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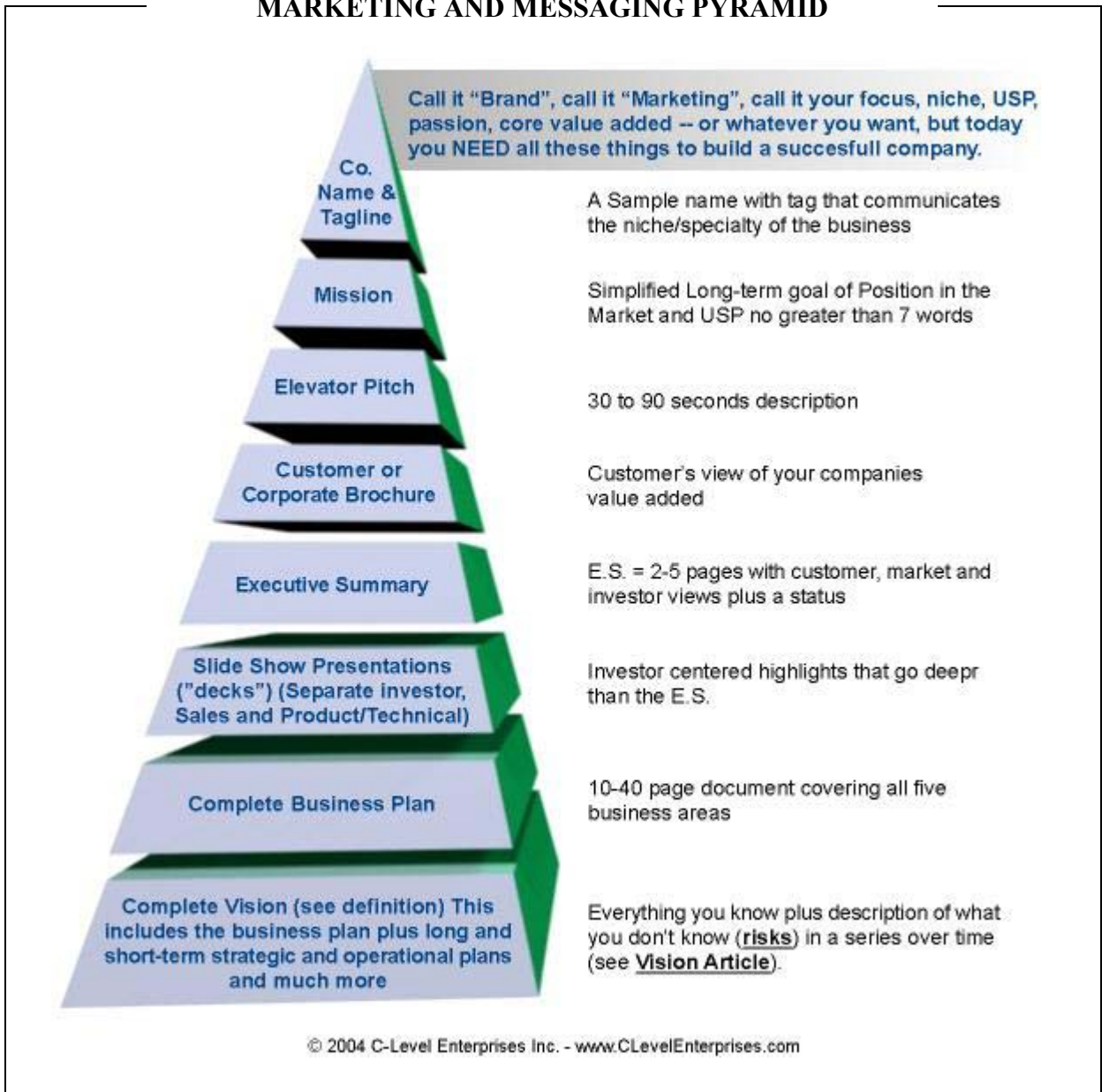


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**The Messaging And Communications Pyramid
Roadmap To Your Vision****FOR EARLY-STAGE
COMPANIES**

BEFORE you start selling,
BEFORE you talk to a single
capital source seriously,
BEFORE you will raise any
money you NEED ALL of the
above things (at least in iteration
#1 or #2).

This is not as hard as it sounds if you use people with relevant expertise in the design of your business. In fact it can be done in a week or two, in most cases if you have already done your market research, which is probably the most time consuming work in the beginning that should be mostly done before you commit to a burn rate with your first full-time employees.

Therefore, you need some time and energy from all five key skill-sets to design your business, vision and plan before any launch. These skills sets are: product development, sales, marketing, financing and operations.



Invisible barriers, like the sound barrier being broken above, are the most dangerous to early-stage companies. It is easier to tackle the problems you can see than those you are not aware of, especially if they are not part of your personal experience set and the discipline(s) you have spent your career on to date.

The Blackbird SR-71 and its development by Lockheed Skunk Works is a great model and philosophy for almost any early-stage company. It was developed in a fraction of the usual time, at a fraction of the price and performs better than any other aircraft in history using many off-the-shelf parts. The team's methods and results are a classic example of what can be done with minimal resources and a small high-quality team. Understanding this analogy can go a long way towards having a successful start-up management philosophy.

