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Profit Mastery

Do you know your P&L's "Magic Number"

Neighborly Unlocking Growth Series

Today's Goals

- Intro to Profit Mastery
- Why this is important
- Setting the stage
- How to use this
- Q&A

Profit Mastery

- Founded in 1983
- Over 1,000,000 alumni
- Sponsored by banks, CPA firms, franchisors, SBDC
- We help businesses in 3 ways
 - Newsletter (DIY)
 - Courses and workshops (DIWM)
 - Implementation services (DIFM)

Roadmap



Creating a Foundation for Change

Module 1

Understand your financial reports to make informed business decisions.



Financial Analysis

Module 2

Learn how to increase your profit margins and build wealth.



Price-Volume-Costs

Module 3

Discover how to create value in your business for sustainable growth.



Cash Flow

Module 4

Build a profit plan and cash budget on a step by step basis.



Financial Gap Analysis

Module 5

Assess your current survival position, identify the potential costs of future growth.



Funding & Financing

Module 6

Learn how to communicate information to increase your chances with funding sources.

Instructors

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- Former banker and business owner
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- Practitioner and teacher of PM

Seven Steps to Business Success

1. Plan properly before start up
2. Monitor financial position
3. Understand the relationship between price, volume, and costs
4. Manage cash flow
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Why this matters?

Helps us answer – *“How much do I need to sell to cover my costs?”*

- Downside protection
- A “north star” for sales and costs
- Easiest way to find cost cutting opportunities

Definitions

Key concepts covered today:

- Fixed costs – expenses that don't change with sales
- Variable costs – costs that fluctuate with sales
- Contribution margin – sales minus variable costs
- Breakeven – sales level required for zero profit

What Types of Questions Can Breakeven Answer?

1. If I cut or add a fixed cost how will it impact the volume of sales I need to Breakeven?
2. If I have a profit goal, how will I know the “needed sales”?
3. If I hire a new manager, how can I calculate the sales required to cover their costs?

Break-Even: 4-Step Process

1. Classify expenses as variable or fixed
2. Determine **Variable Cost Percentage**
3. Determine **Contribution Margin Percentage**
4. Calculate **Breakeven** in dollars

Variable vs. Fixed Costs

Variable Costs

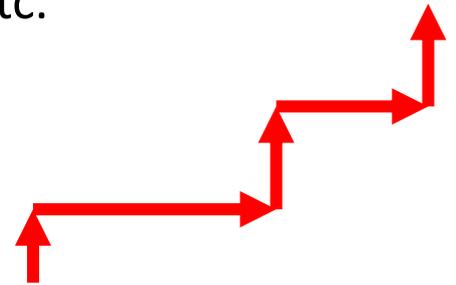
- Sales commissions
- Freight (shipping)
- Materials (COGS)
- Labor (hourly)
- Royalties
- CC fees



Directly correlated with sales

Fixed Costs

- Software subscriptions
- Phone, internet, etc.
- Labor (salaried)
- Insurance
- Utilities
- Rent



Do not change regardless of sales

Understanding Contribution Margin

Accountant's P&L

Sales
-COGS
=Gross Profit
-OE
Net Profit

**Contribution
Margin** 

Managed or Breakeven P&L

Sales
-VC
What's Left
-FC
Net Profit

With Net Profit at 0, you are at **Breakeven**

The Cup Theory

The Concept of Contribution Margin



Breakeven

Breakeven Sales = Fixed Costs ÷ Contribution Margin %

Case Study:

- Selling pens for \$1
- Cost of pens = 70c
- Fixed costs = \$12,000 per month
- Want \$60,000 profit

Breakeven: Example

Variable Cost%	= 70%
Fixed Costs	= \$144,000
Target Profit	= \$60,000

Questions:

1. Total required sales: _____
2. If FC \uparrow increase 1.00, what sales are needed? _____

Breakeven: Example

Fixed Cost = \$144,000
Target Profit = \$ 60,000
“Bogey” \$204,000

Sales 1.00
Var. Cost .70
Cont. Mgn .30

\$204,000 = \$680,000
 .3

Breakeven: Example

If FC ↑ increase by 1.00, what sales are required?

$$\frac{1.00}{.3} = \$3.33$$

If FC ↑ increase by 1.00, sales must ↑ increase by \$3.33

THIS IS YOUR MAGIC NUMBER!

Using Breakeven

A quick guide on how/when to use this:

- Calculate at least 2-3x per year
- Watch fixed costs closely (monthly)
- Track contribution margin
- Know your magic number

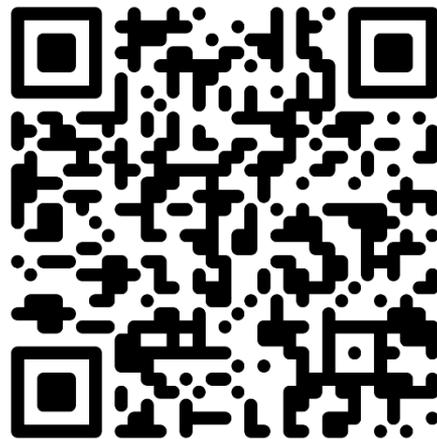
Quick Recap

1. Key concepts
2. Using Breakeven
3. Breakeven: A 4-Step Process
4. Variable Costs and Fixed Costs
5. Understanding Contribution Margin
6. The Cup Theory – Visual
7. Breakeven/Magic Number

How We Can Help

3 ways we can help:

1. Newsletter
2. Course or group-learning
3. Services



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