

Visualizing Your New Business
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Who is the Maine SBDC?

12-14 Business Advisors

No-cost, confidential business advising for new and existing business owners

Locations throughout the Maine

Meetings virtually & in-person



Who do we serve?

- Small Business Entities (as defined by the SBA)
- Individuals Starting or Acquiring
 Businesses
- For-Profits*
- Maine-Based
- All Industries*
- Underserved Populations



No-Cost, Confidential Business Advising to Current & Aspiring Small Business Owners

- Business Plans & Planning
- Business Strategy & Growth
- Financing
- Marketing

- Operations & Management
- Buying or Selling a Business / Exit Planning
- And More!

What does the SBDC do?



Chase Nelson - Bio

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Current Role: Certified Business Advisor with the Maine Small Business Development Centers at the Northern Maine Development Commission



Location: Eastport, with focus on Washington County

- **Advising Specialties:** Chase advises individuals interested in starting, buying, or growing a business on how to prepare business plans, layout cash flow projections, and best position themselves for ongoing business success.
- Professional Background: Chase is a serial entrepreneur who has started, operated and grown
 academic coaching, retreat, and financial coaching businesses. He is passionate about business design
 and is an experienced "business model canvas" and "stair-steps to growth" practitioner. He has
 completed new business start-up activities, conducted on-going cash flow management, performed
 financial accounting controls and secured growth financing.

Prior to his entrepreneurial ventures, Chase had a 30-year career working with large technology companies (Cisco, IBM, Accenture) where he focused on business strategy and design, economic development, and customer success management.

• **Certifications:** Chase is a Certified Business Advisor and a Certified Personal Finance Counselor (Fincert.org) and helps individuals align their financial behaviors with their needs, goals and ambitions.

Visualizing Your New Business Using the Business Model Canvas

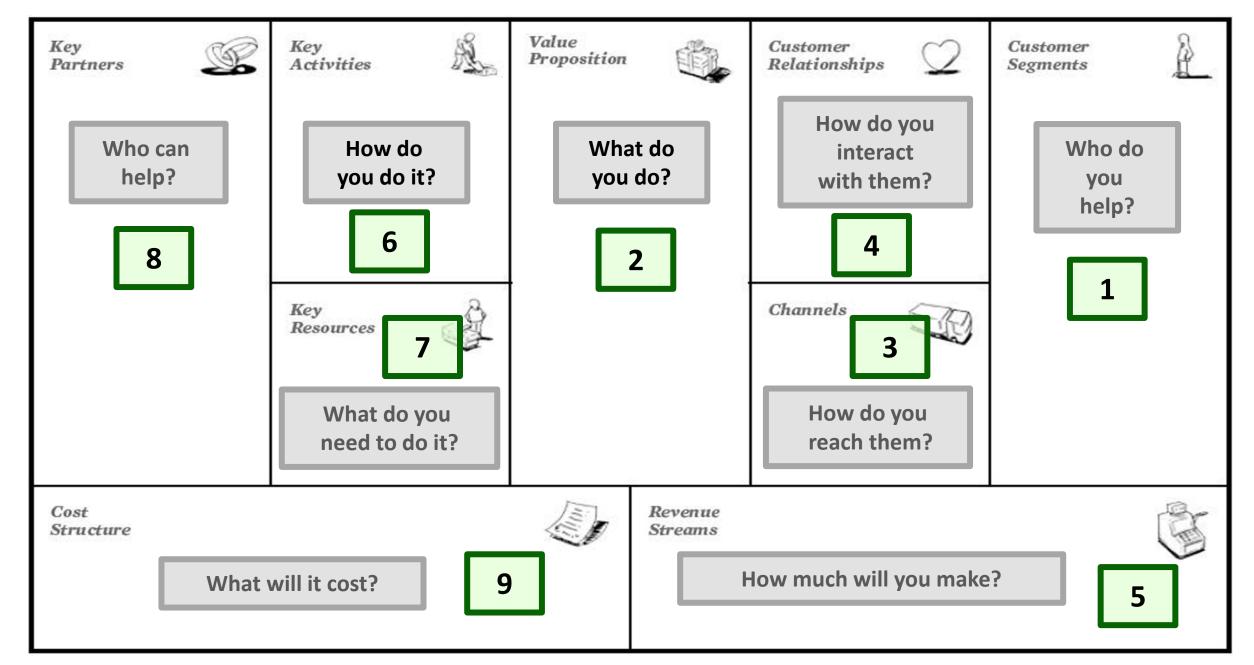
- How you can use the Business Model Canvas to outline and plan your new or early-stage business idea.
- The Business Model Canvas is a single-page business planning tool that allows you to visualize your business idea from three lenses:
 - Desirability: What customer problems are you solving and why will customers value what you are selling?
 - Feasibility: Can you create a product or provide a service customers value and want to buy?
 - Viability: How much does it cost to produce and market your product or service? What are customers willing to pay? Do you have a profitable business idea?
- You'll leave the session with a new perspective on how to turn your business idea into your dream business!

