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This book is dedicated to our students, whose questions have so frequently caused us to reevaluate our method of presentation that they have, in fact, become major contributors to the development of this text.



NOTE FROM THE AUTHORS





UNIQUE USER PERSPECTIVE

This text focuses on the development of decision-making skills. The decision-making emphasis is evident from a review of the table of contents. You will notice that topics related to decision making are placed first while procedural topics like manufacturing cost flow, job order, and process costing are placed at the end of our text. In addition, we have made an effort to reduce coverage of recording procedures. Indeed, you will notice that the text does not require the use of debits and credits. Accordingly, the text is a natural fit for schools that have decided to take a user-oriented approach for their introductory financial accounting course.

The text places an unusually heavy emphasis on service companies. For example, the budgeting chapter uses a merchandising business while most traditional texts use a manufacturing company. Using a service company is not only more relevant but also simplifies the learning environment, thereby making it easier for students to focus on budgeting concepts rather than procedural details. For a more detailed description of the unique features of this text, see the "How Does Edmonds Help Students See the Big Picture?" section on page x.

INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY

This text is accompanied by the most comprehensive set of *instructional videos* on the market today. These instructional videos explain the content associated with every learning objective introduced throughout the text. *The videos have been developed by a member of the author team.* They have the touch and feel of a live lecture as opposed to a canned PowerPoint presentation. The benefits are enormous. Videos allow students to pause for contemplation and note-taking. They permit students to repeat difficult concepts or fast forward through content they have mastered. In other words, videos enable self-paced learning. No longer is the lecture too fast for some and too slow for others. Now the lecture satisfies the needs of each individual student.

Many accounting educators have taught in professional exam prep courses that make extensive use of video lectures. Now you can bring that prep course learning approach into your everyday classroom. Here are some examples of how you can use instructional videos to improve the classroom environment.

Traditional Courses

You do not have to change the way you teach your class to reap many of the benefits available from video instruction. Students who have to miss class or who have trouble comprehending certain concepts can benefit from watching video lectures. Also, many students who attend class will be able to build confidence by watching videos that reinforce the concepts presented in class. Since the videos are tied directly to the learning objectives, you can develop a specific plan for students who are struggling with specific topics. Alternatively, you may offer video instruction to enable advanced students to cover additional topics.

Distance Learning Courses

One of the fastest growing markets in higher education today is Internet-based courses. Many students struggle with these courses. Generally, they would prefer to learn from a lecture but due to timing or location are unable to attend class.

Prerecorded video lectures solve this problem by allowing students to access lectures on demand. Until now the only way to provide video coverage was for the instructor to make personal recordings. Anyone who has tried this knows it is a time-consuming activity. We offer a standardized turn-key course that is composed of prerecorded instructional videos, student directed self-assessment quizzes, and instructor-generated evaluative exams. The instructor simply selects the learning objectives to be covered. There is no simpler way to develop a distance learning course.

Flip Courses

Instructional videos enable instructors to flip the traditional teaching model. Specifically, instead of providing a lecture in class and then assigning homework, *flip courses* deliver the lecture at home and use the classroom as a place for students to work problems and ask questions. The teacher's function moves from lecturer to coach and tutor. Without a requirement to deliver a lecture, the instructor is free to tutor students in small groups or individually. Instruction becomes more focused and individualized. Indeed, when coupled with Connect technology, instructors can obtain real-time feedback that allows them to identify and approach specific students who are having difficulty without disturbing those students who are able to digest the material independently.

Hybrid Courses

Many instructors are developing hybrid classes where some classes involve face-toface time with the instructor and other class time is devoted to group work, individualized instruction, case study, or other activities. This means there is less time for traditional lectures. Instructional videos are ideal for filling the lecture gap. Instructors can cover the key concepts in their lectures and leave the detailed presentation to the video lectures.

Mass Section Courses

Many schools deliver live lectures to mass section classes. Students then break into small groups that are led by teaching assistants or adjunct faculty. While this approach is cost-effective, it frequently results in dissatisfaction. Students often find it difficult to see and hear in large lecture halls. Also, the lecture must be set at an average pace that, by its nature, is too fast for many students and too slow for others. Prerecorded video lectures resolve these issues. They enable students to study the lecture before class. They can then bring questions about the lecture to the breakout sessions. Since videos eliminate the need for mass lectures, there is more time for students to meet in small groups where they are able to receive more individualized attention.

Competency-Based Learning Courses

Video instruction enables the implementation of a competency-based grading system. Since learning is self-paced, grades can be assigned on the basis of how far students go into the content as opposed to an averaging approach. For example, content could be divided into modules. Grades could be assigned based on the number of modules completed successfully. Weaker students could repeat lower-level modules while stronger students move on to more advanced topics. When you are no longer forced to move students through your class in a lock-step fashion, the potential for improving the learning environment is virtually limitless.

There are many different competency-based models that can be applied to introductory accounting. At this point, our objective is to introduce the general possibilities for improving learning. If you are interested in developing a specific competency-based approach for your classroom, you can speak directly with a member of the author team who has used videos in a variety of settings (contact information is provided below). Standardized lesson plans that can be adapted for use in your individual classroom are available upon request. These are only a few opportunities made possible by video lectures. If you would like to discuss these or other possible applications please contact Chris Edmonds at **cedmonds@gmail.com**.

INSTRUCTORS' RESOURCE KIT (IRK)

As many students choose to adopt the electronic version of textbooks, instructors are beginning to face a situation where students do not have textbooks available in the classroom. Accordingly, working a particular exercise or problem in class is frustrated by the fact that students do not have access to the exercise and problems being worked. To resolve this issue we now offer an *Instructors' Resource Kit (IRK)*.

The IRK includes a general set of instructions for how to conduct flipped, online, and hybrid classes. It has a chapter-by-chapter Microsoft Word document that contains an *instructor version* of all B set exercises and problems. The corresponding solution is shown directly below each exercise and problem. The matching of exercises and problems with solutions makes it easy for instructors to toggle between the items and the solution when making classroom presentations. An example of Exercise 2-7B instructor version appears as follows.

