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Dedication

To Mark, Riley, and Carley! Thanks for your love, patience, and inspiration.

STACEY WHITECOTTON

Laura Libby and Brian Plummer, Oscar and Selma Libby.

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I dedicate this book to the best teachers I've ever had: my Mom and Dad, Barb, Harrison, and Daniel.

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Preparing Students for Success in Business



From the award-winning, market-leading Libby/Phillips author team comes a modern, relevant, and engaging textbook for today's managerial accounting student. Whitecotton/Libby/Phillips *Managerial Accounting* brings lively and engaging coverage of managerial accounting topics and decision-making focus to the managerial accounting course. Pair *Managerial Accounting* with Phillips/Libby/Libby *Fundamentals of Financial Accounting*, 5e, to provide a truly comprehensive solution to your students.



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Chapters 5 & 6 Focus Company: Starbucks Coffee



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Chapter 7 Focus Company: IKEA



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Chapters 10 & 11 Focus Company:
Apple

Managerial Accounting by Whitecotton/Libby/Phillips

This text prepares students for success in business by incorporating four key components that will motivate and guide them through managerial accounting and beyond:



Managerial accounting builds student interest

Managerial accounting instructors face significant challenges; how to engage students in the managerial accounting course, how to keep them motivated throughout the course, and how to teach them accounting in a way that connects conceptual understanding to the real world. *Managerial Accounting* engages and motivates students by presenting accounting in the context of recognizable companies such as Starbucks, Toyota, California Pizza Kitchen, and Apple, and then integrates those companies throughout the chapter discussions.

2 Managerial accounting fosters decision making and analytical skills

Most students taking managerial accounting will not become accounting majors and accountants; instead, they will use accounting information in their professional lives to make business decisions. *Managerial Accounting* shows students how managers use accounting information to make business decisions in companies they know from their everyday lives. This approach helps students develop the analytical and critical thinking skills they will need to succeed in their future careers.

Managerial accounting helps students become better problem solvers

Students' problem solving skills are put to the test through robust end of chapter content. Additionally, Demonstration Cases and Skills Development Cases provide students with an opportunity to practice their comprehension and understanding of the material.

Managerial accounting uses technology to enhance student learning

Today's students have diverse learning styles and numerous commitments. They want technology supplements that will help them study more efficiently and effectively. McGraw-Hill Connect, which includes adaptive and interactive study features such as SmartBook, Interactive Presentations, Auto-Graded Excel Simulations, and Guided Examples, as well as a repository of additional resources tied directly to Managerial Accounting, will improve students' engagement in and out of class, help them maximize their study time, and make their learning experience more enjoyable.

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I would describe
Whitecotton as the best
introductory managerial
textbook that I have
used, because of its
writing style, its inclusion
of only relevant material,
its choice of focus
companies that students
easily relate to, and the
common sense manner
in which the material is
explained

-Laura Ilcisin, University of Nebraska at Omaha

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This is one of the best textbooks for the introductory managerial accounting course. The book covers all of the relevant topics for this course and is extremely well organized. Each chapter begins with solid learning objectives linked to the text and uses a focus company, which relates to the students, to illustrate the concepts of the chapter.

-Ronald O. Reed, University of Northern Colorado

Engaging Features and Relevant Pedagogy

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One of the greatest strengths of Whitecotton is the focus companies. The utilization of these companies allows students to connect managerial accounting concepts to real-world enterprises.

—Tal Kroll, Ozarks Technical Community College

This is a freshly written managerial accounting textbook. It addresses a complete range of managerial accounting topics critical to today's business environment. The language is as easy to understand as the discussion is in depth. I would definitely recommend [this book] to my colleagues as a good choice for the course.

—Ronald Zhao, Monmouth University **Managerial Accounting** has a variety of features that complement the way you teach and the way today's students learn. From study tips and advice to guide students through difficult topics to clear and relevant examples, each chapter offers students the tools they need to succeed.



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Chapter 4 Focus Company: Toyota

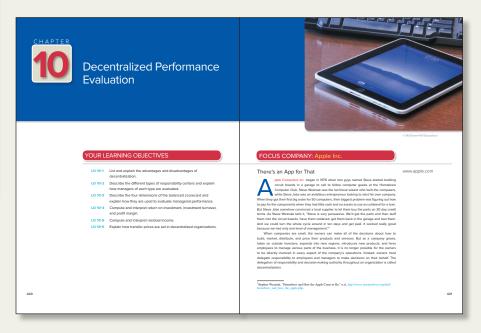


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Chapters 8 & 9 Focus Company: Cold Stone Creamery

Chapter Openers—Focus Companies

Each chapter of *Managerial Accounting* opens with an engaging scenario or story using a familiar company. The same focus company is used throughout the entire chapter so that students can see how the concepts and calculations apply to a real-world company they are already familiar with.



