

Revenue Based Contingent Consideration Techniques





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Motivation

Frequently see a diverse set of revenue earn-outs





Earnout Payouts vs Underlying Metric

Different structures produce very different outcome distributions



Financial metrics (red) have lognormal(ish) distributions, this works well with standard valuation frameworks where the mean can be used as representative of the sample.

Earn-outs (green) generally do not have lognormal distributions. This leads to the Expected Value ("EV") of the Earn-out \neq Value of the Earnout at the EV (read as mean) of the Underlying Metric.





When are Option Models Needed?

Systemic + Non-Linear

In the case of revenue earn-outs, the risk is systemic (nondiversifiable) as revenue is closely related to those of assets, earnings, and equity;

If the earn-out is linear, the Expected Value ("EV") of the Earn-out == Value of the Earnout at the EV of the Underlying Metric, we can use standard discounting (with a revenue discount rate);

If the earn-out is non-linear than an option pricing method is needed to account for the non-linearity. Non-linearity can be introduced by caps or thresholds;

Option pricing models (e.g. Black-Scholes) are designed to account for the non-linearity

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Why are Option Models Needed?

Non-Linear payoffs make it difficult and unintuitive to determine the proper discount rate



It is not clear, what the discount rate should be, or how to develop the discount rate for the nonlinear distributions.



Approach

Forecast risk with discount rate and non-linearity with OPM

Discount the underlying metric to produce a "risk-neutral" forecast then calculate the earnout payment based on this forecast;

This eliminates the need to calculate a discount rate for the earnout cashflows (use the risk-free rate to account for the time value of money);

The present value of the earnout is then riskadjusted for counter-party risk (based on debt rates);



Monte Carlo vs Black-Scholes

Is there dependency across time or underlying metrics?

Examples of Correlation / Dependency	Context
Two underlying metrics	If there are two underlying metrics (e.g. revenue and EBITDA), the dependency (and correlation) will need a MC analysis to capture
Dependency across time	If the threshold, cap, or earn-out value depends on the result of a previous period, will need a MC analysis to capture (e.g. result from year 1 becomes the threshold for year 2)
Payment in shares	When payment is in shares, if the revenue results for the target could reasonably affect the share price, then the correlation would be captured in a MC analysis, but not a Black-Scholes analysis



Steps for OPM (includes MC)

Determine the risk-adjusting discount rate for revenue;

Discount the revenue forecast;

Calculate the distribution of the earn-out payouts based on the risk-neutral forecast (Black-Scholes or MC);

Discount the expected payoff(s) at the risk-free rate (accounted for automatically in Black-Scholes);

Adjust for counter-party risk



Revenue Discount Rate from De-Levering

Two methods: Fixed Costs vs Assets Method & Volatility-Based Method

Fixed Costs vs Assets	Volatility-Based					
Assumption: Systemic risk of fixed costs is approximately zero (similar to assumption for debt in Beta un-levering)	Assumption: Correlation(Market, Revenue) = Correlation (Market, Return on Equity)					
RMRP _{EBIT} = WACC / IRR (in PPA setting) – RFR _{LT} (simplified)	RMRP _{EBIT} = WACC / IRR (in PPA setting) – RFR _{LT} (simplified)					
Un-levering Factor = 1 + PV(Fixed Costs) / PV(EBIT)	Un-levering Factor = Vol _{Revenue} / Vol _{EBIT or Asset}					
Discount rate for fixed costs -> debt (in-line with assumption of low to no systemic risk); Discount rate for EBIT -> WACC / IRR	Vol _{EBIT or Asset} can be bottom-up or un-levered					
RMRP _{Revenue} = RMRP _{EBIT} / Un-levering Factor	RMRP _{Revenue} = RMRP _{EBIT} * Un-levering Factor					



