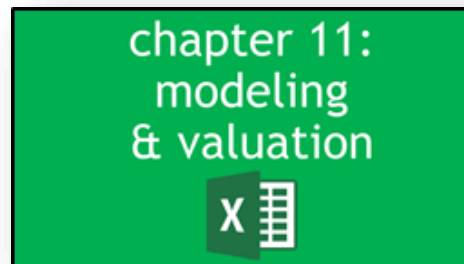


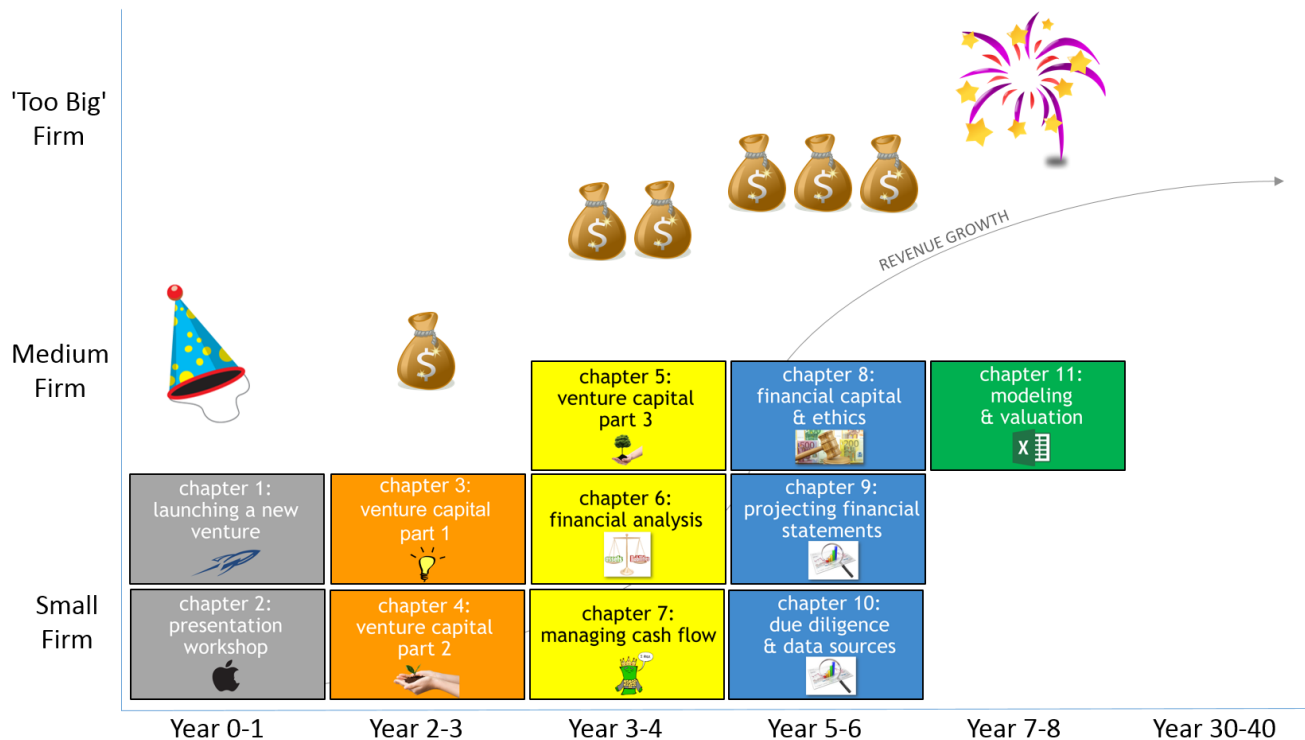
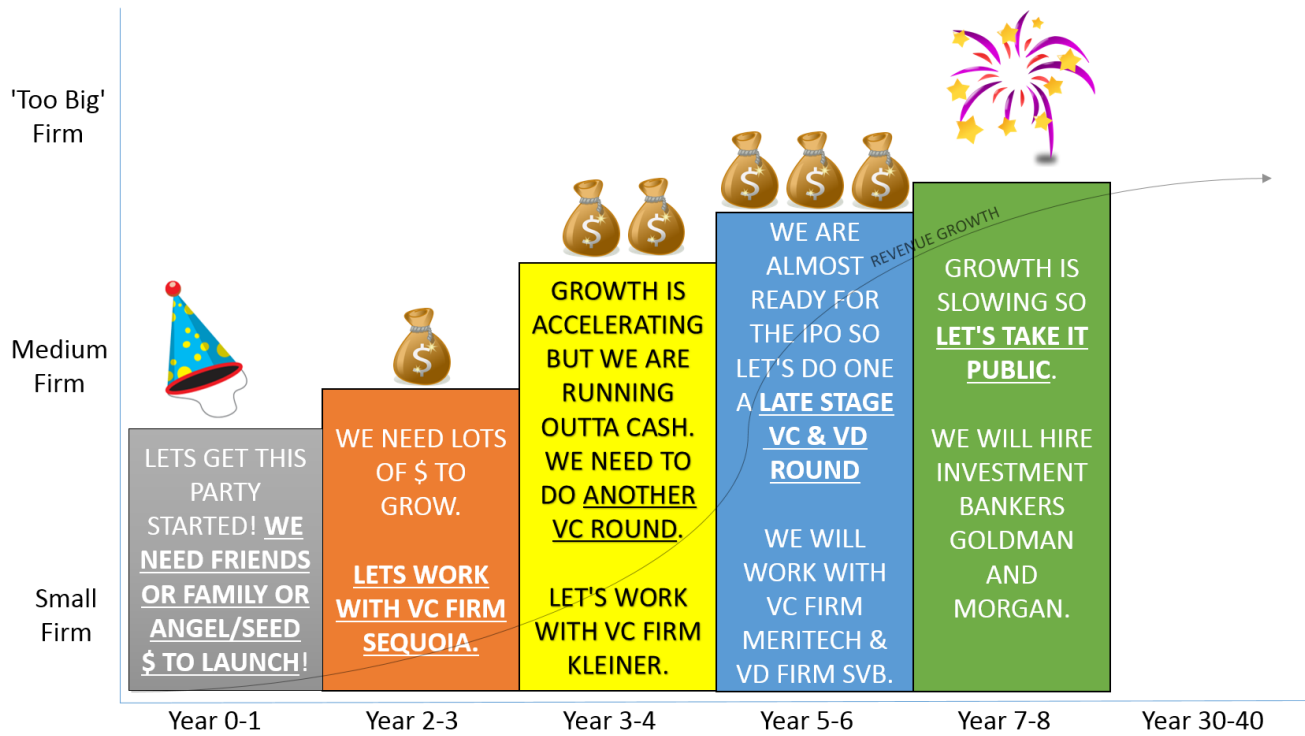
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*“Valuation is an art, not a science.”*

- Mohandas Pai





## BUILD FINANCIAL MODELS AND VALUE COMPANIES THE EASY WAY

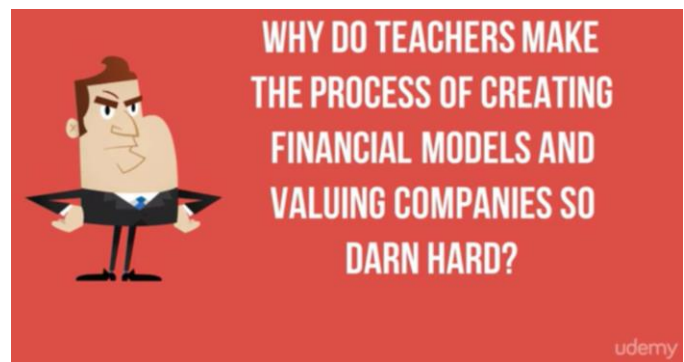
### BREAKING NEWS!

Microsoft's investment bankers just approached us and Microsoft might want to buy our company! We need to decide if we should do an IPO or just sell to Microsoft!



