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Projected Cost Savings And Business Benefits
Enabled By IBM Blockchain

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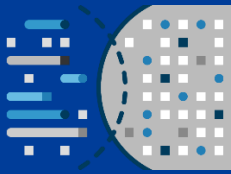
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IBM Blockchain Benefits



New revenue streams
with membership and transaction charges



100% elimination
of conflicting records and related legacy systems



70-80% reduction
for legal and financial resources dedicated to conflict resolution

Executive Summary

IBM commissioned Forrester Consulting to conduct an Emerging Technology Projection: Total Economic Impact™ (TEI) study and examine the potential return on investment (ROI) enterprises may realize by deploying an IBM Blockchain Platform and Services solution. The purpose of this study is to provide readers with a framework to evaluate the potential financial impact of IBM Blockchain Platform and Services on their organizations.

Blockchain is an emerging technology, and blockchain-based networks offer the opportunity to develop new business and trust models; that's why the phrase "revolutionary potential" for once isn't out of place. Its ability to support multiparty collaboration around shared, trusted data and process automation across organizational boundaries brings benefits at many levels, starting with efficiency gains and culminating in reinventing how entire industry ecosystems operate.

IBM provides a blockchain platform, blockchain services, and ecosystem support for organizations that are looking to develop and deploy their own blockchain solutions. To better understand the benefits, costs, and risks associated with this investment, Forrester interviewed six customers with experience using IBM's Blockchain.

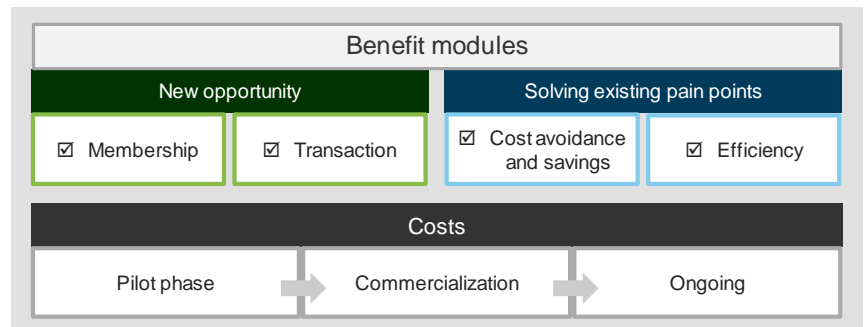
Organizations chose IBM as their partner for developing and deploying a blockchain solution for several reasons: IBM is seen as a reliable, long-term blockchain partner with a proven track record, large customer base, and relevant business and industry experience; IBM has deep technical expertise in blockchain technology to help bring blockchain ideas to life; IBM provides governance model expertise; the permissioned blockchain technology guarantees control over who joins the network and how they access information; and IBM's collaboration on identifying and solving network problems enables progress in developing a blockchain solution.

There are two aspects that make the TEI analysis of IBM's Blockchain solution unique:

- 1) Interviewed organizations are implementing a wide range of applications and use cases using IBM Blockchain.
- 2) Interviewed organizations for this case study have yet to deploy their full solution using IBM Blockchain Platform and Services.

As such, an emerging technology TEI methodology and framework is applied for this case study and analysis. Benefit and cost modules are abstracted from the interviewed organizations' specific use-case deployments and generalized to a wider range of applications. What this means is that the reader should evaluate which benefit and cost modules are applicable for a specific blockchain application, and then calculate the associated financial analysis using the framework provided in the next sections.

At a high level, the benefit modules can be categorized as either creating new opportunities (green) or solving existing pain points (blue). It is possible that organizations could experience more than one of the identified benefits for a given blockchain solution. Costs are categorized as operation phase.



In addition to the identifying and quantifying example calculations in the benefit modules, an overall sample calculation combining two benefit modules, with the appropriate costs, is also provided as an example of how this analysis framework could be applied to your organization.

Emerging Technology Projection: TEI Framework And Methodology

From the information provided in the interviews, Forrester has constructed an Emerging Technology Projection: Total Economic Impact™ (TEI) framework for those organizations considering implementing IBM Blockchain Platform and Services.

The objective of the framework is to identify the cost, benefit, flexibility, and risk factors that affect the investment decision. Forrester took a multistep approach to evaluate the impact that IBM Blockchain can have on an organization:

The TEI methodology helps companies demonstrate, justify, and realize the tangible value of IT initiatives to both senior management and other key business stakeholders.



DUE DILIGENCE

Interviewed IBM stakeholders and Forrester analysts to gather data relative to IBM Blockchain Platform and Services.



CUSTOMER INTERVIEWS

Interviewed six organizations using IBM Blockchain Platform and Services to obtain data with respect to costs, projected benefits, and risks.



FINANCIAL MODEL FRAMEWORK

Constructed a financial model representative of the interviews using the TEI methodology and risk-adjusted the financial model based on issues and concerns of the interviewed organizations.



SAMPLE CALCULATION

Developed an analysis based on a sample organization to illustrate how to use the financial model to calculate the ROI of your blockchain solution.



CASE STUDY

Employed four fundamental elements of TEI in modeling IBM Blockchain Platform and Services' impact: benefits, costs, flexibility, and risks. Given the increasing sophistication that enterprises have regarding ROI analyses related to IT investments, Forrester's Emerging Technology TEI methodology serves to provide a framework for developing projections of the total economic impact of purchase decisions. Please see Appendix B for additional information on the Emerging Technology TEI methodology.

DISCLOSURES

Readers should be aware of the following:

This study is commissioned by IBM and delivered by Forrester Consulting. It is not meant to be used as a competitive analysis.

Forrester makes no assumptions as to the potential ROI that other organizations will receive. Forrester strongly advises that readers use their own estimates within the framework provided in the report to determine the appropriateness of an investment in IBM Blockchain Platform and Services.

IBM reviewed and provided feedback to Forrester, but Forrester maintains editorial control over the study and its findings and does not accept changes to the study that contradict Forrester's findings or obscure the meaning of the study.

IBM provided the customer names for the interviews but did not participate in the interviews.

Blockchain Technology And Market Overview

Blockchain-based networks offer the opportunity to develop new business and trust models; that's why the phrase "revolutionary potential" for once isn't out of place. Their ability to support multiparty collaboration around shared, trusted data and process automation across organizational boundaries brings benefits at many levels, starting with efficiency gains and culminating in reinventing how entire industry ecosystems operate. Blockchain initiatives fall into two main categories:

- › **New business and service models.** Most of these haven't been invented yet, but we can see emerging enterprise blockchain networks which open up new markets (e.g., affordable trade finance for smaller businesses), or allow us to rethink the way in which individuals, public authorities, and business interact without compromising data privacy and commercial confidentiality, while also minimizing fraud risk.
- › **Improving existing process flows.** Good use-case candidates include: any scenario that involves multiple parties wasting time and resources reconciling data when all should be viewing the same data; situations where fraud arises from lack of timely information; and processes where efficiency gains and other benefits can be achieved if all participants have visibility across an entire supply or value chain.

This won't happen overnight. Like all digital transformation initiatives, blockchain projects need a long-term, strategic approach, and the business aspects are often a greater challenge than those posed by technology, even one as early-stage as blockchain. The industry is at the point, though, where Forrester is seeing projects transition beyond the pilot stage.

In terms of adoption, the financial services sector was the trailblazer for investigating enterprise use cases that leverage the concepts and architectural principles underpinning cryptocurrency and public blockchain networks. Other industries have caught up fast, though, and Forrester is seeing projects in all industry segments.

Whether it's opening up completely new opportunities or addressing existing pain points, these initiatives all have one aspect in common: blockchains aim to transform entire ecosystems, where participants agree that either a pain point needs to be addressed or a new opportunity can be exploited; and most importantly, they agree that blockchain is a viable step toward a solution.

The majority of enterprise projects today focus on processes that are broken – those that have friction due to cumbersome data reconciliation processes, or those that waste time (often involving perishable goods) due to a lack of visibility along the value chain. Critics point out that for many of these projects, the immediate benefits come from digitization and process redesign, not blockchain. While that may be true, it misses the fact that putting in place a blockchain-based solution lays the foundation for strategic reinvention of processes as well as new business models that would otherwise not be possible.

Getting Started With Blockchain

To determine whether a blockchain-based solution presents an opportunity to your business, start with answering several qualifying questions.

For discussion of specific features for IBM's offerings, please refer to the IBM Blockchain: Overview section located at the end of this report.



Blockchain is an emerging technology.



Success of a blockchain solution depends on agreement within the ecosystem.

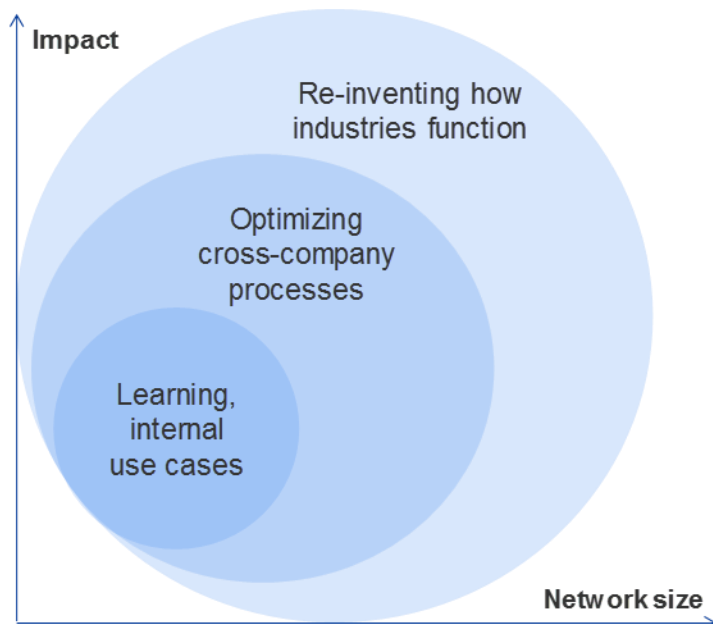
When to consider a blockchain solution:

- ☐ Do multiple parties need to access the same data or write to the data store?
- ☐ Do all the parties need assurance that the data is valid and hasn't been tampered with?
- ☐ Do you rely on an intermediary that adds no value? Or do you rely on a complex unreliable process to reconcile the transactions of multiple parties — when all should have the same data? Or is there no system available today that does what you require?
- ☐ Are there good reasons not to have a centralized system?

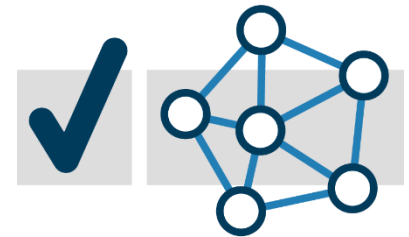
Source: Martha Bennett "Forrester Flash: Blockchain," Forrester Research, Inc., February 14, 2018.

If the answer to all of these questions is “yes,” it is worth considering a blockchain-based solution — provided that the pain point you've identified is shared by other ecosystem players, or you have identified partners that are interested in exploring a new opportunity with you. Now comes the hard part: laying down your requirements in detail — both in technology terms (e.g., scalability and confidentiality) and non-technology terms (e.g., regulatory compliance, rights and responsibilities of network participants). Those requirements will determine your governance model as well as your technology choice. Many projects fail at this hurdle, and others are held up at the last minute due to lack of, for example, regulatory approval or appropriate legal frameworks.

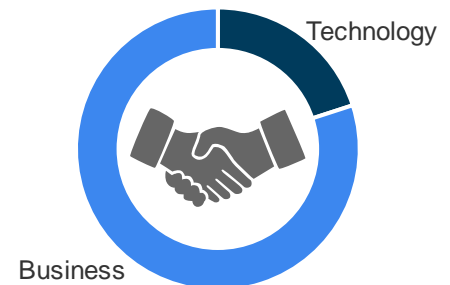
Last, but by no means least, your organization will need to think big but start small. Realizing the full potential of blockchain-based networks will take time — the winners will be those who start working with the technology today and, through first-hand experience, learn to make the most of blockchain-based networks.



Over the next several sections of this case study, we'll be looking at organizations that have decided to partner with IBM to develop a blockchain solution and quantify the potential impact blockchain products may have for an organization.



Business challenges of blockchain are often greater than those posed by technology.