Exercise 2-7B Fixed versus variable cost behavior (LO 2-1)

Shawn Corder needs extra money quickly to help cover some unexpected school expenses. Mr. Corder has learned fortune-telling skills through his long friendship with Fred Molloy, who tells fortunes during the day at the city market. Mr. Molloy has agreed to let Mr. Corder use his booth to tell fortunes during the evening for a rent of \$90 per night.

Required

a. What is the total and per customer booth rental cost if the number of customers is 5, 10, 15, 20, or 25? Round your figures to 2 decimal points.

| Number of Customers (a) | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total rental cost (b) | \$90 | \$90 | \$90 | \$90 | \$90 |
| Cost per customer (b) ÷ (a) | \$18.00 | \$9.00 | \$6.00 | \$4.50 | \$3.60 |

b. Is the cost of renting the fortune-telling booth fixed or variable relative to the number of customers?

Since the cost of renting the booth is \$90 regardless of the number of customers, it is a fixed cost.

The IRK also includes a separate chapter-by-chapter Word document that contains a *student version* of the B set of exercises and problems. These documents show each exercise and problem with a corresponding working paper directly below it. For example, Exercise 2-7B student version appears as follows.

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Since the IRK is composed in Microsoft Word, instructors can easily "cut and paste" the materials to customize content for their particular classes. Materials can be delivered to students through electronic files or printouts. Also, the Word format enables the development of customized electronic overhead slides with pop-up solutions, thereby eliminating the need for chalkboard presentations. Not only will you avoid the annoying chalk dust, but your students will appreciate a presentation that perfectly matches their working paper forms. The IRK contains a video that shows you how to implement this very attractive feature.

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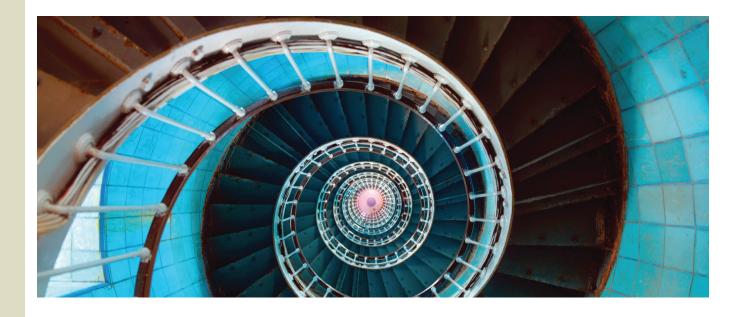


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HOW DOES EDMONDS HELP



"This text is the 'gold standard' for managerial accounting courses both in undergraduate business programs and MBA programs. I appreciate that it's scalable in that I can teach a variety of groups of students from the same text by altering the exercises, problems, cases, Connect exercises, and supplemental materials I provide the students."

ROBERT CORNELL, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

"I believe this text is a bit easier and more interesting to read than many other Managerial texts. Plus, it has a heavy focus on real business decision making."

> SCOTT PAXTON, VALENCIA COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL FEATURES

Our goal in writing this text is to teach students managerial accounting concepts that will improve their ability to make sound business decisions. The text differs from traditional managerial accounting books in the following ways.

Decision-Making Skills Emphasized

Notice that the table of contents places decision making first. Procedural topics like manufacturing cost flow, job order, and process costing are placed at the end of our text, while traditional books discuss these topics early. We put decision making front and center because we believe it is important. Beyond placement, we introduce topics within a decision-making context. For example, in Chapter 2 we introduce "cost behavior" within the context of operating leverage. We focus on how cost behavior affects decisions such as "Am I sure enough that volume will be high that I want to employ a fixed cost structure, or do I want to reduce operating leverage risk by building a variable cost structure?" Further, notice that Chapter 3 is written around a realistic business scenario where a management team is using CVP data to evaluate

STUDENTS SEE THE BIG PICTURE?

decision alternatives. Indeed, all chapters are written in a narrative style with content focused on decision-making scenarios. This makes the text easy to read and interesting as well as informative.

Service Companies Emphasized

For example, our budgeting chapter uses a merchandising business while most traditional texts use a manufacturing company. Using a service company is not only more relevant but also simplifies the learning environment, thereby making it easier for students to focus on budgeting concepts rather than procedural details. This is only one example of our efforts to place greater emphasis on service companies.

Isolating Concepts

How do you promote student understanding of concepts? We believe new concepts should be isolated and introduced individually in decision-making contexts. For example, we do not include a chapter covering cost terminology (usually Chapter 2 in traditional approaches). We believe introducing a plethora of detached cost terms in a single chapter is ineffective, as students have no conceptual framework for the new vocabulary.

Interrelationships between Concepts

Although introducing concepts in isolation enhances student comprehension of them, students must ultimately understand how business concepts interrelate. The text is designed to build knowledge progressively, leading students to integrate the concepts they have learned independently. For example, see how the concept of relevance is compared on page 255 of Chapter 6 to the concept of cost behavior (which is explained in Chapter 2) and how the definitions of direct costs are contrasted on page 154 of Chapter 4 with the earlier introduced concepts of cost behavior. Also, Chapters 1 through 12 include a comprehensive problem designed to integrate concepts across chapters. The problem builds in each successive chapter with the same company experiencing new conditions that require the application of concepts across chapters.

Context-Sensitive Nature of Terminology

Students can be confused when they discover the exact same cost can be classified as fixed, variable, direct, indirect, relevant, or not relevant. For example, the cost of a store manager's salary is fixed regardless of the number of customers that shop in the store. The cost of store manager salaries, however, is variable relative to the number of stores a company operates. The salary costs are directly traceable to particular stores but not to particular sales made in a store. The salary cost is relevant when deciding whether to eliminate a given store but not relevant when deciding whether to eliminate a department within a store. Students must learn to identify the circumstances that determine the classification of costs. The chapter material, "This book is excellent for the non-accounting major because it is user-oriented. This book actually interests non-accounting majors. I have seen many students actually get excited about what they are learning because they can relate the information to the real world."

JACQUELINE BURKE, HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

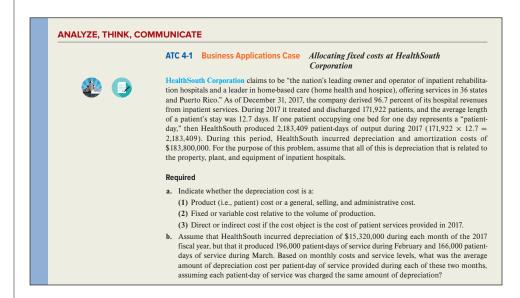
"I think Edmonds' approach to introducing concepts, and his flow of topics, is the best of any accounting textbook I have used. His approach allows me to emphasize a piece of the puzzle at a time [while] building to the whole picture."

