



Business model creation for IT startup ideas

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Lecture outline

- Introduction
- Business model
- Choosing the right business model for IT start-ups
- BM CANVAS
- Lean Canvas
- Business Models for Startups
- Key takeaways





 Why do engineers need to have some knowledge about economics and business?

Do you know what does it mean: dot.com Bubble?



STARTUP Statistics



FOUNDER PROFILE

82,8 % Male

84,8 % University degree

35 years when founding the business



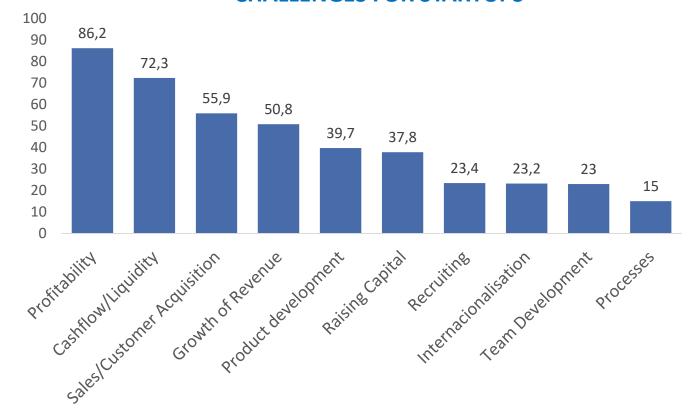
MOTIVATION TO FOUND A STARTUP

79,1 % Self-fulfilment

63,0 % Making money

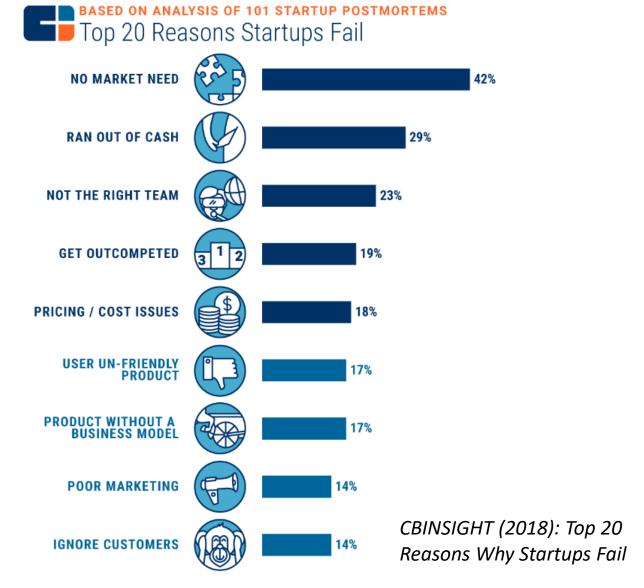
62,9 % Independence

CHALLENGES FOR STARTUPS





STARTUP Statistics





Business Model



Business Model Definition

 Bussines Model defines how the enterprise creates and delivers value to customers, and then converts payments received to profits. (Teece, 2010)





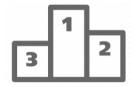
Choosing the right business model for IT startup



Choosing the right business model for IT startup

Things to ask:







Target Market

Competition

Potential Customers





Revenues Stream

Value













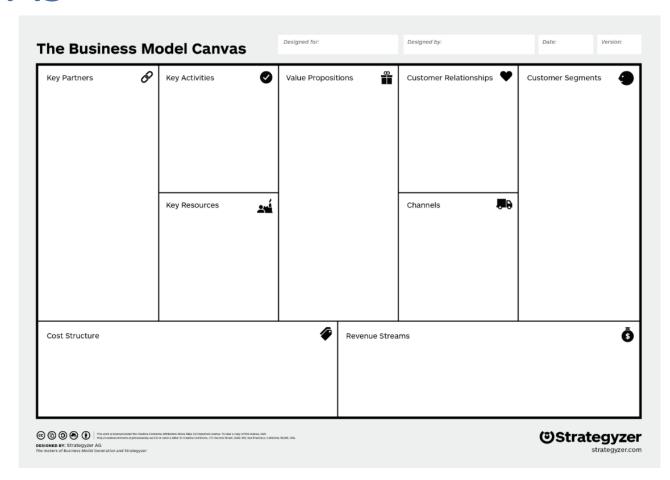
Value Network







- CANVAS a basic outline which groups together a collection of elements in a structured way.
- Strategic tool which is used to conceptualise new business models or to document existing ones. It helps to guide decisions about the launch of a product, a startup or a new process by illustrating the value and core activity of a company.



