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Todays Agenda for class:

Elevator Pitch/Mission Statement

Learn how to Use Break-Even to:

Look at your income statement in a new way

Understand how costs behave in your company

See how changes in price, volume, and cost impact your profitability

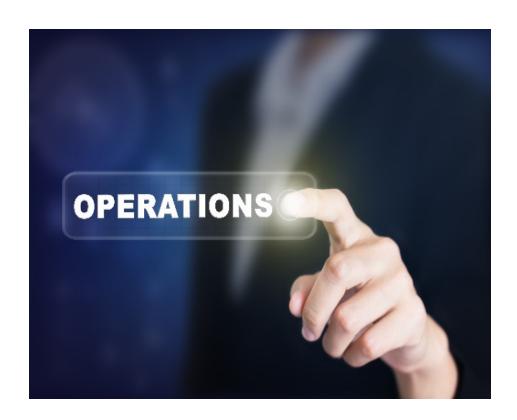
#### Types of Planning

**Financial Planning** – Includes preparing budgets, cash flow projections, sales forecasts and projected financial statements.



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**Operational Planning** – Day to Day planning. Normally, you begin operational planning once your strategic plan is in place.



#### **Types of Planning**

Marketing Plan— This plan focuses solely on the marketing function of your business. Portions of the marketing plan appear in the business plan.



#### A GOOD MISSION STATEMENT

- Reflects the core purpose and direction of the company
- Embodies the basic values of the owners and employees
- Short, specific and focused
- Written in plain English, without trendy jargon and buzzwords



Headwaters RC&D is a 501c(3) non-profit focused on improving the economic and social well-being of the Southwest Montana region through conservation, development, and proper use of natural and human resources.

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# Understanding Break-Even.



Why do we care what our BE is?



### **Break Even**

to have no profit and no loss: the point at which revenues exactly cover expenses

## **Fixed Costs**

- Fixed Costs (FC) Expenses that do not vary with sales; those costs that are incurred whether or not any sales are made. Expenses you have to pay no matter what sales you generate
- Remain the same over a given period of time
- Includes rent, salaries, advertising, insurance, write off equipment, ect.
- What do you think about utility bills? Variable or fixed?

## **Variable Costs**

- Variable Costs (VC) Expenses that vary directly with sales; those costs are incurred ONLY IF sales are made.
- Change in direct relation to your revenue
- What does it actually cost to deliver one unit of whatever you do?
- Direct labor, payroll taxes and cost per employee, mileage, packaging, unit transport, or delivery, raw materials
- Variable does NOT = optional

# Contribution Margin(CM)

The amount, as a percentage of sales, left AFTER variable costs are paid. The amount that is left to contribute to cover fixed costs.

# Contribution Margin% (CM%)

The amount, as a percentage of sales, left AFTER variable costs are paid stated as a percentage.

## **Operating Leverage**

Operating Leverage is the relationship between variable costs and fixed costs

- Higher fixed cost model = high operating leverage
- Higher variable cost model = low operating leverage

What is the difference between **variable** and **fixed** costs??

## <u> Margins</u>

- Difference between Price and Cost
- What price do you charge for your product or service?
- How much does it cost you to deliver that single unit of product or service?
- Does difference between price you charge and cost of production provide adequate cash to cover fixed operating expenses and generate a profit?

## **Volume**

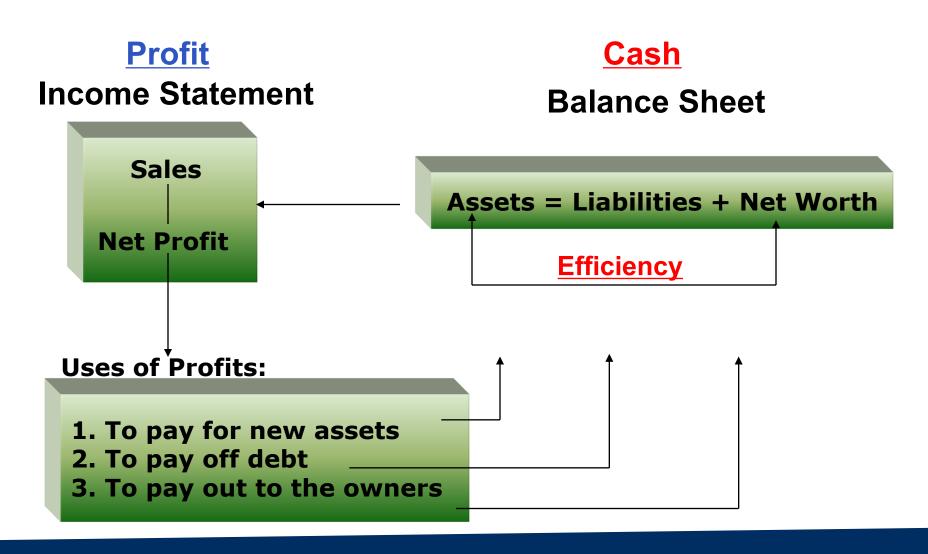
The number of units of product or service you are selling or providing

 Is generally meaningless unless you discuss it along with margin

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 High volume alone is meanily keep something from each s

# Financial Operating Cycle





## Steps to calculate Break-Even

- 1. Classify costs as a fixed vs. variable, total each category
- 2. Calculate variable costs as a percentage of sales
- 3. Determine contribution margin percentage
- 4. Divide fixed costs by contribution margin percentage

**ABC Pen Company** 

Sell for \$1.00 -.60

<u>-.60</u> .40

Pens Cost .50 Commissions <u>+ .10</u> Variable Cost .60

Variable Cost %----.60 %

If I sell for \$1.00
Pens Cost .50
Commissions .10

Variable Costs .60

How much is left? .40

This is the CM as a percent 40%

If Fixed Cost are =\$800,000 how much in sales are needed to Break-Even?

# Calculating Break-Even

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Break-Even = Fixed Costs = = = $ CM
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#### **Sales**



Olympic Case Study:

Variable Costs \$496,000

Fixed Costs \$109,200

Sales \$620,000



Calculate Variable Costs as a percentage of Sales

**Determine Contribution Margin** 

Divide Fixed Costs by Contribution Margin



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Breakeven



#### **Key Points:**

Its OK for your sales to be above Break-even, you are making money!

You don't have to be at Break-even to do Break-Even

Break-Even is a concept not a destination



#### Remember Steps to calculate Break-Even

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Olympic Flooring Break-Even Case Study for the current year.

Variable Costs \$904,680

• Fixed Costs \$151,820

Bob's sales for the recently completed year were:

• Sales \$1,077,000

What are Break-Even sales for Olympic Flooring?

What additional sales are needed if rent increases by \$2000 per month?

What total sales are necessary to generate a \$50,000 profit?

What are Break-Even sales for Olympic Flooring? Follow the steps to calculate BE:

\$948,875

What additional sales are needed if rent increases by \$2000 per month?

12X2000=24,000 24,000/.16(CM) =\$150,000

What total sales are necessary to generate a \$50,000 profit? 50,000/.16=\$312,500 \$1,077,000+\$312,500



"If you fail to plan, you plan to fail" - Benjamin Franklin

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#### Join us next week for "Applying Financial Tools"

Rosie Barndt, Rosie Barndt CPA, P.C., will dive into the nuts and bolts of specific pieces of your financial portfolio including balance sheets and profit and loss statements. This is your opportunity to work through these essential tools as related to your own business, ask specific questions, and receive feedback.

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