

SKYPE – a case study.



All information from searching on Google and estimates



The beginnings...



 was started in 2002 by the founders of Kazaa P2P file sharing program:

Nikalas Zennstrom (1966, Swedish)

James Friis (1976, Danish)

Jaan Tallin (1972, Estonia)



The beginnings...



- was invented in 2000
- Kazaa is a file sharing program
- 2003: 315 million downloads: the "most downloaded program in the world in 2003"
- Had problems with music industry due to piracy
- Global free market for music, video etc etc







2002 \$2M
 1st Angel round

3 Angels + Tom Draper Tom Draper Investment Co. (VC)

2004 \$18M
 2nd VC round

Draper Fisher Jurvetson
Bessemer Venture Partners
Index Ventures
Mangrove Capital Partners



Milestones and Product



- Easy to install
- Easy to use (5 minutes after installation)
- No firewall issues
- Reliable connection and good sound/video
- "Worked 100x better than anything else we had seen" – Rob Stavis of Bessemer.



Business model



- Charging for
 - Voicemail
 - Connection to a landline
 - Reselling arrangement with ISPs

Multibillion \$\$\$ potential



Making the Exposed Facility (EF) – Some Data

The Economist – "Giving Ideas Wings"

16th September, 2006

- "The earliest investors (i.e. from 1st Angel round) saw a huge return, 350 times or so, on their estimated \$2M investment"
- VC's return 40 times on \$18M investment.

(Estimate - PSB)

• Sold to his for \$2.6BN in 2005 and to Microsoft for \$8BN to in 2011



Making the EF



Final equity:

Buy-out ebay \$2,600M

Less: Angels (\$2M x 350) \$700M

VCs (\$18M x 40) \$720M

So: Founders + Team \$1,180M

Approximate ;-) but remarquable ... ©



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After 1st Angel Round...



 From the table above, we can find pre- and post-money valuations for the company:

\$2M brought by the Angels 38% of SWIPP



So, post-money valuation is

 $2M \times 100/38 =$ \$5.3M

And pre-money valuation is

\$5.3M - \$2M =\$3.3M



After 2nd VC Round...



 Again, we can find pre- and post-money valuations for the company:

\$18M brought the VCs 38% of Simple:



So, post-money valuation is \$18M x100/38 = \$47M

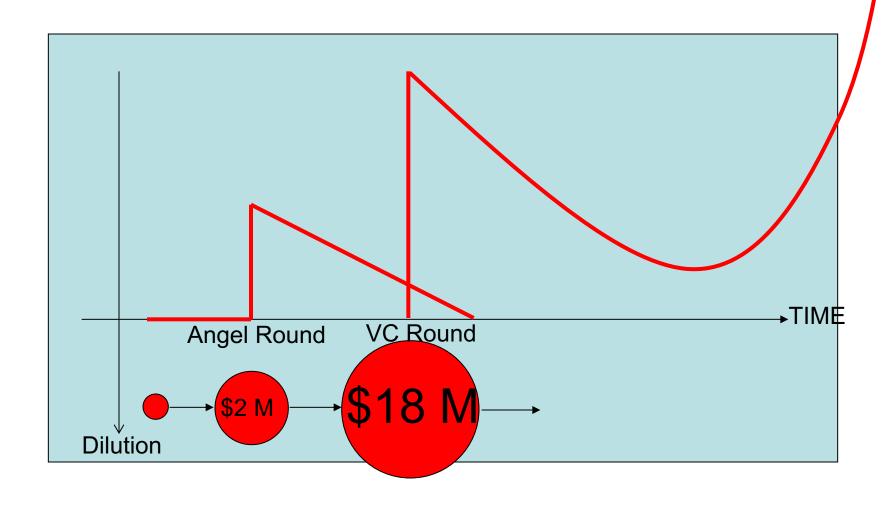
And pre-money valuation is

\$47M - \$18M = \$29M



Equity Fingerprint

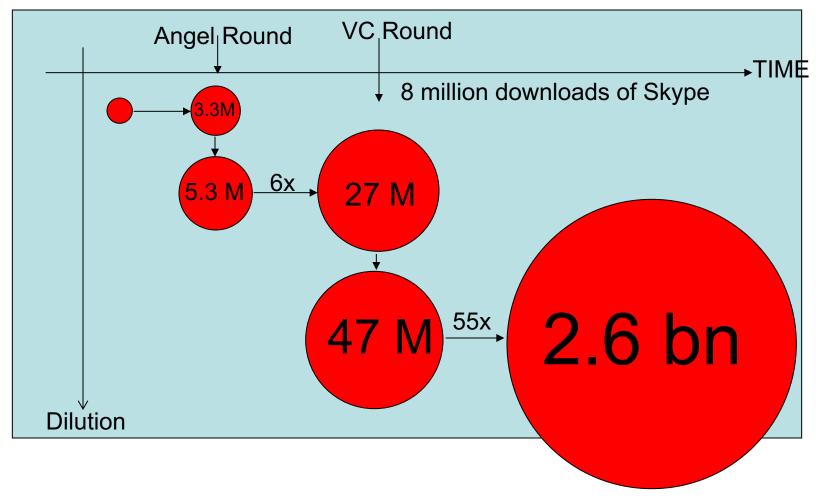






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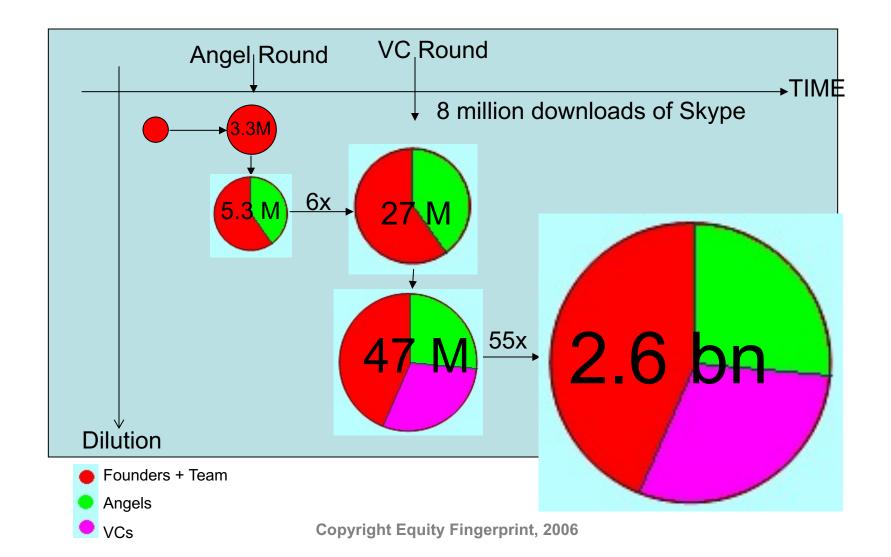






Equity Fingerprint









Founders and start team

Zennstrom	40%
Friis	40%
Team	20%
Total	100%

This is typical of the equity split of a start up company





Angel investors first round

Tom Draper	12.5%	\$250k
Angel 1	12.5%	\$250k
Angel 2	12.5%	\$250k
Angel 3	12.5%	\$250k
Draper	50%	\$1M
Investments		
Co.		
Total	100 %	\$2M





VC second round

4 VC investors

25% each

\$4.5M each

Total

\$18M





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Zennstrom	18 %	472	0	n/a	472
Friis	18 %	472	0	n/a	472
Team	9 %	236	0	n/a	236
Angels	27 %	700	2	n/a	698
Tom Draper	3 %	88	0.250	n/a	87.75
Three Angels	13 %	263	0.750	n/a	262.25
VC (Draper Investment Co.)	14 %	350	1	70	279
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Tom Draper: 87.75 + 70 + 36 = \$200M + any money invested in his own VC company, as is normal!