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Pitch IT! Create the pitch your idea deserves

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DARE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- I. FINDING YOUR ONE THING!
- II. STRUCTURE OF A PITCH
- III. IT'S ALL ABOUT YOUR STYLE

What is an elevator pitch?





"Describe a situation or solution so compelling that the person you're with wants to hear more even after the elevator ride is over."

- Seth Godin

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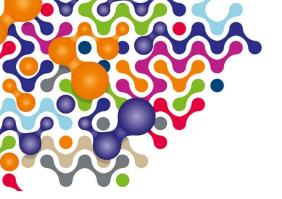
GoForIT provides a time box for you and your team of 24 hours in which you are completely free to work on whatever you want. So if you have a good idea around **Technical Invention and Cooperative Processes**, join the GoForIT event to put your idea into practice and share your idea with everyone in our first ever Innovation Marketplace.

We give you this day to dive deep into your technical expertise to create, improve or optimize our systems. Also we want to encourage you to think outside the technical toolbox and consider innovations for a more cooperative organization. It's open to everyone with an idea and a team to make it reality. "Patrons" will give awards to the most innovative, active, practical, or accelerating idea.

Sounds good? We think so!

Evaluation Criteria

- Honest opinion
- How innovative is it really? New idea, tweak, or new use?
- Is it practical? Will this solve more problems than it creates, and do the benefits outweigh the costs?
- Not a good or bad judgement, but is it clear whether this is a Horizon 1 (process improvement), Horizon two (new product), or horizon three (new way of working/technology) innovation?
- Can this idea be expanded to more than one team?
- Does this idea connect people or can it be connected to the bank as an organization?

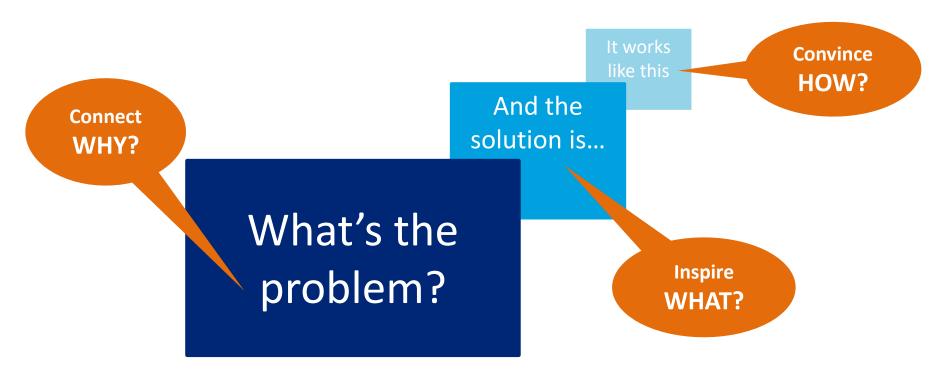




FINDING YOUR ONE THING!

The ONE Thing





Different Thinking Styles



The hats of De Bono

- What's your preference?
- Recognize the hats in your team!
- All hats are valuable

Use to structure your process

The jury has hats too!



Blue Hat - Process

Thinking about thinking. What thinking is needed? Organizing the thinking. Planning for action.





Green Hat - Creativity

Ideas, alternatives, possibilities. Solutions to black hat problems.





White Hat - Facts

Information and data.

Neutral and objective.

What do I know?

What do I need to find out?

How will I get the information I need?





Yellow Hat - Benefits

Positives, plus points. Why an idea is useful. Logical reasons are given.





Red Hat - Feelings

Intuition, hunches, gut instinct. My feelings right now. Feelings can change. No reasons are given.





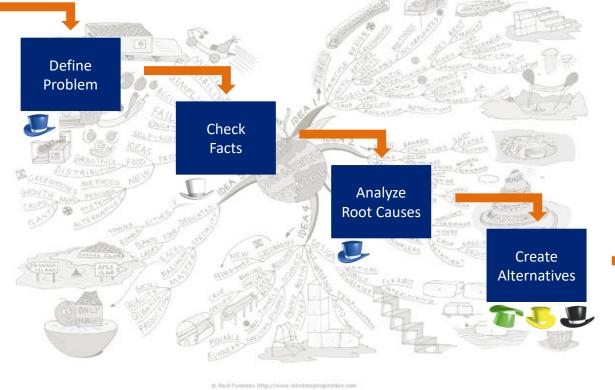
Black Hat - Cautions

Difficulties, weaknesses, dangers. Spotting the risks. Logical reasons are given.

Mastering the Subject







So, Your ONE Thing is...

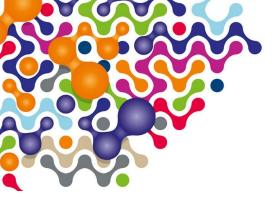


The heart of the matter in a single sentence

Catch phrase (eg. I'm the Über of ...)



