

Business Models and Customer Development

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Idea to a Business

- What does it take to go from idea to a business?
 - Business Model + Customer Development
 - Hypotheses testing of the business model(s)
 - Get "out of the building"

What's A Company?

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A business organization which sells a product or service in exchange for revenue and profit

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A business model describes all the parts of the company necessary to make money

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Your technology is <u>one</u> of the many critical pieces necessary to build a company. It is part of the "Value Proposition"

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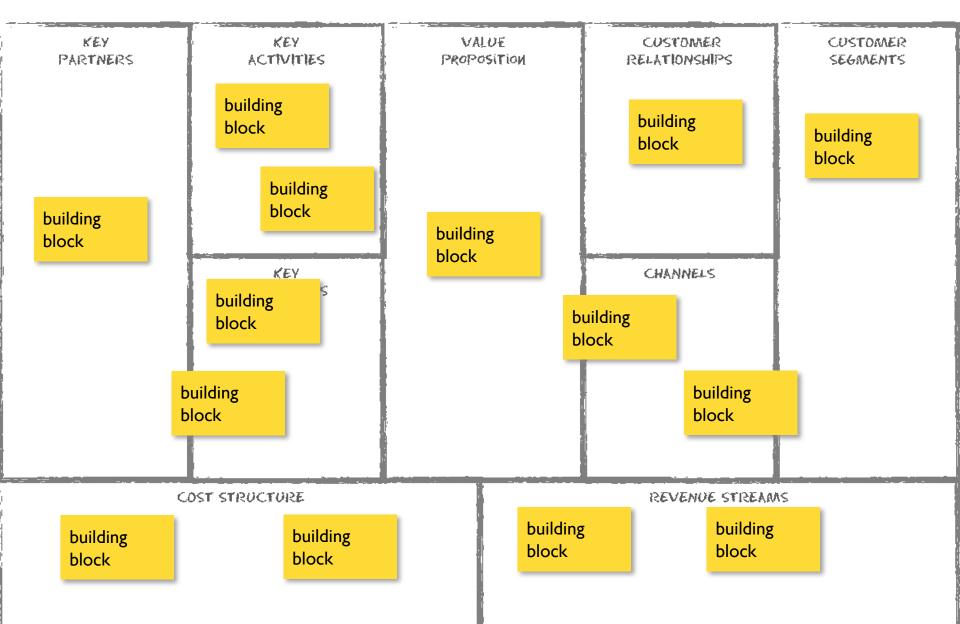
Customers don't care about your technology They are trying to solve a problem A business model describes all the parts of the company necessary to make money what are those parts? what parts is a business model composed of?

Business Model Canvas

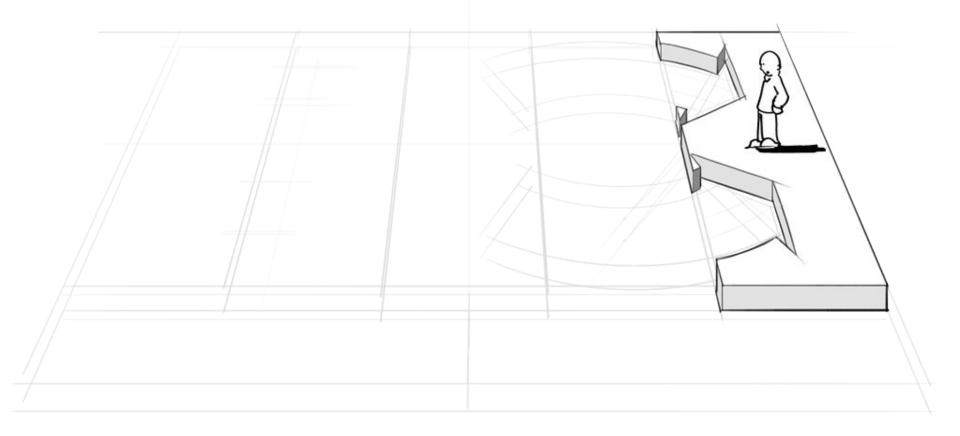
to describe, challenge, design, and invent business models more systematically

