# Innovative Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice

# Lesson 17: Construct a Business

Innovative Entrepreneurship theory and practice (888111)

### today

- business type legal structure
  - teams (inc. video)
    - roles in teams
  - business network

intellectual property

# Business legal structures

# **Business legal structure**

### Three basics legal structures:

- 1. Sole proprietorship
- 2. Partnership
- 3. Corporation

# Sole proprietorship

# Business legal structure – Sole proprietorship

- A business owned by one individual, often with no other employees.
- ► This owner earns all the profits from the business and is also responsible for all losses.
  - ► He/she is personally <u>liable for any lawsuits</u> that arise from accidents, faulty, merchandise, unpaid bills or other business setbacks.
  - ► This means the owner could lose not only business assets in a lawsuit but also could be forced to sell private possessions.

# Business legal structure – Sole proprietorship

### **Advantages:**

- ► Ease of start
  - ▶ No registration required.
- ► Rapid decision making.

### **Disadvantages:**

- ▶ Difficult fund raising
  - ▶ Difficult to raise money by oneself and investors is not permitted
- ▶ Unlimited personal liability

# Partnership

### **Business legal structure – Partnership**

- Consists of two or more owners who make decisions for the business together and share profits, losses, assets and liabilities
- ► As in a sole proprietorship, partners face unlimited liabilities in any lawsuits.
- ► Each partners can be held responsible for paying debt even those incurred by other partners without their knowledge or agreement

# Business legal structure – Limited partnership

- ► The limited partners have no official say in daily operation of business and thus have a liability limited to the amount of their respective investments.
  - ► One or more ordinary partners manage the business and assume legal liability.
  - ► There must be at least one ordinary partner who will be liable for all partnership debts.
- ► A partnership agreement should be drawn up to outline roles and responsibilities of each partner.
  - ▶ The agreement is critical, and a lawyer should be consulted.

# Corporation

## **Business legal structure – Corporation**

- There are many types of corporations.
- Each is considered a "legal person" or entity.
  - ► A corporation has rights and responsibilities under the law.
  - ► It can <u>buy and sell property, enter into lease agreement and contracts and be prosecuted.</u>
- Corporations issue stock that is divided among its founders and sold to investors.
- ► These shareholders then elect a board of directors (BOD) that is responsible for representing their interest in management of the company.

## **Business legal structure – Corporation**

### **Advantage**

- ► Ability to <u>sell ownership to raise money</u>
- ► <u>Ease of transfer</u> either privately or on public stock exchanges
- ► <u>Limitation of personal liability</u>
  - ▶ Only assets of the corporations can be used to pay corporate debts.
  - ► However, it is possible to "pierce the corporate veil" if the business affairs of the corporation and its shareholders are tightly linked.
    - ► As such, shareholder may be held personally liable in a lawsuit.
- Continued existence
  - ▶ Corporation do not cease when owner dies or leaves the business.

### **Business legal structure – Corporation**

### **Disadvantages**

- ► Potential <u>loss of founder control</u>
- ► <u>Higher start-up costs</u>
- ► Greater government regulations

### Business legal structure – Non-profit corporation

- Not set up for the purpose of shareholder financial gain but rather with a mission to improve society.
  - ▶ E.g., churches, temples, museums, charitable foundations.
- Tax-exempt
- ► There are **no individual shareholders (but members)** and any net profits must go toward advancement of the mission.
  - ► Therefore, they do **not sell stocks or pay dividends**.
- Such organizations must be careful to follow applicable law to maintain their tax-exempt status.

