Streaming numbers in the clouds

Pelle Braendgaard, Economi.co

Funding small businesses is hard

Crowfunding is a solution

But can be risky due to information asymmetry

Crowdfunding is not new

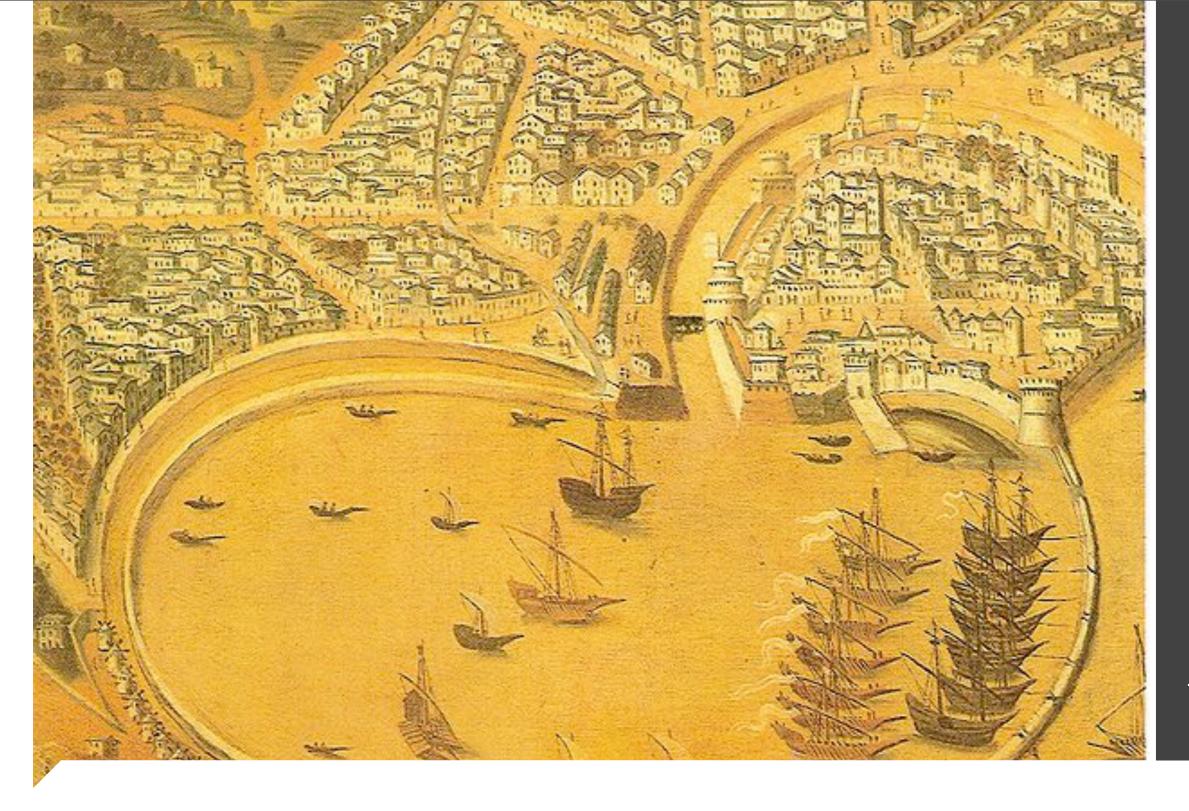
The crowds has been able to fund things since the 1600s

What is new is the crowd now will have access to funding

Lets go back in history...