building blocks

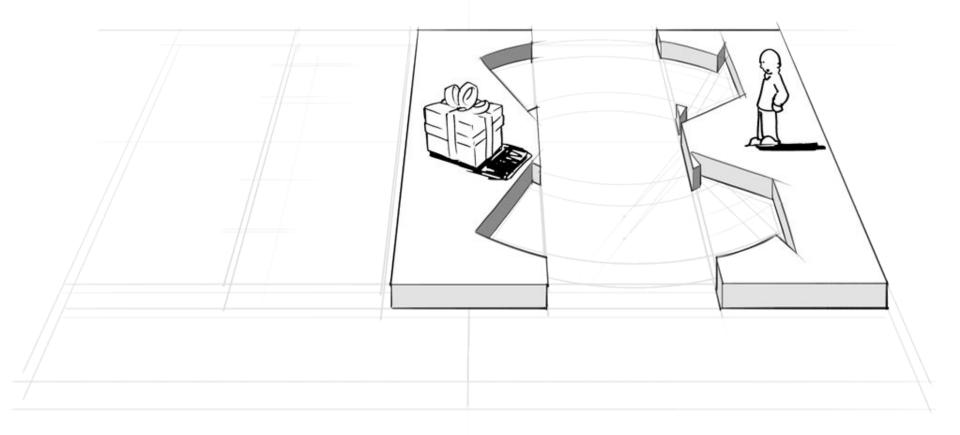
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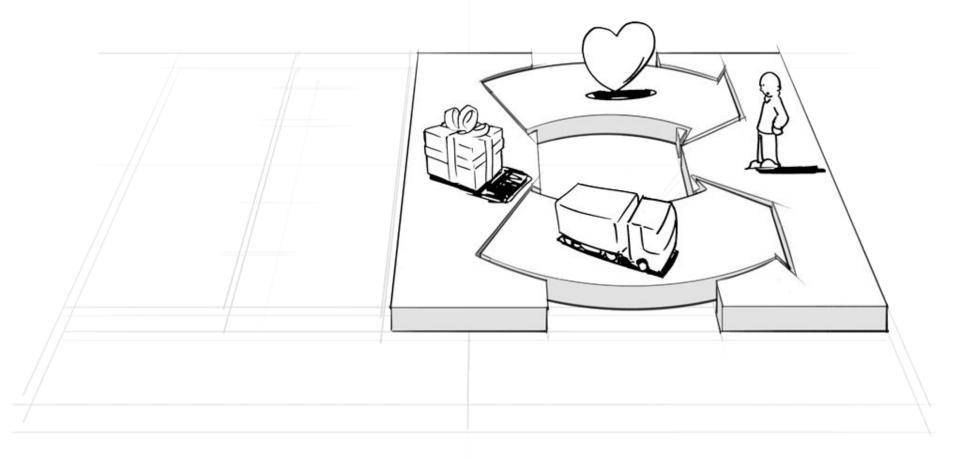
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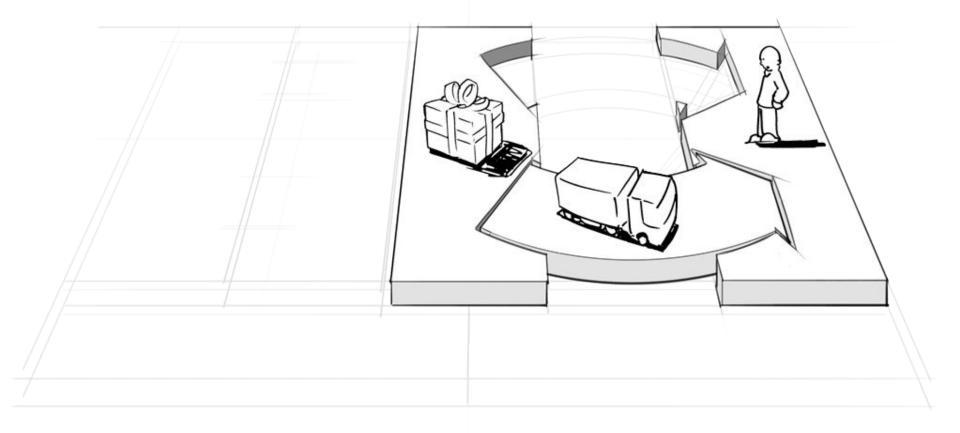
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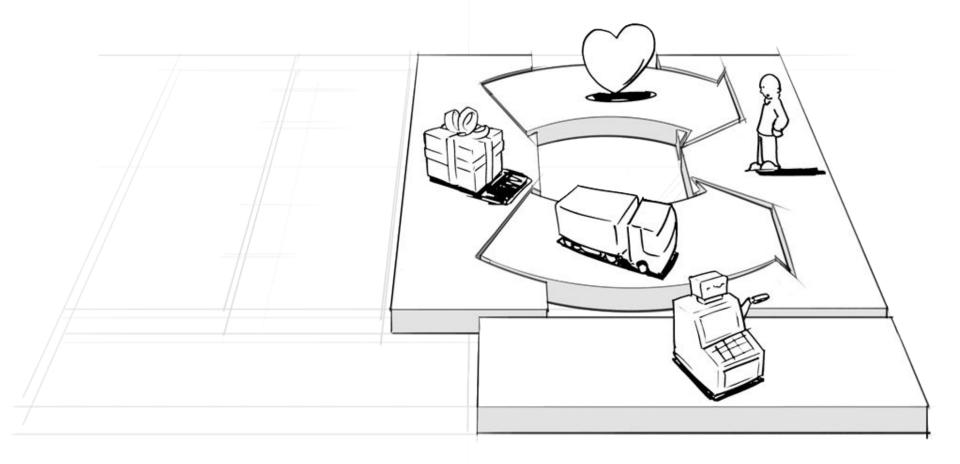
CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS



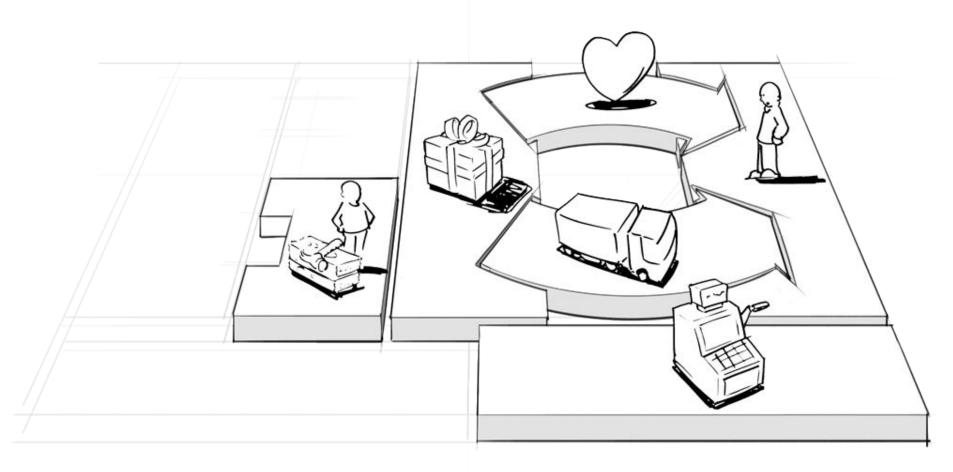
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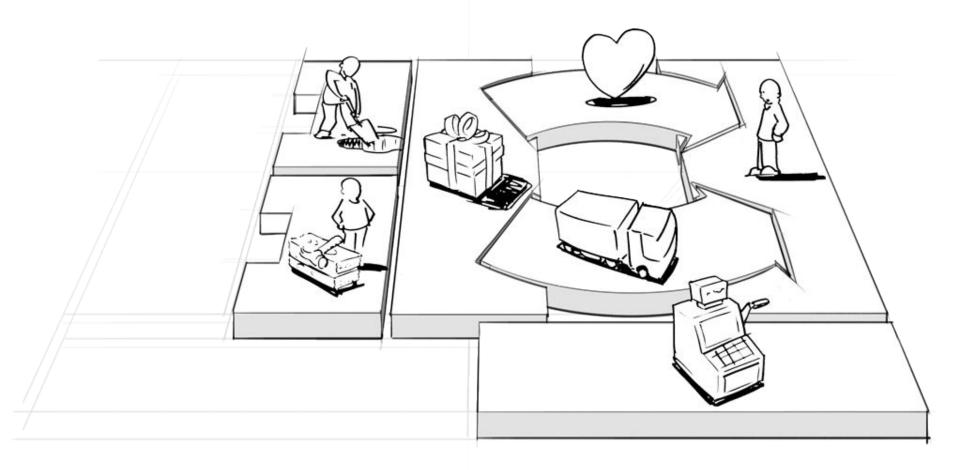
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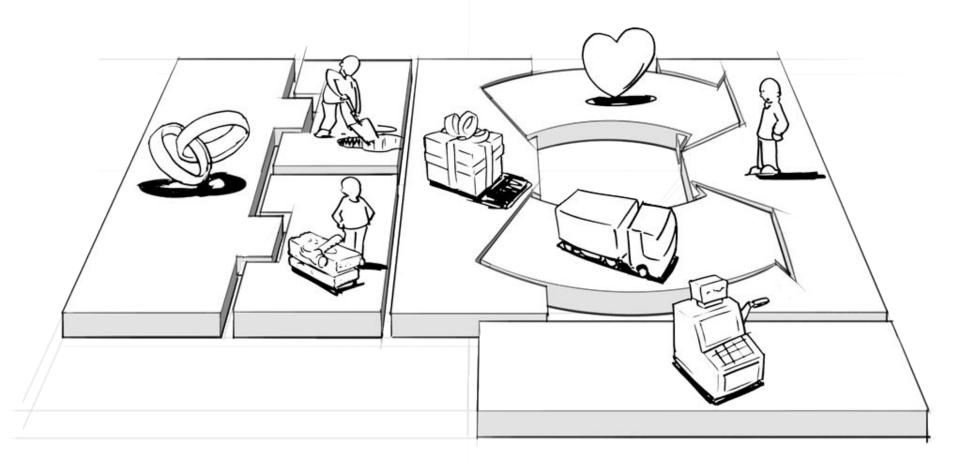
