Kickoff Workshop Pre-requisite Foundational Material

Partner Business Model Definitions & Partner Financial Basics





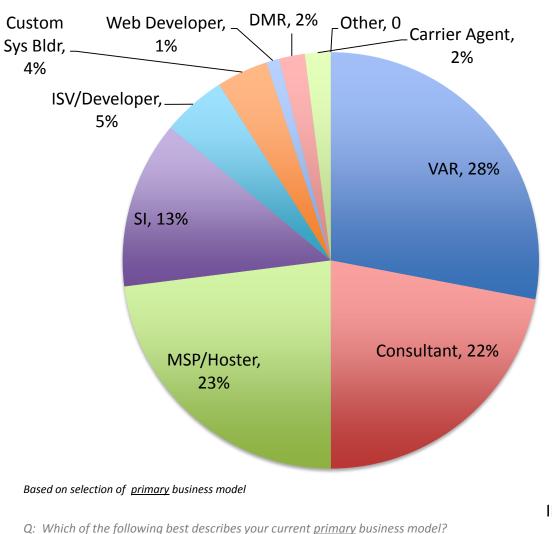
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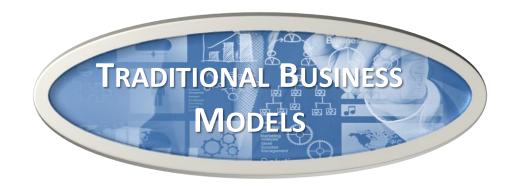
The Perspective of a Former Channel Chief

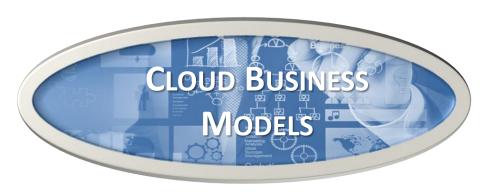
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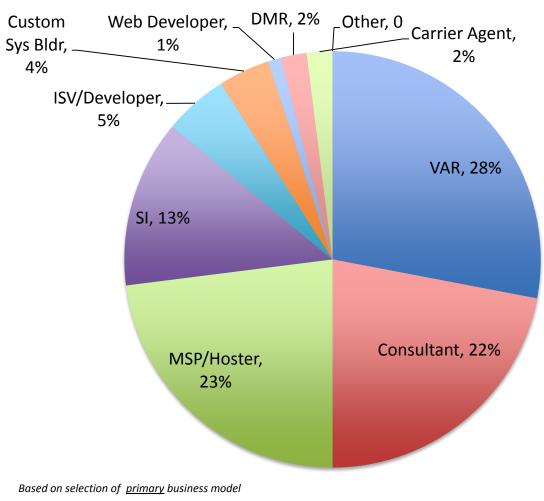






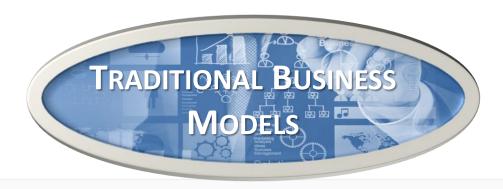
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Q: Which of the following best describes your current primary business model?





- » Roughly estimated to be a population of 160,000
- "VAR/reseller" model on slow and steady decline as primary business models to MSP/Hoster and Systems Integrator (SI)
- » MSP segment includes any managed service, e.g. desktop, mobility, UC, servers/storage, print, etc.
- » Carrier Agent business model is small, specialized around wired, wireless and internet, this has doubled in 3 years reflecting the telephony channel integration

Solution Provider/VAR

Your company delivers a broad footprint of technologies and solutions to several different verticals with no specific end-user focus. Your company's revenue (>50%) comes predominantly from integrating and selling hardware, software and services. You normally take title to product.

Consultant

Your company's revenue (>90%) comes predominantly from design- and planning-based consulting with a mixture of IT and business consulting. You do not normally take title to product. Your value comes from your ability to integrate and support technologies as well as determining product and brands.

ISV

Your company's revenue (>85%) comes predominantly from the development of proprietary software solutions or applications. You have expertise in standard market platforms (Windows, UNIX, Linux, and Mac operating systems) and large business software solutions.

Direct Market Reseller (DMR)

Your primary business is to sell hardware and software products to end-users via telemarketing. Less than 10% of your revenue is derived from services outside of the operating system attached to products (i.e., renewal and break/fix).

Systems Integrator

Your company traditionally realizes approximately 70% of revenue from consulting and design services. You have significant expertise in a technology segment or vertical market. You are different from an IT consultant in that you also take title to products.

