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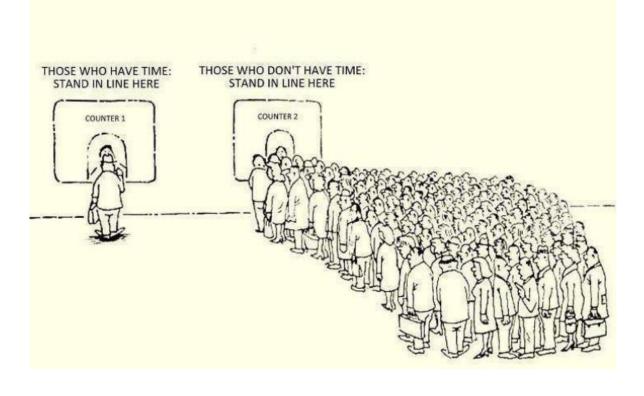












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Commercial Intent

Sell Outs

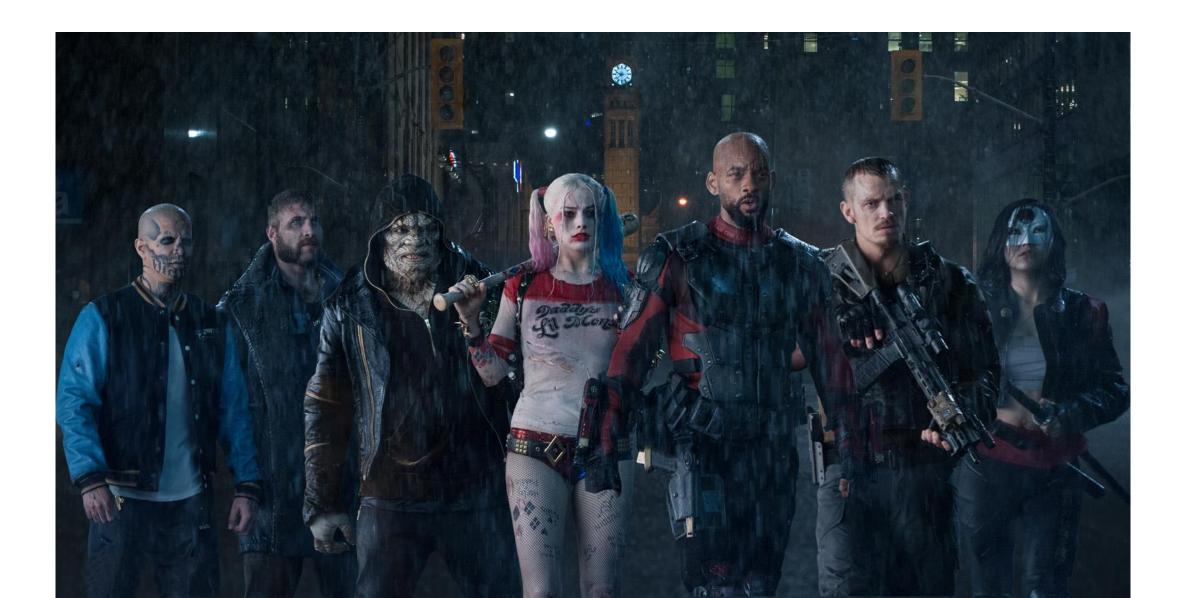
Independent Entrepreneurs

Vision

... just lost ...

Starving Artists

1. TEAM



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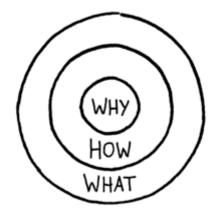