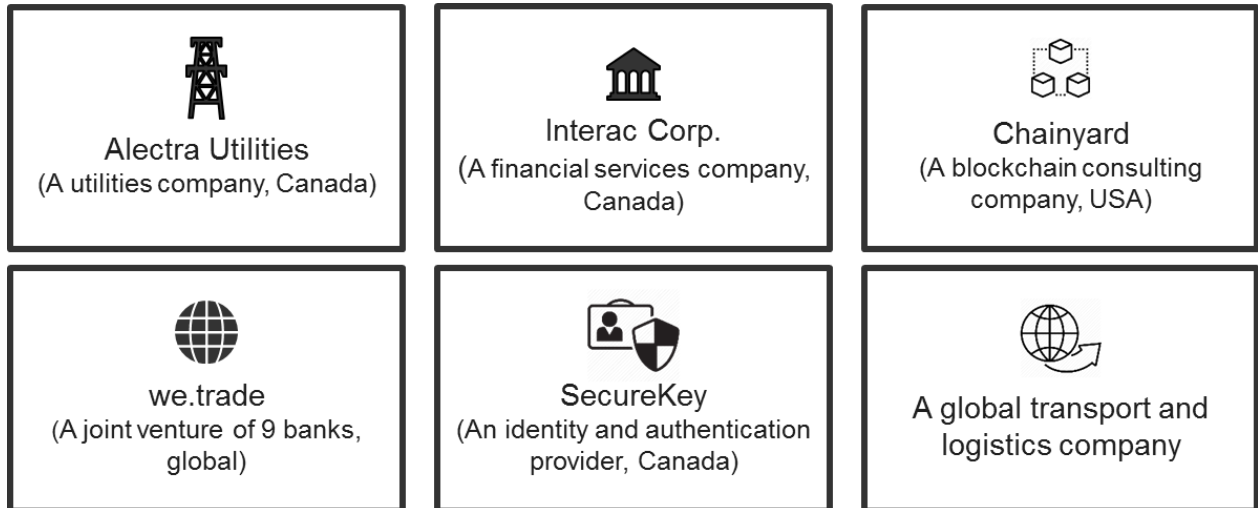


To realize the true potential of blockchain technology, organizations need to think big but start small.

The IBM Blockchain Customer Journey

Interviewed Organizations

For this study, Forrester conducted interviews with six IBM Blockchain customers. Interviewed customers include the following:



- › **Alectra Utilities and Interac Corp.** Partners in developing a blockchain solution to optimize distributed energy resources (e.g., energy supplied from consumer solar roofs) and to incentivize consumers to pursue energy savings initiatives.
- › **Chainyard, an IT People Company.** A consulting company working in partnership with IBM to advise and support organizations in blockchain adoption, development, and implementation.
- › **we.trade.** A joint venture of nine major European banks developing a blockchain platform to reduce costs associated with export/import trade financing for small- to medium-sized businesses.
- › **SecureKey.** Developing a blockchain platform to provide consumers a fast, trustworthy and secure way to verify their identity to register for a range of services including banking, telecommunications and government with a world-leading triple-blind privacy model.
- › **Global transport and logistics.** Organization developing a global trade blockchain solution to reduce friction points in global trade, transport, and logistics.



In this study, Forrester refers to organizations who engage with IBM to form the network as **founders**.

Why IBM Blockchain

Interviewed organizations chose IBM's Blockchain Platform and Services for the following reasons:

- › **IBM is seen as a reliable long-term partner.** Interviewees told Forrester that for them blockchain was a long-term project and they wanted to minimize the risk of the investment by partnering with an organization with a proven track record, large customer base, and experience in the field.
- › **IBM helps identify potential partners and serves as a facilitator during negotiations.** Several interviewed organizations told Forrester that IBM introduced them to their future blockchain partners and, after the introduction, served as a facilitator in developing a governance model. While many blockchain ventures fail due to unresolved conflicts between founders, IBM helped guide several organizations to focus on the common goal and find consensus in the initial project stages.
- › **IBM's deep technical expertise in blockchain helps bring blockchain ideas to life faster with fewer resources.** Compared to developing a blockchain-based solution from scratch and relying on internal resources and infrastructure to operate it, interviewed customers enjoy end-to-end lifecycle support from IBM Blockchain Services, from ideation to pilot to full-scale solution development.
- › **Permissioned blockchain guarantees control over who joins and how they access information.** Considering the tradeoff of being on a larger public blockchain or a permissioned blockchain, organizations chose to have control over who joins their blockchain-based solution. A permissioned blockchain allows organizations to implement required privacy features by making only portions of information available to members, and enables the membership benefit module discussed in the financial analysis section of this study.
- › **Collaboration on identifying and solving network problems enables innovation.** Interac Corp. told Forrester: "The Linux Foundation's Hyperledger Fabric and our partnership with IBM allows us to create this dynamic, fast-adapting framework where we can test things out. That gives us the ability to experiment before committing to a more formalized service or product."

How To Use An Emerging Technology TEI Case Study

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A permissioned blockchain is a closed ecosystem in which participants require permission to access that blockchain.

"IBM is the glue; they help broker relationships, and there is tremendous value in the relationship management capabilities they provide. Without IBM, we wouldn't have a project."

Interac Corp., financial services industry



Hyperledger Fabric is a blockchain framework intended as a foundation for developing business applications or solutions with a modular architecture.

abstracted from the interviewed organizations' specific use-case deployments and generalized to a wider range of applications.

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A sample calculation combining a benefit module with the appropriate costs is provided at the end of the Financial Analysis section, as an example of how this analysis framework could be applied to your organization.

"Blockchain is a long-term solution. It was important to us to find a partner we knew was in it for the long haul, and not just some startup that would disappear in six months. We chose IBM because they have a track record, they have experience. Being in the industry already, and with their brand, they're a top-tier player and service provider."

Alectra, utilities industry

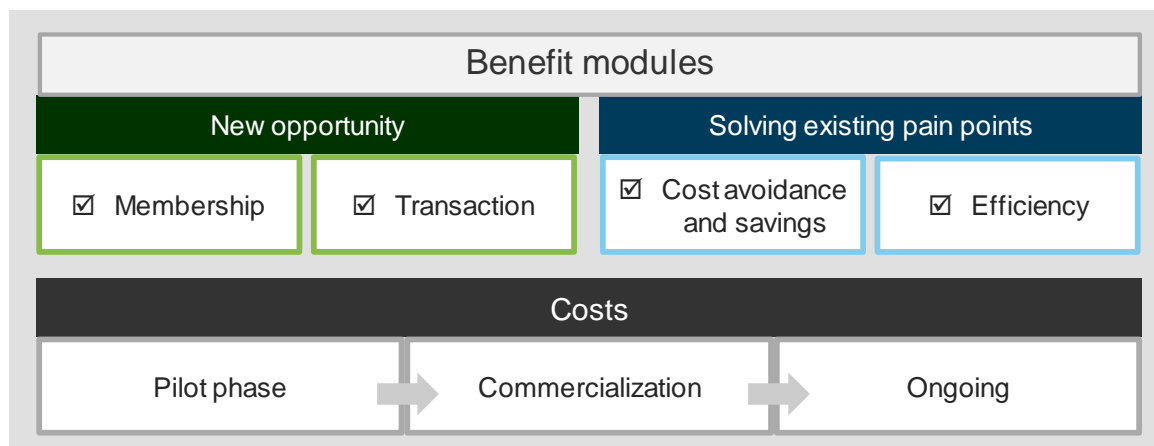


Financial Model Framework

FRAMEWORK FOR PROJECTING BENEFITS AND COSTS

At this stage of the market and development, blockchain solutions are unique, project-based use cases specific to each organization's goals for the platform. As discussed in the Customer Journey section above, Forrester discovered a wide range of use cases for specific blockchain implementations. However, throughout the customer interviews, common themes became clear in how organizations benefited from their blockchain solutions, and Forrester abstracted the benefits and costs into the modules described in the following sections.

At a high level, the benefit modules can be categorized as either creating new opportunities (green) or solving existing pain points (blue). Costs are categorized as being incurred during the pilot phase, commercialization phase, and ongoing operation phase.



Risk Treatment For Benefits And Costs Projections

Financial modeling based on projections inherently introduces more risk than analyzing actual, realized benefits and costs. Therefore, the emerging technology TEI methodology includes an adjustment of projections by incorporating a risk factor.

For benefit calculations, Forrester incorporates risk by developing a range of projected outcomes, based on the data acquired during customer interviews. Low, mid-range, and high-point estimates are included for each input variable in the benefit financial models. This creates a potential benefit range.

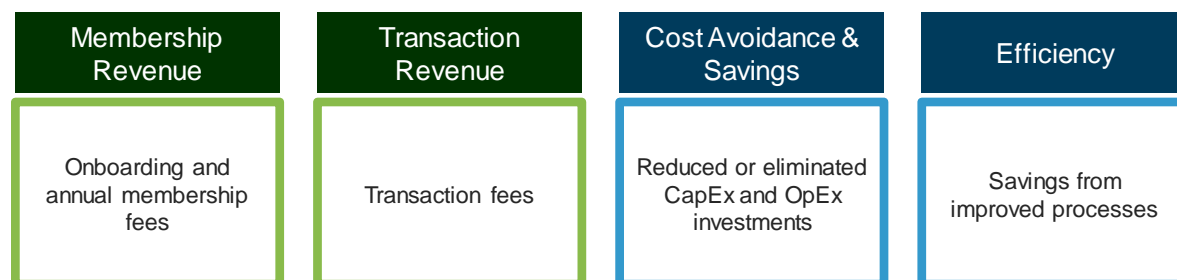
For the IBM Blockchain costs analysis, organizations were able to articulate incurred costs through their current phase of implementation, and more accurately estimate projected ongoing costs. Data was also provided by IBM for specific implementation costs. For this reason, Forrester uses a simplified approach for risk treatment of cost categories by adjusting costs upward in order to develop a conservative financial analysis. This is described further in the Costs Analysis section.

Impact risk is the risk that the business or technology needs of the organization may not be met by the investment, resulting in a range of overall total benefits. The greater the uncertainty, the wider the potential range of outcomes for benefit estimates.

Implementation risk is the risk that a proposed investment may deviate from the original or expected requirements, resulting in higher costs than anticipated. The greater the uncertainty, the wider the potential range of outcomes for cost estimates.

Benefit Modules

FRAMEWORK FOR PROJECTING BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH IBM BLOCKCHAIN



Green: New revenue opportunities

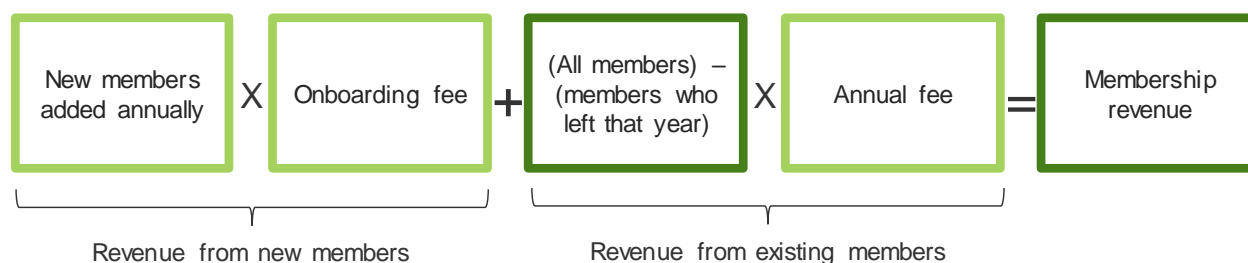
Blue: Solve existing pain points

Membership Revenue

Interviewed organizations described revenue from membership fees as a benefit associated with their blockchain solution. The magnitude of this benefit is dependent on the following factors:

- › Number of new members onboarded onto the platform annually.
- › Onboarding fee for new members.
- › Annual membership fee.
- › Annual membership churn. This factor reduces the number of members paying annual membership fees. The framework presented here conservatively assumes that any members lost to churn do not pay any annual fees, prorated or otherwise.

The framework for calculating projected benefits related to membership revenue is shown in the illustration below. Refer to Appendix B for the full calculation framework.



Light green: Inputs

Dark green: Calculation outputs

Based on data gathered during the customer interviews, the following table shows a *low projection* sample calculation (LOW) using the framework illustrated above. Note that projections for your organization will vary based on the actual blockchain solution deployed.



Category:
new opportunity



Sample use cases:

- Trade finance
- Identity management
- IoT

Membership Revenue: Low Projection Sample Calculation

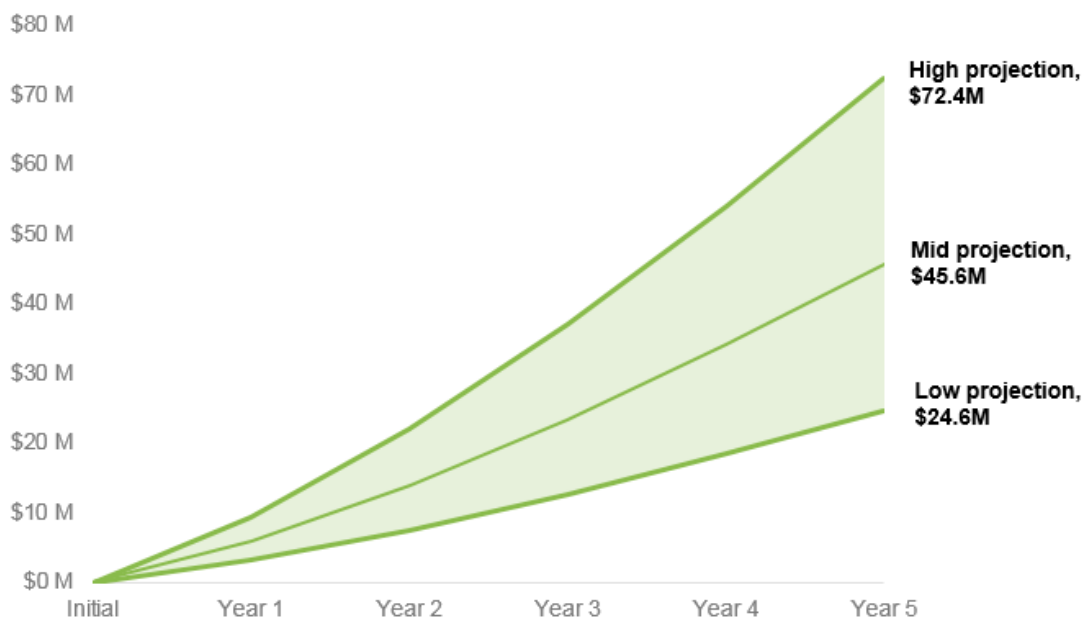
REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
A1 _{LOW}	New members added annually	Input	8	8	8	8	8
A2 _{LOW}	Onboarding fee	Input	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
A3 _{LOW}	Annual membership churn	Input	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
A4 _{LOW}	Total members	$(A4_{\text{prior}} + A1_{\text{current}}) * (1 - A3)$	8	16	24	32	40
A5 _{LOW}	Annual fee	Input	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
A _{tLOW}	Membership revenue	$A1 * A2 + A4 * A5$	\$3.6M	\$5.2M	\$6.8M	\$8.4M	\$10M

The following table and figure show a projected range (PR) of revenue outcomes based on the data gathered during the customer interviews. Note that the projection range for your organization will vary based on the actual blockchain solution deployed and associated revenue model.