GARY REYNOLDS, OZARK TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"One of the reasons I chose the Edmonds textbooks is because I have always enjoyed the 'horizontal statements model' used by Edmonds in his financial accounting textbooks. In my opinion, it gives the students a much better picture of how each business transaction affects the financial statements."

JEROLD K. BRAUN, DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE

exercises, and problems in this text are designed to encourage students to analyze the decision-making context rather than to memorize definitions. ATC 4-1 in Chapter 4 illustrates how the text teaches students to interpret different decision-making environments.



Corporate Governance

Accountants have always recognized the importance of ethical conduct. However, the enactment of Sarbanes–Oxley (SOX) has signaled the need for educators to expand the subject of ethics to a broader concept of corporate governance. We focus our expanded coverage on four specific areas, including:

- Quality of Earnings—We explain how financial statements can be manipulated.
- The *Statement of Ethical Professional Practice* for Management Accountants—Our coverage focuses on the policies and practices promulgated by the Institute of Management Accountants.
- The Fraud Triangle—We discuss the three common features of criminal and ethical misconduct, including opportunity, pressure, and rationalization.
- Specified Features of Sarbanes–Oxley (SOX)—We cover four key provisions of SOX that are applicable to managerial accountants.

Corporate governance is introduced in Chapter 1. This chapter includes four exercises, two problems, and one case that relate to the subject. Thereafter, a corporate governance case is included in every chapter, thereby enabling continuing coverage of this critically important topic.

"Given the current economic environment, [Edmonds'] extensive coverage of corporate governance is critical to accounting."

> PATRICK STEGMAN, COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY

Excel Spreadsheets

Spreadsheet applications are essential to contemporary accounting practice. Students must recognize the power of spreadsheet software and know how accounting data are presented in spreadsheets. We discuss Microsoft Excel spreadsheet applications where appropriate throughout the text. In most instances, the text illustrates actual spreadsheets. End-of-chapter materials include problems students can complete using spreadsheet software. A sample of the logo used to identify problems suitable for Excel spreadsheet solutions is shown here.

Problem 1-24A Service versus manufacturing companies

Wang Company began operations on January 1, Year 1, by issuing common stock for \$70,000 cash. During Year 1, Wang received \$88,000 cash from revenue and incurred costs that required \$65,000 of cash payments.

Required

Prepare a GAAP-based income statement and balance sheet for Wang Company for Year 1, under each of the following independent scenarios.

- a. Wang is a promoter of rock concerts. The \$65,000 was paid to provide a rock concert that produced the revenue.
 CHECK FIGURES
 a. Net income: \$23,000
- b. Wang is in the car rental business. The \$65,000 was paid to purchase automobiles. The automobiles b. Total assets: \$145,000 were purchased on January 1, Year 1, and have five-year useful lives, with no expected salvage value. c. Net income: \$54,500 Wang uses straight-line depreciation. The revenue was generated by leasing the automobiles.
- c. Wang is a manufacturing company. The \$65,000 was paid to purchase the following items:
 (1) Paid \$10,000 cash to purchase materials that were used to make products during the year.
 (2) Paid \$20,000 cash for wages of factory workers who made products during the year.
 - (3) Paid \$5,000 cash for salaries of sales and administrative employees.
 - (4) Paid \$30,000 cash to purchase manufacturing equipment. The equipment was used solely to make products. It had a three-year life and a \$6,000 salvage value. The company uses straightline depreciation.

"[The text is] easy to read and it is innovative for including Excel spreadsheets and the accounting template."

WEDE ELLIOTT-BROWNELL, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY/A&M COLLEGE



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HOW DOES EDMONDS

The Curious Accountant

In the first course of accounting, you learned how retailers, such as Target, account for the cost of equipment that lasts more than one year. Recall that the equipment was recorded as an asset when purchased, and then it was depreciated over its expected useful life. The depreciation charge reduced the company's assets and increased its expenses. This approach was justified under the matching principle,



which seeks to recognize costs as expenses in the same period that the cost (resource) is used to generate revenue.

Is depreciation always shown as an expense on the income statement? The answer may surprise you. Consider the following scenario. Skyrocket, LLC, manufactures the Sky Viper Streaming FPV Video Drone that it sells to Target. Assume that in order to produce the video drone, Skyrocket had to purchase a robotic machine that it expects can be used to produce 1,000,000 drones.

Do you think Skyrocket should account for depreciation on its manufacturing equipment the same way Target accounts for depreciation on its registers at the checkout counters? If not, how should Skyrocket account for its depreciation? Remember the matching principle when thinking of your answer. (Answer on

Answers to The Curious Accountant

As you have seen, accounting for depreciation related to manufacturing as-

sets is different from accounting for depreciation for nonmanufacturing assets. Depreciation on the checkout equipment at Target is recorded as depreciation expense. Depreciation on manufacturing equipment at Skyrocket is considered a product cost. It is included first as part of the cost of inventory and eventually as part of the expense, cost of goods sold. Recording depreciation on manufacturing equipment as an inventory cost is simply another example of the matching principle, because the cost does not become an expense until revenue from the product sale is recognized.

FOCUS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING VERSUS MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING-AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

This chapter has already explained some of the conceptual differences between financial and managerial accounting, but these differences have implications for international businesses as well. With respect to financial accounting, publicly traded companies in most countries must follow the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for their country, but these rules can vary from country to country. Generally, companies that are audited under the auditing standards of the United States follow the standards established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). Most companies located outside the United States follow the standards established by the International Accounting Standards Board (FASB). For example, the United States is one of very few countries whose GAP allow the use of the LIFO invertory cost flow



comment made over any me best of the curo intensity cost now Conversely, most of the managerial accounting concepts introduced in this course can be used by businesses in any country. For example, *activity-based costing* (ABC) is a topic addressed in Chapter 5 and is used by many companies in the United States. Additionally, while accrual-based earnings can differ depending on whether a company uses U.S. GAAP or IFRS, cash flow will not. As you will learn in this course, managerial accounting decisions often focus on cash flow versus accrual-based income. Therefore, managerial accounting concepts are more univergentiated for the counting decisions often focus on cash flow versus accrual-based income. Therefore, managerial accounting concepts

CHECK YOURSELF 1.5

A strike at a General Motors brake plant caused an almost immediate shutdown of many of the company's assembly plants. What could have caused such a rapid and widespread shutdown?

