

Public platform variant	Outcome 2	Development Proposal	Marketing Proposal	Dev + Mkt
Price per lead	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
Direct visitors	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Microsite visitors	400,000	400,000	800,000	800,000
Conversion rate	8%	8%	8%	8%
Indirect visitors	32,000	32,000	64,000	64,000
Total visitors per month	39,000	39,000	71,000	71,000
Conversion to lead	18%	18%	18%	18%
Number of leads	7,020	7,020	12,780	12,780
Revenue per month	\$280,800	\$280,800	\$511,200	\$511,200
Cost of distribution	\$10,530	\$10,530	\$19,170	\$19,170
Cost of print	\$28,080	\$28,080	\$51,120	\$51,120
Cost of microsite	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$80,000	\$20,000
Cost of testing application	\$78,000	\$19,500	\$142,000	\$35,500
Marketing	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$210,000	\$210,000
Total cost per month	\$216,610	\$128,110	\$502,290	\$335,790
Net income per month	\$64,190	\$152,690	\$8,910	\$175,410
Annual net income	\$770,280	\$1,832,280	\$106,920	\$2,104,920
Early stage investment				
Development	\$320,000	\$670,000	\$320,000	\$670,000
Total Investment	\$320,000	\$670,000	\$320,000	\$670,000
Annual net cash flow	\$450,280	\$1,162,280	-\$213,080	\$1,434,920
ROI	140.7%	173.5%	-66.6%	214.2%

The first thing to note is we're in much better shape with outcome 2 because we didn't have that initial sunk cost of investment. But then something odd happens. If you look at the development option, by spending money on refactoring then we make a much better return. In fact, it's a huge return! Hang on, how's that possible? Well simply put, we're paying for consumption of the utility platform (such as AWS