Membership Revenue: Projection Range Sample Calculation (Five-Year PV)

REF.	METRIC	LOW	MID	HIGH
A1 _{PR}	New members added annually	8	12	16
A2 _{PR}	Onboarding fee	\$250,000	\$300,000	\$350,000
A3 _{PR}	Annual membership churn	0%	0%	0%
A4 _{PR}	Total members by Year 5	40	60	80
A5 _{PR}	Annual fee	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$300,000
A _{tPR}	Membership revenue (Five-Year PV)	\$24,625,715	\$45,604,597	\$72,360,830

Membership Benefit Module: Range Of Five-Year Cumulative Impact, PV



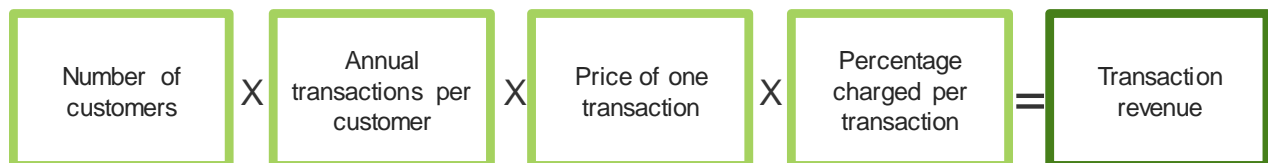
Transaction Revenue

Several interviewed organizations expect to generate their revenue by charging blockchain customers a transaction fee for every transaction completed on the blockchain platform.

The magnitude of this benefit is dependent on the following factors:

- › Number of new customers using the blockchain platform annually.
- › Number of transactions completed by each customer per year.
- › Price per transaction.
- › Percentage charged per transaction.
- › Change in percentage of transaction price charged by blockchain founder as customer base grows.

The framework for calculating projected benefits related to transaction revenue is shown in the illustration below. Please refer to Appendix B for the full calculation framework.



Light green: Inputs

Dark green: Calculation outputs

Based on data gathered during the customer interviews, the table below shows a *low projection* sample calculation (LOW) using the framework presented above. Note that projections for your organization will vary based on the actual blockchain solution deployed.



Sample use cases:

- Car leasing and sharing
- Property registration
- P2P energy trading



Category:
new opportunity

Transaction Revenue: Low Projection Sample Calculation

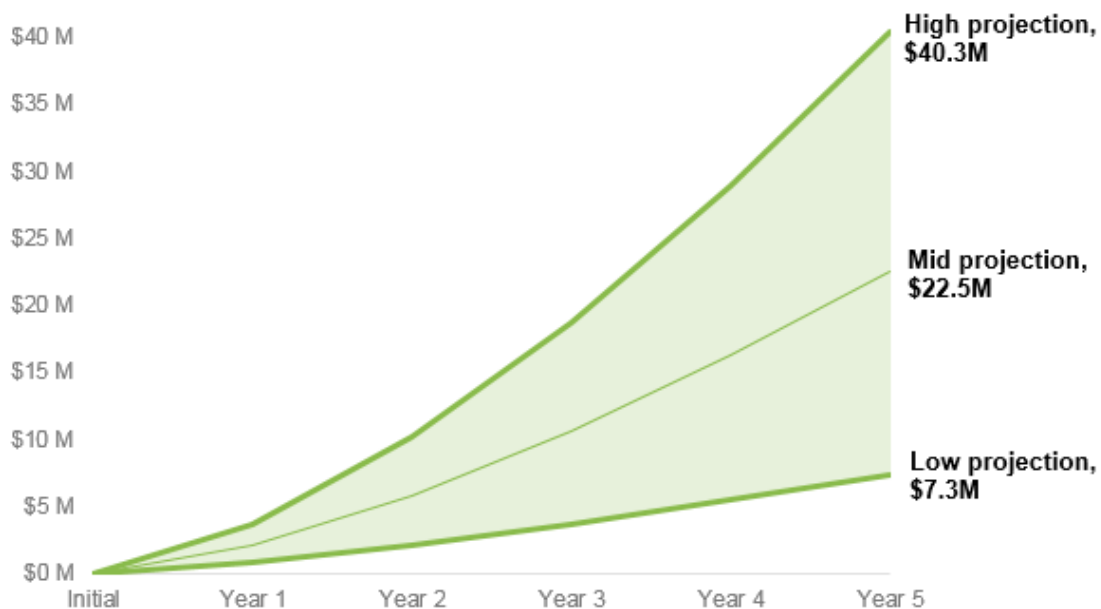
REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
B1 _{LOW}	Number of customers	Input	1,500,000	2,500,000	3,500,000	4,500,000	5,500,000
B2 _{LOW}	Number of annual transactions per customer	Input	2	2	2	2	2
B3 _{LOW}	Price per transaction	Input	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75
B4 _{LOW}	Original percentage of founder charge per transaction	Input	18%	18%	18%	18%	18%
B5 _{LOW}	3% annual reduction in founder charge per transaction	Input	100%	97%	94%	91%	88%
B6 _{LOW}	Founder revenue per transaction	B4*B5	18.00%	17.46%	16.92%	16.38%	15.84%
Bt _{LOW}	Transaction revenue	B1*B2*B3*B6	\$945K	\$1.5M	\$2.1M	\$2.6M	\$3.0M

The following table and figure show a projected range (PR) of revenue outcomes based on the data gathered during the customer interviews. Note that the projection range for your organization will vary based on the actual blockchain solution deployed and associated revenue model.

Transaction Revenue: Projection Range Sample Calculation (Five-Year PV)

REF.	METRIC	LOW	MID	HIGH
B1 _{PR}	Total customers by Year 5	5,500,000	7,500,000	8,100,000
B2 _{PR}	Number of annual transactions per customer	2	4	6
B3 _{PR}	Price per transaction	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$2.25
B4 _{PR}	Original percentage of founder charge per transaction	18%	19%	20%
B5 _{PR}	Annual decrease in founder charge per transaction with customer base expansion	3% decrease annually	3% decrease annually	4% decrease annually
Bt_{PR}	Transaction revenue (Five-Year PV)	\$7,334,330	\$22,456,466	\$40,323,801

Transaction Benefit Module: Range Of Five-Year Cumulative Impact



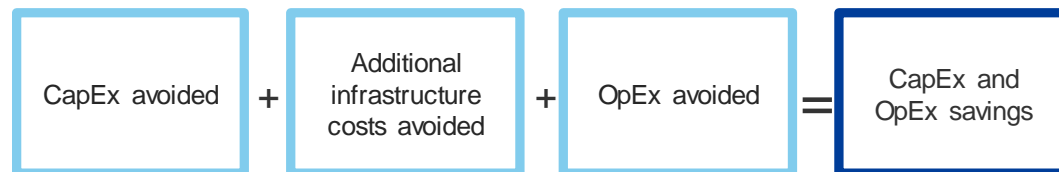
CapEx And OpEx Savings

Interviewed organizations told Forrester that the IBM Blockchain solution would allow them to do more with their current assets by providing access to resources available through other blockchain partners. Because of this, organizations expect to avoid or reduce both capital expenses (CapEx) and operating expenses (OpEx).

The magnitude of this benefit will vary based on the following factors:

- › The type and magnitude of the investment avoided. Forrester uses capital expenses as an illustration. In the framework calculation below, Forrester accounts for infrastructure and operating costs.
- › Time and frequency of necessary investments. Forrester assumes that there is an avoided capital investment every three years.

The framework for calculating projected benefits related to CapEx and OpEx savings is illustrated below. Note that other cost avoidance and savings benefits are possible with blockchain solutions, however we are only looking at CapEx and OpEx for this case study. Refer to Appendix B for the full calculation framework.



Light blue: Inputs

Dark blue: Calculation outputs

Based on data gathered during the customer interviews, the table below shows a *low projection* sample calculation (LOW) using the framework presented above. Note that projections for your organization will vary based on the actual blockchain solution deployed.

CapEx And OpEx Savings: Low Projection Sample Calculation

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
C1 _{LOW}	CapEx avoided		\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0
C2 _{LOW}	Avoided additional infrastructure costs (taxes, transportation, special features and accessories, special testing)	C1*30%	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$600,000	\$0
C3 _{LOW}	Subtotal: CapEx savings	C1+C2	\$2,600,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,600,000	\$0
C4 _{LOW}	Total CapEx costs avoided (cumulative for five years)	Costs avoided in Year 1 + Year 4	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$5,200,000	\$5,200,000
C5 _{LOW}	OpEx required as a percentage of CapEx		20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
C6 _{LOW}	Subtotal: OpEx savings	C4*C5	\$520,000	\$520,000	\$520,000	\$1,040,000	\$1,040,000
Ct _{LOW}	CapEx and OpEx savings	C3+C6	\$3,120,000	\$520,000	\$520,000	\$3,640,000	\$1,040,000



Category:
solves existing pain points



Sample use cases:

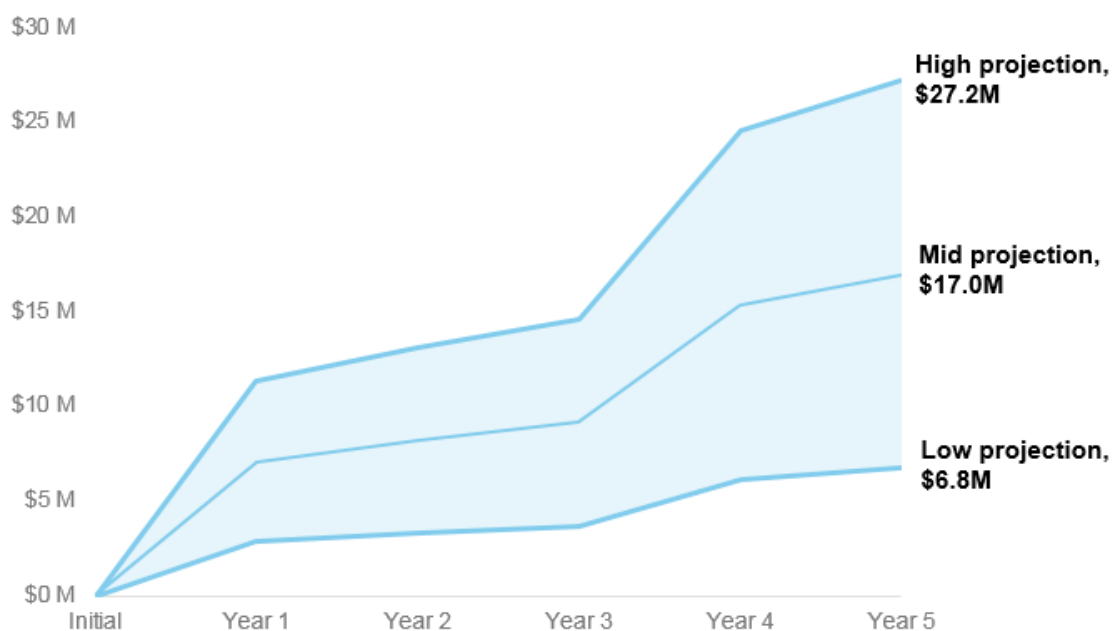
- Fleet management
- Energy distribution

The following table and figure show a projected range (PR) of revenue outcomes based on the data gathered during the customer interviews. Note that the projection range for your organization will vary based on the actual blockchain solution deployed and associated revenue model.

