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Startup Accelerators

I never considered this route to build a startup. However, using startup accelerator is appropriate for many startups. For example, if you need a decent size AWS grant from AWS Activate for startups, you need to be associated with a startup accelerator. Self-founded founder led startups do not get more than \$1K in AWS Activate grant whereas incubator based startups can get up to \$100K in AWS Activate credits. This is just a simple example of the benefits. There are tons of mentoring and funding connection benefits for being part of an incubator system.

So I have compiled a list of them that you can explore.



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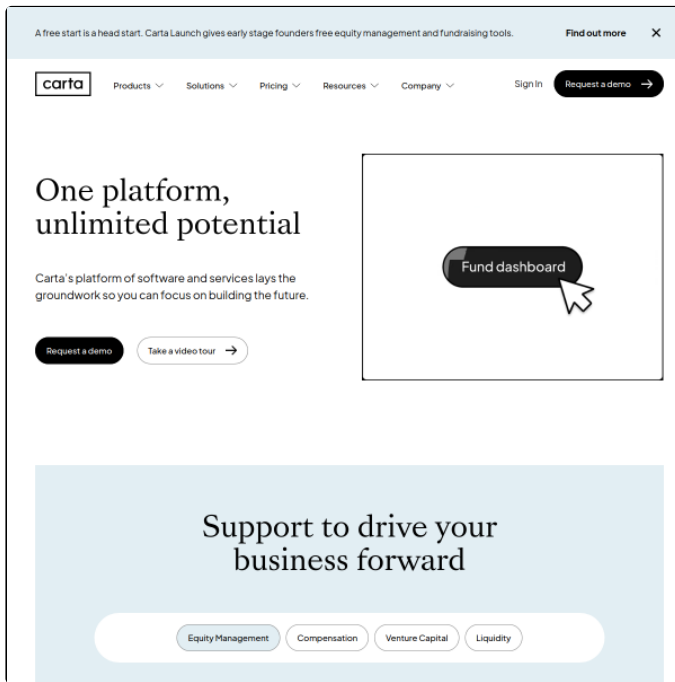
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This is one of the most famous startup accelerator and venture capital firm founded in March 2005, offering a renowned program that has supported successful companies like Airbnb, Coinbase, Dropbox, and Reddit, with services including funding, mentorship, and access to a strong entrepreneurial community.

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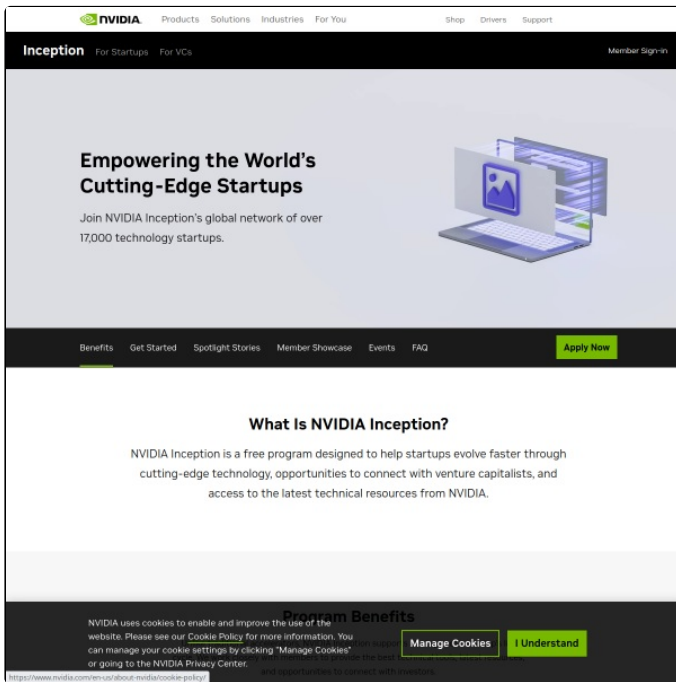
Carta offers a range of services to startup owners, including free startup tools for early-stage founders to help them raise funds, issue equity, manage cap tables, understand tax considerations, comply with IRS requirements, organize investor documents securely, access compliance support and tools, prepare for investor meetings confidently, issue SAFEs, and manage equity effectively

Additionally, Carta provides a platform that supports founders in critical aspects of company building from incorporation to fundraising and cap table management

