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Dropbox CEO Drew Houston describes how he met his co-founder, Arash Ferdowsi. After a visit to Silicon Valley, Houston and Ferdowsi were introduced and decided they would work together on the project. While it worked out great, says Houston, "It was kind of like getting married on the first date."



Transcript

Through kind of a interesting chain of events I met my cofounder Arash actually put up a - I put up a screencast of Dropbox on Hacker News and Arash actually saw it and it turned out one of the other things I did on this trip out to California five years ago, back in March 2007, was come out to meet a bunch of the Y Combinator founders and complain how I didn't have a cofounder and it turned out, I met someone who was a mutual friend of mine and Arash's and he made an introduction to us and we met up at the MIT Student Center and hung out for an hour or two and talked about MySQL and some other things and Dropbox and they were like yeah, of course we will like to spend all of our waking hours together for the foreseeable future.. So kind of like getting married on the first date.. But, you know, if anything doesn't, just an extraordinarily lucky break that ended up working out and we ended up having all these complementary skills and a great relationship, but I would recommend getting to know, its not the safe way to do it, but that's the one - probably the most important decision you make, is who your cofounder is...