# teamwork

# What is a team?

 A group of people with complementary skills who work together to achieve a specific goal

### Skills

- Knowledge, expertise, technical skills
- Decision-making and problem-solving skills
- Interpersonal skills (and 'emotional intelligence')

# Key characteristics of teams

- 1. Share accountability for achieving specific common goals
- 2. Function interdependently (together)
- 3. Require stability
- 4. Hold authority and decision-making power
- 5. Operate in a social context

# Types of teams

- Manager-led teams
- Self-managing teams
- Cross-functional teams
- Virtual teams

### Effective teamwork

- Communicate effectively
- Rely on each other
- Trust one another
- Work better together
- Become 'boosters'
- Enjoy being on the team
- 'Leadership' rotates

..in order to achieve tasks and improve cohesiveness

how do you make the best teams?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vyn\_xLrtZaY&t

# roles

# Ten Faces of Innovation

Kelley & Littman (2016)

An Infographic by Jan Spruijt - janspruijt.nl









The Collaborator



The Director





Anthropologist Experimenter



The Cross-Polinator Caregiver



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The Set Designer



The Storyteller



The Experience Architect

### ORGANIZING ROLES

THE NEXT THREE PERSONAS ARE 'ORGANIZING ROLES', PLAYED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SAVVY ABOUT THE OFTEN COUNTERINTUINTIVE PROCESS OF HOW ORGANIZATIONS MOVE IDEAS FORWARD.

### LEARNING ROLES

INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS NEED TO CONSTANTLY GATHER NEW SOURCES OF INFORMATION IN ORDER TO EXPAND THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND GROW, SO THE FIRST THREE PERSONAS ARE 'LEARNING ROLES'.

### **BUILDING ROLES**

THE REMAINING PERSONAS ARE 'BUILDING ROLES' THAT APPLY INSIGHTS FROM THE LEARNING ROLES AND CHANNEL THE EMPOWERMENT FROM THE ORGANIZATION ROLES TO MAKE INNOVATION HAPPEN.

They overcome difficulties.

ireless Problem Solver Quiete Determination Perseverance Don't "just do the job"

Look beyond failures

They work well with others and they generate connections

More coach than boss

Create Shared Journeys Work Multidisciplinary

**Big Picture Thinking** Accelerate team members Shoot for the moon Wield a large toolbox

They plan and organize

They observe what people do without judging them.

Bucket List & Idea Wallet

Observe

Interact

Look Around

Spirit of Curiosity

They are obstinate about solving problems.

They bring together unrelated things.

Hard Work, Curious Mind Draw Associations Fail Often; Succeed Sooner Make Connections Prototype Everything Wide sets of interests Avid Curiosity

Empathy for Individuals Create relationships

They put people at eas and provide service.

They focus on making workspace practical and inspiring

connections between story and audience

They appeal to the senses They forge emotional

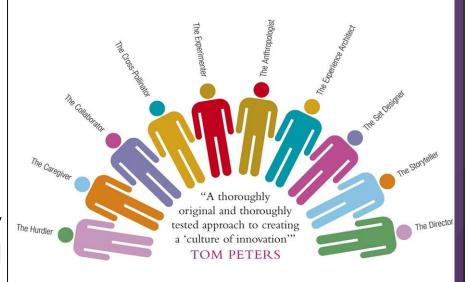
Human-powered Innovation Liven up the workspace Capture Imagination Fend off the ordinary Promote energetic culture Spark Emotion and Action Facilitate positive encounters Video, Narrative, Animation

Kelley, The Ten Faces of Innovation

### People's different roles in innovation

- The Director is talented at setting the stage, targeting opportunities, bringing out the best in their players, and getting things done
- The Experience Architect focuses on creating remarkable individual through products, services, digital interactions, spaces, or events
- The Set Designer promotes energetic, inspired cultures by creating work environments that celebrate the individual and stimulate creativity
- The Storyteller captures the imagination with compelling narratives of initiative, hard work, and innovation
- The Caregiver works to understand each individual customer and create a relationship





