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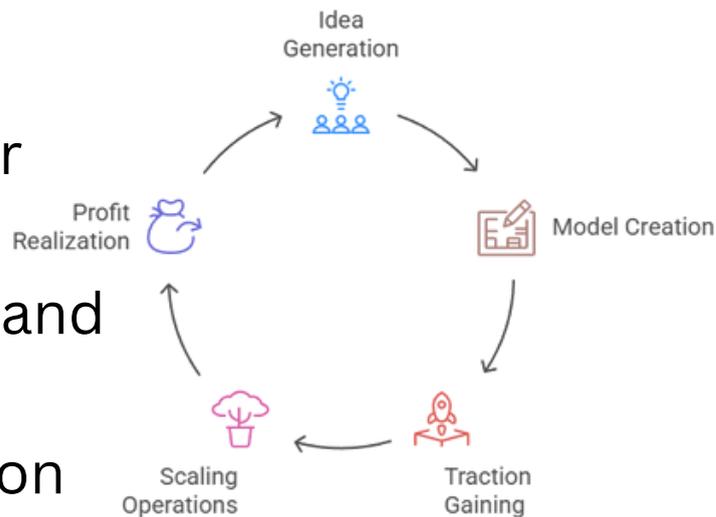
REVENUE MODELS FOR IT STARTUPS



**How Startups Turn Innovation into
Income**

WHY REVENUE MODELS MATTER

1. How you'll earn from your idea.
2. Shapes pricing, features, and strategy.
3. Keeps your team and vision aligned.



- A clear revenue model helps you plan cash flows and understand your financial future.
- It defines how your startup captures value from users.
- Investors care deeply about your revenue logic — it's a validation of business viability.
- A smart model lets you pivot easily based on market feedback.
- Real Insight: 90% of startups that fail do so because of a flawed business model – not a bad product.

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SUBSCRIPTION MODEL

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SUBSCRIPTION-BASED REVENUE

- Users pay a recurring fee (monthly/annually)
- Predictable and steady income
- Ideal for SaaS, media, and digital platforms
- Examples: Netflix, Spotify, Adobe

Key Benefits

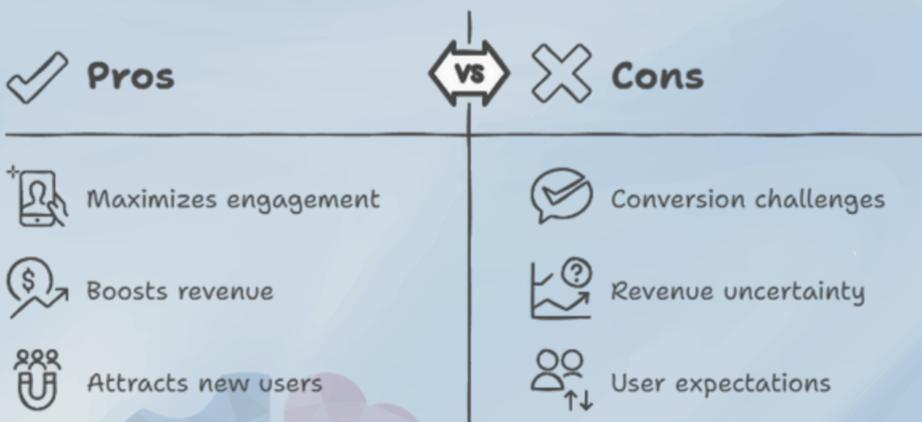
- Steady and forecastable income
- Strong user retention
- Higher customer lifetime value

FREEMIUM BUSINESS MODEL



Freemium + Paid Upgrades

Freemium model

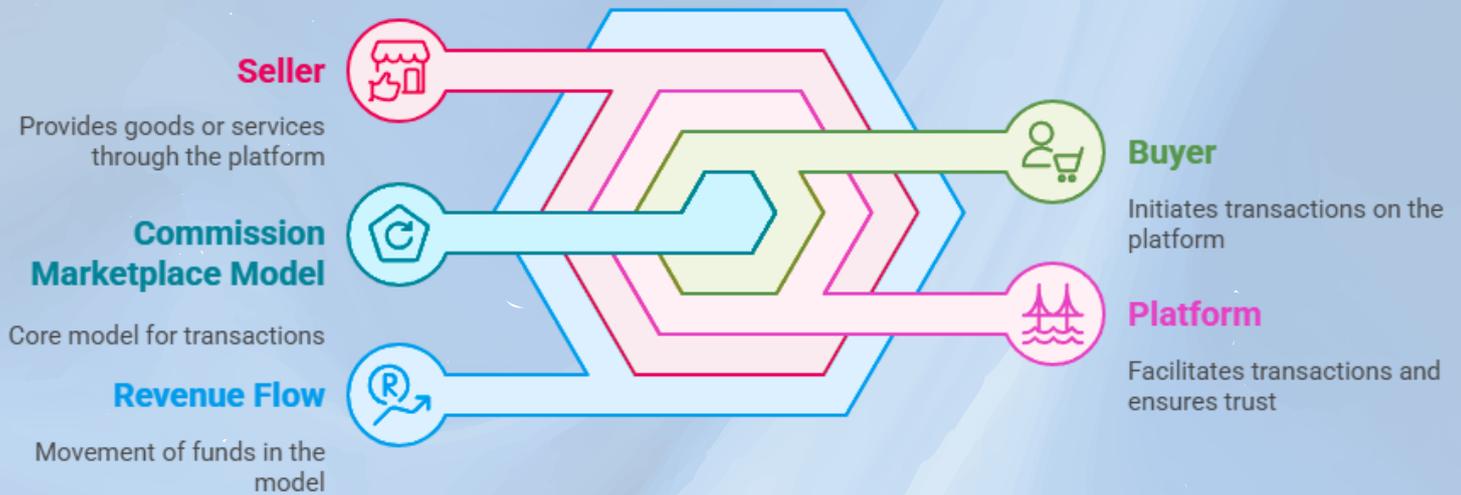


Key Benefits

- Low entry barrier
- Rapid user growth
- Easy upgrade path

OFFER FREE TO MANY, CHARGE A FEW

Commission / Marketplace Model



How It Works

Connect buyers & sellers → take a % commission.