CapEx And OpEx Savings: *Projection Range Sample Calculation (Five-Year PV)*

REF.	METRIC	LOW	MID	HIGH
C1 _{PR}	CapEx avoided per instance	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$8,000,000
C2 _{PR}	Avoided additional infrastructure costs per instance (taxes, transportation, special features and accessories, special testing, etc.)	\$600,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,400,000
C5 _{PR}	OpEx required as a percentage of CapEx	20%	20%	20%
Ct_{PR}	CapEx and OpEx cost avoidance (Five-Year PV)	\$6,788,727	\$16,971,816	\$27,154,906

CapEx And OpEx Savings: Range Of Five-Year Cumulative Impact, PV

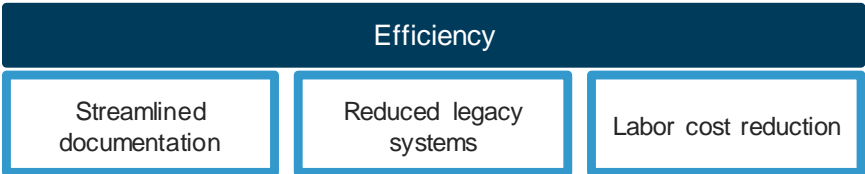


Efficiency Savings

Interviewed organizations described efficiencies as one of the key opportunities to reducing their expenses with IBM Blockchain. Examples include streamlined billing, eliminated disputes stemming from inconsistent documentation, and replacing legacy systems and tools by a single IBM Blockchain Platform. Forrester explored several components to measuring internal efficiency improvements:



Category:
solves existing pain points



The magnitude of efficiency savings will vary based on:

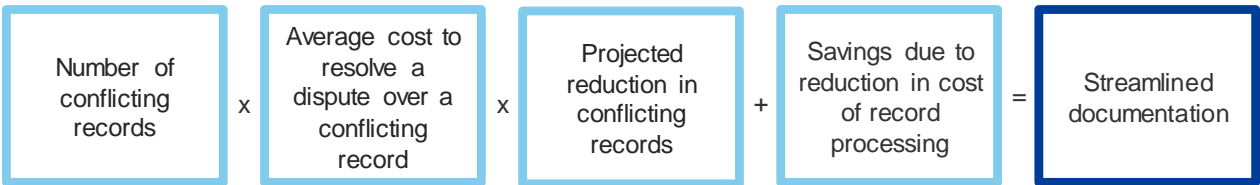
- › Number of records (i.e., invoice, shipping document) handled by an organization, average cost to process a record, percentage of records conflicting in the customer’s (and their counterpart’s) systems, and average cost to resolve a dispute over a record.
- › License cost of legacy systems and organization’s approach to replacing them with a solution built with IBM Blockchain Platform and Services.
- › Number of employees re-assigned from using a solution built with IBM Blockchain Platform and Services and their annual compensations.



Sample use cases:

- Dispute resolution
- Supply chain visibility
- Identity management

The framework for calculating projected benefits related to efficiency improvements is illustrated below. Refer to Appendix B for the full calculation framework.



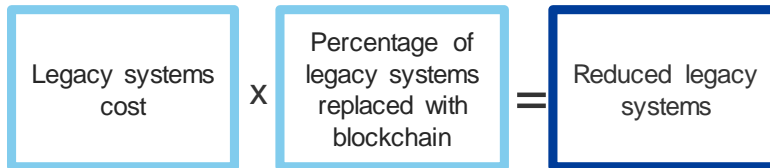
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Based on data gathered during the customer interviews, the table below shows a *low projection* sample calculation (LOW) using the framework presented above. Note that projections for your organization will vary based on the actual blockchain solution deployed.

Efficiency — Streamlined Documentation: *Low Projection Sample Calculation*

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
D1 _{1-LOW}	Total records	Input	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
D2 _{1-LOW}	Percentage of conflicting records	Input	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
D3 _{1-LOW}	Number of conflicting records that require resolution	$D1_1 * D2_1$	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
D4 _{1-LOW}	Average cost to resolve a dispute	Input	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
D5 _{1-LOW}	Projected reduction in conflicting records with blockchain	Input	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
D6_{1-LOW}	Subtotal: Savings due to reduction in conflicting records	$D3_1 * D4_1 * D5_1$	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
D7 _{1-LOW}	Average cost for record processing	Input	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
D8 _{1-LOW}	Reduction in cost per record	Input	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%
D9_{1-LOW}	Subtotal: Savings due to reduction in cost of records processing	$D1_1 * D7_1 * D8_1$	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Dt_{1-LOW}	Savings for records processing	$D6_1 + D9_1$	\$300K	\$300K	\$300K	\$300K	\$300K

Interviewees told Forrester that they plan to replace existing software tools and systems used for tracking or billing with the IBM Blockchain solution. A framework for calculating savings from eliminated or reduced legacy systems is illustrated below.



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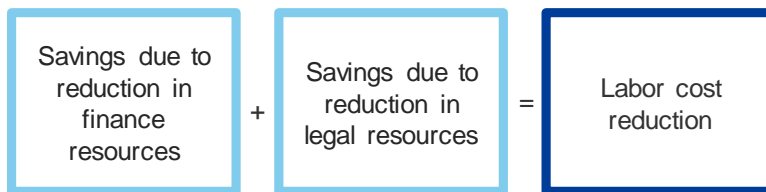
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Based on data gathered during the customer interviews, the table below shows a *low projection* sample calculation (LOW) using the framework presented above. Note that projections for your organization will vary based on the actual blockchain solution deployed and associated savings model.

Efficiency — Reduced Legacy Systems: *Low Projection Sample Calculation*

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
D1 _{2-LOW}	Legacy systems cost	Input	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
D2 _{2-LOW}	Percentage of legacy systems replaced by IBM Blockchain	Input	10%	50%	80%	100%	100%
Dt _{2-LOW}	Invoicing software license savings	$D1_2 \times (1 - D2_2)$	\$15K	\$75K	\$120K	\$150K	\$150K

Interviewed organizations explained to Forrester that they project a reduction in labor costs to their finance and legal teams as a result of transitioning to IBM Blockchain due to: reduced paperwork; reduced number of checkpoints; reduced number of inconsistent records and human error, a decrease in the number of conflicting records, and improved compliance.



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Based on data gathered during the customer interviews, the table below shows a *low projection* sample calculation (LOW) using the framework presented above. Note that projections for your organization will vary based on the actual blockchain solution deployed and associated savings model.

Efficiency — Labor Cost Reduction: Low Projection Sample Calculation

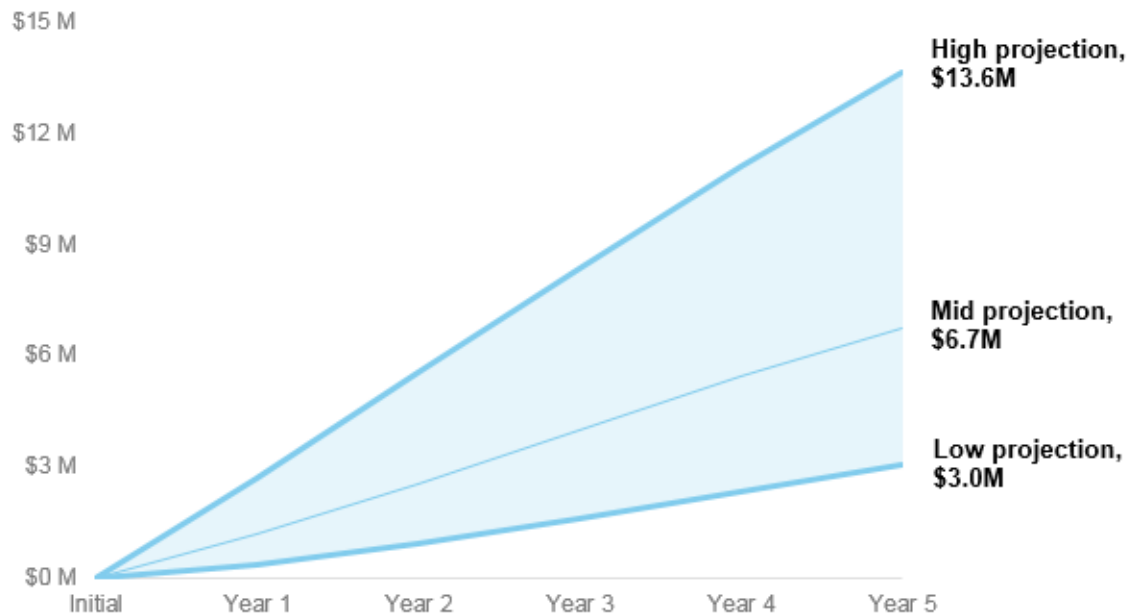
REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
D1 _{3-LOW}	Number of finance FTEs resolving conflicting records prior to IBM Blockchain	Input	4	4	4	4	4
D2 _{3-LOW}	Finance FTEs annual compensation	Input	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
D3 _{3-LOW}	Reduction to finance resources dedicated to resolving conflicting records from use of IBM Blockchain	Input	20%	40%	60%	80%	80%
D4 _{3-LOW}	Savings due to reduction in finance FTEs	$D1_3 * D2_3 * D3_3$	\$60,000	\$120,000	\$180,000	\$240,000	\$240,000
D5 _{3-LOW}	Number of legal FTEs resolving conflicting records prior to IBM Blockchain	Input	3	3	3	3	3
D6 _{3-LOW}	Legal FTEs annual compensation	Input	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
D7 _{3-LOW}	Reduction to legal resources resolving conflicting records with IBM Blockchain	Input	0%	30%	50%	70%	70%
D8 _{3-LOW}	Savings due to reduction in legal FTEs	$D5_3 * D6_3 * D7_3$	\$0	\$180,000	\$300,000	\$420,000	\$420,000
Dt _{3-LOW}	Operating expense savings	D4₃+D8₃	\$60K	\$300K	\$480K	\$660K	\$660K

The following table and figure show the projected range (PR) of revenue outcomes based on the data gathered during the customer interviews. Note that the projection range for your organization will vary based on the actual blockchain solution deployed and applicable efficiencies.

Efficiency: Projection Range Sample Calculation (Five-Year PV)

REF.	METRIC	LOW	MID	HIGH
D1 _{1-PR}	Total records	20,000	50,000	80,000
D2 _{1-PR}	Percentage of conflicting records	5%	7%	9%
D4 _{1-PR}	Average cost to resolve a dispute	\$200	\$250	\$300
D5 _{1-PR}	Reduction in conflicting records with blockchain by end of Year 5	100%	100%	100%
D7 _{1-PR}	Average cost for record processing	\$20	\$22	\$25
D8 _{1-PR}	Reduction in cost per record	25%	30%	35%
D1 _{2-PR}	Legacy software systems cost	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$250,000
D2 _{2-PR}	Percentage of legacy systems replaced by IBM Blockchain by end of Year 5	100%	100%	100%
D2 _{3-PR}	Finance FTE annual compensation	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
D3 _{3-PR}	Reduction in finance resources with IBM Blockchain by end of Year 5	80%	80%	80%
D6 _{3-PR}	Legal FTE annual compensation	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
D7 _{3-PR}	Reduction in legal resources with IBM Blockchain by end of Year 5	70%	70%	80%
Dt_{PR}	Business efficiencies (Five-Year PV)	\$3,022,311	\$6,723,904	\$13,625,530

Efficiency: Range Of Five-Year Cumulative Impact, PV



Other Potential Benefits Modules

The analysis above provides a framework for evaluating benefits as projected by interviewed organizations from their specific blockchain solutions. However, there are other potential benefits associated with blockchain solutions that are not quantified or developed into a benefit module or framework as no specific data was collected during the interviews. Some examples include:

- › **Market share capture.** As a potential result of specific blockchain applications, organizations may see an increase in new or existing market share capture. This benefit could be quantified by evaluating potential market size, and then estimating an increase in market share capture due to either IBM Blockchain Platform technology or reduced time-to-market provided by IBM Blockchain Services.
- › **Revenue acceleration.** IBM Blockchain Services allowed organizations to reduce their expected time-to-market for their blockchain solution. This benefit could be quantified by evaluating the accrual of revenue or internal cost savings associated with that reduced time-to-market.
- › **Fraud avoidance.** The distributed and tamper-resistant nature of blockchain platforms could reduce the likelihood of fraud that may be inherent to specific industries. The value this benefit provides could be quantified by evaluating fraud risk exposure and calculating the resultant risk reduction that could be realized from implementing a blockchain-based solution.
- › **Inventory loss avoidance.** Blockchain platforms could improve efficiency and provide clarity and insight into the overall supply chain. This benefit could be quantified by identifying the efficiencies and savings that blockchain delivers to your organization. For example, moving to blockchain-based supply management can reduce food spoilage by shortening the time to get through the supply chain, or by identifying the specific food shipments that may be spoiled or otherwise contaminated during a recall. This allows an organization to avoid destroying the entire inventory of a product for overconservative safety precautions.

