# Appendix

# **Accounting with Special Journals**



### **A Look at This Appendix**

This appendix emphasizes accounting information systems. We describe fundamental system principles, the system's components, use of special journals and subsidiary ledgers, and technology-based systems.

### **Learning Objectives**

### **CONCEPTUAL**

- Identify the principles and components of accounting information systems. (p. E-1)
- **C2** Explain the goals and uses of special journals. (p. E-4)
- Describe the use of controlling accounts and subsidiary ledgers. (p. E-5)

### **ANALYTICAL**

A1 Compute segment return on assets and use it to evaluate segment performance. (p. E-18)

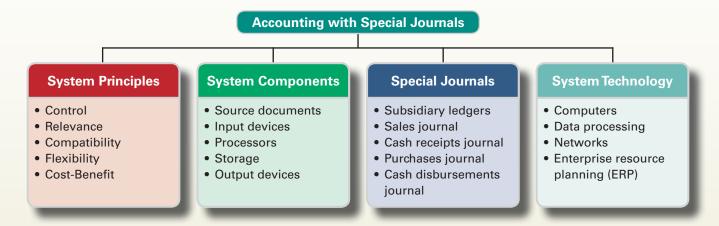
### **PROCEDURAL**

- P1 Journalize and post transactions using special journals. (p. E-7)
- P2 Prepare and prove the accuracy of subsidiary ledgers. (p. E-8)
- P3 Journalize and post transactions using special journals in a periodic inventory system. (p. E-25)

### **Appendix Preview**

With increases in the number and complexity of business activities, the demands placed on accounting information systems increase. Accounting information systems must meet this challenge in an efficient and effective manner. In this appendix, we learn about fundamental principles guiding information systems, and we study components making up these systems. We also

explain procedures that use special journals and subsidiary ledgers to make accounting information systems more efficient. An understanding of the details of accounting reports makes us better decision makers when using financial information, and it improves our ability to analyze and interpret financial statements.



### FUNDAMENTAL SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

Accounting information systems collect and process data from transactions and events, organize them in useful reports, and communicate results to decision makers. With the increasing complexity of business and the growing need for information, accounting information systems are more important than ever. All decision makers need to have a basic knowledge of how accounting information systems work. This knowledge gives decision makers a competitive

edge as they gain a better understanding of information constraints, measurement limitations, and potential applications. It allows them to make more informed decisions and to better balance the risks and returns of different strategies. This section explains five basic principles of accounting information systems, shown in Exhibit E.1.

Managers need to control and monitor business activities. The control principle prescribes that an accounting information system have internal controls. **Internal** controls are methods and procedures allowing managers to control and monitor business activities. They include policies to direct operations toward common

goals, procedures to ensure reliable financial reports, safeguards to protect company assets, and methods to achieve compliance with laws and regulations.

# Control Cost-Benefit Relevance **Principle** System **Principles** Compatibility Flexibility

### **Control Principle**

### **Relevance Principle**

Decision makers need relevant information to make informed decisions. The relevance principle prescribes that an accounting information system report useful, understandable, timely, and pertinent information for effective decision making. The system must be designed to capture data that make a difference in decisions. To ensure this, we must consider all decision makers when identifying relevant information for disclosure.

# **EXHIBIT E.1**

Identify the principles and

information systems.

components of accounting

System Principles

Point: Hackers stole 45 million debit and credit card numbers from T.J. Maxx. The security breach is estimated to have cost the company \$100 per card or \$4.5 billion.

# C O S t - b e n e f i t Y S T E C O M P a t a b i l i t y P R e l e v a n c e I N C o n t r o l I P f L e x i b i l i t y

**Point:** Law requires that *all* employers destroy credit-check and other employee records *before* tossing them. A cross-cut shredder is the tool of choice.

### **Compatibility Principle**

Accounting information systems must be consistent with the aims of a company. The **compatibility principle** prescribes that an accounting information system conform with a company's activities, personnel, and structure. It also must adapt to a company's unique characteristics. The system must not be intrusive but must work in harmony with and be driven by company goals. Most start-up entrepreneurs require only a simple information system. **Starbucks**, on the other hand, demands both a merchandising and a manufacturing information system able to assemble data from its global operations.

### **Flexibility Principle**

Accounting information systems must be able to adjust to changes. The **flexibility principle** prescribes that an accounting information system be able to adapt to changes in the company, business environment, and needs of decisions makers. Technological advances, competitive pressures, consumer tastes, regulations, and company activities constantly evolve. A system must be designed to adapt to these changes.

### **Cost-Benefit Principle**

The **cost-benefit principle** prescribes that the benefits from an activity in an accounting information system outweigh the costs of that activity. The costs and benefits of an activity such as producing a specific report will impact the decisions of both external and internal users. Decisions regarding other systems principles (control, relevance, compatibility, and flexibility) are also affected by the cost-benefit principle.



### **Decision Insight**



**Digitals Are Forever** E-communications have helped bring down many employees, including the former CEO of **Boeing**. To comply with Sarbanes-Oxley, more and more companies now archive and monitor e-mails, instant messages, blog postings, and Net-based phone calls. Using natural-language software, companies sift through digital communications in milliseconds, checking for trade secrets, bad language, porn, and pirated files. Also, employers should draft policies for employee use and access to electronic media to preserve company property interest and access rights to electronic data.

### COMPONENTS OF ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS

Accounting information systems consist of people, records, methods, and equipment. The systems are designed to capture information about a company's transactions and to provide output including financial, managerial, and tax reports. All accounting information systems have these same goals, and thus share some basic components. These components apply whether or not a system is heavily computerized, yet the components of computerized systems usually provide more accuracy, speed, efficiency, and convenience than those of manual systems.

The five basic **components of accounting systems** are source documents, input devices, information processors, information storage, and output devices. Exhibit E.2 shows these components as a series of steps, yet we know that much two-way communication occurs between many of these components. We briefly describe each of these key components in this section.

### **EXHIBIT E.2**

Accounting System Components



### **Source Documents**

We introduced source documents in Chapters 1 and 2 and explained their importance for both business transactions and information collection. Source documents provide the basic information processed by an accounting system. Examples of source documents include bank statements and checks, invoices from suppliers, billings to customers, cash register files, and employee earnings records. Source documents can be paper, although they increasingly are taking the form of electronic files and Web communications. A growing number of companies are sending documents directly from their systems to their customers' and suppliers' systems. The Web is playing a major role in this transformation from paper-based to *paperless* systems.

Accurate source documents are crucial to accounting information systems. Input of faulty or incomplete information seriously impairs the reliability and relevance of the information system. We commonly refer to this as "garbage in, garbage out." Information systems are set up with attention on control procedures to limit the possibility of entering faulty data in the system.

### **Input Devices**

**Input devices** capture information from source documents and enable its transfer to the system's information processing component. These devices often involve converting data on source documents from written or electronic form to a form usable for the system. Journal entries, both electronic and paper based, are a type of input device. Keyboards, scanners, and modems are some of the most common input devices in practice today. For example, bar code readers capture code numbers and transfer them to the organization's computer for processing. Moreover, a scanner can capture writing samples and other input directly from source documents. Cell phone cameras also can serve as input devices via bar codes.

Controls are used to ensure that only authorized individuals input data to the system. Controls increase the system's reliability and allow information to be traced back to its source.



**Point:** Understanding a manual accounting system is useful in understanding an electronic system.

### Decision Insight

**Siri Exposure** Siri (Speech Interpretation and Recognition Interface) is an intelligent personal assistant and knowledge navigator that works as an application for Apple's iOS. The latest iPhones include Siri, including its voice recognition capabilities. Companies should ask: *Siri, do we have adequate controls for inputs to our system via voice recognition?* 



### Information Processors

**Information processors** are systems that interpret, transform, and summarize information for use in analysis and reporting. An important part of an information processor in accounting systems is professional judgment. Accounting principles are never so structured that they limit the need for professional judgment. Other parts of an information processor include journals, ledgers, working papers, and posting procedures. Each assists in transforming raw data to useful information.

Increasingly, computer technology (both computing hardware and software) is assisting manual information processors. This assistance is freeing accounting professionals to take on increased analysis, interpretive, and managerial roles. Web-based application service providers (ASPs) offer another type of information processor.

# **Point:** BusinessWeek reported that 75% of all e-mail traffic is spam.

### **Information Storage**

**Information storage** is the accounting system component that keeps data in a form accessible to information processors. After being input and processed, data are stored for use in future analyses and reports. The database must be accessible to preparers of periodic financial reports. Auditors rely on this database when they audit both financial statements and a company's controls. Companies also maintain files of source documents.

Older systems consisted almost exclusively of paper documents, but most modern systems depend on electronic storage devices or, increasingly, cloud storage. Advances in information

**Point:** Well-designed accounting software includes a report generator that allows accountants to design and customize internal reports.

storage enable accounting systems to increasingly store more detailed data. This means managers have more data to access and work with in planning and controlling business activities. Information storage can be online, meaning that data can be accessed whenever, and from wherever, it is needed. Off-line storage means access often requires assistance and authorization. Information storage is increasingly augmented by Web sources such as SEC databases, benchmarking services, and financial and product markets. Also, audit technology allows external auditors 365-day real-time access to client records from remote locations.

### Decision Insight



**Virtual Output** A screenless computer display, called *virtual retinal display* (VRD), scans rows of pixels directly onto the user's retina by means of a laser. VRDs can simulate three-dimensional virtual worlds, including 3D financial graphics. ■



**Point:** The SEC database now allows searchable data fields in required company filings. The software that facilitates this capability is XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language).

### **Output Devices**

Output devices are the means to take information out of an accounting system and make it available to users. Common output devices are printers, monitors, projectors, and Web communications. Output devices provide users a variety of items including graphics, analysis reports, bills to customers, checks to suppliers, employee paychecks, financial statements, and internal reports. When requests for output occur, an information processor takes the needed data from a database and prepares the necessary report, which is then sent to an output device. A special type of output is an electronic funds transfer (EFT). One example is the transfer of payroll from the company's bank account to its employees' bank accounts. This requires an interface to allow a company's accounting system to send payroll data directly to the bank's accounting system. This interface can involve a company recording its payroll data in an encrypted zip file and forwarding it to the bank. The bank then uses this output to transfer wages earned to employees' accounts.

### Decision Ethics



**Accountant** Your client requests advice in purchasing software for its accounting system. You have been offered a 10% commission by a software company for each purchase of its system by one of your clients. Does this commission arrangement affect your evaluation of software? Do you tell your client about the commission arrangement? [Answer—p. E-27]

### **Quick Check**

Answers - p. E-27



- 1. Identify the five primary components of an accounting information system.
- 2. What is the aim of information processors in an accounting system?
- 3. How are data in the information storage component of an accounting system used?

### SPECIAL JOURNALS IN ACCOUNTING



Explain the goals and uses of special journals.

This section describes the underlying records of accounting information systems. Designed correctly, these records support efficiency in processing transactions and events. They are part of all systems in various forms and are increasingly electronic. Even in technologically advanced systems, a basic understanding of the records we describe in this section aids in using, interpreting, and applying accounting information. It also improves our knowledge of computer-based systems. Remember that all accounting systems have common purposes and internal workings whether or not they depend on technology. (Popular accounting software that utilizes special journals includes *Great Plains* and *QuickBooks*.)

This section focuses on special journals and subsidiary ledgers that are an important part of accounting systems. We describe how special journals are used to capture transactions, and we explain how subsidiary ledgers are set up to capture details of accounts. This section uses a *perpetual* inventory system, and the special journals are set up using this system. We include a note at the bottom of each of the special journals explaining the change required if a company uses a periodic system.

### **Basics of Special Journals**

A general journal is an all-purpose journal in which we can record any transaction. Use of a general journal for all transactions is usually more costly for a business and is a less effective control procedure. Moreover, for less technologically advanced systems, use of a general journal requires that each debit and each credit entered be individually posted to its respective ledger account. To enhance internal control and reduce costs, transactions are organized into common groups. A special journal is used to record and post transactions of similar type. Most transactions of a merchandiser, for instance, can be categorized into the journals shown in Exhibit E.3. This section assumes the use of these four special journals along with the general journal. The general journal continues to be used for transactions not covered by special journals and for adjusting, closing, and correcting entries. We show in the following discussion that special journals are efficient tools in helping journalize and post transactions. This is done, for instance, by accumulating debits and credits of similar transactions, which allows posting of amounts as column totals rather than as individual amounts. The advantage of this system increases as the number of transactions increases. Special journals allow an efficient division of labor, which is also an effective control procedure.

**Point:** Companies can use as many special journals as necessary given their unique business activities.

**Point:** A specific transaction is recorded in only *one* journal.

### **EXHIBIT E.3**

Using Special Journals with a General Journal











It is important to note that special journals and subsidiary ledgers are designed in a manner that is best suited for each business. The most likely candidates for special journal status are recurring transactions—for many businesses those are sales, cash receipts, purchases, and cash disbursements. However, good systems design for a business could involve collapsing sales and cash receipts in one journal, or purchases and cash disbursements in another. It could also involve adding more special journals or additional subsidiary ledgers for other recurring transactions. This design decision extends to journal and ledger format. That is, the selection on number of columns, column headings, and so forth is based on what is best suited for each business. Thus, read the following sections as one example of a common systems design, but not the only design. (Proprietary software is internally developed by companies to meet system needs not met by off-the-shelf accounting software.)

### **Subsidiary Ledgers**

To understand special journals, it is necessary to understand the workings of a **subsidiary ledger**, which is a list of individual accounts with a common characteristic. A subsidiary ledger contains detailed information on specific accounts in the general ledger. Information systems often include several subsidiary ledgers. Two of the most important are:

**C3** 

Describe the use of controlling accounts and subsidiary ledgers.

- Accounts receivable ledger—stores transaction data of individual customers.
- Accounts payable ledger—stores transaction data of individual suppliers.

Individual accounts in subsidiary ledgers are often arranged alphabetically, which is the approach taken here. We describe accounts receivable and accounts payable ledgers in this section. Our discussion of special journals uses these ledgers.

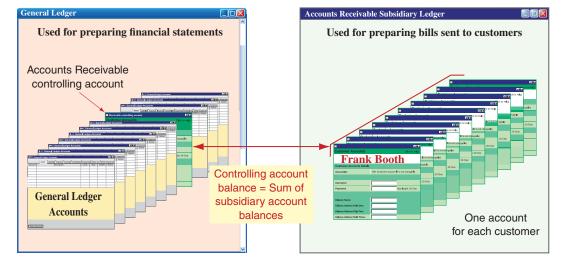
**Accounts Receivable Ledger** When we recorded credit sales in prior chapters, we debited (increased) Accounts Receivable. When a company has more than one credit customer, the accounts receivable records must show how much *each* customer purchased, paid, and has yet to pay. This information is collected by keeping a separate account receivable for each credit customer. A separate account for each customer *could* be kept in the general ledger with the other financial statement accounts, but this is uncommon. Instead, the general ledger usually has a single Accounts Receivable account, and a *subsidiary ledger* is set up to keep a separate account for each customer. This subsidiary ledger is called the **accounts receivable ledger** (also called *accounts receivable subsidiary ledger* or *customers ledger*), and it can exist in electronic or paper form.

Exhibit E.4 shows the relation between the Accounts Receivable account and its individual accounts in the subsidiary ledger. After all items are posted, the balance in the Accounts Receivable account must equal the sum of all balances of its customers' accounts. The Accounts Receivable account is said to control the accounts receivable ledger and is called a **controlling account**. Since the accounts receivable ledger is a supplementary record controlled by an account in the general ledger, it is called a *subsidiary* ledger.

Point: When a general ledger account has a subsidiary ledger, any transaction that impacts one of them also impacts the other—some refer to this as general and subsidiary ledgers kept in tandem.

EXHIBIT E.4

Accounts Receivable Controlling Account and Its Subsidiary Ledger



**Point:** A control account refers to any general ledger account that summarizes subsidiary ledger data.

**Accounts Payable Ledger** There are other controlling accounts and subsidiary ledgers. We know, for example, that many companies buy on credit from several suppliers. This means that companies must keep a separate account for each supplier by keeping an Accounts Payable controlling account in the general ledger and a separate account for each supplier (creditor) in an **accounts payable ledger** (also called *accounts payable subsidiary ledger* or *creditors ledger*).



**Other Subsidiary Ledgers** Subsidiary ledgers are common for several other accounts. A company with many classes of equipment, for example, might keep only one Equipment account in its general ledger, but its Equipment account would control a subsidiary ledger in which each class of equipment is recorded in a separate account. Similar treatment is common for investments, inventory, and any accounts needing separate detailed records. **Genmar Holdings**, which manufactures boats by Champion, Glastron, Four Winns, and Larson, reports sales information by product line in its report. Yet its accounting system keeps much more detailed sales records. Genmar Holdings, for instance, sells hundreds of different products and must be able to analyze the sales performance of each. This detail can be captured by many different general ledger sales accounts but is instead captured by using supplementary records that function like subsidiary ledgers. Overall, subsidiary ledgers are applied in many different ways to ensure that the accounting system captures sufficient details to support analyses that decision makers need. At least four benefits derive from subsidiary ledgers:

- 1. Removal of excessive details, and detailed accounts, from the general ledger.
- 2. Up-to-date information readily available on specific customers and suppliers.
- 3. Aid in error identification for specific accounts.
- 4. Potential efficiencies in recordkeeping through division of labor in posting.

