

Business Models and Business Plan



A business model outlines how a company creates, delivers, and captures value, while a business plan is a detailed roadmap that explains how the business model will be implemented, including strategies, operations, and financial projections.

➤ Key Elements of a Business Model:

Value Proposition: What unique value does the business offer to its customers?

Target Market: Who are the target customers?

Revenue Streams: How will the business generate income?

Cost Structure: What are the costs associated with running the business?

Key Activities: What are the essential activities the business needs to perform?

Key Resources: What resources are essential for the business to operate?

Key Partnerships: Who are the key partners and suppliers?

Customer Relationships: How will the business interact with its customers?

Distribution Channels: How will the business reach its customers?



Business Plan



- A business plan is a strategic document outlining a company's goals, strategies, and timeline for achieving them, serving as a roadmap for growth and a tool for securing funding.
- **Key Components of a Business Plan:**

Executive Summary:

A concise overview of the business concept, mission, vision, market opportunities, products/services, and financial projections.

Company Description:

Details about the company's structure, mission, and operations.

Market Analysis:

A detailed assessment of the industry, target market, and competitive landscape.

Products and Services:

Description of the products or services offered, including pricing, benefits, and production processes.





Marketing and Sales Strategy:

Outlines how the company plans to attract and retain customers, including advertising, distribution channels, and sales strategies.

Financial Projections:

Includes financial statements, balance sheets, and other relevant financial information, including funding requests if applicable.

Organizational Structure:

Describes the company's management team, key personnel, and organizational chart.





Types of Business Models



Freemium:

Offers a basic version of a product or service for free, while charging for premium features or access. Example: Spotify (free music streaming with ads, premium for ad-free access). Udemy, Courseera.

Subscription:

Customers pay a recurring fee for ongoing access to a product or service.

Example: Netflix (monthly subscription for streaming content).

Affiliate:

Earn revenue by promoting and selling other companies' products or services, typically on a commission basis. **Example**: Bloggers and YouTubers using Amazon Associates.

Franchise:

A business model where an entrepreneur (franchisee) operates a business under the brand and system of an established company (franchisor). **Example**: McDonald's (franchise owners run outlets following McDonald's standards).

Dropshipping:

Sell products online without holding inventory, with suppliers handling shipping directly to customers. **Example**: Indiamart, TradeIndia, Meesho





Marketplace:

Facilitate transactions between buyers and sellers, acting as a platform for connecting them. **Example**: Airbnb (connects property owners with travelers).

On-demand:

Provide services or products on demand, often through apps or platforms. **Example**: Uber (ridesharing), Zomato (food delivery).

Advertising:

Generate revenue by displaying advertisements, often on a platform or website. **Example**: Google, Facebook, YouTube.

Crowdsourcing:

Leverage the collective efforts and ideas of a large group of people to achieve a specific task or goal. **Example**: Wikipedia (user-generated content), Kickstarter.