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From Bits to Business: how to sell your software Codebits 2012

## Who am I, and why am I qualified?


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## Potato Chip storage warehouse

 Newspaper Radio Station PNMG - Start-upTM Software - Enterprise
CLARA - Start-up
"The School Pulse" - Start-up
(optional.is) - Freelancing

> Quick History: The School Pulse


## DIG YOUR WELL

 BEFORE YOU'RE THIRSTY
# THIE ONLY NETWORKING BOOK YOU'LL EVER NEED 

Have your support network in place BEFORE you need to ask for help.

# Is my start-up idea a good one? 

http://blog.intercom.io
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## Viable

## Feasible

## Desirable

## Jobs to be done:

What are you hiring this product to do?

World's Top
Management Thinker


Clay Christensen


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## TALKS|TEDX

## Simon Sinek: How great leaders inspire action

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Simon Sinek has a simple but powerful model for inspirational leadership all starting with a golden circle and the question "Why?" His examples include Apple, Martin Luther King, and the Wright brothers ... (Filmed at TEDxPugetSound.)

In 2009, Simon Sinek released the book "Start With Why" - a synopsis of the theory he has begun using to teach others how to become effective leaders and inspire change. Full bio »

6 If you hire people just because they can do a job, they'll work for your money. But if you hire people who bellieve what you bellieve, they'll work for you with blood and sweat and tears." (Simon Sinok)

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## What

How

Why

## WHAT

We make great computers

HOW
They are easy to use, simple design and user-friendly

## WHY

Turn a profit for shareholders, want to buy one?

## WHAT

We just happen to make great computers. Want to buy one?

## HOW

We challenge the status quo by creating beautiful, simple to use products

Everything we do, we believe in challenging the status quo. We believe in thinking differently

## People don't buy WHAT you do, they buy W/r <br> you do it!

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## School Pulse

WHY: We believe that every child has the right to the best possible environment to learn in.

HOW: Using open source technology, web browsers and rigorous statistical methods

WHAT: Sell Standardized surveys

Be passionate about your product

## Making the Jump

# Build a small team around you. 

## Get an accountant Get a lawyer



The|Business Model Canvas
Key
Partners

To download a PDF of the personal Business Model Canvas, visit BusinessModelYou.com

Track your time!

# Billable/Non-billable 

# 18\% <br> Non-billable <br> 82\% <br> Billable 

40h week * $0.82=32.3 \mathrm{~h}$ Billable hours

## Estimating work load

on future projects based on older projects

## Time spent

## Meetings vs. Coding

## Administration 6.55\%

Consulting 1.20\%
Design 3.42\%
Meetings 25.30\%
Presentation Preparations 2.53\%
Programming $49.62 \%$ Research 6.71\%
Writing 4.66\%

## Get your real <br> productivity <br> levels

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& \text { make money? }
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## Sell you users or sell to your users?

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## Dark Arts:

## Pricing


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# How to Calculate your hourly rate 

8h a day, 5 days a week, 52 weeks a year $=2,080 \mathrm{~h}$ a year 30,000 Euro/2,080h a year $=14.42$ euro $/ \mathrm{h}$

> € 15/h Easy!
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## € 15/h Wrong!

!8 a day, try more like 6h billable 5 days a week
!52 weeks a year, try more like 45 vacation, holidays

6h a day, 5 days a week, 45 weeks a year $=1,350 \mathrm{~h}$ a year 30,000 Euro/1,350h a year $=22.22$ euro $/ \mathrm{h}$
$€ 23 / h$ No a problem!
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## ؟23/h Not yet!

That covers just your salary. What about all the other expense?

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\text { - Accountant } & \text { - Servers/Software } \\
\text { - Rent } & \text { - Taxes } \\
\text { - New Laptop } & \text { - Etc }
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## Spreadsheets!

4 sheets

- Overview - Monthly Expenses
- Salary - Annual Expenses

Calculates how much you need to charge (minimum) per hour to keep the company going.

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## Hourly Rates (codebits 02012)

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| 1 | Operations |  |  | COMPANY (Monthly) |  |  | Annual Turnover | 44,020.00 |
| 2 | Months | 12 |  | Monthly Expenses: | 3,668 |  | Hourly Rate | 32.61 |
| 3 | Weeks | 45 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Hours a week | 30 |  | Hourly Rate: | 32.61 |  | TAX | 25.50\% |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Monthly Salary | 2,500 |  |  |  |  | TOTAL: | 40.92 |
| 7 | Annual Salary | 30,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | Weekly Pay | 667 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | (From Salary Tab) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 11 | Pay per hour | 22 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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## Value-based Pricing





# Expenses before salary costs, save money on laptops 

Company


## $€ 4000$

 .$؟ 3000$


## Personal



Company


## $؟ 4000$



〔3000

Personal

$\leqslant 2250$


## Product income vs. freelancing pros and cons


(optional.is)

Company \% of Time \% of Revenue
(optional.is) 18.12\%
Client A
41.54\%
51.23\%
Client B
13.27\%
5.52\%
Client C 5.57\%
4.40\%
20.04\%
36\%
Client X
0.22\%
< $1 \%$
Client Y
0.58\%
< $1 \%$
Client Z
0.67\%
<1\%

## Without Client A Things Flip



# orbiting projects 

how to sell the same stuff again and again

## Taking funds vs. slow growth

## Stock options, delusion

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Always have a business card

## github.com/optional-is/Blank-Business-Cards

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## Book Recommendations


http://www.abookapart.com/products/design-is-a-job

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