

- Incubators vs. accelerators.
 - Accelerators provide networks but take equity.
- Angel investors:
 - Types:
 - Checkbook angels: 5K - 25K (passive)
 - Capital A angels: 50K - 250K (active) who may want advisory role.
 - Superangels: 500K - 2 million (investors)
 - Invest twice as much as VCs.
 - Investments:
 - Enthusiasts: 10K - 100K. Short work schedule. Like "making the deal"
 - Professionals: 35K - 100K. Paranoid, want to be hired. Main goal, inc
 - Micromanagers: 100K - 1M. Serious, savvy, own business successes. I
 - Corporate: up to 200K. Former senior managers at Fortune 500 cos.
 - Entrepreneurial: 200K - 500K. More willing to take risks. Personal ful
 - Gap in series A and Angel investments.

Getting funded

- Due diligence process:
 - Preparation and cooperation.
 - What to ask, when to ask, how to ask.
 - Search and destroy mission.
 - Organize and analyze data provided.
 - What are they looking for:
 - Overdue tax liabilities.
 - Inadequate systems.
 - Related-party transactions.
 - Unhealthy reliance on customers/suppliers.
 - Overdue accounts or unrecorded liabilities.

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Like to share strategies, have a board

Profitability of investment.

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- 5. Market size: supported by research.
- Last five:
 - 1. Business model: how you make money.
 - 2. Competition: why you're better. Don't knock competition.
 - 3. Go to market strategy: how will you gain customers.
 - 4. Traction: what have you already accomplished: revenues, users, part
 - 5. What you need: how much, how used.
- Put financial projections, headcount, milestones or timelines in appendix. sign).
- How to tell your story?
 - Who are you? why are you doing this?
 - How well does a founder's life explain what they're doing at their company?
 - Don't create "tall tales" that could come back and haunt you.
 - If your business is complicated, focus on the problem you solve.
 - Be genuine.
 - Project emotion and passion.
 - Your story is part of your company's culture.
- Do's and don'ts:
 - Don'ts:
 - Talk about projections without a plan.
 - Lie or exaggerate.
 - Forecast "hockey stick" growth.
 - Say "I have no competitors".
 - Focus only on positives.
 - Dwell on issues - tell how you will solve them.
 - Read your slides.
 - Become argumentative or defensive.
 - Not listen.
 - Leave your technology turned on during the pitch.
 - Try to answer a question you have no answer for.
 - Obsess about your financial state.
 - Do's:
 - Connect emotionally.
 - Give product demo.

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