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The Double Dip: How to Build Once, Sell Twice and Make Money Three Times



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How would you like to build something once, but get paid twice? How about getting paid three times for undertaking the same action? It is possible - if you know how to "double dip."

In the mid-80s, my father, Mel "Papa Joe" Wise - a long time car-guy and serial entrepreneur in his own right, learned that the population of a small South American country had a real need for used tires. Apparently, while they had many automobiles, nearly each and every one was older than he was. Consequently, the people needed a wide variety of auto parts (including tires), to keep these vehicles in service and on the road. Serendipitously, one of the provinces at the time was having a real problem storing excessive used tires in its landfills. So the idea struck my father: if he could acquire the tires from the province for little or nothing, then ship these tires to South America and sell them, he could make a tidy profit. However, his potential profit skyrocketed when he discovered that the used tire problem was so significant, that this provincial government would actually pay him to take as many tires as he could off their hands. Let me repeat for

clarity: Someone was going to pay him to remove an item - the exact same item - that someone else was going to pay him to acquire. This concept of "build once, sell twice", was my father's first encounter with what he would later term "the double dip."

Double dipping, at its core, refers to the ability to generate multiple revenue streams from the same expenditure of resources. Recognize however, that this model isn't limited to tires; nor is it limited to double dipping. In fact, if you are really strategic, you can often structure your business model to yield double, triple, and even quadruple dips. Look at the following to see how my dad could have made even more money off of the tire transaction:

1 Tire, 2 Transactions, 4 Ways to Make Money

The Single Dip: Sell used tires to a buyer looking for used tires.

The Double Dip: Be paid to remove used tires from landfill and other storage sites. Then sell those same used tires to buyer.

The Triple Dip: Receive a federal grant to set up a "green" environmental services company focused on helping to deal with the "used tire" problem. Be paid to remove used tires from landfill and other storage sites. Then sell those same used tires to a buyer.

The Quadruple Dip: Receive grant to set up a "green" environmental services company focused on helping deal with the "used tire" problem. Be paid to remove used tires from landfill and other storage sites. Then sell those same tires to a buyer looking for used tires. Do all the above at a facility paid for through matching provincial grants to encourage economic development in an underutilized urban region.

Here are some more common examples:

- If you are selling new mattresses to the public and want to encourage sales, offer a trade-in program, whereby anyone bringing in their old mattress gets 15 per cent off the price of a new mattress. Then turn around and donate the mattresses to shelters and other

excellent community organizations and claim the tax benefit for the donation. Then use your "charitable" act to raise the community profile of your mattress store, yielding free promotional coverage.

- If you are an IT consultancy, develop a product for a specific client, but retain the right to resell the tech you develop. Then, once deployed, sell the solution to other clients. Then, further dip by using government programs such as IRAP and SRED to help offset the development costs of the original project.

- If you are making a \$100-million plus sci-fi blockbuster, make sure you leverage your production costs by monetizing all the ancillary markets. George Lucas, a veteran double dipper, may in the end have made more money from merchandising (action figures, books, t-shirts, video games, etc) than from the box office.

If you want a more recent example, you need look no further than ... Google. Google has made a killing from double dipping. After all, at its core, Google really only has two key assets: a proprietary search engine technology and tens of millions of people using that engine. But in the last year, Google has used both to leverage and expand their business model with the launch of Google desktop, Google maps, local search, froogle, keyhole, gmail and so much more, showing that the company is not simply going to rely on its click through/eyeball/ad words revenue model, but instead is going to leverage its millions of hits a day to massively double dip.

So how can you maximize your business model to generate the highest revenues possible through double dipping? The key is continually turning your deal on its ear until you can see all the possible variations and permutations. Asking a few key questions can help ensure that you don't leave anything on the table. I recommend that you always ponder these three questions to ask before signing a deal:

1. Have I fully monetized the primary revenue stream

to allow for sustainability? i.e. Is there enough money in the deal to sustain the company should no other sources of revenue evolve?

2. From an external perspective, who else benefits from my primary transaction? i.e. Who else would pay to see us do what we plan to do anyway? From an internal perspective, what secondary benefits does my transaction throw off, and can I monetize such? i.e. Are there bi-products that result from the task? To whom can I sell such?

3. What small tweaks can I make to my business model to access and generate different forms of revenue? How can I increase revenue by making only minimum changes?

We most often see the double dip with technology and life science companies who out-license. Jeff Courtney, Partner at one of the country's leading investment funds, VenGrowth Private Equity Partners recognizes the value of out licensing.

"Two things that start-up ventures are almost always seeking are cash, and validation of their technology or product. One effective strategy for achieving both is to out license part of the company's product portfolio," said Mr. Courtney.

"If the company has more than one product, this often takes the form of out licensing one of its non-core products. Where the product portfolio is limited, the effective strategy may be to license the same product more than once. In its simplest form, this may be a license for rights to the product in a limited geographic territory such as Asia, or Europe. In perhaps a more complicated form, this might mean licensing the same product for different indications or target markets. In the case of a drug discovery, this could be the license for a topical form of the drug, keeping the oral form for the company," he said.

"Out licensing generates new revenue from additional applications of already expended resources, it allows high growth companies to build once and sell twice, and does so while also providing validation

for the tech. Out licensing is a key strategy for maximizing ROI."

However, double dipping is actually more than just maximizing returns. Double dipping is also about minimizing risk. In venture capital, where I do most of my work, most investors seek business models that have the potential to generate "multiple shots on the net." That is to say, venture capitalists are loath to invest in companies that have "all their eggs in one basket." They know that a slight shift in any market ecosystem can leave their investee without a revenue stream, and might devastate any ROI they were initially seeking.

Tim Lee, Vice-President of Investments from Growthworks, puts it this way: "Active exploration of double dipping is vital for start-ups. The primary benefit is that it generates incremental revenues that leverage already limited resources. But the exercise also helps prevent tunnel vision, thereby allowing management to consistently revisit business models. Most investors know more than their fair share of successful exits where the source of revenues at the end had little resemblance to the original business plan."

Would you like to have a back-up plan in case the primary markets that you sell to suddenly change? Would you like to build something once, but make money from it twice? Three times? Would you like to maximize revenues and mitigate risk at the same time? If you have said yes to any of these questions, then you want to learn what "Papa Joe" Wise learned all those years ago, you want to learn how to double dip!

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