

Organizational Physics

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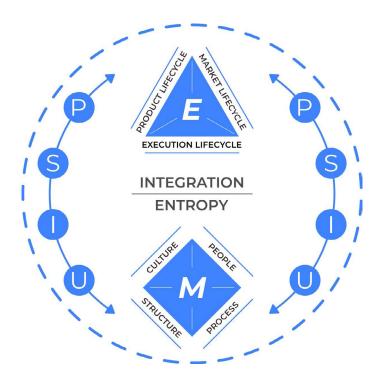


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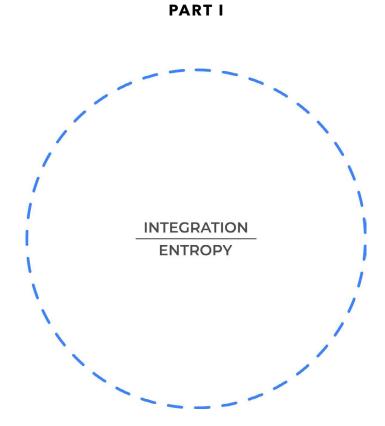


Figure 2. Summary of Part I: Success is a function of integration over entropy

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Success =
$$\sum \left[\frac{\text{Integration}}{\text{Entropy}} \right]$$

Figure 3. The Universal Success Formula

Success =
$$\sum \left[\frac{\text{Integration}}{\text{Entropy}} \right]$$

Available energy first flows here

Figure 4. Available energy first flows to manage internal entropy needs

Success =
$$\sum \left[\frac{50}{50} \right]$$
 Warning

Figure 5. High entropy steals from top-line success

Success =
$$\sum \left[\frac{75}{25} \right]$$
 Success!

Figure 6. Decreasing entropy frees up more energy for top-line success



Figure 7. The vector of happiness and productivity

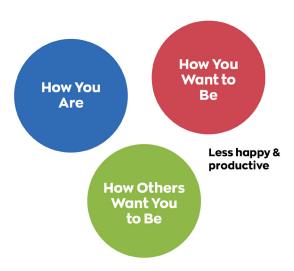


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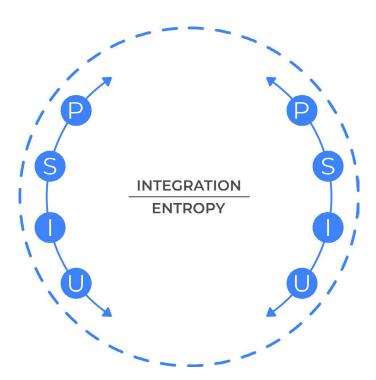


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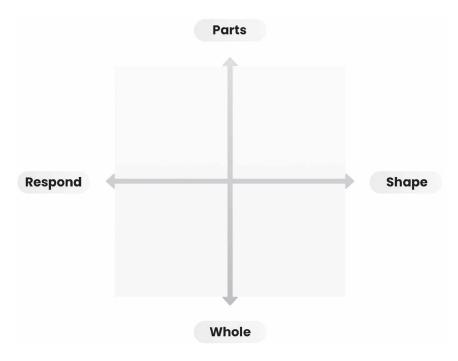


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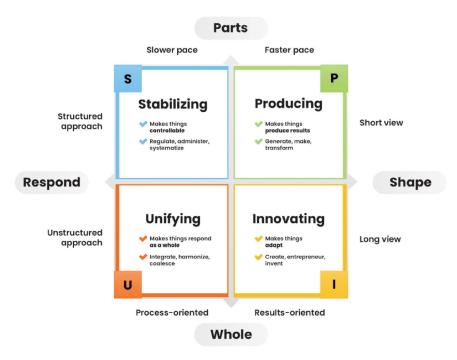


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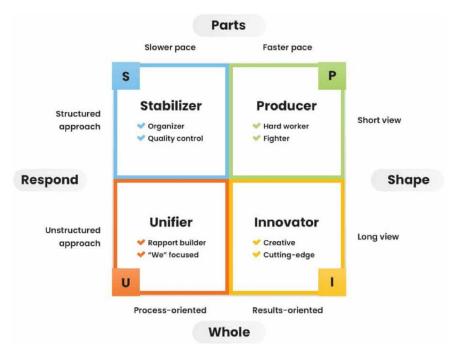


