Think Like A Start Up: Using Start Up Technology Practices to Make Your Library Thrive

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### Starting a Start Up



### Agenda

- Team Dynamics
- Remove Slack / Bad Ideas
- Being Efficient with Resources
- Tool Box of Tech Tools

### Team

• A strong team should be well educated



- Medium
- Blinkist

Recommended by Catherine Ellen, SF Ali, and 2,603 others



Jon Westenberg in Life Learning 2 days ago + 6 min read





### This Is What I Do Before 8 AM.

Don't try and life-hack your way to post human status. Read more...

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### The Best Products of October 2017 🚀

October was a busy month, filled with Halloween costumes, too much candy, the World Series, and som...

Product Hunt November 6 · 11 min read

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Marvin J. Mathew and 660 others

#### 8 Proven Performance Practices from Billionaires and Elite Athletes

Average is over.



Benjamin P. Hardy November 15 • 10 min read







### Team

- A team should be encouraged and rewarded. You want to build passion for the work you do.
- http://kudosnow.com
- <u>https://www.growbot.io/</u> (works with Teams and Slack)
- OfficeVibe.Com Employee Feedback







**SUMMARY:** Globally, employees within ACME Inc. (All company) are decently engaged at work. This is good, and you're doing better than most companies out there, but there's still work to do. Employees are healthy and are close with their coworkers. With that said, ACME Inc. (All company)'s culture could improve even more by strengthening the relationship between employees and their managers and encouraging more recognition among everybody (managers and employees).



## Eliminate

- Not all ideas are good
- Run Surveys to find what ideas work / what doesn't.
- <u>https://www.typeform.com/</u>



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# Taking Action on Surveys

- If an idea is bad....scrap it
- If a process fails, remove or fix it
- If you're spending money on something that isn't be used, then stop it.



## Schedule Efficiency

- Scheduling the correct amount of resources is difficult.
- Multiple Hats
- Identify the minimum resource for optimum efficiency.

Humanity App (ShiftPlanning)

## Calculations

- How many patrons do you see a day?
- How many people check out materials?
  - You can pull this through a report
  - Break out interaction volume by hour for each day.
- How long does it take per interaction (average).

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Wednesday	8.1	8.77	9.4	9.24	9.33	9.64	10.5	9.1	9.96	9.16
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### Outsourcing

• Using outsourced resources to get things done faster / efficiently.

- Fiverr
- HiByron

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# Tool Box Communication

• Communication is crucial to the success of a start-up (and a library). Being able to provide timely and sortable information, conversations, and embodying team work is important.

### Facebook at Work

- · Excellent internal social network for work use
- Price: Free
- Slack
  - My personal favorite
  - Price: Free and paid plan starts at \$6.67 per user/per month
    - Discounts for education/non-profits/more

### Acme Sites ~

Kathryn Schmidt

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CHANNELS (40)

### annual-meeting

# design-test

# editorial

# help-customer-support

# hiring-updates

# lunch

- # marketing-events
- # project-updates
- # team-hire-n-recruit

# tips

### **△** annual-meeting

 $\mathfrak{A} \mid \mathfrak{A} \mid$  Time to prep for the annual meeting!



Peter Keller 3:15 PM
 @kathryn sure thing! what do you need from us?



Sam Chan 3:16 PM



**Kathryn Schmidt** 3:16 PM Next week we'll kickoff our planning for the annual meeting!



**Sam Chan** 3:17 PM That sounds great, and thank you for thinking ahead.



Kathryn Schmidt 3:17 PM

@peter, we'll need your notes from last year's meeting. I'll make sure we book the board room!

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Peter Keller 3:18 PM

I'll send those over right away! 👍



Kathryn Schmidt 3:18 PM

@emilie, can you be our note taker? We've got a lot to cover this year.



Thanks, team! I think we're gonna knock it out of the park this year. The boss is going to love it.



# Slack Features

- Channels and Direct Messages
  - Allow for Organization of Conversation Threads
  - Keep Individual & Restricted Group Messages Private





### Channels

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- # general
- # leads
- leads\_partnerships
- leads\_workshops
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- # socialmedia
- # todolist
- upcomingconferences

Direct Messages



**mschmidtbauer** 7:04 AM joined #alaconference.

bpichman 7:08 AM



**katiebarnes** 10:54 AM ioined #alaconference.



katiebarnes 11:01 AM

Robot Friends has joined

Hi @bpichman and fellow ALA Maker pals! I'm looking forward to meeting you all next week and hearing all about your projects. Here's where you can find out more about Little Robot Friends http://littlerobotfriends.com/

@mschmidtbauer welcome -> So far just you and Katie from Little

Have a super weekend 👍

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#### **Little Robot Friends - Home**

This is where you're going to learn a whole bunch of stuff about Little Robot Friends!



# Integrations Galore!



# Integrations!

- If integrations or plugins don't exist, leverage custom programming to build your own integrations from your work apps.
  - Open API & Email to Channel Integrations allow for many apps to be connected to Slack.



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# Drop some more knowledge about SLACK.

Things you can do with Slack:

- Setup notifications based on departments
- Setup alerts according to channel importance
- Have patrons email <a href="mailto:brookrequest@yourlibrary.com">brookrequest@yourlibrary.com</a> email will go to Slack channel to notify staff of need.







#### Byron

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New message on "Two Pager Hand Out" Hi Brian,

Please find the first page attached. This is taking a good amount of time, but I should be able to finish the second page a little bit faster. Please let me know if there is anything you would like to change before I start on page two.