# THE TEN FACES OF INNOVATION

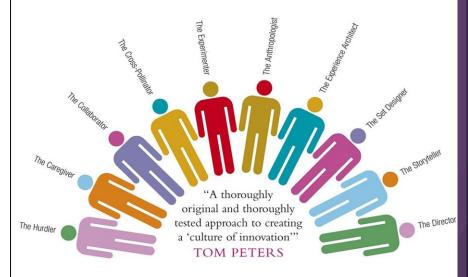
STRATEGIES FOR HEIGHTENING CREATIVITY

### People's different roles in innovation

- The Anthropologist ventures into the field to observe how people interact with products, services, and experiences in order to come up with new innovations
- The Experimenter tests and retests potential scenarios to make ideas tangible
- The Cross-Pollinator draws associations and connections between seemingly unrelated ideas or concepts to break new ground
- The Hurdler is a tireless problem-solver who gets a charge out of tackling something that's never been done before

The Collaborator truly values the team over the individual and coaxes people out of their work silos to form multidisciplinary teams





# THE TEN FACES OF INNOVATION

CREATIVITY

# 'Group dynamics'

- Kurt Lewin, a social psychologist and change management expert, is credited with coining the term 'group dynamics' in the early 1940s
- 'Group dynamics' describes the effects of these roles and behaviors on other group members, and on the group as a whole
- He noted that people often take on distinct roles and behaviors when they work in a group
- More recent researchers have built on Lewin's ideas, and this work has become central to good leadership and management practice

# 'Group dynamics'

### positive dynamic

- Team members trust one another, work towards a collective decision, and they hold one another accountable for making things happen
- its members are nearly twice as creative as an average group

### poor group dynamics

- people's behavior disrupts work
- As a result, the group may not come to any decision, or it may make the wrong choice, because group members could not explore options effectively

#### **Information Seeking**

"Does anyone know if this is the latest data we have?"

#### **Elaborating**

"I think a good example of what you're talking about is..."

#### **Urging**

"Let's try to finish this proposal before we adjourn."

#### **Monitoring**

"If you'll take care of the first section, I'll make sure that we have the second by next week."

### **Reality testing**

"Can we make this work and stay within budget?"

### **Direction giving**

"Jot down a few ideas and we'll see what everyone has come up with."

### **Information giving**

"Here are latest numbers from..."



### Task Facilitating Roles

### **Process analyzing**

"What happened to the energy level in this room?"

### **Enforcing**

"We're getting off track. Let's try to stay on topic."

### **Supporting**

"Now, that's what I mean by a practical application."

#### **Tension relieving**

"Before we go on, would anyone like a drink?"



### Relationship Building Roles

### **Consensus building**

"Do we agree on the first four points even if number five needs a little more work?"

### Summarizing

"Before we jump ahead, here's what we've decided so far."

### Harmonizing

"Actually, I think you're both saying pretty much the same thing."

#### Confronting

"How does that suggestion relate to the topic that we're discussing?"

#### **Energizing**

"It's been a long time since I've had this many laughs at a meeting in this department."

### **Developing**

"If you need some help pulling the data together, let me know."

### **Empathizing**

"It's not you. The numbers are confusing."

### Roles

# Factors that erode performance

- Unwillingness to cooperate
- Lack of managerial support
- Failure of managers to delegate authority

# 'Blocking behaviors' in teams

### People can adopt blocking roles such as:

- The aggressor: this person often disagrees with others, or is inappropriately outspoken
- The negator: this group member is often critical of others' ideas
- The withdrawer: this person doesn't participate in the discussion
- The recognition seeker: this group member is boastful, or dominates the session
- The joker: this person introduces humor at happropriate times

disrupts the flow of information in the group

Blocking Behavior	Tactics
Dominate	Talk as much as possible; interrupt and interject
Overanalyze	Split hairs and belabor every detail
Stall	Frustrate efforts to come to conclusions: decline to agree, sidetrack the discussion, rehash old ideas
Remain passive	Stay on the fringe; keep interaction to a minimum; wait for others to take on work
Overgeneralize	Blow things out of proportion; float unfounded conclusions
Find fault	Criticize and withhold credit whenever possible
Make premature decisions	Rush to conclusions before goals are set, information is shared, or problems are clarified
Present opinions as facts	Refuse to seek factual support for ideas that you personally favor
Reject	Object to ideas offered by people who tend to disagree with you
Pull rank	Use status or title to push through ideas, rather than seek consensus on their value
Resist	Throw up roadblocks to progress; look on the negative side
Deflect	Refuse to stay on topic; focus on minor points rather than main points