Bring Managerial Accounting Content to Life

How's It Going? Self-Study Practice

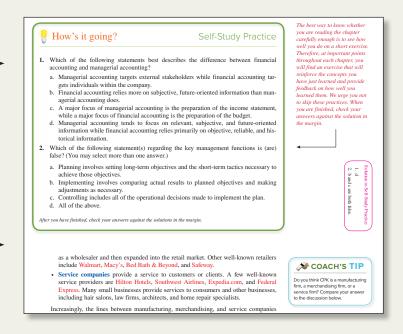
Research shows that students learn best when they actively engage in the learning process. Self-Study Practice quizzes ask students to pause at critical points throughout each chapter to ensure they understand the material presented before moving ahead.

Coach's Tips

Every student needs encouragement and Coach's Tips are just one of the ways *Managerial Accounting* fulfills that need. Coach's Tips appear throughout the text offering tips, advice, and suggestions about how to learn the key concepts.

Spotlight Features

Each chapter includes Spotlight features focusing on important concepts, such as decision making or ethics. These features are designed to further engage students and provide instructors with material for in-class discussion. **New** to this edition are **Spotlight on Sustainability** features that highlight how sustainability can affect how managers make decisions.





- Spotlight on Decision Making—Good decision making is essential in business, whether you are preparing, using, or analyzing accounting information. Spotlight on Decision Making features use real-world examples to illustrate the relevance of accounting to decision making.
- **Spotlight on Ethics**—Making ethical business decisions is more crucial than ever. Spotlight on Ethics features convey the importance of acting responsibly in business.
- Spotlight on Service—The majority of today's students will graduate prepared to take a job in the country's ever-growing service sector. Spotlight on Service features describe how key managerial accounting topics are applied in service settings.
- Spotlight on Sustainability—Sustainability is a growing area of concern for businesses. **New** Spotlight on Sustainability features describe how and why managers in modern organizations make decisions based on more than economic results, including measures of environmental performance and societal impact.

Review and Practice Material Build a

Each chapter of *Managerial Accounting* is followed by an extensive variety of end-of-chapter material that examines and integrates concepts presented in the chapter.

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The text is very well written and makes many of the difficult concepts accessible to students....

The end of chapter material is also written at several levels and allows the instructor to mix and match learning objectives and difficulty levels to create challenging but informative assignments.

-Kristian Mortenson, Oregon State University

Demonstration Case

End-of-chapter review material begins with a demonstration case that provides another self-study opportunity for students. The demonstration case is practice material that mimics what students will see in the homework. The accompanying solution allows students to check their understanding of the material before completing and submitting homework for a grade. It can also serve as a study tool for exams.

PEMONSTRATION CASE Barnaby's Bicycle Company manufactures high-quality mountain bikes. The company's managerial accountant has come to you for help. She needs to classify and identify each of the following costs before she can calculate the cost to produce each mountain bike. Classify each of the costs listed in the chart on the following page into three categories based on the following questions: 1. Can this cost be directly and conveniently traced to each bicycle that is manufactured, or is doing so either not possible or not worth the effort? 2. Is this cost related to manufacturing the bicycles? If so, what type of cost is it? Or is it a non-manufacturing or period expense? 3. Will the total cost vary with the number of bicycles manufactured and sold, or will it remain the same regardless of how many bikes are produced and sold?



Chapter Summary by Learning Objectives

Each chapter concludes with an end-ofchapter summary that revisits the learning objectives from the beginning of the chapter.

Key Terms

Each chapter includes a list of the key terms introduced in the chapter and page references for those terms. Full definitions for all key terms are found in the back of the text. KEY TERMS

Actual Manufacturing Overhead p. 58

Allocation Base p. 50

Cost Driver p. 50

Cost of Goods Completed p. 57

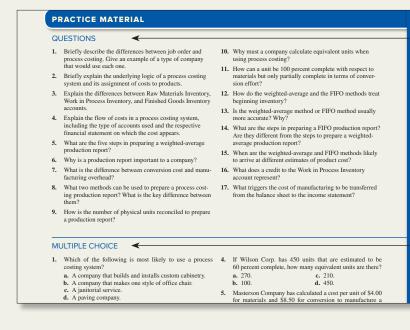
Cost of Goods Manufactured p. 57

Cost of Goods Sold p. 53

Direct Labor Time Ticket p. 49 Finished Goods Inventory p. 53 Indirect Materials p. 53 Job Cost Sheet p. 49 Job Order Costing p. 46 Materials Requisition Form p. 48 Overapplied Overhead p. 60 Predetermined Overhead Rate p. 50 Process Costing p. 45 Raw Materials Inventory p. 53 Underapplied Overhead p. 60 Work in Process Inventory p. 53

CHAPTER 2 Job Order Costing

Strong Foundation for Future Success



Questions

Each chapter includes 10—20 questions that ask students to explain and discuss terms and concepts from the chapter. These open-ended questions provide a great jumping off point for class discussion.

