
 - Gender
 - Location
 - Income level
 - Social class and occupation
 - Education
 - Other (specific to your industry)

Marketing Plan

Customers

For business customers, the demographic factors might be:

- Industry (or portion of an industry)
- Location
- Size of firm
- Quality, technology, and price preferences
- Other (specific to your industry)

Marketing Plan

Competition

- What products and companies will compete with you?
- List your major competitors:
- Will they compete with you across the board, or just for certain products, certain customers, or in certain locations?
- Will you have important indirect competitors?
- How will your products or services compare with the competition?
- Use the Competitive Analysis table below to compare your company

Factor	Me	Strength	Weakness	Competitor A	Competitor B	Importance to Customer
Products						
Price						
Quality						
Selection						
Service						
Reliability						
Stability						
Expertise						
Company Reputation						
Location						

Definition of mass markets and niche markets

- **Mass market** – this is the market that is aimed at the general population e.g. regular toothpaste
- **Niche market** – this is a subset of the main market and addresses a specialist need e.g. Sensodyne toothpaste for sensitive teeth



Marketing Plan

- Strategy
- Promotion
- Promotional Budget
- Pricing
- Proposed Location
- Distribution Channels
- Sales Forecast
 - ✓ a "best guess", which is what you really expect,
 - ✓ a "worst case" low estimate that you are confident you can reach no matter what happens.

Operational Plan

An **Operational Plan** is a highly detailed **plan** that provides a clear picture of how a team, section or department will contribute to the achievement of the organization's goals.

Operational Plan

Explain the daily operation of the business, its location, equipment, people, processes, and surrounding environment.

Production

- Production techniques and costs
- Quality control
- Customer service
- Inventory control
- Product development

Location

Physical requirements:

- Amount of space
- Type of building
- Zoning
- Power and other utilities

Operational Plan

Access:

- Is it important that your location be convenient to transportation or to suppliers?
- Do you need easy walk-in access?
- What are your requirements for parking and proximity to freeway, airports, railroads, and shipping centers?
- Include a drawing or layout of your proposed facility if it is important, as it might be for
 - a manufacturer.
 - Construction
 - Cost

Legal Environment

Describe the following:

- Licensing and bonding requirements
- Permits
- Health, workplace, or environmental regulations

Operational Plan

- Special regulations covering your industry or profession
- Zoning or building code requirements
- Insurance coverage
- Trademarks, copyrights, or patents (pending, existing, or purchased)

Personnel

- Number of employees
- Type of labor (skilled, unskilled, and professional)
- Where and how will you find the right employees?
- Quality of existing staff
- Pay structure
- Training methods and requirements
- Who does which tasks?
- Do you have schedules and written procedures prepared?
- Have you drafted job descriptions for employees? If not, take time to write some.

They really help internal communications with employees.

Operational Plan

- For certain functions, will you use contract workers in addition to employees?

Inventory

Suppliers

Credit Policies

Managing Your Accounts Receivable

	Total	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	Over 90 Days
Accounts Receivable Aging						

Managing Your Accounts Payable

	Total	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	Over 90 Days
Accounts Payable Aging						

Management and Organization

- Who will manage the business on a day-to-day basis?
- What experience does that person bring to the business?
- What special or distinctive competencies?
- Is there a plan for continuation of the business if this person is lost or incapacitated?
- If you'll have more than 10 employees, create an organizational chart showing the management hierarchy and who is responsible for key functions.
- Include position descriptions for key employees.

Professional and Advisory Support

List the following:

- Board of directors
- Management advisory board
- Attorney
- Accountant
- Insurance agent
- Banker
- Consultant or consultants
- Mentors and key advisors

Personal Financial Statement

A **personal financial statement** is a document or spreadsheet outlining an individual's financial position at a given point in time.

Personal Financial Statement

- for each owner and major stockholder, showing assets and liabilities held **outside** the business and personal net worth.
- Owners will often have to draw on personal assets to finance the business
- These statements will show what is available.
- Bankers and investors usually want this information as well.