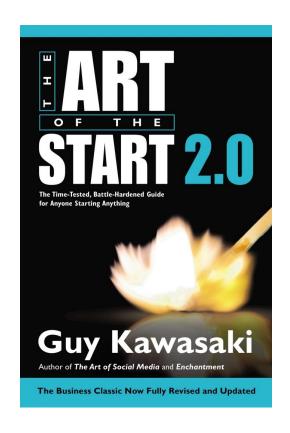


2. VISION

The Golden Circle



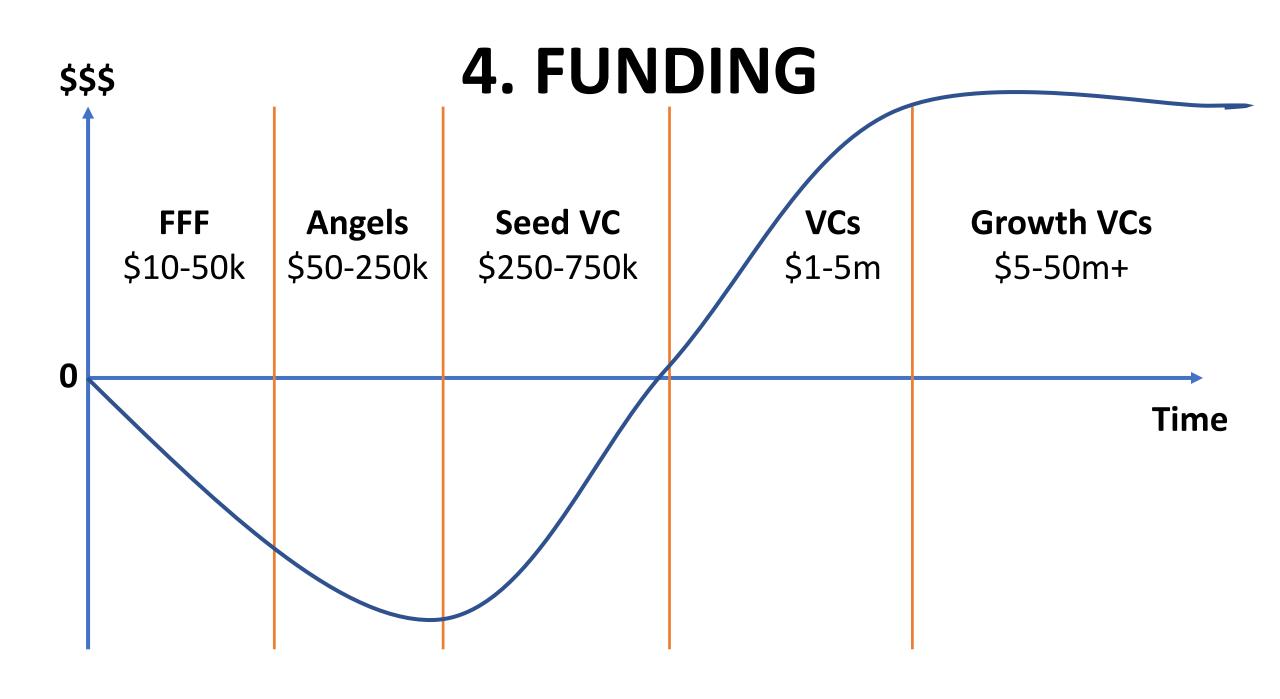
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3. TERMS

CPC, CPA, Churn, DAU, MAU, ARPU, ARPPU, ARPDAU, LTV, K Factor, etc...





4. FUNDING

VC/Angels etc

Company

Equity

Board Control

Exponential

The TEAM

Publisher

Project

Revenue (30-70%)

IP Control

Linear

The GAME

Kickstarter

DON'T

5. GAME DESIGN RESKIN

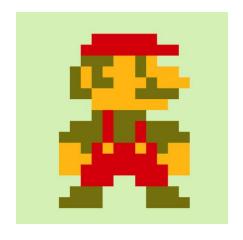


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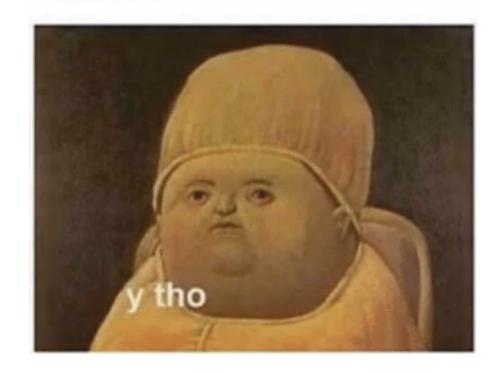


6. WORK

Fail FAST!

- UA
- Retention
- Monetization

When you've been working hard for 1hr but you're still not a millionaire.



7. THE HOOK

What is exciting about your game?

The HOOK and The Kicker



7. THE HOOK

Descenders is extreme downhill freeriding[The Hook] through procedurally generated worlds [The Kicker]



7. THE HOOK

Card game where the units don't attack each other [The Hook]. They attack as a group and defend as a group [The Kicker]



8. EVENTS









9. VALIDATION

A/B test everything

- art,
- core game loop,
- target audience





10. COMMUNITY



DELIVER MORE THAN EXPECTED



"Scavenger duels had very good engagement and decent retention numbers, but our monetization was around \$0.25-\$0.30 per user.

With user acquisitions cost of \$3.50 there is no business potential in such a product, despite the fact that is a very nice game!"



Hristo Neychev, Hack and Paint

"We wanted to create something really amazing that required more resources than we had. That delayed the release of the game and affected its success"



Hristo Tenchev, XS Software

"We had a niche game where players monetized like casual users."



Petar Dobrev, Chobolabs