Figure 13. The Four Styles of Organizational Physics: Producer, Stabilizer,
Innovator, Unifier

	Lens	Energy Drains	Energy Gains	Foes	Friends
Producer	What	Not enough time	Momentum/ results	Not working hard/fast	Working hard/ fast
Stabilizer	How	Not enough control	Order/ accuracy	Not doing it right	Follow the process
Innovator	Why not?	Too many ideas	Enthusiasm/ buy-in	Not getting it	Support their ideas
Unifier	Who	Too many conflicts	Harmony/ intimacy	Not working as a team	Add to the group

Figure 14. The friends, foes, gains, and drains of each style

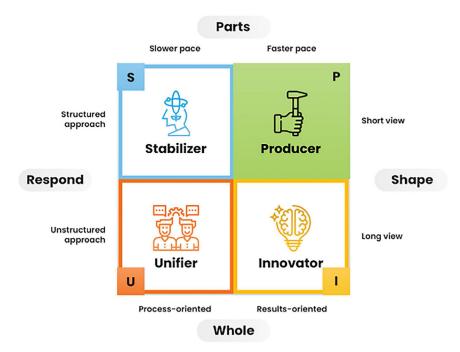


Figure 15. The Producer Style

The Producer		
Enjoys	Completing tasks	
Personal work space	Cluttered/busy	
Normal communication style	Energetic/fast/to the point	
Primary work focus	Implementing the game plan/producing output	
Typical complaint	People aren't working hard enough	
Decision making behavior	Quick/figures it out along the way	
Addresses problems by	Working harder/getting others to work harder	
Likes to be praised for	Being productive/working hard	
Excels at	Taking action	
Most satisfied when	Scores a victory	

Figure 16. Traits of the Producer Style

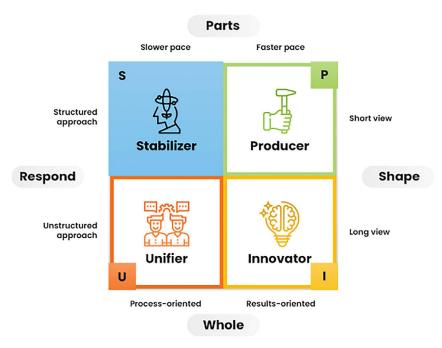


Figure 17. The Stabilizer Style

	The Stabilizer
Enjoys	Analyzing problems and tasks
Personal work space	Practical/organized
Normal communication style	Factual/deliberate/methodical
Primary work focus	Planning/organizing/systematizing
Typical complaint	People not following the process
Decision making behavior	Methodical/decides once everything is understood
Addresses problems by	Implementing new systems/revising policies and procedures
Likes to be praised for	Finding efficiencies/creating order/high quality
Excels at	Analysis
Most satisfied when	Achieving high quality

Figure 18. Traits of the Stabilizer Style

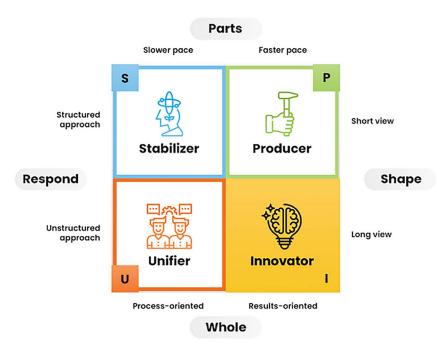


Figure 19. The Innovator Style

	The Innovator
Enjoys	Spotting new opportunities
Personal work space	Unique/creative
Normal communication style	Charismatic/expressive/excitable
Primary work focus	Moving the next latest thing forward/spotting trends
Typical complaint	People aren't getting it
Decision making behavior	Bold/decides once the opportunity is sensed
Addresses problems by	Looking for new approaches or ideas
Likes to be praised for	Finding creative solutions that work/getting others excited
Excels at	Conceptualizing
Most satisfied when	Thinking outside the box

