





### 1. Solve a real problem

Get out there and work, look for what causes frustration

Pay attention to what is really happening

Collect evidence

### 2. Find amazing people, then build a team

Go further than your group of close friends, they are biased.

Go to events, engage with different faculties

Make sure they are open minded and don't make excuses

3. Create a Solution Figure out how you can solve this problem (make sure that you solve the problem better than anyone else out there)

Focus on why you started in the first place

## 4. Calculate your value proposition

What does your solution actually mean to the world in hard dollars?

How much money does your solution save your customer?

How much time?

## 5. Figure out how to make money

Subscription
Licensing
Data
Distribution

# 6. Dream about how big this can get

Calculate the global market size

Use IBIS World (available via UTS Lib account)

## 7. Plan how your customers will get your solution

#### Depends on your solution

Direct selling

E-commerce

Social Marketing

**Distributors** 

8.
Find Out What You're Up
Against And Figure Out How
To Beat Them

### **GET EXCITED** COMPETITION TIME

### 9. Know Yourself, and know what you don't know

#### **SWOT ANALYSIS**



### 10. Do Your Numbers

### P&L statement, balance sheet and cash flow statement

- How much does it cost to create a first version (MVP) of your product?
- How can you fund it? Family, friends and fools? Angel? Customers funded business?

#### In Summary

- Participate in every single mentor meeting
- If free spots are available, book all of them (at least twice!)
- Ask a mentor for feedback about your idea, ASK
- Understand what the mentors' backgrounds are and ask questions related to their skill, e.g. if you have a financial question, ask Vivian









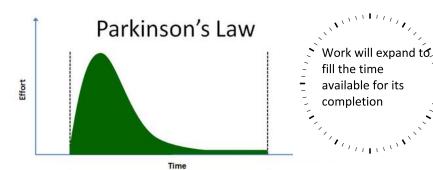






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