Answer A rapid and widespread shutdown could have occurred because General Motors uses a justin-time inventory system. With a JIT inventory system, there is no stockpile of inventory to draw on when strikes or other forces discupt inventory deliveries. This illustrates a potential negative effect of using a just-in-time inventory system.

Real-World Examples

This text provides a variety of thoughtprovoking, real-world examples of managerial accounting as an essential part of the management process.

The Curious Accountant

Each chapter opens with a short vignette that sets the stage and helps pique student interest. These vignettes pose a question about a real-world accounting issue related to the topic of the chapter. The answer to the question appears in a separate sidebar a few pages further into the chapter.

Focus on International Issues

These boxed inserts expose students to international issues in accounting.

Check Yourself

These short question/answer features occur at the end of each main topic and ask students to stop and think about the material just covered. The answer is then given to provide immediate feedback before students go on to a new topic.

"I especially like the Check Yourself and A Look Back/A Look Forward features because they help students to review and refresh topics as they progress through the chapter."

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ANNA L. LUSHER, SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY

"The Curious Accountant, the real-world examples, and the Check Yourself boxes are unique features."

RONALD REED, UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

MOTIVATE STUDENTS?

Reality Bytes

Real-world applications related to specific chapter topics are introduced through this feature. *Reality Bytes* may offer survey results, graphics, quotations from business leaders, and other supplemental topics that enhance opportunities for students to connect the text material to actual accounting practice.

REALITY BYTES

Unethical behavior occurs in most large organizations, but some organizations seem to have fewer ethics problems than others. In its 2015 report, **The State of Ethics in Large Companies**, the Ethics Resource Center reported its findings of the occurrences and reporting of unethical behavior in large American corporations, based on a survey it conducts every two years. — Forty-Twe percent of those surveyed reported having observed unethical conduct during the past year.

Forty-five percent of those surveyed reported having observed unethical conduct during the past year. This was the lowest level reported in the 17 years the survey has been conducted. Sixty-five percent of those who said they had observed misconduct went on to report it to their employer. However, fear of realiation for reporting misconduct was a concern. Of respondents who said they had reported misconduct at their companies, 22 percent said they had experienced some form of retaliation, such as being excluded from decision making.





The definition of ethical misconduct used in the study was quite broad, and included misuse of company time, abusive behavior, abusin company resources, lying to employees, and violating the company's policies for using the Internet.

For more information go to www.ethics.org.

Chapter Focus Company

Each chapter introduces important managerial accounting topics within the context of a realistic company. Students see the impact of managerial accounting decisions on the company as they work through the chapter. When the Focus Company is presented in the chapter, its logo is shown so the students see its application to the text topics.

A Look Back/A Look Forward

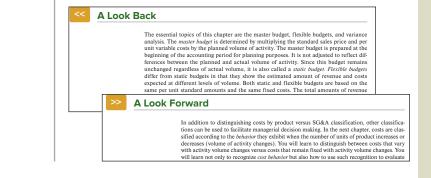
Students need a roadmap to make sense of where the chapter topics fit into the "whole" picture. *A Look Back* reviews the chapter material and *A Look Forward* introduces students to what is to come.

"By following one company through several situations as the chapter progresses, more of a 'real world' decision-making process is obtained."

ALEECIA HIBBETS, UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE

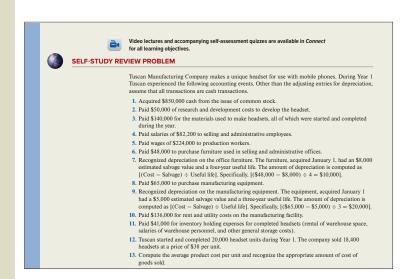
"I like the different approaches to have real-world examples and the problems within the chapter that show how to do things."

CHRISTINA WILLIAMS, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY



HOW ARE CHAPTER CONCEPTS

Regardless of the instructional approach, there is no shortcut to learning accounting. Students must practice to master basic accounting concepts. The text includes an ample supply of practice materials, exercises, and problems.



PROBLEMS-SERIES A

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Problem 8-18A Flexible budget planning

Howard Cooper, the president of Glacier Computer Services, needs your help. He wonders about the potential effects on the firm's net income if he changes the service rate that the firm charges its customers. The following basic data pertain to fiscal Year 3.

| Standard rate and variable costs | |
|---|----------|
| Service rate per hour | \$60.0 |
| Labor cost | 32.0 |
| Overhead cost | 5.7 |
| Selling, general, and administrative cost | 3.4 |
| Expected fixed costs | |
| Facility maintenance | \$320,00 |
| Selling, general, and administrative | 120,00 |

Required

- a. Prepare the pro forma income statement that would appear in the master budget if the firm expects to provide 30,000 hours of services in Year 3.
 b. A marketing consultant suggests to Mr. Cooper that the service rate may affect the number of ser-
- b. A marketing consultant suggests to Mr. Cooper that the service rate may affect the number of service hours that the firm can achieve. According to the consultant's analysis, if Glacier charges customers \$56 per hour, the firm can achieve 38,000 hours of services. Prepare a flexible budget using the consultant's assumption.

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Self-Study Review Problem

These representative example problems include a detailed, worked-out solution and provide another level of support for students before they work problems on their own. These review problems are included as animated audio presentations available in the *Connect Library*.

"End-of-chapter exercise and problem materials are varied and first rate."

DARLENE COARTS, UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

Exercise Series A & B and Problem Series A & B

There are two sets of problems and exercises, Series A and B. Instructors can assign one set for homework and use the other set for in-class work.

Check Figures

The figures provide a quick reference for students to check their progress in solving the problem. These are included for all problems in Series A.

Excel

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Many exercises and problems can be solved using the Excel spreadsheet templates located in the *Connect Library*. A logo appears in the margins next to these exercises and problems for easy identification.

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Analyze, Think, Communicate (ATC)



assignments. These work very well as an in-class activity."