### **Sales Journal**

A typical **sales journal** is used to record sales of inventory *on credit*. Sales of inventory for cash are not recorded in a sales journal but in a cash receipts journal. Sales of noninventory assets on credit are recorded in the general journal.

P1 Journalize and post transactions using special journals.

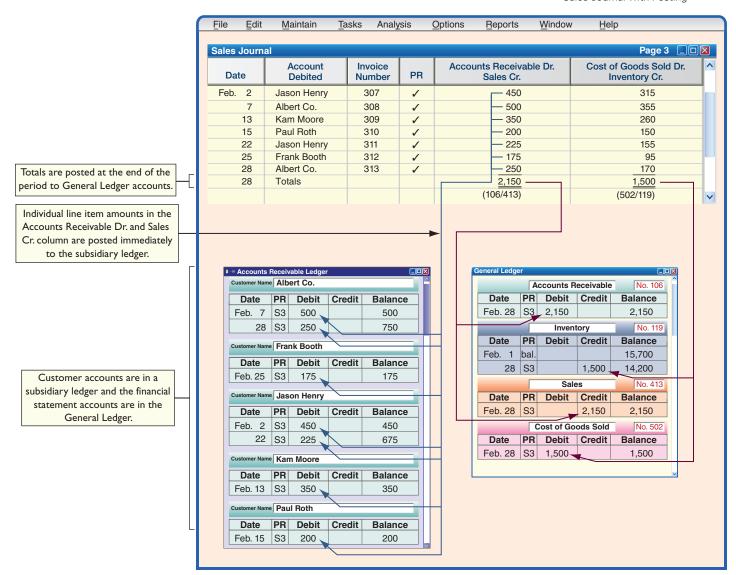
**Journalizing** Credit sale transactions are recorded with information about each sale entered separately in a sales journal. This information is often taken from a copy of the sales ticket or invoice prepared at the time of sale. The top portion of Exhibit E.5 shows a typical sales journal from a merchandiser. It has columns for recording the date, customer's name, invoice number, posting reference, and the retail and cost amounts of each credit sale. The sales journal in this exhibit is called a **columnar journal**, which is any journal with more than one column.

Each transaction recorded in the sales journal yields an entry in the "Accounts Receivable Dr., Sales Cr." column. We usually need only one column for these two accounts. (An exception is when managers need more information about taxes, returns, and other sales details.) Each transaction in the sales journal also yields an entry in the "Cost of Goods Sold Dr., Inventory Cr." column. This entry reflects the perpetual inventory system of tracking costs with each sale. To illustrate, on February 2, this company sold merchandise on account to Jason Henry for \$450. The invoice number is 307, and the cost of this merchandise is \$315. This information is

**Point:** Each transaction in the sales journal includes a debit to accounts receivable and a credit to sales.

### **EXHIBIT E.5**

Sales Journal with Posting\*



<sup>\*</sup>The Sales Journal in a *periodic* system would exclude the column on the far right titled "Cost of Goods Sold Dr., Inventory Cr."

**Point:** Continuously updated customer accounts provide timely information for customer inquiries on those accounts and on current amounts owed.

Point: PR column is only checked after

the amount(s) is posted.

**Point:** Postings are automatic in a computerized system.

Prepare and prove the accuracy of subsidiary ledgers.

### **EXHIBIT E.6**

Schedule of Accounts Receivable

captured on one line in the sales journal. No further explanations or entries are necessary, saving time and effort. Moreover, this sales journal is consistent with most inventory systems that use bar codes to record both sales and costs with each sale transaction. Note that the Posting Reference (PR) column is not used when entering transactions but instead is used when posting.

**Posting** A sales journal is posted as reflected in the arrow lines of Exhibit E.5. Two types of posting can be identified: (1) posting to the subsidiary ledger(s) and (2) posting to the general ledger.

Posting to subsidiary ledger. Individual transactions in the sales journal are posted regularly (typically concurrently) to customer accounts in the accounts receivable ledger. These postings keep customer accounts up-to-date, which is important for the person granting credit to customers. When sales recorded in the sales journal are individually posted to customer accounts in the accounts receivable ledger, check marks are entered in the sales journal's PR column. Check marks are used rather than account numbers because customer accounts usually are arranged alphabetically in the accounts receivable ledger. Note that posting debits to Accounts Receivable twice—once to Accounts Receivable and once to the customer's subsidiary account—does not violate the accounting equation of debits equal credits. The equality of debits and credits is always maintained in the general ledger.

**Posting to general ledger.** The sales journal's account columns are totaled at the end of each period (the month of February in this case). For the "sales" column, the \$2,150 total is debited to Accounts Receivable and credited to Sales in the general ledger (see Exhibit E.5). For the "cost" column, the \$1,500 total is debited to Cost of Goods Sold and credited to Inventory in the general ledger. When totals are posted to accounts in the general ledger, the account numbers are entered below the column total in the sales journal for tracking. For example, we enter (106/413) below the total in the sales column after this amount is posted to account number 106 (Accounts Receivable) and account number 413 (Sales).

A company identifies in the PR column of its subsidiary ledgers the journal and page number from which an amount is taken. We identify a journal by using an initial. Items posted from the sales journal carry the initial S before their journal page numbers in a PR column. Likewise, items from the cash receipts journal carry the initial R; items from the cash disbursements journal carry the initial P; items from the purchases journal carry the initial P; and items from the general journal carry the initial P.

**Proving the Ledgers** Account balances in the general ledger and subsidiary ledgers are periodically proved (or reviewed) for accuracy after posting. To do this we first prepare a trial balance of the general ledger to confirm that debits equal credits. Second, we test a subsidiary ledger by preparing a *schedule* of individual accounts and amounts. A **schedule of accounts receivable** lists each customer and the balance owed. If this total equals the balance of the Accounts Receivable controlling account, the accounts in the accounts receivable ledger are assumed correct. Exhibit E.6 shows a schedule of accounts receivable drawn from the accounts receivable ledger of Exhibit E.5. (Accountants may use the expression "tie out" when checking whether the balance of the accounts receivable control account matches the total balance on the subsidiary listing of accounts receivable.)

Schedule of Accounts Receiva February 28	able	
Albert Co	\$ 750	
Frank Booth	175	
Jason Henry	675	
Kam Moore	350	
Paul Roth	200	
Total accounts receivable		

**Additional Issues** We consider three additional issues with the sales journal: (1) recording sales taxes, (2) recording sales returns and allowances, and (3) using actual sales invoices as a journal.

**Point:** In accounting, the word schedule generally means a list.

**Sales taxes.** Governmental agencies such as cities and states often require sellers to collect sales taxes from customers and to periodically send these taxes to the appropriate agency. When using a columnar sales journal, we can keep a record of taxes collected by adding a Sales Taxes Payable column as follows.



Individual amounts in the Accounts Receivable column would continue to be posted immediately to customer accounts in the accounts receivable ledger. Individual amounts in the Sales Taxes Payable and Sales columns are not posted. Column totals would continue to be posted as usual. (A company that collects sales taxes on its cash sales can also use a Sales Taxes Payable column in its cash receipts journal.)

**Sales returns and allowances.** A company with only a few sales returns and allowances can record them in a general journal with an entry such as the following:

May 17	Sales Returns and Allowances	414	175	
	Accounts Receivable—Ray Ball	106/✔		175
	Customer returned merchandise.			

Assets = Liabilities + Equity -175 -175

The debit in this entry is posted to the Sales Returns and Allowances account (no. 414). The credit is posted to both the Accounts Receivable controlling account (no. 106) and to the customer's account. When we enter the account number and the check mark,  $106/\checkmark$ , in the PR column on the credit line, this means both the Accounts Receivable controlling account in the general ledger and the Ray Ball account in the accounts receivable ledger are credited for \$175. [Note: If the returned goods can be resold to another customer, the company would debit (increase) the Inventory account and credit (decrease) the Cost of Goods Sold account. If the returned goods are defective (worthless), the company could simply leave their costs in the Cost of Goods Sold account (see Chapter 4).] A company with a large number of sales returns and allowances can save time by recording them in a separate sales returns and allowances journal.

**Sales invoices as a sales journal.** To save costs, some small companies avoid using a sales journal for credit sales and instead post each sales invoice amount directly to the customer's account in the accounts receivable ledger. They then put copies of invoices in a file. At the end of the period, they total all invoices for that period and make a general journal entry to debit Accounts Receivable and credit Sales for the total amount. The file of invoice copies acts as a sales journal. This is called *direct posting of sales invoices*.

### **Quick Check**

Answers - pp. E-27-E-28



- 4. When special journals are used, where are cash payments by check recorded?
- 5. How does a columnar journal save posting time and effort?
- **6.** How do debits and credits remain equal when credit sales are posted twice (once to Accounts Receivable and once to the customer's subsidiary account)?
- 7. How do we identify the journal from which an amount in a ledger account was posted?
- 8. How are sales taxes recorded in the context of special journals?
- 9. What is direct posting of sales invoices?

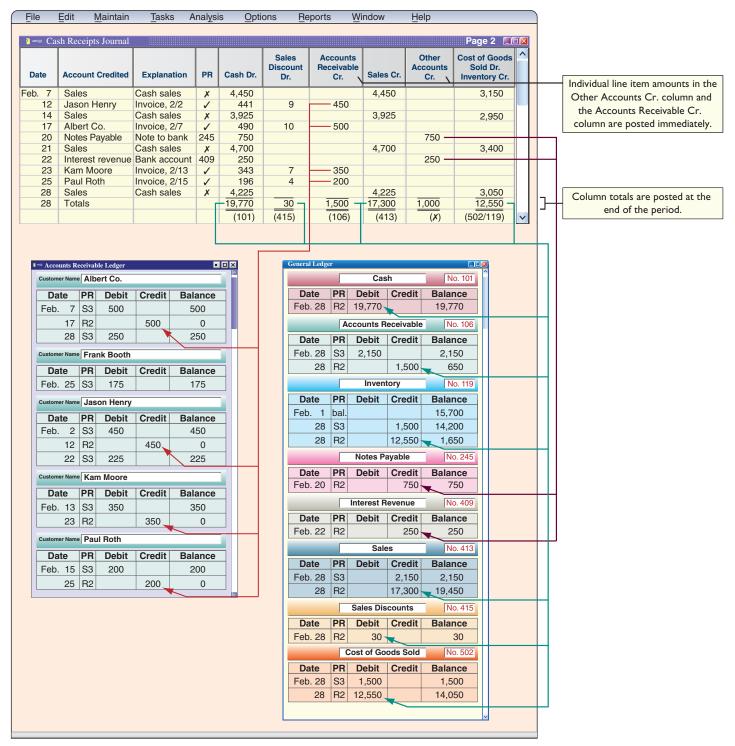
### **Cash Receipts Journal**

A **cash receipts journal** is typically used to record all receipts of cash. Exhibit E.7 shows one common form of the cash receipts journal.

### **EXHIBIT E.7**

Cash Receipts Journal with Posting\*

**Journalizing and Posting** Cash receipts can be separated into one of three types: (1) cash from credit customers in payment of their accounts, (2) cash from cash sales, and (3) cash from other sources. The cash receipts journal in Exhibit E.7 has a separate credit column for each of



<sup>\*</sup>The Cash Receipts Journal in a *periodic* system would exclude the column on the far right titled "Cost of Goods Sold Dr., Inventory Cr."

these three sources. We describe how to journalize transactions from each of these three sources. (An Explanation column is included in the cash receipts journal to identify the source.)

Cash from credit customers. *Journalizing*. To record cash received in payment of a customer's account, the customer's name is first entered in the Account Credited column—see transactions dated February 12, 17, 23, and 25. Then the amounts debited to both Cash and the Sales Discount (if any) are entered in their respective columns, and the amount credited to the customer's account is entered in the Accounts Receivable Cr. column.

*Posting*. Individual amounts in the Accounts Receivable Cr. column are posted immediately to customer accounts in the subsidiary accounts receivable ledger. The \$1,500 column total is posted at the end of the period (month in this case) as a credit to the Accounts Receivable controlling account in the general ledger.

**Cash sales.** *Journalizing.* The amount for each cash sale is entered in the Cash Dr. column and the Sales Cr. column. The February 7, 14, 21, and 28 transactions are examples. (Cash sales are usually journalized daily or at point of sale, but are journalized weekly in Exhibit E.7 for brevity.) Each cash sale also yields an entry to Cost of Goods Sold Dr. and Inventory Cr. for the cost of merchandise—see the far right column.

*Posting.* For cash sales, we place an x in the PR column to indicate that its amount is not individually posted. We do post the \$17,300 Sales Cr. total and the \$12,550 total from the "cost" column.

**Cash from other sources.** *Journalizing.* Examples of cash from other sources are money borrowed from a bank, cash interest received on account, and cash sale of noninventory assets. The transactions of February 20 and 22 are illustrative. The Other Accounts Cr. column is used for these transactions.

*Posting.* Amounts from these transactions are immediately posted to their general ledger accounts and the PR column identifies those accounts.

**Footing, Crossfooting, and Posting** To be sure that total debits and credits in a columnar journal are equal, we often crossfoot column totals before posting them. To *foot* a column of numbers is to add it. To *crossfoot* in this case is to add the Debit column totals, then add the Credit column totals, and compare the two sums for equality. Footing and crossfooting of the numbers in Exhibit E.7 result in the report in Exhibit E.8.

Debit Columns		Credit Columns	
Cash Dr	\$19,770	Accounts Receivable Cr	\$ 1,500
Sales Discounts Dr	30	Sales Cr	17,300
Cost of Goods Sold Dr	12,550	Other Accounts Cr	1,000
		Inventory Cr	12,550
Total	\$32,350	Total	\$32,350

At the end of the period, after crossfooting the journal to confirm that debits equal credits, the total amounts from the columns of the cash receipts journal are posted to their general ledger accounts. The Other Accounts Cr. column total is not posted because the individual amounts are directly posted to their general ledger accounts. We place an *x* below the Other Accounts Cr. column to indicate that this column total is not posted. The account numbers for the column totals that are posted are entered in parentheses below each column. (*Note:* Posting items immediately from the Other Accounts Cr. column with a delayed posting of their offsetting items in the Cash column total causes the general ledger to be out of balance during the period. Posting the Cash Dr. column total at the end of the period corrects this imbalance in the general ledger before the trial balance and financial statements are prepared.)

### Decision Maker



**Entrepreneur** You want to know how promptly customers are paying their bills. This information can help you decide whether to extend credit and to plan your cash payments. Where do you find this information? 

[Answer—p. E-27]

**Point:** Each transaction in the cash receipts journal involves a debit to Cash. Credit accounts will vary.

**Point:** Some software packages put cash sales in the sales journal.

**Example:** Record in the cash receipts journal a \$700 cash sale of land when the land carries a \$700 original cost. *Answer:* Debit the Cash column for \$700, and credit the Other Accounts column for \$700 (the account credited is Land).

**Point:** Subsidiary ledgers and their controlling accounts are *in balance* only after all posting is complete.

### **EXHIBIT E.8**

Footing and Crossfooting Journal Totals

### **Purchases Journal**

A **purchases journal** is typically used to record all credit purchases, including those for inventory. Purchases for cash are recorded in the Cash Disbursements Journal.

**Point:** The number of special journals and the design of each are based on a company's specific needs.

**Journalizing** Entries in the purchases journal in Exhibit E.9 reflect purchase invoices or other source documents. We use the invoice date and terms to compute the date when payment for each purchase is due. The Accounts Payable Cr. column is used to record the amounts owed to each creditor. Inventory purchases are recorded in the Inventory Dr. column.

**Point:** Each transaction in the purchases journal has a credit to Accounts Payable. Debit accounts will vary.

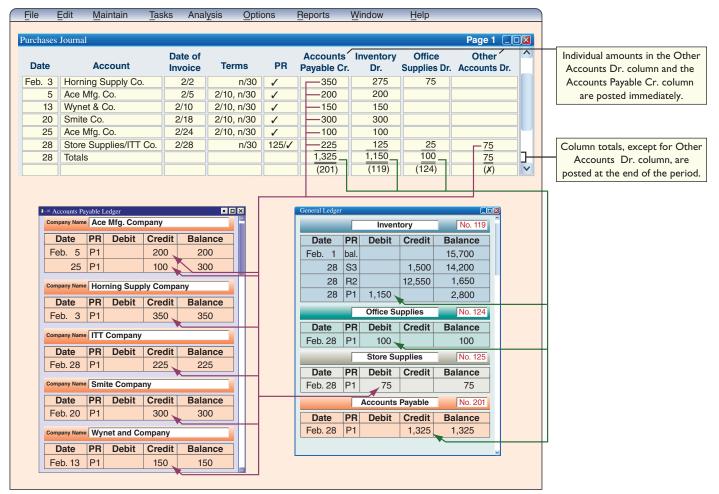
To illustrate, inventory costing \$200 is purchased from Ace Manufacturing on February 5. The creditor's name (Ace) is entered in the Account column, the invoice date is entered in the Date of Invoice column, the purchase terms are entered in the Terms column, and the \$200 amount is entered in the Accounts Payable Cr. and the Inventory Dr. columns. When a purchase involves an amount recorded in the Other Accounts Dr. column, we use the Account column to identify the general ledger account debited. For example, the February 28 transaction involves purchases of inventory, office supplies, and store supplies from ITT. The journal has no column for store supplies, so the Other Accounts Dr. column is used. In this case, Store Supplies is entered in the Account column along with the creditor's name (ITT). This purchases journal also includes a separate column for credit purchases of office supplies. A separate column such as this is useful when several transactions involve debits to the same account. Each company uses its own judgment in deciding on the number of separate columns necessary.