Crowd funding 1.0

The first companies were setup to conquer and tax



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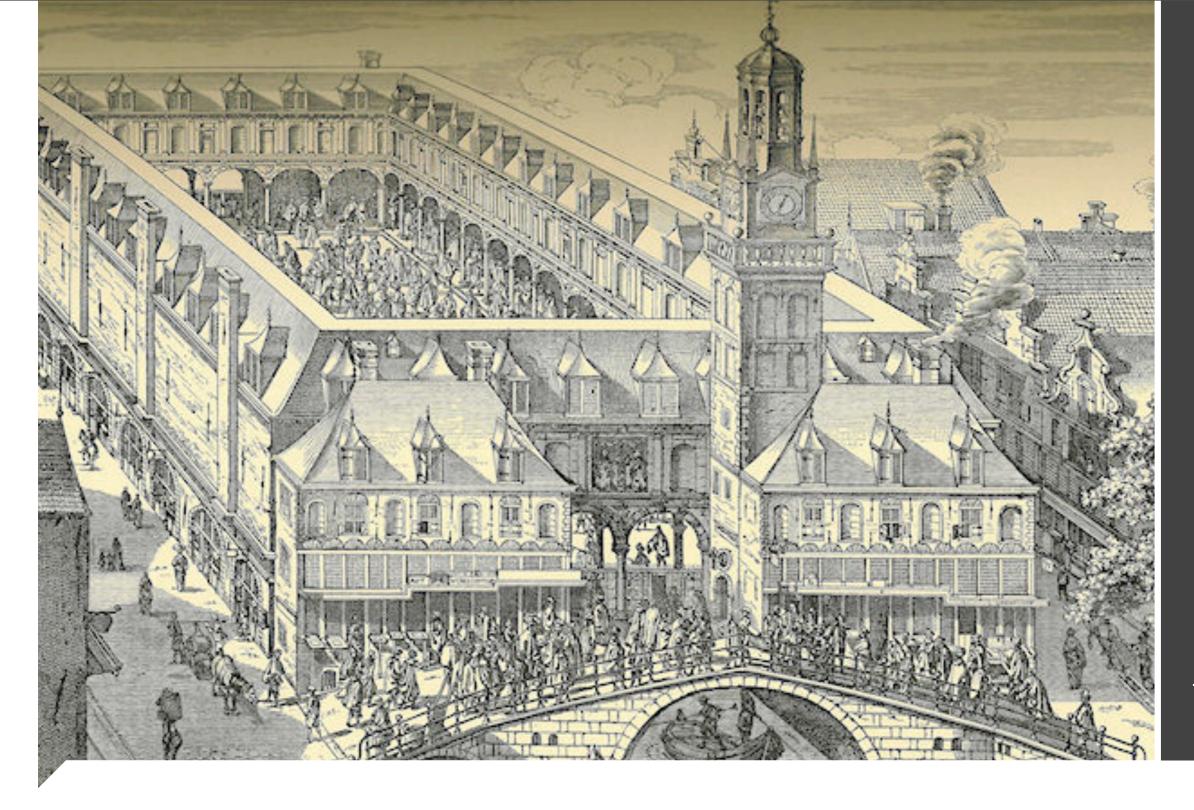
Then came exploration and trade,



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exchanges ...