CASSIE BRADLEY, DALTON STATE COLLEGE

Mastering Excel and Using Excel

The Excel applications are used to make students comfortable with this analytical tool and to show its use in accounting.

"The innovative end-of-chapter materials are especially on target as an aid to improving student critical thinking and writing skills. The Excel spreadsheet applications are also excellent real-world activities."

DAN R. WARD, UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA, LAFAYETTE

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Spreadsheet Tip

To center a heading across several columns, such as the Income Statement title, highlight the area to be centered (columns B, C, and D), choose Format, then choose Cells, and click on the tab ti-tled Alignment. Near the bottom of the alignment window, place a check mark in the box titled Merge cells.

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WHAT WE DID TO MAKE IT BETTER!

WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EDITION?

We thank our reviewers and focus group participants for their suggestions for the ninth edition. Many of these suggestions motivated the changes described as follows.

Chapter 1 Management Accounting and Corporate Governance

- Revised learning objective seven.
- Updated Curious Accountant feature.
- Revised horizontal financial statement model format to include statement titles for greater clarity.
- Added algorithmic questions to self-assessment quizzes associated with video lectures for all learning objectives.
- Updated exercises, problems, and ATC cases.

Chapter 2 Cost Behavior, Operating Leverage, and Profitability Analysis

- Reorganized chapter content to improve readability.
- New Curious Accountant feature.
- Updated two *Reality Bytes* features.
- New Focus on International Issues feature.
- Added algorithmic questions to self-assessment quizzes associated with video lectures for all learning objectives.
- Updated exercises, problems, and ATC cases.

Chapter 3 Analysis of Cost, Volume, and Pricing to Increase Profitability

- New Curious Accountant feature.
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Chapter 4 Cost Accumulation, Tracing, and Allocation

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Chapter 5 Cost Management in an Automated Environment: ABC, ABM, and TQM

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Chapter 6 Relevant Information for Special Decisions

- Updated Curious Accountant feature.
- Updated Reality Bytes feature.
- Added New *Reality Bytes* feature.
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Chapter 7 Planning for Profit and Cost Control

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Chapter 8 Performance Evaluation

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Chapter 9 Responsibility Accounting

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Chapter 11 Product Costing in Service and Manufacturing Entities

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Chapter 13 Financial Statement Analysis

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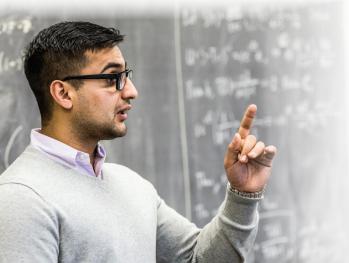
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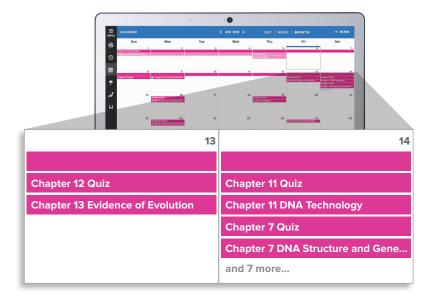
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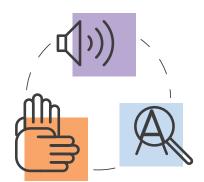
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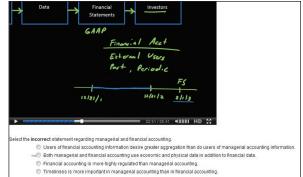


Online Assignments

Connect helps students learn more efficiently by providing feedback and practice material when and where they need it. *Connect* grades homework automatically and students benefit from the immediate feedback that they receive, particularly on any questions they may have missed. Also, select questions have been redesigned to test students' knowledge more fully. They now include tables for students to work through rather than requiring that all calculations be done offline.

Lecture Videos

One or more lecture videos are available for every learning objective introduced throughout the text. The videos have been developed by a member of the author team and have the touch and feel of a live lecture. The videos are accompanied by a set of self-assessment quizzes. Students can watch the videos and then test themselves to determine if they understand the material presented in the video. Students can repeat the process, switching back and forth between the video and self-assessment quizzes, until they are satisfied that they understand the material. Incorporating lecture videos as a resource for students to learn the material is great way to flip your classroom.



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| 4 | Data for the year just ended: | | | | | | | | | | |
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| LO | Purchase of raw materials | (all direct) | | | \$ | 375,000 | | | | | |
| 11 | Direct labor cost | | | | \$ | 536,300 | | | | | |
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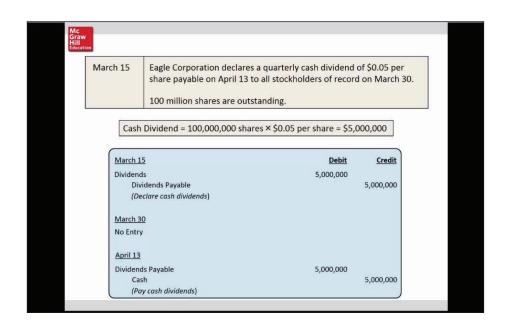
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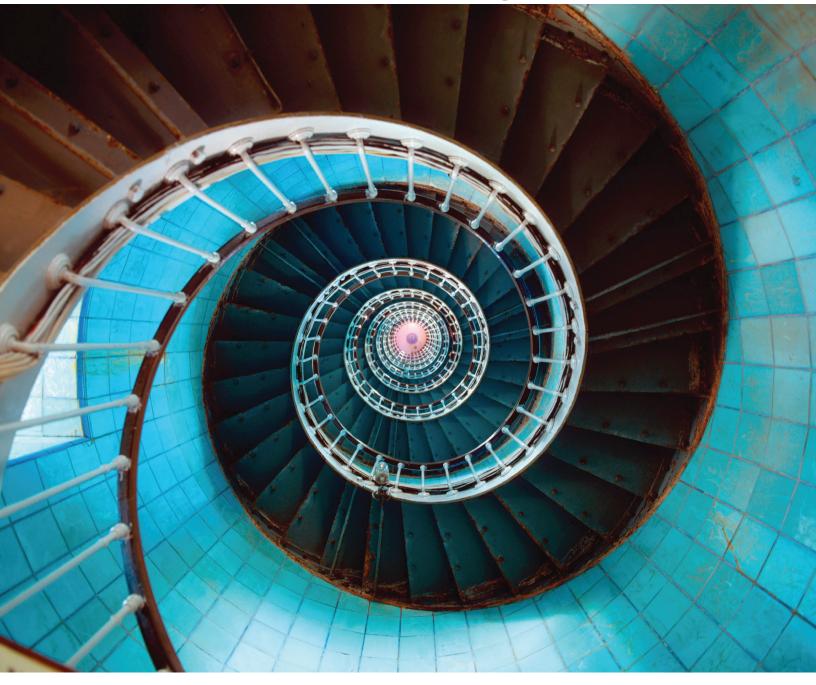
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Fundamental Managerial Accounting Concepts