Startup Expenses and Capitalization

- The **startup expenses** represents a list of individual items.
- capitalization** represents the total required investment .
- between 1-2 pages in length.
- The purpose is to inform the reader of all the resources your company requires will require to initiate it's operating.
- The total cost of the resources you plan to leverage represents the required capitalization to launch your business.
- Entrepreneurs should very plainly list all of their:
 - startup expenses
 - their associated costs
- Including brief explanations for unusual items and/or capital intensive or expensive items should be considered.

Equipment & Technology:	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total
Apple iMac or MacBook Pro	\$ 1,500.00	(4)	\$ 6,000.00
External Monitor	\$ 300.00	(4)	\$ 1,200.00
Apple Mac Mini with OS X Server	\$ 999.00	(1)	\$ 1,000.00
HP Office-jet Pro	\$ 800.00	(1)	\$ 800.00
Apple Airport Extreme Wireless Internet Router	\$ 199.00	(1)	\$ 200.00
Cannon Digital Camera	\$ 500.00	(1)	\$ 500.00
Credit Card Machine	\$ 200.00	(1)	\$ 200.00
Apple OSX Server & Remote Desktop	\$ 19.00	(1)	\$ 20.00
Apple X-Code & Google Android Kit-Kat	\$ 0.00	(1)	\$ 0.00
Adobe Creative Suite Master Collection CS6	\$ 2,500.00	(1)	\$ 2,500.00
Microsoft Office Professional for Mac	\$ 220.00	(4)	\$ 880.00
CRM, HR, Accounting, & Email Software	\$ 2,000.00	(4)	\$ 2,000.00
Website Costs	\$ 2,000.00	(1)	\$ 2,000.00
Apple App Store Developer Fee	\$ 99.00	(1)	\$ 100.00
Google App Developer Fee	\$ 25.00	(1)	\$ 25.00
App Development Resources	\$ 2,000.00	(1)	\$ 2,000.00

General & Administration:

Banking Services	\$ 20.00	(3m)	\$ 60.00
Credit Services	\$ 20.00	(3m)	\$ 60.00
Trademark (Name & Logo)	\$ 600.00	(2)	\$ 1,200.00
Incorporation	\$ 1,000.00	(1)	\$ 1,000.00
Supplies	\$ 500.00	(3m)	\$ 1,500.00
General Liability Insurance	\$ 200.00	(3m)	\$ 600.00
Legal Fees	\$ 1,500.00	(3m)	\$ 3,000.00
Accounting	\$ 1,000.00	(3m)	\$ 3,000.00

Location:

Location:

Rent (4 Person Co-Working Space)	\$ 2,000.00	(3m)	\$ 6,000.00
Utilities / Phone / Cleaning	\$ 300.00	(3m)	\$ 900.0
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	(3m)	\$ 600.00

Salaries:**A 3 Month Salary for Team of 4**

Founder	\$ 6,000.00	(3m)	\$ 18,000.00
Co-Founder	\$ 6,000.00	(3m)	\$ 18,000.00
Sales & Customer Support Manager	\$ 5,000.00	(3m)	\$ 15,000.00
Marketing Manager	\$ 5,000.00	(3m)	\$ 15,000.00

Promotion:

A Monthly Budget of \$20,000 for Advertising	\$ 20,000.00	(3)	\$ 60,000.00
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Total Costs:**\$ 163,345.00****Allowance for Contingencies:**

20% of Total Costs			\$ 32,700.00
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Total 3 Month Startup Budget & Capitalization:**\$ 196,045.00**

Financial Plan

Financial planning is the task of determining how a business will afford to achieve its strategic goals and objectives.

Financial Plan

Within this section entrepreneurs are expected to include a number of financial statements;

A. 12 Month Profit & Loss Statement

This is where you put it all together in numbers and get an idea of what it will take to make a profit and be successful.

B. Three-Year Profit Projection (Optional)

The 12-month projection is the heart of your financial plan. The Three-Year Profit projection is for those who want to carry their forecasts beyond the first year.

C. Projected Cash Flow

- The point of this worksheet is to plan how much you need before startup, for preliminary expenses, operating expenses, and reserves.
- For each item, determine when you actually expect to receive cash (for sales) or when you will actually have to write a check (for expense items).

Opening Day Balance Sheet

A balance sheet is one of the fundamental financial reports that any business needs for reporting and financial management.