Expanded Economic Impact

In addition to business benefits associated with implementing blockchain solutions, each of the interviewed organizations noted that the nature of the blockchain solutions being implemented had a much broader impact for improved customer experience, the surrounding community and economy, and the overall greater good. For example:

- › **Alectra Utilities and Interac Corp.** Partners in developing a blockchain solution to optimize distributed energy resources (e.g., energy supplied from consumer solar roofs) and incentivize consumers to pursue energy savings initiatives.
 - This platform has the potential to impact consumer behavior, ultimately leading to carbon and greenhouse gas reduction and overall more efficient use of energy. There's also the potential to incentivize green initiatives such as utilizing public transportation or biking to work to further contribute to environmental protection.
- › **we.trade.** A joint venture of nine major European banks developing a blockchain platform to reduce costs associated with export/import trade financing for small- to medium-sized businesses.
 - This platform has the potential to lead larger growth in the overall economy by reducing barriers to international trade for small- to medium-sized businesses.
- › **SecureKey.** Developing a blockchain platform to provide consumers a fast, trustworthy and secure way to verify their identity to register for a range of banking and government services with a world-leading triple-blind privacy model.
 - In the sharing economy, it can increase the level of mutual trust between a consumer looking to rent an asset and the asset owner, while limiting the amount of detailed personally identifiable information (PII) required for reference checks. Another example would be the ability to provide age verification without having to give out a consumer's actual birthdate. More involved registrations for banking, insurance, healthcare, and government services can realize substantial savings - on the order of 50-75% over current methods.
- › **Global transport and logistics.** Organization developing a global trade blockchain platform to reduce friction points in global trade, transport, and logistics.
 - More efficient trade processes could reduce global trade costs. Additionally, reducing global trade barriers could significantly increase international trade volume and cut shipping costs and times to consumers.



Alectra and Interac Corp. aim to teach consumers to use energy responsibly.



we.trade is working to grow the global economy by increasing international trade for small- to medium-sized businesses.



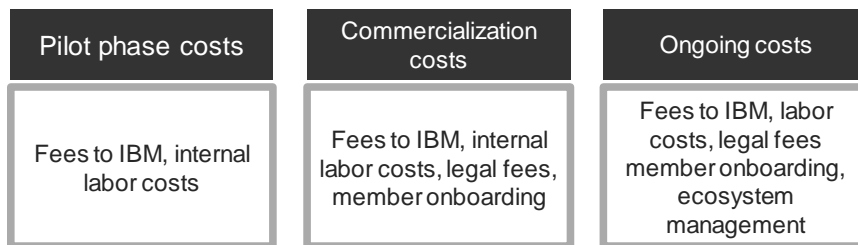
SecureKey is looking to increase trust, security and privacy in the sharing economy while lowering costs and breach risks for businesses.



Global transport and logistics company plans to help grow global trade.

Analysis Of Costs

FRAMEWORK FOR PROJECTING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IBM BLOCKCHAIN



Pilot Phase Costs

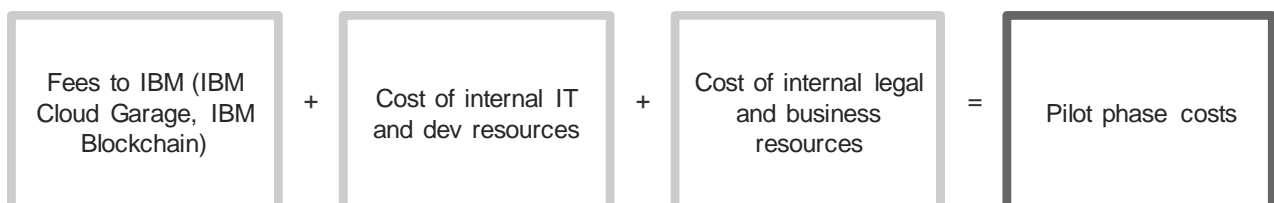
Interviewed organizations described the following costs related to the development of the minimal viable product (MVP) with IBM Blockchain:

- › Several interviewees described attending IBM Cloud Garage or IBM Design Thinking workshop as a part of their blockchain ideation process.
- › Several organizations engaged with an IBM Blockchain architecture consultant to help them through their blockchain prototype.
- › All organizations paid a fee to IBM Services for their MVP build-up.
- › Organizations incurred internal IT and developer expenses.
- › Since legal professionals, IT leaders, and business owners needed to get involved in a pilot to develop a governance model, blockchain founders incurred labor costs of all professionals involved.

This cost can vary due to uncertainty related to:

- › Complexity of the blockchain pilot phase and the number of internal employees involved.
- › Employee annual compensation.
- › Project duration.
- › Complexity of developing a governance model and all participants commitment to the project.

The pilot cost calculation framework is illustrated below. Refer to Appendix B for the full calculation framework.



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Commercialization Costs

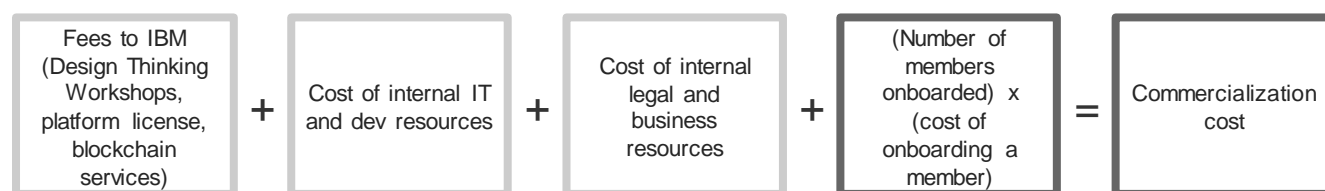
Following the pilot phase, interviewed organizations continued to develop a fully commercialized blockchain solution, including additional development efforts to further negotiations regarding the governance model and onboarding blockchain members.

- › Several interviewees engaged IBM Blockchain Services to facilitate additional IBM's Design Thinking workshops for ideation of the full blockchain model.
- › Interviewees described agreement and contract negotiations as an essential part of moving their blockchain efforts forward. Blockchain success is dependent on blockchain members alignment, therefore, significant effort went into the development of a comprehensive governance model.
- › Several interviewed organizations shared that this phase took about 12 months. At the time of these interviews, the majority of interviewees were at the end of this phase.
- › Organizations incurred additional internal IT and developer expenses.
- › There was an additional cost to inform and onboard potential blockchain members. Depending on the application, members could include founders' partner organizations, other vendors or merchants, or individuals who would be using the IBM Blockchain Platform in the future.

This cost can vary due to uncertainty related to:

- › Scale and complexity of the blockchain-based solution and the number of internal employees involved during commercialization.
- › Internal employee compensation.
- › Project duration.
- › Complexity of developing a governance model and all participants commitment to the project.

A framework for calculating the cost of a full-scale commercialized blockchain-based solution is presented below. Refer to Appendix B for the full calculation framework.



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Ongoing Costs

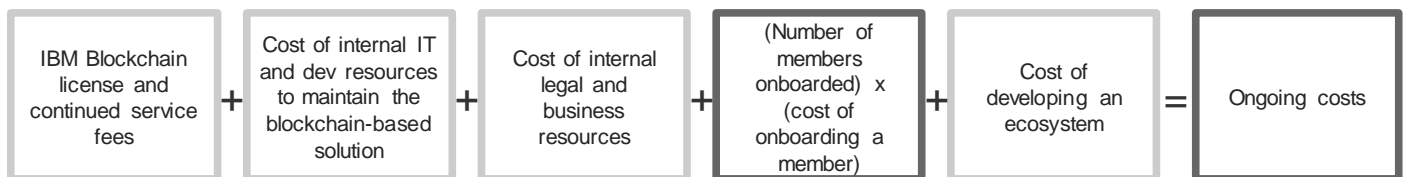
While none of the interviewed organizations could share financial results of running a fully commercialized blockchain, based on the interviews, Forrester estimates that a blockchain founder will incur the following expenses of running an IBM Blockchain solution:

- › IBM Blockchain Platform license fee.
- › A fee to IBM Blockchain Services to develop additional features and upgrade the platform.
- › Cost of internal IT and developer resources to operate and support the blockchain.
- › Cost of internal IT leaders', business owners', and legal professionals' resources aimed to support the governance model and manage negotiations with new and existing blockchain members.
- › Cost of onboarding new members.
- › Cost of member relationship management and developing a blockchain ecosystem.

This cost can vary based on:

- › A number of internal employees supporting a fully functional blockchain.
- › Internal employee compensation.
- › Cost to onboard a new member and number of new members onboarded annually.
- › Blockchain members' commitment to operate in accordance with a governance model.
- › A founder's effort to build relationships between members and develop an ecosystem.

A framework for calculating the ongoing costs of a blockchain-based solution is presented below. Refer to Appendix B for the full calculation framework.



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Sample Organization Calculation

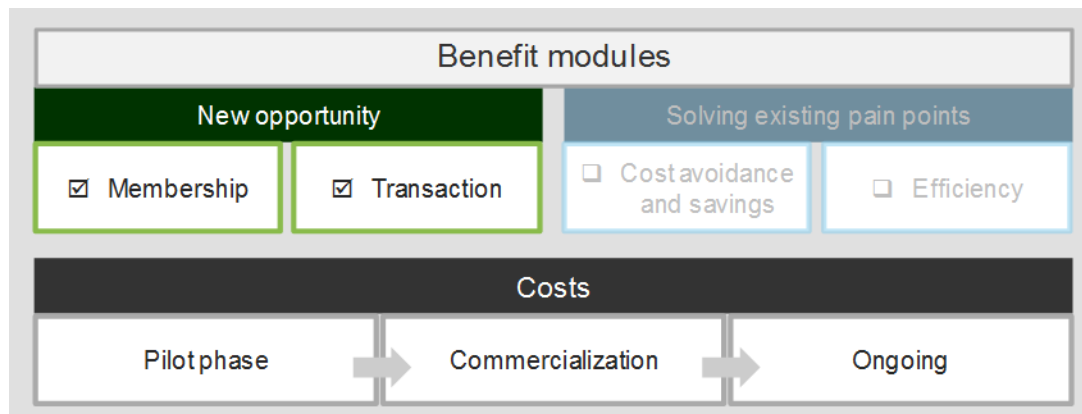
To illustrate how readers can apply the framework to estimate the ROI and NPV of a particular IBM Blockchain-based application, Forrester constructed a TEI framework, a sample company, and an associated ROI analysis that illustrates the areas financially affected. The sample organization that Forrester synthesized from customer interviews has the following characteristics:

- › The organization engages IBM Blockchain Services to help explore their blockchain idea and develop a pilot. A pilot phase takes about six months.
- › Following a successful pilot, the organization decides to develop a full commercial version of its blockchain application and starts to recruit members to join the blockchain.
- › The organization plans to charge a fee for each transaction conducted by a customer on the blockchain platform.
- › The organization plans to onboard 12 new members (merchants or vendors) to join the platform every year. The organization charges a fee to join the network and an additional annual membership fee.

Forrester uses two benefit modules, membership and transaction, to calculate the benefits of investing into this blockchain-based solution.



The organization pursues **new opportunities** with a blockchain-based solution.



QUANTIFIED BENEFIT DATA AS APPLIED TO THE SAMPLE ORGANIZATION

To determine the range of possible financial outcomes from the membership revenue benefit, Forrester assumes:

- › Each new member pays a one-time fee upon joining the network, ranging from \$5,000 (low projection) to \$7,500 (high projection).
- › The organization charges each member an annual fee, ranging from \$10,000 to \$15,000.
- › At present the sample organization sees no churn on its network.

The following table shows the projected range of membership revenue outcomes for the sample organization. Note that the projection range for your organization will vary based on the actual blockchain-based solution deployed. See Appendix B for detailed calculations for the low projection.

Membership Revenue: Projection Range Values (Five-Year PV) – Sample Calculation

REF.	METRIC	LOW	MID	HIGH
A1 _{SAMPLE,PR}	New members added annually	12	12	12
A2 _{SAMPLE,PR}	Onboarding fee	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,500
A3 _{SAMPLE,PR}	Annual membership churn	0%	0%	0%
A4 _{SAMPLE,PR}	Total members by Year 5	60	60	60
A5 _{SAMPLE,PR}	Annual fee	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$15,000
At_{SAMPLE,PR}	Membership revenue (Five-Year PV)	\$1,505,758	\$1,806,909	\$2,258,637

To determine the range of possible financial outcomes for the transaction revenue benefit, Forrester assumes:

- › Total number of customers for the organization by Year 5 ranges from 5.5 million (low projection) to 8.1 million (high projection)
- › Each customer conducts two transactions per year for the low projection, four for the mid-range projection, and six for the high-point projection.
- › Transaction costs range from \$1.75 to \$2.25 per transaction.
- › The organization charges a transaction fee per transaction ranging from 18% to 20%.
- › As the organization's customer base grows, the organization decreases per-transaction charge by 3% each year for the low and mid-range projections, and 4% for the high projection.

The following table shows the projected range of transaction revenue outcomes for the sample organization. Note that the projection range for your organization will vary based on the actual blockchain-based solution deployed. See Appendix B for detailed calculations for the low projection.

