

# How a successful company like Frega avoids hype



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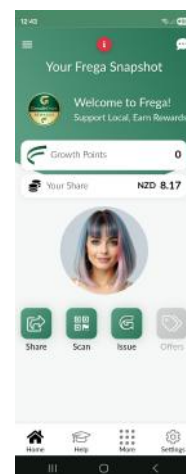
It has been interesting being actively involved in Frega 's technology company pivot, especially when we look at 4 well-known successful tech giants.

### What Is Frega?

Frega is a software platform built to strengthen local business communities through genuine connection and mutual support. It is self-funded, not venture capitalised.

Its privacy-first platform is enhanced by AI tools that help businesses and their communities build stronger relationships through natural, meaningful engagement.

Frega has a solid front and back end that has been strengthened and pivoted toward sustainable solutions for several years.



*The winners are usually the ones that execute better over 5 - 10 years, not the fastest to launch*



These four cases show that "overnight success" in tech often follows years of building foundations, internal tools, or iterations.

## Four Successful Tech Companies

These four tech companies whose flagship or leading-edge apps/products took roughly 10–15 years (or close) from founding/early days to major breakthrough success. They highlight patience, pivots, and long-term R&D in tech.

### Amazon (AWS – Cloud Computing Leadership)

First founded in 1994 as an online bookstore.

The breakthrough came when AWS officially launched S3 in 2006 (EC2 followed), becoming the dominant cloud platform.

The timeline was 12 years from founding to leading-edge cloud services, where Amazon built internal infrastructure for e-commerce scale, then productised it.

Its impact was that AWS transformed IT infrastructure into on-demand services, powering much of the modern internet and generating massive profits.

It's a prime example of a company turning internal tools into a market leader after years of groundwork.

### Apple (iPhone and Ecosystem)

First founded in 1976. Its breakthrough was the iPhone launched in 2007, revolutionizing mobile computing with its App Store ecosystem (a leading-edge "app" platform).

The timeline was 31 years total, but the modern smartphone era push (post-1997 Jobs return, with iPod in 2001) involved intense ~10-year innovation cycles leading to the iPhone.

Its impact was the creation of the modern app economy. Apple iterated through hardware/software for decades before the touchscreen mobile breakthrough.

### Figma (Collaborative Design App)

First founded in 2012. Its breakthrough was the public beta ~2015–2016; that exploded in popularity in the late 2010s/early 2020s as the go-to real-time collaborative design tool (acquired by Adobe for \$20B in 2022 talks). -

The Timeline was 4 years to initial launch, but ~8–10 years to dominant "leading-edge" status and massive scale (often cited as a "10-year overnight success").

Its Impact\* was in shifting design from desktop tools (like Photoshop) to browser-based collaboration, widely used for product development.

## Nintendo (Modern Gaming Consoles/Handhelds, e.g., Game Boy to Switch)

First founded in 1889 (toy/cards company), the company's serious video game entry in the 1970s–1980s.

Its breakthroughs included NES/Famicom success in the mid-1980s; Game Boy (1989); later Wii (2006) and Switch (2017) as innovative leading apps/hardware ecosystems.

The timeline was decades overall, with key 10–15 year innovation cycles (e.g., from early electronics experiments in the 1970s to portable/handheld dominance).

Its Impact was in repeatedly redefining gaming with accessible, innovative hardware/software (e.g., motion controls, hybrid consoles).

## Persistence through pivots builds enduring hits

Many tech companies involved pivots (e.g., Amazon from retail to cloud) or deep R&D.

Shorter timelines exist (like Slack's ~4 years from game to app), but 10–15 years is common for truly category-defining products due to technical challenges, market readiness, and refinement.

## Success often rewards patience over rushing to market

Frega is building a sustainable ecosystem that focuses on solving real problems deeply rather than forcing quick traction.

With Frega, we've focused not only on the front end of our journey but also on the fundamentals that will help us survive and win the longer middle and endgame.

This is why patience and iteration depth still win.



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### Frega's PWA smart choice

A Progressive Web App (PWA) is a modern web application that behaves like a native mobile app.

After years of continuous development, Frega is evolving its delivery model by transitioning from separate native iOS and Android apps to a Progressive Web App (PWA) as the primary platform experience.

While the existing native apps will remain available during the transition, the PWA will become the main way users access Frega's full suite of tools.

This shift directly addresses the growing challenges of managing a complex, integrated platform.