Multiple-Choice Questions

Each chapter includes 10 multiple-choice questions that let students practice basic concepts. Solutions for all questions are provided in the back of the text.

Mini-Exercises

Mini-exercises in each chapter illustrate and ask students to apply learning objectives from the chapter to a simple scenario.





Exercises

Exercises illustrate and ask students to apply single and multiple learning objectives from the chapter. Animated, narrated Guided Examples that walk through a similar exercise in a step-by-step fashion are available for select exercises when enabled by instructors in Connect.

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The Whitecotton/Libby/Phillips text is a well-written book . . . The text uses companies that students are familiar with to illustrate managerial accounting concepts. It provides a variety of end-of-chapter questions as well as check-points throughout the chapters for students to use to gauge their level of understanding.

-Holly Sudano, Florida State University

Problems (Groups A and B) Each chapter includes two problem sets to help students develop decision-making skills. One set can be used in class and the other can be assigned for homework. | Course | C

Level-Up Questions



In each chapter, particularly challenging questions, designated by the level-up icon, require students to combine multiple concepts to advance to the next level of accounting knowledge.

Sustainability Questions



In select chapters, questions, designated by the sustainability leaf icon, require students to apply the chapter concepts in a sustainability-related context so that they will understand how the managerial accounting system can be expanded to focus managers' attention on more than economic results, including the impact of their decisions on the environment and society.

Skills Development Cases

Each chapter offers cases designed to help students develop critical thinking and communication skills. These cases allow for group discussions and projects.

Video cases ask students to watch a web-based video about a real product or service. Students use the concepts they learned throughout the chapter to answer questions about the video, bringing the concepts to life.

What's New in the Third Edition?

In response to feedback and guidance from numerous managerial accounting faculty, the authors have made many important changes to the third edition of *Managerial Accounting*, including the following:

- Integrated new focus companies, including Fetzer Vinyards and IKEA.
- Increased coverage of sustainability accounting and how the importance of three factors (people, profit, and planet) affect the triple bottom line, including adding a new Spotlight on Sustainability feature in select chapters.
- Edited each chapter to improve exposition and to clarify problem areas based on reviewer and student feedback.
- Reviewed and updated all end-of-chapter material, and enhanced material by adding:
 - · New Sustainability questions and designations.

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION TO MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING

Focus Company: California Pizza Kitchen

- Added section on sustainability accounting, including a new diagram that shows the historical importance of the three factors in the triple bottom line (people, profit and planet).
- Updated the discussion and Exhibit 1.3 of functions of management to refer to PIC (Planning, Implementing and Control).
- Updated statistics on the role of service and merchandising
 jobs, including a new exhibit which shows the dramatic trend
 in employment over the past 40 years. Added a coach's tip
 explaining why they need to know about manufacturing firms
 even if they are much more likely to go to work in a service
 or merchandising setting.
- Simplified Exhibit 1.4 showing direct and indirect costs in realworld companies.
- New supplement highlighting careers that depend on accounting knowledge (from Phillips).
- Added two **new** discussion questions and one **new** exercise on basic sustainability principles.
- Edited chapter to improve exposition and to clarify problem areas based on reviewer and student feedback.
- Reviewed and updated end-of-chapter material and solutions.

CHAPTER 2: JOB ORDER COSTING

Focus Company: Toll Brothers

- New spotlight on sustainability discussing sustainability issues in the construction industry.
- Added new exercise to illustrate how sustainability metrics can be incorporated into a job order cost system.
- Edited chapter to improve exposition and to clarify problem areas based on reviewer and student feedback.
- Reviewed and updated end-of-chapter material and solutions.

CHAPTER 3: PROCESS COSTING

Focus Company: Fetzer Vinyards

- New focus company: Fetzer Vinyards.
- New Spotlight on Sustainability highlighting Fetzer's initiatives to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills and the role of the accounting system is tracking sustainability metrics.
- Added new exercise to illustrate how Fetzer redesigned its bottling process to reduce the amount of glass used in each bottle, and how this improved the environmental and economic aspects of the triple bottom line.
- Edited chapter to improve exposition and to clarify problem areas based on reviewer and student feedback.
- Reviewed and updated end-of-chapter material and solutions.

CHAPTER 4: ACTIVITY-BASED COSTING AND COST MANAGEMENT

Focus Company: Toyota Motor Company

- New section on activity based management and sustainability, including a discussion of how an ABC system could be adapted to track sustainability metrics such as green house gas (GHG) emissions.
- New Spotlight on Sustainability highlighting some of Toyota's social-responsibility initiatives.
- New skills development case that involves identifying and measuring actual sustainability metrics from Toyota's corporate social responsibility and sustainability reports.
- Edited chapter to improve exposition and to clarify problem areas based on reviewer and student feedback.
- · Reviewed and updated end-of-chapter material and solutions.