## Strategies for improving team dynamics

As a leader, you will need to:

- Know your team
- Tackle problems quickly
- Define roles and responsibilities
- Break down barriers
- Focus on communication
- Pay attention to the warning signs of poor group dynamics

## Responsibilities of a leader

- Initiating action
- Motivation
- Providing guidance
- Creating confidence
- Building morale
- Building the work environment
- Co-ordination
- Hold people accountable

### Remember the video?

The teams with the best performance was <u>not</u> the teams with the high flying team members,

but were

the teams with the members that were better at helping the others

Leadership quiz

What type of leader are you?

see <a href="https://www.alps.academy/leadership-styles-activity/">https://www.alps.academy/leadership-styles-activity/</a>

## networks

#### Networks

More recent perspectives on innovation emphasize the interactive character of the innovation process, the significance of communication, and the advantages of networks and clusters

#### **Business** networks

- 'Networking': interacting and engaging people (or organizations) for mutual benefit
- A tool for finding:
  - investors
  - customers
  - staff
  - suppliers
  - business partners
  - ...with minimal cost to your business

(You might even get 'inside information' which could benefit your business)

#### Networks

- Entrepreneurs make excellent use of the networks
- Specifically, relationships with buyers, suppliers
- used to identify relevant information to their success and must be regularly collected and understood
- Indeed, can be a key source of competitive advantage

#### How to build networks

Meet with people and let them know briefly about your business, including via:

- Conferences and events
- Business contacts
- Industry associations
- Networking groups
- Online networks
- Personal contacts and social events

#### Who will be in your network(s)?

- Who can help me?
- Who knows what is going on?
- Who already has strong networks of their own?
- Who are the critical links in the supply and information chain?
- Who are the high-profile people in your field?

#### Using your network(s)

- Staff
- Suppliers
- Customers
- Business partners and investors
- New locations to operate in
- A business mentor or mentee
- Leads and referrals
- New opportunities
- Information on current business trends and developments in your industry
- Information to help you benchmark your business

#### **Tips**

- Work out who are the key people and decision-makers are
- Connect most frequently with the people most important to your business
- Focus on constructive matters, potential mutual benefits, rather than negative ones
- Consider your areas of expertise (and lack of ~)
- Think long-term relationships, not immediate pay-offs
- Be aware of confidentiality when sharing information

#### Online social networks

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#### **OVERVIEW OF SOCIAL MEDIA USE**

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NUMBER OF SOCIAL MEDIA USERS



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SOCIAL MEDIA USERS vs. TOTAL POPULATION



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+1.7%

SOCIAL MEDIA USERS vs. POPULATION AGE 13+



74.8%

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE IN SOCIAL MEDIA USERS



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SOCIAL MEDIA USERS vs. TOTAL INTERNET USERS



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AVERAGE DAILY TIME SPENT USING SOCIAL MEDIA



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FEMALE SOCIAL MEDIA USERS vs. TOTAL SOCIAL MEDIA USERS



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AVERAGE NUMBER OF SOCIAL PLATFORMS USED EACH MONTH



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MALE SOCIAL MEDIA USERS vs. TOTAL SOCIAL MEDIA USERS



53.9%

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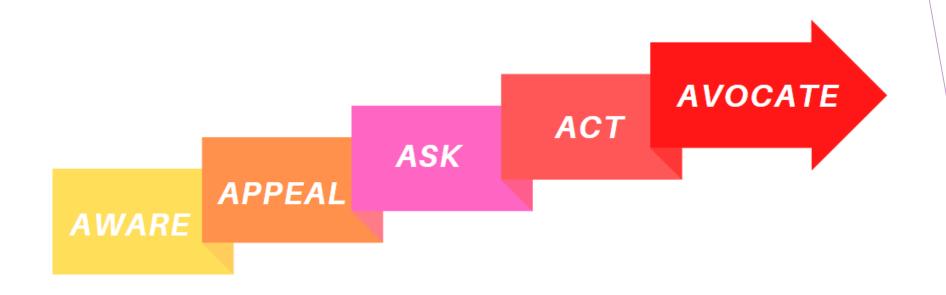