**Point:** The Other Accounts Dr. column allows the purchases journal to be used for any purchase on credit.

**Posting** The amounts in the Accounts Payable Cr. column are immediately posted to individual creditor accounts in the accounts payable subsidiary ledger. Individual amounts in the Other Accounts Dr. column are immediately posted to their general ledger accounts. At the end

### **EXHIBIT E.9**

Purchases Journal with Posting\*



<sup>\*</sup>The Purchases Journal in a *periodic* system replaces "Inventory Dr." with "Purchases Dr."

of the period, all column totals except the Other Accounts Dr. column are posted to their general ledger accounts.

**Proving the Ledger** Accounts payable balances in the subsidiary ledger can be periodically proved after posting. We prove the subsidiary ledger by preparing a schedule of accounts payable, which is a list of accounts from the accounts payable ledger with their balances and the total. If this total of the individual balances equals the balance of the Accounts Payable controlling account, the accounts in the accounts payable ledger are assumed correct. Exhibit E.10 shows a schedule of accounts payable drawn from the accounts payable ledger of Exhibit E.9. (This schedule can be done after any posting; for example, we could prepare another schedule of accounts payable after the postings in Exhibit E.11.)

Schedule of Accounts Payab February 28	le
Ace Mfg. Company	\$ 300
Horning Supply Company	350
ITT Company	225
Smite Company	300
Wynet & Company	150
Total accounts payable	

Point: The balance in the Accounts Payable controlling account must equal the sum of the individual account balances in the accounts payable subsidiary ledger after posting.

### **EXHIBIT E.10**

Schedule of Accounts Payable

Point: Each transaction in the cash

to Cash. The debit accounts will vary.

disbursements journal involves a credit

### **Cash Disbursements Journal**

A cash disbursements journal, also called a cash payments journal, is typically used to record all cash payments.

**Journalizing** The cash disbursements journal shown in Exhibit E.11 illustrates repetitive entries to the Cash Cr. column of this journal (reflecting cash payments). Also note the frequent credits to Inventory (which reflect purchase discounts) and the debits to Accounts Payable. For example, on February 15, the company pays Ace on account (credit terms of 2/10, n/30—see February 5 transaction in Exhibit E.9). Since payment occurs in the discount period, the company pays \$196 (\$200 invoice less \$4 discount). The \$4 discount is credited to Inventory. Note that when this company purchases inventory for cash, it is recorded using the Other Accounts Dr. column and the Cash Cr. column as illustrated in the February 3 and 12 transactions. Generally, the Other Accounts column is used to record cash payments on items for which no column exists. For example, on February 15, the company pays salaries expense of \$250. The title of the account debited (Salaries Expense) is entered in the Account Debited column.

The cash disbursements journal has a column titled Ck. No. (check number). For control over cash disbursements, all payments except for those of small amounts are made by check. Checks should be prenumbered and each check's number entered in the journal in numerical order in the column headed Ck. No. This makes it possible to scan the numbers in the column for omitted checks. When a cash disbursements journal has a column for check numbers, it is sometimes called a check register.

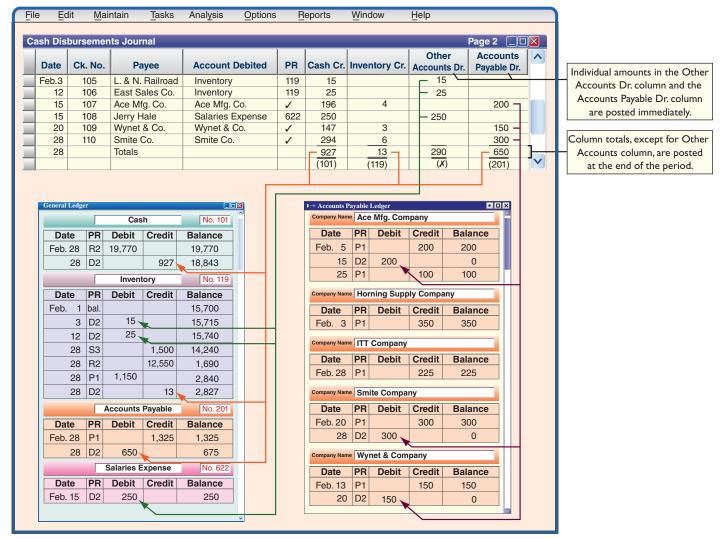
**Posting** Individual amounts in the Other Accounts Dr. column of a cash disbursements journal are immediately posted to their general ledger accounts. Individual amounts in the Accounts Payable Dr. column are also immediately posted to creditors' accounts in the subsidiary Accounts Payable ledger. At the end of the period, we crossfoot column totals and post the Accounts Payable Dr. column total to the Accounts Payable controlling account. Also, the Inventory Cr. column total is posted to the Inventory account, and the Cash Cr. column total is posted to the Cash account.

### **Decision Maker**



### **EXHIBIT E.11**

Cash Disbursements Journal with Posting\*



\*The Cash Disbursements Journal in a periodic system replaces "Inventory Cr." with "Purchases Discounts Cr."

### **General Journal Transactions**

When special journals are used, we still need a general journal for adjusting, closing, and any other transactions for which no special journal has been set up. Examples of these other transactions might include purchases returns and allowances, purchases of plant assets by issuing a note payable, sales returns if a sales returns and allowances journal is not used, and receipt of a note receivable from a customer. We described the recording of transactions in a general journal in Chapters 2 and 3.



- **10.** What are the normal recording and posting procedures when using special journals and controlling accounts with subsidiary ledgers?
- 11. What is the process for posting to a subsidiary ledger and its controlling account?
- **12.** How do we prove the accuracy of account balances in the general ledger and subsidiary ledgers after posting?
- **13.** Why does a company need a general journal when using special journals for sales, purchases, cash receipts, and cash disbursements?

### TECHNOLOGY-BASED ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS

Accounting information systems are supported with technology, which can range from simple calculators to advanced computerized systems. Since technology is increasingly important in accounting information systems, we discuss the impact of computer technology, how data processing works with accounting data, and the role of computer networks.

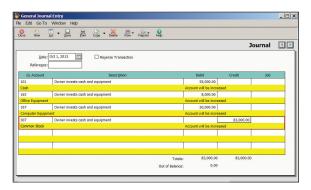
### **Computer Technology in Accounting**

Computer technology provides accuracy, speed, efficiency, and convenience in performing accounting tasks. A program can be written, for instance, to process customers' merchandise orders. Multipurpose off-the-shelf software applications exist for a variety of business operations. These include familiar accounting programs such as Sage 50 Complete Accounting (formerly known as Peachtree®) and QuickBooks®. Off-the-shelf programs are designed to be user friendly and menu driven, and

many operate more efficiently as *integrated* systems. In an integrated system, actions taken in one part of the system automatically affect related parts. When a credit sale is recorded in an integrated system, for instance, several parts of the system are automatically updated, such as posting.

Computer technology can dramatically reduce the time and effort devoted to recordkeeping. Less effort spent on recordkeeping means more time for accounting professionals to concentrate on analysis and managerial decision making. These advances have created a greater demand for accounting professionals who understand financial reports and can draw insights and information from mountains of processed data. Accounting professionals have expertise in determining relevant and reliable information for decision making. They also can assess the effects of transactions and events on a company and its financial statements. (The IRS allows individuals to enter tax info online and receive free processing of such returns.)

**Point:** Companies that have reported missing or stolen employee data such as Social Security numbers include Time Warner, Polo Ralph Lauren, Lexis/Nexis, ChoicePoint, and DSW Shoes.



### **Decision Insight**

Middleware is software allowing different computer programs in a company or across companies to work together. It allows transfer of purchase orders, invoices, and other electronic documents between accounting systems. For example, suppliers can monitor inventory levels of their buyers for production and shipping purposes.



### **Data Processing in Accounting**

Accounting systems differ with regard to how input is entered and processed. **Online processing** enters and processes data as soon as source documents are available. This means that databases are immediately updated. **Batch processing** accumulates source documents for a period of time and then processes them all at once such as daily, weekly, or monthly. The advantage of online processing is timeliness. This often requires additional costs related to both software and hardware requirements. Companies such as **Intuit** (**Intuit.com**) are making online processing of accounting data a reality for many businesses. The advantage of batch processing is that it requires only periodic updating of databases. Records used to send bills to customers, for instance, might require updating only once a month. The disadvantage of batch processing is the lack of updated databases for management to use when making business decisions. (Businesses and individuals can now deposit checks into bank accounts using scanners with capabilities of reading amounts, ensuring that each item passes a specified image quality standard, and reducing the risk that the scanned image is a duplicate of a previously scanned check.)

### **Computer Networks in Accounting**

Networking, or linking computers with each other, can create information advantages (and cost efficiencies). **Computer networks** are links among computers giving different users and different computers access to common databases, programs, and hardware. Many college

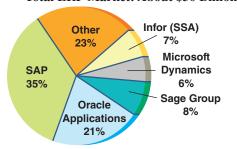
computer labs, for instance, are networked. A small computer network is called a *local area network* (*LAN*); it links machines with *hard-wire* hookups. Large computer networks extending over long distances often rely on *modem* or *wireless* communication.

Demand for information sometimes requires advanced networks such as the systems **Federal Express** and **UPS** use to track packages and bill customers and the system **Walmart** uses to monitor inventory levels in its stores. These networks include many computers and satellite communications to gather information and to provide ready access to its databases from all locations.

### **Enterprise Resource Planning Software**

Enterprise resource planning (ERP) software includes the programs that manage a company's vital operations. They extend from order taking to manufacturing to accounting. (Your college likely relies on ERP software to track its budget and student records information.) When working properly, these integrated programs can speed decision making, identify costs for reduction, and give managers control over operations with the click of a mouse. For many managers, ERP software allows them to scrutinize business, identify where inventories are piling up, and see what plants are most efficient. The software is designed to link every part of a company's operations. This software allowed **Butterball**, one of America's leading poultry brands, to reduce costs, enable rapid acquisitions, realize return on IT investment, and drive business improvements.

**Total ERP Market: About \$30 Billion** 



ERP has several suppliers. **SAP** leads the market, with **Oracle**, which gobbled up PeopleSoft and J. D. Edwards, a distant second (*AMR Research*). SAP software is used by more than half of the world's 500 largest companies. It links ordering, inventory, production, purchasing, planning, tracking, and human resources. A transaction or event triggers an immediate chain reaction of events throughout the enterprise. It is making companies more efficient and profitable. **Tasty Baking Company**, a leading U.S. producer of snack cakes and other baked goods, uses SAP

solutions to access real-time information, gain greater efficiencies, plan and respond to business needs, and achieve measurable results.

ERP is pushing into cyberspace and customer relationship management (CRM). Now companies can share data with customers and suppliers. Applesauce maker Mott's is using SAP so that distributors can check the status of orders and place them over the Net, and the Coca-Cola Company uses it to ship soda on time. ERP is also increasingly used by small business. One-third of Oracle's sales in North America are to companies with less than \$500 million in annual revenue. Worldwide, small and midsize companies are 25% to 30% of Oracle's sales. For example, NetSuite's accounting services to small and medium businesses are powered by Oracle's system. Jeff Johanson, director of channel operations of SAP's practice for small and midsize businesses asserts that: "Small and medium businesses don't have different needs from larger companies, but they generally can't afford customized solutions."



### **Decision Insight**



A new generation of accounting support is available. With the touch of a key, users can create real-time inventory reports showing all payments, charges, and credit limits at any point in the accounting cycle. Many services also include "alert signals" notifying the company when, for example, a large order exceeds a customer's credit limit or when purchases need to be made or when a bank balance is running low. These alerts occur via e-mail, fax, PDA, or phone.

### **Cloud Computing**

Cloud computing is the delivery of computing as a service rather than a product. Many argue that its introduction will revolutionize information systems applications. Cloud computing uses applications via the Web instead of installing them on individual computers. This means that companies lease, rather than purchase, those applications, which also means that the user does

not need to update applications as that is the job of the computing service provider. Thus, as tax laws change or when rates are revised, the service provider takes on that responsibility (and cost).

When a company transfers computing applications to a provider, there is much less risk if a user's computers crash or are stolen. Further, many users and their clients can access the same applications and share data. Accountants, lawyers, and analysts can similarly access data for quicker and easier processing and analysis. For example, all invoices could be offloaded to a Web-based bill management system, where documentation, disbursement, and record keeping could all be handled in the cloud. However, the user does lose control over the data and is dependent on the provider's control system. Today, many companies are exploring cloud computing and often begin with applications that are independent of other systems so that if problems arise, they are concentrated within that application only. Examples are training programs and workflow systems. Further, many argue that the gains of cloud computing are great for small and medium-sized companies, which do not have large IT departments or require unique information systems.

Cloud computing has enormous potential for greater efficiency and effectiveness with information systems applications. The future will reveal whether or not that potential will be achieved. Cloud computing has the potential to improve controls due to data centralization and the enhanced security from providers who can spread that cost over many customers. Still, some users worry about exposure to sensitive data. Users should consider the following factors when looking at providers of cloud computing:

- Provider's knowledge of the user's business.
- Security of the provider's cloud, including firewalls.
- Provider's history, reputation, and references.
- Service level agreement for hardware and software.
- Provider's cloud compatibility with user's system.

### **Quick Check**

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- 14. Identify an advantage of an integrated computer-based accounting system.
- 15. What advantages do computer systems offer over manual systems?
- 16. Identify an advantage of computer networks.
- 17. Describe ERP software and its potential advantages to businesses.



### **GLOBAL VIEW**

This section discusses similarities and differences between U.S. GAAP and IFRS regarding system principles and components, and special journals.

**System Principles and Components** Both U.S. GAAP and IFRS aim for high-quality financial reporting. That aim implies that sound information system principles and components are applied worldwide. However, while system principles and components are fundamentally similar across the globe, culture and other realities often mean different emphases are placed on the mix of system controls. **BMW** provides the following description of its system controls:

The internal control system ensures that all the information needed to achieve the objectives set for the internal control system is made available to those responsible in an appropriate and timely manner. Controls are carried out with the aid of the IT applications, thus reducing the incidence of process risks.

**Special Journals** Accounting systems for recording sales, purchases, cash receipts, and cash disbursements are similar worldwide. Although the exact structure of special journals is unique to each company, the basic structure is identical. Companies desire to apply accounting in an efficient manner. Accordingly, systems that employ special journals are applied worldwide.



### **Decision Analysis**



### Segment Return on Assets

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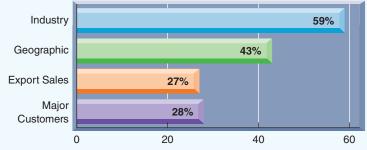
Compute segment return on assets and use it to evaluate segment performance.

Good accounting information systems collect financial data for a company's various segments. A *segment* refers to a part of a company that is separately identified by its products or services, or by the geographic market it serves. **Callaway Golf Company** reports that it operates in two business segments: (1) golf clubs and (2) golf balls. Users of financial statements are especially interested in segment information to better understand a company's activities because segments often vary on profitability, risk, and growth.

Companies must report segment information, including their sales, operating income, identifiable assets, capital expenditures, and depreciation. However, managers are reluctant to release information that can harm competitive position. Exhibit E.12 shows survey results on the number of companies with different (reported) segments.

### **EXHIBIT E.12**

Companies Reporting Operations by Types of Segments\*



<sup>\*</sup>Total exceeds 100% because companies can report more than one segment.

One measure of success for business segments is the **segment return on assets** ratio defined as follows.

Segment return on assets = 
$$\frac{\text{Segment operating income}}{\text{Segment average assets}}$$

### **EXHIBIT E.13**

Callaway Golf's Segment Return on Assets This ratio reflects on the profitability of a segment. Exhibit E.13 shows the segments' operating income, average assets, and return on assets for Callaway Golf Company.

Golf Segment*	20	ш	20	10	20	09	20	800
(\$ thousands)	Clubs	Balls	Clubs	Balls	Clubs	Balls	Clubs	Balls
Operating income	\$ (3,899)	\$(12,655)	\$ 39,176	\$ 2,559	\$ 34,502	\$ (9,427)	\$134,018	\$ 6,903
Average assets	\$423,538	\$107,214	\$422,419	\$125,972	\$418,003	\$138,326	\$421,261	\$143,793
Segment return on assets	n.a.	n.a.	9%	2%	8%	n.a.	32%	5%

<sup>\*</sup> A segment's operating income is usually measured as pretax income, and assets is usually measured as identifiable assets.