CHAPTER 5: COST BEHAVIOR

Focus Company: Starbucks

 New Spotlight on Sustainability highlighting Starbuck's initiative to reduce the use of paper cups by encouraging customers to bring their own tumbler or mug.

- Added new exercise requiring students to predict how a sustainability initiative aimed at reducing variable costs would impact the contribution margin income statement.
- Edited chapter to improve exposition and to clarify problem areas based on reviewer and student feedback.
- Reviewed and updated end-of-chapter material and solutions.

CHAPTER 6: COST-VOLUME-PROFIT ANALYSIS

Focus Company: Starbucks

- New Spotlight on Sustainability highlighting the growing area of social entrepreneurship and describing how cost-volume-profit analysis can be used to analyze the economics of launching a social venture such as Toms "one for one" program.
- Added two **new** problems requiring students to apply multiproduct CVP to a social enterprise.
- Edited chapter to improve exposition and to clarify problem areas based on reviewer and student feedback.
- Reviewed and updated end-of-chapter material and solutions.

CHAPTER 7: INCREMENTAL ANALYSIS FOR SHORT-TERM DECISION MAKING

Focus Company: IKEA

- New focus company: IKEA.
- All new examples applying incremental analysis to IKEA products and services.
- New comprehensive demonstration case.
- Added sustainability to the discussion of strategic factors managers should incorporate into their decision making framework.
- New Spotlight on Sustainability highlighting the Global Reporting Initiative's (GRI) sustainability reporting standards and illustrating how select sustainability metrics could be factors into make-or-buy and keep-or-drop decisions.
- Added new requirement to two problems requiring students to analyze how a sustainability metric such as the percentage of spend from local suppliers would impact an outsourcing decision.
- Edited chapter to improve exposition and to clarify problem areas based on reviewer and student feedback.
- Reviewed and updated end-of-chapter material and solutions.

CHAPTER 8: BUDGETARY PLANNING

Focus Company: Cold Stone Creamery

- Edited chapter to improve exposition and to clarify problem areas based on reviewer and student feedback.
- · Reviewed and updated end-of-chapter material and solutions.

CHAPTER 9: STANDARD COSTING AND VARIANCES

Focus Company: Cold Stone Creamery

- Edited chapter to improve exposition and to clarify problem areas based on reviewer and student feedback.
- Reviewed and updated end-of-chapter material and solutions.

CHAPTER 10: DECENTRALIZED PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Focus Company: Apple

- Updated Apple data, including operating information, business strategy and financial results.
- New Spotlight on Sustainability describing three ways to incorporate sustainability metrics into the balanced scorecard.
- Updated transfer pricing example for Apple iPad Air price and cost information.
- Added two **new** problems requiring students to classify sustainability metrics into the four dimensions of the balanced scorecard.
- Edited chapter to improve exposition and to clarify problem areas based on reviewer and student feedback.
- Reviewed and updated end-of-chapter material and solutions.

CHAPTER 11: CAPITAL BUDGETING

Focus Company: Apple

- New case example applying capital budgeting methods to sustainability investments when resources are limited.
- Added two **new** problems requiring students to apply the capital budgeting methods to sustainability decisions.
- Edited chapter to improve exposition and to clarify problem areas based on reviewer and student feedback.
- Reviewed and updated end-of-chapter material and solutions.

CHAPTER 12: STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Focus Company: Under Armour Inc.

- · Updated focus company illustrations.
- Final section of chapter illustrates user analyses that are possible with direct method but not indirect method presentation.
- Deleted spreadsheet approach, previously in chapter supplement.

- Revised demonstration cases to be more consistent with approaches illustrated in chapter.
- Reviewed and updated all end-of-chapter material.

CHAPTER 13: MEASURING AND EVALUATING FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Focus Company: Lowe's

- Updated focus company analyses.
- Revised Exhibit 13.5 and related discussion to reflect changes made to all other chapters.

- **New** Spotlight on Decision Making to discuss impact of supply chain financing on current ratio.
- Updated discussion to reflect FASB's August 2014 going concern standards update.
- Reviewed and updated all end-of-chapter material.



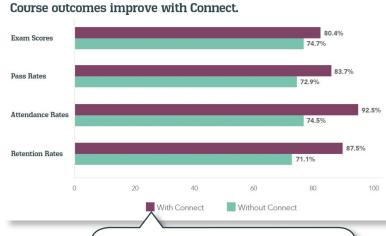
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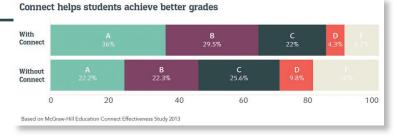
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End-of-chapter questions in Connect include:

- Mini-Exercises
- Exercises
- Group A Problems

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December	5.800	30	44.000	42.800		70

Interactive Presentations

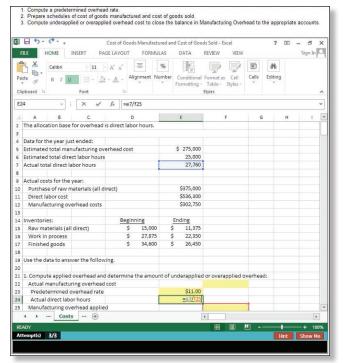
The interactive presentations provide engaging narratives of all chapter learning objectives in an assignable, interactive online format. They follow the structure of the text and are organized to match the specific learning objectives within each chapter of *Managerial Accounting*. While the interactive presentations provide additional explanation and enhancement of material from the text chapter, allowing students to learn, study, and practice with instant feedback at their own pace.