I created an online version of this chapter as well at:

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In the previous chapter we modeled and came up with the appropriate valuation for our private company. **We will be going public soon and we will discuss the entire IPO process. Before we do so, let's discuss how to value and model Microsoft, a company that is already public.**

We will make the process very easy to understand! In fact, we will make this chapter more Pinterest like versus previous chapters where we covered the basics of valuing a private company. The difference here is we have WAY more information available!

how do wall street analyst  
make financial models and..

how do they value companies?

you are no longer students.

that's right.

you are  
financial analysts  
today in this chapter.

you will learn exactly how  
wall street analysts work...

what are their secrets?

how do they do due diligence  
on companies?



a good analyst doesn't need  
others to form their opinions

a great analyst does a sh\*t load  
of due diligence  
alone.

when analyzing an  
investment...

the last thing you should do is  
speak to management....

...why?

because they are incredible  
salespeople.

don't trust them.

be skeptical until your  
research is complete.

start with the annual report  
(also called the 10k).

understand the risks.

understand the market.

we will learn how analysts  
model companies

we will learn how analysts  
analyze sectors

we will learn how analysts  
assess management

we will learn how analysts  
get access to information...

strap in!

let's do it!

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theory



No theory in this section! We will create a model and value Microsoft the way I did it in the hedge fund industry.

what is investor relations?

Investor relations is a function that exists to help YOU the investor decide whether or not to invest in a company. All large companies have investor relations folks. Smaller companies outsource to investor relations firms.

building a model

what are the sources?

remember....  
you have the same access to  
information as wall street analysts

first source

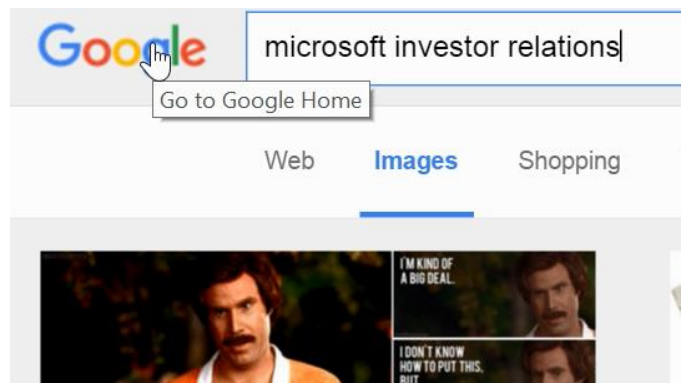
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website

let's model msft

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# Earnings Release FY16 Q1

**Income Statements** | Comprehensive Income | Balance Sheets | Cash Flows |

Segment Revenue & Operating Income

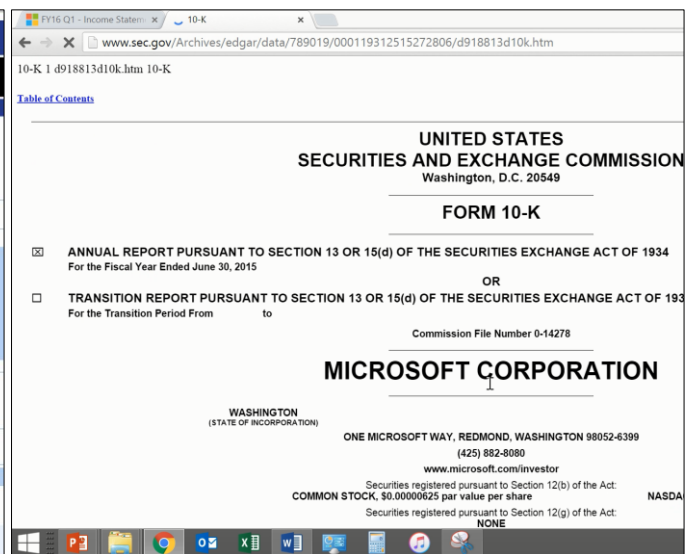
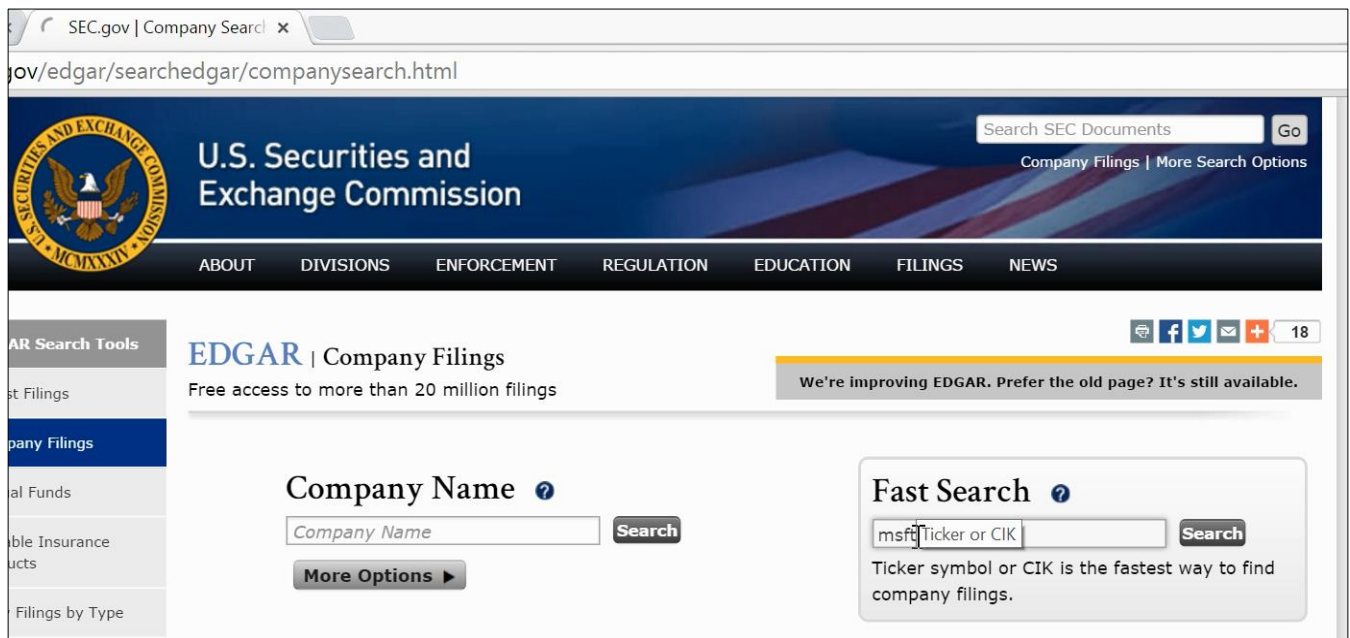
## Income Statements (in millions, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

		Three Months Ended September 30,	
		2015	2014
 Revenue		\$ 20,379	\$ 23,201
 Cost of revenue		7,207	8,273
 Gross margin		13,172	14,928
 Research and development		2,962	3,065
 Sales and marketing		3,333	3,728
 General and administrative		1,084	1,151
 Impairment, integration, and restructuring		0	1,140
 Operating income		5,793	5,844
 Other income (expense), net		(280)	52
 Income before income taxes		5,513	5,896
 Provision for income taxes		893	1,356
 Net income		\$ 4,620	\$ 4,540
Earnings per share:			
 Basic		\$ 0.58	\$ 0.55