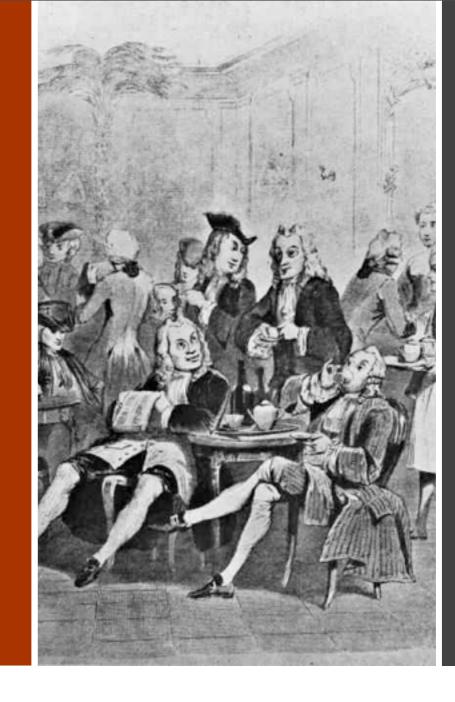
... and bubbles and fraud



Mississippi Bubble

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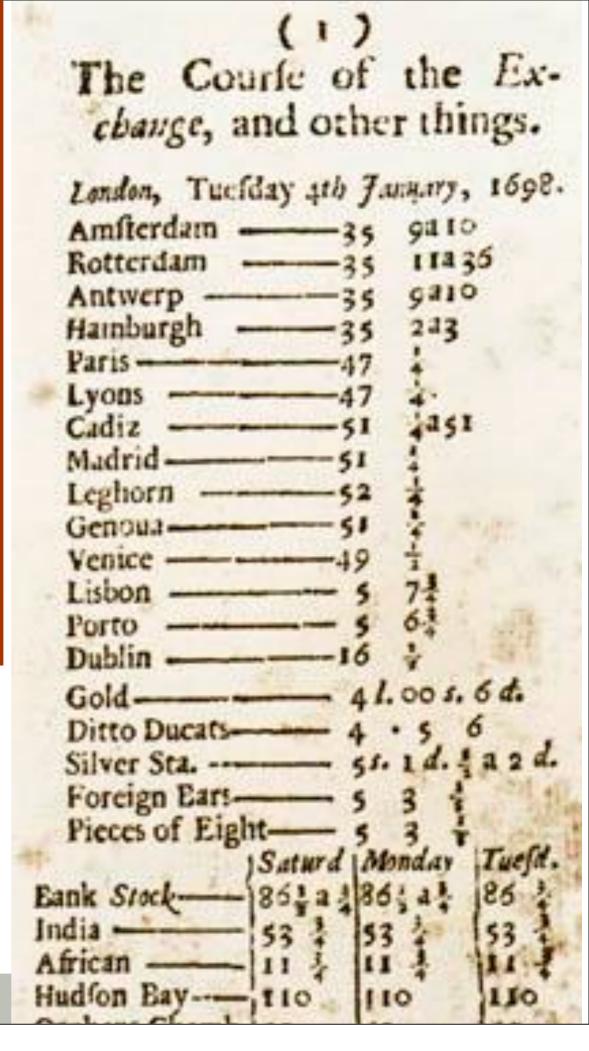


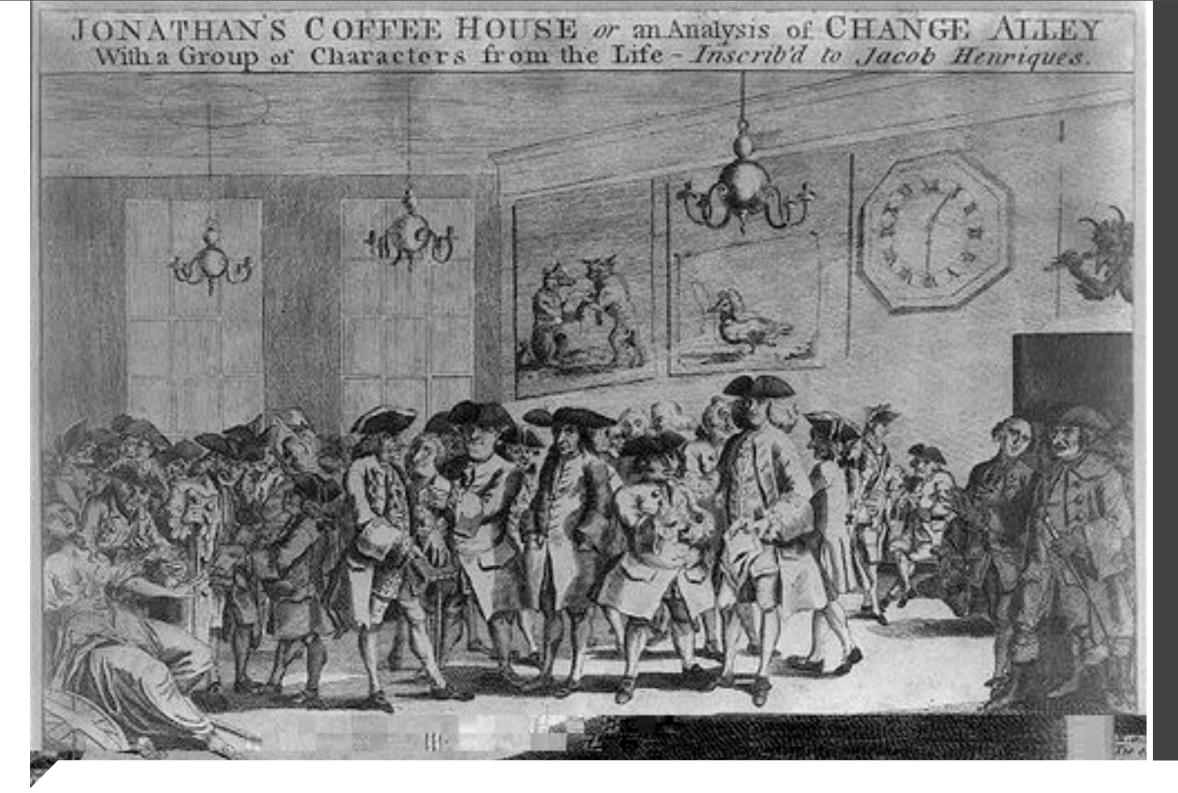
Gossip...