Business Model ...

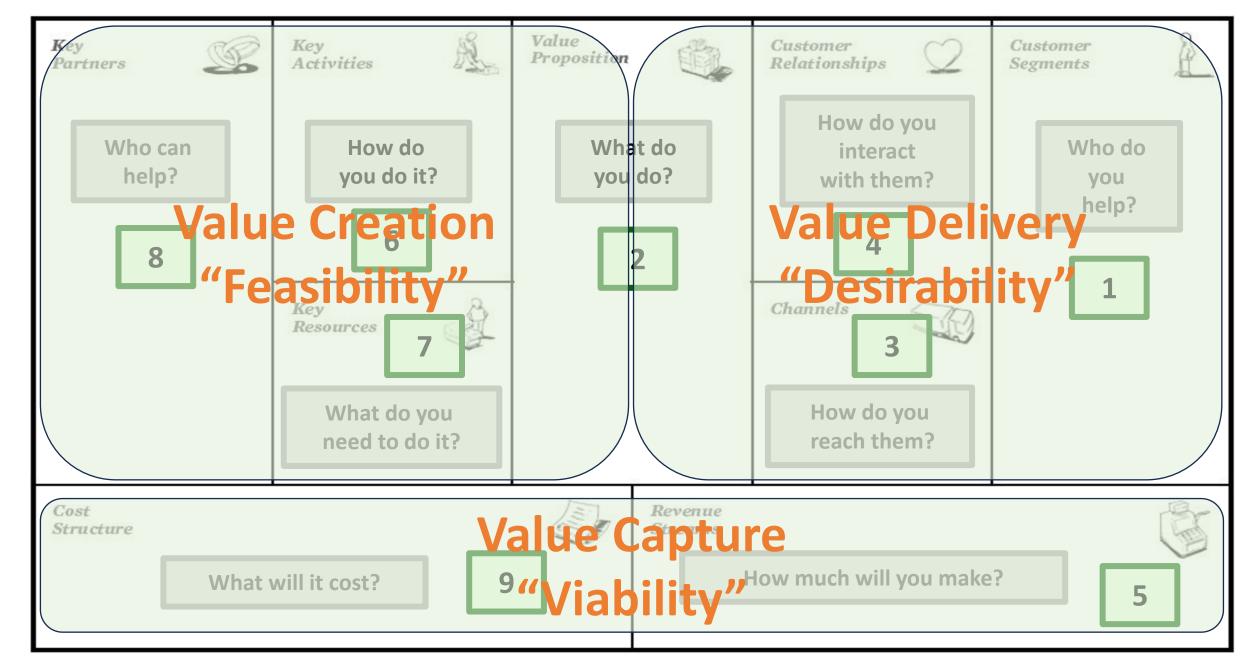
- So, what does your business look like?
 - What are you going to do?
 - What do you build? What service to you provide?
 - Have you thought your idea thru?
 - Who are your customers?
 - What value are you providing? Is anyone going to buy?
 - Who else is involved?
 - Are you going to make any money?