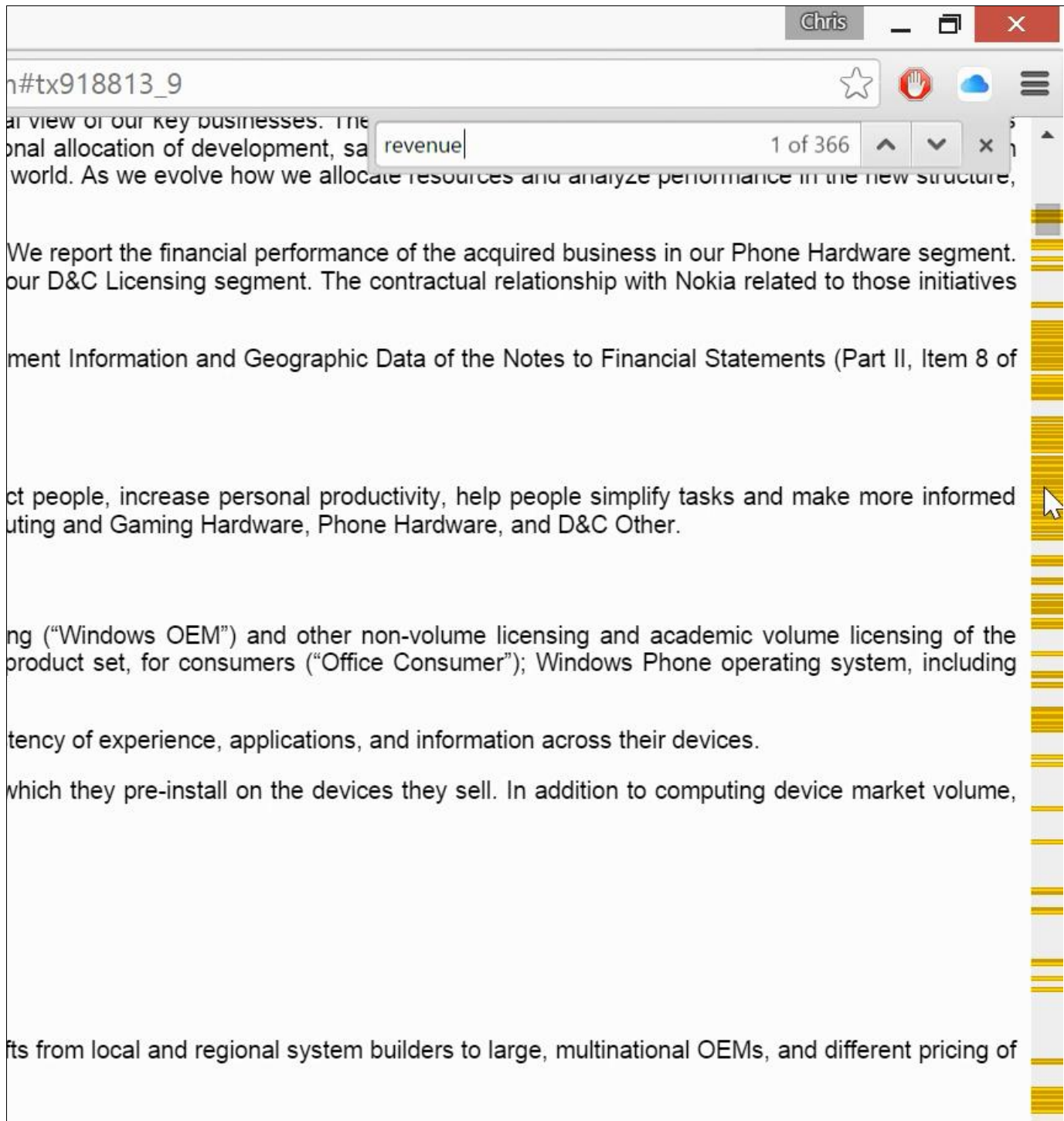
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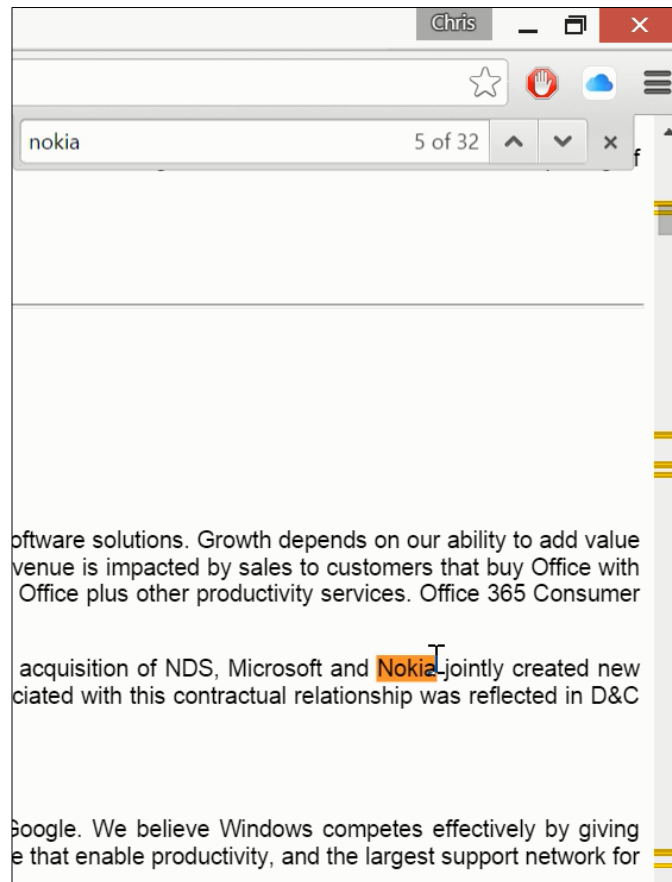


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<b>ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA</b>		
<u>FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS</u>		
(In millions, except per share data)		
Year Ended June 30,	2015	
Revenue	\$ 93,580	\$ 86,000
Gross margin	\$ 60,542	\$ 59,000
Operating income	\$ 18,161 <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 27,000
Net income	\$ 12,193 <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 22,000
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.48 <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 2.00
Cash dividends declared per share	\$ 1.24	\$ 1.00
Cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments	\$ 96,526	\$ 85,000
Total assets	\$ 176,223	\$ 172,000
Long-term obligations	\$ 46,282	\$ 36,000
Stockholders' equity	\$ 80,083	\$ 89,000



If you hit control+F while in your browser and type any key word (i.e., revenue), you can see in the scroll bar in yellow all of the results in the lengthy SEC filing of the word revenue. Use the Chrome browser for this feature as it makes navigating financial statements online much more fun.



You can search the 10-k for 'Income Statement' etc..

FY16 Q1 - Income Statement x 10-K x	
www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/789019/000119312515272806/d918813d10k.htm#tx918813_9	
Total one-day VaR for the combined risk categories was \$237 million at June 30, 2015 and \$333 million at June 30, 2014. The total VaR is 29% less at June 30, 2015 than at June 30, 2014 due to the diversification benefit of the combination of risks.	income statement
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ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA	
INCOME STATEMENTS	
(In millions, except per share amounts)	
Year Ended June 30,	
Revenue	
Cost of revenue	
Gross margin	
Research and development	
Sales and marketing	

keep it very simple.

less is more.

start with the basics...



		Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y
1	Microsoft Corporation									
2	Yearly Income Statements									
3	(In millions, except earnings per share)									
4										
5										
6	Revenue	\$ 60,420	\$ 58,437	\$ 62,484	\$ 69,943	\$ 73,723	\$ 77,849	\$ 86,833		
28										

Start with revenue.

and add layers.



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modeling is very easy...

it all comes down to

1  
simple  
rule



everything is just  
% of revenue!



yes! people make modelling  
unnecessarily complex



it isn't hard. it's fun!



once you see what percent of  
revenue every line item is...

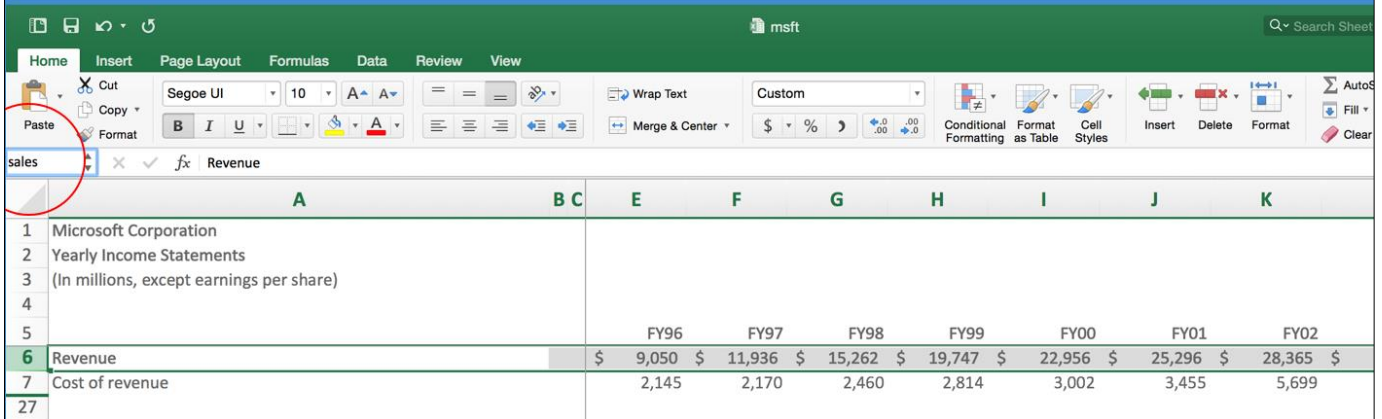


...then you simply look for  
trends in the historical data!

