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# Why We Need To Invest in the **Human Cloud**

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With the power of the Human Cloud, you can **create, innovate, and invent whole new products** and markets for your ideas.

- **Daniel H. Pink**, #1 New York Times Bestselling Author of *When and Drive*

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# There's no more waiting

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Spent on freelancers in  
US in 2019

35%

Percent of US workforce today

*\*predicted to be over half the  
workforce by 2027*



Microsoft



airbnb



AUTOMATTIC COTY

Companies embracing  
freelancers

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*Morgan Stanley, Upwork, Upwork*

# Large Tech Company



“The future of work is now.

We launched our Gig Economy pilot to deliver for our customers, **increase the speed of our innovation**, and provide different resource models to allow us to scale with speed, agility, and specialized expertise – online and on-demand.”

- First Ever Freelance Program Manager

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## North American Motorcycle Manufacturer



For a beloved North American motorcycle manufacturer, **they didn't have the budget, gravitas, or time to go and recruit a top-notch, full-time development team**, but needed to provide their riders a digital experience.

Instead of an agency or full time headcount, **they tapped into the best freelance engineers and product experts around the world.**

The results were mindblowing. In the course of a few years, this project evolved from an idea, to a plan, to development, **resulting in a mobile app with an estimated 150,000 downloads** with a 5-star rating (over 8.8k reviews) at the time of writing this.

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# Context

- What is the freelance economy
- Why freelancers are a must
- How do we get started
- Who we need

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## Top Talent Turned Freelancers



Sam Mason  
**Project Manager**  
ex software VP



J Cheema  
**Presentation Designer**  
ex Nike Chief of Staff



Noel Arellano  
**Outbound Sales**  
Student

# → What is the freelance economy. Independent contracting made simple through software

## Various terms:

Direct-to-talent  
Independent talent  
Contingent talent

It's simply a technology shift that makes digital,  
remote and project based work **better for**  
**top talent and top leaders.**

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## → Why we need to hire freelancers.

“Traditional consulting firms are expensive, lack agility, and have considerable talent restraints. The solution for enterprises if they need scale, agility, and top talent is to foster distributed software networks.”



Brandon Bright, Software consultant

**Better.**

Specialized expertise vs. generalists

**Faster.**

From ~30 days to 2

**Cheaper.**

50-90% cost savings

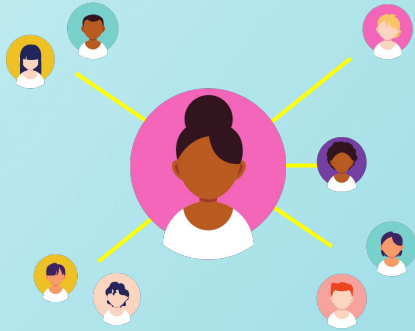
*\*Compared to temp staffing and agencies*

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## → Why we need to hire freelancers.



Empower our employees through **augmentation.**



Better serve our customers through **agility.**



Tap into new and diverse types of **global talent.**

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## → How we'll scale sustainably.

Q1

Test small projects

*Worksheet 3.1*

Q2

Launch Pilot

*Worksheet 3.2*

FY  
21-22

Lead Cross Company Team

*Worksheet 3.3*

FY  
22+

Scale across organization

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# → How other companies do it.



## Test

Article  
Research  
Landing Page

*Projects less than  
\$1k*



## Grow

Book  
Website  
Whitepaper

*Projects between  
\$1-30k*

## Scale

Branding  
Mobile App  
Ad Campaign

*Projects greater  
than \$30k*

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## → Who needs to be involved.



### Procurement

Enabling us to sustainably, compliantly, and cost-efficiently source talent



### HR

Ensuring the Human Cloud has a positive impact on culture



### Product

Enabling us to better serve our customers through hiring the right talent at the right time



### Legal

Ensuring we engage and scale usage legally and compliantly



### Program Team

Launching, piloting, and scaling the freelance program

*\*Owns the program*



## Next Steps

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- [What Is The \\$1.2 Trillion Dollar Freelance Economy](#)
- [Why Your Return To The Office Plan Needs Freelancers](#)

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Step 2: Build Your Freelance Program ([Deck](#), [Worksheet](#))

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