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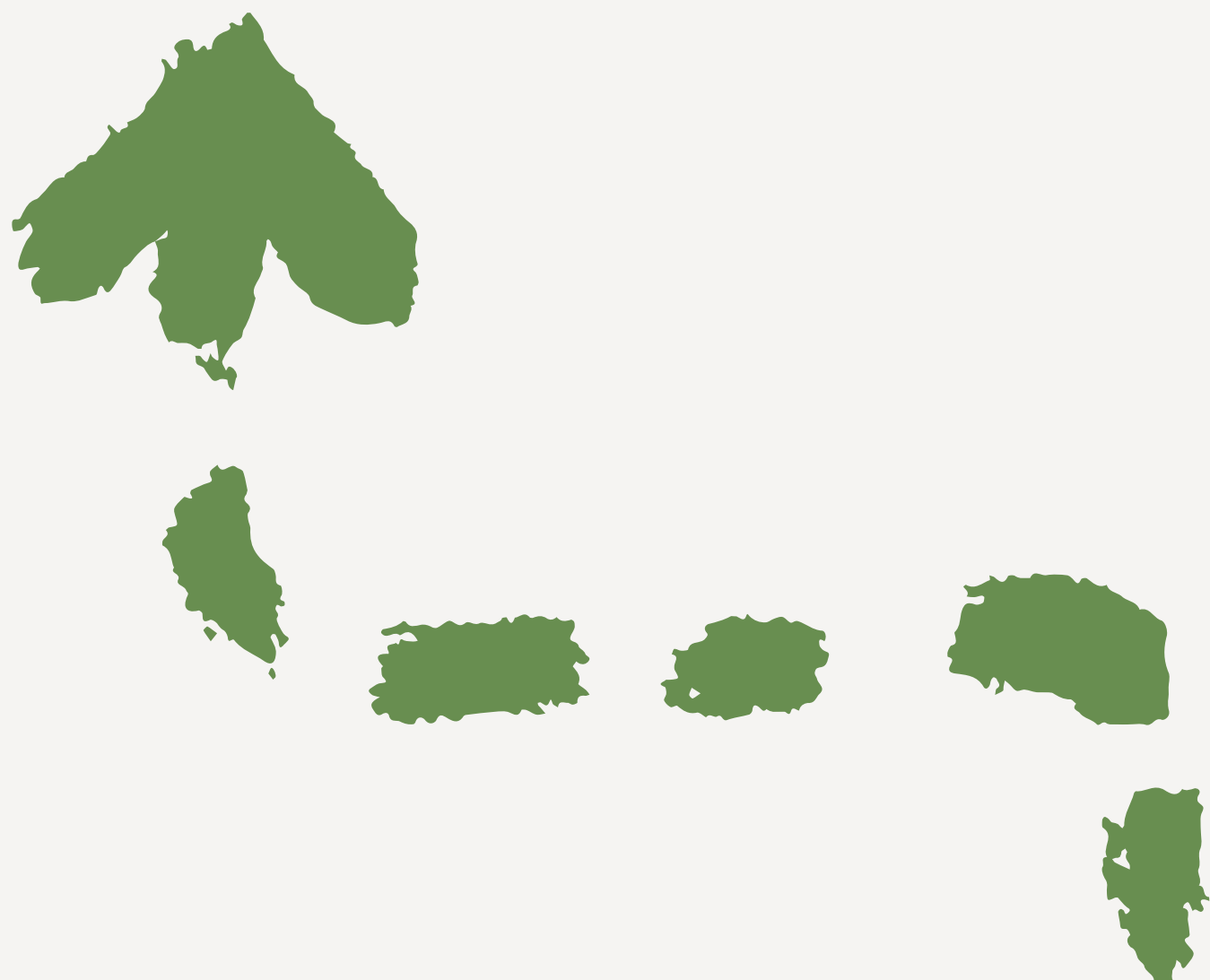
The ultimate resource stack
for early-stage founders