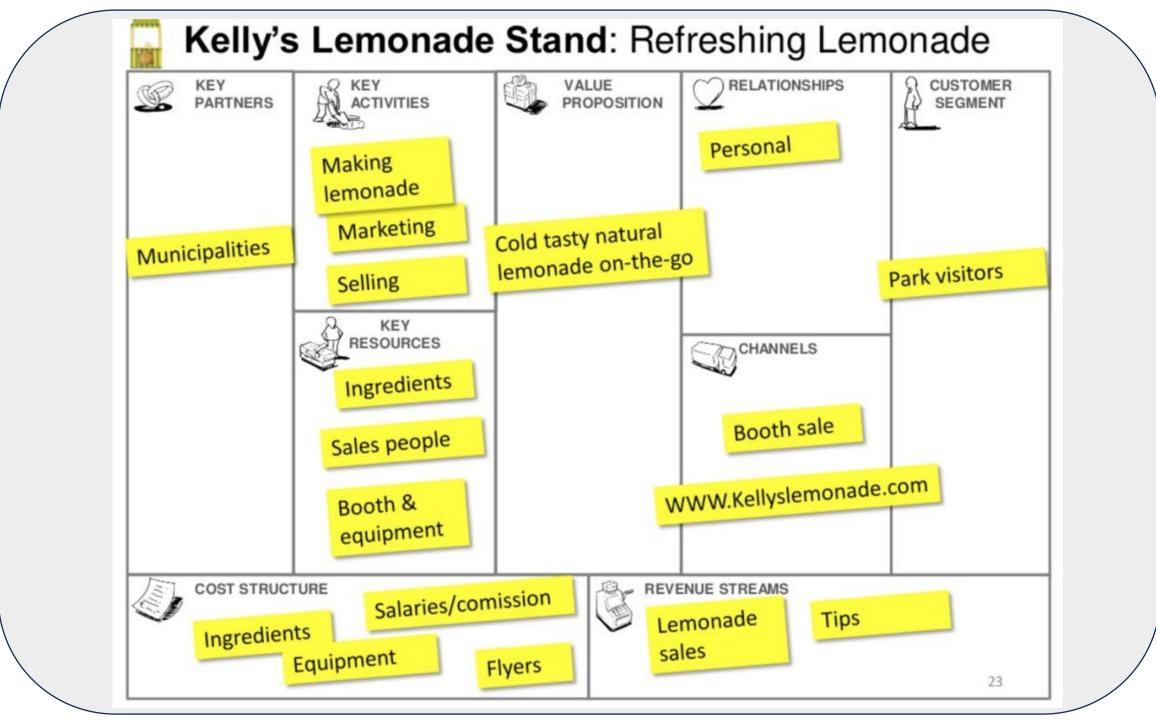
Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a model of your business that answers these question?

Business Model Canvas



Business Model Canvas





The Business Model Canvas

Key Partners

The network of suppliers and partners that make the Business Model work.

- Strategic Alliances (noncompetitors)
- Coopetition: strategic partnerships between competitors
- Joint ventures
- Buyer-Supplier relationships

Motivations

- Optimization and economy of scale
- Reduction of risk and uncertainty
- Acquisition of particular resources and activities

Key Activities

The things your business must do to make the Business Model work.

- Production
- Problem Solving
- Platform / Network

Key Resources

Assets required to make the Business Model work.

- Physical
- Intellectual
- Human
- Financial

Value Proposition

Describe the Value you provide:

- Newness
- Performance
- Customization
- Getting the job done
- Design
- Brand / Status
- Price
- Cost Reducer
- Risk reducer
- Accessibility
- Convenience or Useability

What specific value do you provide to this specific customer segment?

Customer Relationships

Describe your relationship with the customer segments:

- Personal assistance
- Self service
- Automated services
- User communities
- Co-creation

Channels

Describe how you get value to the customer:

- Your own Sales force
- Web sales
- Your own stores
- Partner stores
- Wholesaler / Distributor

Customer Segments

Describe your customer segment:

- Mass market
- Niche
- Segmented
- Diversifies
- Multi-sided platforms

Define the group of people or organizations you aim to reach and serve

Create separate BMC for each segment where jobs, pains, and gains, differ

Cost Structure

All the costs incurred to operate the business model

- Cost Driven
- Value Driven

Characteristics

- Fixed Costs
- Variable Costs
- Economies of Scale
- Economies of Scope

Revenue Streams

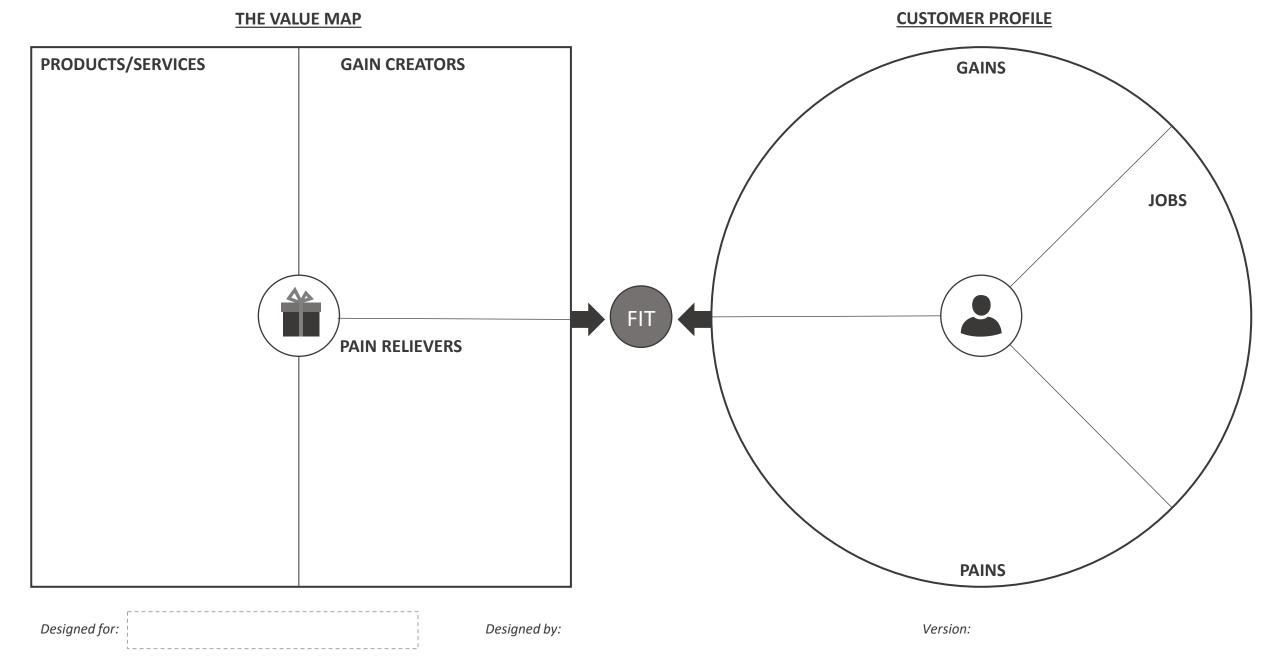
Describes how cash is generated from the customer segment for the value delivered:

Asset sales, usage fees, subscriptions, leases, licensing, broker fees, advertising, etc

Tools & Templates

BUSINESS MODEL CANVAS

KEY PARTNERS	KEY ACTIVITIES	VALUE PROPOS	SITION	CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP	CUSTOMER SEGMENTS
	KEY RESOURCES	_		CHANNELS	
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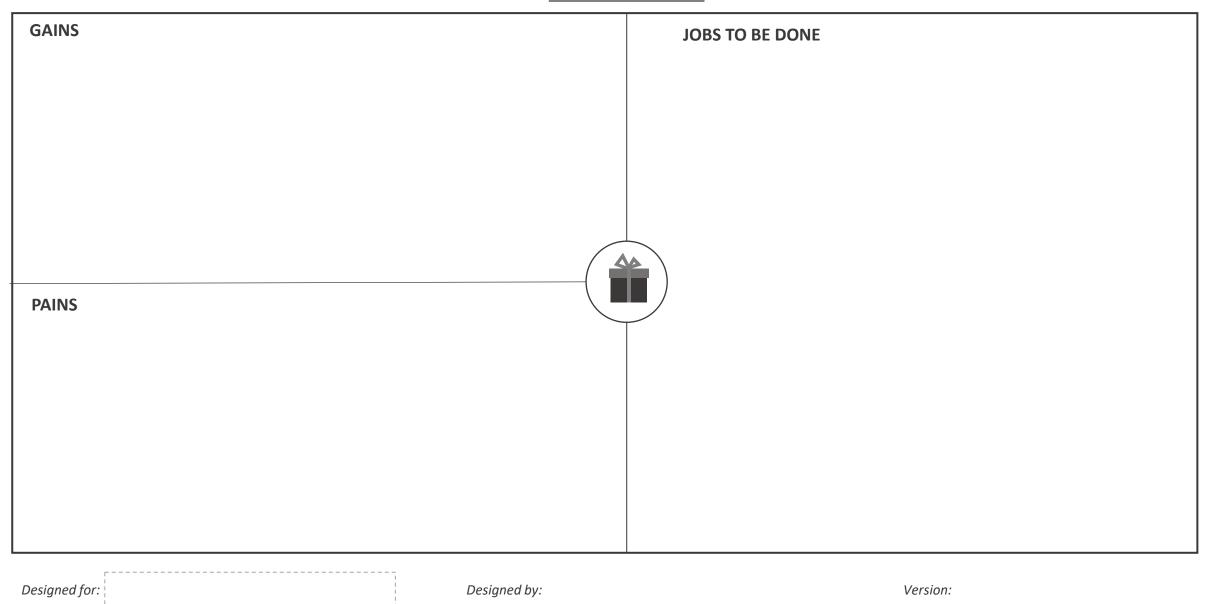


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THE VALUE MAP

PRODUCTS/SERVICES		GAIN CREATORS
		PAIN RELIEVERS
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CUSTOMER PROFILE



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