Traders were booted from London Royal Exchange to the coffee shops

The Course of the Exchange and other things

John Castaing started writing down trades and created the first data feed





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Jonathan's Coffee House



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Lloyd's Coffee House



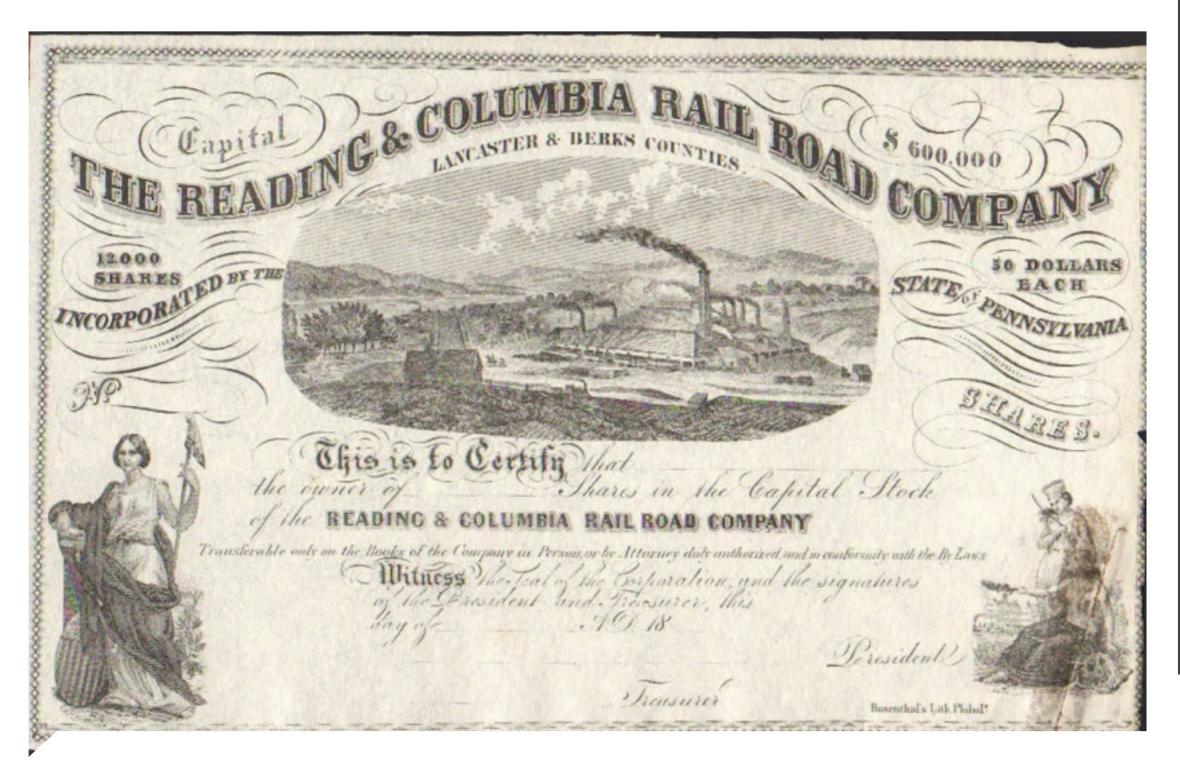
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Lloyd's of London

