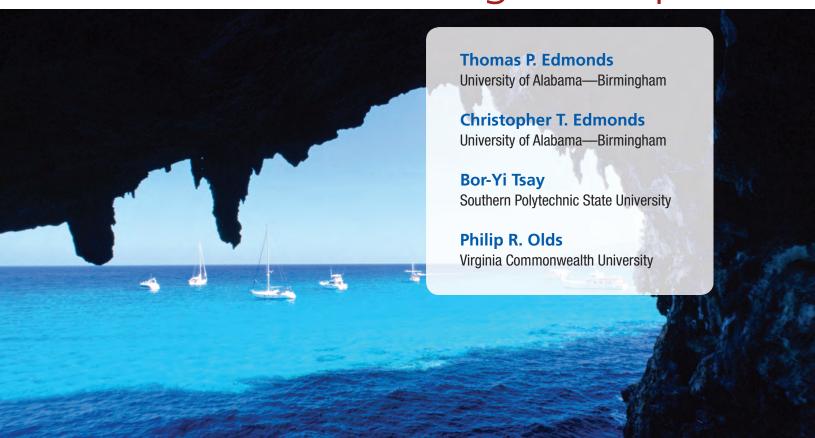
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# Fundamental Managerial Accounting Concepts







#### FUNDAMENTAL MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING CONCEPTS, SEVENTH EDITION

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

# **NOTE FROM THE AUTHORS**





#### LECTURE VIDEOS: A SEA CHANGE IN INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY

We are excited to announce the availability of instructional videos that explain the content associated with every learning objective introduced throughout the text. These videos have been developed by a member of the author team and are available when assigned through McGraw-Hill Connect Accounting. They have the touch and feel of a live lecture as opposed to a canned PowerPoint presentation. The benefits are enormous. Videos allow students to pause for contemplation and note-taking. They permit students to repeat difficult concepts or fast-forward through content they have mastered. In other words, videos enable self-paced learning. No longer is the lecture too fast for some and too slow for others. Now the lecture satisfies the needs of each individual student.

Many accounting educators have taught in professional exam prep courses that make extensive use of video lectures. Now you can bring that prep course learning approach into your everyday classroom. You can use the videos we provide to transform the traditional classroom from a passive listening exercise into an active learning experience. Here are some examples of how you can use instructional videos to improve the classroom environment.

#### Flip Courses

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

#### **Competency-Based Learning Courses**

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

There are many different competency-based models that can be applied to introductory accounting. At this point, our objective is to introduce the general possibilities for improving learning. If you are interested in developing a specific competency-based approach for your classroom, you can speak directly with a member of the author team who has used videos in a variety of settings (contact information is provided on the following page). Standardized lesson plans that can be adapted for use in your individual classroom are available upon request.

#### **Mass Section Courses**

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

#### **Distance Learning Courses**

One of the fastest-growing markets in higher education today is Internet-based courses. Many students struggle with these courses. Generally, they would prefer to learn from a lecture but due to timing or location are unable to attend class. Prerecorded video lectures solve this problem by allowing students to access lectures on demand. Until now, the only way to provide video coverage was for the instructor to make personal recordings. Anyone who has tried this knows it is a time-consuming activity. We offer a standardized turn-key course that is composed of prerecorded instructional videos, self-assessment quizzes, and instructor-generated evaluative exams. The instructor simply selects the learning objectives to be covered. There is no simpler way to develop a distance learning course.

#### **Supplement Your Traditional Lecture-Based Course**

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

These are only a few opportunities made possible by video lectures. If you would like to discuss these or other possible applications, please contact Chris Edmonds at cedmonds@gmail.com.

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# HOW DOES EDMONDS HELP



"Crisp chapters that cover the material without wasted pages. [Also, the text emphasizes] decision making and includes coverage of accountability."

ANNE WILLIAMS, GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"This book is excellent for the non-accounting major because it is user-oriented. This book actually interests non-accounting majors. I have seen many students actually get excited about what they are learning because they can relate the information to the real world."

