



# Fundamentals of FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

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# Dedicated to

Barb, Harrison, and Daniel, my Mom, and (memory of) my Dad.

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Courtesy of Robert Libby

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# **Engaging Students** with Real-World Context and Business

One of the most widely used introductory accounting textbooks, Phillips, *Fundamentals of Financial Accounting* focuses on four key attributes:

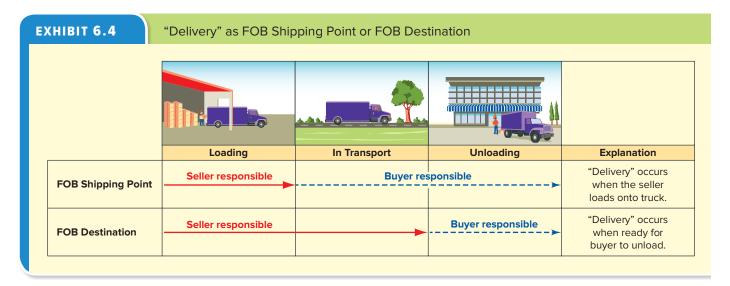
- Engaging Writing and Illustrations
- Data-Driven Pedagogy
- Entrepreneurial Approach
- Video Asset Variety

Phillips does an excellent job of writing at a level the average student will understand. [The authors]... know how to engage the students by using real companies; discussing relevant current events; using colorful, enticing-to-read graphs that are efficient at making a point; and most importantly, they know the frequent misconceptions and typical issues students have.

-Nancy Lynch, West Virginia University

#### **Engaging Writing and Illustrations**

Not all students learn financial accounting easily. In today's fast-paced world, it can be difficult to keep both majors and nonmajors focused on how accounting is relevant to them and their future careers. Through clear and engaging writing paired with vibrant illustrations, the financial decisions that companies make and the financial statements that they use come alive for students. The Phillips text helps students see the big picture of how accounting relates to the real world—their world.





# **Driving Learning** with Clear, Effective, and Innovative Ideas

#### Data-Driven Pedagogy: A Proven Teaching and Learning Methodology

Faculty agree that for students studying financial accounting, the accounting cycle is the most critical topic to learn and master. The approach to this topic in the Phillips text is based on the belief that students struggle with the accounting cycle when transaction analysis is covered in one chapter. If students are exposed to the accounting equation, journal entries, and T-accounts for both balance sheet and income statement accounts in a single chapter, they can feel overwhelmed and are unable to grasp material in the next chapter, which typically covers adjustments and financial statement preparation.

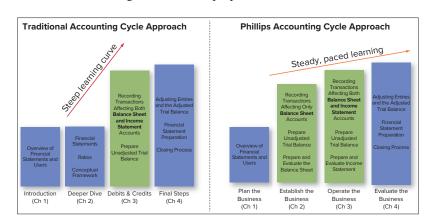
The authors' peer-reviewed research on various approaches to teaching the accounting cycle informed the step-by-step model used in the text—a model proven to lead to better results in short-term assessment as well as in long-term understanding and application of the material. In a study published in *Issues in Accounting Education*, author Fred Phillips and his research partner Lindsay Heiser studied the effects of teaching the accounting cycle by initially restricting the scope of transactions to only those affecting balance sheet accounts, while waiting to introduce transactions involving both balance sheet and income statement accounts until later.

The results showed that students who learned the accounting cycle via the scaffolded approach were better able to prepare journal entries on similar types of transactions both immediately and one week later. Importantly, these same students later performed just as well on complex transactions affecting balance sheet *and* income statement accounts despite having had less practice with them. The scaffolded accounting cycle approach that proved so effective in this study is the same that is used in *Fundamentals of Financial Accounting*, helping students to "work smarter," and better preparing them for success in financial accounting and beyond.

The graphic below shows how, unlike other texts, Phillips spreads transaction analysis coverage over two chapters so that students have the time to master the material. In Chapter 2, students are exposed to the accounting equation and transaction analysis for transactions that affect only balance sheet accounts. This provides students with the opportunity to learn the basic structure and tools used in accounting in a simpler setting. In Chapter 3, students are exposed to more complex transactions that affect both balance sheet and income statement accounts. As a result of this progressive approach to transaction analysis, students learn more, as documented in peer-reviewed research.\* This innovative organization also prepares students to better understand

adjustments, financial statement preparation, and more advanced topics.

In addition, the accounting cycle approach used here tells a natural business story—one that would be familiar to any modern entrepreneur. From planning and establishing the business to opening and evaluating the business, the first few chapters clearly break out each key stage in starting a company. The accounting cycle coverage steadily unfolds as students move along this company's journey, allowing them to keep pace and absorb how accounting events unfold in the real world of business.



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[The topics covered in the first three chapters are] the toughest for students and require the most practice. Phillips understands this and expertly navigates through the two statements and demonstrates how the two interconnect and depend upon each other, setting the stage for an easier adjustment and closing process ahead.