Figure 20. Traits of the Innovator Style

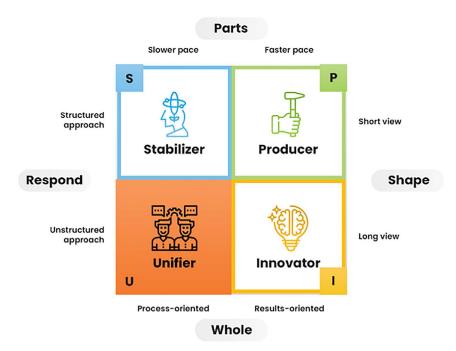


Figure 21. The Unifier Style

The Unifier		
Enjoys	Listening and empathizing with others	
Personal work space	Warm/welcoming	
Normal communication style	Appreciative/connecting/affirming	
Primary work focus	Building consensus/meeting people's needs/teamwork	
Typical complaint	People aren't being team players	
Decision making behavior	Astute/decides once everyone's viewpoint is known	
Addresses problems by	Communicating/bringing people together	
Likes to be praised for	Understanding others/Uplifting the team/emotional intelligence	
Excels at	Empathizing/unifying a group	
Most satisfied when	Developing strong relationships	

Figure 22. Traits of the Unifier Style

PART III

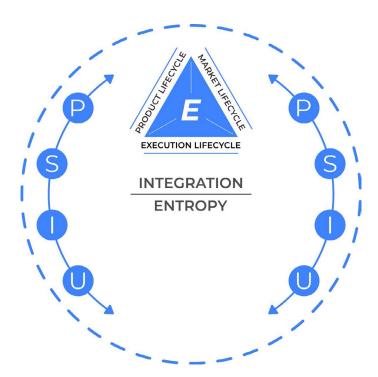


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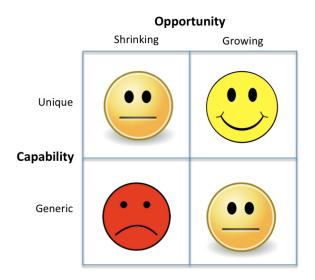


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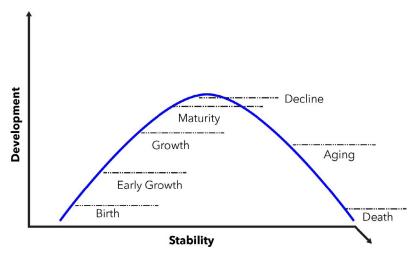


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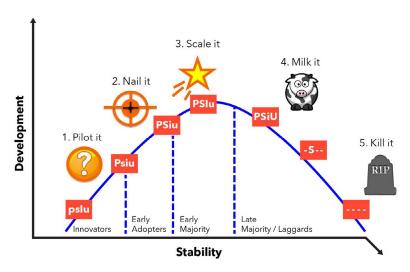


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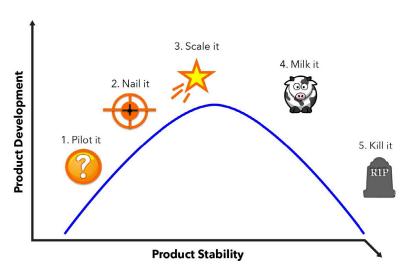


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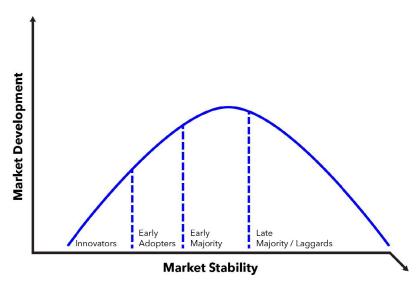


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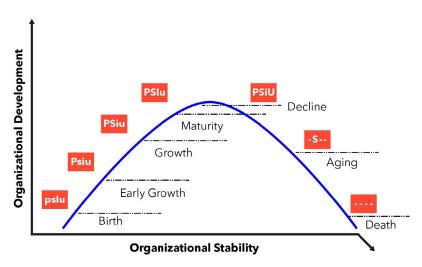


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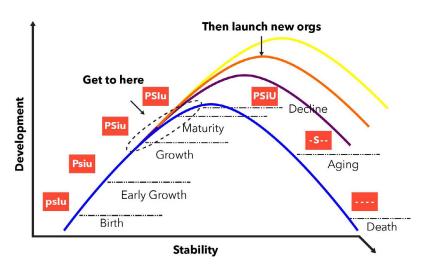


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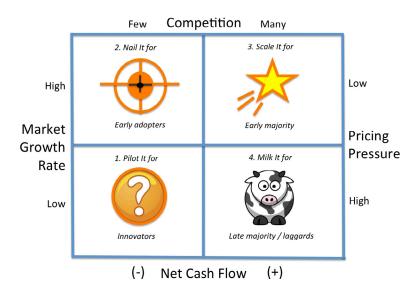