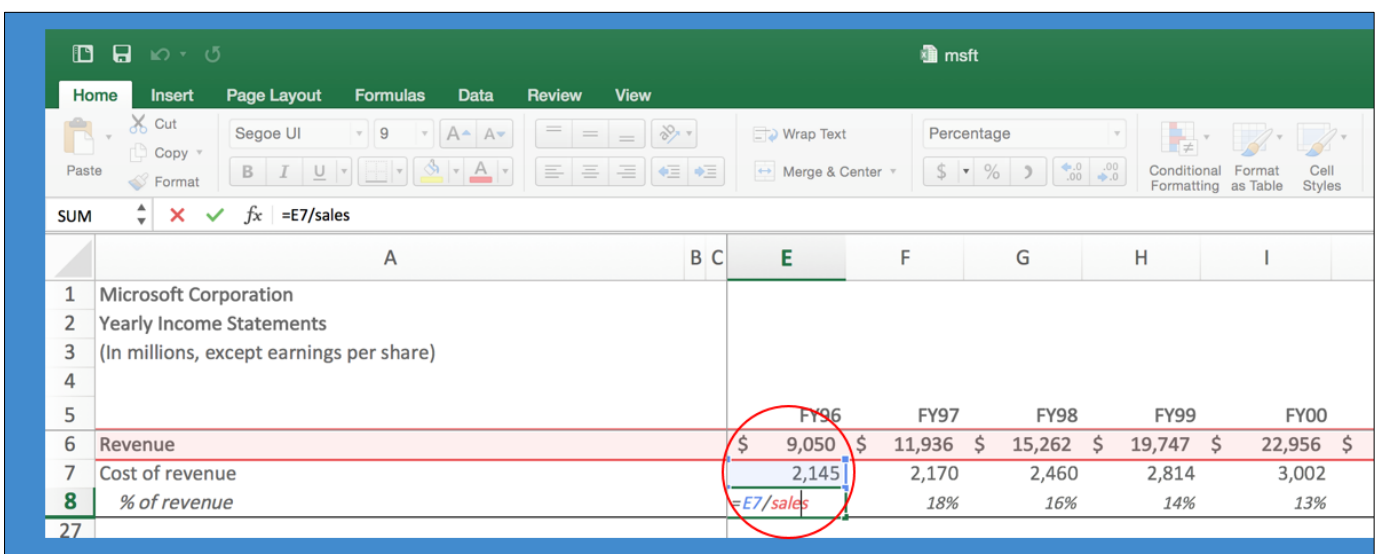
then you make basic assumptions  
about the future (meaning what  
percent of sales each line item  
will be and why)

this is easy!

# name your revenue row



	A	B C	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	Microsoft Corporation								
2	Yearly Income Statements								
3	(In millions, except earnings per share)								
4									
5									
6	Revenue		\$ 9,050	\$ 11,936	\$ 15,262	\$ 19,747	\$ 22,956	\$ 25,296	\$ 28,365
7	Cost of revenue		2,145	2,170	2,460	2,814	3,002	3,455	5,699
27									



	A	B C	E	F	G	H	I
1	Microsoft Corporation						
2	Yearly Income Statements						
3	(In millions, except earnings per share)						
4							
5							
6	Revenue		\$ 9,050	\$ 11,936	\$ 15,262	\$ 19,747	\$ 22,956
7	Cost of revenue		2,145	2,170	2,460	2,814	3,002
8	% of revenue		=E7/sales	18%	16%	14%	13%
27							

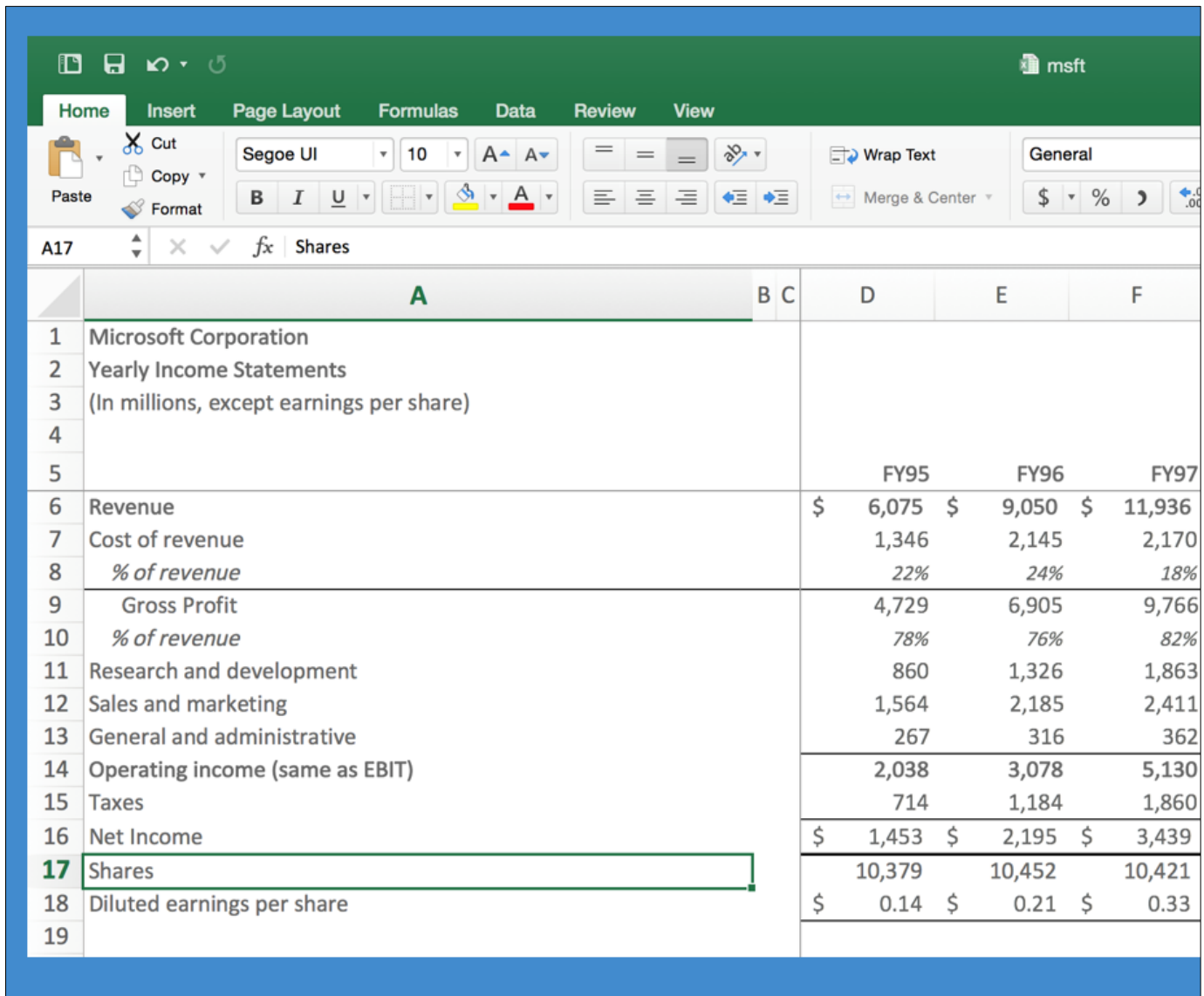
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1	Microsoft Corporation					
2	Yearly Income Statements					
3	(In millions, except earnings per share)					
4						
5			FY95	FY96	FY97	F
6	Revenue		\$ 6,075	\$ 9,050	\$ 11,936	\$ 15,2
7	Cost of revenue		1,346	2,145	2,170	2,
8	% of revenue		22%	24%	18%	
9	Gross margin		4,729	6,905	9,766	12,
10	% of revenue		78%	76%	82%	
21						

Put in operating expenses now:

	A	B C	D	E	F
1	Microsoft Corporation				
2	Yearly Income Statements				
3	(In millions, except earnings per share)				
4					
5			FY95	FY96	
6	Revenue		\$ 6,075	\$ 9,050	\$ 11,936
7	Cost of revenue		1,346	2,145	
8	% of revenue		22%	24%	
9	Gross Profit		4,729	6,905	
10	% of revenue		78%	76%	
11	Research and development		860	1,326	
12	Sales and marketing		1,564	2,185	
13	General and administrative		267	316	
14	Operating income (same as EBIT)		2,038	3,078	



Now complete the rest of the historical statement (you can get all this information online at Microsoft's investor relations site).