My startup, <name>, is working on <offering> to help <target customers> to solve their <pain-point> by <your secret sauce>



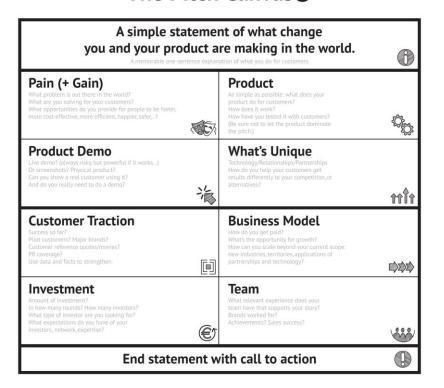


STRUCTURE OF THE PITCH

Using The Pitch Canvas



The Pitch Canvas®





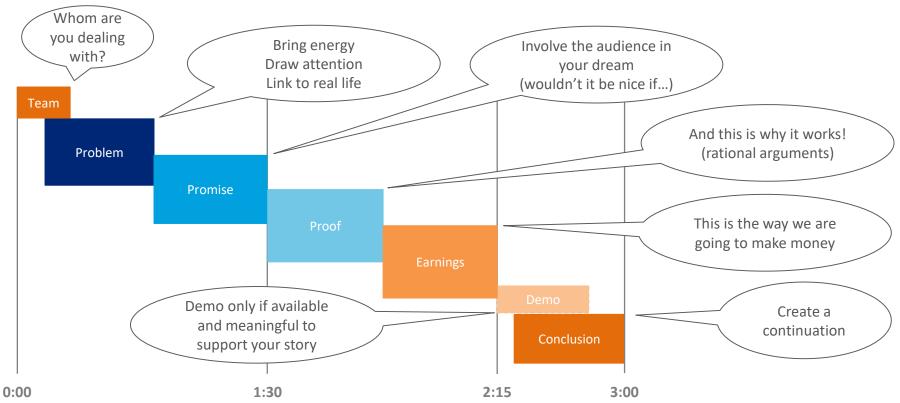
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3 Minute Pitch (in English)





The Team



Your team's strengths

- Thank for the opportunity to pitch!
- Introduce yourself and the team (mention names and roles as short facts)



Only elaborate on team if team members have super relevant backgrounds/experiences or seniority (our CTO has been the CTO of Booking.com)

The Problem



What's the challenge for the stakeholder?

Internal and external analyses. (we noticed that...)



- Choose a captivating problem
- Use examples to get inside the jury's heads
- It's about your ONE Thing, not about many things.
- Let the jury relate to the problem,
 and feel the problem with the need to solve it.

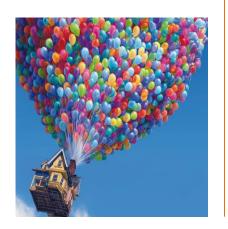


The Promise



How does this make the world a better place?

What's the role of your team and the organization?



- Why should your customer buy from you?
- How do you deliver a solution to the problem?
- What Return On Investment do you offer to your investor?
- And what's the Return On Environment?

The Proof



Rational arguments and hinting the earnings.

What are your USP's?

3 is a magic number



- How large is the market?
- Who will be your customers and why will they buy?
- Who is your competition (or substitutes)?
 Remember: everyone has competition,
 otherwise there might not be a market.
- Are there comparable use cases that offer proof of viability (in technique, business model, benefits, etc?)

The Earnings



Startups often pivot revenue models in early years.
So, tell your potential revenue models.

- How will you as a company make money?
- What are your potential revenue models?
- What are likely to be your main investments and operational costs?



List 3 revenue models, but focus in your pitch on your main revenue model and the key drivers within this business model

The Demo: Showcase Briefly



Hard work: too little time to show it all

- Murphy's Law: live is always a risk
- Reveal the user experience
- Essentials only
- What's unique? What's new?
- Technical details: only if unique
- Live demo or mock up?



The Conclusion: Seek Continuation



What are you asking for?

What do you need?

What do you want the jury and investors to do?

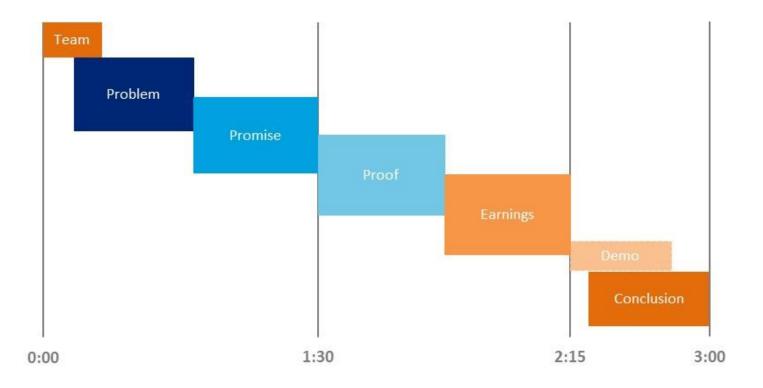
- Make them curious, what's next?
- Ask for help: how to move forward?
- Q&A: just answer, no defense
- Repeat your ONE Thing
- End on a high note!

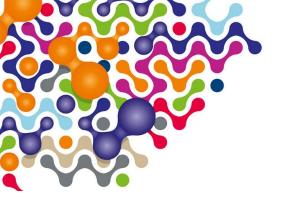


Would you bet your money on this?

So remember...









IT'S ALL ABOUT YOUR STYLE

Your idea deserves a good pitch



Pitching is an art

First impressions count

Prepare and practice in order to convince!

A bit of self reflection...



- Choose the pitcher early on
- Make your opening and concluding sentence count
- Practice out loud and time your pitch
- Breath in, breath out. Use the power of silence
- It's about the ONE THING, not about everything you know
- Leaving out is the key

Know your strengths and weaknesses. What matches the subject? What suits the jury? What fits you?

Tips & Tricks



It's all about your presence

It's not just the idea, but equally so the person and the team!



- Enthusiasm, convincing and pursuasiveness
- Bring energy, a bit rebelious, and always true to yourself
- Strong opening, remarkable middle, powerful ending
- Use simple words, no jargon
- Speak loud and clear, vary in tone, tempo and volume
- Support with gestures, body language
- Use the power of silence and repetition
- Use cue cards if necessary





JUST ASK, I AM HERE TO HELP



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