Revenue Discount Rate from De-Levering

Examples

Fixed	Costs v	vs. Assets				Volatility
WACC Debt Rate Risk-Free Rate in WACC Asset Volatility	15.00% 3.50% 1.58% 30.00%				WACC Debt Rate Risk-Free Rate in WACC	15.00% 3.50% 1.58%
Risk-Free Rate for Earnout / Revenue	0.68%	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Asset Volatility Risk-Free Rate for Earnout / Revenue	30.00% 0.68%
Fixed Costs		1,000,000	1,200,000	1,400,000		
Time Discount Factor PV Fixed Costs		0.5000 0.9829 3,407,222	1.5000 0.9497	2.5000 0.9176	Revenue Volatility	15.0%
EBIT		1,200,000	1,560,000	2,028,000	Unlevering Factor (Vol _{Revenue} / Vol _{Asset})	0.50
Time		0.5000	1.5000	2.5000		
Discount Factor PV of EBIT		0.9325 3,813,927	0.8109	0.7051	WACC	15.00%
Unlevering Factor (1 + PV(FC) / PV(EBIT))		1.89			Less: RFR _{LT}	1.58%
					RMRP _{EBIT}	13.42%
WACC		15.00%			Times: Unlevering Factor	0.50
Less: RFR _{LT}		1.58%			RMRP _{Revenue}	6.71%
RMRP _{EBIT}		13.42%			Plus: RFR _{sT}	0.68%
Divided by: Unlevering Factor RMRP _{Revenue}	_	1.89 7.09%			Revenue Discount Rate, Rounded	7.50%
Plus: RFR _{st}		0.68%				
Revenue Discount Rate, Rounded		8.00%				



Revenue Volatility

With Quarterly Revenue

<u>Tickers</u>	IQ_CQ	IQ_CQ-1	IQ_CQ-2	IQ_CQ-3	IQ_CQ-4	IQ_CQ-5	IQ_CQ-6	IQ_CQ-7	IQ_CQ-8	IQ_CQ-9	IQ_CQ-10	IQ_CQ-11	IQ_CQ-12	IQ_CQ-20
NFLX	5,467.4	5,244.9	4,923.1	4,521.0	4,186.8	3,999.4	3,907.3	3,700.9	3,285.8	2,984.9	2,785.5	2,636.6	2,477.5	1,484.7
AMZN	87,436.0	69,981.0	63,404.0	59,700.0	72,383.0	56,576.0	52,886.0	51,042.0	60,453.0	43,744.0	37,955.0	35,714.0	43,741.0	29,329.0
MSFT	36,906.0	33,055.0	33,717.0	30,571.0	32,471.0	29,084.0	30,085.0	26,819.0	28,918.0	24,538.0	25,605.0	23,212.0	25,826.0	26,470.0
AAPL	91,819.0	64,040.0	53,809.0	58,015.0	84,310.0	62,900.0	53,265.0	61,137.0	88,293.0	52,579.0	45,408.0	52,896.0	78,351.0	74,599.0
FB	21,082.0	17,652.0	16,886.0	15,077.0	16,914.0	13,727.0	13,231.0	11,966.0	12,972.0	10,328.0	9,321.0	8,032.0	8,809.0	3,851.0

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Can adjust for quarterly seasonality with encoding for 3 of the 4 quarters.

	<u>Volatility -</u>	<u>Volatility -</u>
	<u>Unadjusted</u>	Adjusted
X	4.3%	4.1%
ZN	36.4%	6.3%
FT	21.8%	8.9%
PL	60.7%	12.4%
	23.9%	5.2%
rage	29.4%	7.4%
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Revenue Volatility