Best For

Marketplaces, delivery apps, gig platforms.

Examples

Uber | Swiggy | Amazon

Pros

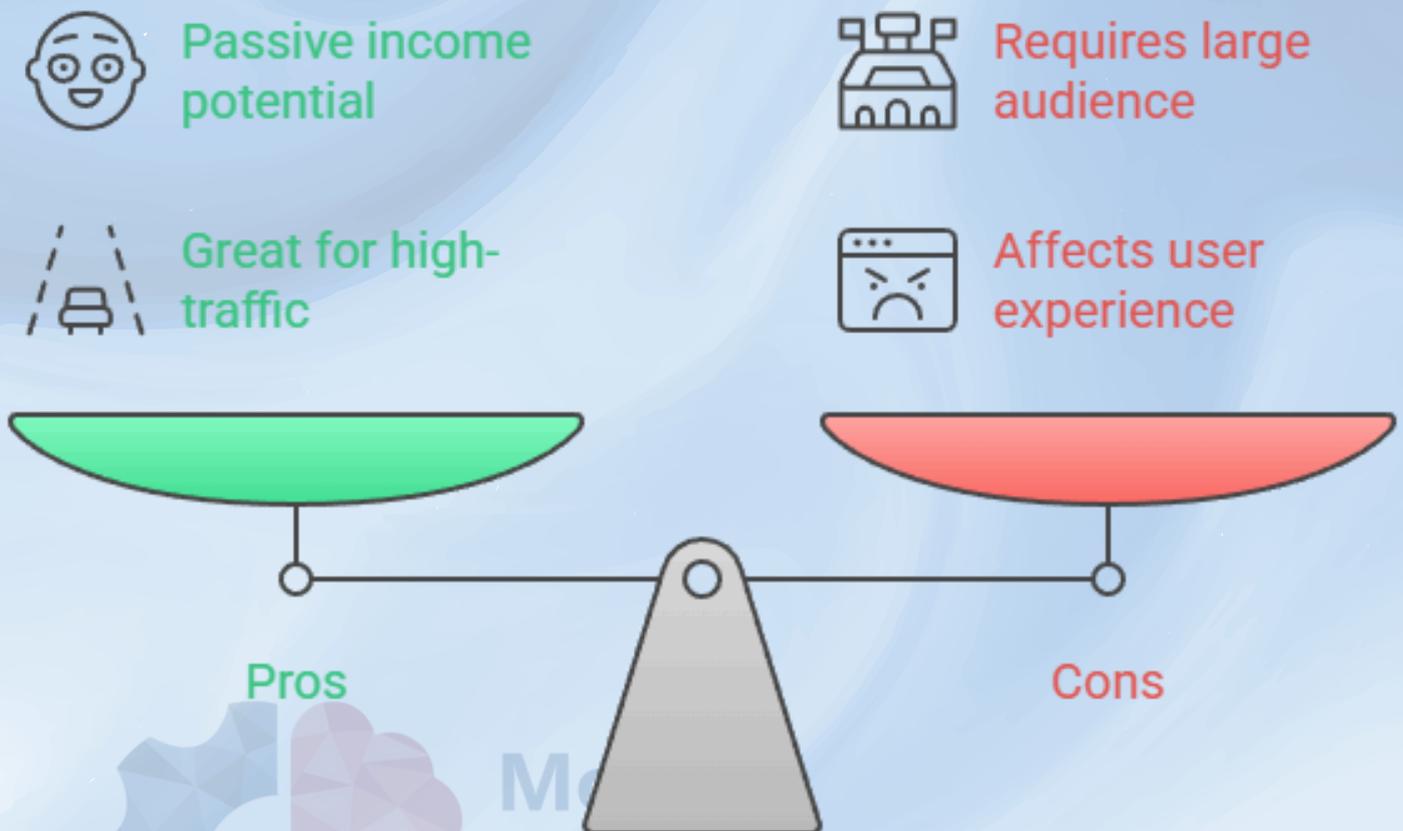
- Scalable with users
- No inventory needed

Cons

- Needs high volume
- Trust & quality control

Advertising & Affiliate Revenue

Weighing Ads & Affiliate Model Benefits and Drawbacks



Pros

Cons

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Key Takeaways:

- Earn from views, clicks, or referrals
- Best for content-rich or high-traffic platforms
- Keep ads relevant to maintain user trust
- Combine with other models for extra revenue

Conclusion + Call to Action



Which business model should be chosen for the product?



Tailored Model

Matches specific product and audience needs



Start Small

Allows testing and optimization



Hybrid Model

Combines multiple models for diverse revenue streams



Investor Appeal

Enhances credibility and funding opportunities

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Final Thought:

Your revenue model isn't just about making money – it's about how you deliver value and grow sustainably.