The trend in Callaway's segment return on assets is up-and-down for its golf club segment, and similarly mixed for its golf balls segment. Importantly, its golf clubs segment makes up a much greater portion of its operations; for example, 2010 income of \$39,176 from golf clubs make up 94% of its total income of \$41,735 from both segments. 2011 was a poor year for Callaway as both segments reported losses, which meant its returns for 2011 were not applicable (n.a.) for analysis. Still, those negative returns must return to positive levels as losses are not sustainable in the long run. Callaway should continue its emphasis on its golf club segment vis-a-vis its golf balls segment given the greater returns and larger total income from that segment. Analysis can also be extended to geographical segments and any other segments that companies report.



### **Decision Maker**



**Banker** A soccer equipment merchandiser requests a loan from you to expand operations. Its net income is \$220,000, reflecting a 10% increase over the prior year. You ask about segment results. The owner reports that \$160,000 of net income is from Cuban operations, reflecting a 60% increase over the prior year. The remaining \$60,000 of net income is from U.S. operations, reflecting a 40% decrease. Does this segment information impact your loan decision? [Answer—p. E-27]

### DEMONSTRATION PROBLEM—PERPETUAL SYSTEM

Pepper Company completed the following selected transactions and events during March of this year. (Terms of all credit sales for the company are 2/10, n/30.)

- Mar. 4 Sold merchandise on credit to Jennifer Nelson, Invoice No. 954, for \$16,800 (cost is \$12,200).
  - 6 Purchased \$1,220 of office supplies on credit from Mack Company. Invoice dated March 3, terms n/30.
  - 6 Sold merchandise on credit to Dennie Hoskins, Invoice No. 955, for \$10,200 (cost is \$8,100).
  - 11 Purchased \$52,600 of merchandise, invoice dated March 6, terms 2/10, n/30, from Defore Industries.
  - 12 Borrowed \$26,000 cash by giving Commerce Bank a long-term promissory note payable.
  - 14 Received cash payment from Jennifer Nelson for the March 4 sale less the discount (Invoice No. 954).
  - 16 Received a \$200 credit memorandum from Defore Industries for unsatisfactory merchandise Pepper purchased on March 11 and later returned.
  - 16 Received cash payment from Dennie Hoskins for the March 6 sale less the discount (Invoice No. 955).
  - 18 Purchased \$22,850 of store equipment on credit from Schmidt Supply, invoice dated March 15, terms n/30.
  - 20 Sold merchandise on credit to Marjorie Allen, Invoice No. 956, for \$5,600 (cost is \$3,800).
  - 21 Sent Defore Industries Check No. 516 in payment of its March 6 dated invoice less the return and the discount.
  - 22 Purchased \$41,625 of merchandise, invoice dated March 18, terms 2/10, n/30, from Welch Company.
  - 26 Issued a \$600 credit memorandum to Marjorie Allen for defective merchandise Pepper sold on March 20 and Allen later returned.
  - 31 Issued Check No. 517, payable to Payroll, in payment of \$15,900 sales salaries for the month. Cashed the check and paid the employees.
  - 31 Cash sales for the month are \$134,680 (cost is \$67,340). (Cash sales are recorded daily but are recorded only once here to reduce repetitive entries.)

### Required

- 1. Open the following selected general ledger accounts: Cash (101), Accounts Receivable (106) Inventory (119), Office Supplies (124), Store Equipment (165), Accounts Payable (201), Long-Term Notes Payable (251), Sales (413), Sales Returns and Allowances (414), Sales Discounts (415), Cost of Goods Sold (502), and Sales Salaries Expense (621). Open the following accounts receivable ledger accounts: Marjorie Allen, Dennie Hoskins, and Jennifer Nelson. Open the following accounts payable ledger accounts: Defore Industries, Mack Company, Schmidt Supply, and Welch Company.
- **2.** Enter the transactions using a sales journal, a purchases journal, a cash receipts journal, a cash disbursements journal, and a general journal similar to the ones illustrated in this appendix. Regularly post to the individual customer and creditor accounts. Also, post any amounts that should be posted as individual amounts to general ledger accounts. Foot and crossfoot the journals and make the monthend postings. *Pepper Co. uses the perpetual inventory system*.
- **3.** Prepare a trial balance for the selected general ledger accounts in part 1 and prove the accuracy of subsidiary ledgers by preparing schedules of accounts receivable and accounts payable.

### **PLANNING THE SOLUTION**

- Set up the required general ledger, the subsidiary ledger accounts, and the five required journals as illustrated in this appendix.
- Read and analyze each transaction and decide in which special journal (or general journal) the transaction is recorded.
- Record each transaction in the proper journal (and post the appropriate individual amounts).
- Once you have recorded all transactions, total the journal columns. Post from each journal to the appropriate ledger accounts.
- Prepare a trial balance to prove the equality of the debit and credit balances in your general ledger.
- Prepare schedules of accounts receivable and accounts payable. Compare the totals of these schedules
  to the Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable controlling account balances, making sure that they
  agree.

### **SOLUTION TO DEMONSTRATION PROBLEM-PERPETUAL SYSTEM**

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Date	Account Debited	Invoice Number	PR	Accounts Receivable Dr. Sales Cr.	Cost of Goods Sold Dr. Inventory Cr.
Mar. 4	Jennifer Nelson	954	/	16,800	12,200
6	Dennie Hoskins	955	1	10,200	8,100
20	Marjorie Allen	956	1	5,600	3,800
31 Totals				32,600	24,100
				(106/413)	(502/119)

Date	Account Credited	Explanation	PR	Cash Dr.	Sales Discount Dr.	Accounts Receivable Cr.	Sales Cr.	Other Accounts Cr.	Cost of Goods Sold Dr. Inventory Cr.
Mar. 12	L.T. Notes Payable	Note to bank	251	26,000				26,000	
14	Jennifer Nelson	Invoice 954, 3/4	1	16,464	336	16,800			
16	Dennie Hoskins	Invoice 955, 3/6	1	9,996	204	10,200			
31	Sales	Cash sales	Х	134,680			134,680		67,340
31	Totals			187,140	540	27,000	134,680	26,000	67,340
				(101)	(415)	(106)	(413)	(x)	(502/119)

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Date	Account	Date of Invoice	Terms	PR	Accounts Payable Cr.	Inventory Dr.	Office Supplies Dr.	Other Accounts Dr.	
Mar. 6	Office Supplies/Mack Co	3/3	n/30	1	1,220		1,220		^
11	Defore Industries	3/6	2/10, n/30	1	52,600	52,600			Н
18	Store Equipment/Schmidt Supp	3/15	n/30	165/✔	22,850			22,850	
22	Welch Company	3/18	2/10, n/30	1	41,625	41,625			
31	Totals				118,295	94,225	1,220	22,850	
					(201)	(119)	(124)	(x)	1

Cá	ash Disbursements Journal									
	Date Ck. No. Payee		Payee	Account Debited	PR	Cash Cr.	Inventory Cr.	Other Accounts Dr.	Accounts Payable Dr.	^
	Mar. 21	516	Defore Industries	Defore Industries	1	51,352	1,048		52,400	
	31	517	Payroll	Sales Salaries Expense	621	15,900		15,900		
	31 Totals				67,252	1,048	15,900	52,400		
						67,252 (101)	(119)	(x)	52,400 (201)	~

	General Journal		Page 2
Mar. 16	Accounts Payable—Defore Industries	 200	200
	To record credit memorandum received.		
26	Sales Returns and Allowances	 600	600

### **Accounts Receivable Ledger**

### Marjorie Allen

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 20	S2	5,600		5,600
26	G2		600	5.000

### **Dennie Hoskins**

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 6	S2	10,200		10,200
16	R3		10.200	0

### Jennifer Nelson

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 4	S2	16,800		16,800
14	R3		16,800	0

### Accounts Payable Ledger

### **Defore Industries**

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. I I	P3		52,600	52,600
16	G2	200		52,400
21	D3	52,400		0

### **Mack Company**

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 6	P3		1,220	1,220

### **Schmidt Supply**

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 18	P3		22,850	22,850

### Welch Company

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 22	P3		41,625	41,625

### General Ledger (Partial Listing)

Cash Acct. No. 101				
Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 31	R3	187,140		187,140
31	D3		67,252	119,888

Accounts Receivable			Acct. No. 106		
Date	e PR	Debit	Credit	Balance	
Mar 26	G2		600	(600)	

Date	PK	Debit	Credit	Balance	ı
Mar. 26	G2		600	(600)	
31	S2	32,600		32,000	
31	R3		27,000	5,000	

Inventory	Acct. No.	110
Inventory	ACCT. NO.	117

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 16	G2		200	(200)
21	D3		1,048	(1,248)
31	P3	94,225		92,977
31	S2		24,100	68,877
31	R3		67,340	1,537

Office Supplies				Acct. No. 124		
	Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance	

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 31	P3	1,220		1,220

### Store Equipment Acct. No. 165

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar 18	P3	22.850		22.850

Accounts	<b>Payable</b>	Acct.	No.	20	ı

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 16	G2	200		(200)
31	P3		118,295	118,095
31	D3	52,400		65,695

Long-Term Notes Payable			e Ac	ct. No. 25 I
Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 12	R3		26,000	26,000

# Sales Acct. No. 413 Date PR Debit Credit Balance Mar. 31 S2 32,600 32,600

134,680 | 167,280

### Sales Returns and Allowances Acct. No. 414

R3

31

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 26	G2	600		600

### Sales Discounts Acct. No. 415

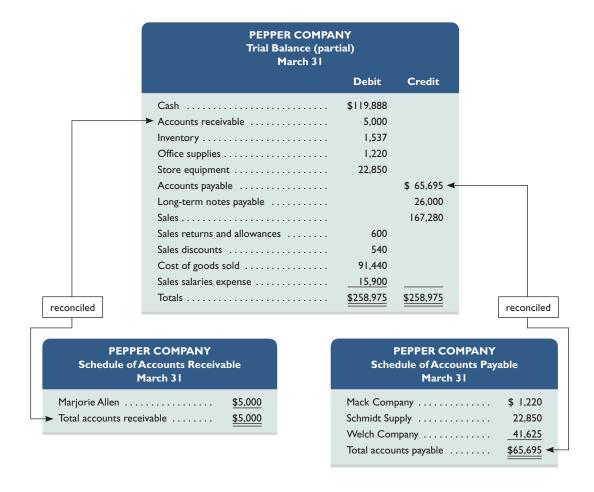
Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 31	R3	540		540

### Cost of Goods Sold Acct. No. 502

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 31	R3	67,340		67,340
31	52	24 100		91 440

### Sales Salaries Expense Acct. No. 621

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 31	D3	15,900		15,900



### DEMONSTRATION PROBLEM—PERIODIC SYSTEM

Pepper Company completed the following selected transactions and events during March of this year. (Terms of all credit sales for the company are 2/10, n/30.)

- Mar. 4 Sold merchandise on credit to Jennifer Nelson, Invoice No. 954, for \$16,800 (cost is \$12,200).
  - 6 Purchased \$1,220 of office supplies on credit from Mack Company. Invoice dated March 3, terms n/30.
  - 6 Sold merchandise on credit to Dennie Hoskins, Invoice No. 955, for \$10,200 (cost is \$8,100).
  - 11 Purchased \$52,600 of merchandise, invoice dated March 6, terms 2/10, n/30, from Defore Industries.
  - 12 Borrowed \$26,000 cash by giving Commerce Bank a long-term promissory note payable.
  - 14 Received cash payment from Jennifer Nelson for the March 4 sale less the discount (Invoice No. 954).
  - 16 Received a \$200 credit memorandum from Defore Industries for unsatisfactory merchandise Pepper purchased on March 11 and later returned.
  - 16 Received cash payment from Dennie Hoskins for the March 6 sale less the discount (Invoice No. 955).
  - 18 Purchased \$22,850 of store equipment on credit from Schmidt Supply, invoice dated March 15, terms n/30.
  - 20 Sold merchandise on credit to Marjorie Allen, Invoice No. 956, for \$5,600 (cost is \$3,800).
  - 21 Sent Defore Industries Check No. 516 in payment of its March 6 dated invoice less the return and the discount.
  - 22 Purchased \$41,625 of merchandise, invoice dated March 18, terms 2/10, n/30, from Welch Company.
  - 26 Issued a \$600 credit memorandum to Marjorie Allen for defective merchandise Pepper sold on March 20 and Allen later returned.
  - 31 Issued Check No. 517, payable to Payroll, in payment of \$15,900 sales salaries for the month. Cashed the check and paid the employees.
  - 31 Cash sales for the month are \$134,680 (cost is \$67,340). (Cash sales are recorded daily but are recorded only once here to reduce repetitive entries.)

### Required

- 1. Open the following selected general ledger accounts: Cash (101), Accounts Receivable (106), Office Supplies (124), Store Equipment (165), Accounts Payable (201), Long-Term Notes Payable (251), Sales (413), Sales Returns and Allowances (414), Sales Discounts (415), Purchases (505), Purchases Returns and Allowances (506), Purchases Discounts (507), and Sales Salaries Expense (621). Open the following accounts receivable ledger accounts: Marjorie Allen, Dennie Hoskins, and Jennifer Nelson. Open the following accounts payable ledger accounts: Defore Industries, Mack Company, Schmidt Supply, and Welch Company.
- **2.** Enter the transactions using a sales journal, a purchases journal, a cash receipts journal, a cash disbursements journal, and a general journal similar to the ones illustrated in Appendix E-A. Regularly post to the individual customer and creditor accounts. Also, post any amounts that should be posted as individual amounts to general ledger accounts. Foot and crossfoot the journals and make the monthend postings. *Pepper Co. uses the periodic inventory system in this problem.*
- **3.** Prepare a trial balance for the selected general ledger accounts in part 1 and prove the accuracy of subsidiary ledgers by preparing schedules of accounts receivable and accounts payable.

### **SOLUTION TO DEMONSTRATION PROBLEM-PERIODIC SYSTEM**

Sales Journal				Page 2	
Date	Account Debited	Invoice Number	PR	Accounts Receivable Dr. Sales Cr.	^
Mar. 4	Jennifer Nelson	954	1	16,800	
6	Dennie Hoskins	955	1	10,200	
20	Marjorie Allen	956	1	5,600	
31	Totals			32,600	
				(106/413)	V

Date	Account Credited	Explanation	PR	Cash Dr.	Sales Discount Dr.	Accounts Receivable Cr.	Sales Cr.	Other Accounts Cr.
Mar. 12	L.T. Notes Payable	Note to bank	251	26,000				26,000
14	Jennifer Nelson	Invoice 954, 3/4	1	16,464	336	16,800		
16	Dennie Hoskins	Invoice 955, 3/6	1	9,996	204	10,200		
31	Sales	Cash sales	X	134,680			134,680	
31	Totals			187,140	540	27,000	134,680	26,000
				(101)	(415)	(106)	(413)	(x)

urchases J	ournal							Page 3	
Date	Account	Date of Invoice	Terms	PR	Accounts Payable Cr.	Purchases Dr.	Office Supplies Dr.	Other Accounts Dr	
Mar. 6	Office Supplies/Mack Co	3/3	n/30	<b>/</b>	1,220		1,220		
11	Defore Industries	3/6	2/10, n/30	1	52,600	52,600			
18	Store Equipment/Schmidt Supp	3/15	n/30	165/✔	22,850			22,850	
22	Welch Company	3/18	2/10, n/30	/	41,625	41,625			
31	Totals				118,295	94,225	1,220	22,850	
					(201)	(505)	(124)	(x)	

Date	Ck. No.	Payee	Account Debited	PR	Cash Cr.	Purchases Discount Cr.	Other Accounts Dr.	Accounts Payable Dr.
Mar. 21	516	Defore Industries	Defore Industries	1	51,352	1,048		52,400
31	517	Payroll	Sales Salaries Expense	621	15,900		15,900	
31		Totals			67,252	1,048	15,900	52,400
					(101)	(507)	(x)	(201)

	General Journal			Page 2
Mar. 16	Accounts Payable—Defore Industries	201/✓	200	
	Purchases Returns and Allowances	506		200
	To record credit memorandum received.			
26	Sales Returns and Allowances	414	600	
	Accounts Receivable—Marjorie Allen	106/✔		600
	To record credit memorandum issued.			