CHAPTER 1

Management Accounting and Corporate Governance

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After you have mastered the material in this chapter, you will be able to:

LO 1-1 Distinguish between managerial and financial accounting. LO 1-2 Identify the cost of manufacturing a product. LO 1-3 Show how manufacturing product costs affect financial statements. LO 1-4 Compare the treatment of upstream, midstream, and downstream costs in manufacturing, service, and merchandising companies. LO 1-5 Show how just-in-time inventory can increase profitability. LO 1-6 Identify the key components of corporate governance. LO 1-7 Identify the key features of total quality management (TQM) and activity-based management (ABM). (Appendix).



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CHAPTER OPENING

Andy Grove, former CEO of Intel Corporation, is credited with the motto "Only the paranoid survive." Mr. Grove described a wide variety of concerns that made him paranoid. Specifically, he stated:

I worry about products getting screwed up, and I worry about products getting introduced prematurely. I worry about factories not performing well, and I worry about having too many factories. I worry about hiring the right people, and I worry about morale slacking off. And, of course, I worry about competitors. I worry about other people figuring out how to do what we do better or cheaper, and displacing us with our customers. Do Intel's historically based financial statements contain the information Mr. Grove needs? No. **Financial accounting** is not designed to satisfy all the information needs of business managers. Its scope is limited to the needs of external users such as investors and creditors. The field of accounting designed to meet the needs of internal users is called **managerial accounting**.

The Curious Accountant

In the first course of accounting, you learned how retailers, such as **Target**, account for the cost of equipment that lasts more than one year. Recall that the equipment was recorded as an asset when purchased, and then it was depreciated over its expected useful life. The depreciation charge reduced the company's assets and increased its expenses. This approach was justified under the matching principle,



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which seeks to recognize costs as expenses in the same period that the cost (resource) is used to generate revenue.

Is depreciation always shown as an expense on the income statement? The answer may surprise you. Consider the following scenario. **Skyrocket**, **LLC**., manufactures the Sky Viper Streaming FPV Video Drone that it sells to Target. Assume that in order to produce the video drone, Skyrocket had to purchase a robotic machine that it expects can be used to produce 1,000,000 drones.

Do you think Skyrocket should account for depreciation on its manufacturing equipment the same way Target accounts for depreciation on its registers at the checkout counters? If not, how should Skyrocket account for its depreciation? Remember the matching principle when thinking of your answer. (Answer on page 12.)



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Distinguish between managerial and financial accounting.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MANAGERIAL AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

While the information needs of internal and external users overlap, the needs of managers generally differ from those of investors or creditors. Some distinguishing characteristics are discussed in the following section.

Users and Types of Information

Financial accounting provides information used primarily by investors, creditors, and others *outside* a business. In contrast, managerial accounting focuses on information used by executives, managers, and employees who work *inside* the business. These two user groups need different types of information.

Internal users need information to *plan, direct,* and *control* business operations. The nature of information needed is related to an employee's job level. Lower-level employees use nonfinancial information such as work schedules, store hours, and customer service policies. Moving up the organizational ladder, financial information becomes increasingly important. Middle managers use a blend of financial and nonfinancial information, while senior executives concentrate on financial data. To a lesser degree, senior executives also use general economic data and nonfinancial operating information. For example, an executive may consider the growth rate of the economy before deciding to expand the company's workforce.

External users (investors and creditors) have greater needs for general economic information than do internal users. For example, an investor debating whether to purchase stock versus bond securities might be more interested in government tax policy than financial statement data. Exhibit 1.1 summarizes the information needs of different user groups.

Level of Aggregation

External users generally desire *global information* that reflects the performance of a company as a whole. For example, an investor is not so much interested in the performance of a particular Sears store as she is in the performance of **Sears Roebuck Company** versus that of **JCPenney Company**. In contrast, internal users focus on detailed information about specific subunits of the company. To meet the needs of the different user groups, financial accounting data are more aggregated than managerial accounting data.

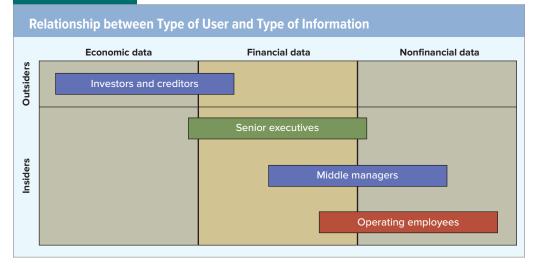


EXHIBIT 1.1

Regulation

Financial accounting is designed to generate information for the general public. In an effort to protect the public interest, Congress established the **Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)** and gave it authority to regulate public financial reporting practices. The SEC has delegated much of its authority for developing accounting rules to the private-sector **Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB)**, thereby allowing the accounting profession considerable influence over financial accounting reports. The FASB supports a broad base of pronouncements and practices known as **generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).** GAAP severely restrict the accounting procedures and practices permitted in published financial statements.



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Beyond financial statement data, much of the information generated by management accounting systems is proprietary information not available to the public. Since this information is not distributed to the public, it need not be regulated to protect the public interest. Management accounting is restricted only by the **value-added principle**. Management accountants are free to engage in any information gathering and reporting activity so long as the activity adds value in excess of its cost. For example, management accountants are free to provide forecasted information to internal users. In contrast, financial accounting as prescribed by GAAP does not permit forecasting.

Information Characteristics

While financial accounting is characterized by its objectivity, reliability, consistency, and historical nature, managerial accounting is more concerned with relevance and timeliness. Managerial accounting uses more estimates and fewer facts than financial accounting. Financial accounting reports what happened yesterday; managerial accounting reports what is expected to happen tomorrow.