-Margaret Costello Lambert, Oakland Community College



# **Modern Businesses Engage Students**



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Written in clear, understandable language . . . The multiple real-world examples, colorful and "clean" exhibits, as well as other illustrations enhance the student's learning process by making the information relevant and understandable. The "building block" approach allows the student to gain a solid understanding of the fundamentals of each chapter before moving on to the next.

-Muriel Anderson, SUNY-Buffalo

# Entrepreneurial Approach: Inspiring Students

The authors of *Fundamentals of Financial Accounting* understand the challenges instructors face and the need for a financial accounting text that is relevant, easy to read, and current.

Fundamentals of Financial Accounting responds by using carefully chosen focus companies that students recognize and engage with in their everyday lives. From tech start-ups to some of the world's most familiar trademark brands, each chapter opens with an engaging scenario or story using a familiar company. The same focus company, such as Walmart, Cedar Fair, American Eagle, National Beverage, Under Armour, or General Mills, 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.

Today's students have grown up hearing about start-up culture, and many are entrepreneurially minded having seen the rise of Apple, Facebook, and the "gig economy." The authors showcase accounting's relevance by using Noodlecake Studios, a digital start-up, as the company profiled in Chapters 1–4. With this example, students see how a new small business uses accounting, from planning to evaluation of financial performance.





# by Bringing Accounting Concepts to Life

#### Video Asset Variety: Present, Expand, and Reinforce Key Concepts

Modern businesses expect their employees to be lifelong learners. As a result, businesses and educators increasingly rely on videos as "just-in-time" resources to present, reinforce, and augment critical concepts. Whether the viewer is a student in a classroom or a newly hired CPA at a Big 4 accounting firm, learning on the go via a variety of multimedia-based assets is key in both the corporate world and academic settings. *Fundamentals of Financial Accounting* provides a range of video offerings and formats to facilitate understanding and help students learn wherever and whenever they need to.

Video Type/Purpose	Description			
Tutorial Videos: Explaining the basics				
Concept Overview Videos	Assignable in Connect, these videos cover each chapter's learning objectives followed by auto-graded knowledge checks that confirm students' comprehension. A great tool for introducing students to new topics.			
Guided Examples	Narrated, animated, step-by-step walkthroughs of an exercise similar to assignment exercises, that provide just-in-time help for students when they are working on assignments.			
In Action Videos	Assignable in Connect, these tutorial videos illustrate the thought processes applicable to a sample of topics in <i>Fundamentals of Financial Accounting</i> , including how to analyze transactions, adjust accounts, account for inventory and receivables, and prepare a statement of cash flows.			
Featured Videos: Engaging deeper				
Spotlight Videos	Assignable in Connect, selected Spotlight on Ethics, Financial Reporting, and Business Decisions feature boxes in the text are brought to life in 2- to 5-minute news magazine-style videos. Assign students the tasks of watching the video and answering comprehension-check questions.			
Flash Topic Videos	Assignable in Connect, these videos extend ideas in the text for hot topics including revenue recognition, big data, sales returns, stock buybacks, and sustainability. Assign students the tasks of watching the video and answering comprehension-check questions.  NEW! Several new videos illustrate the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on selected business operations and financial results using companies familiar to students.			

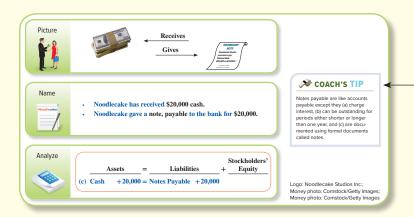
"Clear, concise, and the most reader-friendly text I've come across. Most importantly, it is based on sound learning theory, which greatly enhances the learning experience."

—Professor Audrey Agnello, *Niagara County Community College* 



# From Concepts to Comprehension— Reinforcement Is Key

Whether you're presenting, discussing, or problem solving, you want materials that will motivate students and hold their interest. Motivating today's students requires materials that connect them with the workplace and encourage them to think about course topics before, during, and after class. *Fundamentals of Financial Accounting* offers students many tools to help reinforce the concepts discussed throughout the text.

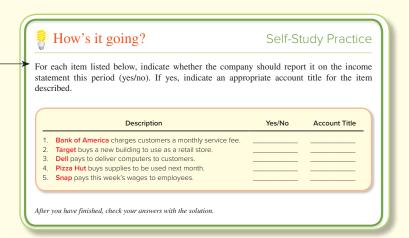


#### Coach's Tips

Every student needs encouragement and Coach's Tips are just one way *Fundamentals of Financial Accounting* fulfills that need. Coach's Tips appear throughout the text and in selected end-of-chapter problems to offer tips, advice, and suggestions.

# How's it going? Self-Study Practice

Research shows that students learn best when they are actively engaged in the learning process. This active learning feature engages the student, provides interactivity, and promotes efficient learning. These quizzes ask students to pause at strategic points throughout each chapter to ensure they understand key points before moving ahead.