### Accounts Receivable Ledger

### Marjorie Allen

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 20	S2	5,600		5,600
26	G2		600	5.000

### **Dennie Hoskins**

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 6	S2	10,200		10,200
16	R3		10 200	0

### Jennifer Nelson

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 4	S2	16,800		16,800
14	R3		16,800	0

### Accounts Payable Ledger

### **Defore Industries**

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. I I	P3		52,600	52,600
16	G2	200		52,400
21	D3	52,400		0

### **Mack Company**

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 6	P3		1,220	1,220

### **Schmidt Supply**

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 18	P3		22,850	22,850

### **Welch Company**

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 22	P3		41,625	41,625

### General Ledger (Partial Listing)

Cash		Acct. No. 10		
Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 31	R3	187,140		187,140
31	D3		67 252	119 888

### **Accounts Receivable** Acct. No. 106

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 26	G2		600	(600)
31	S2	32,600		32,000
31	R3		27,000	5,000

### Office Supplies Acct. No. 124

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 31	P3	1,220		1,220

### **Store Equipment** Acct. No. 165

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 18	P3	22,850		22,850

### **Accounts Payable** Acct. No. 201

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 16	G2	200		(200)
31	P3		118,295	118,095
31	D3	52.400		65.695

### Long-Term Notes Payable Acct. No. 251

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 12	R3		26,000	26,000

Sales Date Mar. 31 31 R3

Acct. No. 413				
PR	Debit	Credit	Balance	
52		32 600	32 600	

134,680 | 167,280

94,225

### Sales Returns and Allowances Acct. No. 414

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 26	G2	600		600

### **Sales Discounts** Acct. No. 415

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 31	R3	540		540

### Acct. No. 505 **Purchases Date B**alance Debit Credit

94,225

### **Purchases Returns**

Mar. 31 P3

Acct. No. 506 and Allowances

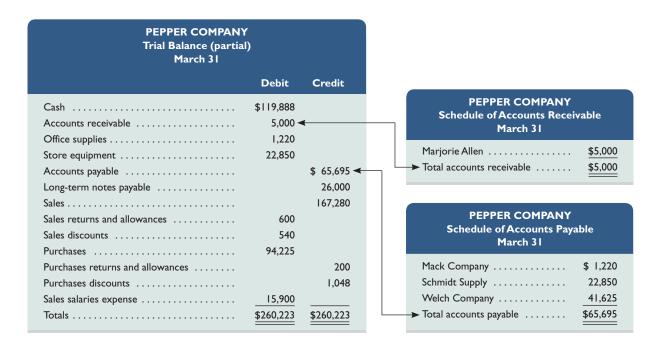
Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 16	G2		200	200

### **Purchases Discounts** Acct. No. 507

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Man 21	D3		1 040	1 040

### Sales Salaries Expense Acct. No. 621

Date	PR	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mar. 3 I	D3	15,900		15,900



### **APPENDIX**

# Special Journals under a Periodic System

E-A

This appendix describes special journals under a periodic inventory system. Each journal is slightly impacted. The sales journal and the cash receipts journal both require one less column (namely that of Cost of Goods Sold Dr., Inventory Cr.). The Purchases Journal replaces the Inventory Dr. column with a Purchases Dr. column in a periodic system. The cash disbursements journal replaces the Inventory Cr. column with a Purchases Discounts Cr. column in a periodic system. These changes are illustrated.

Journalize and post transactions using special journals in a periodic inventory system.

**Sales Journal** The sales journal using the periodic inventory system is shown in Exhibit E-A.1. The difference in the sales journal between the perpetual and periodic system is the exclusion of the column to record cost of goods sold and inventory amounts for each sale. The periodic system does *not* record the increase in cost of goods sold and the decrease in inventory at the time of each sale.

Date         Account Debited         Invoice Number         PR         Accounts Receivable Dr. Sales Cr.           Feb. 2         Jason Henry         307         ✓         450           7         Albert Co.         308         ✓         500           13         Kam Moore         309         ✓         350           15         Paul Roth         310         ✓         200           22         Jason Henry         311         ✓         225           25         Frank Booth         312         ✓         175           28         Albert Co.         313         ✓         250           28         Total         2,150           (106/413)         (106/413)	X				
Date			PR	Account Hocorabic Bil	^
Feb. 2	Jason Henry	307	1	450	
7	Albert Co.	308	1	500	
13	Kam Moore	309	/	350	
15	Paul Roth	310	✓	200	
22	Jason Henry	311	✓	225	
25	Frank Booth	312	✓	175	
28	Albert Co.	313	1	250	
28	Total			2,150	
				(106/413)	V

### **EXHIBIT E-A.1**

Sales Journal—Periodic System

**Cash Receipts Journal** The cash receipts journal using the periodic system is shown in Exhibit E-A.2. Note the absence of the column on the far right side to record debits to Cost of Goods

Sold and credits to Inventory for the cost of merchandise sold (seen under the perpetual system). Consistent with the cash receipts journal shown in Exhibit E.7, we show only the weekly (summary) cash sale entries.

### **EXHIBIT E-A.2**

Cash Receipts Journal— Periodic System

i –⊫ Cash Rec	eipts Journal							Page 2 🔳
Date	Account Credited	Explanation	PR	Cash Dr.	Sales Discount Dr.	Accounts Receivable Cr.	Sales Cr.	Other Accounts Cr.
Feb. 7	Sales	Cash sales	Х	4,450			4,450	
12	Jason Henry	Invoice 307, 2/2	1	441	9	450		
14	Sales	Cash sales	Х	3,925			3,925	
17	Albert Co.	Invoice 308, 2/7	1	490	10	500		
20	Notes Payable	Note to bank	245	750				750
21	Sales	Cash sales	X	4,700			4,700	
22	Interest revenue	Bank account	409	250				250
23	Kam Moore	Invoice 309, 2/13	/	343	7	350		
25	Paul Roth	Invoice 310, 2/15	✓	196	4	200		
28	Sales	Cash sales	X	4,225			4,225	
28	Totals			19,770	30	1,500	17,300	1,000
				(101)	(415)	(106)	(413)	(x)

**Purchases Journal** The purchases journal using the periodic system is shown in Exhibit E-A.3. This journal under a perpetual system included an Inventory column where the periodic system now has a Purchases column.

### **EXHIBIT E-A.3**

Purchases Journal—Periodic System

Purchases Jou	urnal							Page 1 📃	
Date	Account	Date of Invoice	Terms	PR	Accounts Payable Cr.	Purchases Dr.	Office Supplies Dr.	Other Accounts Dr.	
Feb. 3	Horning Supply Co.	2/2	n/30	<b>✓</b>	350	275	75		
5	Ace Mfg. Co.	2/5	2/10, n/30	1	200	200			
13	Wynet and Co.	2/10	2/10, n/30	<b>✓</b>	150	150			
20	Smite Co.	2/18	2/10, n/30	<b>✓</b>	300	300			
25	Ace Mfg. Co.	2/24	2/10, n/30	1	100	100			
28	Store Supplies/ITT Co.	2/28	n/30	125/✔	225	125	25	75	
28	Totals				1,325	1,150	100	<u>75</u>	
					(201)	(505)	(124)	(x)	~

**Cash Disbursements Journal** The cash disbursements journal using a periodic system is shown in Exhibit E-A.4. This journal under the perpetual system included an Inventory column where the periodic system now has the Purchases Discounts column.

### **EXHIBIT E-A.4**

Cash Disbursements Journal—Periodic System

sh Disburs	ements Jo	urnal						Page 2
Date	Ck. No.	Payee	Account Debited	PR	Cash Cr.	Purchases Discounts Cr.	Other Accounts Dr.	Accounts Payable Dr.
Feb. 3	105	L. and N. Railroad	Purchases	505	15		15	
12	106	East Sales Co.	Purchases	505	25		25	
15	107	Ace Mfg. Co.	Ace Mfg. Co.	1	196	4		200
15	108	Jerry Hale	Salaries Expense	622	250		250	
20	109	Wynet and Co.	Wynet and Co.	1	147	3		150
28	110	Smite Co.	Smite Co.	1	294	6		300
28		Totals			927	13	290	650
					(101)	(507)	(x)	(201)

# Summary

Identify the principles and components of accounting information systems. Accounting information systems are governed by five fundamental principles: control, relevance, compatibility, flexibility, and cost-benefit. The five basic components of an accounting information system are source documents, input devices, information processors, information storage, and output devices.

**C2** Explain the goals and uses of special journals. Special journals are used for recording transactions of similar type, each meant to cover one kind of transaction. Four of the most common special journals are the sales journal, cash receipts journal, purchases journal, and cash disbursements journal. Special journals are efficient and cost-effective tools in the journalizing and posting processes.

C3 Describe the use of controlling accounts and subsidiary ledgers. A general ledger keeps controlling accounts such as Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable, but details on individual accounts making up the controlling account are kept in subsidiary ledgers (such as an accounts receivable ledger). The balance in a controlling account must equal the sum of its subsidiary account balances after posting is complete.

Compute segment return on assets and use it to evaluate segment performance. A business segment is a part of a company that is separately identified by its products or services or by the geographic market it serves. Analysis of a company's segments is aided by the segment return on assets (segment operating income divided by segment average assets).

**P1** Journalize and post transactions using special journals.

Each special journal is devoted to similar kinds of transactions. Transactions are journalized on one line of a special journal, with columns devoted to specific accounts, dates, names, posting references, explanations, and other necessary information. Posting is threefold: (1) individual amounts in the Other Accounts column are posted to their general ledger accounts on a regular (daily) basis, (2) individual amounts in a column whose total is *not* posted to a controlling account at the end of a period (month) are posted regularly (daily) to their general ledger accounts, and (3) total amounts for all columns except the Other Accounts column are posted at the end of a period (month) to their column's account title in the general ledger.

Prepare and prove the accuracy of subsidiary ledgers.
Account balances in the general ledger and its subsidiary ledgers are tested for accuracy after posting is complete. This procedure is twofold: (1) prepare a trial balance of the general ledger to confirm that debits equal credits and (2) prepare a schedule to confirm that the controlling account's balance equals the subsidiary ledger's balance.

**P3A** Journalize and post transactions using special journals in a periodic inventory system. Transactions are journalized and posted using special journals in a periodic system. The methods are similar to those in a perpetual system; the primary difference is that both cost of goods sold and inventory are not adjusted at the time of each sale. This usually results in the deletion (or renaming) of one or more columns devoted to these accounts in each special journal.

### **Guidance Answers to Decision Maker and Decision Ethics**



**Accountant** The main issue is whether commissions have an actual or perceived impact on the integrity and objectivity of your advice. You probably should not accept a commission arrangement (the AICPA Code of Ethics prohibits it when you perform the audit or a review). In any event, you should tell the client of your commission arrangement. Also, you need to seriously examine the merits of agreeing to a commission arrangement when you are in a position to exploit it.

**Entrepreneur** The accounts receivable ledger has much of the information you need. It lists detailed information for each customer's account, including the amounts, dates for transactions, and dates of payments. It can be reorganized into an "aging schedule" to show how long customers wait before paying their bills.

**Controller** Much of the information you need is in the accounts payable ledger. It contains information for each supplier, the amounts due, and when payments are made. This subsidiary ledger along with information on credit terms should enable you to conduct your analyses.

**Banker** This merchandiser's segment information is likely to greatly impact your loan decision. The risks associated with the company's two sources of net income are quite different. While net income is up by 10%, U.S. operations are performing poorly and Cuban operations are subject to many uncertainties. These uncertainties depend on political events, legal issues, business relationships, Cuban economic conditions, and a host of other risks. Overall, net income results suggested a low-risk loan opportunity, but the segment information reveals a high-risk situation.

### **Guidance Answers to Quick Checks**



- 1. The five components are source documents, input devices, information processors, information storage, and output devices.
- **2.** Information processors interpret, transform, and summarize the recorded accounting information so that it can be used in analysis, interpretation, and decision making.
- **3.** Data saved in information storage are used to prepare periodic financial reports and special-purpose internal reports as well as source documentation for auditors.
- **4.** All cash payments by check are recorded in the cash disbursements journal.

- **5.** Columnar journals allow us to accumulate repetitive debits and credits and post them as column totals rather than as individual amounts from each entry.
- **6.** The equality of debits and credits is kept within the general ledger. The subsidiary ledger keeps the customer's individual account and is used only for supplementary information.
- 7. An initial and the page number of the journal from which the amount was posted are entered in the PR column next to the amount.
- **8.** A separate column for Sales Taxes Payable can be included in both the cash receipts journal and the sales journal.
- **9.** This refers to a procedure of using copies of sales invoices as a sales journal. Each invoice amount is posted directly to the customer's account. All invoices are totaled at period-end for posting to the general ledger accounts.
- 10. The normal recording and posting procedures are threefold. First, transactions are entered in a special journal if applicable. Second, individual amounts are posted to any subsidiary ledger accounts. Third, column totals are posted to general ledger accounts if not already individually posted.
- **11.** Controlling accounts are debited periodically for an amount or amounts equal to the sum of their respective debits in the subsidiary ledgers (equals journal column totals), and they are

- credited periodically for an amount or amounts equal to the sum of their respective credits in the subsidiary ledgers (from journal column totals).
- **12.** Tests for accuracy of account balances in the general ledger and subsidiary ledgers are twofold. First, we prepare a trial balance of the general ledger to confirm that debits equal credits. Second, we prove the subsidiary ledgers by preparing schedules of accounts receivable and accounts payable.
- **13.** The general journal is still needed for adjusting, closing, and correcting entries and for special transactions such as sales returns, purchases returns, and certain asset purchases.
- 14. Integrated systems can save time and minimize errors. This is so because actions taken in one part of the system automatically affect and update related parts.
- **15.** Computer systems offer increased accuracy, speed, efficiency, and convenience.
- **16.** Computer networks can create advantages by linking computers, and giving different users and different computers access to common databases, programs, and hardware.
- **17.** ERP software involves integrated programs, from order taking to manufacturing to accounting. It can speed decision making, help identify costs for reduction, and aid managers in controlling operations.

### **Key Terms**

**Accounting information systems** (p. E-1)

Accounts payable ledger (p. E-6)

Accounts receivable ledger (p. E-6)

**Batch processing** (p. E-15)

Cash disbursements journal (p. E-13)

Cash receipts journal (p. E-10)

Check register (p. E-13)

Columnar journal (p. E-7)

Compatibility principle (p. E-2)

**Components of accounting** 

systems (p. E-2)

Computer network (p. E-15)

**Control principle** (p. E-1)

Controlling account (p. E-6)

**Cost-benefit principle** (p. E-2)

Enterprise resource planning (ERP)

software (p. E-16)

Flexibility principle (p. E-2)

**General journal** (p. E-5)

**Information processor** (p. E-3)

**Information storage** (p. E-3)

**Input device** (p. E-3)

**Internal controls** (p. E-1)

Online processing (p. E-15)

Output devices (p. E-4)

Purchases journal (p. E-12)

**Relevance principle** (p. E-1)

Sales journal (p. E-7)

Schedule of accounts payable (p. E-13)

Schedule of accounts receivable (p. E-8)

Segment return on assets (p. E-18)

**Special journal** (p. E-5)

**Subsidiary ledger** (p. E-5)

### **Multiple Choice Quiz**

### Answers on p. E-45

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- 1. The sales journal is used to record
  - **a.** Credit sales
  - **b.** Cash sales
  - **c.** Cash receipts
  - **d.** Cash purchases
  - e. Credit purchases
- 2. The purchases journal is used to record
  - **a.** Credit sales
  - **b.** Cash sales
  - c. Cash receipts

- **d.** Cash purchases
  - e. Credit purchases
  - **3.** The ledger that contains the financial statement accounts of a company is the
    - **a.** General journal
    - **b.** Column balance journal
    - c. Special ledger
    - **d.** General ledger
    - e. Special journal

- **4.** A subsidiary ledger that contains a separate account for each supplier (creditor) to the company is the
  - **a.** Controlling account
  - **b.** Accounts payable ledger
  - c. Accounts receivable ledger
  - d. General ledger
  - e. Special journal

- **5.** Enterprise resource planning software
  - **a.** Refers to programs that help manage company operations.
  - **b.** Is another name for spreadsheet programs.
  - **c.** Uses batch processing of business information.
  - **d.** Is substantially declining in use.
  - **e.** Is another name for database programs.

I lcon denotes assignments that involve decision making.

### **Discussion Questions**

- **1.** What are five basic components of an accounting system?
- **2.** What are source documents? Give two examples.
- **3.** What are the five fundamental principles of accounting information systems?
- **4.** What is the purpose of an input device? Give examples of input devices for computer systems.
- **5.** What is the difference between data that are stored off-line and data that are stored online?
- **6.** What purpose is served by the output devices of an accounting system?
- **7.** When special journals are used, they are usually used to record each of four different types of transactions. What are these four types of transactions?
- **8.** What notations are entered into the Posting Reference column of a ledger account?
- **9.** When a general journal entry is used to record sales returns, the credit of the entry must be posted twice. Does this cause the trial balance to be out of balance? Explain.
- **10.** Describe the procedures involving the use of copies of a company's sales invoices as a sales journal.

- **11.** Credits to customer accounts and credits to Other Accounts are individually posted from a cash receipts journal such as the one in Exhibit E.7. Why not put both types of credits in the same column and save journal space?
- **12.** Why should sales to and receipts of cash from credit customers be recorded and posted immediately?
- **13.** Locate the annual report note that discusses **Polaris**'s operations by segments in Appendix A. In what segment does it predominantly operate?
- 14. Does the income statement of Arctic Cat in Appendix A indicate the net income earned by its business segments? If so, list them.

  Arctic Cat
- **15.** Locate the note that discusses **KTM**'s segments from its 2011 annual report on its Website. What three reportable segments does KTM have?
- 16. Does the balance sheet of Piaggio in Appendix A indicate the identifiable assets owned by its business segments? If so, list them.

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### For account titles and numbers, use the Chart of Accounts at the end of the book.

Enter the letter of each system principle in the blank next to its best description.

- **A.** Control principle
- **D.** Flexibility principle
- **B.** Relevance principle
- **E.** Cost-benefit principle
- **C.** Compatibility principle
- **1.** The principle prescribes the accounting information system to help monitor activities.
- **2.** The principle prescribes the accounting information system to adapt to the unique characteristics of the company.
- **3.** The principle prescribes the accounting information system to change in response to technological advances and competitive pressures.
- **4.** \_\_\_\_\_ The principle that affects all other accounting information system principles.
- **5.** \_\_\_\_\_ The principle prescribes the accounting information system to provide timely information for effective decision making.