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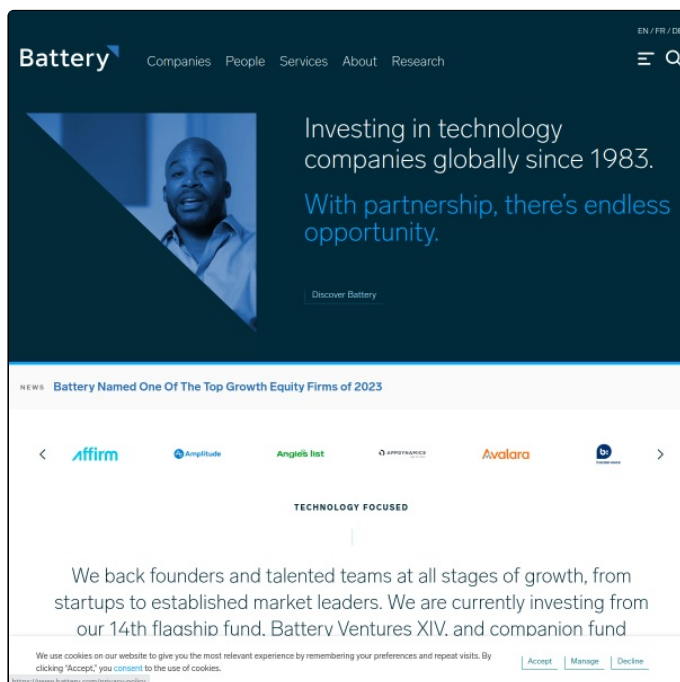
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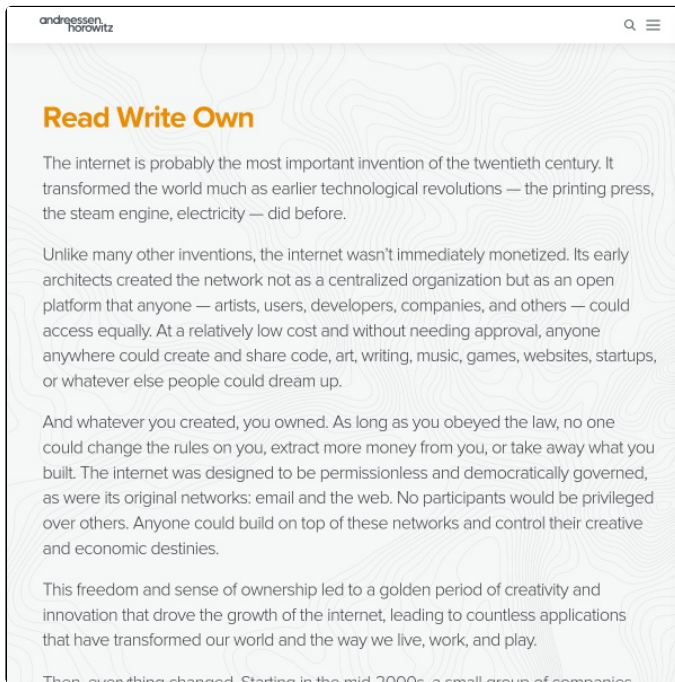
Battery - VC

Battery Ventures, an investment firm that has supported over 450 companies in various sectors over its 40-year history, offering expertise in talent, business development, marketing, communications, and growth/leadership to help companies succeed.

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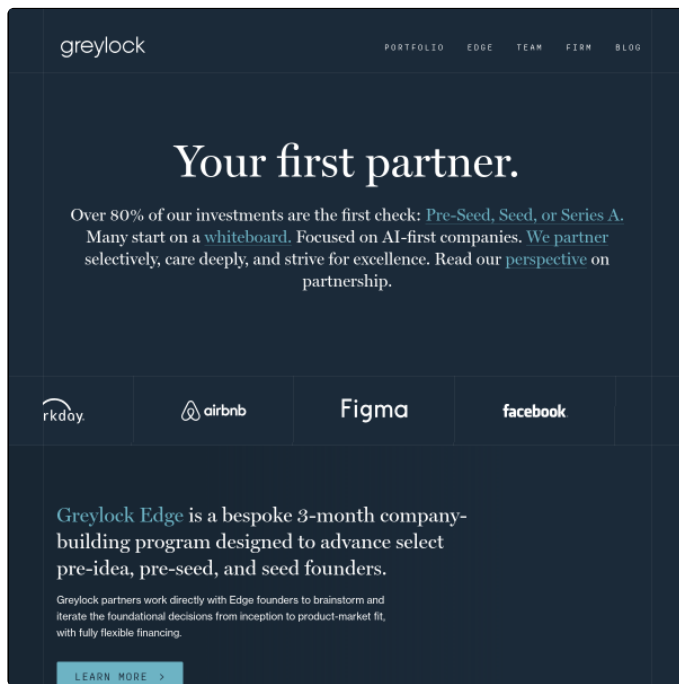
Marc Andreessen & Ben Horowitz VC Firm

Andreessen Horowitz, a private American venture capital firm founded in 2009 by Marc Andreessen and Ben Horowitz, known as "a16z," which invests in various industries including healthcare, consumer, cryptocurrency, gaming, fintech, education, and enterprise IT, supporting both early-stage startups and established growth companies with a focus on empowering entrepreneurs to build innovative businesses.

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According to their site, over 80% of their investments are the first check for the startups that they invest in. The checks are for Pre-Seed, Seed, or Series A round. They are currently focusing on AI-first companies.

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