JACQUELINE BURKE, HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

#### PRINCIPAL FEATURES

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

#### **Decision-Making Skills Emphasized**

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

# STUDENTS SEE THE BIG PICTURE?

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

#### Service Companies Emphasized

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

#### **Isolating Concepts**

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

#### Interrelationships between Concepts

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

#### **Context-Sensitive Nature of Terminology**

Students can be confused when they discover the exact same cost can be classified as fixed, variable, direct, indirect, relevant, or not relevant. For example, the cost of a store manager's salary is fixed regardless of the number of customers that shop in the store. The cost of store manager salaries, however, is variable relative to the number of stores a company operates. The salary costs are directly traceable to particular stores but not to particular sales made in a store. The salary cost is relevant when deciding whether to eliminate a given store but not relevant when deciding whether to eliminate a department within a store. Students must learn to identify the circumstances that determine the classification

"A great book that covers all the fundamentals but doesn't overwhelm the non-accounting major. Students really like the course and much of the credit goes to the quality of your book."

#### WALTER AUSTIN, MERCER UNIVERSITY

"I like that the authors used service companies for the budgeting process."

#### ALANA FERGUSON, MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

#### GARY REYNOLDS, OZARK TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"This is an informative and accessible text that addresses both the students' need for relevant coverage and instructors' need for efficient delivery. A truly user-friendly text."

CHIAO CHANG, MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY of costs. The chapter material, exercises, and problems in this text are designed to encourage students to analyze the decision-making context rather than to memorize definitions. ATC 4-1 in Chapter 4 illustrates how the text teaches students to interpret different decision-making environments.

#### ANALYZE, THINK, COMMUNICATE





ATC 4-1 Business Applications Case Allocating fixed costs at HealthSouth Corporation

HealthSouth Corporation claims to be "... the nation's largest owner and operator of inpatient rehabilitation hospitals in terms of revenues, number of hospitals, and patients treated and discharged." As of December 31, 2011, the company derived 92 percent of its revenues from inpatient services. During 2011 it treated and discharged 118,354 patients, and the average length of a patient's stay was 13.5 days. If one patient occupying one bed for one day represents a "patient-day," then HealthSouth produced 1,597,779 patient-days of output during 2011 (118,354 × 13.5 = 1,597,779). During this period, HealthSouth incurred depreciation costs of \$52,500,000. For the purpose of this problem, assume that all of this depreciation related to the property, plant, and equipment of inpatient hospitals.

#### Required

- a. Indicate whether the depreciation cost is a:
  - (1) Product (i.e., patient) cost or a general, selling, and administrative cost.
  - (2) Fixed or variable cost relative to the volume of production.
  - (3) Direct or indirect cost if the cost object is the cost of patient services provided in 2011.
- b. Assume that HealthSouth incurred depreciation of \$4,375,000 during each month of the 2011 fiscal year, but that it produced 140,000 patient-days of service during February and 120,000 patient-days of service during March. Based on monthly costs and service levels, what was the average amount of depreciation cost per patient-day of service provided during each of these two months, assuming each patient-day of service was charged the same amount of depreciation?

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

PATRICK STEGMAN, COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY

#### **Corporate Governance**

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

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

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

#### **Excel Spreadsheets**

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

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

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

#### Problem 1-22A Service versus manufacturing companies

Lang Company began operations on January 1, 2014, by issuing common stock for \$64,000 cash. During 2014, Lang received \$95,000 cash from revenue and incurred costs that required \$75,000 of cash payments.

#### Required

Prepare an income statement and a balance sheet for Lang Company for 2014, under each of the following independent scenarios.

- a. Lang is a promoter of rock concerts. The \$75,000 was paid to provide a rock concert that
   produced the revenue.

  a Net income: \$20 (
- b. Lang is in the car rental business. The \$75,000 was paid to purchase automobiles. The automobiles were purchased on January 1, 2014, and have five-year useful lives, with no expected salvage value. Lang uses straight-line depreciation. The revenue was generated by leasing the automobiles.
- c. Lang is a manufacturing company. The \$75,000 was paid to purchase the following items:
  - (1) Paid \$12,000 cash to purchase materials that were used to make products during the year.
  - (2) Paid \$22,000 cash for wages of factory workers who made products during the year.
  - (3) Paid \$5,000 cash for salaries of sales and administrative employees.
  - (4) Paid \$36,000 cash to purchase manufacturing equipment. The equipment was used solely to make products. It had a three-year life and a \$6,000 salvage value. The company uses straightline depreciation.