Custom Systems Builder

Your company's revenue (>85%) comes predominantly from designing, building and delivering your own brand of hardware infrastructure such as "white box" or custom systems.

Managed Services Provider

Your company's revenue (>50%) comes predominantly from delivering IT recurring services provided on a contractual basis to maintain your end-users' computers, networks or software. They can be delivered either on-site at the end-user's data center, remotely by you in your data center, or a data center to which you have negotiated access. Note: includes desktop, application, security, VOIP, print or other capabilities

Hosting Services Provider

Your company's revenue (typically >85%) comes predominantly from shared, dedicated, or virtual private server hosting (a hybrid of the first two) of services to end-users. Hosting services can be provided for managed servers, dedicated servers, virtualization, clouds, co-location, mobile applications, email hosting, application hosting or domain hosting services. Note: less likely to include application or BYOD capabilities

Web Developer

Your company's revenue comes predominantly from development of Web sites, handle all programming aspects of creating a Web site, including HTML programming, creating graphics, links, and other related tasks of building Web sites.

Cloud Solution **Providers**

See breakout of 7 cloud models At least 50% of your company revenue comes from the design and implementation of cloud applications and/ or infrastructure services and their integration to legacy IT systems. There are six sub-segments of business models that relate to the architecture, sale and implementation of cloud services (see Cloud Business Models)

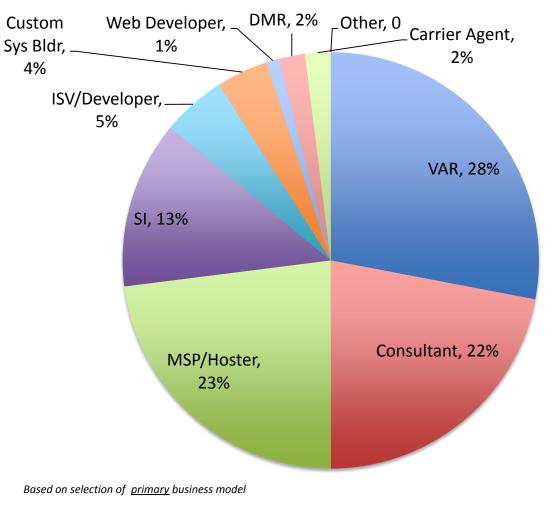
Service Provider Agent

Your company's revenue comes predominantly from providing carrier-based highspeed data access, digital cable, high speed online and digital phone services to end-users.

Distributor

You resell products and services to various types of solution providers (resellers, VAR, Integrators, etc.) and provide associated recruitment, training and demand generation assistance services on behalf of the vendors' product lines you support.

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"Our Managed Services offering builds trust with our clients.

Since we're looking at their IT operations every day and solving problems together they're a lot more inclined to listen to us when we bring a new technology to invest in."

President and COO,
\$40m MSP and Microsoft/Cisco VAR

"Building recurring revenue streams is the most important issue for us in terms of our future investment in ANY technology area."

President and COO,
\$220m SI, VAR and Cloud Integrator

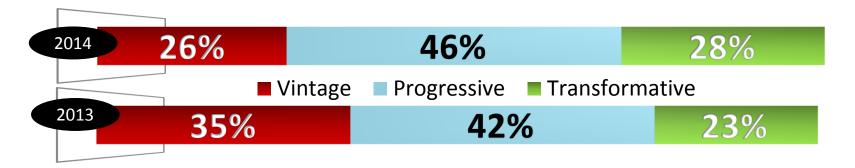
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Q: Which of the following best describes your current <u>primary</u> business model?





Rise of MSP Business Model & Cloud Reseller/Agent Drive Growth in Transformative Model



Vintage

- ✓ relationship with IT contacts
- ✓ resale of on-premise
- √ very limited recurring revenue
- ✓ project based
- ✓ mostly SMB end-users
- ✓ high volume, lower prices
- √ "lifestyle" business

Progressive

- ✓ relationships with both LOB and IT
- ✓ actively expanding # of end-users
- √ some recurring revenues
- ✓ adopted cloud services/MSP practice
- ✓ pre-packaged services
- ✓ relationships with service providers
- ✓ sell or develop applications or extensions

Transformative

- ✓ relationships with LOB and IT
- ✓ specialize in key vertical markets
- √ significant % of overall revenues come from recurring revenue
- ✓ offers a variety of cloud services or applications
- understand and addresses business process
- √ active in P2P collaboration
- √ does some custom software development