YC JOB BOARD

Y Combinator

Direct startup jobs from YC companies

- *Search "Growth Intern" → apply to 3 startups today.*
- *DM the founder on LinkedIn after applying ("Hey, I just applied on YC Jobs…").*
- *Filter by "Remote" → see global startups open to students.*
- *Bookmark 5 companies you'd actually want to work for.*

WELLFOUND

Angelist

Best site for early-stage startup jobs

- *Make a profile that shows "Open to Startups."*
- *Apply to 2 seed-stage companies hiring interns this week.*
- *Use the "Compensation" filter to find equity-based roles.*
- *Follow 3 founders → like/comment on their updates for visibility.*

ONDECK PORTAL

OnDeck

Network for ambitious builders

- *Apply to OnDeck Catalyst (student fellowship).*
- *Join their Slack → introduce yourself in the #intros channel.*
- *DM 2 people you vibe with and set up a 20-min coffee chat.*
- *Attend 1 virtual event → ask a question to get noticed.*

O2 VALIDATION TOOLS

NOTION
Your productivity friend

Docs, idea validation, lightweight sites

- *Create a one-page landing page for your idea.*
- *Use a database to track customer interviews.*
- *Share your Notion page as a "live" startup pitch.*
- *Use Notion templates → try the "Startup OS" free template.*

TALLY
The easiest form maker

Simple forms for MVP validation

- *Run a 2-question survey: "Would you use this?" + "Why/why not?"*
- *Collect emails for a waitlist in under 5 minutes.*
- *Post link in a Discord/Slack group → get instant feedback.*
- *Test pricing ideas: ask "How much would you pay?"*

CAARD
Make your V1 website

Quick, cheap landing pages

- *Build a simple "coming soon" landing page in 30 mins.*
- *Add an email signup → validate interest before coding.*
- *Use Carrd to create a free "personal site" with all your links.*
- *Test 2 different taglines → see which gets more clicks.*

O3 OUTREACH & DMS

ROCKETREACH
LinkedIn to Email

Find their emails fast with their LinkedIn

- *Find an investor's email by finding them on LinkedIn*
- *Get verified contact info by pasting their LinkedIn URL into RocketReach*
- *Build a targeted outreach list for press, accelerators, or advisors.*
- *Sync it with your CRM (Notion/Airtable) to streamline follow-up.*

APOLLO.IO
Outreach in seconds

The most powerful outreach platform

- *Build a list of 50 fintech investors in under 10 mins.*
- *Filter by "Alumni = Harvard" → send cold emails with connection.*
- *Export 20 customer leads → upload into GMass for email blast.*
- *Track open rates → resend with a new subject line.*

OUTREACH SCRIPTS
gist.github.com

Easy scripts to use for outreach work

- *Copy internship cold DM → personalize it for your dream company.*
- *Adapt investor outreach template → send on LinkedIn.*
- *Save 3 favorite scripts in your phone notes → DM on the go.*
- *Run a "10 DMs a week" challenge → measure responses.*

O4 NO CODE TOOLS

BUBBLE

Build a app with AI

Build a full platform without a dev. team

- *Build your MVP web app without code–whether it's a marketplace or SaaS.*
- *Test user flows with a live product before raising capital.*
- *Automate backend processes (sign-ups, payments, messaging) with zero coding.*
- *Launch fast, validate demand, then scale into code later if needed.*

LOVABLE

Make a website

Clean landing page builder, no code!

- *Build a todo-list web app in one afternoon.*
- *Create a prototype signup flow without coding.*
- *Test an MVP with 3 users → get real feedback.*
- *Duplicate a Lovable template → customize it in minutes.*

ZAPIER

Automate workflows

Automate workflows and integrate with apps

- *Automate "New signup → add to Google Sheet."*
- *Auto-send thank-you emails when someone fills your form.*
- *Post your new blog → automatically share to Twitter.*
- *Get Slack alerts every time you have a new customer.*

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