

# CASE STUDY

## Turning Vision into Velocity: Guiding a Tech Startup from Conception to Launch

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This engagement demonstrates ElieIntel's ability to organize complex ideas, build capacity for small businesses support strategic business launches.

### ABOUT ELIEINTEL

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### OVERVIEW

ElieIntel partnered with an early-stage tech startup from concept to launch, to clarify its mission, strengthen organizational strategy, navigate early funding decisions, and provide hands-on thought partnership. The result was focused and polished debut.

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

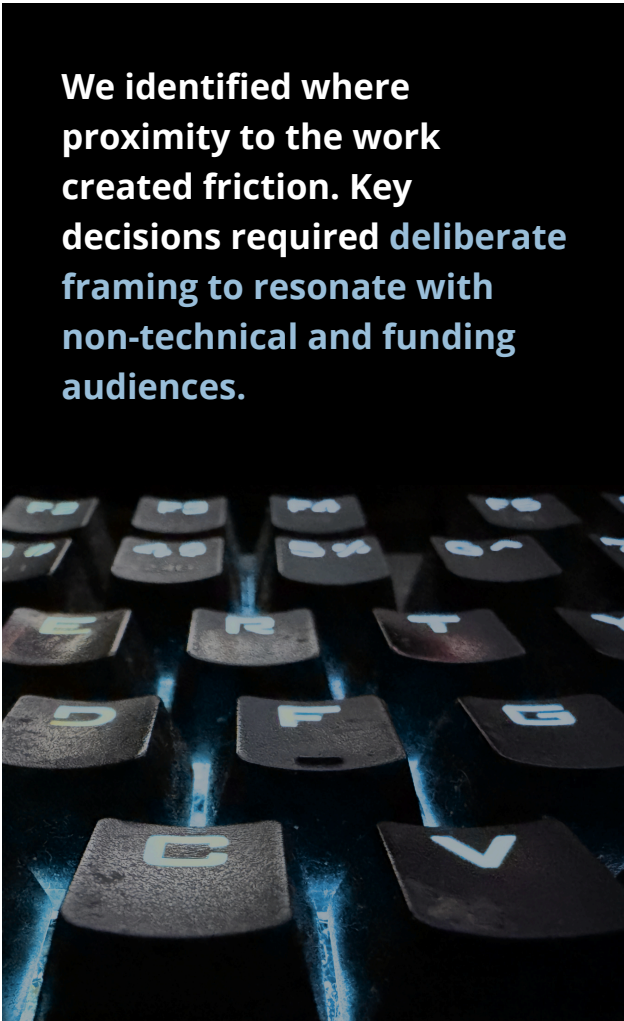
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## THE PROBLEM

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The client was preparing to introduce a technology and security services startup while simultaneously defining their mission, service offerings, and intended clientele. Much of the work lived implicitly in the founder's experience and technical knowledge, but it had not yet been translated into a clear external narrative that could effectively engage clients, partners, and funders.



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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

The launch presented clear opportunities to build a strong foundation for sustainable growth and long-term impact.

We identified several areas where focused, early intervention could create returns:

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**Clarifying the company's mission**, services, and target populations, ensuring internal alignment and external coherence

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**Translating technically sophisticated services** into clear, accessible language that resonated with non-technical audiences

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**Guiding the client through early funding considerations**, including understanding grant landscapes and impact framing

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**Establishing foundational structure and credibility** while preserving the founder's momentum

## THE EI. APPROACH

Rather than separating strategy from execution, we surfaced what was already present in the client's work and translated it into a clear, coherent external narrative.

We focused on creating structure without rigidity, helping the client articulate their mission, services, and intended populations in ways that would resonate with clients, partners, and funders, while remaining flexible to evolving needs. By anchoring the work in clarity, collaboration, and skill-building, the client was equipped with both the narrative and the tools needed to sustain momentum beyond the initial launch.

## SOLUTIONS

Guided by our approach of holistic insight, capacity building, and co-created solutions, we partnered closely with the client to translate an early-stage vision into a clear, actionable foundation for launch. The engagement focused on clarifying mission and services, strengthening external communication, and building confidence around funding and early operations.

**Solution 1:** Live, End-to-End Presentation, Observation, and Diagnostic Review

**Solution 2:** Funding Readiness and Early-Stage Operational Confidence

**Solutions 3:** Strategic Narrative and Clarity Coaching Based on Observed Delivery

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### Solution Name

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We worked closely with the client to clarify their mission, vision, core services, and intended populations. To support this process, we provided structured templates, including a logic-model framework, to guide the client's initial thinking. After the client completed these materials, we reviewed and refined the content, reorganizing elements where needed, expanding areas that required greater specificity, and ensuring alignment between services, goals, and intended outcomes.

This process was supported by targeted discussion and questioning to surface the client's underlying priorities, long-term aspirations, and areas of uncertainty, resulting in a clear and coherent articulation of what the company does, who it serves, and how value is delivered.

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Building on this strategic foundation, we supported the development of concise, client-facing materials to enable a timely and confident launch. This included creating a one-page service handout and reviewing website content for clarity, accuracy, and professionalism. The refined mission and service framework informed all external materials, ensuring consistency across how the company presented itself to clients, partners, and potential funders, without overcomplicating or over-explaining its offerings.

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We identified gaps related to measurement, outcomes, and tracking that would be important for securing future funding and offered recommendations on how to begin thinking about metrics early, what funders typically look for, and how to assess the fit of funding opportunities before applying. Purpose was to equip the client to ask the right questions, engage program managers effectively, and move forward with clarity despite limited prior experience.



## OUTCOMES

Following our engagement the client achieved the following successes:



### **EXECUTING A CLEAR THEORY OF ACTION**

The client's ideas were organized into a logic-model framework, providing a foundation for future planning, whether for pursuing funding, designing a curriculum, or structuring services.

### **COHERENT AND CREDIBLE MESSAGING**

Website content and service descriptions were reviewed and refined, making the client's offerings clear and professional, which supported client inquiries and potential funder conversations.

### **FUNDING ENGAGEMENT READINESS**

Practical tracking and measurement approaches were introduced, equipping the client to monitor activities, assess outcomes, and make informed decisions for future opportunities.

## CONCLUSION

The engagement provided a structured foundation for the client's early-stage vision, helping organize and connect their existing ideas into a coherent framework. Using templates and a logic-model approach, we made explicit how services, activities, and outcomes relate, giving the client a system they can use to plan, communicate, and make decisions moving forward.

This foundation supports a range of future initiatives—whether applying for funding, designing a curriculum, or planning service delivery. By introducing practical approaches to tracking activities and outcomes, the client now has baseline tools to measure progress and stay organized, while maintaining full ownership of their ideas.

The process surfaced gaps, clarified priorities, and created a reusable framework, ensuring the client can move from concept to execution with a clear structure, whether for immediate next steps or long-term growth.