Break-Even Analysis

it's the sales level that is the dividing line between operating at a loss and operating at a profit.

APPENDICES

The **appendices** contain letters and charts with important data that not only support the book's arguments, but also open new ways for future investigations.

APPENDICES

Include details and studies used in your business plan; for example:

- Brochures and advertising materials
- Industry studies
- Blueprints and plans
- Maps and photos of location
- Magazine or other articles
- Detailed lists of equipment owned or to be purchased
- Copies of leases and contracts
- Letters of support from future customers
- Any other materials needed to support the assumptions in this plan
- Market research studies
- List of assets available as collateral for a loan

Refining the Plan

The generic business plan presented above should be modified to suit your specific type of business and the audience for which the plan is written

Refining the Plan

For Raising Capital

For Bankers

Bankers want assurance of orderly repayment. If you intend using this plan to present to lenders, include:

- o Amount of loan
- o How the funds will be used
- o What this will accomplish—how will it make the business stronger?
- o Requested repayment terms (number of years to repay).
- o Collateral offered, and a list of all existing liens against collateral

Refining the Plan

For Investors

Investors have a different perspective. They are looking for dramatic growth, and they expect to share in the rewards:

- o Funds needed short-term
- o Funds needed in two to five years
- o How the company will use the funds, and what this will accomplish for growth.
- o Estimated return on investment
- o Exit strategy for investors (buyback, sale, or IPO)
- o Percent of ownership that you will give up to investors
- o Milestones or conditions that you will accept
- o Financial reporting to be provided
- o Involvement of investors on the board or in management

Refining the Plan

For Type of Business

Manufacturing

- Planned production levels
- Anticipated levels of direct production costs and indirect (overhead) costs—how do these compare to industry averages (if available)?
- Prices per product line
- Gross profit margin, overall and for each product line
- Production/capacity limits of planned physical plant
- Production/capacity limits of equipment
- Purchasing and inventory management procedures
- New products under development or anticipated to come online after startup

Refining the Plan

Service Businesses

Service businesses sell intangible products. They are usually more flexible than other types of businesses, but they also have higher labor costs and generally very little in fixed assets.

- What are the key competitive factors in this industry?
- Your prices
- Methods used to set prices
- System of production management
- Quality control procedures. Standard or accepted industry quality standards.
- How will you measure labor productivity?
- Percent of work subcontracted to other firms. Will you make a profit on subcontracting?
- Credit, payment, and collections policies and procedures
- Strategy for keeping client base

Refining the Plan

High Technology Companies

- Economic outlook for the industry
- Will the company have information systems in place to manage rapidly changing prices, costs, and markets?
- Will you be on the cutting edge with your products and services?
- What is the status of research and development? And what is required to:
 - o Bring product/service to market?
 - o Keep the company competitive?
- How does the company:
 - o Protect intellectual property?
 - o Avoid technological obsolescence?
 - o Supply necessary capital?
 - o Retain key personnel?

Refining the Plan

- High-tech companies sometimes have to operate for a long time without profits and sometimes even without sales.
- If this fits your situation, a banker probably will not want to lend to you. Venture capitalists may invest, but your story must be very good.
- You must do longer-term financial forecasts to show when profit take-off is expected to occur.
- Your assumptions must be well documented and well argued.

Refining the Plan

Retail Business

- Company image
- Pricing:
 - o Explain markup policies.
 - o Prices should be profitable, competitive, and in accordance with company image.
- Inventory:
 - o Selection and price should be consistent with company image.
 - o Inventory level.
- Customer service policies:

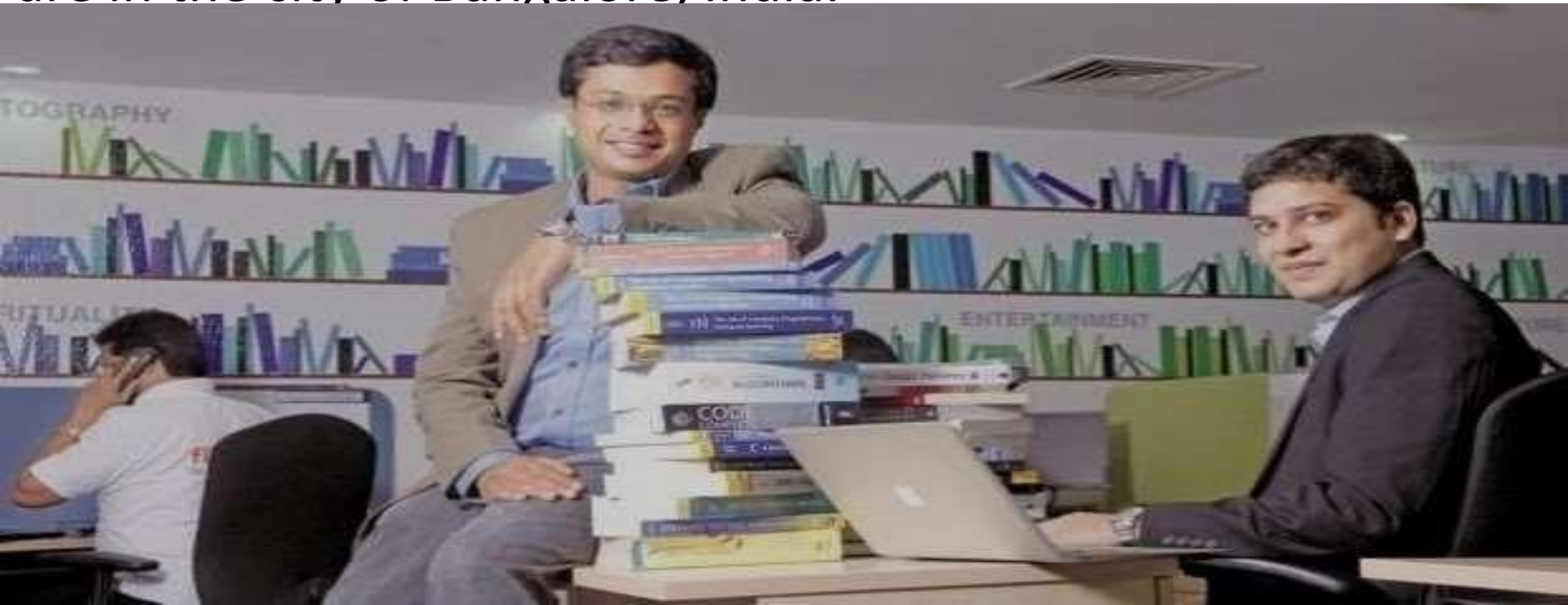
These should be competitive and in accord with company image.
- Location: Does it give the exposure that you need? Is it convenient for customers? Is it consistent with company image?
- Promotion: Methods used, cost. Does it project a consistent company image?
- Credit: Do you extend credit to customers? If yes, do you really need to, and do you factor the cost into prices?

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FLIPKART

HISTORY

Back in 2007, when Flipkart was launched, Indian e-commerce industry was taking its beginner steps. The company is registered in Singapore, but their headquarters are in the city of Bangalore, India.



Founders

[Sachin Bansal](#) and [Binny Bansal](#), who were working for [Amazon.com](#) had an idea to start an e-commerce company in India. Both of them are alumni of IIT, Delhi and are native of Chandigarh, India. They left their jobs in Amazon to start their own business.

How it Started?

Flipkart began selling books to begin with. It soon expanded and began offering a wide variety of goods



Flipkart Started for Selling Books First

Funding History

This soon increased to 200 million Indian rupees the following year. Their last round of Fundraising had increased their value to \$ 15 billion.



**Flipkart Made a Business of 40 Million Rupees in 2008
It increased to 200 Million Rupees Following Year**

Evolution

the problem of **online payment gateways**. Not many people preferred online payment and the gateways were not easy to set up. Flipkart tackled this problem by introducing cash on delivery and payment by card on delivery in addition to others. Flipkart was the first to implement the popular '**Cash On Delivery**' facility, which every online shopping website in India offers as an option today.



Evolution

The second problem was the **entire supply chain system**. Delivering goods on time is one of the most important factor that determines the success of an ecommerce company. Flipkart addressed this issue by launching their own supply chain management system to deliver orders in a timely fashion.