	A	B C	D	E	F
1	Microsoft Corporation				
2	Yearly Income Statements				
3	(In millions, except earnings per share)				
4					
5			FY95	FY96	FY97
6	Revenue	\$	6,075	\$ 9,050	\$ 11,936
7	Cost of revenue		1,346	2,145	2,170
8	% of revenue		22%	24%	18%
9	Gross Profit		4,729	6,905	9,766
10	% of revenue		78%	76%	82%
11	Research and development		860	1,326	1,863
12	Sales and marketing		1,564	2,185	2,411
13	General and administrative		267	316	362
14	Operating income (same as EBIT)		2,038	3,078	5,130
15	Taxes		714	1,184	1,860
16	Net Income	\$	1,453	\$ 2,195	\$ 3,439
17	Shares		10,379	10,452	10,421
18	Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.14	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.33
19					

now simply copy and paste the %  
of revenue column below almost  
all rows...

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	A	B	C	D	E
1	Microsoft Corporation				
2	Yearly Income Statements				
3	(In millions, except earnings per share)				
4					
5				FY95	FY96
6	Revenue			\$ 6,075	\$ 9,050
7	Cost of revenue			1,346	2,145
8	% of revenue			22%	24%
9	Gross Profit			4,729	6,905
10	% of revenue			78%	76%
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15	General and administrative			267	316
16	% of revenue			4%	3%
17	Operating income (same as EBIT)			2,038	3,078
18	% of revenue			34%	34%
19	Taxes			714	1,184
20	% of EBIT			35%	38%
21	Net Income			\$ 1,453	\$ 2,195
22	Shares			10,379	10,452
23	Diluted earnings per share			\$ 0.14	\$ 0.21
24					

let's add the YoY % change now

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5				FY07	FY08
6	Revenue			\$ 51,122	\$ 60,420
7	% YoY			15%	18%
8	Cost of revenue			10,693	11,598
9	% of revenue			21%	19%
10	Gross Profit			40,429	48,822
11	% of revenue			79%	81%
12	Research and development			7,121	8,164
13	% YoY			8%	15%
14	% of revenue			14%	14%
15	Sales and marketing			11,541	13,260
16	% YoY			16%	15%
17	% of revenue			23%	22%
18	General and administrative			3,329	5,127
19	% YoY			-11%	54%
20	% of revenue			7%	8%
21	Operating income (same as EBIT)			\$ 18,438	\$ 22,271
22	% of revenue			36%	37%
23	Taxes			6,036	6,133
24	% of EBIT			33%	28%
25	Net Income			\$ 14,065	\$ 17,681
26	Shares			9,905	9,455
27	Diluted earnings per share			\$ 1.42	\$ 1.87
28					

isn't cash flow and earnings different?

no! they are the same in the long run!

but what about the BS, CF  
statement and the other  
confusing data they give us?

who cares!

why?

because in the very long run  
earnings and cash flow are the  
same!

but wait a minute...what about  
debt and cash balance?

ok...if they are HUGE then we  
can deduct or add them to our  
target valuation later....

....but they are usually not  
that relevant.

wait - if you aren't including a lot  
of other stuff in your model, then  
won't your target price be wrong?



no! it might be a few percent off  
but who cares...it's only a few  
percent.



close enough is good enough. you  
have a 1 in a 1,000,000 chance of  
predicting the exact target price...

Yep; a 1 in a million chance....

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Make sure you see the forest from the trees!!!

# back to the model...getting there



ok we have everything we  
need to make forecasts now!

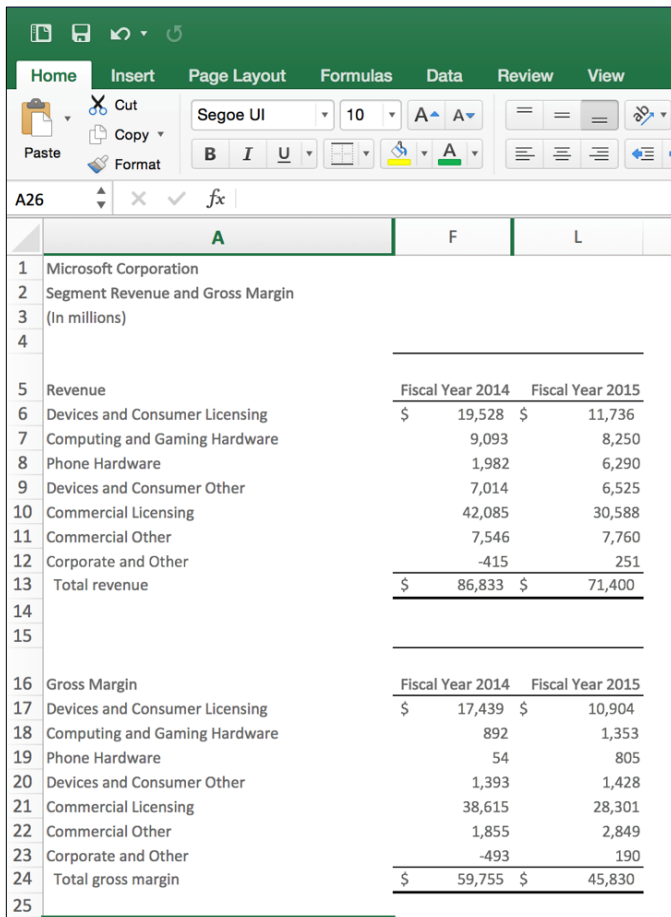
assume we are at the start of  
2015 for this exercise

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			FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15e
Revenue			\$ 69,943	\$ 73,723	\$ 77,849	\$ 86,833	
% YoY			12%	5%	6%	12%	
Cost of revenue			15,577	17,530	20,249	27,078	
% of revenue			22%	24%	26%	31%	
Gross Profit			54,366	56,193	57,600	59,755	
% of revenue			78%	76%	74%	69%	
Research and development			9,043	9,811	10,411	11,381	
% YoY			4%	8%	6%	9%	
% of revenue			13%	13%	13%	13%	
Sales and marketing			13,940	13,857	15,276	15,811	
% YoY			5%	-1%	10%	4%	
% of revenue			20%	19%	20%	18%	
General and administrative			4,222	4,569	5,149	4,677	
% YoY			4%	8%	13%	-9%	
% of revenue			6%	6%	7%	5%	
Operating income (same as EBIT)			\$ 27,161	\$ 27,956	\$ 26,764	\$ 27,886	
% of revenue			39%	38%	34%	32%	
Taxes			4,921	5,289	5,189	5,746	
% of EBIT			18%	19%	19%	21%	
Net Income			\$ 23,150	\$ 16,978	\$ 21,863	\$ 22,074	
Shares			8,606	8,489	8,474	8,393	
Diluted earnings per share			\$ 2.69	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.58	\$ 2.63	



wait! I want to add more detail on revenue to my model...

...because msft provides us with revenue line items for each part of the company (consumer, xbox, companies, crappy nokia etc).