NEW! Excel Simulations

Simulated Excel questions, assignable within Connect, allow students to practice their Excel skills—such as basic formulas and formatting—within the content of financial accounting. These questions feature animated, narrated Help and Show Me tutorials (when enabled), as well as automatic feedback and grading for both students and professors.

Guided Examples

The Guided Examples in *Connect* provide a narrated, animated, step-by-step walkthrough of select exercises similar to those assigned. These short presentations can be turned on or off by instructors and provide reinforcement when students need it most.



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Managerial ACCOUNTING



Introduction to Managerial Accounting



At the beginning of each chapter, you'll see a list of learning objectives that identify the key topics you need to master. You can also use the list as an outline for taking notes as you read through the chapter.

YOUR LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- LO 1-1 Describe the key differences between financial accounting and managerial accounting.
- LO 1-2 Describe how managerial accounting is used in different types of organizations to support the key functions of management.
- LO 1-3 Describe the role of ethics in managerial decision making, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and sustainability accounting.
- LO 1-4 Define and give examples of different types of cost:

Out-of-pocket or opportunity costs

Direct or indirect costs

Variable or fixed costs

Manufacturing or nonmanufacturing costs

Product or period costs

Relevant or irrelevant costs



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FOCUS COMPANY: California Pizza Kitchen

From Legendary Pizza to a Global Brand

s you start what is probably your second accounting course, you may be wondering why you need to take yet another accounting class. Wasn't one course enough? Which of the following best describes your motivation for learning about managerial accounting?

Top 10 Reasons to Take a Managerial Accounting Course

- 10. Accounting is truly interesting and exciting.
- 9. I always wanted to be an accountant when I grow up.
- 8. My advisor said I had to take it.
- 7. Accountants get good-paying jobs, even in the worst economy.
- 6. The accountant is always the hero in action movies.
- 5. I want to get rich and stay that way.
- 4. The rich guy always gets the girl in romance movies.
- 3. I want to start my own business and need to create a business plan.
- 2. Accounting will fulfill my foreign language requirement. (It's Greek to me.)
- 1. I'm enrolled in an accounting course???

Whatever your reason for taking this course, it will come in handy at some point in your future. This is true regardless of your intended career path, whether it is to start your own business, work for a large corporation, go into politics, work in health care, become a fashion designer, teach high school, work on a farm, or start a charitable foundation. Accounting is the language of business, and understanding it will help you make better business and personal decisions.

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Throughout this book, you will see how managerial accounting is used by managers in real-world companies. Most of these companies sell a product or service that you encounter everyday, like a cup of Starbucks coffee, your iPhone, or the pizza you may have for lunch. Let's begin with a company that put a new spin on pizza with innovative flavors like BBQ chicken and Thai peanut sauce.

California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) was started in 1985 when two disillusioned attorneys, Larry Flax and Rick Rosenfield, decided to ditch their legal pads and open a restaurant in Beverly Hills, California. Their hearth-baked pizzas were an instant hit with an LA crowd seeking delicious and innovative food served in a casual but upscale setting. Since then, CPK has broadened its menu selection and expanded to more than 200 cities and 15 countries around the world. Today, you can enjoy one of CPK's delicious menu items in over 250 full-service restaurants; at CPK/ASAP "quick serve" stations in airports, universities, and sports arenas; or by purchasing a CPK pizza from the freezer of your local supermarket to bake at home.

As you read this chapter, try putting yourself in the shoes of one of the following managers:

- General manager responsible for the day-to-day operations of a CPK restaurant, including staffing, customer service, cost management, and compliance with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations.
- Kitchen manager responsible for preparing delicious food while controlling the cost of ingredients and training the kitchen staff.
- Purchasing manager responsible for buying the freshest ingredients at the lowest possible price, from both local and national suppliers.
- Regional manager responsible for the overall success of 25 CPK restaurants throughout the Pacific Northwest. Your annual performance evaluation is based on sales growth, profitability, and customer satisfaction.
- Senior executive responsible for expanding the CPK brand into new domestic and global markets.