Information sources for Crowd Funding 1.0

- "The Course of the Exchange and other things"
- Gossip

Crowd funding 2.0



The industrial revolution

Smaller projects

- Local train lines
- Mills
- Mines
- Factories

More projects

Good information became harder to obtain

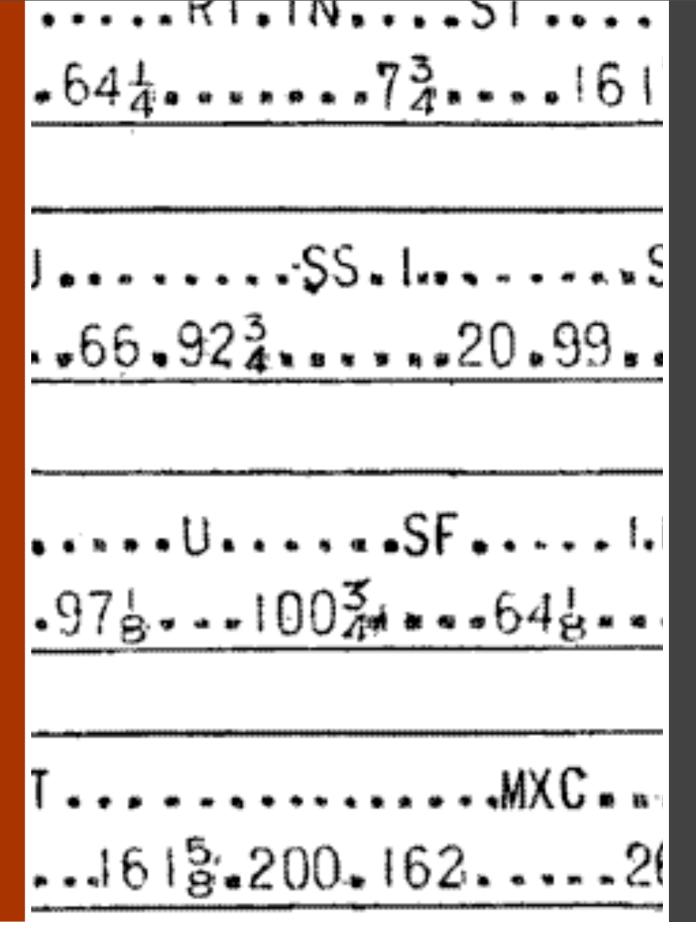
It also brought innovations in company law

Legislation to protect investors

- Central registry
- Reporting requirements
- Public directors list
- Requirements for Annual Reports

First live data feeds

In 1863



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Information sources for Crowd Funding 2.0

- News papers
- Ticker feeds
- Government Records
- Annual Reports
- Auditors
- Gossip

Crowd funding 3.0

Post 1929 Panic Reaction

Stricter laws on public offerings

- Limits on who can invest in private offerings
- Quarterly reporting for public companies
- Easier to invest in public companies
- Harder for small companies to be funded

Economics of funding smaller companies doesn't work

- Due diligence before investing is expensive
- Managing existing investments is time consuming
- It is often not economical for a VC to invest less than \$500k

Accelerators hack this

- Small amount of funding
- Small amount of equity
- Short batched application/interview process
- Batches companies together
- Relies on community and short sessions to manage investments

Information sources for Crowd Funding 3.0

- Live trade feeds
- Live news feeds (Dow Jones, Reuters etc)
- Internet
- Quarterly filings for public companies
- Costly due diligence for investors in private companies

Crowd funding 4.0

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Kickstarter Stats

This page is updated at least once a day with the raw data behind Kickstarter. Metrics include funding success rates, dollars pledged, and trends of successfully and unsuccessfully funded projects. Statistics are available for the site overall as well as each of the 13 project categories. Check out our blog for more on Kickstarter's data.