The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following data:

	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015
Revenue		
Devices and Consumer Licensing	\$ 19,528	\$ 11,736
Computing and Gaming Hardware	9,093	8,250
Phone Hardware	1,982	6,290
Devices and Consumer Other	7,014	6,525
Commercial Licensing	42,085	30,588
Commercial Other	7,546	7,760
Corporate and Other	-415	251
Total revenue	\$ 86,833	\$ 71,400
Gross Margin		
Devices and Consumer Licensing	\$ 17,439	\$ 10,904
Computing and Gaming Hardware	892	1,353
Phone Hardware	54	805
Devices and Consumer Other	1,393	1,428
Commercial Licensing	38,615	28,301
Commercial Other	1,855	2,849
Corporate and Other	-493	190
Total gross margin	\$ 59,755	\$ 45,830

we can add this too..

copy + paste the historicals into your spreadsheet.

but let's not do this as it will take too much time for today's session.

before we make forecasts, let's look for trends in the data

learn to enjoy reading financials like a good



# understand why revenue grew or contracted.

	A	B	C	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
				FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
5													
6	Revenue			\$ 22,956	\$ 25,296	\$ 28,365	\$ 32,187	\$ 36,835	\$ 39,788	\$ 44,282	\$ 51,122	\$ 60,420	\$ 58,437
7	% YoY			16%	10%	12%	13%	14%	8%	11%	15%	18%	-3%

# why did revenue growth slow in 2001 and 2009?

The answer because of two horrific recessions. Look for patterns in the data. Look for trends.

		FY00	FY01	FY02
5				
6	Revenue	\$ 22,956	\$ 25,296	\$ 28,365
7	% YoY	16%	10%	12%
8	Cost of revenue	3,002	3,455	5,699
9	% of revenue	13%	14%	20%
10	Gross Profit	19,954	21,841	22,666
11	% of revenue	87%	86%	80%

# why did gross profit % decline as a percent of revenue?

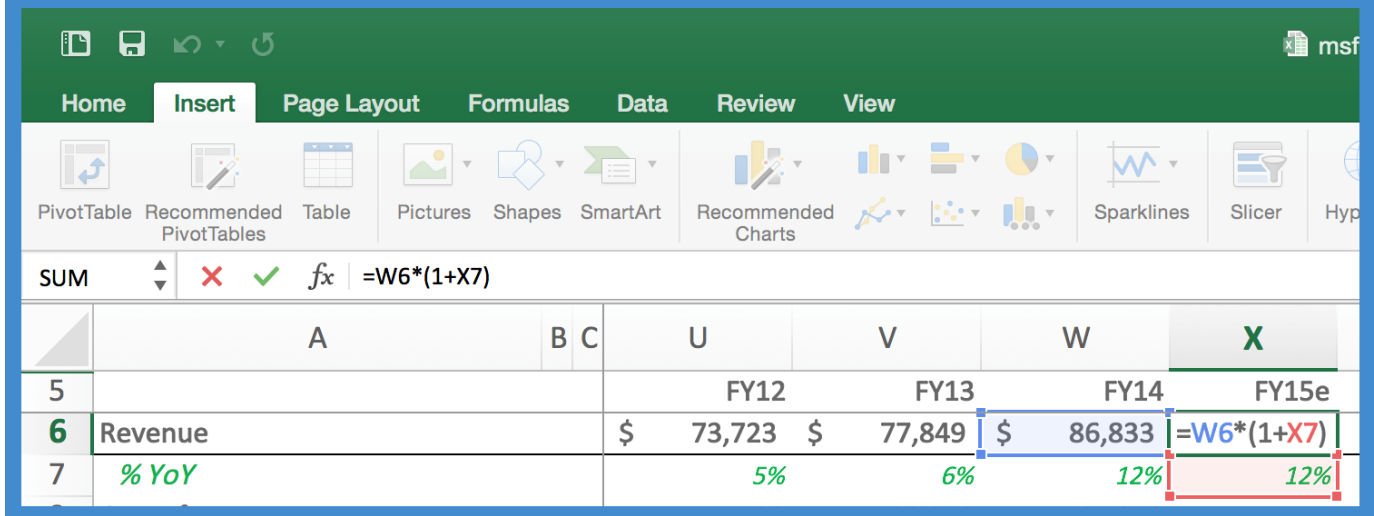
This occurred because of the release of the first Xbox. Hardware margins suck compared to software margins.



ok let's forecast revenue

5		FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14
6	Revenue	\$ 60,420	\$ 58,437	\$ 62,484	\$ 69,943	\$ 73,723	\$ 77,849	\$ 86,833
7	% YoY	18%	-3%	7%	12%	5%	6%	12%
26	Shares	9,455	8,993	8,933	8,606	8,489	8,474	8,393

ok let's forecast revenue



# add assumptions (i.e., why the forecasted number)...

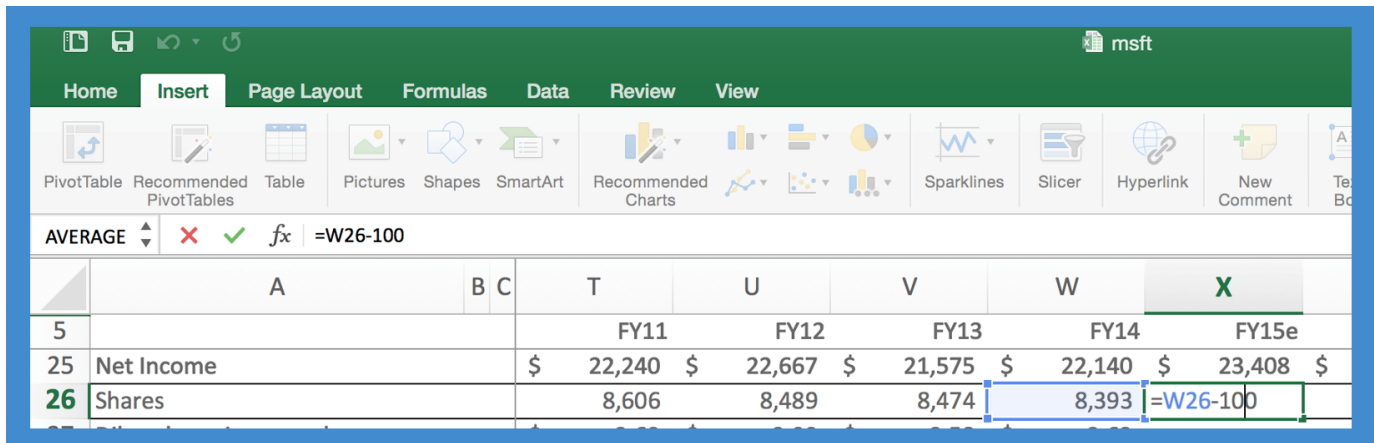
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			FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15e	FY16e	FY17e	FY18e
6	Revenue		\$ 73,723	\$ 77,849	\$ 86,833	\$ 97,253	\$ 114,758		
7	% YoY		5%	6%	12%	12%	18%		
8	Cost of revenue		17,530	20,249	27,078				
9	% of revenue		24%	26%	31%				
10	Gross Profit		56,193	57,600	59,755				
11	% of revenue		76%	74%	69%				

	A	B C	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
			FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15e	FY16e	FY17e
6	Revenue		\$ 73,723	\$ 77,849	\$ 86,833	\$ 97,253	\$ 114,758	\$ 114,758
7	% YoY		5%	6%	12%	12%	18%	
8	Cost of revenue		17,530	20,249	27,078	28,203		
9	% of revenue		24%	26%	31%	29%		
10	Gross Profit		56,193	57,600	59,755			
11	% of revenue		76%	74%	69%			
12	Research and development		9,811	10,411	11,381			
13	% YoY		8%	6%	9%			
14	% of revenue		12%	12%	12%			

	A	B C	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA
5			FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15e	FY16e	FY17e	
6	Revenue		\$ 73,723	\$ 77,849	\$ 86,833	\$ 97,253	\$ 114,758	\$ 128,530	\$ 143,750
7	% YoY		5%	6%	12%	12%			
8	Cost of revenue		17,530	20,249	27,078	28,203			
9	% of revenue		24%	26%	31%	29%			
10	Gross Profit		56,193	57,600	59,755	69,050			
11	% of revenue		76%	74%	69%	71%			
12	Research and development		9,811	10,411	11,381	14,588			
13	% YoY		8%	6%	9%	28%	-100%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
14	% of revenue		13%	13%	13%	15%			

	A	B C	S	T	U	V	W	X
5			FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15e
6	Revenue		\$ 62,484	\$ 69,943	\$ 73,723	\$ 77,849	\$ 86,833	\$ 97,253
7	% YoY		7%	12%	5%	6%	12%	12%
8	Cost of revenue		12,395	15,577	17,530	20,249	27,078	28,203
9	% of revenue		20%	22%	24%	26%	31%	29%
10	Gross Profit		50,089	54,366	56,193	57,600	59,755	69,050
11	% of revenue		80%	78%	76%	74%	69%	71%
12	Research and development		8,714	9,043	9,811	10,411	11,381	14,588
13	% YoY		-3%	4%	8%	6%	9%	28%
14	% of revenue		14%	13%	13%	13%	13%	15%
15	Sales and marketing		13,214	13,940	13,857	15,276	15,811	0
16	% YoY		3%	5%	-1%	10%	4%	
17	% of revenue		21%	20%	19%	20%	18%	=average(S17:W17)
18	General and administrative		4,063	4,222	4,569	5,149	4,677	0

If you have no clue on how to forecast a certain expense line item, then start with taking an average of all prior percents of revenue (per the previous image)!