Think about the types of decisions you would have to make in your chosen role and, most of all, the information you would need to make those decisions. Chances are that much of that information would come from the company's managerial accounting system.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CHAPTER

Role of managerial accounting in organizations

- Comparison of financial and managerial accounting
- Functions of management
- Types of organizations
- Ethics and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act
- Sustainability accounting

Role of cost in managerial accounting

- Cost terminology
- Direct versus indirect costs
- Variable versus fixed costs
- Manufacturing versus nonmanufacturing costs
- Product versus period costs
- Relevant versus irrelevant costs

At the start of each chapter, you'll find an organizational graphic that provides a visual framework to show how the chapter concepts fit together.

Role of Managerial Accounting in Organizations

The primary goal of any accounting system is to capture, summarize, and report useful information to users so that they can make informed decisions. The key difference between financial accounting and managerial accounting is the intended user of the information. **Financial accounting** information is aimed at **external users**, or those outside the organization such as investors, creditors, and regulators. **Managerial accounting** information is aimed at **internal users**, or those working inside the organization, such as business owners, managers, and employees.

Learning Objective 1-1

Describe the key differences between financial accounting and managerial accounting.

COMPARISON OF FINANCIAL AND MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING

Because the intended users of the information are different, there are several other differences between financial and managerial accounting. Accountants prepare external financial statements according to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), which provide external users certain advantages in terms of their comparability and objectivity. However, internal managers often need more detailed information than those financial reports can capture. Managers need information that is timely and relevant to the specific decision at hand. Rather than knowing what happened last year or last quarter, managers need to know what is happening today and be able to predict what will happen tomorrow. See Exhibit 1.1 for a summary of the key differences between financial accounting and managerial accounting.



Financial accounting is sometimes referred to as **external** reporting while managerial accounting is referred to as **internal** reporting. The difference is whether the intended users are inside or outside the company.

Throughout this text, we will provide you with tips to highlight explanations of selected topics. Please read them carefully. –

EXHIBIT 1.1

Differences between Financial and Managerial Accounting

Financial Accounting



Managerial Accounting



User perspective

Used by external parties, such as investors, creditors, and regulators

Used by internal parties, such as managers and employees

Types of reports

Classified financial statements prepared according to GAAP

Various internal reports, such as budgets, performance evaluations, and cost reports

Nature of information

Objective, reliable, historical

Subjective, relevant, future oriented

Frequency of reporting

Prepared periodically (monthly, quarterly, annually)

Prepared as needed, perhaps day-today or even in real time

Level of detail

Information reported for the company as a whole

Information reported at the decisionmaking level (by product, region, customer, or other business segment)

Left: $\ \ \ \$ Andersen Ross/Brand X/Corbis; Right: $\ \ \ \ \ \$ Robert Nicholas/Getty Images

To illustrate these differences, let's return to California Pizza Kitchen (CPK). Until 2011, CPK was a publicly traded company whose stock was listed on the NASDAQ stock exchange. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) requires all publicly traded companies to file quarterly and annual reports that include an income statement, balance sheet, statement of cash flows, and disclosures about the accounting methods used to prepare the financial statements. These reports are publicly available to anyone with an interest in the company, including government regulators, financial analysts, and investors who are considering buying or selling stock in the company. The year-end financial statements of publicly traded companies must be audited by an independent accounting firm, such as Ernst and Young or KPMG, to determine whether the reports were prepared according to GAAP.

In 2011, CPK was acquired for \$470 million by Golden Gate Capital, a private-equity firm that owns other well-known restaurant chains, such as On the Border. Because it is now privately owned, CPK is no longer required to report its financial results to the SEC and the public at large. The last time that CPK released financial results to the public was in April of 2011, shortly before being bought by Golden Gate Capital. Although the external financial statements provide a glimpse into the company's financial performance, they are probably not that relevant to most of CPK's managers and employees who are more concerned about the day to day operations of the business than the corporate financial statements. The results reported in the external financial statements are generally most relevant to the C-suite executives (CEO, CFO, etc.) who are directly responsible for the financial performance of the company and who must answer to the firm's shareholders and board of directors.

The managerial accounting system, in contrast, provides the more detailed information that managers "behind the scenes" need to do their jobs. This internally-oriented information is not publicly available and is generally considered to be proprietary in nature. Even so, we can gain some insight into the internal accounting system by considering statements made by managers in the press releases that often accompany the external financial statements. For example, in their final press release before the buyout, co-CEOs Rick Rosenfield and Larry Flax stated that they would improve future shareholder value by focusing on "menu-optimization," "cost management at both the restaurant and corporate level," "shifting the sales mix to higher margin items," "expanding international locations," and "new product introductions that are in line with health and wellness trends." The managerial accounting systems needs to capture and report information to the managers who are responsible for achieving these more specific objectives.

To better understand how managerial accounting is used, we must consider the various functions that managers perform and what types of information they need to do their jobs.