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In addition there are some other “horizontal” skill sets, like management, hiring and general and administrative. This can be an expert in each area with management experience or a CEO level person with high level experience in managing all these disciplines. Each piece must go through several iterations and be backed up with solid market research that includes conversations with prospective customers and much more. Ideally, these should all be completed before you start a real burn rate (ongoing fixed costs) so that you can take your time without as many money pressures.

This pyramid model is just a simple roadmap to help you make sure you are addressing the major pieces that are required to succeed. However, putting a hammer in someone’s hand does not make him or her, a good carpenter. This tool must be used as a device to combine the right experience, skill sets and information to create a complete business plan and vision.

Appendix - Other Products For CEOs, Entrepreneurs and C-Level Executives To Help Grow Your Business More Rapidly

C-Level Enterprises, Inc. offers a series of unique books as part of titled “The Secrets of a Serial Entrepreneur™”. These books are all written by Bob Norton and are designed to be used at key points in a company’s development life cycle, and throughout the development of the company. They are a great alternative to high-price consulting services from business launch experts and will greatly increase any entrepreneur’s chances of success. They provide proven frameworks for success, developed by Bob Norton over 15 years as a CEO and 25 years as a serial entrepreneur, to help break through some of the most common and practical traps that growing businesses fall in to virtually all the time; if they have not grown a business before to this size.

The entire series can be seen at <http://www.CLevelEnterprises.com/products.htm> if you are online go there for the most up-to-date information now. Otherwise you can read below. The Books cover the business development steps: Design, Launch, Hire and Manage. And ideally should all be read in that order.

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These books are all written by Bob Norton, a serial entrepreneur for over 25 years and a CEO for more than 15 years. Mr. Norton is one of the leading authorities in the world on entrepreneurship, intrapreneurship and growing businesses rapidly. He has participated in eight startup companies, grown two to over \$100 million in sales and several have dominated their respective markets. He has also worked for two multi-billion dollar corporations running product development efforts. His experience goes across all size companies, and many types of businesses in various industries. During his career Mr. Norton has helped created over \$1 billion in new shareholder value just while at those companies. Mr. Norton provides expertise on growing small and medium size companies more rapidly using eleven different proprietary tools and methodologies for business design, development and optimization, which he has developed over the last fifteen years. Many ideas are also contributed from over 1,000 business books in his personal library. He also runs the premier CEO and Entrepreneur Boot Camp in the U.S. today, which is design to cut years off the learning curve of CEOs and entrepreneurs and turn them into world-class CEOs. This exclusive event teaches practical business design and optimization systems in an intensive 3-day training program for any CEO or entrepreneur.

Mr. Norton has appeared on CNBC, Good Morning America and many other regional and national media like Inc. magazine. He provides advice to entrepreneurs and CEOs through consulting, speaking, writing and seminars. He frequently speaks at corporations, associations, and universities on business topics.

These books are targeted at particular problems and stages of development where early-stage ventures commonly encounter critical issues while moving from raw startup with an idea to becoming an established company. They are guaranteed to improve any

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business's chances of success dramatically. They can be downloaded immediately and the ideas and systems put into action the same day. Unlike hardcover books, that need to be a certain size to justify the printing, distribution and retail markups, these books will not have lots of redundant information, essentially showcasing the same basic ideas five different ways. They are packed with totally unique content that comes from the experience of a real serial entrepreneur, not just an author who did some academic research, but practical advice and systems for CEOs and entrepreneurs proven to work over two decades. The philosophies and systems used in each are compatible so that, as a set, they will create a framework for successful and rapid business growth.

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Nothing ever fully prepares you for stepping into the role of a CEO or Entrepreneur.

The Art and Science of Business Design details how to design, plan and manage each of any enterprise's key disciplines - Sales, Marketing, Finance, Operation and Product Development. As a CEO and Entrepreneur, you need to know how these departments interact and even compete. You need to know how to recruit, hire, motivate and manage the best people in each discipline. You must also know how to get them to work together so that everybody is on the same page.

In "The Art and Science of Business Design" you will learn to:

- 1. Design and position a business for more sustainable competitive advantage and higher barriers to entry.**

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2. Optimize your business model for minimum risk and capital investment.
3. Better define the exact skills you need on your team and learn how to select people and interview for skills you do not have yourself.
4. Raise capital in any market from the best sources without giving the company away.
5. Inject entrepreneurial spirit into ANY organization, large or small, and improve product development productivity by a factor of FIVE times the average or more.
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8. Plan, design and manage a sales department and select strategies, tactics and channels that will work for your business.
9. Hire the best people in every area and understand what personality types work best in each business area to create superior results.
10. Adjust your management style, risk, appetite and executive decisions based on your company's stage of development as it grows from a raw startup to a significant business.
11. Manage employees and develop them into more valuable assets for your company's benefit and theirs.
12. And much, much more than what we can list here.

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