San Diego's Innovation Economy

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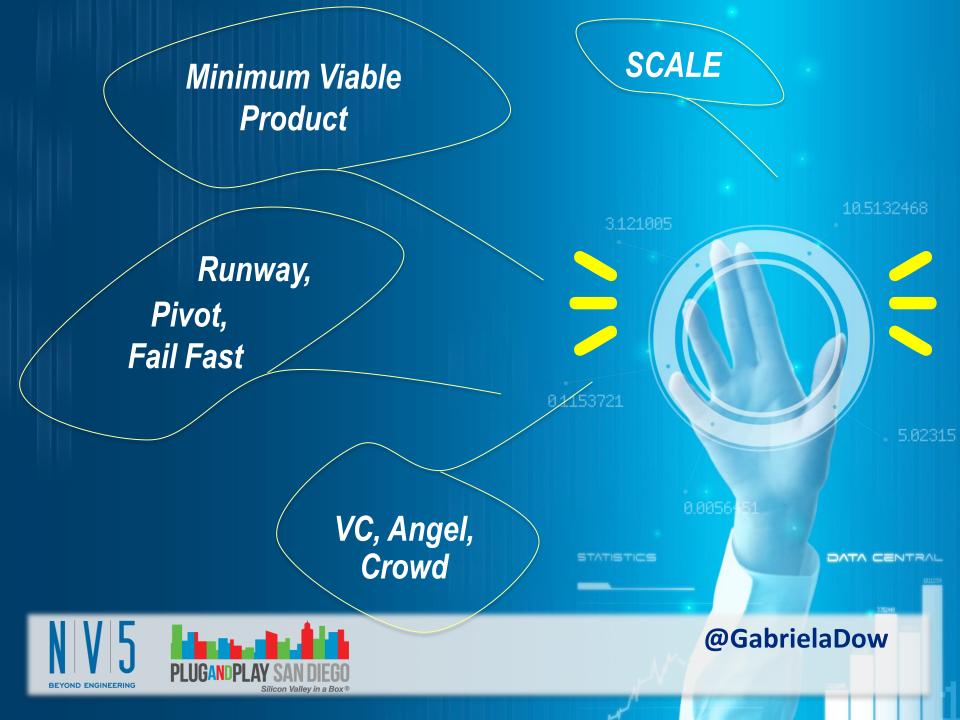




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Radius database analyzes billions of data points each day. 27 million+ US businesses analyzed to rank via:

- 1. Small businesses as % of total.
- % of small businesses in high growth industries.
- 3. % that accept credit cards.
- 4. % with Facebook pages & websites.
- 5. % with online reviews.



1. San Diego, CA

Small enterprises ranked in the top five on nearly every category to lift San Diego into the top slot. There is heavy concentration in projected high growth industries, as well as a high likelihood of accepting credit cards and adopting social media. San Diego is home to the fifth-best rated business community in the country.



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San Diego deserves ranking as top city for launching startups

By Gabriela Dow 5:30 P.M. APRIL 16, 2014

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On March 13, Forbes reported that San Diego is the number one city to launch a startup. Some complained that Forbes' methodology was faulty (social media data was one point in the analysis of 27 million small businesses nationwide) or that this was impossible given California's high tax rate.

It is important to clarify what defines a startup and why an admittedly challenging city as San Diego is actually the natural fit for high-risk, high-reward ventures.

A startup is not just a small business; they are typically technology ventures designed to grow or fail quickly and scale tremendously to disrupt existing industries or create new markets.