Time Horizon and Reporting Frequency

Financial accounting information is reported periodically, normally at the end of a year. Management cannot wait until the end of the year to discover problems. Planning, controlling, and directing require immediate attention. Managerial accounting information is delivered on a continuous basis.

Exhibit 1.2 summarizes significant differences between financial and managerial accounting.

PRODUCT COSTING IN MANUFACTURING COMPANIES

A major focus for managerial accountants is determining **product cost.**¹ Managers need to know the cost of their products for a variety of reasons. For example, **cost-plus pricing** is a common business practice.² **Product costing** is also used to control business operations. It is useful in answering questions such as: Are costs higher or lower than expected? Who is responsible for the variances between expected and actual costs? What actions can be taken to control the variances?



Identify the cost of manufacturing a product.

Components of Product Cost

Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) recognize three types of cost that are incurred in the process of making products. Specifically, the company must pay for (1) the

¹This text uses the term *product* in a generic sense to mean both goods and services. ²Other pricing strategies will be introduced in subsequent chapters.

EXHIBIT 1.2

| Comparative Features o | of Managerial versus Financial A | Accounting Information |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Features | Managerial Accounting | Financial Accounting |
| Users | Insiders, including executives, managers, and operators | Outsiders, including investors, creditors, government agencies, analysts, and reporters |
| Information type | Economic and physical data as well as financial data | Financial data |
| Level of aggregation | Local information on subunits of the organization | Global information on the company as a whole |
| Regulation | No regulation, limited only by the value-added principle | Regulation by SEC, FASB, and other determiners of GAAP |
| Information characteristics | Estimates that promote relevance and enable timeliness | Factual information that is characterized by objectivity, reliability, consistency, and accuracy |
| Time horizon | Past, present, and future | Past only, historically based |
| Reporting frequency | Continuous reporting | Delayed, with emphasis on annual reports |

materials used to make the products, (2) the *labor* used to transform the materials into products, and (3) the **overhead** (other resources such as utilities and equipment consumed in the process of making the products). If the company stores its products, the costs of the materials, labor, and overhead used in making the products are maintained in an inventory account until the products are sold. For a detailed explanation of how product costs flow through the financial statements, refer to the following example of Tabor Manufacturing Company.

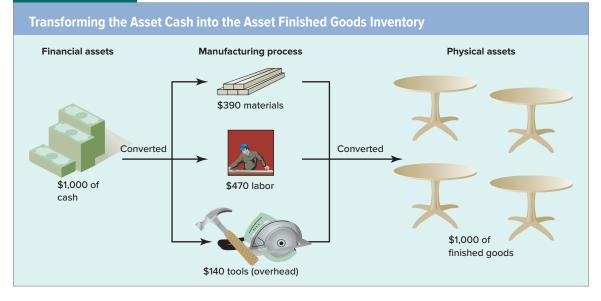
Tabor Manufacturing Company

Tabor Manufacturing Company makes wooden tables. The company spent \$1,000 cash to build four tables: \$390 for materials, \$470 for a carpenter's labor, and \$140 for tools used in making the tables. How much is Tabor's expense? The answer is zero. The \$1,000 cash has been converted into products (four tables). The cash payments for materials, labor, and tools (overhead) were *asset exchange* transactions. One asset (cash) decreased while another asset (tables) increased. Tabor will not recognize any expense until the tables are sold; in the meantime, the cost of the tables is held in an asset account called **Finished Goods Inventory**. Exhibit 1.3 illustrates how cash is transformed into inventory.

Average Cost per Unit

How much did each table made by Tabor cost? The *actual* cost of each of the four tables likely differs. The carpenter probably spent a little more time on some of the tables than others. Material and tool usage probably varied from table to table. Determining the exact cost of each table is virtually impossible. Minute details such as a second of labor time cannot be effectively measured. Even if Tabor could determine the exact cost of each table, the information would be of little use. Minor differences in the cost per table would make no difference in pricing or other decisions management needs to make. Accountants therefore normally calculate cost per unit as an *average*. In the case of Tabor Manufacturing, the **average cost** per table is $$250 (\$1,000 \div 4 \text{ units})$. Unless otherwise stated, assume *cost per unit* means *average cost per unit*.





CHECK YOURSELF 1.1

All boxes of **General Mills**' Total Raisin Bran cereal are priced at exactly the same amount in your local grocery store. Does this mean that the actual cost of making each box of cereal was exactly the same?

Answer No, making each box would not cost exactly the same amount. For example, some boxes contain slightly more or less cereal than other boxes. Accordingly, some boxes cost slightly more or less to make than others do. General Mills uses average cost rather than actual cost to develop its pricing strategy.

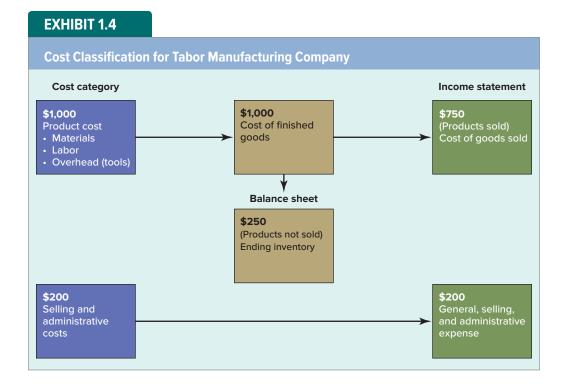
Costs Can Be Assets or Expenses

It might seem odd that wages paid to production workers are recorded as inventory instead of being expensed. Remember, however, that expenses are assets used in the process of *earning revenue*. The cash paid to production workers is not used to produce revenue. Instead, the cash is used to produce inventory. Revenue will be earned when the inventory is used (sold). So long as the inventory remains on hand, all product costs (materials, labor, and overhead) remain in an inventory account.

When a table is sold, the average cost of the table is transferred from the Inventory account to the Cost of Goods Sold (expense) account. If some tables remain unsold at the end of the accounting period, part of the *product cost* is reported as an asset (inventory) on the balance sheet while the other part is reported as an expense (cost of goods sold) on the income statement.