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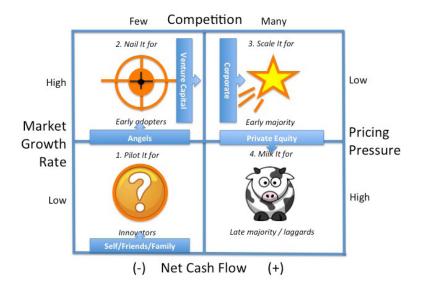


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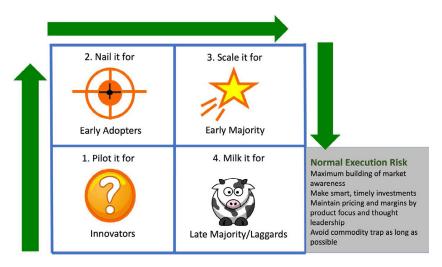


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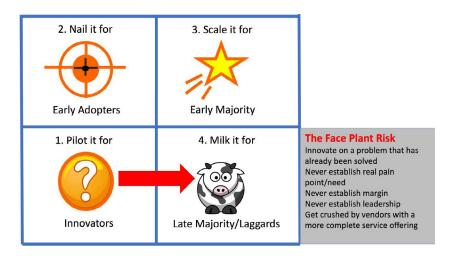


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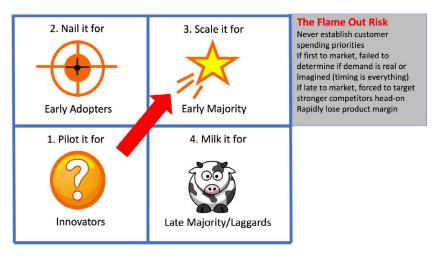


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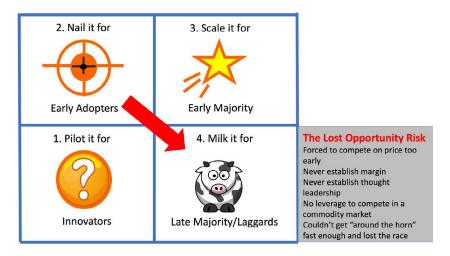


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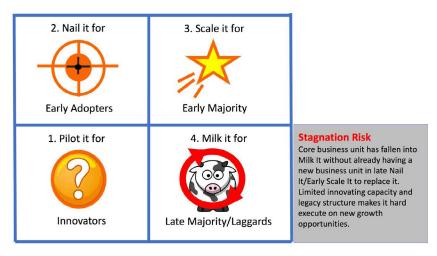


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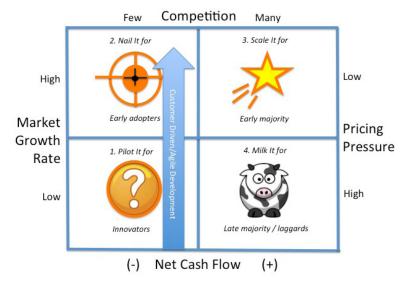


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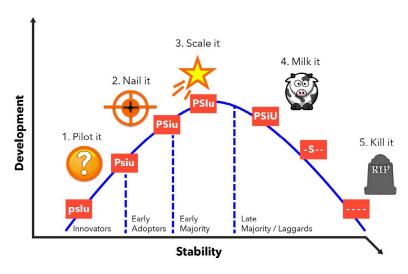


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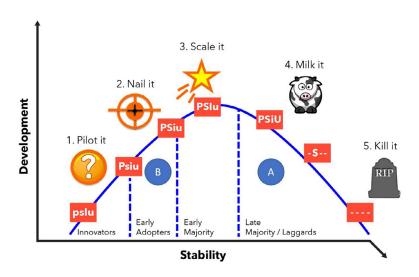


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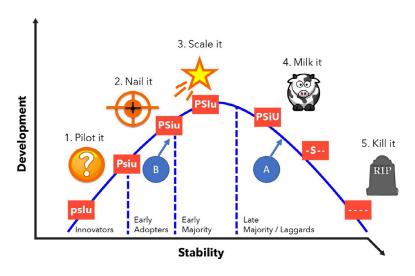