 ${\it Q. How would you characterize your company's business \ \ culture\ today?}$





Cloud Agent and Reseller Programs Now Mainstay; Consultant Role Draws on Professional Services Focus and Private Cloud Pilots

Now 69% of solution providers clearly identify themselves with one or more

CLOUD SOLUTION PROVIDER business models

32% CLOUD 58%
AGENT/RESELLER

PRIMARY ROLE:

Influence customers to adopt cloud solutions and sell (only) third-party cloud offerings







30% CLOUD 33% CONSULTANT

PRIMARY ROLE:

Design & architecture of cloud solutions for business outcomes







NEWSIGNATURE

22% CLOUD 19% SERVICE PROVIDER

PRIMARY ROLE:

Build & manage infrastructure for providing hybrid & public cloud environments







Q: Which cloud business model(s) does your organization expect to utilize in 2014? (choose top 2)

Cloud Builder Role Evolving from Legacy SI and VAR Roles; Expect to See Broker Role Increase to Manage Multiple Services



PRIMARY ROLE:
Build SaaS applications
for public, private or
hybrid cloud solutions







PRIMARY ROLE:
Integrate & deploy
technology to build
private or hybrid cloud
data centers











In 2013, the Cloud Broker role was deemed "critical" by 27% of end-users; 52% were undecided and only 21% said it was "not important."

Source: IPED State of the Market research

Cloud Solution Providers: Business Models

CLOUD AGGREGATOR/MARKETPLACE

PRIMARY ROLE:

AGGREGATES CLOUD SERVICES AND

DELIVERS TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT

SERVICES TO BUSINESS PARTNERS



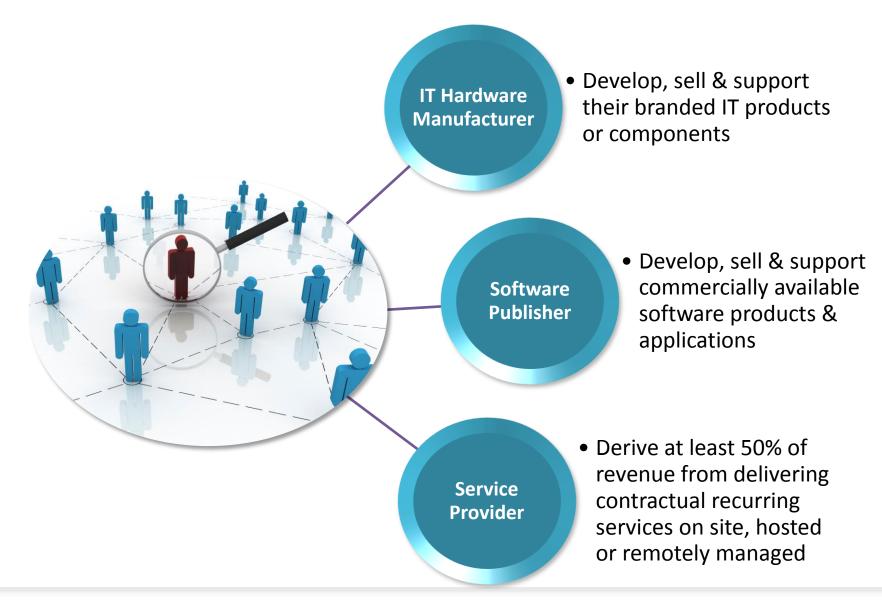




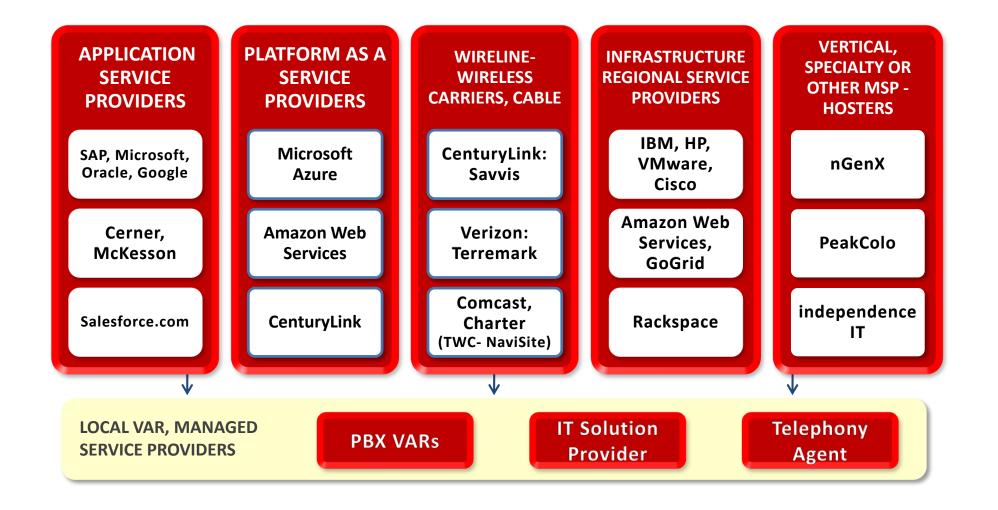




IT Ecosystem Now Includes Three Vendor Types



Service Providers Are New IT Vendors. All Are Recruiting Your Partners!!



Changes in the Telephony Infrastructure as a Service Space

CenturyLink Purchases Saavis and Renames as CenturyLink Technology Services



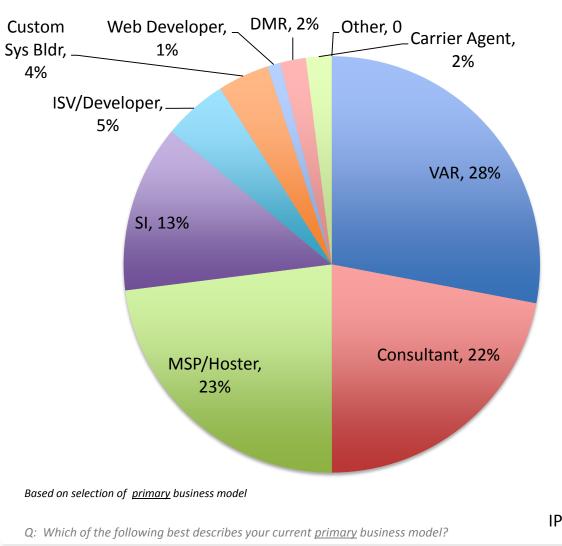
Following Verizon's 2011 Purchase of laaS Provider Terremark

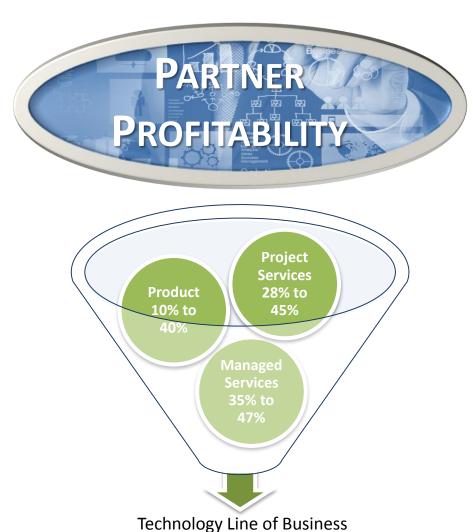


Source: Data Center Knowledge Magazine



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or Company

Sample Average Gross Margins*

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What Partners Primarily Care About

To effectively develop material for partners, we must be able to position our solutions from the partner's point of view.



- Drive services revenue
- Solutions/Quality
- Margin



Service Providers

- Operational efficiency
- Revenue attach from customers
- Reduce operational expenses



- Build vs. buy
- Time to market
- Customer growth



- Operational efficiency
- Vendor ROI (margin, rebate, etc.)
- Addressable Market opportunity



We must look at the world through "Partner" glasses

What They Do to Make Money

The mix of what they do at the corresponding gross margin dictates profitability.

- Listen
- Design
- Architect

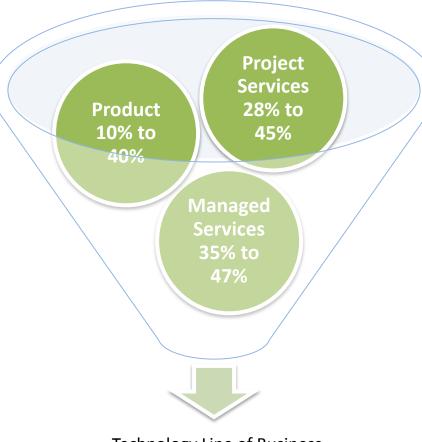
Pre-sale

- Sell
- Configure
- Price
- Deliver

- Implement
- Maintain
- Manage

Post-sale

ROI typically < 12 months



Technology Line of Business or Company Sample Average Gross Margins*

Basic Partner Business Model Structure

Target Audience

WHO THEY SELL TO ...