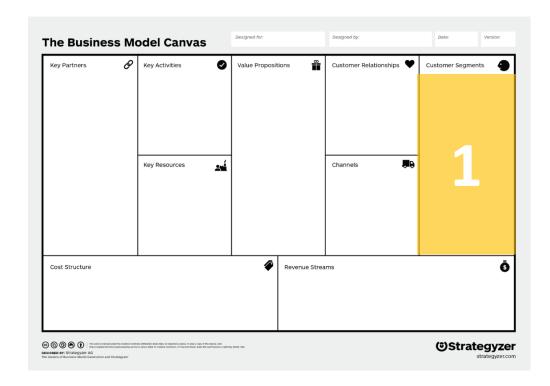


1. Customer Segments

- Business is centred around your customers
- What is a customer?
 - somebody who you need to persuade and delight, because they are the person who is making a purchase decision.
- What are their jobs, tasks and obligations, their hopes, dreams and aspirations?

What are their core beliefs and worldviews?

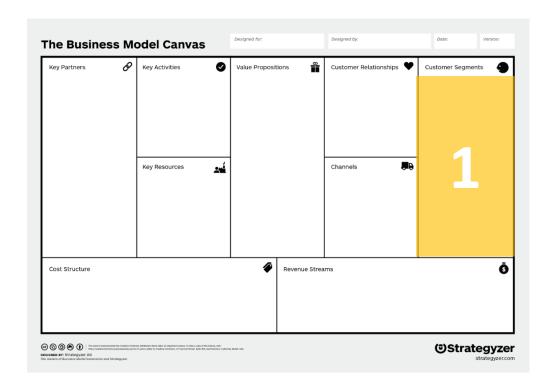
Do they have a good understanding of how they might get what they want?





1. Customer Segments

- Picture of your customers
 - Demographics (age, gender, race, wealth, maybe even occupation)
 - Geographics (location)
 - Psychographics (attitudes, preferences, worldviews and beliefs)





- 1. Customer Segments
 - Example of Amazon segmentation

AMAZON CONSUMER SEGMENTATION

DEMOGRAPHIC SEGMENTATION



- People with Internet access
- Age group of 25 to 50 years, as 45% of online buyers belong to the 35-49 age group
- Focusing on a younger audience

SITUATIONAL SEGMENTATION



- Convenience as a major reason for online purchases
- Interest in new categories
- New lucrative deals every day, every hour
- Low pricing as a major factor for purchasing online

PSYCHOGRAPHIC SEGMENTATION



- Customers segmented by loyalty
- Customers who like innovations and changes to the website
- Those who value customer care first
- People who click on recommended and suggested products the most

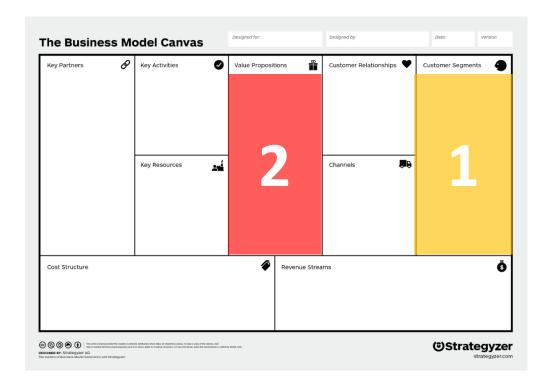
GEOGRAPHIC SEGMENTATION



- International appeal
- Digital sales over 'real-world' sales
- Focuses on developed areas
- For rural areas smartphone use crucial

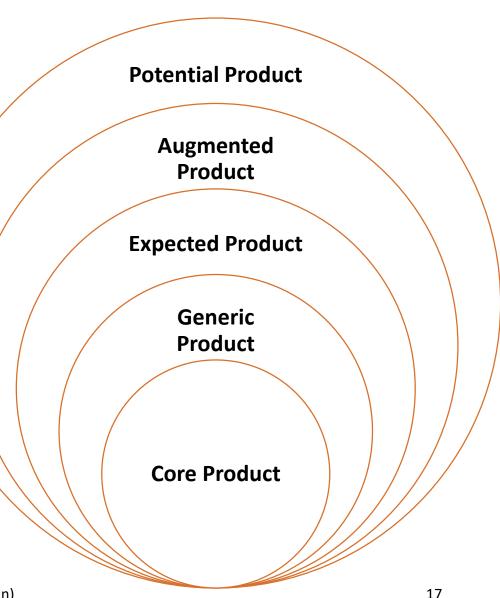


- 2. Value propositions
 - Products and services that company offers
 - Which of the needs of your customers are you trying to fulfill?
 - How do you differ from the competition?