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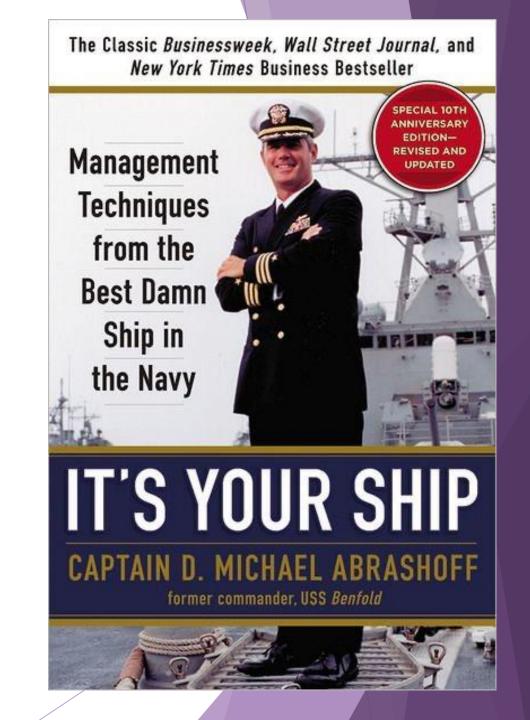


#### Making your customers 'part of' your team

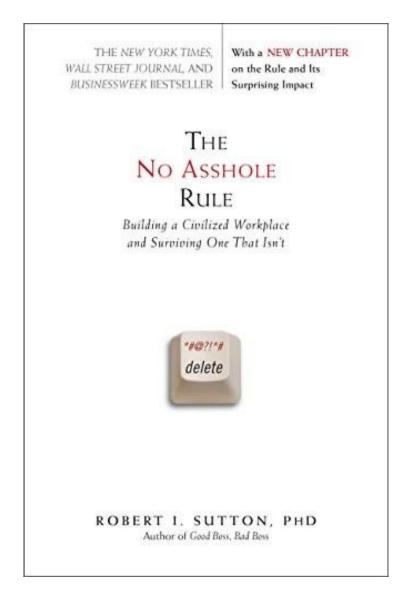


- 1.0: Product marketing
- 2.0: Customer marketing
- 3.0: Human-centric marketing (connecting with values)
- 4.0: Marketing for a highly (digitally) connected world

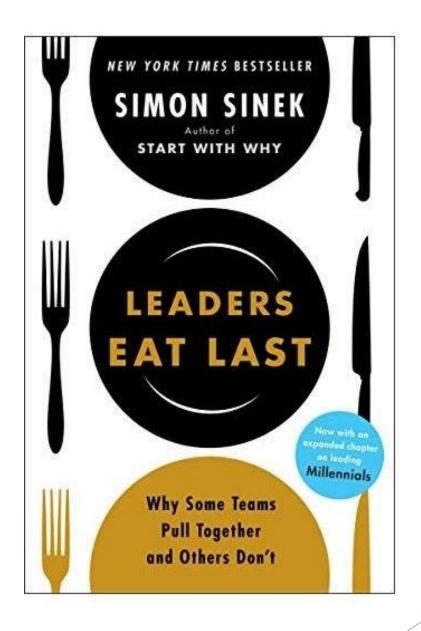
'It's Your Ship'



### 'bad people poison workplaces'



#### 'The best teams foster trust'



# Intellectual Property

#### Intellectual property

- Intellectual property (IP) is a category of property that includes <u>intangible (non-physical) creations</u> of the human intellect
- There are many types of intellectual property, and some countries recognize more than others
- The most well-known types are copyrights, patents, trademarks, and trade secrets

# Trademarks

#### Trademark























































# Protecting intangible assets: Intellectual property Trademarks or Service marks

- ► Any word, phase, symbols, or designs that identifies and distinguishes the source of goods of one party from those of others.
- ► A service mark the equivalent of a trademark but <u>for a service</u> <u>rather than a product.</u>
- ► A company use trademark so that people will recognize its products instantly.
- Right to a trademark are reserved exclusively for its owners, to infringe on a trademark is illegal.