#### Thanks! Show more...

Byron Request ID: 210490

Byron APP 7:29 PM

Byron

New message on "Two Pager Hand Out"



#### **Twitter** APP 2:04 PM https://twitter.com/Ms\_ShirleyLoh/status/922931781644435456

Shirley Loh @Ms\_ShirleyLoh

Here's @bpichman of @theevolvproject using his powers for good at a packed house. #D203 Privacy, the Dark Web & Hackers #InternetLibrarian https://t.co/wfZE4G1hIP

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# Tool Box Email

• Having email is usually a costly service. Considering hosting with Google or Office 365.

Google Apps

- Gmail and has more products within.
- Price: Starts at \$5 to \$25 per user per month

### Office 365

- Microsoft products integrate easily, expensive minimum price.
- Price: Starts at \$4 per user per month without apps, and 12.50 per user per month with the Office Suite included.





Use the online apps



# Tool Box Email - Apps

- Use apps to make emails better!
- Google Apps
  - Boomerang Schedule Emails / Return Emails / Keep Inbox Clean
  - Assistant.to-Schedule Meetings with Ease


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Tool Box Project Management

- Keeping track of ideas, suggestions, projects, timelines, and updates is tiresome. Use some of the apps below to keep things in line.
- Asana
  - Exceptional UI, solid for large teams.
  - Price: Starts free up to 15 members
- Trello
  - Great for those who like the idea of separated projects and action items for each project.
  - Price: Starts free and Pro Versions
- Wunderlist
  - Good for small teams, fastest among the three, best for individual to do lists
  - Price: Free and Pro Versions

# Tool Box Site Hosting

- Host services/servers/apps off site. This could help save money and is easier to scale on demand when needed
- Google Cloud
- AWS Web Services
- BlueHost for websites \*
  - There are some issues with reliability



# **Cost Saving Factors**

	WITH CLOUD	WITH ON-PREMISE
DATA SECURITY	Minimal risk of data breach	Company data is managed internally for increased security
COSTS	No increased costs for additional equip- ment or infrastructure	Large initial cash outlay for equipment (and every few years for new equipment or maintenance)
MAINTENANCE	No need for dedicated IT staff	Dedicated IT staff for equipment mainte- nance
AGILITY	Third party doing updates and product enhancements on a regular basis	Feature "lock-in"; usually limited to solu- tion features at time of purchase
MOBILITY	Broad accessibility for internet-enabled devices	Access generally limited to devices on-network



- Downtime
- Performance tuning
- Rewrite customizations
- Rewrite integrations
- Upgrade dependent applications
- Ongoing burden on IT
- Maintain/upgrade hardware
- Maintain/upgrade network
- Maintain/upgrade security
- Maintain/upgrade database





Implementation, **Customisation &** Training

### **Ongoing Costs**

- Subscription fee



# Comparisons





### https://www.cloudorado.com/cloud\_server\_comparison.jsp

Windows Azure	A4 v2 show details	\$175	Go to Provider
R rackspace	Compute 1-8 (7.5 GB RAM) + 100 GB storage show details	\$199	Go to Provider
🚫 Google	n1-standard-4 show details	\$216	Go to Provider
elastichosts	8 GB RAM / 2x 2.5 GHz CPUs show details	\$234	Go to Provider
dimension data	8 GB RAM / 4 CPUs Instance show details	\$243	Go to Provider
storm	BareMetal Xeon X3440 8GB show details	\$247	Go to Provider
VPS NET	16 Nodes show details	\$248	Go to Provider
webservices"	EC2 c3.xlarge + 100 GB SSD EBS show details	\$282	Go to Provider

# Tool Box Monitoring and Reporting

- You will want to ensure uptime of your various services (servers, websites, etc.) You can receive outage alerts before your users are aware in some cases, and prepare and mitigate an outage because of a better response time.
- Pingdom
  - Pings different websites by checking to see if it is available on the world wide web.
- Nagios
  - For internal checking of services. Open Source and does require some technical know-how to get set up.
- Google Analytics
  - Monitor site activity and traffic flow to and from your website.



#### Nagios' XI

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# Tool Box Patron

Interactions

- By keeping track of patrons comments/questions/concerns allows us to better serve our community. Have you thought of creating tickets? At the same time, how about tickets for internal staff use?
- Freshdesk
  - Competitor to Zendesk
  - Price: Free for up to three "agents"
- Useresponse
  - Affordable and used for smaller support teams
  - Price: Starts at \$10 per agent per month
- Zendesk
  - The most common ticketing system of choice.
  - Price: Starts at \$5 per agent per month

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upload	Hey there – After I upload my photos, I would like to have several resolutions a something medium and something at original resolution. I can mak was hoping you had a solution for this. Thanks! Jessie	

### **Tool Box** Patron Communication

- Patrons can reach out across a variety of mediums on our social media platforms (facebook/twitter) or even through a chat portal on a website or icon on library desktops. Wouldn't that be great to respond to all of them through a single app? (instead of monitoring multiple systems)
- Chatlio
  - Uses a web app to allow users to send chat messages directly to your Slack channel.
  - Price: \$29 per month
- Smooch
  - Integrates into FB Messenger, Telegram, SMS Text Message Apps, and event Twitter and sends it to Slack (or emails).
  - Price: Free for 10,000 monthly active users and paid plan starts at \$100



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### Other Resources

- Angel.Co find jobs with start-ups, investor options, etc.
- LinkedIn Leverage your network, share connections, get introductions.
- Kickstarter/Indiegogo -> Usually requires having a strong network, substantial money is needed to launch a Kickstarter. It's usually used to drive pre-orders or test market viability.
- Seedinvest, WeFunder, and others offers opportunities for funding or investment options.

### Co-Working Spaces

- WeWork, and many others offer shared desks, private spaces, open conference rooms, small meeting rooms, food/snacks, etc. for the users.
  - Through this, interact with other start-ups to share resources, ideas, challenges, and solutions.







### **Questions?**

• Thanks for attending!

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