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a. Net income: \$20,000 b. Total assets: \$144,000

# HOW DOES EDMONDS

#### The Curious Accountant

In the first course of accounting, you learned how retailers, such as Target, account for the cost of equipment that lasts more than one year. Recall that the equipment was recorded as an asset when purchased, and then it was depreciated over its expected useful life. The depreciation charge reduced the company's assets and increased its expenses. This approach was justified under the matching principle, which seeks to recognize costs as expenses in the same period that the cost (resource) is used to generate revenue.

Is depreciation always shown as an expense on the income statement? The answer may surprise you. Consider the following scenario. Bose Corporation manufactures the headphones that it sells to Target. In order to produce the headphones, Bose had to purchase a robotic machine that it expects can be used to produce 100,000 headphones.



#### Answers to The Curious Accountant

As you have seen, accounting for depreciation related to manufacturing assets

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

#### **FOCUS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES**

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING VERSUS MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING—AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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



Conversely, most of the managerial accounting concepts introduced in this course can be used by businesses in any country. For example, activity-based costing ABCI is a topic addressed in Chapter 5 and is used by many companies in the Unled States, Additionally, while accrual-based earnings can differ depending on whether a company uses U.S. GAAP or IFRS, cash flow will not. As you will learn in this course, managerial accounting decisions often focus on cash flow versus accrual-based income. Therefore, managerial accounting concepts are more universal than financial accounting rules.

#### CHECK YOURSELF 1.1

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

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

#### **Real-World Examples**

The Edmonds' text provides a variety of thought-provoking, real-world examples of managerial accounting as an essential part of the management process.

#### **The Curious Accountant**

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

#### **Focus on International Issues**

These boxed inserts expose students to international issues in accounting.

#### **Check Yourself**

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

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

#### ANNA L. LUSHER, SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY

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

#### RONALD REED, UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

"This is a strong textbook, well-written and [the] illustrations are strong. Use of colors adds to the presentation."

CHERYL CORKE, GENESEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# **MOTIVATE STUDENTS?**

#### **Reality Bytes**

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

#### **Chapter Focus Company**

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

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

ALEECIA HIBBETS, UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE

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

CHRISTINA WILLIAMS. NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

#### A Look Back/A Look Forward

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

#### **REALITY BYTES**

Nethical behavior occurs in all types of organizations. In its 2011 National Business Ethics Survey, the Ethics Resource Center reported its findings of the occurrences and reporting of unethical behavior in American corporations based on a survey of over 4,600 employees. Forty-five percent of those surveyed reported having observed unethical conduct during the past year. This was the lowest level reported in the 17 years the survey has been conducted. Sixty-five percent of those who said they had observed misconduct went on to report it to their employer. However, fear of retailation for reporting misconduct was a concern. Of respondents who said they had reported misconduct at their companies, 22 percent said they had experienced some form of retailation, such as being excluded from decision making.

The definition of ethical misconduct used in the study was quite broad. The five most frequently reported types of misconduct were misuse of company time, abusive behavior, abusing company resources, lying to

types of misconduct were: misuse of company time, abusive behavior, abusing company resources, lying to employees, and violating the company's policies for using the Internet.

For the complete 2011 National Business Ethics Survey, go to www.ethics.org





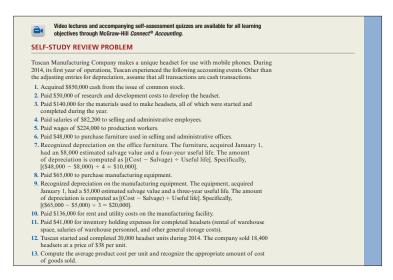


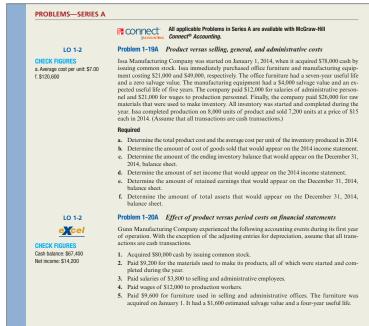
A Look Forward

The next chapter will show you how changes in cost, volume, and pricing affect profit ability. You will learn to determine the number of units of product that must be produced and sold in order to break even (the number of units that will produce an amount of revenue that is exactly equal to total cost). You will learn to establish the price of a product using a cost-plus pricing approach and to establish the cost of a product using

# **HOW ARE CHAPTER CONCEPTS**

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





The end-of-chapter problems provide a lot of practice for students, and I like having the companion A and B problems.