Transaction Revenue: Projection Range Values (Five-Year PV) – Sample Calculation

REF.	METRIC	LOW	MID	HIGH
B1 _{SAMPLE,PR}	Total customers by Year 5	5,500,000	7,500,000	8,100,000
B2 _{SAMPLE,PR}	Number of annual transactions per customer	2	4	6
B3 _{SAMPLE,PR}	Price per transaction	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$2.25
B4 _{SAMPLE,PR}	Original percentage of founder charge per transaction	18%	19%	20%
B5 _{SAMPLE,PR}	Annual decrease in founder revenue per transaction with customer base expansion	3% decrease annually	3% decrease annually	4% decrease annually
Bt_{SAMPLE,PR}	Transaction revenue (Five-Year PV)	\$7,334,330	\$22,456,466	\$40,323,801

QUANTIFIED COST DATA AS APPLIED TO THE SAMPLE ORGANIZATION

Total Costs

REF.	COST	INITIAL	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	TOTAL	PRESENT VALUE
Ctr	Cost of pilot	\$470,707	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$470,707	\$470,707
Dtr	Commercialized blockchain development	\$2.2M	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2.2M	\$2.2M
Etr	Blockchain ongoing management	\$0	\$924,000	\$924,000	\$924,000	\$924,000	\$924,000	\$4.6M	\$3.5M
	Total costs (risk-adjusted)	\$2.7M	\$924K	\$924K	\$924K	\$924K	\$924K	\$7.3M	\$6.2M

As a part of the pilot phase, the sample organization worked with IBM to finalize its original idea and relied on IBM Blockchain Services to provide help with platform development and with the governance model. Forrester assumes that:

- › This phase lasted six months.
- › The organization participated in one IBM Design Thinking workshop.
- › Internally, five developers / information technology (IT) professionals were involved in the initiative for 15% of their time for the full six months of the project duration.
- › A legal professional and a business owner were also involved in negotiations and developing a governance model for 20% of their time over the course of six months.

Refer to Appendix B for the full calculation. To account for variation in the inputs, Forrester adjusted this cost upward by 20%, yielding a five-year risk-adjusted total PV of \$470,707.

Once the initial pilot program was complete, the organization decided to develop a full-scale blockchain solution and start onboarding members to join the network. For the sample organization, Forrester assumes that:

- › It takes the organization 12 months to develop a full-scale blockchain platform, ready for onboarding members.
- › It participates in two new IBM Design Thinking workshops.
- › Five IT professionals and software engineers dedicate 15% of their time to support the project.
- › Three legal and business professionals dedicate 20% of their time to negotiations and developing governance model for the blockchain.
- › Organizations spends \$5,000 in administration, communication, and marketing to onboard each new blockchain member.
- › Prior to full launch, the organization has onboarded three members.

Refer to Appendix B for the full calculation. To account for variation in the inputs, Forrester adjusted this cost upward by 20%, yielding a five-year risk-adjusted total PV of \$2,197,803.

The table above shows the total of all costs across the areas listed below, as well as present values (PVs) discounted at 10%. Over three years, the sample organization expects risk-adjusted total costs to have a PV of \$6.2 million.

Upon full deployment, the sample organization continues to invest into the blockchain for maintenance and growth. Forrester estimates that:

- › The organization continues to pay an annual IBM Blockchain Platform license fee.
- › The organization also pays an IBM Blockchain Services fee for support, new features, and upgrades to the IBM Blockchain Platform.
- › Internally, three IT / software engineering professionals dedicate 20% of their time to platform maintenance.
- › One full-time legal professional handles contracts and the governance model.
- › Twelve new members are onboarded each year.
- › The organization spends \$200,000 per year to manage relations with the blockchain members.

Refer to Appendix B for the full calculation. To account for variation in the inputs, Forrester adjusted this cost upward by 20%, yielding a five-year risk-adjusted total PV of \$3,502,687.

The following section details the results of the benefits and costs calculations for the sample organization.

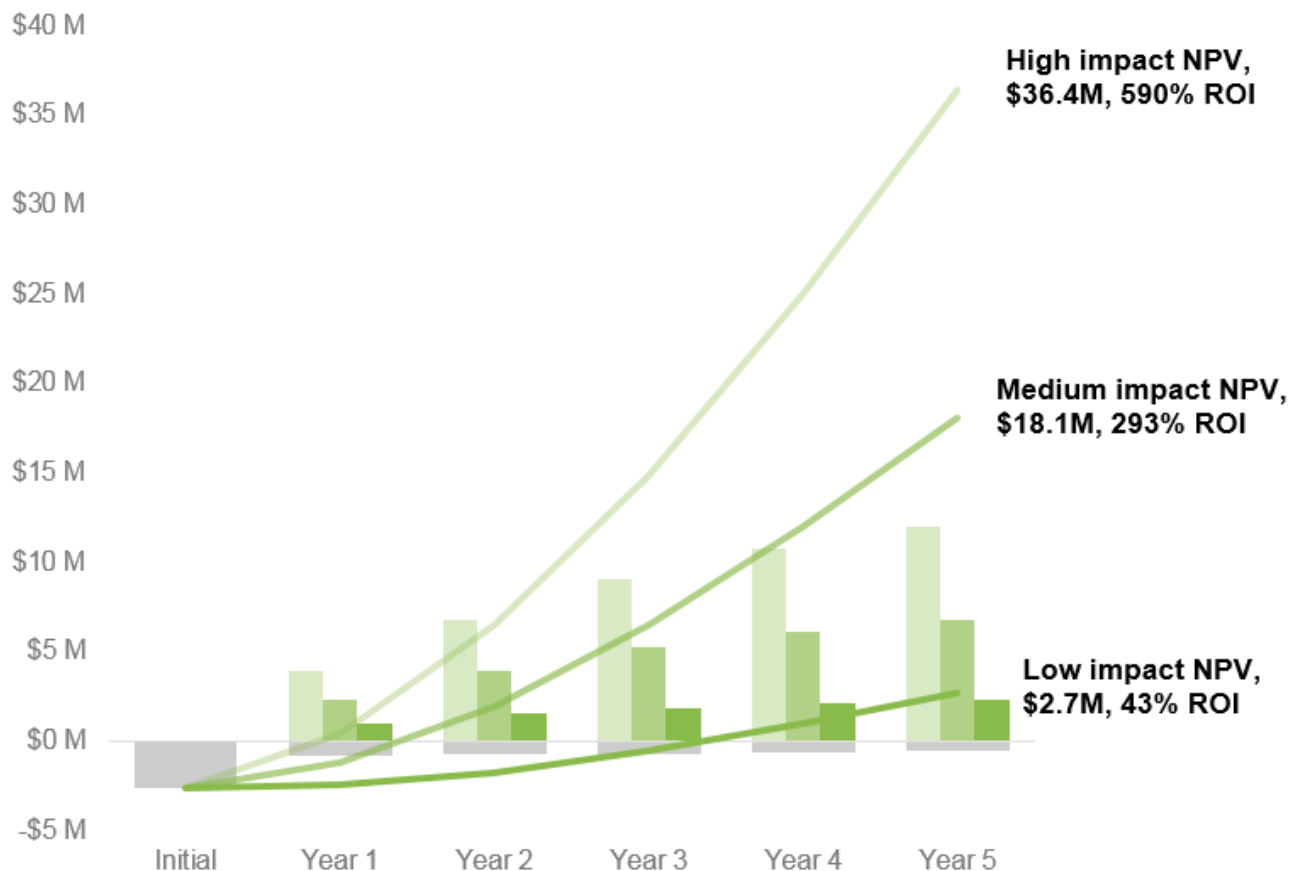
Sample Organization Financial Summary

CONSOLIDATED FIVE-YEAR RISK-ADJUSTED METRICS

Sample Organization Calculation: *Projection Range Values (Five-Year PV)*

METRIC	LOW	MID	HIGH
Total costs	(\$6,171,197)	(\$6,171,197)	(\$6,171,197)
Total benefits	\$8,840,088	\$24,263,375	\$42,582,438
Net benefits	\$2,668,891	\$18,092,179	\$36,411,241
ROI	43%	293%	590%
Payback period	36 months	16 months	10 months

Sample Organization Calculation: Range Of Five-Year Net Present Value



IBM Blockchain: Overview

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The world's most innovative companies in finance, logistics, consumer goods, energy, healthcare, transportation, manufacturing and others are turning to **IBM Blockchain** to create mission-critical applications and networks that deliver tangible business success.

They recognize that even in today's digital economy, vast amounts of value continue to be trapped inside processes and organizations that don't connect. **IBM Blockchain Services** is their remedy, helping them discover and design business value in blockchain networks – starting, accelerating and innovating strategies that replace longstanding business friction with trust and transparency. Backed by the insights of more than 1,500 blockchain and industry experts, IBM Blockchain Services provides proven methodologies and advanced technologies to drive game-changing business outcomes across hundreds of value-producing networks.

Central to each company's journey is the **IBM Blockchain Platform**, the catalyst that enables true blockchain innovators to disrupt industry. Featuring today's most complete and secure set of production-ready business blockchain tools and services, the platform helps users accelerate the development, governance, operation and monetization of a multi-institution permissioned blockchain* network through all life cycle stages. Powered by the open-source Hyperledger Fabric framework from The Linux Foundation, it provides the tools to quickly build or launch blockchain enterprise applications, accelerating the progression path from initial proof-of-concept to full-scale production, all protected by the unparalleled security of the IBM Cloud.

*A permissioned blockchain is the key to enterprise blockchain, enabling the accountability needed for the institutions participating in the blockchain network to do know your customer (KYC) on members and pass audits.

Appendix A: Emerging Technology

Total Economic Impact

Total Economic Impact is a methodology developed by Forrester Research that enhances a company's technology decision-making processes and assists vendors in communicating the value proposition of their products and services to clients. The TEI methodology helps companies demonstrate, justify, and realize the tangible value of IT initiatives to both senior management and other key business stakeholders.

Total Economic Impact Approach



Benefits represent the projected value delivered to the business by the product. The TEI methodology places equal weight on the measure of benefits and the measure of costs, allowing for a full examination of the effect of the technology on the entire organization.



Costs consider all expenses necessary to deliver the proposed value, or benefits, of the product. The cost category within TEI captures incremental costs over the existing environment for ongoing costs associated with the solution.



Flexibility represents the strategic value that can be obtained for some future additional investment building on top of the initial investment already made. Having the ability to capture that benefit has a PV that can be estimated.



Risks measure the uncertainty of benefit and cost estimates given: 1) the likelihood that estimates will meet original projections and 2) the likelihood that estimates will be tracked over time.

The initial investment column contains costs incurred at "time 0" or at the beginning of Year 1 that are not discounted. All other cash flows are discounted using the discount rate at the end of the year. PV calculations are calculated for each total cost and benefit estimate. NPV calculations in the summary tables are the sum of the initial investment and the discounted cash flows in each year. Sums and present value calculations of the Total Benefits, Total Costs, and Cash Flow tables may not exactly add up, as some rounding may occur.



Present value (PV)

The present or current value of (discounted) cost and benefit estimates given at an interest rate (the discount rate). The PV of costs and benefits feed into the total NPV of cash flows.



Net present value (NPV)

The present or current value of (discounted) future net cash flows given an interest rate (the discount rate). A positive project NPV normally indicates that the investment should be made, unless other projects have higher NPVs.



Return on investment (ROI)

A project's expected return in percentage terms. ROI is calculated by dividing net benefits (benefits less costs) by costs.



Discount rate

The interest rate used in cash flow analysis to take into account the time value of money. Organizations typically use discount rates between 8% and 16%.



Payback period

The breakeven point for an investment. This is the point in time at which net benefits (benefits minus costs) equal initial investment or cost.

Appendix B: Financial Model Framework

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BENEFIT MODULES FRAMEWORKS

Benefit Module 1: Membership Revenue Calculation Framework

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
A1	New members added annually	Input					
A2	Onboarding fee	Input					
A3	Annual membership churn	Input					
A4	Total members	$(A4_{\text{prior}} + A1_{\text{current}}) * (1 - A3)$					
A5	Annual fee	Input					
At	Membership revenue	$A1 * A2 + A4 * A5$					

Benefit Module 2: Transaction Benefit Calculation Framework

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
B1	Number of customers	Input					
B2	Number of annual transactions per customer	Input					
B3	Price per transaction	Input					
B4	Original percentage of founder charge per transaction	Input					
B5	Annual reduction in founder charge per transaction	Input					
B6	Founder revenue per transaction	$B4 * B5$					
Bt	Transaction revenue	$B1 * B2 * B3 * B6$					

Benefit Module 3: Cost Avoidance

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
C1	CapEx Avoided	Input					
C2	Avoided additional infrastructure costs (taxes, transportation, special features and accessories, and special testing)	$C1 * XX\%$					
C3	Subtotal: CapEx Savings	$C1 + C2$					
C4	Total CapEx costs avoided (cumulative for five years)	Costs avoided in Year X + Year X					
C5	OpEx required as a percentage of CapEx	Input					
C6	Subtotal: OpEx Savings	$C4 * C5$					
Ct	CapEx and OpEx savings	$C3 + C6$					

Benefit Module 4: Efficiency — Streamlined Documentation

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
D1 ₁	Total records	Input					
D2 ₁	Percentage of conflicting records	Input					
D3 ₁	Number of conflicting records that require resolution	$D1_1 * D2_1$					
D4 ₁	Average cost to resolve a dispute	Input					
D5 ₁	Projected reduction in conflicting records with blockchain	Input					
D6₁	<i>Savings due to reduction in conflicting records</i>	$D3_1 * D4_1 * D5_1$					
D7 ₁	Average cost for record processing	Input					
D8 ₁	Reduction in cost per record	Input					
D9₁	<i>Savings due to reduction in cost of records processing</i>	$D1_1 * D7_1 * D8_1$					
Dt₁	Savings for records processing	$D6_1 + D9_1$					