Projects and Dollars

Category	Launched Projects	▼ Total Dollars	Successful Dollars	Unsuccessful Dollars	Live Dollars	Live Projects	Success Rate
All	67,966	\$ 326 м	\$275 м	\$34 м	\$17 м	3,650	44.02%
Film & Video	19,474	^{\$} 83.84 м	^{\$} 69.21 м	\$12.02м	^{\$} 2.61 м	835	39.51%
Music	15,993	^{\$} 50.61 м	^{\$} 45.09 м	^{\$} 4.09 м	^{\$} 1.44м	764	54.34%
Games	2,799	^{\$} 49.72 м	^{\$} 42.35 м	^{\$} 3.04 м	^{\$} 4.34 м	276	33.93%
Design	2,355	^{\$} 48.47 м	^{\$} 41.75м	^{\$} 4.02 м	^{\$} 2.70 м	162	36.25%
Technology	1,336	^{\$} 19.61 м	^{\$} 15.11 м	^{\$} 1.65 м	^{\$} 2.86м	70	30.65%
Publishing	7,374	^{\$} 15.96м	^{\$} 12.78м	^{\$} 2.54 м	^{\$} 640.97к	490	31.42%
Art	6,259	^{\$} 15.07м	^{\$} 12.46м	^{\$} 1.97м	^{\$} 642.96 ĸ	322	48.49%
Food	2 147	\$10.79M	\$8.51 M	\$1.65M	\$629 63 K	168	40.83%

Kickstarter

US JOBS act opens market for equity crowd funding

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Many crowd funding exchanges popping up



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EarlyShares

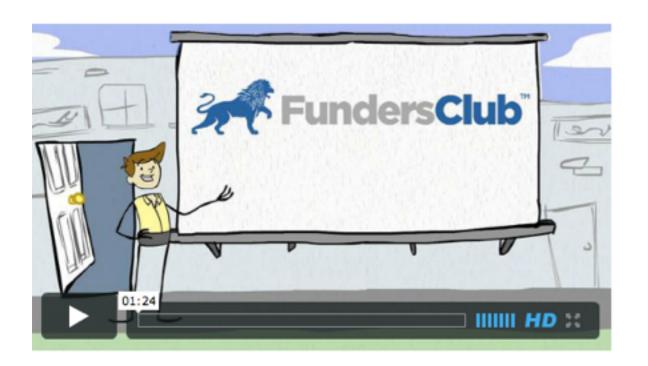
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We provide the tools for you to convert your network into real

BoostFunder

Plenty of marketplaces and communities

Not enough useful information

Information sources for Crowd Funding 4.0

- Twitter
- Marketplace web sites
- Tech News
- Blogs
- All realtime, but all subjective

Marketplace due dilligence?

- VC like heavy due diligence?
- Short application/interview process?
- Batch like Accellerators
- Open to anyone?



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The Mystery of Capital

Hernando de Soto

Imagine a country where nobody can identify who owns what, addresses cannot easily be verified, people can not be made to pay their debts, resources cannot conveniently be turned into money, ownership cannot be divided into shares, descriptions of assets are not standardized and cannot be easily compared, and the rules that govern property vary from neighborhood to neighborhood or even from street to street.

Hernando de Soto

Much of this is true for small businesses crowd funding

- No instant way of verifying ownership of a startup
- No way of verifying revenue and claims by the startup
- No way of comparing multiple startups
- Using legal system is too expensive for small investors
- Different Crowd Funding sites have different rules

Copying how things are done in public or venture funded companies wont work

We seek bottom-up reforms that are derived from an understanding and recognition of existing extralegal systems and customs.

Hernando de Soto

We need a bottom-up approach to solve the information issue for Crowd Funded companies

On-line, verifiable and streaming information

As on-line startups we already do this for our services

We can do this for our legal and financial structure

Legal due diligence

- All incorporation documents should be on-line and verifiable
- On-line share register
- How many shares owned by insiders
- Realtime updates

Due dilligence services



THE CROWDFUNDING DUE DILIGENCE COMPANY

WHY CROWDCHECK?

WHAT IS CROWDFUNDING?

We're here to help entrepreneurs seeking crowdfunding and people interested in making crowdfunding investments.

The most important way we'll do this is by doing "due diligence." It's the technical term for kicking the tires before you make an investment. Making our that the company exists, that the managers are who they say they are and that they are operating their



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Crowd Check

Financial data

- Live sales data
- Link with banks
- Live P/L
- Live Balance sheet

Sales analytics

- Subscriptions
- In app purchasing sales
- Estimated Lifetime Value of Customers
- Most startups already do this

Advertising analytics

- Whats your click through rate?
- Whats the cost per click?
- Tie in with Sales analytics

Usage analytics

- Google Analytics
- MixPanel
- etc.