Phillips does an **outstanding job of incorporating real-world data into the text**, which increases a student's engagement with the material and enhances their learning. I think that the writing style is very conversational, which makes reading the chapter a manageable task for the students.

—Anne Clem, *Iowa State University* 





# SPOTLIGHT ON

# **Financial Reporting**

#### Expected Impacts of COVID-19

A surge of 8-Ks were filed soon after the COVID-19 crisis reached the United States in early 2020. An example excerpted from Disney's 8-K follows:

The impact of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") and measures to prevent its spread are affecting our businesses in a number of ways. We have closed our theme parks; suspended our cruises and theatrical shows; delayed theatrical distribution of films both domestically and internationally; and experienced supply chain disruption and ad sales impacts.

Source: The Walt Disney Company, Form 8-K filed March 18, 2020. Retrieved on March 19, 2020, from sec.gov.

#### **Spotlight Features**

Each chapter includes Spotlight features focusing on business decisions, ethics, internal controls, financial reporting, big data and analytics, and the world (IFRS). These features are designed to further engage students and provide instructors with material for in-class discussion.

- Spotlight on Big Data and Analytics—highlights topics relating to big data, data visualization, and data and business analytics.
- Spotlight on the World—highlights significant differences between U.S. GAAP and IFRS.
- **Spotlight on Financial Reporting**—connects chapter topics with real-world disclosures provided in the financial statements of our focus companies and other contrast companies.
- Spotlight on Controls—highlights applications of internal control principles in the workplace.
- · Spotlight on Ethics—emphasizes ethical issues and the importance of acting responsibly.
- **Spotlight on Business Decisions**—helps students develop strong decision-making skills by illustrating the relevance of accounting in real-world decision making.



# Practice and Review Materials Build Confidence and Success

To effectively evaluate and guide student success with the appropriate feedback, instructors need homework and test materials that are easy to use and tied to the chapter discussions. Each chapter of *Fundamentals of Financial Accounting* is followed by an extensive variety of end-of-chapter material that applies and integrates topics presented in the chapter.

- **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 previews what students will see in the homework problems.
- **Homework Helper** immediately precedes each chapter's homework materials, highlighting subtleties discussed in the chapter and providing practical advice so students avoid common pitfalls when completing homework assignments.
- Multiperspective Discussion Questions: These questions ask students to explain and discuss terms and concepts presented in the chapter. Selected questions, denoted with an icon 🖨, help students begin developing critical thinking skills.
- Mini Exercises, Exercises, Problems (Coached, Group A, and Group B): Each chapter includes a wide variety of assignment material from questions that illustrate and apply a single learning objective to problem sets that help students develop decision-making skills.
  - 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.

- Comprehensive Problems: Selected chapters include problems that cover topics from earlier chapters to refresh, reinforce, and build an integrative understanding of the course material. These are a great resource for helping students stay up-to-date throughout the course.
- Questions designated with the general ledger icon have been written to take advantage of Connect's general ledger simulation. A much-improved student experience when working with accounting cycle questions, students' work in the general journal is automatically posted to the ledger, navigation is much simpler, and students can easily link back to their original entries simply by clicking in the ledger if edits are needed. These questions include critical thinking components to maximize students' foundational knowledge of accounting concepts and principles.



- Skills Development Cases: Each chapter offers cases designed to help students develop analytical, critical thinking, and technology skills. These cases are ideal for individual assignments and group projects. They also encourage your students to find financial information in an actual annual report. The first two cases of every chapter present, in multiple-choice format, an opportunity to connect your students with real-world financial reporting. These are assignable in Connect.
- Continuing Case: In Chapter 1, students are introduced to Nicole's Getaway Spa (NGS). In the following chapters, this continuing case is extended to encompass each new topic.

**Data Analytics Exercises:** These auto-graded exercises, assignable in Connect, introduce students to data visualization, interpretation, and analysis relevant to topics in selected chapters.

The end-of-chapter problems and exercises are ample, diverse (in terms of rigor), and congruent with the material covered in the chapter.

-Brian Nagle, Duguesne University





# What's New in the Seventh Edition?

In response to feedback and guidance from numerous financial accounting faculty, the authors have made many important changes in the seventh edition of *Fundamentals of Financial Accounting*, including the following:

- Integrated **new companies**, including a new focus company (Dave & Buster's) and many other companies familiar to students (Alphabet, Apple, Domino's Pizza, Facebook, Garmin, Sonos, Zumiez, and so on).
- Reviewed, updated, and introduced new end-of-chapter material in each chapter to support new topics and learning objectives, including auto-graded Data Analytics Exercises in Connect involving data visualization, interpretation, and analysis.
- Incorporated throughout the text are discussions of the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on businesses to drive relevancy and engagement.