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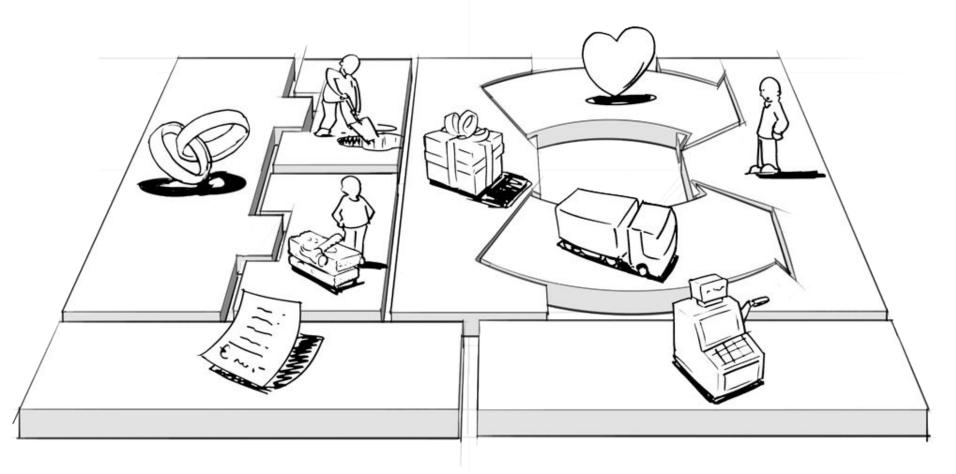
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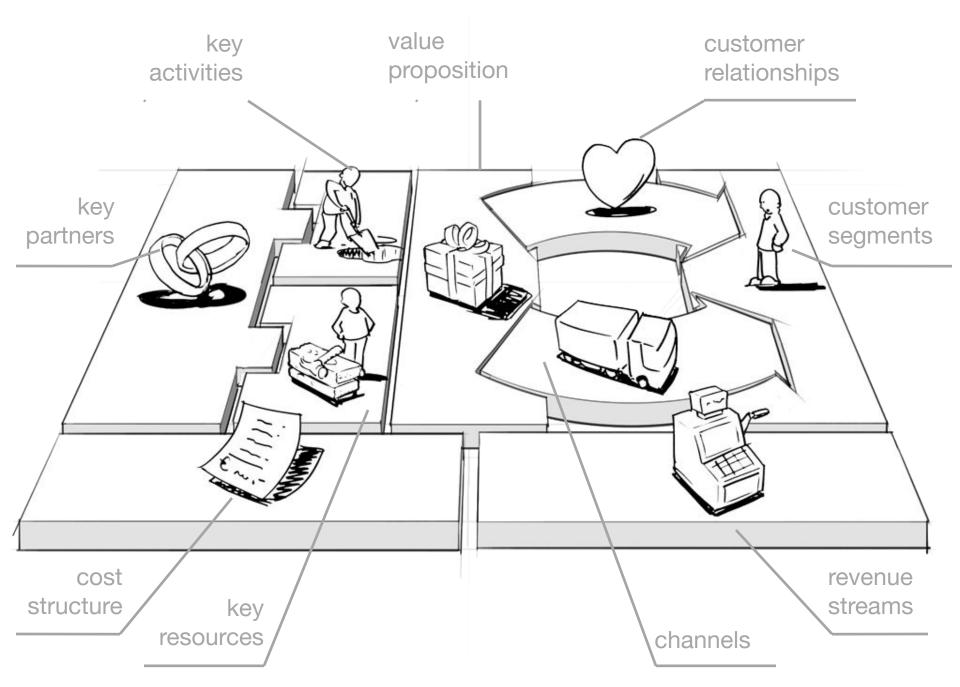