Benefit Module 4: Efficiency — Reduced Legacy Systems

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
D1 ₂	Legacy systems cost	Input					
D2 ₂	Percentage of legacy systems replaced by IBM Blockchain	Input					
Dt₂	Legacy systems savings	$D1_2 * (1 - D2_2)$					

Benefit Module 4: Efficiency — Labor Cost Reduction

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
D1 ₃	Number of finance FTEs resolving conflicting records prior to IBM Blockchain	Input					
D2 ₃	Finance FTEs annual compensation	Input					
D3 ₃	Reduction to finance resources dedicated to resolving conflicting records from use of IBM Blockchain	Input					
D4₃	<i>Savings due to reduction in finance FTEs</i>	$D1_3 * D2_3 * D3_3$					
D5 ₃	Number of legal FTEs resolving conflicting records prior to IBM Blockchain	Input					
D6 ₃	Legal FTEs annual compensation	Input					
D7 ₃	Reduction to legal resources resolving conflicting records with IBM Blockchain	Input					
D8₃	<i>Savings due to reduction in legal FTEs</i>	$D5_3 * D6_3 * D7_3$					
Dt₃	Labor cost savings	$D4_3 + D8_3$					

BENEFIT MODULES (MID-RANGE PROJECTION)

Benefit Module 1: Membership Revenue Calculation Framework (Mid-Range)

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
A1 _{MID}	New members added annually	Input	12	12	12	12	12
A2 _{MID}	Onboarding fee	Input	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
A3 _{MID}	Annual membership churn	Input	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
A4 _{MID}	Total members	$(A4_{\text{prior}} + A1_{\text{current}}) * (1 - A3)$	12	24	36	48	60
A5 _{MID}	Annual fee	Input	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
At_{MID}	Membership revenue	A1*A2 + A4*A5	\$6,600,000	\$9,600,000	\$12,600,000	\$15,600,000	\$18,600,000

Benefit Module 2: Transaction Benefit Calculation Framework (Mid-Range)

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
B1 _{MID}	Number of customers	Input	1,500,000	3,000,000	4,500,000	6,000,000	7,500,000
B2 _{MID}	Number of annual transactions per customer	Input	4	4	4	4	4
B3 _{MID}	Price per transaction	Input	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
B4 _{MID}	Original percentage of founder charge per transaction	Input	19.00%	19.00%	19.00%	19.00%	19.00%
B5 _{MID}	Annual reduction in founder charge per transaction	Input	100%	97%	94%	91%	88%
B6 _{MID}	Founder revenue per transaction	B4*B5	19.00%	18.43%	17.86%	17.29%	16.72%
Bt_{MID}	Transaction revenue	B1*B2*B3*B6	\$2,280,000	\$4,423,200	\$6,429,600	\$8,299,200	\$10,032,000

Benefit Module 3: Cost Avoidance (Mid-Range)

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
C1 _{MID}	CapEx Avoided		\$5,000,000			\$5,000,000	
C2 _{MID}	Avoided additional infrastructure costs (taxes, transportation, special features and accessories, and special testing)	B1*30%	\$1,500,000			\$1,500,000	
C3_{MID}	Subtotal: CapEx Savings	B1+B2	\$6,500,000			\$6,500,000	
C4 _{MID}	Total CapEx costs avoided (cumulative for five years)		20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
C5_{MID}	OpEx required as a percentage of CapEx	B1*B4	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000
Ct_{MID}	CapEx and OpEx savings	B3+B5	\$7,800,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$9,100,000	\$2,600,000

Benefit Module 4: Efficiency — Streamlined Documentation (Mid-Range)

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
D1 _{1,MID}	Total records	Input	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
D2 _{1,MID}	Percentage of conflicting records	Input	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%
D3 _{1,MID}	Number of conflicting records that require resolution	$D1_1 * D2_1$	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
D4 _{1,MID}	Average cost to resolve a dispute	Input	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
D5 _{1,MID}	Projected reduction in conflicting records with blockchain	Input	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
D6_{1,MID}	Savings due to reduction in conflicting records	$D3_1 * D4_1 * D5_1$	\$875,000	\$875,000	\$875,000	\$875,000	\$875,000
D7 _{1,MID}	Average cost for record processing	Input	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$22
D8 _{1,MID}	Reduction in cost per record	Input	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%
D9_{1,MID}	Savings due to reduction in cost of records processing	$D1_1 * D7_1 * D8_1$	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
Dt_{1,MID}	Savings for records processing	$D6_1 + D9_1$	\$1,205,000	\$1,205,000	\$1,205,000	\$1,205,000	\$1,205,000

Benefit Module 4: Efficiency — Reduced Legacy Systems (Mid-Range)

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
D1 _{2,MID}	Legacy systems cost	Input	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
D2 _{2,MID}	Percentage of legacy systems replaced by IBM Blockchain	Input	10%	50%	80%	100%	100%
Dt_{2,MID}	Legacy systems savings	$D1_2 * (1 - D2_2)$	\$20,000	\$100,000	\$160,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

Benefit Module 4: Efficiency — Labor Cost Reduction (Mid-Range)

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
D1 _{3,MID}	Number of finance FTEs resolving conflicting records prior to IBM Blockchain	Input	5	5	5	5	5
D2 _{3,MID}	Finance FTEs annual compensation	Input	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
D3 _{3,MID}	Reduction to finance resources dedicated to resolving conflicting records from use of IBM Blockchain	Input	20%	40%	60%	80%	80%
D4_{3,MID}	Savings due to reduction in finance FTEs	$D1_3 * D2_3 * D3_3$	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$225,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
D5 _{3,MID}	Number of legal FTEs resolving conflicting records prior to IBM Blockchain	Input	3	3	3	3	3
D6 _{3,MID}	Legal FTEs annual compensation	Input	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
D7 _{3,MID}	Reduction to legal resources resolving conflicting records with IBM Blockchain	Input	0%	30%	50%	70%	70%
D8_{3,MID}	Savings due to reduction in legal FTEs	$D5_3 * D6_3 * D7_3$	\$0	\$180,000	\$300,000	\$420,000	\$420,000
Dt_{3,MID}	Labor cost savings	$D4_3 + D8_3$	\$75,000	\$330,000	\$525,000	\$720,000	\$720,000

BENEFIT MODULES (HIGH-LEVEL PROJECTION)

Benefit Module 1: Membership Revenue Calculation Framework (High-Level)

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
A1 _{HIGH}	New members added annually	Input	16	16	16	16	16
A2 _{HIGH}	Onboarding fee	Input	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
A3 _{HIGH}	Annual membership churn	Input	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
A4 _{HIGH}	Total members	$(A4_{\text{prior}} + A1_{\text{current}}) * (1 - A3)$	16	32	48	64	80
A5 _{HIGH}	Annual fee	Input	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
A _{tHIGH}	Membership revenue	A1*A2 + A4*A5	\$10,400,000	\$15,200,000	\$20,000,000	\$24,800,000	\$29,600,000

Benefit Module 2: Transaction Benefit Calculation Framework (High-Level)

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
B1 _{HIGH}	Number of customers	Input	1,500,000	3,000,000	4,600,000	6,300,000	8,100,000
B2 _{HIGH}	Number of annual transactions per customer	Input	6	6	6	6	6
B3 _{HIGH}	Price per transaction	Input	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.25
B4 _{HIGH}	Original percentage of founder charge per transaction	Input	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%
B5 _{HIGH}	Annual reduction in founder charge per transaction	Input	100%	96%	92%	88%	84%
B6 _{HIGH}	Founder revenue per transaction	B4*B5	20.0%	19.2%	18.4%	17.6%	16.8%
B _{tHIGH}	Transaction revenue	B1*B2*B3*B6	\$4,050,000	\$7,776,000	\$11,426,400	\$14,968,800	\$18,370,800

Benefit Module 3: Cost Avoidance (High-Level)

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
C1 _{HIGH}	CapEx Avoided		\$8,000,000			\$8,000,000	
C2 _{HIGH}	Avoided additional infrastructure costs (taxes, transportation, special features and accessories, and special testing)	C1*30%	\$2,400,000			\$2,400,000	
C3 _{HIGH}	Subtotal: CapEx Savings	C1+C2	\$10,400,000			\$10,400,000	
C4 _{HIGH}	Total CapEx costs avoided (cumulative for five years)		20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
C5 _{HIGH}	OpEx required as a percentage of CapEx	C3*C5	\$2,080,000	\$2,080,000	\$2,080,000	\$4,160,000	\$4,160,000
C _{tHIGH}	CapEx and OpEx savings	C3+C5	\$12,480,000	\$2,080,000	\$2,080,000	\$14,560,000	\$4,160,000

Benefit Module 4: Efficiency — Streamlined Documentation (High-Level)

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
D1 _{1,HIGH}	Total records	Input	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
D2 _{1,HIGH}	Percentage of conflicting records	Input	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%
D3 _{1,HIGH}	Number of conflicting records that require resolution	$D1_1 * D2_1$	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200
D4 _{1,HIGH}	Average cost to resolve a dispute	Input	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
D5 _{1,HIGH}	Projected reduction in conflicting records with blockchain	Input	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
D6_{1,HIGH}	Savings due to reduction in conflicting records	$D3_1 * D4_1 * D5_1$	\$2,160,000	\$2,160,000	\$2,160,000	\$2,160,000	\$2,160,000
D7 _{1,HIGH}	Average cost for record processing	Input	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
D8 _{1,HIGH}	Reduction in cost per record	Input	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%
D9_{1,HIGH}	Savings due to reduction in cost of records processing	$D1_1 * D7_1 * D8_1$	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
Dt_{1,HIGH}	Savings for records processing	$D6_1 + D9_1$	\$2,860,000	\$2,860,000	\$2,860,000	\$2,860,000	\$2,860,000

Benefit Module 4: Efficiency — Reduced Legacy Systems

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
D1 _{2,HIGH}	Legacy systems cost	Input	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
D2 _{2,HIGH}	Percentage of legacy systems replaced by IBM Blockchain	Input	10%	50%	80%	100%	100%
Dt_{2,HIGH}	Legacy systems savings	$D1_2 * (1 - D2_2)$	\$25,000	\$125,000	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$250,000

Benefit Module 4: Efficiency — Labor Cost Reduction

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
D1 _{3,HIGH}	Number of finance FTEs resolving conflicting records prior to IBM Blockchain	Input	6	6	6	6	6
D2 _{3,HIGH}	Finance FTEs annual compensation	Input	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
D3 _{3,HIGH}	Reduction to finance resources dedicated to resolving conflicting records from use of IBM Blockchain	Input	20%	40%	60%	80%	80%
D4_{3,HIGH}	Savings due to reduction in finance FTEs	$D1_3 * D2_3 * D3_3$	\$90,000	\$180,000	\$270,000	\$360,000	\$360,000
D5 _{3,HIGH}	Number of legal FTEs resolving conflicting records prior to IBM Blockchain	Input	4	4	4	4	4
D6 _{3,HIGH}	Legal FTEs annual compensation	Input	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
D7 _{3,HIGH}	Reduction to legal resources resolving conflicting records with IBM Blockchain	Input	0%	30%	50%	70%	80%
D8_{3,HIGH}	Savings due to reduction in legal FTEs	$D5_3 * D6_3 * D7_3$	\$0	\$240,000	\$400,000	\$560,000	\$640,000
Dt_{3,HIGH}	Labor cost savings	$D4_3 + D8_3$	\$90,000	\$420,000	\$670,000	\$920,000	\$1,000,000

COST MODULES FRAMEWORKS

Cost 1: Pilot Phase Costs Calculation

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	INITIAL	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
E1	IBM's Design Thinking workshop	Input						
E2	Architectural consultancy	Input						
E3	Software development fee paid to IBM	Input						
E4	Number of technical employees involved in pilot	Input						
E5	Duration of the engagement (months)	Input						
E6	Percent of internal employees' time spent on the pilot	Input						
E7	IT/dev/engineering employee monthly compensation	Annual compensation/ 12 months						
E8	Cost of internal IT/developers' pilot efforts	$E4 * E5 * E6 * E7$						
E9	Number of employees developing governance model/involved in contract negotiation	Input						
E10	Duration of the governance model development and contract negotiation (months)	Input						
E11	Percent of employees' time spent on the pilot	Input						
E12	Legal, business owners, IT management annual compensation	Annual compensation/ 12 months						
E13	Cost of internal governance model/legal pilot efforts	$E9 * E10 * E11 * E12$						
Et	Cost of pilot	$E1 + E2 + E3 + E8 + E13$						
	Risk adjustment	↑20%						
Etr	Cost of pilot (risk-adjusted)							