# CHAPTER 1: BUSINESS DECISIONS AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

Focus Company: Noodlecake Studios

- Updated chapter opener describing the latest developments at this private company and its development of award-winning video games
- Updated Supplement 1B to describe the SEC's direct listing option, as pursued by Spotify
- New discussion of COVID-19 impact on 8-K reporting in Spotlight on Financial Reporting
- Updated demonstration case featuring WD-40 Company
- Reviewed and updated all end-of-chapter material, including financial data for Apple, Alphabet, Intel, Designer Brands, Cinemark, Garmin, and others

#### **CHAPTER 2: THE BALANCE SHEET**

Focus Company: Noodlecake Studios

- Updated analysis of current ratios in Exhibit 2.14 for video game companies Activision Blizzard, Electronic Arts, and Take-Two Interactive Software
- Reviewed and updated all end-of-chapter material, including financial data for Columbia Sportswear, Ethan Allen Interiors, Facebook, Shake Shack, and others

#### **CHAPTER 3: THE INCOME STATEMENT**

Focus Company: Noodlecake Studios

- Updated illustrations in Exhibits 3.6 and 3.7
- Updated net profit margin ratios at Electronic Arts and Nintendo in Spotlight on Financial Reporting
- Updated demonstration case featuring Carnival Corporation
- Reviewed and updated all end-of-chapter material, including financial data for Expedia, Booking.com, The Home Depot, and others

## CHAPTER 4: ADJUSTMENTS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND FINANCIAL RESULTS

Focus Company: Noodlecake Studios

- Updated illustrations in Exhibit 4.14
- New analysis of stock price and earnings for Sears Holdings in Spotlight on Financial Reporting
- Reviewed and updated all end-of-chapter material, including financial data for FedEx Corporation, Regis Corporation, Lowe's, and others

#### **CHAPTER 5: FRAUD, INTERNAL CONTROL, AND CASH**

Focus Company: Koss Corporation

- Updated data relating to frequency and losses from employee fraud in Exhibit 5.1
- Updated illustration of restricted cash reporting at Domino's Pizza (Exhibit 5.10)
- Reviewed, updated, and introduced new end-of-chapter material, including financial data for Expedia, The Home Depot, and others

## CHAPTER 6: MERCHANDISING OPERATIONS AND THE MULTISTEP INCOME STATEMENT

Focus Company: Walmart

- Updated focus company illustrations (Walmart) and contrasted with Planet Fitness (Exhibit 6.2)
- Updated data regarding inventory shrinkage costs in Spotlight on Controls
- New illustration of FOB Shipping Point and FOB Destination in Exhibit 6.4
- New discussion of using a contra-revenue account for sales returns and allowances
- Updated illustration of gross profit percentage analysis at Walmart and Nordstrom





#### **CHAPTER 6:** (continued)

 Reviewed, updated, and introduced new end-of-chapter material, including financial data for Dillard's, Luxottica, Fortune Brands, The Gap, Macy's, and others

#### **CHAPTER 7: INVENTORY AND COST OF GOODS SOLD**

Focus Company: American Eagle Outfitters

- Updated focus company illustrations
- New discussion of Burberry destroying its inventory in Spotlight on Business Decisions
- Updated inventory turnover analysis in Exhibit 7.7, involving Harley-Davidson, McDonald's, and American Eagle
- Reviewed and updated all end-of-chapter material, including financial data for Sonos, Amazon, Polaris Industries,
   GameStop, and others

# CHAPTER 8: RECEIVABLES, BAD DEBT EXPENSE, AND INTEREST REVENUE

Focus Company: VF Corporation (VFC)

- Updated focus company illustrations for VF Corp.—the maker of North Face jackets, JanSport backpacks, Timberland boots, and Vans shoes
- New discussion of co-branded credit cards in Spotlight on Business Decisions
- New discussion of COVID-19 impact on collection of accounts receivable in Spotlight on Business Decisions
- Updated receivables turnover analysis in Exhibit 8.7, involving VF Corp., Post, and Apple
- Reviewed and updated all end-of-chapter material, including financial data for Adobe, Callaway Golf, Microsoft, FedEx, and others

# CHAPTER 9: LONG-LIVED TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Focus Company: Cedar Fair

- Updated focus company illustrations
- New discussion of COVID-19 impact on asset impairment losses
- New discussion of leased assets in Spotlight on Financial Reporting
- Updated fixed asset turnover analysis in Exhibit 9.5, involving Cedar Fair, Six Flags, and Facebook

 Reviewed and updated all end-of-chapter material, including financial data for Apple, Hasbro, and others

#### **CHAPTER 10: LIABILITIES**

Focus Company: General Mills

- Updated focus company illustrations
- Updated discussion of bond pricing
- Updated analysis of debt-to-assets and times interest earned ratios for Kellogg, Post, and Campbell Soup comparison companies
- Simplified presentation of installment notes in Supplement 10D
- Reviewed and updated all end-of-chapter material, including financial data for FedEx Corporation, Lowe's, and others

#### **CHAPTER 11: STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

Focus Company: National Beverage Corp.