	A	B	C	T	U	V	W	X
5				FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15e
25	Net Income			\$ 22,240	\$ 22,667	\$ 21,575	\$ 22,140	\$ 23,408
26	Shares			8,606	8,489	8,474	8,393	=W26-100

Look for patterns....an object in motion will stay in motion...oki dokki in this case it looks like Microsoft is buying back about 100,000,000 shares per year. Wow!

we are done with the model!

that was



wait!!!! i still have questions  
on how to build the model!

ok...read the 10k and look at the  
ir website and listen to the saved  
earnings calls on the ir website....

...help - i did all of that stuff  
but i still have questions!

...this is why the i.r. function  
exists. we ask them the questions  
we can't answer.

call i.r. as it's  
their job to help you

why call management towards  
the end of your due diligence?

because CEOs and CFOs are the  
best salespeople in the world...

...do your own research before  
calling them or listening to  
anyone (especially the media)!

everyone has their own bias...

<http://tiny.cc/chris110>

capiche?

don't be intimidated by financial  
modelling.

you have the same info access as  
wall street analysts.

reg fd.

modeling and valuation is  
very easy to do.

next topic:  
valuation



	FY19e	FY20e	FY21e	FY22e	FY23e	FY24e	Assumptions
Revenue	\$ 161,227	\$ 180,575	\$ 202,244	\$ 226,513	\$ 253,694	\$ 284,138	you can list revenue assumptions here too
% YoY	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	
Cost of revenue	46,756	52,367	58,651	63,424	68,498	73,876	
% of revenue	29%	29%	29%	28%	27%	26%	
Gross Profit	114,471	128,208	143,593	163,089	185,197	210,262	
% of revenue	71%	71%	71%	72%	73%	74%	
Research and development	20,960	23,475	26,292	29,447	32,980	36,938	you can list r&d assumptions here too
% YoY	4%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	
% of revenue	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	
Sales and marketing	27,409	28,892	32,359	36,242	40,591	45,462	you can list s&m assumptions here too
% YoY	6%	5%	12%	12%	12%	12%	
% of revenue	17%	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%	
General and administrative	8,061	9,029	10,112	11,326	12,685	11,366	you can list g&a assumptions here too
% YoY	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	-10%	
% of revenue	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	
Operating income (same as EBIT)	\$ 58,042	\$ 66,813	\$ 74,830	\$ 86,075	\$ 98,941	\$ 116,496	
% of revenue	36%	37%	37%	38%	39%	41%	
Taxes	11,668	13,365	14,880	17,177	19,775	23,284	you can list tax assumptions here too
% of EBIT	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	
Net Income	\$ 46,373	\$ 53,448	\$ 59,951	\$ 68,898	\$ 79,166	\$ 93,213	
Shares	7,893	7,793	7,693	7,593	7,493	7,393	you can list shares assumptions here too
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 5.88	\$ 6.86	\$ 7.79	\$ 9.07	\$ 10.57	\$ 12.61	

Don't forget to add many comments...which you can also do in an assumptions column.

now let's look at ways to  
come up with a target price

you can use whatever  
methodology you want to.

i am going to use 3 methodologies  
and then take an average of all 3  
for my target price.

remember - keep it simple.

valuation methodology # 1

p/e

your target price should be based  
on estimates 5 year from now.

in 5 years earnings are  
growing 12%

so our target price should be  
12x's that eps number.

Stocks usually trade near their earnings growth rate. Huh? Well if a company's earnings are growing 20% next year, then the stock should trade at about 20x's that year's earnings at that point in time. If a company is growing at 8% earnings, then the stock should trade at about 8x's that earnings number that year. Simple enough eh!

A	B C	Z	AA
		FY19e	FY20e
Diluted earnings per share	\$	3.93	\$ 4.90
		YoY EPS %: 12%	



$$12 \times \$4.90 = \$59$$

assume msft is \$47 today.

in 5 years we expect 25% appreciation to \$59.

seems reasonable as msft is a mature company.

valuation methodology #2: p/r

assuming the average software company trades at 5x revenue in 5 years....

and msft is a big mature company with 70% of the growth of the average software company.

therefore it should trade at a discount at say 3.5x revenue in 5 years (versus sector at 5x).

so the market cap should be  
\$504bn in 5 years.

the market cap is \$372 today. so  
this means about 35% upside.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Excel interface with the following data:

	A	B	C	Z	AA
5				FY19e	FY20e
6	Revenue			\$ 128,530	\$ 143,953
30					\$ 503,835.69
31					36%

The Excel ribbon shows the 'Home' tab with options for Paste, Cut, Copy, Format, font settings (Segoe UI, size 10), and alignment. The formula bar shows 'AA35'.

recall valuation methodology  
#1 predicted 25% upside

now let's do valuation  
methodology #3 and take an  
average of all 3 approaches.

dcf

[not an exact science...and i am  
not a fan...but let's do it anyway]

but let's look at an important  
pie chart first



i'm going to make dcf easy.

I know I know I know. Not funny!

earnings and cash flow are the  
same in the long run

great! so we don't need to  
forecast the bs or the cf  
statements!

A	B	C	X	Y	Z	
			FY15e	FY16e	FY17e	
Revenue			\$ 97,253	\$ 114,758	\$ 128,530	\$
% YoY			12%	18%	12%	
Cost of revenue			28,203	33,280	37,274	
% of revenue			29%	29%	29%	
Gross Profit			69,050	81,479	91,256	
% of revenue			71%	71%	71%	
Research and development			14,588	17,214	19,279	
% YoY			28%	18%	12%	
% of revenue			15%	15%	15%	
Sales and marketing			19,004	22,056	24,520	
% YoY			20%	16%	11%	
% of revenue			20%	19%	19%	
General and administrative			5,978	6,973	7,820	
% YoY			28%	17%	12%	
% of revenue			6%	6%	6%	
Operating income (same as EBIT)			\$ 29,479	\$ 35,235	\$ 39,636	\$
% of revenue			30%	31%	31%	
Taxes			6,071	6,880	7,851	
% of EBIT			21%	20%	20%	
Net Income [SAME AS FREE CASH FLOW]			\$ 23,408	\$ 28,356	\$ 31,786	\$
Shares			8,293	8,193	8,093	
Diluted earnings per share			\$ 2.82	\$ 3.46	\$ 3.93	\$

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ok. so let's now come up with the wacc!