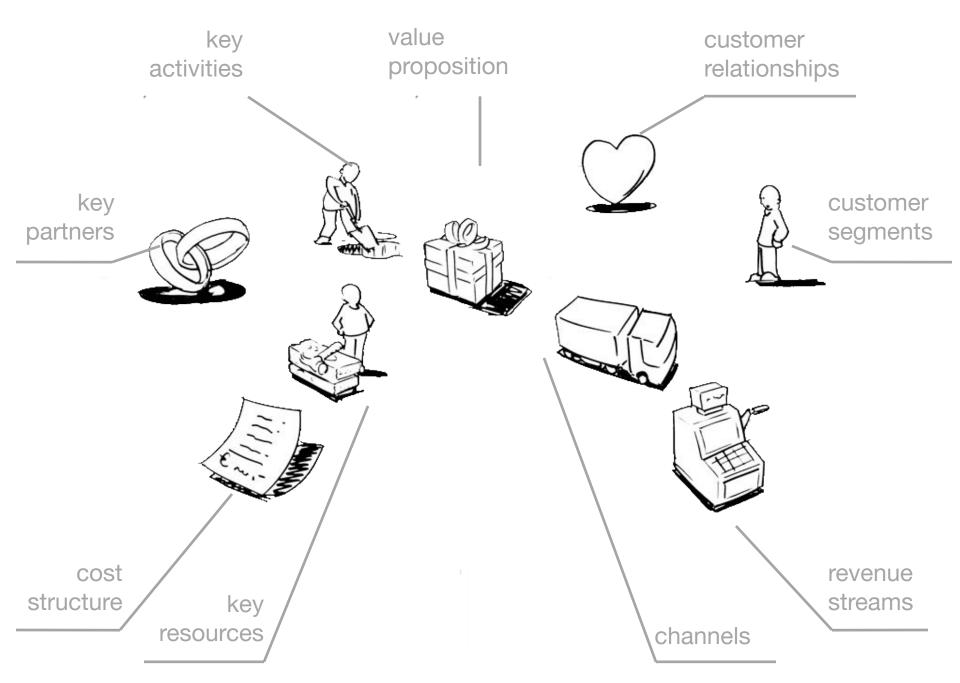
KEY PARTNERS

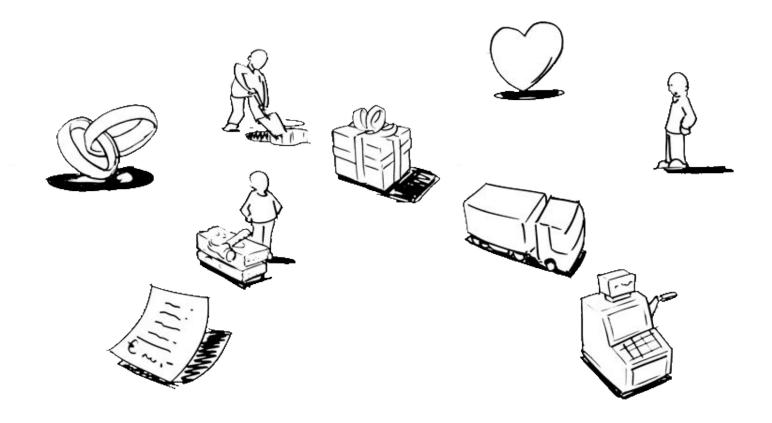


COST STRUCTURE

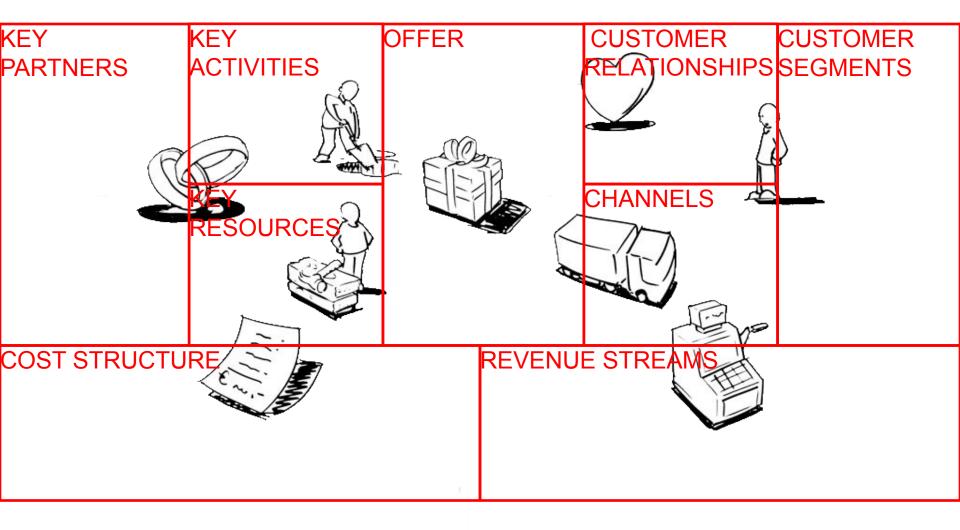