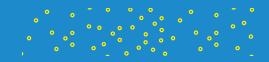
- Updated focus company illustrations, as well as stock prices of rivals Coca-Cola and PepsiCo
- Updated Spotlight on Business Decisions relating to the impact of stock repurchases on EPS at Boeing, and more recently at Delta and Southwest Airlines
- Updated Spotlight on Business Decisions relating to National Beverage's investor loyalty plan
- Updated ratio analyses in Exhibit 11.6, involving National Beverage and PepsiCo
- Reviewed and updated all end-of-chapter material, including financial data for General Mills, Stanley Black & Decker, Delta, Southwest Airlines, and others

#### **CHAPTER 12: STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

Focus Company: Dave & Buster's

- New focus company
- Updated illustration of cash flow patterns in Exhibit 12.8
- New Spotlight on Financial Reporting relating to Dave & Buster's free cash flow
- Reviewed and updated all end-of-chapter material, including financial data for Colgate-Palmolive, Walt Disney Company, Zumiez, Cedar Fair, and others





# CHAPTER 13: MEASURING AND EVALUATING FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Focus Company: Lowe's

- Updated focus company analyses
- New discussion of COVID-19 impact on going-concern status in Spotlight on Financial Reporting
- Reviewed and updated all end-of-chapter material, including financial data for Chevron, Cintas, Procter & Gamble,
   Dollar General, Kohl's, and others

# APPENDIXES A & B: EXCERPTS FROM ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE HOME DEPOT AND LOWE'S

 Updated excerpts from the Fiscal 2019 10-K Annual Reports of The Home Depot and Lowe's

# APPENDIX C: PRESENT AND FUTURE VALUE CONCEPTS

· Reviewed and updated all end-of-chapter material

# APPENDIX D: INVESTMENTS IN OTHER CORPORATIONS

Focus Company: Alphabet Inc.

- **Updated** focus company illustrations
- · Reviewed and updated all end-of-chapter material





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#### Online Assignments

Connect helps students learn more efficiently by providing feedback and practice material when they need it, where they need it. Connect grades homework automatically and gives immediate feedback on any questions students may have missed. The extensive assignable, gradable end-of-chapter content includes a general journal application that looks and feels more like what you would find in a general ledger software package. 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.

End-of-chapter questions in Connect include

- Mini-Exercises
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- · Comprehensive Problems
- · Skills Development Cases
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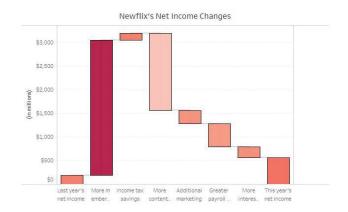
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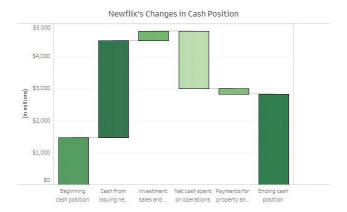
#### **NEW!** Tableau Dashboard Activities



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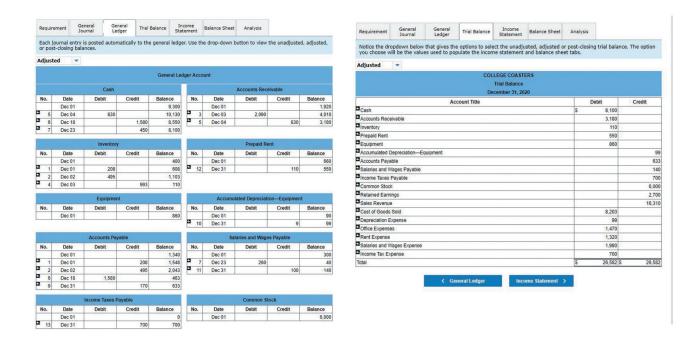


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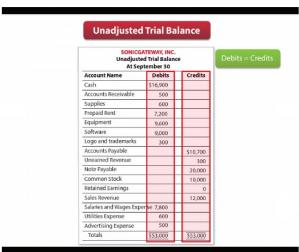
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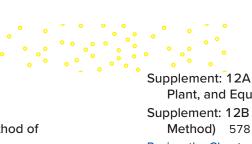
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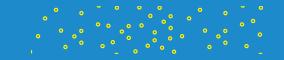
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# Fundamentals of FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING





# 1

# Business Decisions and Financial Accounting

**CHAPTER ONE** 

#### YOUR LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- LO 1-1 Describe various organizational forms and business decision makers.
- LO 1-2 Describe the purpose, structure, and content of the four basic financial statements.
- **LO 1-3** Explain how financial statements are used by decision makers.
- **LO 1-4** Describe factors that contribute to useful financial information.
- **LO 1-S1** Describe examples where accounting helps in pursuing other business careers.
- LO 1-S2 Describe the decision to become a public company and explain the implications for accounting.

#### **THAT WAS THEN**

If you think accounting is far removed from your personal life, you might be in for a surprise. Your ordinary life experiences, especially as a student, actually prepare you well to learn accounting.





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elcome to the world of business and financial accounting. One of our goals for this book is to help you see the role accounting plays in helping people turn their good ideas into successful businesses. In the first four chapters of this book, you will learn how two video game developers started a business and learned to use accounting to run their business with great success.