FUNCTIONS OF MANAGEMENT

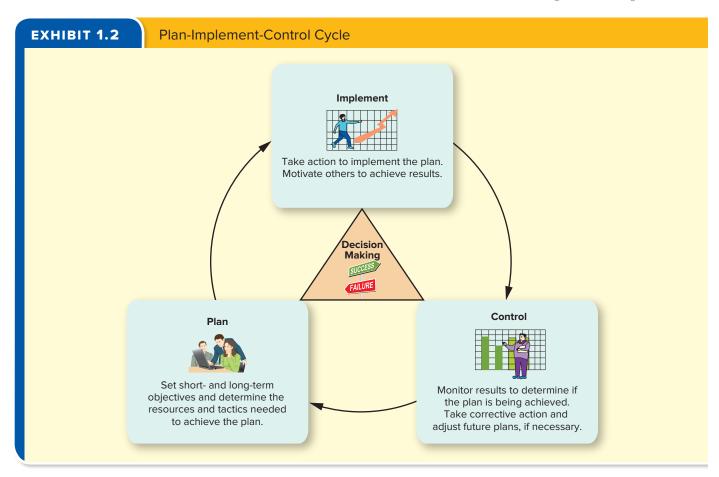
Regardless of the type and size of the organization they manage, all managers perform the same basic functions: Planning, Implementing, and Controlling. These functions are part of a continuous or ongoing cycle, called the Plan-Implement-Control cycle, as illustrated in Exhibit 1.2. Throughout this cycle, managers must make a variety of decisions, and the managerial accounting system must provide information to help them make those decisions.

- Planning is the future-oriented part of the management cycle. The first step in planning is to establish goals or objectives, along with the tactics that will be used to achieve those goals. Managers have to make a variety of "who, what, when, where, and how" decisions as they plan. For example: Who is my target customer? What product or service do they need and how much will they pay for it? Where and when will I provide the product and service? What resources will I need? Once managers know the answers to these questions, the next step is to create a **budget** that lays out the plan in monetary or financial terms. The budget helps managers organize their plan and ensure that they have the necessary resources to carry it out.
- Implementing means putting the plan into action. During the implementation phase, managers must lead, direct, and motivate others to achieve the objectives set in the

Learning Objective 1-2 Describe how managerial accounting is used in differ-

ent types of organizations to support the key functions of management.

¹Press Release May 5, 2011: "California Pizza Kitchen Announces Financial Results for the First Quarter



planning stage. The decisions made during the implementation phase are sometimes called operational decisions. For example: Who should I purchase supplies from? When do I need them? How many employees should I hire? How much should I pay them? How do I train them? Again, the managerial accounting system should provide useful information to help managers answer these and other questions.

Controlling is the final step in the management process. During the control phase, managers keep track of how they are doing and whether any actions must be taken to adjust the plan. The managerial accounting system plays a key role in helping managers measure and monitor the company's performance to see whether the planned objectives are being met. If not, managers may need to take corrective action to get back on track.

An easy way to think about the Plan-Implement-Control cycle is in terms of an air traffic control system. Before the flight, the pilot must file a flight **plan** that details when and where the plane will be flying. **Implementing** includes all of the actions the pilot takes to fly the plane. The pilot may fly the plane himself, or delegate it to a copilot. The **control** system includes the cockpit instruments the pilot uses to guide the plane, as well as the monitoring systems used by air traffic control. The goal of these control mechanisms is to make sure the plane does not deviate too far from the flight plan. When that happens, the system should provide a signal that the pilot needs to take corrective action.

To extend this analogy to the business world, managers are like pilots flying a plane and the managerial accounting system is the set of tools that help the pilot get the plane to its destination. The tools can be as simple as a report on a piece of paper, or as sophisticated as an information system that provides real-time data to managers on their handheld devices. These tools must provide timely, relevant, and accurate information to help managers do their jobs.

At California Pizza Kitchen, everyone from the kitchen manager to the CEO needs information to plan, implement, and control within their area of responsibility. Because the kitchen manager

will be making very different decisions than the CEO, the managerial accounting system must provide information for both day-to-day operational decisions and long-term strategic decisions.

In its last publicly released annual report, CPK provided the following statement of its overall strategic plan:

Our objective is to extend our leadership position in the restaurant and premium pizza market by selling innovative, high-quality pizzas . . . and related products and by providing exceptional customer service, thereby building a high degree of customer loyalty, brand awareness and superior returns for our stockholders. To reach these objectives, we plan to increase our market share by expanding our restaurant base in new and existing markets, leveraging our partnerships in nontraditional and retail channels and offering innovative menu items.²

As you can see, this high-level **plan** lays out the key factors that managers believe are important to the company's success—a high degree of customer loyalty, increased market share, and superior returns for stockholders. It also includes the tactics that managers will use to achieve these objectives—serve innovative food, provide excellent customer service, and expand into new and existing territories. One role of the managerial accounting system is to translate these goals into more specific and measurable objectives. For example, how will the company measure customer loyalty? What percentage increase in market share do managers want to achieve and in what time period? What is the target return on investment for shareholders?