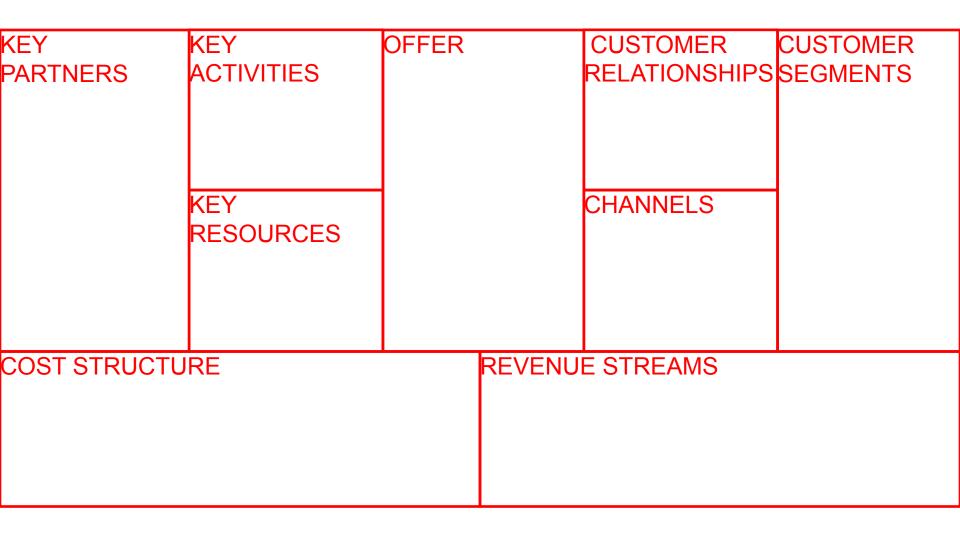




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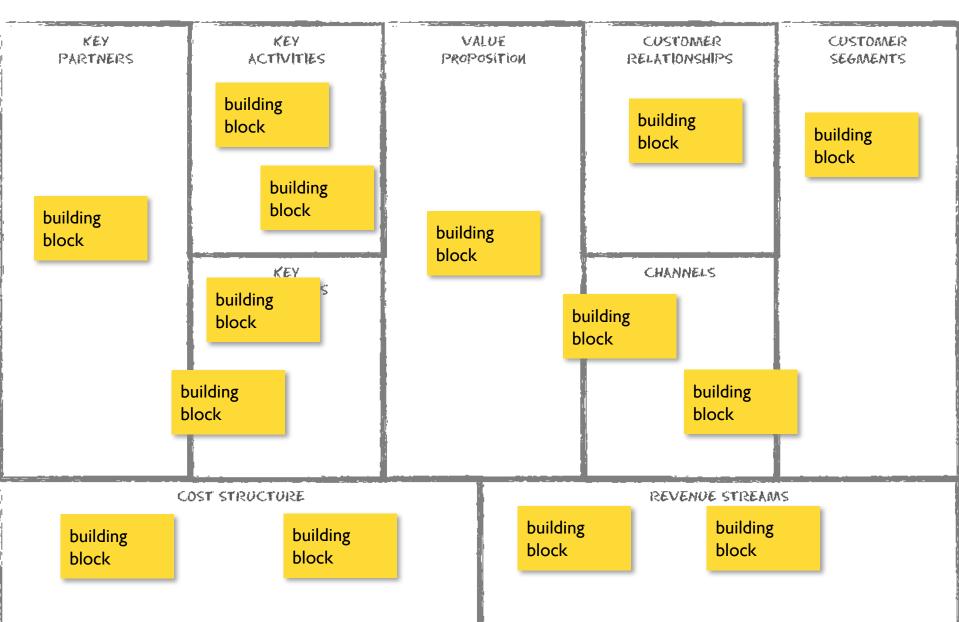