For Jordan Schidlowsky and Ty Bader, the last few years have been incredible. Their *Super Stickman Golf* series and other game apps they've developed for mobile devices have won awards and recognitions on iTunes and Google Play. The crowning achievement (so far) was being awarded an Apple Design Award for their game *Chameleon Run*. Their chief operating officer, Ryan Holowaty, says it's like winning an Academy Award. They continue to grow their business, now developing and publishing games for not only the iPhone and Android, but also game consoles, PCs, and Apple Arcade. They have benefited greatly from the advice of Laurie Norris—a CPA (certified public accountant)—who has helped them establish their business and understand how to monitor its success. As you will read in this chapter, things got rolling when Laurie met with Jordan in June to answer his questions about how to get started. By following Laurie's business and accounting advice, Jordan and Ty successfully launched their company, named Noodlecake Studios, Inc. (noodlecake.com).

#### THIS IS NOW

This chapter focuses on the key financial reports that business people rely on when evaluating a company's performance.

Logo: Noodlecake Studios, Inc.

#### **ORGANIZATION OF THE CHAPTER**

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#### **Understand the Business**

"Jordan, we should start by talking about how you want to organize your business."





"Well, I'm starting a technology company to sell apps in Apple's App Store and on Google Play. What else do I need to know?"

**Learning Objective 1-1**Describe various organizational forms and business decision makers.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL FORMS**

Laurie outlined three primary ways businesses can be organized: sole proprietorship, partnership, and corporation.

#### **Sole Proprietorship**

This is a form of business owned (and usually operated) by one individual. It is the easiest form of business to start because it doesn't require any special legal maneuvers. Just get a business license and you're good to go. A sole proprietorship is considered a part of the owner's life, with all profits (or losses) becoming part of the taxable income of the owner, and the owner being personally liable for all debts of the business.

#### **Partnership**

A partnership is similar to a sole proprietorship, except that profits, taxes, and legal liability are the responsibility of two or more owners instead of just one. It is slightly more expensive to form than a sole proprietorship because a lawyer typically is needed to draw up a partnership agreement, which describes how profits are shared between partners and how that would

Photo: Eclipse Studios/McGraw-Hill; Photo: Jill Braaten/McGraw-Hill Education change if new partners are added or existing partners leave. The key advantage of a partnership over a sole proprietorship is that, by having more owners, a partnership typically has more resources available to it, which can help the business grow faster.

#### Corporation

Unlike sole proprietorships and partnerships, a corporation is a separate entity from both legal and accounting perspectives. This means the corporation, not its owners, is legally responsible for its own taxes and debts. Because legal liability is limited in this way, owners cannot lose more than their investment in the corporation, which is a major advantage to the owners. Two disadvantages of incorporation are the legal fees for creating a corporation can be expensive and income taxes must be paid by both the corporation and its owners.

Corporations can raise large amounts of money for growth because they divide ownership of the corporation into shares that can be sold to new owners. A share of the corporation's ownership is indicated on a legal document called a stock certificate. The owners of a company's stock (stockholders) can buy and sell stock privately or publicly on a stock exchange if the company has legally registered to do so. Most corporations start out as **private companies** and, as explained in Chapter Supplement 1B, will apply to become **public companies** ("go public") if they need a lot of financing, which they obtain from issuing new stock certificates to investors. Some big-name corporations, like **Cargill** and **Chick-fil-A**, haven't gone public because they get enough financing from private sources, but many that you are familiar with (and most examples in this book) are public companies.

#### **Other**

Other organizational forms exist, such as a limited liability company (LLC), which combines characteristics of a partnership and a corporation. We focus on corporations in this book.

"I'm interested in limiting my legal liability and getting some financing by selling ownership shares to investors, so I will create a private corporation called Noodlecake Studios, Inc. What's next?"

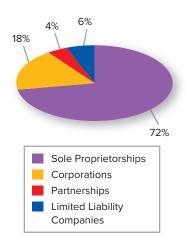


#### **ACCOUNTING FOR BUSINESS DECISIONS**

Most companies exist to earn profits for their stockholders. They earn profits by selling goods or services to customers for more than they cost to produce. **Noodlecake** will be successful if it is able to sell enough apps to cover the costs of making them and running the company. To know just how successful the company is, Jordan and Ty will need to establish and maintain a good system of financial record-keeping—an accounting system. **Accounting** is an information system designed by an organization to capture (analyze, record, and summarize) the activities affecting its financial condition and performance and then report the results to decision makers, both inside and outside the organization. It's such a key part of business that businesspeople typically talk about their companies using accounting terms, which is why they often call it the "language of business."

Every organization needs accountants to assist in reporting financial information for decision making and to help its owners understand the financial effects of those business decisions. Jordan can get this help in one of two ways. He can hire an accountant to work as an employee of his business (a **private accountant**) or he can contract with someone like Laurie who provides advice to several businesses (a **public accountant**). Because Jordan's business is small, he doesn't yet need a full-time accountant. Instead, he agrees for Noodle-cake to pay fees to Laurie for basic services. She'll help him to set up an accounting system and advise him on key business decisions.