  Microsoft

#### Trademark

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# Protecting intangible assets: Intellectual property Trademarks or Service marks

- ► To obtain application information for the registration in Thailand, visit

  Department of Intellectual Property website:
  - http://www.ipthailand.go.th/en/home-eng.html
- ► If you plan to do business internationally, the International Trademark

  Association (www.inta.org) is a great resource.

# Copyright

#### Protecting intangible assets: Copyright

- A form of <u>legal protection</u> to authors of "original works of authorship" including <u>literacy</u>, <u>dramatic</u>, <u>musical and artistic works</u>.
- ▶ It is offered for both published and unpublished works.
- ► The owner of a copyright has the sole right to print, reprint, sell and distribute, revise, record and perform the work.
- ► The copyright protects a work for the life of author/artist + 50 years in Thailand (+70 years in U.S.)
- Only authors and someone assigned rights by authors can claim a copyright.
- ▶ In Thailand you can file the request with DIP Department of Intellectual Property

#### Protecting intangible assets: Electronic rights

- ▶ The right to reproduce someone's work online.
- ▶ Internet piracy using and posting online of artwork, song, photo or poem.
- ► To protect your electronic rights, beware of contracts including the followings:
  - "Work made for hire"
    - ▶ This mean you are giving up the rights to your work.
    - ▶ The buyer can use it anywhere without paying anything beyond the original negotiated fee.
  - ► "All rights"
    - ▶ This mean you are <u>handing over all rights of your work</u> to the buyer.

#### Protecting intangible assets: Electronic rights

- ► Strategies for protecting electronic rights:
  - ► Get buyer to define exactly what is included in electronic rights e.g., online publication etc.
  - ▶ Put a limit on how long the buyers can have the rights e.g., 1 year.
  - ► Ask for additional fee for each additional set of rights e.g.,15% of the original fee every time the work is used electronically.

#### Copyright

- Copyrights do not protect ideas, but rather <u>the</u> <u>manner in which ideas</u> <u>are expressed</u> ("original works of authorship")
- This includes written works, art, music, architectural drawings, or even programming code for software



#### Copyright



#### **VULTURE**

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#### Ed Sheeran Is \$1 Million Richer After Winning Plagiarism Lawsuit

By Ashley Shannon Wu 💆 @ash\_wuu



**Ed Sheeran.** Photo: Aaron Chown - PA Images/PA Images via Getty Images

Update, Wednesday, June 22: A judge awarded Ed Sheeran and his fellow songwriters more than £900,000 (\$1.1 million) in legal fees following their victory in April's plagiarism suit over "Shape of You." The British High Court ruled against Sami Chokri and his producer Ross O'Donoghue, who accused Sheeran and "Shape of You" co-writers Steven McCutcheon and Johnny McDaid of infringing upon Chokri's song "Oh Why." The total cost will be assessed by another senior judge, who could choose to disallow some legal fees and reduce the total amount due. The ruling came four

years after Chokri and O'Donoghue sued the trio in May 2018.

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# Patent

#### **Protecting intangible assets: Patents**

- An exclusive right granted by the government to produce, use, and sell an invention or process.
- ► The protection is 20 years from its date of filling in Thailand (the same as U.S's).
- A patent cannot be obtained for a mere idea or suggestion.
  - ▶ It should be **fully developed and viable** before seeking the protection.
- ► If the invention is put into use by the inventor or discussed publicly > 1 yr without obtaining a patent the invention is considered to be in "the public domain" a patent will no longer be granted, and anyone may use it without payment.
- ► A patent search has to be undertaken to ensure that the idea is new and getting a patent is a complex legal process.