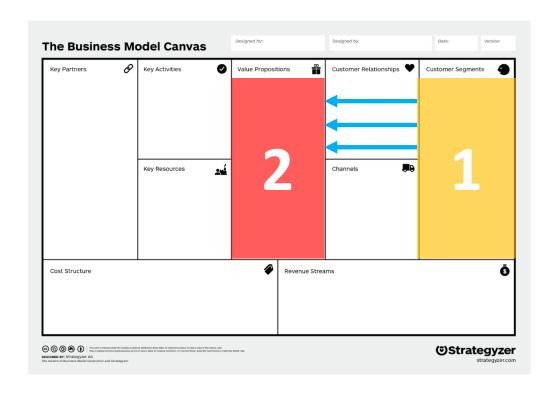
- 2. Value propositions Total product
 - Core product purpose of the product
 - Generic product All qualities of the product
 - Expected product aspects the consumer expects to get when they purchase a product
 - Augmented product additional factors which sets the product apart from that of the competition
 - Potential product transformations that the product may undergo in the future





2. Value propositions

- Important relationship between Customer segments and Value propositions
- For every customer segment it is value proposition linked

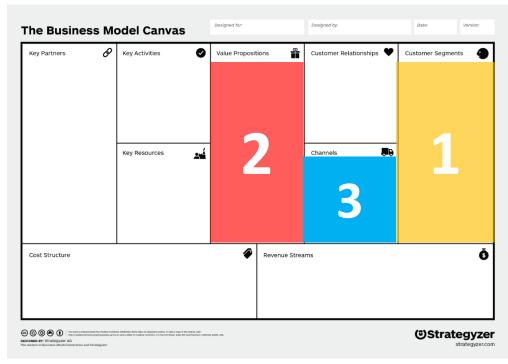




3. Channels

- Important role for customer experience
- Find a way how customers want to be reached







• 3. Channel phases



Awareness

How and Where can we promote our products and services?



Evaluation

How can our customers evaluate our value (products or services)?



Purchase

How do we allow customers to purchase specific products or services?



How do we deliver our products and services?

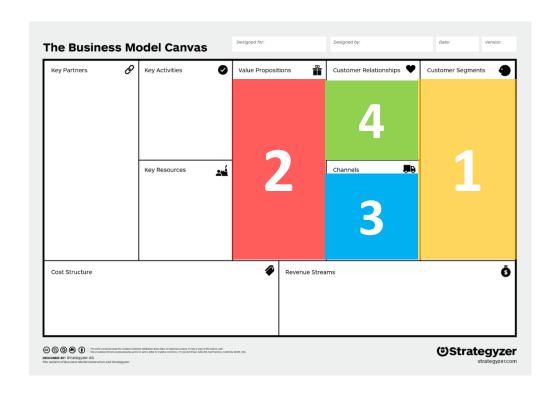


How do we provide customer services after purchase?



4. Customer relationships

- Connected with channels
- Focused on every customer segment
- How does the customer interact with you through the sales and product lifecycle?





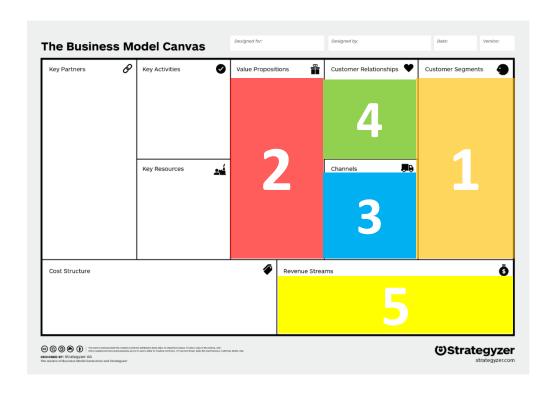
4. Customer relationships – Forms of Customer relationships





5. Revenue Streams

- Set up price of the products and services and their forms
 - Fixed pricing, dynamic pricing
 - Forms: asset sale, usage fee, subscription fees, licensing, lending, leasing, advertising
- How will the customers pay?
- What mode of payment would be best to them?
- It should be connected with customer segments





6. Key Resources

• What key resources are important for production of products or services?



Physical

Manufacturing facilities, buildings, vehicles, machines...