With YoY Revenue

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	Quarterly Re	evenue			Year over Year Change						
<u>uarter</u>	NFLX	AMZN	MSFT	AAPL			NFLX	AMZN	MSFT	AAPL	
0	5,467.4	87,436.0	36,906.0	91,819.0	21,082.0		26.7%	18.9%	12.8%	8.5%	22.0%
4	4,186.8	72,383.0	32,471.0	84,310.0	16,914.0		24.2%	18.0%	11.6%	-4.6%	26.5%
8	3,285.8	60,453.0	28,918.0	88,293.0	12,972.0		28.2%	32.4%	11.3%	11.9%	38.7%
12	2,477.5	43,741.0	25,826.0	78,351.0	8,809.0		30.7%	20.2%	8.2%	3.2%	41.1%
16	1,823.3	35,747.0	23,796.0	75,872.0	5,841.0						
						Stdev	2.7%	6.7%	2.0%	7.2%	9.3%
1	5,244.9	69,981.0	33,055.0	64,040.0	17,652.0		27.1%	21.3%	12.8%	1.8%	25.1%
5	3,999.4	56,576.0	29,084.0	62,900.0	13,727.0		29.3%	25.7%	17.0%	17.9%	28.5%
9	2,984.9	43,744.0	24,538.0	52,579.0	10,328.0		26.5%	29.1%	11.2%	11.5%	38.7%
13	2,290.2	32,714.0	21,928.0	46,852.0	7,011.0		27.6%	25.5%	7.3%	-9.5%	44.3%
17	1,738.4	25,358.0	20,379.0	51,501.0	4,501.0						
						Stdev	1.2%	3.2%	4.0%	11.9%	8.9%
2	4,923.1	63,404.0	33,717.0	53,809.0	16,886.0		23.1%	18.1%	11.4%	1.0%	24.4%
6	3,907.3	52,886.0	30,085.0	53,265.0	13,231.0		33.8%	33.2%	16.1%	16.0%	35.0%
10	2,785.5	37,955.0	25,605.0	45,408.0	9,321.0		28.0%	22.2%	21.7%	7.0%	37.0%
14	2,105.2	30,404.0	20,614.0	42,358.0	6,436.0		24.7%	27.1%	-7.3%	-15.8%	46.5%
18	1,644.7	23,185.0	22,180.0	49,605.0	4,042.0						
						Stdev	4.7%	6.5%	12.6%	13.4%	9.1%
3	4,521.0	59,700.0	30,571.0	58,015.0	15,077.0		20.0%	15.7%	13.1%	-5.2%	23.1%
7	3,700.9	51,042.0	26,819.0	61,137.0	11,966.0		33.9%	35.7%	14.4%	14.5%	39.9%
11	2,636.6	35,714.0	23,212.0	52,896.0	8,032.0		29.8%	20.4%	12.3%	4.5%	40.0%
15	1,957.7	29,128.0	20,531.0	50,557.0	5,382.0		21.9%	24.9%	-5.7%	-13.8%	41.8%
19	1,573.1	22,717.0	21,729.0	58,010.0	3,543.0						
						Stdev	6.6%	8.6%	9.5%	12.2%	8.8%

Treat quarters separately, as the returns (qoq) are correlated.

NFLX	AMZN	MSFT	AAPL	FB	<u>Average</u>	Median
2.7%	6.7%	2.0%	7.2%	9.3%		
1.2%	3.2%	4.0%	11.9%	8.9%		
4.7%	6.5%	12.6%	13.4%	9.1%		
6.6%	8.6%	9.5%	12.2%	8.8%		
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3.8%	6.2%	7.0%	11.2%	9.0%	7.4%	
3.7%	6.6%	6.8%	12.1%	9.0%		6.8%

Results are very similar to adjusted qoq.



Revenue Beta

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Direct Estimate using Regression