Acquisitions

Flipkart also acquired few companies like Myntra.com, LetsBuy.com etc., to better their presence in the market. **Flipkart's journey from a small book e-retailer to India's largest e-commerce platform inspires a generation of start-ups.**

In a country where stereotypes are common, Flipkart managed to break the norm and change the ecommerce industry in India for ever.



Flipkart Founders with Myntra Founder

STARTUP STORY

Make My Trip

FOUNDER

Deep Kalra is the proud founder of Gurgaon based – MakeMyTrip.com. Speaking of his qualification; Deep holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the St. Stephen's College, Delhi, after which he went on to pursue his Masters in Business Administration degree from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A).



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FOUNDER

How did his journey begin?

Deep's career started soon after he completed his Masters with IIM-A & went on to work for companies like GE Capital, ABN AMRO Bank, etc! Now back in 1995, Deep Kalra took a huge risk by quitting his stable & good-paying but boring job at ABN Bank to join AMF Bowling – an American company that was hoping to enter the Indian market to setup bowling alleys and billiard halls.



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FOUNDER

How did his journey begin?

He put in all that he had and managed to open more than 200 lanes, most of them in small centres. What was even worse was that, the venture wasn't really his own thing, and he had a remote boss back in America who threw him in the market without giving him the appropriate mentorship or guidance.



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FOUNDER

How did his journey begin?

Evidently, for obvious reasons this did not appeal to him and he also realized that they were all not worth his talent. He needed something more to showcase the same!



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Make My Trip

FOUNDER

How did his journey begin?

At the same time, he noticed that the Internet industry was growing at the speed of fire and held a lot that could be capitalized on! Having said that, he quit his job & began the old-age brain storming session! He saw that, with all the brokers, the agents & middlemen in place, the online travel booking industry was messier than a man's bedroom!



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FOUNDER

How did his journey begin?

Hence, with a backing of **USD 2-Million** from eVentures and along with co-founders like – Keyur Joshi, Rajesh Magow and Sachin Bhatia, deep began his new found journey with MakeMyTrip.com (earlier known as India Ahoy) in 2000.



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Phase I – Rough Start

Initially, he had also seen that the Indian market was yet to evolve & mature, when it came to the internet industry and playing it safe seemed far more viable than otherwise! Hence, he started off by catering to the overseas Indian community for their US-to-India travel needs.

Anyways just within two years from their launch, their business got jinxed and the dot com market crashed, taking down everything they had begun to make!

This was a very hard time for them and literally everyone who belonged to the internet market. VC's weren't ready to touch the internet industry. Their VC, who once ready to offer any hefty capital they demanded, now wasn't even ready to give USD 1-million.

The situation was so bad that in-order to save the company, Deep had to take some very harsh decisions. They had to reduce their employee strength by a literal half, and what was even worse was that, he also had to let go of their & few other top-management employee's salaries for the next 18-months.

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Phase II – Steady Rise

Taking some thoughtful, stern yet intelligent decisions, MakeMyTrip turned out to be one of those few who managed to survive the tsunami. And as time passed, the situation got better and their decision turned out to be fruitful as well.

Their business now had begun to pick up & was reaching a decent customer base. That is when IRCTC (Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation) launched their first online business model which enabled the Indian traveller to purchase railway tickets on the Internet.

This model of IRCTC was well accepted but the Indian masses and turned out to be a huge hit. Additionally, Low-Cost Carriers had also recently entered the Indian Aviation space. These chains of events opened a whole new level of opportunities for the travel market in India.

It was now time to broaden their portfolio and although this venture for the Indian market was too ahead of time for various reasons like using their credit cards online, trust issues for non-established brands, etc. they risked it anyway.

And in September 2005, they officially launched their services for the Indian market as well.

As a first; apart from flight ticketing MakeMyTrip began by offering holiday packages

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Phase II – Steady Rise

This move not only increased their presence in railway ticket booking but also gave the much desired boost the Indian market was looking for! And in a matter of no time, the company started making awesome revenues. The demand was so much that 1-out-of-every-12 domestic flights in India were booked through MakeMyTrip.

Within a year, the company had acquired 200,000 happy customers. As a matter of fact, when the world was in recession in 2008, the company was crossing their Rs1000-Cr mark.