Human

Employees



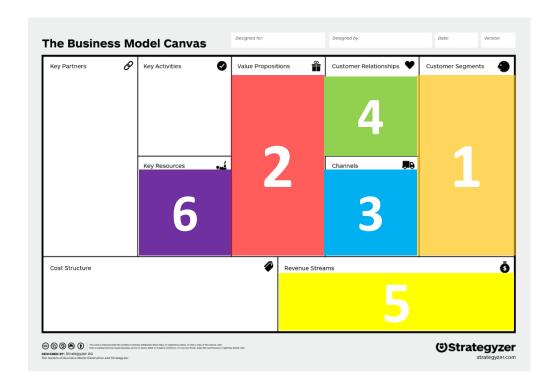
Intellectual

Brands, knowledge, partnerships, patents...



Financial

Cash, stock options...





7. Key Activities

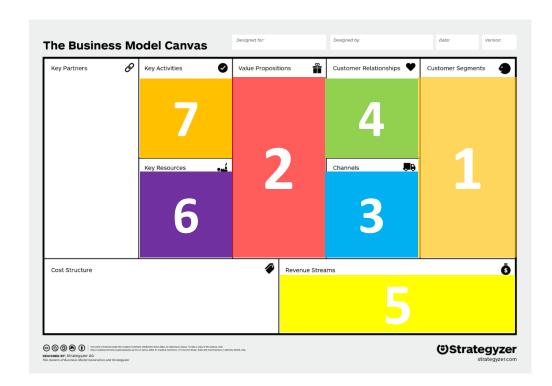
- Customer value propositions are created through key activities
- Activities focused on:
 - Production of products and services
 - Distribution channels
 - Customer relationships
 - Revenue streams
- Typical activities:







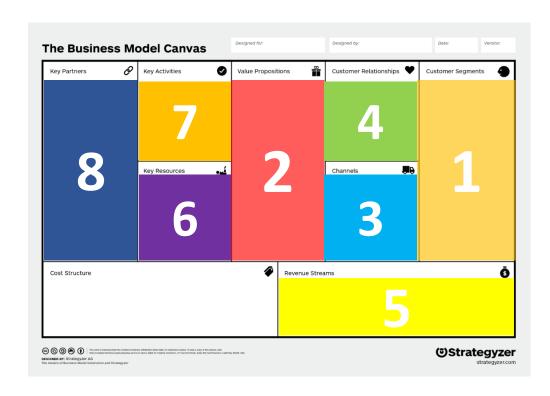






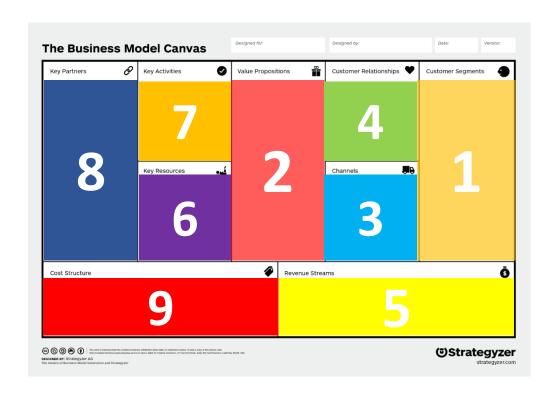
8. Key Partners

- Who are your partners and suppliers?
 - Key partners critical partnerships to your business
- What are the motivations for the partnerships? (Value for you and them)
- Which of your suppliers and partners are sourcing your key resources?





- 9. Cost Structure
- Which costs are connected with the idea?
- Costs incurred in implementing a business model
- Are the costs more fixed or variable, direct or indirect?





9. Cost Structure

FIXED

do not change in relation how much output a business produces

VARIABLE

change in proportion to the amount of output produced or amount sold

COSTS

DIRECT

can be identified directly with the production of a good or service

INDIRECT

cannot be matched against each product because they need to be paid whether or not the production of good or services takes place

The Business Model Canvas

Designed for: Designed by: Date: Version:



Business Model CANVAS

Key Partners	Key Activities	Value Proposit	tions	Customer Relationships $lacktriangle$	Customer Segments	•
	Key Resources			Channels 5	-	
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Cost Structure			Revenue Streams			Š

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The makers of Business Model Generation and Strategyzer





STRENGHTS

- Easy to apply
- Easy to understand the general structure
- A lot of additional information, resources and online tools available
- Easy to compare different business models canvas
- Helps to focus on the value proposition for the customer instead of the product and its features
- Comprehensive high-level overview

WEAKNESS

- Relations between components are not visible
- No information on growth strategy and competitive strategy
- No team or cultural elements (only within resources)
- No differentiation between customers and users
- Missing perspective for sustainability and responsibility of business