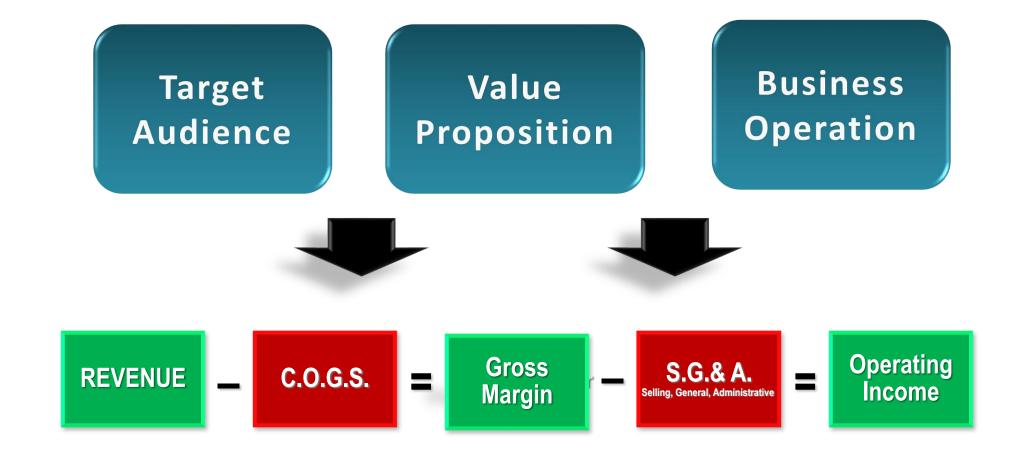
Value Proposition

WHAT THEY SELL ...

Business Operation

HOW THEY DELIVER ...

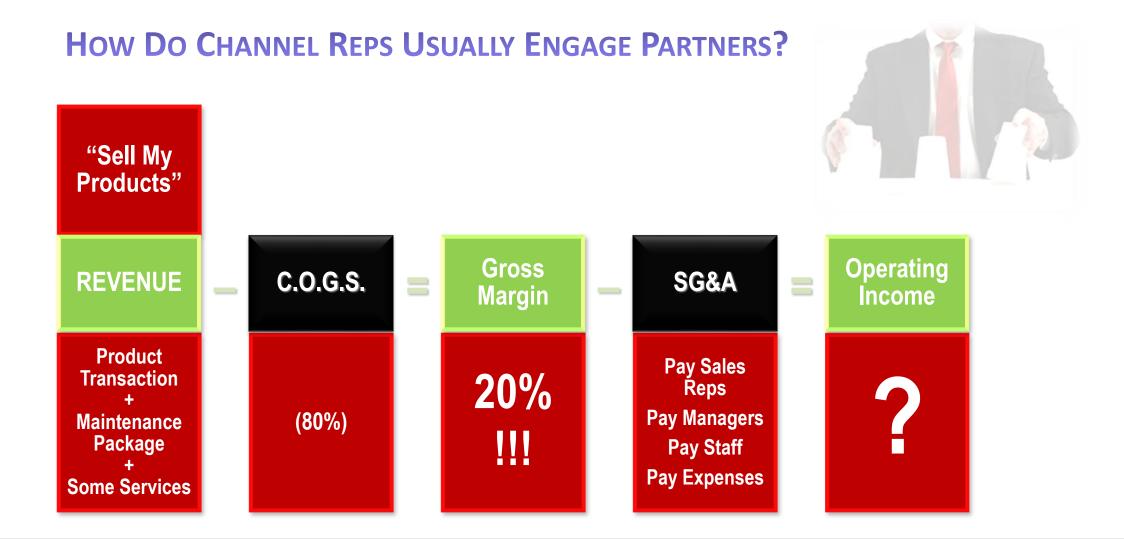
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A Business Owner or Department Leader in a Larger Business Thinks Profit & Loss