### **QUICK STUDY**

### **QS E-1**

Accounting information system principles

**C1** 

### QS E-2

Accounting information system C1

Fill in the blanks to complete the following descriptions.

- **1.** With \_\_\_\_\_\_ processing, source documents are accumulated for a period and then processed all at the same time, such as once a day, week, or month.
- **2.** A computer \_\_\_\_\_ allows different computer users to share access to data and programs.
- 3. A \_\_\_\_\_\_ is an input device that captures writing and other input directly from source documents.
- **4.** \_\_\_\_\_ software comprises programs that help manage a company's vital operations, from manufacturing to accounting.

### **QS E-3**

Accounting information system components

C1

Identify the most likely role in an accounting system played by each of the numbered items 1 through 12 by assigning a letter from the list A through E on the left.

- **A.** Source documents
- **B.** Input devices
- **C.** Information processors
- **D.** Information storage
- **E.** Output devices

- 1. Computer keyboard
- 2. Computer printer
- **3.** Computer monitor
- **4.** MP3 player
- 5. Bank statement
- **6.** Computer software
- 7. Bar code reader
- \_ 8. Digital camera
- **9.** Invoice from a supplier
- \_\_\_\_ **10.** Zip drive
- \_\_\_\_ **11.** Computer scanner
- \_\_\_\_\_ **12.** Filing cabinet

### **QS E-4**

Identifying the special journal of entry





Wilcox Electronics uses a sales journal, a purchases journal, a cash receipts journal, a cash disbursements journal, and a general journal as illustrated in this appendix. Wilcox recently completed the following transactions *a* through *h*. Identify the journal in which each transaction should be recorded.

- a. Sold merchandise on credit.
- **b.** Purchased shop supplies on credit.
- **c.** Paid an employee's salary in cash.
- **d.** Borrowed cash from the bank.
- e. Sold merchandise for cash.
- **f.** Purchased merchandise on credit.
- g. Purchased inventory for cash.
- **h.** Paid cash to a creditor.

### **QS E-5**

Entries in the general journal C2

Biloxi Gifts uses a sales journal, a purchases journal, a cash receipts journal, a cash disbursements journal, and a general journal as illustrated in this appendix. Journalize its November transactions that should be recorded in the general journal. For those not recorded in the general journal, identify the special journal where each should be recorded.

- Nov. 2 The company purchased \$2,600 of merchandise on credit from the Midland Co., terms 2/10, n/30.
  - 12 The owner, T. Biloxi, contributed an automobile worth \$17,000 to the company in exchange for common stock.
  - 16 The company sold \$1,200 of merchandise (cost is \$800) on credit to K. Myer, terms n/30.
  - 19 K. Myer returned \$175 of (worthless) merchandise to the company originally purchased on November 16 (assume the cost of this merchandise is left in cost of goods sold).

### OS E-6

Controlling accounts and subsidiary ledgers

Following is information from Fredrickson Company for its initial month of business. (1) Identify the balances listed in the accounts receivable subsidiary ledger. (2) Identify the accounts receivable balance listed in the general ledger at month's end.

	Credit Sales		Cash Collections				
Jan. 10	Stern Company	\$4,000	Jan. 20	Stern Company	\$2,000		
19	Diaz Brothers	1,600	28	Diaz Brothers	1,600		
23	Rex Company	2,500	31	Rex Company	1,300		



Peachtree Company uses a sales journal, a purchases journal, a cash receipts journal, a cash disbursements journal, and a general journal. The following transactions occur in the month of May.

### **QS E-7**

Purchases journal-perpetual

**P1** 

- May 1 Purchased \$10,100 of merchandise on credit from Krause, Inc., terms n/30.
  - 8 Sold merchandise costing \$900 on credit to G. Seles for \$1,500 subject to a \$30 sales discount if paid by the end of the month.
  - 14 Purchased \$240 of store supplies from Chang Company on credit, terms n/30.
  - 17 Purchased \$260 of office supplies on credit from Monder Company, terms n/30.
  - 24 Sold merchandise costing \$400 to D. Air for \$650 cash.
  - 28 Purchased store supplies from Porter's for \$90 cash.
  - 29 Paid Krause, Inc., \$10,100 cash for the merchandise purchased on May 1.

Prepare headings for a purchases journal like the one in Exhibit E.9. Journalize the May transactions that should be recorded in the purchases journal.

Refer to QS E-7 and for each of the May transactions identify the journal in which it would be recorded. Assume the company uses a sales journal, purchases journal, cash receipts journal, cash disbursements journal, and general journal as illustrated in this appendix.

### **QS E-8**

Identifying journal of entry **C2** 

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Warton Company posts its sales invoices directly and then binds them into a Sales Journal. The company had the following credit sales to these customers during July.

July 2	Mary Mack	\$ 8,600
8	Eric Horner	11,100
10	Troy Wilson	13,400
14	Hong Jiang	20,500
20	Troy Wilson	11,200
29	Mary Mack	7,300
	Total credit sales	\$72 100

### QS E-9

Accounts receivable ledger; posting from sales journal

P2

### Required

- **1.** Open an accounts receivable subsidiary ledger having a T-account for each customer. Post the invoices to the subsidiary ledger.
- **2.** Open an Accounts Receivable controlling T-account and a Sales T-account to reflect general ledger accounts. Post the end-of-month total from the sales journal to these accounts.
- **3.** Prepare a schedule of accounts receivable and prove that its total equals the Accounts Receivable controlling account balance.

**Apple** reports the following operating income (and average assets in parentheses) in a recent year for each of its geographic segments—\$ millions: Americas, \$13,538 (\$3,308); Europe, \$11,528 (\$2,456); and Japan, \$2,481 (\$898). Apple also reports the following sales (only) by product segments: iPhone, \$47,057; iPad, \$20,358; iPod, \$7,453; Desktops, \$6,439; Portables, \$15,344; Other, \$11,598. Compute Apple's return on assets for each of its geographic segments, and assess the relative performance of these segments. Compute the percentage of total sales for each of its five product segments.

### **QS E-10**

Analyzing segment reports



Apple

**Nestlé**, a Switzerland-based company, uses a sales journal, a purchases journal, a cash receipts journal, a cash disbursements journal, and a general journal in a manner similar to that explained in this appendix. Journalize the following summary transactions of Nestlé transactions that should be recorded in the general journal. For those not recorded in the general journal, identify only the special journal where each should be recorded. (All amounts in millions of Swiss franc, CHF.)

### **QS E-11**

International accounting and special journals



- **1.** Assume Nestlé purchased CHF 17,000 of merchandise on credit from the suppliers.
- **2.** Assume Nestlé sold CHF 94,000 of merchandise (cost is CHF 42,300) on credit to customers.
- **3.** Assume a key customer returned CHF 2,400 of (worthless) merchandise to Nestlé (assume the cost of this merchandise is left in cost of goods sold).

Prepare headings for a purchases journal like the one in Exhibit E-A.3. Journalize the May transactions from QS E-7 that should be recorded in the purchases journal assuming the periodic inventory system is used.

**QS E-12<sup>A</sup>** 



### **EXERCISES**

### For account titles and numbers, use the Chart of Accounts at the end of the book.

### **Exercise E-1**

Sales journal—perpetual

Finer Company uses a sales journal, a purchases journal, a cash receipts journal, a cash disbursements journal, and a general journal. The following transactions occur in the month of May.

- May 2 Sold merchandise costing \$300 to B. Facer for \$450 cash, invoice no. 5703.
- 5 Purchased \$2,400 of merchandise on credit from Marchant Corp.
  - 7 Sold merchandise costing \$800 to J. Dryer for \$1,250, terms 2/10, n/30, invoice no. 5704.
  - 8 Borrowed \$9,000 cash by signing a note payable to the bank.
  - 12 Sold merchandise costing \$200 to R. Lamb for \$340, terms n/30, invoice no. 5705.
  - Received \$1,225 cash from J. Dryer to pay for the purchase of May 7.
  - 19 Sold used store equipment for \$900 cash to Golf, Inc.
  - 25 Sold merchandise costing \$500 to T. Taylor for \$750, terms n/30, invoice no. 5706.

Prepare headings for a sales journal like the one in Exhibit E.5. Journalize the May transactions that should be recorded in this sales journal.

### **Exercise E-2**

Identifying journal of entry **C2** 

Refer to Exercise E-1 and for each of the May transactions identify the journal in which it would be recorded. Assume the company uses a sales journal, purchases journal, cash receipts journal, cash disbursements journal, and general journal as illustrated in this appendix.

### **Exercise E-3**

Cash receipts journal—perpetual

P1

Ali Co. uses a sales journal, a purchases journal, a cash receipts journal, a cash disbursements journal, and a general journal. The following transactions occur in the month of November.

- Nov. 3 The company purchased \$3,200 of merchandise on credit from Hart Co., terms n/20.
  - 7 The company sold merchandise costing \$840 on credit to J. Than for \$1,000, subject to an \$20 sales discount if paid by the end of the month.
  - 9 The company borrowed \$3,750 cash by signing a note payable to the bank.
  - 13 J. Ali, the owner, contributed \$5,000 cash to the company in exchange for common stock.
  - 18 The company sold merchandise costing \$250 to B. Cox for \$330 cash.
  - 22 The company paid Hart Co. \$3,200 cash for the merchandise purchased on November 3.
  - 27 The company received \$980 cash from J. Than in payment of the November 7 purchase.
  - 30 The company paid salaries of \$1,650 in cash.

Prepare headings for a cash receipts journal like the one in Exhibit E.7. Journalize the November transactions that should be recorded in the cash receipts journal.

### **Exercise E-4**

Identifying journal of entry **C2** 

Refer to Exercise E-3 and for each of the November transactions identify the journal in which it would be recorded. Assume the company uses a sales journal, purchases journal, cash receipts journal, cash disbursements journal, and general journal as illustrated in this appendix.

### **Exercise E-5**

Controlling accounts and subsidiary ledgers

Following is information from Jesper Company for its initial month of business. (1) Identify the balances listed in the accounts payable subsidiary ledger. (2) Identify the accounts payable balance listed in the general ledger at month's end.

	Credit Purchases			Cash Paid			
Jan. 9	Bailey Company	\$14,000	Jan. 19	Bailey Company	\$10,100		
18	Johnson Brothers	6,600	27	Johnson Brothers	6,600		
22	Preston Company	6,200	31	Preston Company	5,400		

### **Exercise E-6**

Cash disbursements journal—perpetual

**P1** 

Marx Supply uses a sales journal, a purchases journal, a cash receipts journal, a cash disbursements journal, and a general journal. The following transactions occur in the month of April.

- Apr. 3 Purchased merchandise for \$2,950 on credit from Seth, Inc., terms 2/10, n/30.
  - 9 Issued check no. 210 to Kitt Corp. to buy store supplies for \$650.
  - 12 Sold merchandise costing \$500 on credit to C. Myrs for \$770, terms n/30.
  - 17 Issued check no. 211 for \$1,400 to pay off a note payable to City Bank.
  - 20 Purchased merchandise for \$4,500 on credit from Lite, terms 2/10, n/30.

- Issued check no. 212 to Lite to pay the amount due for the purchase of April 20, less the discount.
- Paid salary of \$1,800 to B. Dock by issuing check no. 213.
- 30 Issued check no. 214 to Seth, Inc., to pay the amount due for the purchase of April 3.

Prepare headings for a cash disbursements journal like the one in Exhibit E.11. Journalize the April transactions that should be recorded in the cash disbursements journal.

Refer to Exercise E-6 and for each of the April transactions identify the journal in which it would be recorded. Assume the company uses a sales journal, purchases journal, cash receipts journal, cash disbursements journal, and general journal as illustrated in this appendix.

### **Exercise E-7**

Identifying journal of entry **C2** 

A company that records credit purchases in a purchases journal and records purchases returns in a general journal made the following errors. Indicate when each error should be discovered.

- **1.** Made an addition error in totaling the Office Supplies column of the purchases journal.
- **2.** Made an addition error in determining the balance of a creditor's subsidiary account.
- 3. Posted a purchases return to the Accounts Payable account and to the creditor's subsidiary account but did not post the purchases return to the Inventory account.
- **4.** Correctly recorded a \$8,000 purchase in the purchases journal but posted it to the creditor's subsidiary account as a \$800 purchase.
- **5.** Posted a purchases return to the Inventory account and to the Accounts Payable account but did not post to the creditor's subsidiary account.

**Exercise E-8** 

Purchases journal and error identification



Post Pharmacy uses the following journals: sales journal, purchases journal, cash receipts journal, cash

disbursements journal, and general journal. On June 5, Post purchased merchandise priced at \$14,000, subject to credit terms of 2/10, n/30. On June 14, the pharmacy paid the net amount due for the merchandise. In journalizing the payment, the pharmacy debited Accounts Payable for \$14,000 but failed to record the cash discount on the purchases. Cash was properly credited for the actual \$13,720 paid. (a) In what journals would the June 5 and the June 14 transactions be recorded? (b) What procedure is likely to discover the error in journalizing the June 14 transaction?

### **Exercise E-9**

Special journal transactions and error discovery





At the end of May, the sales journal of Mountain View appears as follows.

Sales Journal Page 2 🔲 🛛									
Date	Account Debited	Invoice Number	PR	Accounts Receivable Dr. Sales Cr.	Cost of Goods Sold Dr. Inventory Cr.	^			
May 6	Aaron Reckers	190		3,880	3,120	1			
10	Sara Reed	191		2,940	2,325				
17	Anna Page	192		1,850	1,480				
25	Sara Reed	193		1,340	<u>1,075</u>				
31	Totals			<u>10,010</u>	<u>8,000</u>	V			

### **Exercise E-10**

Posting to subsidiary ledger accounts; preparing a schedule of accounts receivable

P2

Mountain View also recorded the return of defective merchandise with the following entry.

May 20	Sales Returns and Allowances	350
	Accounts Receivable—Anna Page	350
	Customer returned (worthless) merchandise.	

### Required

- 1. Open an accounts receivable subsidiary ledger that has a T-account for each customer listed in the sales journal. Post to the customer accounts the entries in the sales journal and any portion of the general journal entry that affects a customer's account.
- 2. Open a general ledger that has T-accounts for Accounts Receivable, Inventory, Sales, Sales Returns and Allowances, and Cost of Goods Sold. Post the sales journal and any portion of the general journal entry that affects these accounts.
- 3. Prepare a schedule of accounts receivable and prove that its total equals the balance in the Accounts Receivable controlling account.

Check (3) Ending Accounts Receivable, \$9,660

### **Exercise E-11**

Computing and analyzing segment return on assets



Refer to Exhibit E.13 and complete the segment return on assets table for Teton Company (round ratios to three decimals, or one decimal if shown in percent form). Analyze your findings and identify the segment with the highest, and that with the lowest, segment return on assets.

	Segment Operating Income (in \$ mil.)		Segmen (in \$		Segment Return on Assets	
Segment	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	
Specialty						
Skiing Group	\$ 72	\$ 68	\$ 591	\$450		
Skating Group	19	16	63	52		
Specialty Footwear	32	29	165	146		
Other Specialty	21	14	47	34		
Subtotal	144	127	866	682		
General Merchandise						
South America	42	46	315	284		
United States	17	18	62	45		
Europe	15	13	24	22		
Subtotal	74	77	401	351		
Total	\$218	\$204	\$1,267	\$1,033		

**Check** Europe segment return, 65.2%

### Exercise E-12<sup>A</sup>

Sales journal-periodic P3

Prepare headings for a sales journal like the one in Exhibit E-A.1. Journalize the May transactions shown in Exercise E-1 that should be recorded in the sales journal assuming that the periodic inventory system is used.

### Exercise E-13<sup>A</sup>

Cash receipts journal—periodic P3

Prepare headings for a cash receipts journal like the one in Exhibit E-A.2. Journalize the November transactions shown in Exercise E-3 that should be recorded in the cash receipts journal assuming that the periodic inventory system is used.

### Exercise E-14<sup>A</sup>

Cash disbursements journal—periodic P3

Prepare headings for a cash disbursements journal like the one in Exhibit E-A.4. Journalize the April transactions from Exercise E-6 that should be recorded in the cash disbursements journal assuming that the periodic inventory system is used.



### **PROBLEM SET A**

### **Problem E-1A**

Special journals, subsidiary ledgers, and schedule of accounts receivable—perpetual





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### For account titles and numbers, use the Chart of Accounts at the end of the book.

Wiset Company completes these transactions during April of the current year (the terms of all its credit sales are 2/10, n/30).

