

MVP: Minimal Viable Product

A Playbook for Founders and First-Time Builders.



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Since the rise of AI, it seems like every single day there are thousands of new startups sprouting out of the earth. But, many just get stuck in the first ideation phase, the most exciting and motivating one, if I might say. So, now, why is it so important to go step by step, making sure that you don't get overly motivated and start shipping out a highrise of a product, and what does it have to do with an MVP?

In startup language, a Minimum Viable Product is the simplest version of your idea that still delivers value to a customer. It ships fast, teaches you something useful, and spares you from writing code that no one wants. Think of it as a test balloon: enough lift to clear the trees, but still tied to the ground so you can haul it back if the wind shifts. And it has a happy smiley face on it, don't ask why.