Percentage of Organizational Forms in the U.S.

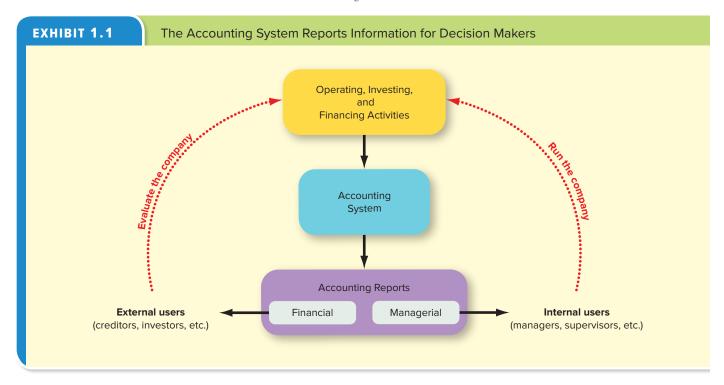


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#### **YOU SHOULD KNOW**

Accounting: A system of analyzing, recording, and summarizing the results of a business's operating, investing, and financing activities and then reporting them to decision makers.





The main goal of an accounting system is to capture information about the operating, investing, and financing activities of a company so that it can be reported to decision makers, both inside and outside the business. Exhibit 1.1 illustrates this role and shows that this information can be presented in two kinds of reports. Managerial accounting reports include detailed financial plans and continually updated reports about the operating performance of the company. These reports are made available only to the company's employees (internal users) for making business decisions related to production, marketing, human resources, and finance. For example, managerial accounting reports are needed when determining whether to build, buy, or rent a building; whether to continue or discontinue making particular products; how much to pay employees; and how much to borrow. As manager of Noodlecake, Jordan will regularly need managerial accounting reports to monitor the number of app downloads and evaluate the various costs associated with making and selling apps.



"Financial information about your business will be needed by others outside your company. For example, where will the money come from to start your business?"

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#### **YOU SHOULD KNOW**

**Financial Statements:** Reports that summarize the financial results of business activities.

"Ty and I will contribute \$5,000 each from personal savings. But I'll still need to ask the bank for a \$20,000 loan to buy computer equipment and software. What will the bank want to know?"

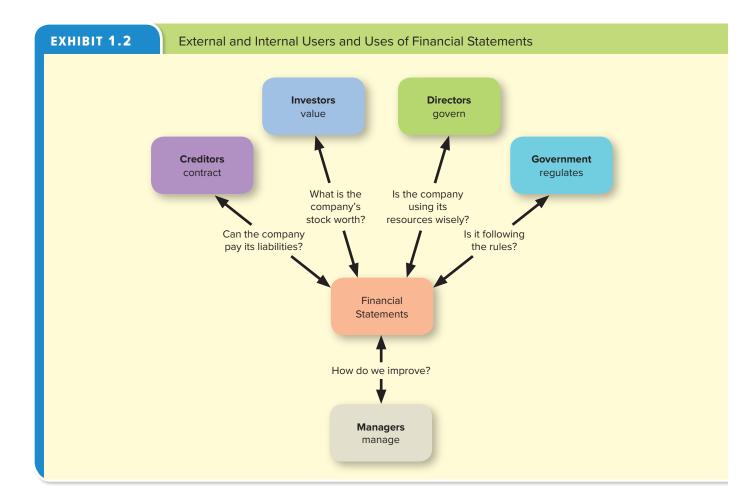


Laurie described **financial accounting reports**, called **financial statements**, which are prepared periodically to provide information to people not employed by the business. These external financial statement users aren't given access to detailed internal records of

the company, so they rely extensively on the financial statements. The four main groups of external users are (1) creditors, (2) investors, (3) directors, and (4) government.

- 1. Creditors include suppliers, banks, and anyone to whom money is owed. Suppliers want to be sure they will be paid for the goods and services they deliver, so they will evaluate a company's financial statements and check its credit history before allowing it to buy on credit. Banks use financial statements to evaluate the risk they will not be repaid the money they've loaned to a company. Because banks take a risk when they loan money to a company, they want periodic financial reports to evaluate how well the company is doing so they can intervene if it looks like the company will have trouble repaying its loan.
- **2. Investors** include existing and potential stockholders. *Stockholders* look to accounting information to assess the financial strength of a business and, ultimately, to estimate its value.
- **3. Directors** is the short title for the members of a company's *board of directors*. The stockholders of public companies or large private companies elect directors to oversee the company's managers. Directors use financial statements to ensure the company's managers make decisions that are in the best financial interests of its stockholders.
- 4. Government agencies look closely at companies' financial statements. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), for example, is responsible for the functioning of stock markets, so it keeps a close watch on the information public companies report in financial statements. Also, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and state and local governments use financial statement information to ensure taxes are computed using correct amounts.