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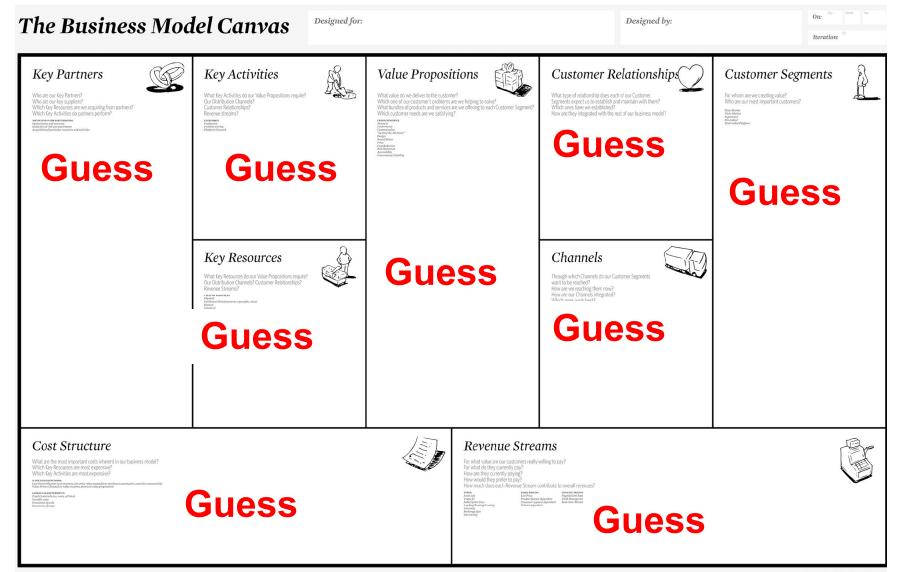
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But, Realize They're Hypotheses (Guesses)

9 Guesses



BMC Section	Information Needed	Rubric Column
Value Proposition	What problem are we solving? What value do we deliver to the customers? What bundles of products and services are offering? Which customer needs are we satisfying?	Opportunity Recognition Market Research
Customer Segments	For whom are we creating value? Who are our most important customers?	Opportunity Recognition Market Research
Customer Relationships	What type of relationship does each of our customer segments expect us to have with them? Which ones have we established? How are these relationships integrated with the rest of our business model? What do they cost and how will that affect the business model?	Market Research Promotion and Sales Business Financials
Channels	Through which channels do our customer segments want to be reached? Hare are we reaching them now? How are our channels integrated? Which works best? Which is most cost-effective? How do they integrate with customer routines?	Market Research Promotion and Sales Business Financials
Revenue Streams	For what value are our customers really willing to pay? For what and how much are they currently paying? How are they currently paying? How would they prefer to pay? How much does each revenue stream contribute to overall sales?	Opportunity Recognition Promotion and Sales Business Financials

Key Activities	What key activities do our value propositions, distribution channels, customer relationships, and revenue streams require?	Promotion and Sales (Product Development)
Key Resources	What key resources do our value propositions, distribution channels, customer relationships, and revenue streams require?	Business Financials (Product Development)
Key Partners	Who are our key partners? Who are our key suppliers? Which key resources are acquiring from partners? Which key activities do partners perform?	Business Financials (Product Development)
Cost Structures	What are the most important costs inherent in our business model? Which key resources are most expensive? Which key activities are most expensive?	Business Financials

How Does This Really Work?

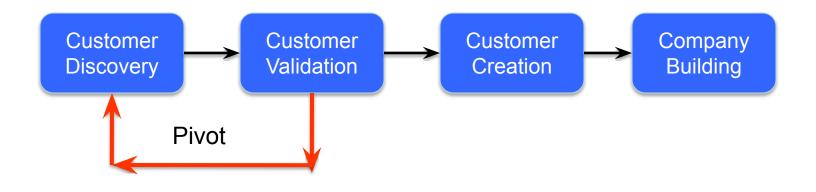
(Pitch for the TTU Lean LaunchPad Class) 10 Weeks and \$\$\$ From an Idea to a

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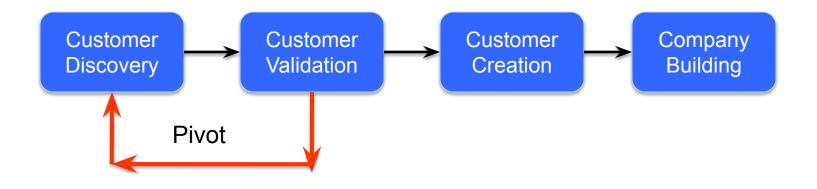
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Questions?