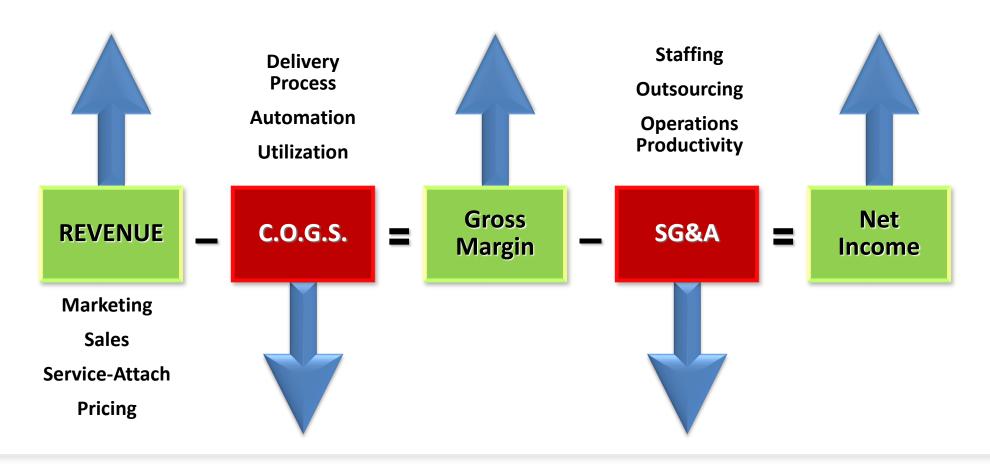


Mastering The Mechanics of PROFITABILITY



Mastering The Levers of PROFITABILITY

How Do You Use Your Program Benefits to CAUSE ROI?



Mastering The Mechanics of PROFITABILITY



Profit and Loss (P&L) Income Statement

A Very Simple View



| Sales Revenue | + |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Cost of Goods | _ |
| Gross Profit | |
| Operating Expenses | _ |
| Sales and Marketing | _ |
| General and Administrative | <u> </u> |
| Total Operating Expense | |
| Income (EBITA) | |
| Depreciation, Interest, Taxes | _ |
| Net Profit | |



- Hardware sales ...
- Software sales ...
- Technical Services sales ...
- Professional Services sales ...
- Managed Services sales ...
- Consulting Services sales ...
- Warranty / Maintenance add-ons ...
- Programs / Incentives / Rebates / etc. ...

... TRANSACTION SIZE

... TRANSACTION QUANTITY

... TRANSACTION VELOCITY



- Hardware & Software Product costs ...
- Delivery Personnel, Time & Materials costs
- Data Center or NOC costs (MSP) ...
- IP Development costs ...
- Technical Training / Skills Development costs ...



- Sales Salary & Commissions & Costs ...
- Operational Tools ...
- Marketing Costs ...
- Business Operations (Rent, Utilities, IT) ...
- R&D, Demo & Briefing Center expenses ...
- Other Management ...



- Interest Charges on Loans & Lines of Credit ...
- Aging of Receivables ...
- Bad Debt Charge-offs ...
- Amortization of Assets (partial) ...
- Opportunity Cost ...
- Asset Intensity / Risk Factors ...

Very Simple P&L View

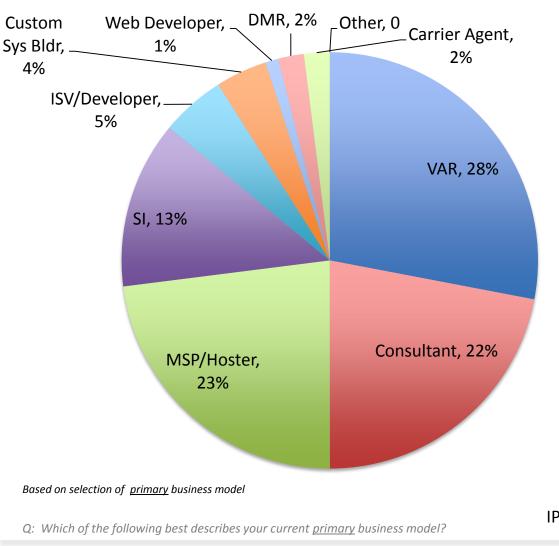


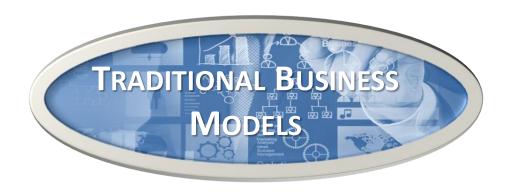
| Sales Revenue | + |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Cost of Goods | - |
| Gross Profit | |
| Operating Expenses | - |
| Sales and Marketing | - |
| General and Administrative | 1 |
| Total Operating Expense | |
| Income (EBITA) | |
| Depreciation, Interest, Taxes | - |
| Net Profit | |

Cost Drivers

- Purchasing power and credit costs
- Fixed costs:
 - Rent
 - Electricity
 - Telephone bill
 - Etc.
- Variable costs:
 - Salaries
 - Commission
- Professional services utilization rates

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We look forward to seeing you at the kickoff workshop!



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