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Founding Team Dynamics

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Google co-founders Page and Brin have a unique relationship. The duo share an office, which is said to be one of the most exciting places in the company. The founder-led company dynamic is an important factor in Google's success.



Transcript

I mean I think we've had a unique working relationship between Sergey and I and also Eric as we brought him in. Actually its pretty remarkable that over five years I don't think I've had any major serious disagreements with Sergey. I see the two of you argue pretty seriously. We argue, we argue... They share an office by the way, which is the most entertaining place to be in the company. People on roller skates roll by, they have their hockey uniforms and some of their laundry in the corner. One day Larry decided to buy a Van de Graff generator. This was in order to shock his guests and instead like a total germ machines. We decided we are showing these on the computers. The dynamic of a founder led company is important in Google success.

Were you asking about business partners or... Yes, business partners. He's really asking about our business partners. I think, I mean for me the fact that I've worked with him for a couple of years with that very effectively was a very helpful thing. I think also you want somebody who respects your opinion and like a lot of times we just make decisions and its fine if the other person makes the decision because we respect our judgment enough that it's okay.