#### License, Permits and Certificates

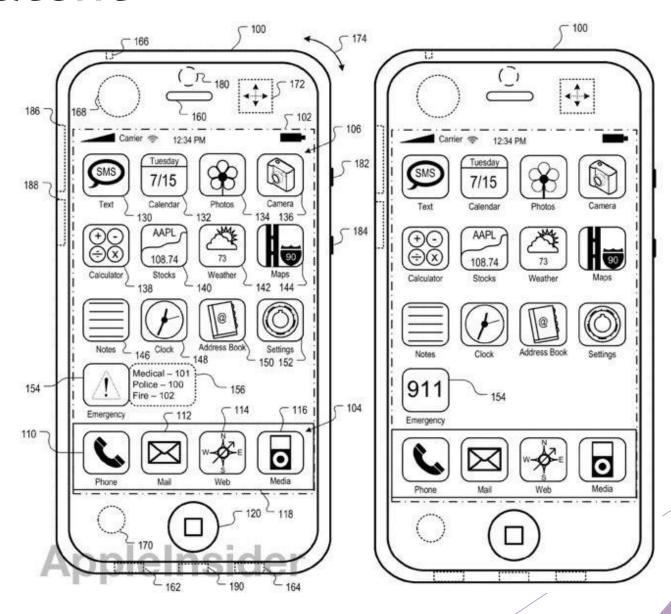
- Some business or activities are required to apply for <u>license and/or permissions and/or certificate</u> before operating e.g., a liquor license for a bar or a restaurant.
- ► It is suggested that you contact local government offices to find out which license and permits will be necessary.
  - ► Permits document giving you <u>a right to engage in a specific activity</u> e.g., holding an outdoor concert.
  - License giving you the right to engage in an activity for as long as the license is valid e.g., child-care facility.
  - ► Certificate official document that <u>verifies</u> something.
    - ▶ E.g., A certificate of occupancy conveys that a building is safe and ready for use.

#### **Patent**

- A patent protects <u>inventive ideas</u> or <u>processes</u>
- It is an intellectual property right granted by the government of a country to an inventor to <u>exclude</u> <u>others from making, using,</u> <u>offering for sale, or selling the</u> <u>invention for a limited time</u> in exchange for public disclosure of the invention
- Typical requirements: <u>Novelty</u>, <u>Usefulness</u>, and <u>Non-obviousness</u>



#### Patent



# 'Patent wars' and 'Patent trolls'

- A 'patent war' is a <u>battle between corporations or individuals to</u> <u>secure patents for litigation</u>, whether offensively or defensively
- Patent wars have occurred in a wide range of technologies and markets
- There are ongoing patent wars between the world's largest technology and software corporations. Contemporary patent wars are a global phenomenon, fought by multinational corporations based in the United States, China, Europe, Japan, Korea, and others
- E.g. the 'smartphone wars' between Sony, Google, Apple, Samsung, Microsoft, Nokia, Motorola, Huawei, LG, ZTE, and HTC
- <u>'Patent trolls'</u> are companies that buy up patents and use them to sue other companies in order to make money <u>they don't make anything themselves</u>

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# Protecting patents

- US Patent Office
- Thailand Department of Intellectual Property (DIP)
- China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)

## Trade secrets

#### Trade secret

- Trade secrets are any practice or process of a company that is generally not known outside of the company
- Information considered a trade secret gives the company a competitive advantage over its competitors and is often a product of internal research and development



#### Trade secret



# Infringement

#### Infringement



Violation of intellectual property rights, called <u>'infringement'</u> with respect to patents, copyright, and trademarks, and <u>'misappropriation'</u> with respect to trade secrets, may be a breach of civil law or criminal law, depending on the type of intellectual property involved, jurisdiction, and the nature of the action









# Thank you! any questions?