

Promoting Intellectual Property Rights in the ASEAN Region

Creating an IP strategy for an SME

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When SMEs think about IP, it is often too late

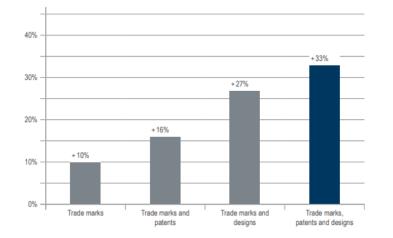
TOP 10 IDEAS Maddyness **STOLEN BY BIG** You might not believe in **BUSINESS** patents, but your investor By Karl Smallwood on January 10, 2014 will Unicorn Scale Product/ Market fit Idea

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There is much to win with intellectual property

Increase in odds of high growth with IP



High-growth firms and intellectual property rights, IPR profile of high-potential SMEs in Europe, May 2019, A joint project between the European Patent Office and the European Union Intellectual Property Office "Start-ups with patenting activities **receive greater funding from more VC funds** ... patenting activities effectively **mitigate information problems** between entrepreneurs and venture capitalists"

> The Informational Role of Patents in Venture Capital Financing, Jerry X. Cao, Po-Hsuan Hsu, 2010

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What can I protect?

Value driver	Description	Protect with
Technology	Your technology, such as your inventions and breakthroughs	Patent
Content and code	Your software code, videos, songs, and photos	Copyright
Secrets and data	Your know-how and customer data	Trade secret
Design	Your product design, UX, and UI	Registered design
Brand	Your company name and product names	Trademark



First things first

Sign NDA to protect your ideas

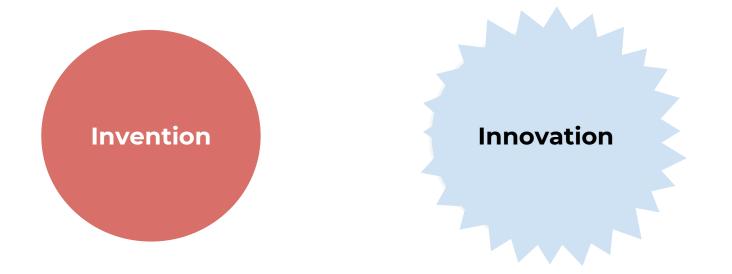
Without NDA it will be very difficult to get a patent

Without NDA the recipient may use your idea

	Value			1st	2nd	3rd	
#	driver	Goal	When	year	year	year	Importance
1	Technology	Sign NDA before you disclose	Now	\$350			High
		inventions to anyone					



What's the difference?





Post-it notes

"It was because of the real-world feedback. The first customers were the 3M employees in the lab, and the reality was that we couldn't keep up with their demand."

Dr. Geoff Nicholson, the "Father of Post-it Notes"

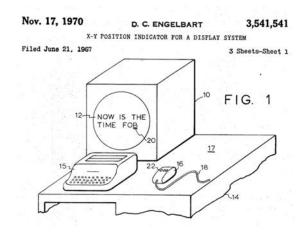




Computer mouse

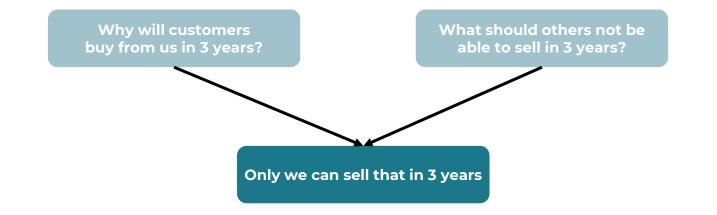
"SRI patented the mouse, but they really had no idea of its value."

Dr. Douglas C. Engelbart, best known for inventing the computer mouse





Protect your Unique Selling Point (USP)





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What should I protect?





Creating your IP strategy

#	Value driver	Goal	When	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	Importance
1	Technology	Sign NDA before you disclose inventions to anyone	Now	\$350			High
2	Technology	Transfer inventions to your company	Now	\$250			High
3	Technology	File one patent in your first market (any of USA, Germany, France, United Kingdom)	Next 3 to 6 months (before product release or any other disclosure without NDA)	\$5000			High
4	Technology	File worldwide patent application (include improvements to your invention)	Within 12 months from filing of patent in your first market		\$3000		High
5	Design	Register the design of your products or of your software's user interface in your first market (any of USA, United Kingdom, EU)	Before product release or within 12 months from any disclosure without NDA	\$1500			Medium



Understand patent timeline

Today

- Identified USP
- Identified second best alternative
- Ran prior art search

<12 months

- Included new results
- Got positive search report
- Filed worldwide or foreign patent applications

Patent granted

- Protected USP and second best alternative
- Filed divisional or continuation in important countries

Patent filed

- Secured IP ownership
- Filed patent on USP and second best alternative

<30 months

 Filed foreign patent applications if worldwide application within 12 months



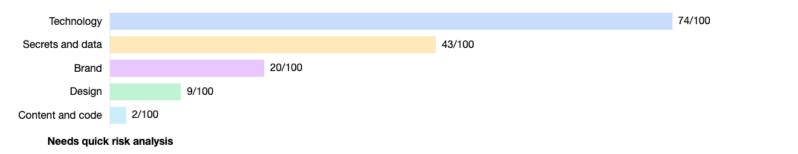
Know the difference

Patentability means that an invention is new and non-obvious.

Freedom to operate (FTO) means that no other patents are infringed.



For what do I need Freedom To Operate (FTO)?



Needs in-depth risk analysis



What can I do to achieve FTO?

1)Necessity of an FTO

2)Scope of the FTO

3)Search

4) Evaluation of results

5)Ongoing risk analysis

6)Employee training

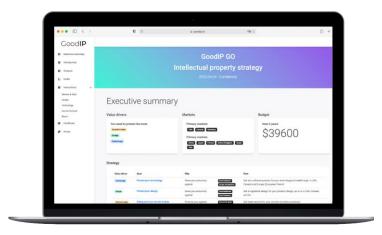


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