Exhibit 1.2 shows that, along with managers inside the company, these external user groups are key users of financial statement information. In Noodlecake's case, the bank will be the



main external user. Jordan will be expected to prepare financial statements to obtain a bank loan and then regularly provide updated financial reports until the loan is repaid.

While Jordan understood everything Laurie had told him up to this point, he had another major concern.

"I want to sound intelligent when I talk to my banker, but I don't know much about accounting."



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"This is a common concern for new business owners, so let's start with the most basic thing you need to know about accounting."

#### Study the Accounting Methods

# Learning Objective 1-2 Describe the purpose, structure, and content of the four basic financial statements

#### THE BASIC ACCOUNTING EQUATION

One of the central concepts to understanding financial reports is that **what a company owns must equal what a company owes to its creditors and stockholders.** In accounting, there are special names for the items a company owns (assets) and the claims on these items by creditors (liabilities) and stockholders (equity), as shown below.

Resources Owned . . . = Resources Owed . . .
by the company to creditors to stockholders

Assets = Liabilities + Stockholders' Equity

#### **YOU SHOULD KNOW**

**Basic Accounting Equation:** Assets = Liabilities + Stockholders' Equity.

Separate Entity Assumption: States that business transactions are separate from and should exclude the personal transactions of the owners. The relationship between assets (A), liabilities (L), and stockholders' equity (SE) is known as the **basic accounting equation**. The business itself, not the stockholders who own the business, is viewed as owning the assets and owing the liabilities. This separation between stockholders and business is called the **separate entity assumption**, which requires that a business's financial reports include only the activities of the business and not the personal dealings of its stockholders.

The elements of the basic accounting equation are fundamental to reading and understanding financial statements, so let's look at each in detail.

#### **Assets**

An **asset** is a resource the company controls and expects to benefit from in the future. For **Noodlecake**, assets include things like cash, supplies, equipment, buildings, and software. Other companies, such as **Nike** and **Target**, also have an asset called inventory, which consists of merchandise held for sale.

#### Liabilities

**Liabilities** are measurable amounts the company expects to give up in the future to settle what it presently owes to creditors. If **Noodlecake** borrows \$20,000 from a bank, it would owe a \$20,000 liability called Notes Payable. This particular name is used because banks require borrowers to sign a legal document called a *note* that describes the company's promise to

repay the bank. If Noodlecake receives paper, pens, and toner bought on credit from suppliers, it would owe a liability called Accounts Payable. This particular name is used because purchases made using credit are said to be "on account." Noodlecake could also owe salaries and wages to employees (Salaries and Wages Payable) and taxes to governments (Taxes Payable).

#### Stockholders' Equity

Stockholders' equity represents the owners' claims on assets of the business after creditors' claims have been fulfilled. From a legal perspective, creditors have priority over stockholders. Thus, if a company goes out of business, liabilities must be paid before any amounts are paid to stockholders. Owners' claims arise from two sources.

- **1. Paid-in capital.** The owners have a claim for amounts they contributed directly to the company in exchange for its stock (Common Stock).
- **2. Earned capital.** The owners have a claim on profits the company has earned for them through its business operations (Retained Earnings).

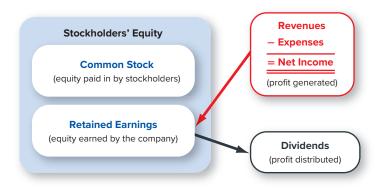
The second item listed above is particularly important because a business can survive only if it is profitable. It will be profitable if the total amount earned from selling goods and services is greater than the costs incurred to generate those sales. Theoretically, these profits belong to the company's owners, so they increase stockholders' equity. Through these profits, owners can get more money back from the company than they paid in (a return on their investment).

Given the importance of a company's profits, accounting systems separately track the two components of profit: revenues and expenses.

**Revenues** Revenues are earned by selling goods or services to customers. For **Noodlecake**, revenues are measured at the amount the company charges customers for its apps.

**Expenses** Expenses are all costs of doing business that are necessary to earn revenues. Noodlecake incurs expenses for advertising, utilities, rent, salaries and wages, insurance, and supplies used up in the office. Notice that expenses are said to be "incurred" to generate revenues. The word *incurred* means the activities giving rise to a cost (e.g., running an ad, using electricity) have occurred in the period in which the related revenues have been generated.

**Net Income** Although *profit* is used in casual conversation, the preferred term in accounting is *net income*. Net income is calculated as revenues minus expenses. For Noodlecake to be profitable, its revenues must be greater than its expenses. (If revenues are less than expenses, the company would have a net loss, but for now we'll assume Noodlecake is going to earn a profit.) **By generating net income, a company increases its stockholders' equity,** as illustrated below. This net income can be left in the company to accumulate (with earnings that have been retained from prior years), or it can be paid out to the company's stockholders for their own personal use (called *dividends*).



# Common Stock (equity paid in by stockholders) Retained Earnings (equity earned by the company)