<u>Tickers</u>	IQ_CQ	IQ_CQ-1	IQ_CQ-2	IQ_CQ-3	IQ_CQ-4	IQ_CQ-5	IQ_CQ-6	IQ_CQ-7	IQ_CQ-8	IQ_CQ-9	IQ_CQ-10	IQ_CQ-11	IQ_CQ-12	IQ_CQ-20	
NFLX	7,163.3	6,644.4	6,435.6	6,148.3	5,767.7	5,467.4	5,244.9	4,923.1	4,521.0	4,186.8	3,999.4	3,907.3	3,700.9	1,957.7	llaina
AMZN	108,518.0	125,555.0	96,145.0	88,912.0	75,452.0	87,436.0	69,981.0	63,404.0	59,700.0	72,383.0	56,576.0	52,886.0	51,042.0	29,128.0	Using
MSFT	41,706.0	43,076.0	37,154.0	38,033.0	35,021.0	36,906.0	33,055.0	33,717.0	30,571.0	32,471.0	29,084.0	30,085.0	26,819.0	20,531.0	quarterly
AAPL	89,584.0	111,439.0	64,698.0	59,685.0	58,313.0	91,819.0	64,040.0	53,809.0	58,015.0	84,310.0	62,900.0	53,265.0	61,137.0	50,557.0	quarterry
FB	26,171.0	28,072.0	21,470.0	18,687.0	17,737.0	21,082.0	17,652.0	16,886.0	15,077.0	16,914.0	13,727.0	13,231.0	11,966.0	5,382.0	returns to
SPY	395.0	371.4	331.3	303.8	252.9	313.9	288.0	283.1	271.6	239.2	276.6	257.0	248.2	186.3	
															maximize
<u>Returns</u>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		the comple
NFLX	7.5%	3.2%	4.6%	6.4%	5.3%	4.2%	6.3%	8.5%	7.7%	4.6%	2.3%	5.4%	11.9%	nm	the sample
AMZN	-14.6%	26.7%	7.8%	16.4%	-14.7%	22.3%	9.9%	6.0%	-19.3%	24.6%	6.7%	3.5%	-16.9%	nm	SIZO
MSFT	-3.2%	14.8%	-2.3%	8.3%	-5.2%	11.0%	-2.0%	9.8%	-6.0%	11.0%	-3.4%	11.5%	-7.5%	nm	
AAPL	-21.8%	54.4%	8.1%	2.3%	-45.4%	36.0%	17.4%	-7.5%	-37.4%	29.3%	16.6%	-13.8%	-36.8%	nm	
FB	-7.0%	26.8%	13.9%	5.2%	-17.3%	17.8%	4.4%	11.3%	-11.5%	20.9%	3.7%	10.0%	-8.1%	nm	
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<u>as</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	R-Squared
	0.00	-0.02	-0.01	0.06	NFLX
	0.31	0.04	0.10	-0.57	AMZN
	0.13	-0.04	0.10	-0.18	MSFT
	0.84	0.37	0.42	-1.20	AAPL
	0.30	0.27	-0.06	-0.40	FB

The seasonality we discussed earlier is a problem and produces unreliable results.



Revenue Beta

Direct Estimate using Regression

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es	NFLX		0.756
	AMZN		0.772
	MSFT		-0.095
	AAPL		0.472
ć	FB		0.817
ch	Returns	0	
tic	NFLX	-2.0%	(
liC	AMZN	-6.3%	(
	MSFT	-3.0%	(
	AAPL	-5.4%	4
	FB	-4.3%	-3
	SPY	6.2%	11

1 0.4%

0.5% 0.4%

4.9%

-3.1% 11.4% Can adjust the returns for seasonality, using the technique used in volatility section.

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	19
2.3%	-0.1%	-1.6%	-3.6%	-0.8%	4.2%	3.4%	1.0%	-0.7%	-1.5%	1.7%	-2.0%
1.6%	1.2%	-3.9%	-2.7%	-0.8%	3.6%	3.8%	4.8%	1.7%	0.2%	0.5%	-5.0%
3.1%	5.7%	-3.0%	-1.0%	4.8%	4.2%	2.4%	-1.9%	3.1%	1.1%	2.3%	-8.0%
6.5%	-1.5%	-12.2%	4.1%	0.2%	-0.9%	10.4%	2.2%	-1.3%	-3.5%	10.0%	10.7%
-2.1%	-2.4%	-1.2%	-3.9%	-3.4%	1.0%	0.7%	2.7%	1.4%	-0.2%	0.8%	0.7%
8.7%	18.4%	-21.6%	8.6%	1.7%	4.1%	12.7%	-14.5%	7.4%	3.5%	-1.0%	2.4%