The WACC stands for the weighted average cost of capital....basically what is the cost of renting money for Microsoft. Note: it will be a heck of a lot less than for a private company as Microsoft is pretty stable. We then use the WACC to find out what Microsoft's future net income or cash flow is worth today (remember that a dollar in the future is worth a heck of a lot less than it is worth today....the trick is to find the right WACC to discount future net income or cash flow to today).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{wacc} = & \\ & \text{cost of equity} \\ & + \\ & \text{cost of debt} \end{aligned}$$

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Remember tech firms don't usually have much debt. If they have some then deduct the debt from your target market capitalization (after accounting for the cash balance).....I know that this is not an exact science but it is close enough for government work! With Microsoft I am bearish on the company longer term as the founders don't run the company any more so I will just assume that growth will be anemic and they will use their cash balance to keep buying back shares.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cost of equity} = & \\ & \text{risk free rate} \\ & + \\ & (\text{stock market return} - \text{risk free rate}) \\ & * \\ & \text{beta (how volatile our company is)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cost of equity} = & \\ & 1\% \\ & + \\ & (12\% - 1\%) \\ & * \\ & \text{beta (how volatile our company is)} \end{aligned}$$

Let's just assume that the stock market goes up about 12% per year. Microsoft is likely to grow slower than the stock market in the long run and it is likely less volatile as it is a stable old company....so I expect the beta to be less than 1. The market's beta or volatility is 1. Your stock is either more volatile (meaning higher beta and riskier) or less volatile than the market (meaning lower beta and less risky than the market).

what is our beta?

You can find a company's beta at Yahoo Finance or any good finance website. In fact, I used to pay \$25k per year for Bloomberg's financial data system when I was running my company but I ditched Bloomberg because you can get almost everything that Bloomberg provides online now for free!

The screenshot shows the Yahoo Finance website for Microsoft Corporation (MSFT). The current stock price is 46.66, up 0.90 (1.97%) from the previous close. The after-hours price is 46.86, up 0.20 (0.43%). The page displays various financial metrics including the day's range, 52-week range, volume, market cap, P/E ratio, and EPS.

Microsoft Corporation (MSFT) - NasdaqGS ★ Watchlist	
<b>46.66</b> ↑0.90 (1.97%) 4:00PM EDT	
After Hours : <b>46.86</b> ↑0.20 (0.43%) 7:59PM EDT	
Prev Close:	<b>45.76</b>
Open:	<b>46.01</b>
Bid:	<b>46.80 x 200</b>
Ask:	<b>48.00 x 1200</b>
1y Target Est:	<b>50.13</b>
Beta:	<b>0.78</b>
Next Earnings Date:	<b>21-Jul-15</b>
Day's Range:	<b>45.97 - 46.69</b>
52wk Range:	<b>40.12 - 50.05</b>
Volume:	<b>26,271,673</b>
Avg Vol (3m):	<b>34,249,200</b>
Market Cap:	<b>378.55B</b>
P/E (ttm):	<b>19.37</b>
EPS (ttm):	<b>2.41</b>
Div & Yield:	<b>1.24 (2.70%)</b>

Quotes delayed, except where indicated otherwise. Currency in USD.

cost of equity =

1%

+

(12% - 1%)

\*

0.78

cost of equity =

9.58%



we use 9.58% as  
our discount rate = “r”

Alright now we need to discount our future net income to today's value. We discount next year's earnings by 1 year. We discount the following year's earnings by 2 years. We discount the year after that's earnings by 3 years.....all the way up to 10 years from now per the discounted cash flow formula on the right →.

What about years 2025 to infinity? Don't worry about it...see the first image on the next page for calculating cash flow from years 2025 to infinity!

<http://tiny.cc/chris112>

dcf =

$$\begin{aligned} &cf_{2015e}/(1+r)^1 + \\ &cf_{2016e}/(1+r)^2 + \\ &cf_{2017e}/(1+r)^3 + \\ &cf_{2018e}/(1+r)^4 + \\ &cf_{2019e}/(1+r)^5 + \\ &cf_{2020e}/(1+r)^6 + \\ &cf_{2021e}/(1+r)^7 + \\ &cf_{2022e}/(1+r)^8 + \\ &cf_{2023e}/(1+r)^9 + \\ &(cf_{2024e} + tv)/(1+r)^{10} \end{aligned}$$

but what about  
years  
2025  
to



$$tv = cf_{2024} / (r - g)$$

assume g is our long term g

$$tv = cf_{2024} / (r - g)$$

we already know r. assume the long term growth rate for msft is about 1% (i am bearish on it)

dcf =

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	FY15e	FY16e	FY17e
Net Income [SAME AS FREE CASH FLOW]	\$ 23,408	\$ 28,356	\$ 31,786

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Net Income [SAME AS FREE CASH FLOW]	\$ 23,408	\$ 28,356	\$ 31,786	\$ 39,163	\$ 43,282	\$ 50,559	\$ 51,647	\$ 45,772	\$ 47,128	\$ 49,728

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& 43,282/(1+0.0958)^5 + \\
& 50,559/(1+0.0958)^6 + \\
& 51,647/(1+0.0958)^7 + \\
& 45,772/(1+0.0958)^8 + \\
& 47,128/(1+0.0958)^9 + \\
& (49,728 + 49,728 / (0.0958 - 0.01)) / (1+0.0958)^{10}
\end{aligned}
= \$475\text{bn valuation}$$

so our 3<sup>rd</sup> valuation methodology (dcf) implies a value of \$475bn  
or  
25% upside to a target price of \$58.50

What's awesome is that we can do all of the DCF calculations using a very cool quick formula called Excel's NPV formula (Net Present Value). This NPV formula needs 2 inputs: all of the future net income or cash flow values and the interest rate we use to discount them, which was 9.5%:

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 &47,128/(1+0.0958)^9 + \\
 &(49,728 + 49,728/ (0.0958 - 0.01))/(1+0.0958)^{10}
 \end{aligned}$$

HERE IS A COOL TRICK!  
THE NPV() FORMULA DOES ALL THIS MATH!

	FY15e	FY16e	FY17e	FY18e	FY19e	FY20e	FY21e	FY22e	FY23e	FY24e
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	=npv( NPV(rate, value1, [value2], ...)									
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	=npv(0.0958,X25:AG25)									

plus tv!

ok so let's review all 3  
valuation methodology  
bottom lines!

valuation #1 (p/e target) = \$59  
valuation #2 (p/r target) = \$63  
valuation #3 (dcf target) = \$58.50

average of all 3 = \$60  
or  
29% upside in 5 years

my favorite is p/e but decide  
for yourself what you prefer.

If you are in a class room or large corporate group, divide yourselves into two groups. Team Blue and team Red and see who answers the following questions first using only [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)

## www.sec.gov BOXING!

team red.



team blue.



- 1: provide 3 risks for microsoft.
- 2: provide 2013 Q3 revenue for microsoft.
- 3: provide name of ceo of microsoft.


Come on blue! [www.tiny.cc/chris84](http://www.tiny.cc/chris84)



A blue rectangular game board titled "round 2" in white text. At the top right is a small icon of a book with a red ribbon. Below the title, there are two horizontal arrows pointing in opposite directions. The left arrow is labeled "team red." and has a red icon at its tip. The right arrow is labeled "team blue." and has a blue icon at its tip. Below the arrows, there are three numbered questions in white text:

- 1: provide 1 lawsuit microsoft is facing.
- 2: provide microsoft's latest cash balance.
- 3: provide % of revenue msft has overseas.

Don't give up blue! [www.tiny.cc/chris85](http://www.tiny.cc/chris85)



A blue rectangular game board titled "final round." in white text. At the top right is a small icon of a book with a red ribbon. Below the title, there are two horizontal arrows pointing in opposite directions. The left arrow is labeled "team red." and has a red icon at its tip. The right arrow is labeled "team blue." and has a blue icon at its tip. Below the arrows, there are three numbered questions in white text:

- 1: provide the name of microsoft's cfo.
- 2: provide 3 of microsoft's competitors.
- 3: provide details on microsoft's ceo.

You're my boy blue! [www.tiny.cc/chris86](http://www.tiny.cc/chris86)

### Questions Based on Chapter 11:

1: The best sources for building a model are:

- a) Morningstar.com and sec.com
- b) Sec.gov and I.R.
- c) I.R and CNBC
- d) CNBC and Bloomberg

2: All individual investors have the same access to public market investment information in the US as the big mutual funds and hedge funds have.

True or False

3: You should talk to a company's management team first before doing due diligence on that company.

True or False

## CHAPTER SUMMARY



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valuation and model projections is not hard. simply forecast revenue and make most expenses a percent of revenue. valuation targets can be from p/e, p/r and dcf. u chose!