Costs that are not classified as product costs are normally expensed in the period in which they are incurred. These costs include *general operating costs, selling and administrative costs, interest costs, and the cost of income taxes.*

To illustrate, return to the Tabor Manufacturing example. Recall that Tabor made four tables at an average cost per unit of \$250. Assume Tabor pays an employee who sells three of the tables a \$200 sales commission. The sales commission is expensed immediately. The total product cost for the three tables (3 tables \times \$250 each = \$750) is expensed on the income statement as cost of goods sold. The portion of the total product cost remaining in inventory



is \$250 (1 table \times \$250). Exhibit 1.4 shows the relationship between the costs incurred and the expenses recognized for Tabor Manufacturing Company.

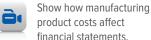
PRODUCT COSTS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We illustrate accounting for product costs in manufacturing companies with Patillo Manufacturing Company, a producer of ceramic pottery. Patillo, started on January 1, Year 1, experienced the following accounting events during its first year of operations.³ Assume that all transactions except 6, 8, and 10 are cash transactions.

- 1. Acquired \$15,000 cash by issuing common stock.
- 2. Paid \$2,000 for materials that were used to make products. All products started were completed during the period.
- 3. Paid \$1,200 for salaries of selling and administrative employees.
- 4. Paid \$3,000 for wages of production workers.
- 5. Paid \$2,800 for furniture used in selling and administrative offices.
- 6. Recognized depreciation on the office furniture purchased in Event 5. The furniture was acquired on January 1, had a \$400 estimated salvage value, and a four-year useful life. The annual depreciation charge is \$600 [(\$2,800 \$400) ÷ 4].
- 7. Paid \$4,500 for manufacturing equipment.
- 8. Recognized depreciation on the equipment purchased in Event 7. The equipment was acquired on January 1, had a \$1,500 estimated salvage value, and a three-year useful life. The annual depreciation charge is \$1,000 [(\$4,500 − \$1,500) ÷ 3].
- **9.** Sold inventory to customers for \$7,500 cash.
- 10. The inventory sold in Event 9 cost \$4,000 to make.

³This illustration assumes that all inventory started during the period was completed during the period. Patillo therefore uses only one inventory account, Finished Goods Inventory. Many manufacturing companies normally have three categories of inventory on hand at the end of an accounting period: Raw Materials Inventory, Work in Process Inventory (inventory of partially completed units), and Finished Goods Inventory. Chapter 11 discusses these inventories in greater detail.

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EXHIBIT 1.5

| Effect | Effect of Product versus Selling and Administrative Costs on Financial Statements | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---|---|-----------|---|------------------|---|-------------------|---|--------------|--------|---------------|-------|------------------|-------|---|----------|--|
| | Balance Sheet | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Assets | | | | | | | | | Equity | | | Income Statement | | | | |
| Event No. | Cash | + | Inventory | + | Office Furn.* | + | Manuf. Equip.* | = | Com. Stk. | + | Ret. Earn. | Rev. | _ | Exp. | = | Net Inc. | |
| 1 | 15,000 | + | NA | + | NA | + | NA | = | 15,000 | + | NA | NA | _ | NA | = | NA | |
| 2 | (2,000) | + | 2,000 | + | NA | + | NA | = | NA | + | NA | NA | _ | NA | = | NA | |
| 3 | (1,200) | + | NA | + | NA | + | NA | = | NA | + | (1,200) | NA | _ | 1,200 | = | (1,200) | |
| 4 | (3,000) | + | 3,000 | + | NA | + | NA | = | NA | + | NA | NA | _ | NA | = | NA | |
| 5 | (2,800) | + | NA | + | 2,800 | + | NA | = | NA | + | NA | NA | _ | NA | = | NA | |
| 6 | NA | + | NA | + | (600) | + | NA | = | NA | + | (600) | NA | _ | 600 | = | (600) | |
| 7 | (4,500) | + | NA | + | NA | + | 4,500 | = | NA | + | NA | NA | _ | NA | = | NA | |
| 8 | NA | + | 1,000 | + | NA | + | (1,000) | = | NA | + | NA | NA | _ | NA | = | NA | |
| 9 | 7,500 | + | NA | + | NA | + | NA | = | NA | + | 7,500 | 7,500 | _ | NA | = | 7,500 | |
| 10 | NA | + | (4,000) | + | NA | + | NA | = | NA | + | (4,000) | NA | _ | 4,000 | = | (4,000) | |
| Totals | 9,000 | + | 2,000 | + | 2,200 | + | 3,500 | = | 15,000 | + | 1,700 | 7,500 | _ | 5,800 | = | 1,700 | |

*Negative amounts in these columns represent accumulated depreciation.

The effects of these transactions on the balance sheet and income statement are shown in Exhibit 1.5. Study each row in this exhibit, paying particular attention to how similar costs such as salaries for selling and administrative personnel and wages for production workers have radically different effects on the financial statements. The example illustrates the three elements of product costs—materials (Event 2), labor (Event 4), and overhead (Event 8). These events are discussed in more detail as follows.

Materials Costs (Event 2)

Materials used to make products are usually called **raw materials**. The cost of raw materials is first recorded in an asset account (Inventory). The cost is then transferred from the Inventory account to the Cost of Goods Sold account at the time the goods are sold. Remember that materials cost is only one component of total manufacturing costs. When inventory is sold, the combined cost of materials, labor, and overhead is expensed as *cost of goods sold*. The costs of materials that can be easily and conveniently traced to products are called **direct raw materials** costs.

Labor Costs (Event 4)

The salaries paid to selling and administrative employees (Event 3) and the wages paid to production workers (Event 4) are accounted for differently. Salaries paid to selling and administrative employees are expensed immediately, but the cost of production wages is added to inventory. Production wages are expensed as part of cost of goods sold at the time the inventory is sold. Labor costs that can be easily and conveniently traced to products are called **direct labor** costs. The cost flow of wages for production employees versus salaries for selling and administrative personnel is shown in Exhibit 1.6.

Overhead Costs (Event 8)

Although depreciation cost totaled \$1,600 (\$600 on office furniture and \$1,000 on manufacturing equipment), only the \$600 of depreciation on the office furniture is expensed directly on the income statement. The depreciation on the manufacturing equipment is split between the income statement (cost of goods sold) and the balance sheet (inventory). The depreciation cost flow for the manufacturing equipment versus the office furniture is shown in Exhibit 1.7.