The Customer Development Process



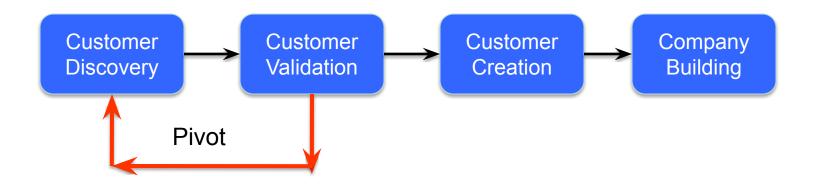
The Minimum Viable Product (MVP)



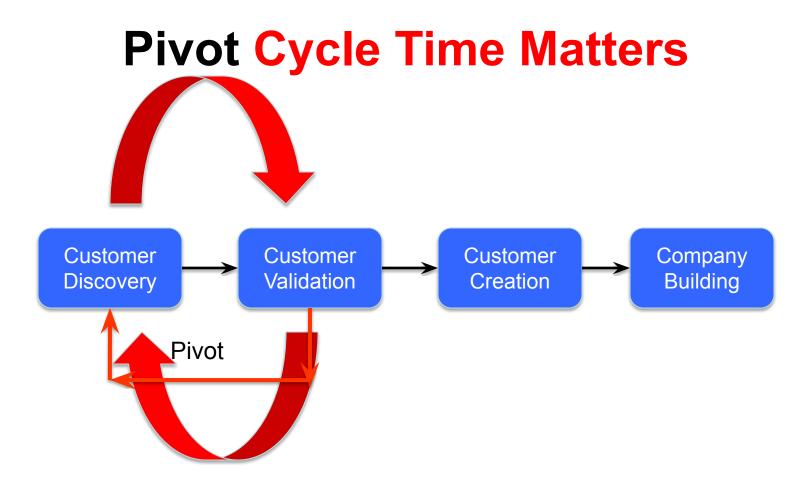
- Smallest feature set that gets you the most ...
 - orders, learning, feedback, failure...

A Pivot is the change of one or more Business Model Canvas Components

The Pivot



- The heart of Customer Development
- Iteration without crisis
- Fast, agile and opportunistic



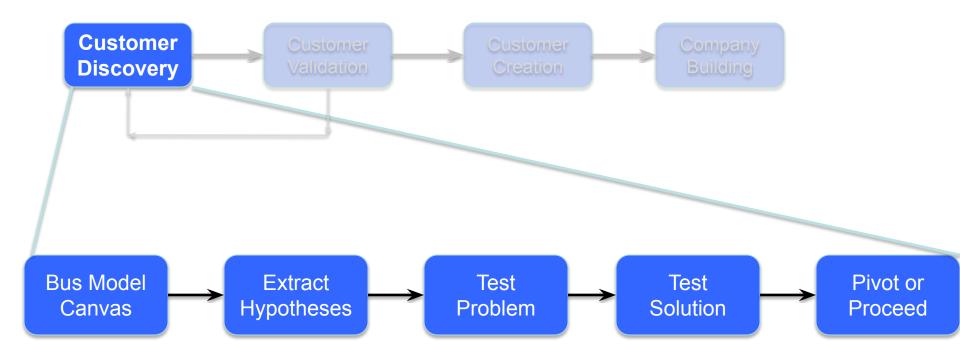
- Speed of cycle minimizes cash needs
- Minimum feature set speeds up cycle time
 - Near instantaneous customer feedback drives feature set

Doing a Cust-Dev Interview

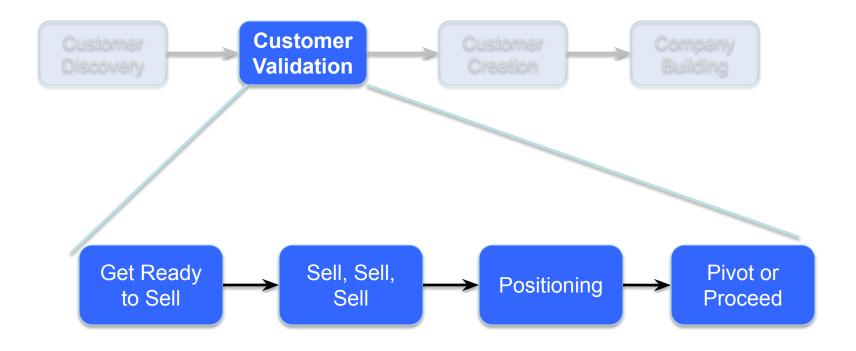
- 1. One person at a time
- 2. Know your goals and questions ahead of time
- 3. Separate behavior and feedback in discussion
- 4. Get psyched to hear things you don't want to hear
- 5. Disarm "politeness" training
- 6. Ask open ended questions
- 7. Listen, don't talk
- 8. Encourage but don't influence
- 9. Follow your nose and drill down
- 10. Parrot back or misrepresent to confirm
- 11. Ask for introductions
- 12. Write up your notes as quickly as possible

Afterwards: Look for patterns and apply judgement

The Customer Development Process Customer Discovery



The Customer Development Process Customer Validation



How to Succeed in Eagleworks, 2016