Cost 2: Commercialization Phase Costs Calculation

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	INITIAL	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
F1	IBM Blockchain full development fee to IBM	Input						
F2	Number of IBM's Design Thinking workshops	Input						
F3	IBM's Design Thinking workshop	Input						
F4	IBM Blockchain license fee	Input						
F5	Duration of the engagement (months)	Input						
F6	Number of employees involved in development internally	Input						
F7	Percent of internal employees' time dedicated to commercialization effort	Input						
F8	IT/dev/engineering employee monthly compensation	Annual compensation/ 12 months						
F9	Cost of internal IT/developers' commercialization efforts	$F5 \times F6 \times F7 \times F8$						
F10	Number of employees developing governance model/involved in contract negotiation	Input						
F11	Duration of the governance model development and contract negotiation (months)	Input						
F12	Percent of employees' time spent on the pilot	Input						
F13	Legal, business owners, IT management annual compensation	Annual compensation/ 12 months						
F14	Cost of internal governance model/legal commercialization efforts	$F10 \times F11 \times F12 \times F13$						
F15	Number of blockchain members onboarded for commercialization	Input						
F16	Cost of onboarding one member (including marketing, admin, contract negotiation)	Input						
F17	Cost of member onboarding	$F15 \times F16$						
Ft	Commercialized blockchain development	$F1 + F2 \times F3 + F4 + F9 + F14 + F17$						
	Risk adjustment	↑20%						
Ftr	Commercialized blockchain development (risk-adjusted)							

Cost 3: Ongoing Blockchain Management Costs Calculation

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	INITIAL	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
G1	IBM Blockchain license fee	Input						
G2	Continued IBM Blockchain software development fee	Input						
G3	Internal IT/developer resources to maintain blockchain	Input						
G4	Percent of time to maintain blockchain	Input						
G5	IT/dev/engineering employee annual compensation	Input						
G6	Cost of internal IT/dev/engineering resources to run blockchain	$G3 \times G4 \times G5$						
G7	Number of employees developing governance model/involved in contract negotiation	Input						
G8	Percent of employees' time spent on the governance model ongoing support	Input						
G9	Legal, business owners, IT management annual compensation	Input						
G10	Cost of internal governance model/legal commercialization efforts	$G7 \times G8 \times G9$						
G11	Number of blockchain members onboarded for commercialization	Input						
G12	Cost of onboarding one member (including marketing, admin, contract negotiation)	Input						
G13	Cost of member onboarding	$G11 \times G12$						
G14	Ecosystem development (workshops, community boards, other)	Input						
Gt	Blockchain ongoing management	$G1 + G2 + G6 + G10 + G13 + G14$						
	Risk adjustment	↑20%						
Gtr	Blockchain ongoing management (risk-adjusted)							

SAMPLE ORGANIZATION CALCULATIONS: BENEFITS CALCULATIONS (LOW PROJECTION)

Membership Revenue: *Sample Calculation (Low)*

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
A1 _{SAMPLE,LOW}	New members	Input	12	12	12	12	12
A2 _{SAMPLE,LOW}	Onboarding fee	Input	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
A3 _{SAMPLE,LOW}	Annual membership churn	Input	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
A4 _{SAMPLE,LOW}	Total members	$(A4_{\text{prior}} + A1_{\text{current}}) * (1 - A3)$	12	24	36	48	60
A5 _{SAMPLE,LOW}	Annual fee	Input	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
A _{tSAMPLE,LOW}	Membership revenue	A1*A2*A4*A5	\$180K	\$300K	\$420K	\$540K	\$660K

Transaction Revenue: *Sample Calculation (Low)*

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
B1 _{SAMPLE,LOW}	Number of customers	Input	1,500,000	2,500,000	3,500,000	4,500,000	5,500,000
B2 _{SAMPLE,LOW}	Number of annual transactions per customer	Input	2	2	2	2	2
B3 _{SAMPLE,LOW}	Price per transaction	Input	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75
B4 _{SAMPLE,LOW}	Original percentage of founder charge per transaction	Input	18%	18%	18%	18%	18%
B5 _{SAMPLE,LOW}	Decrease in founder revenue per transaction with customer base expansion	Input	100%	97%	94%	91%	88%
B6 _{SAMPLE,LOW}	Founder revenue per transaction	Input	18.00%	17.46%	16.92%	16.38%	15.84%
B _{tSAMPLE,LOW}	Transaction revenue	B1*B2*B3*B6	\$945K	\$1.5M	\$2.0M	\$2.6M	\$3.0M

SAMPLE ORGANIZATION CALCULATIONS: BENEFITS CALCULATIONS (MID-RANGE PROJECTION)

Membership Revenue: *Sample Calculation (Mid-Range)*

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
A1 _{SAMPLE,MID}	New members	Input	12	12	12	12	12
A2 _{SAMPLE,MID}	Onboarding fee	Input	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
A3 _{SAMPLE,MID}	Annual membership churn	Input	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
A4 _{SAMPLE,MID}	Total members	$(A4_{\text{prior}} + A1_{\text{current}}) * (1 - A3)$	12	24	36	48	60
A5 _{SAMPLE,MID}	Annual fee	Input	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
A _{tSAMPLE,MID}	Membership revenue	$A1 * A2 * A4 * A5$	\$216K	\$360K	\$504K	\$648K	\$792K

Transaction Revenue: *Sample Calculation (Mid-Range)*

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
B1 _{SAMPLE,MID}	Number of customers	Input	1,500,000	3,000,000	4,500,000	6,000,000	7,500,000
B2 _{SAMPLE,MID}	Number of annual transactions per customer	Input	4	4	4	4	4
B3 _{SAMPLE,MID}	Price per transaction	Input	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
B4 _{SAMPLE,MID}	Original percentage of founder charge per transaction	Input	19.00%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%
B5 _{SAMPLE,MID}	Decrease in founder revenue per transaction	Input	100%	97%	94%	91%	88%
B6 _{SAMPLE,MID}	Founder revenue per transaction	Input	19.00%	18.43%	17.86%	17.29%	16.72%
B _{tSAMPLE,MID}	Transaction revenue	$B1 * B2 * B3 * B6$	\$2.3M	\$4.4M	\$6.4M	\$8.3M	\$10.0M

SAMPLE ORGANIZATION CALCULATIONS: BENEFITS CALCULATIONS (HIGH-LEVEL PROJECTION)

Membership Revenue: Sample Calculation (High-Level)

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
A1 _{SAMPLE,HIGH}	New members	Input	12	12	12	12	12
A2 _{SAMPLE,HIGH}	Onboarding fee	Input	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
A3 _{SAMPLE,HIGH}	Annual membership churn	Input	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
A4 _{SAMPLE,HIGH}	Total members	$(A4_{\text{prior}} + A1_{\text{current}}) * (1 - A3)$	12	24	36	48	60
A5 _{SAMPLE,HIGH}	Annual fee	Input	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
At _{SAMPLE,HIGH}	Membership revenue	$A1 * A2 * A4 * A5$	\$270K	\$450K	\$630K	\$810K	\$990K

Transaction Revenue: Sample Calculation (High-Level)

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
B1 _{SAMPLE,HIGH}	Number of customers	Input	1,500,000	3,000,000	4,600,000	6,300,000	8,100,000
B2 _{SAMPLE,HIGH}	Number of annual transactions per	Input	6	6	6	6	6
B3 _{SAMPLE,HIGH}	Price per transaction	Input	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.25
B4 _{SAMPLE,HIGH}	Original percentage of founder charge per transaction	Input	20.00%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%
B5 _{SAMPLE,HIGH}	Decrease in founder revenue per transaction	Input	100%	96%	92%	88%	84%
B6 _{SAMPLE,HIGH}	Founder revenue per transaction	Input	20.0%	19.20%	18.40%	17.60%	16.80%
Bt _{SAMPLE,HIGH}	Transaction revenue	$B1 * B2 * B3 * B6$	\$4.1M	\$7.8M	\$11.4M	\$15.0M	\$18.4M

SAMPLE ORGANIZATION CALCULATIONS: DETAILED COST CALCULATIONS

Cost 1: Pilot Phase Costs — Sample Calculation

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	INITIAL	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
E1 _{SAMPLE}	IBM's Design Thinking workshop	IBM	\$32,000					
E2 _{SAMPLE}	Architectural consultancy	IBM	\$14,000					
E3 _{SAMPLE}	Software development fee paid to IBM	IBM/ Interviews	\$250,000					
E4 _{SAMPLE}	Number of technical employees involved in pilot	Interview	5					
E5 _{SAMPLE}	Duration of the engagement (months)	Interview	6					
E6 _{SAMPLE}	Percent of internal employees' time spent on the pilot	Interview	15%					
E7 _{SAMPLE}	IT/dev/engineering employee monthly compensation	\$150,000/ 12 months	\$12,500					
E8_{SAMPLE}	Cost of internal IT/ developers' pilot efforts	E4*E5*E6 *E7	\$56,250					
E9 _{SAMPLE}	Number of employees developing governance model/involved in contract negotiation	Interview	2					
E10 _{SAMPLE}	Duration of the governance model development and contract negotiation (months)	Interview	6					
E11 _{SAMPLE}	Percent of employees' time spent on the pilot	Interview	20%					
E12 _{SAMPLE}	Legal, business owners, IT management annual compensation	\$200,000/ 12 months	\$16,667					
E13_{SAMPLE}	Cost of internal governance model/ legal pilot efforts	E9*E10*E11 *E12	\$40,000.80					
Et_{SAMPLE}	Cost of pilot	E1+E2+E3 +E8+E13	\$392,256	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Risk adjustment	↑20%						
Etr_{SAMPLE}	Cost of pilot (risk-adjusted)		\$470,707	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Cost 2: Commercialization Phase Costs — Sample Calculation

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	INITIAL	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
F1 _{SAMPLE}	IBM Blockchain full development fee	Interview	\$1,500,000			
F2 _{SAMPLE}	Number of IBM's Design Thinking workshops	Interview	2			
F3 _{SAMPLE}	IBM's Design Thinking workshop	IBM	\$32,000			
F4 _{SAMPLE}	IBM Blockchain license fee	IBM	\$20,000			
F5 _{SAMPLE}	Duration of the engagement (months)	Interview	12			
F6 _{SAMPLE}	Number of internal employees involved	Interview	5			
F7 _{SAMPLE}	Percent of time dedicated to commercialization effort	Interview	15%			
F8 _{SAMPLE}	IT/dev/engineering employee monthly compensation	\$150,000/ 12 months	\$12,500			
F9_{SAMPLE}	Cost of internal IT/developers' commercialization efforts	F5*F6*F7*F8	\$112,500			
F10 _{SAMPLE}	Number of employees developing governance model/involved in contract negotiation		3			
F11 _{SAMPLE}	Duration of the governance model development and contract negotiation (months)		12			
F12 _{SAMPLE}	Percent of employees' time spent on the pilot		20%			
F13 _{SAMPLE}	Legal, business owners, IT management annual compensation	\$200,000/ 12 months	\$16,667			
F14_{SAMPLE}	Cost of internal governance model/legal commercialization efforts	F10*F11*F12*F13	\$120,002			
F15 _{SAMPLE}	Number of blockchain members onboarded for commercialization		3			
F16 _{SAMPLE}	Cost of onboarding one member		\$5,000			
F17 _{SAMPLE}	Cost of member onboarding		\$15,000			
Ft_{SAMPLE}	Commercialized blockchain development	F1+F2*F3+F4+F9+F14+F17	\$1,831,502	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Risk adjustment	↑20%				
Ftr_{SAMPLE}	Commercialized blockchain development (risk-adjusted)		\$2,197,803	\$0	\$0	\$0

Cost 3: Ongoing Blockchain Management Costs — Sample Calculation

REF.	METRIC	CALC.	INITIAL	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
G1 _{SAMPLE}	IBM Blockchain license fee	Input		\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
G2 _{SAMPLE}	Continued IBM blockchain software development fee	Input		\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
G3 _{SAMPLE}	Internal IT/developer resources to maintain blockchain	Input	3	3	3	3	3	3
G4 _{SAMPLE}	Percent of time to maintain Blockchain	Input	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
G5 _{SAMPLE}	IT/dev/engineering employee annual compensation	Input		\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
G6 _{SAMPLE}	Cost of internal IT/dev/engineering resources to run blockchain	G3*G4*G5		\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
G7 _{SAMPLE}	Number of employees developing governance model/involved in contract negotiation	Input	1	1	1	1	1	1
G8 _{SAMPLE}	Percent of employees' time spent on the governance model ongoing support	Input	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
G9 _{SAMPLE}	Legal, business owners, IT management annual compensation	Input		\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
G10 _{SAMPLE}	Cost of internal governance model/legal commercialization efforts	G7*G8*G9		\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
G11 _{SAMPLE}	Number of blockchain members onboarded for commercialization	Input	12	12	12	12	12	12
G12 _{SAMPLE}	Cost of onboarding one member (including marketing, admin, contract negotiation)	Input		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
G13 _{SAMPLE}	Cost of member onboarding	G11*G12		\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
G14 _{SAMPLE}	Ecosystem development (workshops, community boards, other)	Input		\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
G15 _{SAMPLE}	Blockchain ongoing management	G1+G2+G6+G10+G13+G14		\$770,000	\$770,000	\$770,000	\$770,000	\$770,000
	Risk adjustment	↑20%						
Gtr _{SAMPLE}	Blockchain ongoing management (risk-adjusted)		\$0	\$924K	\$924K	\$924K	\$924K	\$924K