# How to fundraise like the best startups





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Reaching out to investors is the step of the fund raising process in which founders make the most mistakes.

### DO NOT!

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#### Cold email

It sends a clear message: you do not want to bother.

Also avoid LinkedIn, personal email addresses and generic decks@ etc.

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#### Delegate

Investors want to feel that you care.

They expect to exchange with the CEO throughout the process.

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### Use fund raising firms

They won't save you much time in the end.

My advice, stay away!

### Now let's look at what works every time!

### Warm intro

Go through your network and find someone who knows the person you're trying to get in touch with.

### Portfolio

Browse through the VC's portfolio to identify companies you know.

This is the best introduction you can hope for!

### Forwardable email

Make it extremely easy for someone to help you.

Forwardable emails is the way! Read more here.

### Follow up

Once introduced, follow up 2-3 times to remind them.

The whole process is manual, takes time and cannot be automated nor delegated.

It is your job!

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