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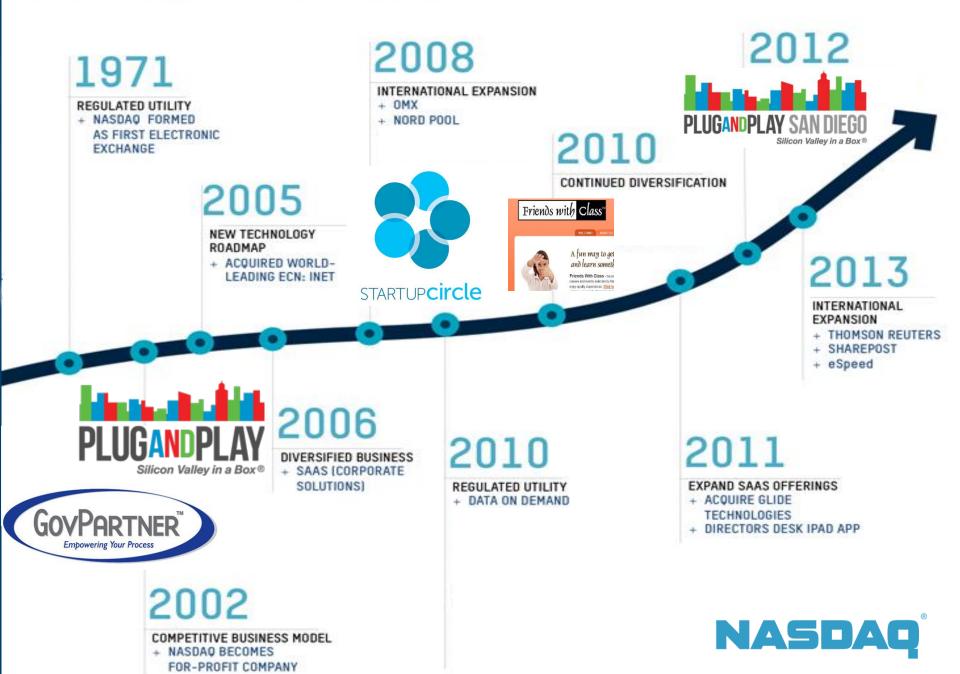
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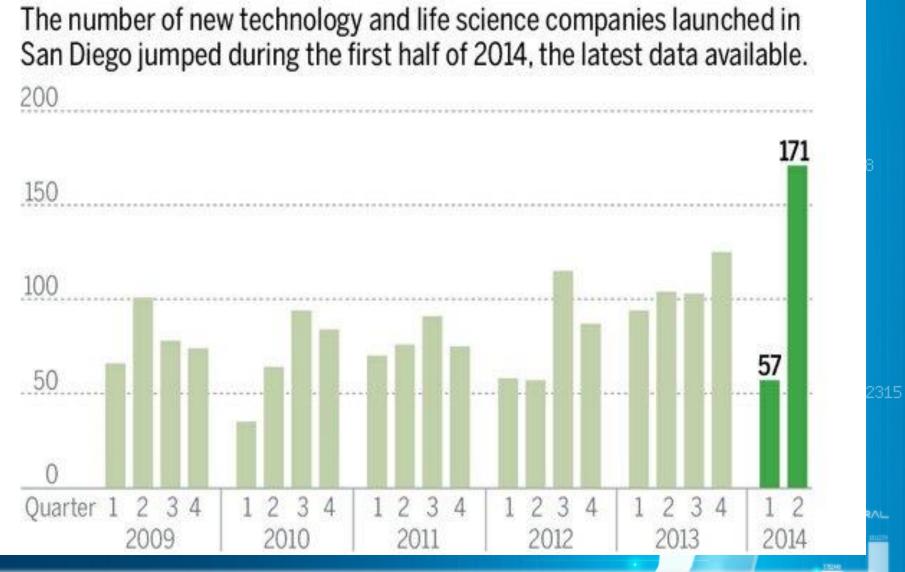
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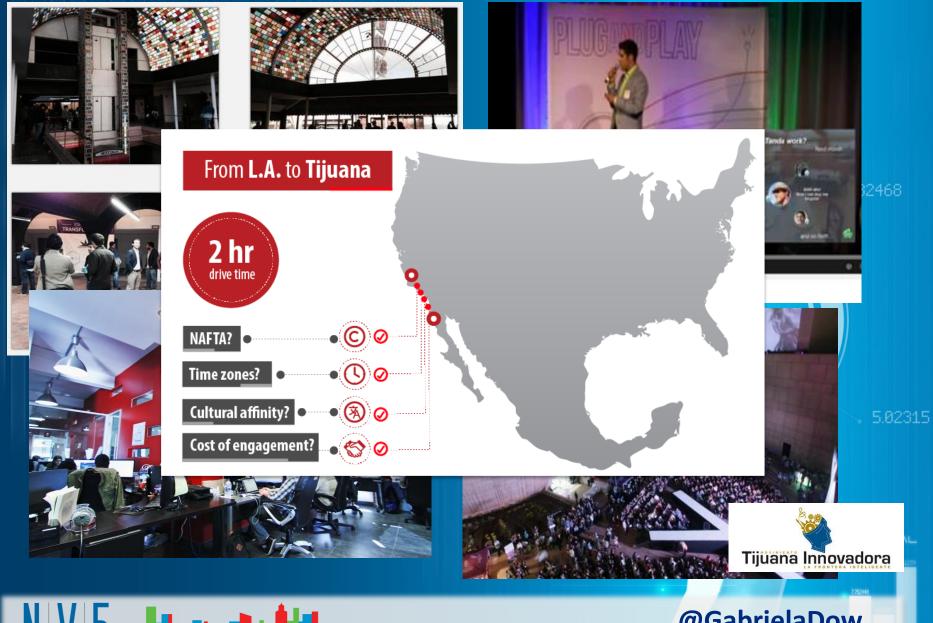
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Every company starts somewhere, and for Lending Club, that place was a startup incubator called Plug and Play Tech Center. Founded by Saeed Amidi, one of the most well-connected power players in the Valley, Plug and Play provides shared office space and seed investment to early stage startups.

Lending Club's CEO Renaud Laplanche first joined Plug and Play in 2007, after leaving his job at Oracle. It was only him and its CTO Joaquin Delgado at the time, but Amidi says it was clear from the beginning that Lending Club was on to something very big.

Lending Club nabs \$9 billion valuation in IPO, challenges big banks

By Heather Somerville hsomerville@merc



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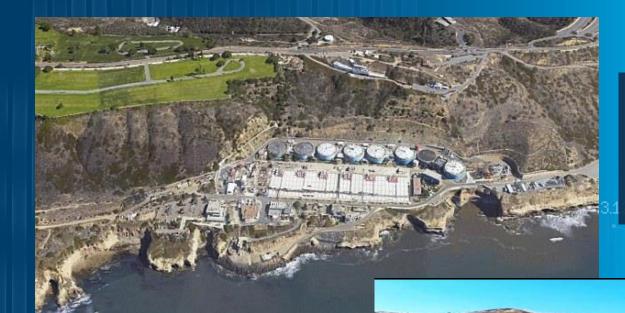
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