KENNETH BRONSTEIN, WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

#### **Self-Study Review Problem**

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

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

DARLENE COARTS, UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

### Exercise Series A & B and Problem Series A & B

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

#### **Check Figures**

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

#### Excel

Many exercises and problems can be solved using the Excel spreadsheet templates located on the text's Online Learning Center. A logo appears in the margins next to these exercises and problems for easy identification.

# REINFORCED?

#### Analyze, Think, Communicate (ATC)

Each chapter includes an innovative section called Analyze, Think, Communicate (ATC). This section contains:

Writing Assignments



• Group Exercises



• Ethics Cases



• Internet Assignments



• Real Company Examples



"The students also seem to like the ATC group assignments. These work very well as an in-class activity."

CASSIE BRADLEY, DALTON STATE COLLEGE

#### **Mastering Excel and Using Excel**

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

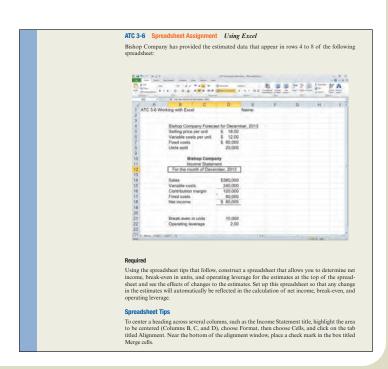
"The innovative end-of-chapter materials are especially on target as an aid to improving student critical thinking and writing skills. The Excel spreadsheet applications are also excellent real-world activities."

DAN R. WARD, UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA, LAFAYETTE



"I really appreciate the Analyze, Think, Communicate section, especially since we emphasize use of information and communicating results to management."

LISA BANKS, CHARLES S. MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE



# WHAT WE DID TO MAKE IT BETTER!

#### WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EDITION?

We thank our reviewers and focus group participants for their suggestions for the seventh edition. Many of these suggestions motivated the changes described below:

### Chapter 1 Management Accounting and Corporate Governance

- Added video lectures and self-assessment quizzes for each learning objective.
- Revised learning objectives.
- New Curious Accountant feature.
- Updated Focus on International Issues feature.
- Updated Self-Study Review Problem.
- Updated exercises, problems, and ATC cases.

### Chapter 2 Cost Behavior, Operating Leverage, and Profitability Analysis

- Added video lectures and self-assessment quizzes for each learning objective.
- Revised learning objectives.
- New Curious Accountant feature.
- New Reality Bytes feature.
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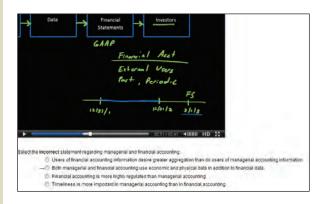
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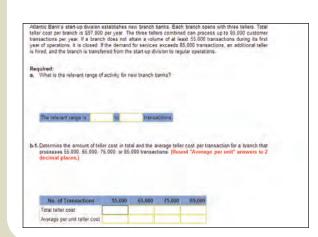
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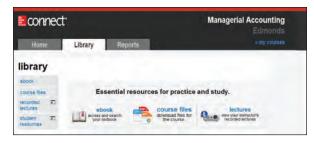
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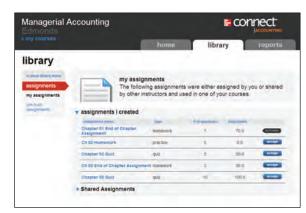
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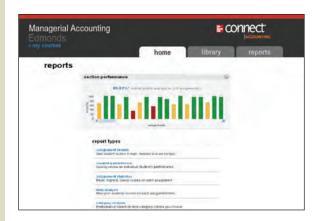
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