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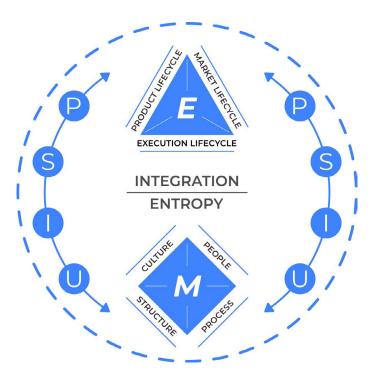


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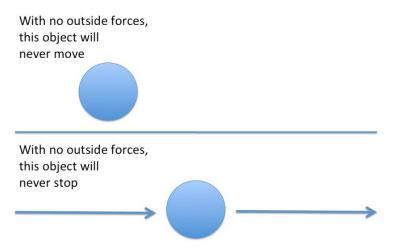


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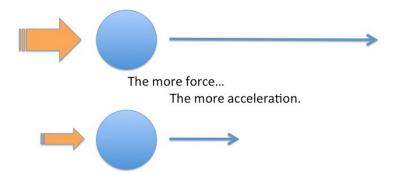
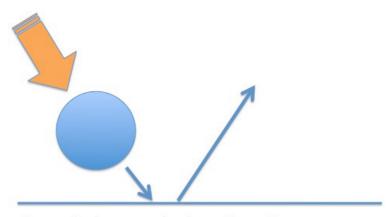


Figure 44. Newton's second law of motion



Every action has an equal and opposite reaction

Figure 45. Newton's third law of motion

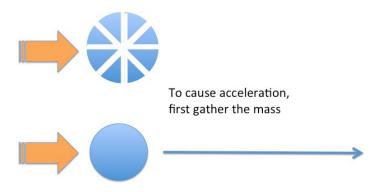


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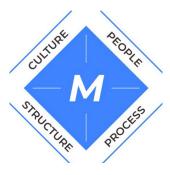


Figure 47. The Strategic Execution Diamond

	High Proficiency Low		
Shared	1. The Starters	2. The Bench	
Vision & Values			
Unshared	3. The Free Agents	4. The Waivers	

Figure 48. Who's on your team?

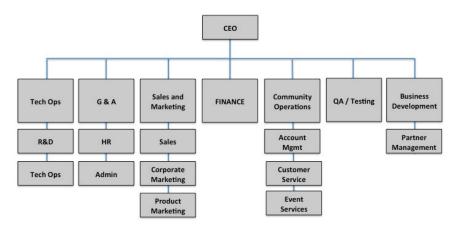


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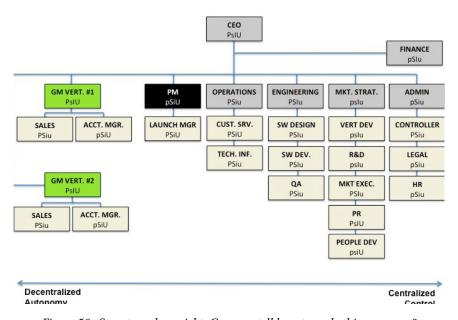


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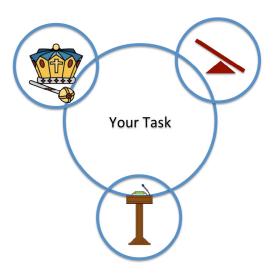


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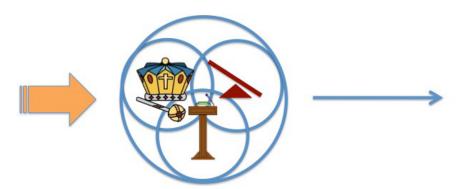


Figure 52. Once you've gathered in the authority, power, and influence, it's much easier to enact a change

There are hidden laws at work in every aspect of your business. Understand them, and you can create extraordinary growth. Ignore them, and you run the risk of becoming another statistic. It's become almost cliché: 8 out of every 10 new ventures fail. Of the ones that succeed, how many truly thrive-for the long run? And of those that thrive, how many continually overcome their growth hurdles... and ultimately scale, with meaning, purpose, and profitability?

The answer, sadly, is not many.

Author Lex Sisney is on a mission to change that picture. After more than a decade spent leading and coaching high-growth technology companies, Lex discovered that the companies that thrive do so in accordance with 6 Laws universal principles that govern the success or failure of every individual, team, and organization.

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