Finding Co-founders - Free

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What It Is

A co-founder shares responsibility for building your business from the ground up. The right partner can bring complementary skills, reduce your workload, and help you scale faster - but the wrong one can derail everything.

Step-by-Step Guide to Finding a Co-founder

1. Clarify what you need

2. Define the ideal co-founder profile

3. Explore platforms (CoFoundersLab, YC Matching, etc.)

4. Test compatibility first

5. Discuss roles, equity, exits

6. Put it in writing

Power Tips (AI-Enhanced)

- Use ChatGPT to assess vision alignment questions

- Prompt to generate co-founder agreement drafts

- Personality decoding via writing samples

Downloadables

- Co-founder Persona Worksheet

- Sample Co-founder Agreement

- Compatibility Quiz

Helpful Resources

- YC Co-founder Guide

- Forbes Red Flags

- Paul Graham: Do Things That Don't Scale