Lean Canvas Model



Lean Model Canvas

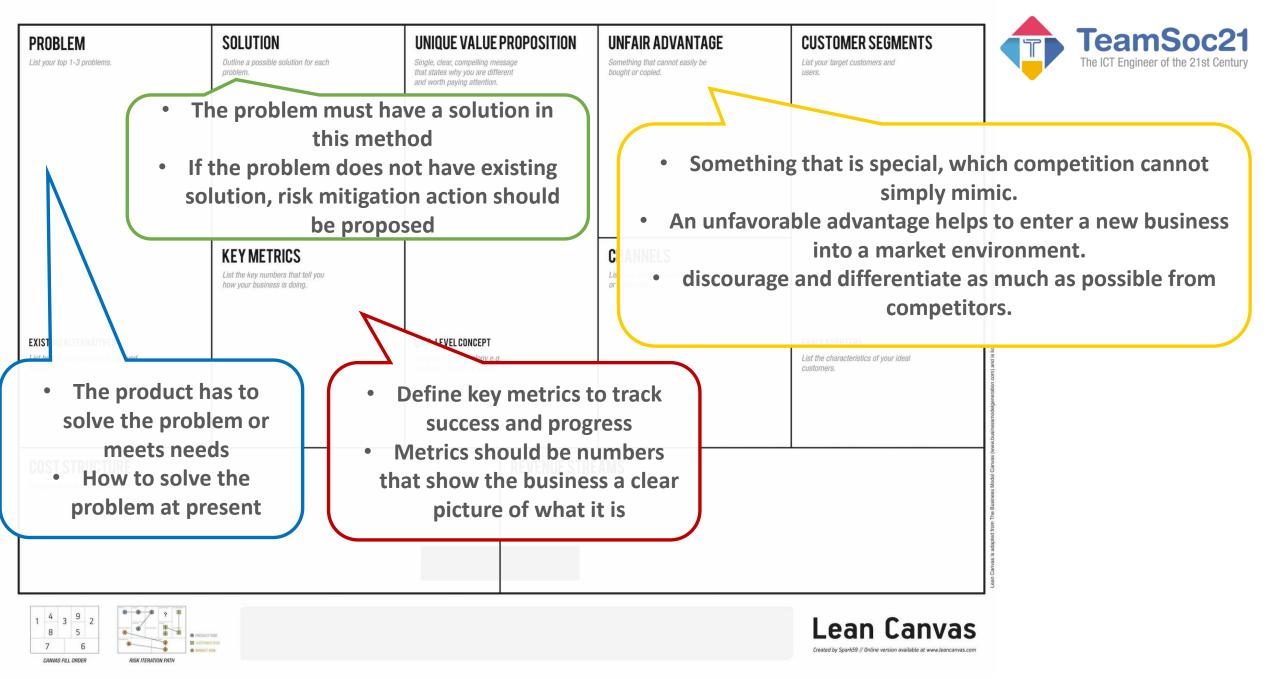
- Based on the Canvas Model
- It consists of 9 parts
- Enables the company to stimulate change dynamics
- Serves to solve the problem













Business Models for Startups



Business Models for IT Startups

- PRODUCT/SERVICE MODEL
- RESELLER (Affiliate Model)
- AD-BASED MODEL
- SUBSCRIPTION MODEL
- ON-DEMAN
- BROKER
- FREEMIUM



Key takeaways



Key takeaways – Technical aspect

- Disruptive ideas disruptive technologies (Clayton Christensen Harvard Business School) - be unique, cheap, memorable
- Good IT / Technical Knowledge
 - Continuous education
 - Checking IT trends
 - Focus on innovations / research
- Take feedback seriously
 - Cooperate (universities, research institutions)
 - Choose right co-workers



Key takeaways – Business aspect

- Deliver value to customers
 - analyse demand needs to figure out the right product for right segment (targeting)
 - watch the changing market conditions (macro, micro view of point economic situation and predictions, competitors, market share)
 - establish business processes (identify core aspect of your business, main sources, management and their responsibilities, key business partners)
 - try to innovate after 3-4 years even your business doing well
- Check your figures (plan and control)
 - Cost models
 - Pricing strategy
 - Revenue models
 - Taxation
 - Profit Maximization Criterias



Key takeaways – Societal aspect

Maximization of the company's profit today, also means to:

- serve customers needs,
- fulfill requirements of the employees,
- cooperate with community (around business),
- be environmental friendly.
- What to keep in mind
 - achieve sustainability not only succeed, but sustain success into the future (try to secure present needs without compromising the future generations)
 - manage business processes to produce an overall positive impact on society (CSR – Corporate social responsibility)
 - use analysis tools (PEST analysis, SWOT analysis, BCG, benchmarking, EFQM, etc.)



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