Once managers have determined the objectives they want to achieve, they begin to **implement** the plan by buying raw materials, hiring workers, negotiating with suppliers, advertising new menu items, and serving food to customers. They might also provide incentives to motivate workers to achieve specific objectives. For example, they might give restaurant managers bonuses or perks for meeting targeted sales goals for new menu items.

To **control** the business, managers monitor various metrics that are relevant to their area of responsibility. If these metrics fall below expectations, managers should take corrective action. In the last annual report, CPK managers noted that "we regularly review the sales mix of our menu items and replace lower selling items in each category with new menu items once or twice per year. Because of our ability to quickly adapt our menu, we believe that we are able to meet our customers' changing tastes and expectations."³

As you can see, the managerial functions of planning, implementing, and controlling are interconnected. One function leads to another, and managers use feedback from the process to improve future decision making. Throughout, managers must make a variety of decisions and they need relevant, up-to-date information, including cost estimates, competitor pricing, market demand, and consumer preferences. Much of this information comes from the managerial accounting system.

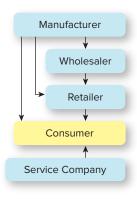
Before we move on, try the next Self-Study Practice to make sure you understand the major differences between financial and managerial accounting and the key functions of management.

TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS

Managerial accounting information is used by managers in all types of organizations: large and small, public and private, profit and nonprofit. Traditionally, businesses are classified into one of three categories:

- Manufacturing firms purchase raw materials from suppliers and convert them into finished products, such as Apple iPods, Harley Davidson motorcycles, Levi Strauss jeans, and Ford cars and trucks.
- Merchandising companies sell the goods that manufacturers produce. Merchandisers
 that sell exclusively to other businesses are called wholesalers. Merchandisers that
 sell to the general public are called retailers. For example, Sam's Club started out

Selling Goods and Services to Customers



²California Pizza Kitchen, Inc., Annual Report for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2011, Form 10-K, United States Securities and Exchange Commission, filed March 17, 2011.

³Ibid.



How's it going?

Self-Study Practice

- **1.** Which of the following statements best describes the difference between financial accounting and managerial accounting?
 - a. Managerial accounting targets external stakeholders while financial accounting targets individuals within the company.
 - b. Financial accounting relies more on subjective, future-oriented information than managerial accounting does.
 - c. A major focus of managerial accounting is the preparation of the income statement, while a major focus of financial accounting is the preparation of the budget.
 - d. Managerial accounting tends to focus on relevant, subjective, and future-oriented information while financial accounting relies primarily on objective, reliable, and historical information.
- **2.** Which of the following statement(s) regarding the key management functions is (are) false? (You may select more than one answer.)
 - a. Planning involves setting long-term objectives and the short-term tactics necessary to achieve those objectives.
 - b. Implementing involves comparing actual results to planned objectives and making adjustments as necessary.
 - c. Controlling includes all of the operational decisions made to implement the plan.
 - d. All of the above.

After you have finished, check your answers against the solutions in the margin.

The best way to know whether you are reading the chapter carefully enough is to see how well you do on a short exercise. Therefore, at important points throughout each chapter, you will find an exercise that will reinforce the concepts you have just learned and provide feedback on how well you learned them. We urge you not to skip these practices. When you are finished, check your answers against the solution in the margin.

2. b and c are both false.

as a wholesaler and then expanded into the retail market. Other well-known retailers include Walmart, Macy's, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Safeway.

• Service companies provide a service to customers or clients. A few well-known service providers are Hilton Hotels, Southwest Airlines, Expedia.com, and Federal Express. Many small businesses provide services to consumers and other businesses, including hair salons, law firms, architects, and home repair specialists.

Increasingly, the lines between manufacturing, merchandising, and service companies are becoming less clear. Many businesses, including California Pizza Kitchen, do not fall neatly into a single category. Some would consider CPK to be a service firm because it serves food to customers. Others would consider it a manufacturing company because it purchases raw materials (ingredients) and converts them into a finished product (a meal). And what about the frozen CPK pizzas that you can buy in your local supermarket? Those products are manufactured by Nestle, which pays CPK a royalty fee (percentage of sales revenue) to use its recipes and brand.

The bottom line is that CPK is not a pure manufacturing or service company. Unlike a traditional manufacturing company, a restaurant does not have a large inventory of work in process or finished goods available for sale. But unlike a traditional service industry that provides **intangible** services, a restaurant produces a tangible product (that you can see, feel, and taste) and sells it directly to the end consumer.

Still, the distinction between these types of businesses is important because, as we will see in later chapters, the focus of managerial accounting is somewhat different in manufacturing firms than in merchandising and service firms. In the past, managerial accountants focused much of their efforts on preparing reports to keep track of the costs of raw materials, labor, and other costs incurred to produce a physical product. Today, nonmanufacturing firms make up an increasingly large proportion of the marketplace. In 2011, the U.S. government



Do you think CPK is a manufacturing firm, a merchandising firm, or a service firm? Compare your answer to the discussion below.