- Apr. 2 Purchased \$14,300 of merchandise on credit from Noth Company, invoice dated April 2, terms 2/10, n/60.
  - 3 Sold merchandise on credit to Page Alistair, Invoice No. 760, for \$4,000 (cost is \$3,000).
  - 3 Purchased \$1,480 of office supplies on credit from Custer, Inc. Invoice dated April 2, terms n/10 EOM.
  - 4 Issued Check No. 587 to World View for advertising expense, \$899.
  - 5 Sold merchandise on credit to Paula Kohr, Invoice No. 761, for \$8,000 (cost is \$6,500).
  - 6 Received an \$80 credit memorandum from Custer, Inc., for the return of some of the office supplies received on April 3.
  - 9 Purchased \$12,125 of store equipment on credit from Hal's Supply, invoice dated April 9, terms n/10 EOM.
  - 11 Sold merchandise on credit to Nic Nelson, Invoice No 762, for \$10,500 (cost is \$7,000).
  - 12 Issued Check No. 588 to Noth Company in payment of its April 2 invoice, less the discount.
  - 13 Received payment from Page Alistair for the April 3 sale, less the discount.
  - 13 Sold \$5,100 of merchandise on credit to Page Alistair (cost is \$3,600), Invoice No. 763.
  - 14 Received payment from Paula Kohr for the April 5 sale, less the discount.
  - 16 Issued Check No. 589, payable to Payroll, in payment of sales salaries expense for the first half of the month, \$10,750. Cashed the check and paid employees.

- 16 Cash sales for the first half of the month are \$52,840 (cost is \$35,880). (Cash sales are recorded daily from cash register data but are recorded only twice in this problem to reduce repetitive entries.)
- 17 Purchased \$13,750 of merchandise on credit from Grant Company, invoice dated April 17, terms 2/10, n/30.
- 18 Borrowed \$60,000 cash from First State Bank by signing a long-term note payable.
- 20 Received payment from Nic Nelson for the April 11 sale, less the discount.
- 20 Purchased \$830 of store supplies on credit from Hal's Supply, invoice dated April 19, terms n/10 EOM.
- 23 Received a \$750 credit memorandum from Grant Company for the return of defective merchandise received on April 17.
- 23 Received payment from Page Alistair for the April 13 sale, less the discount.
- 25 Purchased \$11,375 of merchandise on credit from Noth Company, invoice dated April 24, terms 2/10, n/60.
- 26 Issued Check No. 590 to Grant Company in payment of its April 17 invoice, less the return and the discount.
- 27 Sold \$3,170 of merchandise on credit to Paula Kohr, Invoice No. 764 (cost is \$2,520).
- 27 Sold \$6,700 of merchandise on credit to Nic Nelson, Invoice No. 765 (cost is \$4,305).
- 30 Issued Check No. 591, payable to Payroll, in payment of the sales salaries expense for the last half of the month, \$10,750.
- Cash sales for the last half of the month are \$73,975 (cost is \$58,900).

### Required

- 1. Prepare a sales journal like that in Exhibit E.5 and a cash receipts journal like that in Exhibit E.7. Number both journal pages as page 3. Then review the transactions of Wiset Company and enter those that should be journalized in the sales journal and those that should be journalized in the cash receipts journal. Ignore any transactions that should be journalized in a purchases journal, a cash disbursements journal, or a general journal.
- 2. Open the following general ledger accounts: Cash, Accounts Receivable, Inventory, Long-Term Notes Payable, Common Stock, Retained Earnings, Sales, Sales Discounts, and Cost of Goods Sold. Enter the March 31 balances for Cash (\$85,000), Inventory (\$125,000), Long-Term Notes Payable (\$110,000), Common Stock (\$20,000), and Retained Earnings (\$80,000). Also open accounts receivable subsidiary ledger accounts for Paula Kohr, Page Alistair, and Nic Nelson.
- **3.** Verify that amounts that should be posted as individual amounts from the journals have been posted. (Such items are immediately posted.) Foot and crossfoot the journals and make the month-end postings.
- **4.** Prepare a trial balance of the general ledger and prove the accuracy of the subsidiary ledger by preparing a schedule of accounts receivable.

**Check** Trial balance totals, \$434,285

### **Analysis Component**

**5.** Assume that the total for the schedule of Accounts Receivable does not equal the balance of the controlling account in the general ledger. Describe steps you would take to discover the error(s).

The April transactions of Wiset Company are described in Problem E-1A.

### Required

- 1. Prepare a general journal, a purchases journal like that in Exhibit E.9, and a cash disbursements journal like that in Exhibit E.11. Number all journal pages as page 3. Review the April transactions of Wiset Company and enter those transactions that should be journalized in the general journal, the purchases journal, or the cash disbursements journal. Ignore any transactions that should be journalized in a sales journal or cash receipts journal.
- 2. Open the following general ledger accounts: Cash, Inventory, Office Supplies, Store Supplies, Store Equipment, Accounts Payable, Long-Term Notes Payable, Common Stock, Retained Earnings, Sales Salaries Expense, and Advertising Expense. Enter the March 31 balances of Cash (\$85,000), Inventory (\$125,000), Long-Term Notes Payable (\$110,000), Common Stock (\$20,000), and Retained Earnings (\$80,000). Also open accounts payable subsidiary ledger accounts for Hal's Supply, Noth Company, Grant Company, and Custer, Inc.
- **3.** Verify that amounts that should be posted as individual amounts from the journals have been posted. (Such items are immediately posted.) Foot and crossfoot the journals and make the month-end postings.
- **4.** Prepare a trial balance of the general ledger and a schedule of accounts payable.

### **Problem E-2A**

Special journals, subsidiary ledgers, and schedule of accounts payable—perpetual

C3 P1 P2

Check Trial balance totals, \$235,730

### **Problem E-3A**

Special journals, subsidiary ledgers, trial balance—perpetual

C3 P1 P2



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Church Company completes these transactions and events during March of the current year (terms for all its credit sales are 2/10, n/30).

Mar. 1 Purchased \$43,600 of merchandise from Van Industries, invoice dated March 1, terms 2/15, n/30.

- 2 Sold merchandise on credit to Min Cho, Invoice No. 854, for \$16,800 (cost is \$8,400).
- 3 Purchased \$1,230 of office supplies on credit from Gabel Company, invoice dated March 3, terms n/10 EOM.
- 3 Sold merchandise on credit to Linda Witt, Invoice No. 855, for \$10,200 (cost is \$5,800).
- 6 Borrowed \$82,000 cash from Federal Bank by signing a long-term note payable.
- 9 Purchased \$21,850 of office equipment on credit from Spell Supply, invoice dated March 9, terms n/10 EOM.
- 10 Sold merchandise on credit to Jovita Albany, Invoice No. 856, for \$5,600 (cost is \$2,900).
- 12 Received payment from Min Cho for the March 2 sale less the discount.
- 13 Sent Van Industries Check No. 416 in payment of the March 1 invoice less the discount.
- 13 Received payment from Linda Witt for the March 3 sale less the discount.
- 14 Purchased \$32,625 of merchandise from the CD Company, invoice dated March 13, terms 2/10, n/30.
- 15 Issued Check No. 417, payable to Payroll, in payment of sales salaries expense for the first half of the month, \$18,300. Cashed the check and paid the employees.
- 15 Cash sales for the first half of the month are \$34,680 (cost is \$20,210). (Cash sales are recorded daily, but are recorded only twice here to reduce repetitive entries.)
- 16 Purchased \$1,770 of store supplies on credit from Gabel Company, invoice dated March 16, terms n/10 EOM.
- 17 Received a \$2,425 credit memorandum from CD Company for the return of unsatisfactory merchandise purchased on March 14.
- 19 Received a \$630 credit memorandum from Spell Supply for office equipment received on March 9 and returned for credit.
- 20 Received payment from Jovita Albany for the sale of March 10 less the discount.
- 23 Issued Check No. 418 to CD Company in payment of the invoice of March 13 less the March 17 return and the discount.
- 27 Sold merchandise on credit to Jovita Albany, Invoice No. 857, for \$14,910 (cost is \$7,220).
- 28 Sold merchandise on credit to Linda Witt, Invoice No. 858, for \$4,315 (cost is \$3,280).
- Issued Check No. 419, payable to Payroll, in payment of sales salaries expense for the last half of the month, \$18,300. Cashed the check and paid the employees.
- Cash sales for the last half of the month are \$30,180 (cost is \$16,820).
- Verify that amounts impacting customer and creditor accounts were posted and that any amounts that should have been posted as individual amounts to the general ledger accounts were posted. Foot and crossfoot the journals and make the month-end postings.

### Required

- 1. Open the following general ledger accounts: Cash; Accounts Receivable; Inventory (March 1 beg. bal. is \$10,000); Office Supplies; Store Supplies; Office Equipment; Accounts Payable; Long-Term Notes Payable; Common Stock (March 1 beg. bal. is \$3,000), and Retained Earnings (March 1 beg. bal. is \$7,000); Sales; Sales Discounts; Cost of Goods Sold; and Sales Salaries Expense. Open the following accounts receivable subsidiary ledger accounts: Jovita Albany, Min Cho, and Linda Witt. Open the following accounts payable subsidiary ledger accounts: Gabel Company, Van Industries, Spell Supply, and CD Company.
- **2.** Enter these transactions in a sales journal like Exhibit E.5, a purchases journal like Exhibit E.9, a cash receipts journal like Exhibit E.7, a cash disbursements journal like Exhibit E.11, or a general journal. Number all journal pages as page 2.
- **3.** Prepare a trial balance of the general ledger and prove the accuracy of the subsidiary ledgers by preparing schedules of both accounts receivable and accounts payable.

### **Problem E-4A**<sup>A</sup>

Special journals, subsidiary ledgers, and schedule of accounts receivable—periodic C3 P2 P3

Check Trial balance totals, \$232,905

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Assume that Wiset Co. in Problem E-1A uses the periodic inventory system.

### Required

1. Prepare headings for a sales journal like the one in Exhibit E-A.1. Prepare headings for a cash receipts journal like the one in Exhibit E-A.2. Journalize the April transactions shown in Problem E-1A that should be recorded in the sales journal and the cash receipts journal assuming the *periodic* inventory system is used.

- **2.** Open the general ledger accounts with balances as shown in Problem E-1A (do not open a Cost of Goods Sold ledger account). Also open accounts receivable subsidiary ledger accounts for Page Alistair, Paula Kohr, and Nic Nelson. Under the periodic system, an Inventory account exists but is inactive until its balance is updated to the correct inventory balance at year-end. In this problem, the Inventory account remains inactive but must be included to correctly complete the trial balance.
- **3.** Complete parts 3, 4, and 5 of Problem E-1A using the results of parts 1 and 2 of this problem.

Check Trial balance totals, \$434,285

Refer to Problem E-1A and assume that Wiset Co. uses the periodic inventory system.

### Required

- **1.** Prepare a general journal, a purchases journal like that in Exhibit E-A.3, and a cash disbursements journal like that in Exhibit E-A.4. Number all journal pages as page 3. Review the April transactions of Wiset Company (Problem E-1A) and enter those transactions that should be journalized in the general journal, the purchases journal, or the cash disbursements journal. Ignore any transaction that should be journalized in a sales journal or cash receipts journal.
- 2. Open the following general ledger accounts: Cash, Inventory, Office Supplies, Store Supplies, Store Equipment, Accounts Payable, Long-Term Notes Payable, Common Stock, Retained Earnings, Purchases, Purchases Returns and Allowances, Purchases Discounts, Sales Salaries Expense, and Advertising Expense. Enter the March 31 balances of Cash (\$85,000), Inventory (\$125,000), Long-Term Notes Payable (\$110,000), Common Stock (\$20,000), and Retained Earnings (\$80,000). Also open accounts payable subsidiary ledger accounts for Hal's Supply, Noth Company, Grant Company, and Custer, Inc.
- **3.** Complete parts 3 and 4 of Problem E-2A using the results of parts 1 and 2 of this problem.

### Problem E-5AA

Special journals, subsidiary ledgers, and schedule of accounts payable—periodic

C3 P2 P3

Check Trial balance totals, \$237,026

Assume that Church Company in Problem E-3A uses the periodic inventory system.

### Required

- **1.** Open the following general ledger accounts: Cash; Accounts Receivable; Inventory (March 1 beg. bal. is \$10,000); Office Supplies; Store Supplies; Office Equipment; Accounts Payable; Long-Term Notes Payable; Common Stock (March 1 beg. bal. is \$3,000), and Retained Earnings (March 1 beg. bal. is \$7,000); Sales; Sales Discounts; Purchases; Purchases Returns and Allowances; Purchases Discounts; and Sales Salaries Expense. Open the following accounts receivable subsidiary ledger accounts: Jovita Albany, Min Cho, and Linda Witt. Open the following accounts payable subsidiary ledger accounts: Gabel Company, Van Industries, Spell Supply, and CD Company.
- **2.** Enter the transactions from Problem E-3A in a sales journal like that in Exhibit E-A.1, a purchases journal like that in Exhibit E-A.3, a cash receipts journal like that in Exhibit E-A.2, a cash disbursements journal like that in Exhibit E-A.4, or a general journal. Number journal pages as page 2.
- **3.** Prepare a trial balance of the general ledger and prove the accuracy of the subsidiary ledgers by preparing schedules of both accounts receivable and accounts payable.

### Problem E-6A<sup>A</sup>

Special journals, subsidiary ledgers, trial balance—periodic

C3 P2 P3



Check Trial balance totals, \$236,806

### For account titles and numbers, use the Chart of Accounts at the end of the book.

Acorn Industries completes these transactions during July of the current year (the terms of all its credit sales are 2/10, n/30).

- July 1 Purchased \$6,500 of merchandise on credit from Teton Company, invoice dated June 30, terms 2/10, n/30.
  - 3 Issued Check No. 300 to *The Weekly* for advertising expense, \$625.
  - 5 Sold merchandise on credit to Kim Nettle, Invoice No. 918, for \$19,200 (cost is \$10,500).
  - 6 Sold merchandise on credit to Ruth Blake, Invoice No. 919, for \$7,500 (cost is \$4,300).
  - 7 Purchased \$1,250 of store supplies on credit from Plaine, Inc., invoice dated July 7, terms n/10 EOM.
  - 8 Received a \$250 credit memorandum from Plaine, Inc., for the return of store supplies received on July 7.

### **PROBLEM SET B**

### **Problem E-1B**

Special journals, subsidiary ledgers, schedule of accounts receivable—perpetual

C3 P1 P2



- 9 Purchased \$38,220 of store equipment on credit from Charm's Supply, invoice dated July 8, terms n/10 EOM.
- 10 Issued Check No. 301 to Teton Company in payment of its June 30 invoice, less the discount.
- 13 Sold merchandise on credit to Ashton Moore, Invoice No. 920, for \$8,550 (cost is \$5,230).
- 14 Sold merchandise on credit to Kim Nettle, Invoice No. 921, for \$5,100 (cost is \$3,800).
- 15 Received payment from Kim Nettle for the July 5 sale, less the discount.
- 15 Issued Check No. 302, payable to Payroll, in payment of sales salaries expense for the first half of the month, \$31,850. Cashed the check and paid employees.
- 15 Cash sales for the first half of the month are \$118,350 (cost is \$76,330). (Cash sales are recorded daily using data from the cash registers but are recorded only twice in this problem to reduce repetitive entries.)
- 16 Received payment from Ruth Blake for the July 6 sale, less the discount.
- 17 Purchased \$7,200 of merchandise on credit from Drake Company, invoice dated July 17, terms 2/10, n/30.
- 20 Purchased \$650 of office supplies on credit from Charm's Supply, invoice dated July 19, terms n/10 EOM.
- 21 Borrowed \$15,000 cash from College Bank by signing a long-term note payable.
- 23 Received payment from Ashton Moore for the July 13 sale, less the discount.
- 24 Received payment from Kim Nettle for the July 14 sale, less the discount.
- 24 Received a \$2,400 credit memorandum from Drake Company for the return of defective merchandise received on July 17.
- 26 Purchased \$9,770 of merchandise on credit from Teton Company, invoice dated July 26, terms 2/10, n/30.
- 27 Issued Check No. 303 to Drake Company in payment of its July 17 invoice, less the return and the discount.
- 29 Sold merchandise on credit to Ruth Blake, Invoice No. 922, for \$17,500 (cost is \$10,850).
- 30 Sold merchandise on credit to Ashton Moore, Invoice No. 923, for \$16,820 (cost is \$9,840).
- 31 Issued Check No. 304, payable to Payroll, in payment of the sales salaries expense for the last half of the month, \$31,850.
- Cash sales for the last half of the month are \$80,244 (cost is \$53,855).

### Required

- 1. Prepare a sales journal like that in Exhibit E.5 and a cash receipts journal like that in Exhibit E.7. Number both journals as page 3. Then review the transactions of Acorn Industries and enter those transactions that should be journalized in the sales journal and those that should be journalized in the cash receipts journal. Ignore any transactions that should be journalized in a purchases journal, a cash disbursements journal, or a general journal.
- **2.** Open the following general ledger accounts: Cash, Accounts Receivable, Inventory, Long-Term Notes Payable, Common Stock, Retained Earnings, Sales, Sales Discounts, and Cost of Goods Sold. Enter the June 30 balances for Cash (\$100,000), Inventory (\$200,000), Long-Term Notes Payable (\$200,000), Common Stock (\$10,000), and Retained Earnings (\$90,000). Also open accounts receivable subsidiary ledger accounts for Kim Nettle, Ashton Moore, and Ruth Blake.
- **3.** Verify that amounts that should be posted as individual amounts from the journals have been posted. (Such items are immediately posted.) Foot and crossfoot the journals and make the monthend postings.
- **4.** Prepare a trial balance of the general ledger and prove the accuracy of the subsidiary ledger by preparing a schedule of accounts receivable.