Different valuation formulas based on streaming data

- Marketplace valuation
- Businesses internal valuation
- Investors can calculate own
- 3rd party analysts can calculate and sell valuation formulas

Making it more attractive to invest

Remember dividends?

- Most small companies should focus on revenue
- Dividends don't fit VC's grow, grow, grow strategy
- Maybe good match for Crowd Funding
- Dividends can be verified with live financials
- Paid out automatically

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Design A Loan

SKIP THIS STEP

Step One:

Enter your revenue from the last three months

Revenue from July

\$20,000 ...

Revenue from June

\$19,000 ...

Revenue from May

\$18,000 .00

CALCULATE

Step Two:

Line up your cursor with the amount and loan length you are looking for, and click to see your RevenueLoan Rate!

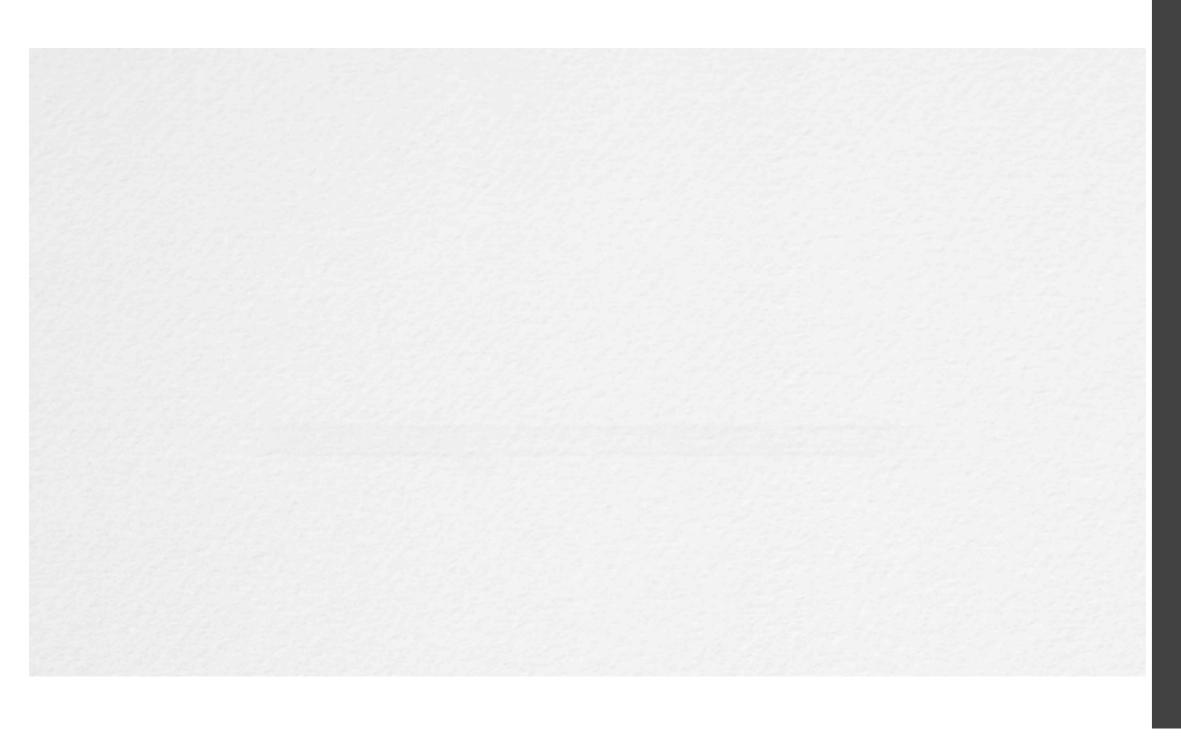


Revenue Loans

- Not equity
- Combined loan/revenue share
- Much simpler that equity/dividends
- Could be useful for Crowd Funding

Pre-sell credits to your customers

- Reduces regulatory issues
- Sell to existing customer base
- Sell to new customers with due diligence in place



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ClearBon

ClearBon helps local food businesses expand

Model can be expanded in to web based businesses as well

Conclusion

Regulatory issues is only one problem

To create a successful new crowdfunding eco system...

Information is still key

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