The same year the company also recorded profits worth \$5-million with gross revenues being approx \$500-million.

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Make My Trip

Phase II – Steady Rise

From here onwards, the company brought about a lot of additions to its existing profile; be it launching a multi-city flight booking service “Alootechie.com,” adding chauffeur-driven online cab rental services or creating several travel-related Apps for all types of mobile devices, they made sure to leave no table unturned.

But the biggest news that came to light was their listing on **NASDAQ**, in August 2010! This was like the ultimate blow for all its potential competitors. As satisfying and happy the moment was for them, it was equally a proud moment for India too, because MakeMyTrip was one of the very few Indian Dotcom companies to be listed on the US stock exchange.

This also bridged the gap between the foreign investors & Indian businesses; thus opening doors for a pool of foreign investments in India in the IT sector. Additionally, this also boosted the confidence of the young entrepreneurs which gave rise to a lot of start-ups in the future.

Since then, MakeMyTrip has majorly focused on expansion and up-ping the revenue which has been done through various mediums such as unique marketing strategies, product development, etc!

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Phase III – Wide Expansion

During this phase of expansion; even though the company faced their share of problems, but at the same time they also managed to rise out of it bravely and used these hurdles to expand their reach far beyond their imaginations! These comebacks have also time-&-again been proved through their numbers.

One such problem they faced was in December 2013; the wealth of MakeMyTrip which was over \$50-mil had been cut by halve & their net revenues declined 5.5% as well. MakeMyTrip was also seen to be booking losses worth \$2.6-million.

Times were hard for them but as they had faced problems earlier, they were more prepared and experienced to tackle issues this time, and hence in the next quarter, MakeMyTrip successfully came back with a bang & proved themselves by reporting a 27.7% rise in revenues.

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If that wasn't enough then in march 2014, MakeMyTrip announced a \$15 million innovation fund for new entrepreneurs in the travel circuit. And when we looked at the recent stats of the NASDAQ listed company; with a current market cap of **\$934-Million** they seem to be growing drastically too.

And lastly; apart from initial investment of 2-million, MakeMyTrip has raised USD 10-million in 2005, USD 13-million in 2006 & USD 15-million in 2007 from investors such as SAIF (Softbank Asia Infrastructure Fund) Partners, Helion Venture Partners, Sierra Ventures & Tiger Global, till date!

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Phase IV – Mergers, Acquisitions & Investments

Over the period of time, MakeMyTrip has also done some notable mergers, acquisitions & Investments, some of these include: –

MyGola – A start-up travel guide firm was acquired by MakeMyTrip for an undisclosed amount in April 2015

com – A Gurgaon based online health store received investment worth \$6 million from Deep Kalra along with other investors such as Sequoia Capital, Omidyar Network, Intel Capital and Kae capital April 2015.

TrulyMadly – Deep Kalra also made angel investments in the matchmaking website in March 2015.

com (ETB) – An online hotel operator based in Amsterdam was recently acquired by MakeMyTrip in February 2014.

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Hotel Travel Group (HT Group) – Again a Travel firm with operations in Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia was acquired in November 2012

ITC Group – A Tour operating company based in Thailand was acquired in November 2012

My Guest House Accommodation – A Budget Lodging / Hotel Operator based in Delhi was acquired in November 2011

Le Travenues Technology Private Limited – The Parent company of Ixigo.com based in Gurgaon, which performs ‘online travel meta search engine’ was acquired by MakeMyTrip in August 2011.

Luxury Tours and Travel Private Limited – A Singapore based Travel Agency was acquired by MakeMyTrip in May 2011.

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Achievements

Chairperson of the NASSCOM Internet Working Group

Member of the Executive Council of NASSCOM

Member of CII's Tourism sub-committee

Awarded as the "Best Travel Portal India" by World Travel Awards (2014, 2013)

Awarded as the "E-tailer of the Year" by ET Retail Awards (2014, 2013)

Awarded as the "Best Online Travel Service Firm" by Times Travel Honours (2011)

Listed as "Ten Best Companies to Work For in India" by Great Place to Work Institute (2013, 2012, 2011, 2010)