### Analysis Component

**5.** Assume that the total for the schedule of Accounts Receivable does not equal the balance of the controlling account in the general ledger. Describe steps you would take to discover the error(s).

### **Problem E-2B**

Special journals, subsidiary ledgers, and schedule of accounts payable—perpetual

Check Trial balance totals, \$588,264

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The July transactions of Acorn Industries are described in Problem E-1B.

### Required

**1.** Prepare a general journal, a purchases journal like that in Exhibit E.9, and a cash disbursements journal like that in Exhibit E.11. Number all journal pages as page 3. Review the July transactions of Acorn Industries and enter those transactions that should be journalized in the general journal, the

- purchases journal, or the cash disbursements journal. Ignore any transactions that should be journalized in a sales journal or cash receipts journal.
- **2.** Open the following general ledger accounts: Cash, Inventory, Office Supplies, Store Supplies, Store Equipment, Accounts Payable, Long-Term Notes Payable, Common Stock, Retained Earnings, Sales Salaries Expense, and Advertising Expense. Enter the June 30 balances of Cash (\$100,000), Inventory (\$200,000), Long-Term Notes Payable (\$200,000), Common Stock (\$10,000), and Retained Earnings (\$90,000). Also open accounts payable subsidiary ledger accounts for Charm's Supply, Teton Company, Drake Company, and Plaine, Inc.
- **3.** Verify that amounts that should be posted as individual amounts from the journals have been posted. (Such items are immediately posted.) Foot and crossfoot the journals and make the month-end postings.
- **4.** Prepare a trial balance of the general ledger and a schedule of accounts payable.

Check Trial balance totals, \$349,640

Grassley Company completes these transactions during November of the current year (terms for all its credit sales are 2/10, n/30).

- Nov. 1 Purchased \$5,058 of office equipment on credit from Brun Supply, invoice dated November 1, terms n/10 EOM.
  - 2 Borrowed \$88,500 cash from Wisconsin Bank by signing a long-term note payable.
  - 4 Purchased \$33,500 of merchandise from BLR Industries, invoice dated November 3, terms 2/10, n/30.
  - 5 Purchased \$1,040 of store supplies on credit from Grebe Company, invoice dated November 5, terms n/10 EOM.
  - 8 Sold merchandise on credit to Cyd Rounder, Invoice No. 439, for \$6,550 (cost is \$3,910).
  - 10 Sold merchandise on credit to Carlos Mantel, Invoice No. 440, for \$13,500 (cost is \$8,500).
  - 11 Purchased \$2,557 of merchandise from Lo Company, invoice dated November 10, terms 2/10, n/30.
  - 12 Sent BLR Industries Check No. 633 in payment of its November 3 invoice less the discount.
  - 15 Issued Check No. 634, payable to Payroll, in payment of sales salaries expense for the first half of the month, \$6,585. Cashed the check and paid the employees.
  - 15 Cash sales for the first half of the month are \$18,170 (cost is \$9,000). (Cash sales are recorded daily but are recorded only twice in this problem to reduce repetitive entries.)
  - 15 Sold merchandise on credit to Tori Tripp, Invoice No. 441, for \$5,250 (cost is \$2,450).
  - 16 Purchased \$459 of office supplies on credit from Grebe Company, invoice dated November 16, terms n/10 EOM.
  - 17 Received a \$557 credit memorandum from Lo Company for the return of unsatisfactory merchandise purchased on November 11.
  - 18 Received payment from Cyd Rounder for the November 8 sale less the discount.
  - 19 Received payment from Carlos Mantel for the November 10 sale less the discount.
  - 19 Issued Check No. 635 to Lo Company in payment of its invoice of November 10 less the return and the discount.
  - 22 Sold merchandise on credit to Carlos Mantel, Invoice No. 442, for \$3,695 (cost is \$2,060).
  - 24 Sold merchandise on credit to Tori Tripp, Invoice No. 443, for \$4,280 (cost is \$2,130).
  - 25 Received payment from Tori Tripp for the sale of November 15 less the discount.
  - 26 Received a \$922 credit memorandum from Brun Supply for the return of office equipment purchased on November 1.
  - 30 Issued Check No. 636, payable to Payroll, in payment of sales salaries expense for the last half of the month, \$6,585. Cashed the check and paid the employees.
  - 30 Cash sales for the last half of the month are \$16,703 (cost is \$10,200).
  - 30 Verify that amounts impacting customer and creditor accounts were posted and that any amounts that should have been posted as individual amounts to the general ledger accounts were posted. Foot and crossfoot the journals and make the month-end postings.

### Required

1. Open the following general ledger accounts: Cash; Accounts Receivable; Inventory (November 1 beg. bal. is \$40,000); Office Supplies; Store Supplies; Office Equipment; Accounts Payable; Long-Term Notes Payable; Common Stock (Nov. 1 beg. bal. is \$10,000), and Retained Earnings (Nov. 1 beg. bal. is \$30,000); Sales; Sales Discounts; Cost of Goods Sold; and Sales Salaries Expense. Open the following accounts receivable subsidiary ledger accounts: Carlos Mantel, Tori Tripp, and Cyd Rounder. Open the following accounts payable subsidiary ledger accounts: Grebe Company, BLR Industries, Brun Supply, and Lo Company.

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### **Problem E-3B**

Special journals, subsidiary ledgers, trial balance—perpetual C3 P2 P3

**2.** Enter these transactions in a sales journal like that in Exhibit E.5, a purchases journal like that in Exhibit E.9, a cash receipts journal like that in Exhibit E.7, a cash disbursements journal like that in Exhibit E.11, or a general journal. Number all journal pages as page 2.

**Check** Trial balance totals, \$202,283 **3.** Prepare

**3.** Prepare a trial balance of the general ledger and prove the accuracy of the subsidiary ledgers by preparing schedules of both accounts receivable and accounts payable.

### Problem E-4BA

Special journals, subsidiary ledgers, and schedule of accounts receivable—periodic

C3 P2 P3

Assume that Acorn Industries in Problem E-1B uses the periodic inventory system.

### Required

- 1. Prepare headings for a sales journal like the one in Exhibit E-A.1. Prepare headings for a cash receipts journal like the one in Exhibit E-A.2. Journalize the July transactions shown in Problem E-1B that should be recorded in the sales journal and the cash receipts journal assuming the periodic inventory system is used.
- **2.** Open the general ledger accounts with balances as shown in Problem E-1B (do not open a Cost of Goods Sold ledger account). Also open accounts receivable subsidiary ledger accounts for Ruth Blake, Ashton Moore, and Kim Nettle. Under the periodic system, an Inventory account exists but is inactive until its balance is updated to the correct inventory balance at year-end. In this problem, the Inventory account remains inactive but must be included to correctly complete the trial balance.

Check Trial balance totals, \$588,264

**3.** Complete parts 3, 4, and 5 of Problem E-1B using the results of parts 1 and 2 of this problem.

### **Problem E-5B<sup>A</sup>**

Special journals, subsidiary ledgers, and schedule of accounts payable—periodic

C3 P2 P3

Refer to Problem E-1B and assume that Acorn uses the periodic inventory system.

### Required

- 1. Prepare a general journal, a purchases journal like that in Exhibit E-A.3, and a cash disbursements journal like that in Exhibit E-A.4. Number all journal pages as page 3. Review the July transactions of Acorn Company (Problem E-1B) and enter those transactions that should be journalized in the general journal, the purchases journal, or the cash disbursements journal. Ignore any transaction that should be journalized in a sales journal or cash receipts journal.
- 2. Open the following general ledger accounts: Cash, Inventory, Office Supplies, Store Supplies, Store Equipment, Accounts Payable, Long-Term Notes Payable, Common Stock, Retained Earnings, Purchases, Purchases Returns and Allowances, Purchases Discounts, Sales Salaries Expense, and Advertising Expense. Enter the June 30 balances of Cash (\$100,000), Inventory (\$200,000), Long-Term Notes Payable (\$200,000), Common Stock (\$10,000), and Retained Earnings (\$90,000). Also open accounts payable subsidiary ledger accounts for Teton Company, Plaine, Inc., Charm's Supply, and Drake Company.

Check Trial balance totals, \$352,266

**3.** Complete parts 3 and 4 of Problem E-2B using the results of parts 1 and 2 of this problem.

### Problem E-6B<sup>A</sup>

Special journals, subsidiary ledgers, trial balance—periodic

C3 P2 P3

Assume that Grassley Company in Problem E-3B uses the periodic inventory system.

### Required

- 1. Open the following general ledger accounts: Cash; Accounts Receivable; Inventory (November 1 beg. bal. is \$40,000); Office Supplies; Store Supplies; Office Equipment; Accounts Payable; Long-Term Notes Payable; Common Stock (Nov. 1 beg. bal. is \$10,000), and Retained Earnings (Nov. 1 beg. bal. is \$30,000); Sales; Sales Discounts; Purchases; Purchases Returns and Allowances; Purchases Discounts; and Sales Salaries Expense. Open the following accounts receivable subsidiary ledger accounts: Carlos Mantel, Tori Tripp, and Cyd Rounder. Open the following accounts payable subsidiary ledger accounts: Grebe Company, BLR Industries, Brun Supply, and Lo Company.
- **2.** Enter the transactions from Problem E-3B in a sales journal like that in Exhibit E-A.1, a purchases journal like that in Exhibit E-A.3, a cash receipts journal like that in Exhibit E-A.2, a cash disbursements journal like that in Exhibit E-A.4, or a general journal. Number journal pages as page 2.

**3.** Prepare a trial balance of the general ledger and prove the accuracy of the subsidiary ledgers by preparing schedules of both accounts receivable and accounts payable.

Check Trial balance totals, \$203,550

(This serial problem began in Chapter 1 and continues through most of the book. If previous chapter segments were not completed, the serial problem can begin at this point. It is helpful, but not necessary, to use the Working Papers that accompany the book.)

SERIAL PROBLEM

Success Systems P1

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SPE Assume that Adria Lopez expands Success Systems' accounting system to include special journals.

### Required

- 1. Locate the transactions related to January through March 2014 for Success Systems in Chapter 4.
- **2.** Enter the Success Systems transactions for January through March in a sales journal like that in Exhibit E.5 (insert "n/a" in the Invoice column), a cash receipts journal like that in Exhibit E.7, a purchases journal like that in Exhibit E.9 (use Computer Supplies heading instead of Office Supplies), and a cash disbursements journal like that in Exhibit E.11 (insert "n/a" in the Check Number column), or a general journal. Number journal pages as page 2. If the transaction does not specify the name of the payee, state "not specified" in the Payee column of the cash disbursements journal.
- **3.** The transactions on the following dates should be journalized in the general journal: January 5, 11, 20, 24, and 29 (no entry required) and March 24. Do not record and post the adjusting entries for the end of March.

### **Beyond the Numbers**

**BTN E-1** Refer to Polaris's financial statements in Appendix A to answer the following.

- **1.** Identify the note that reports on Polaris's business segments.
- **2.** Describe the focus and activities of each of Polaris's business segments.

### Fast Forward

**3.** Access Polaris's annual report for fiscal years ending after December 31, 2011, from its Website (Polaris.com) or the SEC's EDGAR database (www.sec.gov). Has Polaris changed its reporting policy regarding segment information? Explain.

# REPORTING IN ACTION



**Polaris** 

### **BTN E-2** Key figures for **Polaris** and **Arctic Cat** follow (\$ thousands).

	Curre	nt <b>Y</b> ear	One Ye	ar Prior	Two Years Prior	
Polaris Segment	Segment	Segment	Segment	Segment	Segment	Segment
	Revenue	Assets	Revenue	Assets	Revenue	Assets
Domestic	\$1,864,099	\$957,497	\$1,405,966	\$873,183	\$1,074,228	\$630,420
	792,850	270,527	585,173	188,464	491,659	133,233

# ANALYSIS A1

**COMPARATIVE** 

Polaris

Arctic Cat

	Curre	nt <b>Y</b> ear	One Ye	ar Prior	Two Years Prior	
Arctic Cat Segment	Segment	Segment	Segment	Segment	Segment	Segment
	Revenue	Assets	Revenue	Assets	Revenue	Assets
Domestic	\$218,560	\$271,163	\$215,460	\$244,020	\$292,295	\$248,625
	246,091	1,743	235,268	2,064	271,318	2,540

### Required

- 1. Compute the ratio of segment revenue divided by segment assets for each of the segments of Polaris and Arctic Cat for each of the two most recent years shown. (We do not compute the segment return on assets as these companies did not report their segment income.)
- **2.** Interpret and comment on your results of part 1.

### **ETHICS CHALLENGE**







**BTN E-3** Erica Gray, CPA, is a sole practitioner. She has been practicing as an auditor for 10 years. Recently a long-standing audit client asked Gray to design and implement an integrated computer-based accounting information system. The fees associated with this additional engagement with the client are very attractive. However, Gray wonders if she can remain objective on subsequent audits in her evaluation of the client's accounting system and its records if she was responsible for its design and implementation. Gray knows that professional auditing standards require her to remain independent in fact and appearance from her auditing clients.

### Required

- 1. What do you believe auditing standards are mainly concerned with when they require independence in fact? In appearance?
- **2.** Why is it important that auditors remain independent of their clients?
- **3.** Do you think Gray can accept this engagement and remain independent? Justify your response.

### COMMUNICATING IN PRACTICE









BTN E-4 Your friend, Wendy Geiger, owns a small retail store that sells candies and nuts. Geiger acquires her goods from a few select vendors. She generally makes purchase orders by phone and on credit. Sales are primarily for cash. Geiger keeps her own manual accounting system using a general journal and a general ledger. At the end of each business day, she records one summary entry for cash sales. Geiger recently began offering items in creative gift packages. This has increased sales substantially, and she is now receiving orders from corporate and other clients who order large quantities and prefer to buy on credit. As a result of increased credit transactions in both purchases and sales, keeping the accounting records has become extremely time consuming. Geiger wants to continue to maintain her own manual system and calls you for advice. Write a memo to her advising how she might modify her current manual accounting system to accommodate the expanded business activities. Geiger is accustomed to checking her ledger by using a trial balance. Your memo should explain the advantages of what you propose and of any other verification techniques you recommend.

# TAKING IT TO







BTN E-5 Access the March 13, 2012, filing of the fiscal 2012 10-K report for Dell (ticker DELL) at www.sec.gov. Read its Note 14 that details Dell's segment information and answer the following.

- **1.** Dell's operations are divided among which four global business segments?
- 2. In fiscal year 2012, which segment had the largest dollar amount of operating income? Which had the largest amount of assets?
- **3.** Compute the return on assets for each segment for fiscal year 2012. Use operating income and average total assets by segment for your calculation. Which segment has the highest return on assets?
- 4. For what product groups does Dell provide segment data? What percent of Dell's net revenue is earned by each product group?

**BTN E-6** Each member of the team is to assume responsibility for one of the following tasks:

- **a.** Journalizing in the purchases journal.
- **b.** Journalizing in the cash disbursements journal.
- **c.** Maintaining and verifying the Accounts Payable ledger.
- **d.** Journalizing in the sales journal and the general journal.
- **e.** Journalizing in the cash receipts journal.
- f. Maintaining and verifying the Accounts Receivable ledger.

The team should abide by the following procedures in carrying out responsibilities.

### Required

- **1.** After tasks a-f are assigned, each team member is to quickly read the list of transactions in Problem E-3A, identifying with initials the journal in which each transaction is to be recorded. Upon completion, the team leader is to read transaction dates, and the appropriate team member is to vocalize responsibility. Any disagreement between teammates must be resolved.
- 2. Journalize and continually update subsidiary ledgers. Journal recorders should alert teammates assigned to subsidiary ledgers when an entry must be posted to their subsidiary.
- **3.** Team members responsible for tasks a, b, d, and e are to summarize and prove journals; members responsible for tasks c and f are to prepare both payables and receivables schedules.
- 4. The team leader is to take charge of the general ledger, rotating team members to obtain amounts to be posted. The person responsible for a journal must complete posting references in that journal. Other team members should verify the accuracy of account balance computations. To avoid any abnormal account balances, post in the following order: P, S, G, R, D. (Note: Posting any necessary individual general ledger amounts is also done at this time.)
- 5. The team leader is to read out general ledger account balances while another team member fills in the trial balance form. Concurrently, one member should keep a running balance of debit account balance totals and another credit account balance totals. Verify the final total of the trial balance and the schedules. If necessary, the team must resolve any errors. Turn in the trial balance and schedules to the instructor.

BTN E-7 Access and refer to the December 31, 2011, annual report for KTM at www.KTM.com.

### Required

- 1. Identify its 'Enclosure to the Notes to the Financial Statements' (Segment Information) to its financial statements and locate its information relating to KTM's operating and reportable segments. List its three segments.
- 2. What accounting information does it disclose for each segment? (Answers need only list titles for the accounting line items, not numbers, disclosed for each segment.)
- **3.** Does KTM have a dominant segment (from a financial perspective)? Explain.

### **TEAMWORK IN ACTION**

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### **GLOBAL DECISION**

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### **ANSWERS TO MULTIPLE CHOICE QUIZ**

**1.** a

**4.** b

**2.** e

**5**. a

**3.** d