	Quarter Offset			
Betas	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
NFLX	0.03	0.01	-0.09	-0.02
AMZN	0.05	-0.06	-0.08	-0.09
MSFT	0.17	-0.09	-0.07	-0.06
AAPL	0.23	-0.07	-0.03	-0.13
FB	-0.06	-0.01	-0.05	0.02

	Quarter Offset			
R-Squared	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
NFLX	1.8%	0.2%	17.2%	1.0%
AMZN	1.6%	3.1%	6.1%	6.8%
MSFT	11.6%	4.0%	2.3%	2.4%
AAPL	10.8%	1.2%	0.2%	4.1%
FB	4.6%	0.0%	3.1%	0.4%

The R-squared are still low, and for many industries the results are difficult to interpret.

Revenue Discount – Bottom-Up

Each Input Should be Considered with Respect to the Revenue Earn-Out

Discount rate - Revenue		
Cost of equity - CAPM method		Low
Revenue beta		0.25
Debt-to-equity		15.0%
Tax rate		27.0%
Relevered equity beta		0.28
Risk free rate - short term		0.5%
Equity risk premium		6.0%
Relevered equity beta		0.28
		2.2%
Small capitalization stock premium		5.5%
Specific company risk premium		2.5%
Cost of equity		10.2%
Cost of debt		
Pre-tax cost of debt	3.5%	
Tax Rate	27.0%	
After-tax cost of debt	2.6%	
Weighted cost of equity		8.8%
Weighted cost of debt		0. <u>3</u> %
Discount Rate - Revenue		9.0%



Revenue Earn-Out Example w/ MC

Threshold for Year 2 is Max(Year 1 Revenue, \$1 million)

RFR - Vol ² / 2 30/06/2020 30/06/2021 30/06/2021 2021 Contingent : 1 Ijusted for realized results 1,000,000 Mid-period convention 0,5000	30/06/2021 30/06/2022 2022 Contingent Payment
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ljusted for realized results 1,000,000 Mid-period convention 0,5000	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Mid-period convention 0.5000	1,200,000
0.0578	1.5000
957,826	1,054,488
R scaled to earnout period time -0.73%	-1.46%
o square root of earnout period time 12.4%	17.5%
normal(mu , sd) 13.7%	39.0%
2021 Contingent	2022 Contingent
n) Payment 0.0% 13.7% 957,826 957,826 1.008,082	Payment 13.7% 39.0% 52.7% 1,054,488
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49,041	481,822
0 days post-period ending 1.1639 0 bligor Specific 5.00% 0.9448 46 334	2.1639 5.00% 0.8998 433.546
1	R scaled to earnout period time o square root of earnout period time normal(mu , sd) -0.73% 12.4% 12.4% 13.7% 13.7% 2021 Contingent Payment 0.0% 0.0% 13.7% 13.7% 957,826 * exp(Simulated Total Growth) 1,008,082 1,000,000 0.50 49,041 0 days post-period ending Obligor Specific 1.1639 0.0448 46.334

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MNP Revenue Earn-Out Example w/ Black-Scholes

Threshold for Year 2 is Fixed at \$1.2 million

Discount Rate	9.00%		
Volatility (Vol)	17.50%		
Risk Free Rate (RFR)	0.07%		
Start Date		30/06/2020	30/06/2021
End		30/06/2021	30/06/2022
		2021 Contingent	2022 Contingent
		Payment	Payment
Projected Sales		1,000,000	1,200,000
Time		0.5000	1.5000
Discount Factor		0.9578	0.8787
PV of Sales	_	957,826	1,054,488
Threshold		1,000,000	1,200,000
Contingent Consideration			
N(d1)		0.3884	0.3117
N(d2)		0.3419	0.2403
Value of Call		30,222	40,638
Multiple		50%	70%
Payment		15,111	28,446
Time to Payment		1.1639	2.1639
Counter-Party Premium (Black-Scholes is PV)		4.93%	4.93%
Discount Factor		0.9455	0.9011
Present Value of Contingent Payment	—	14,288	25,633







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