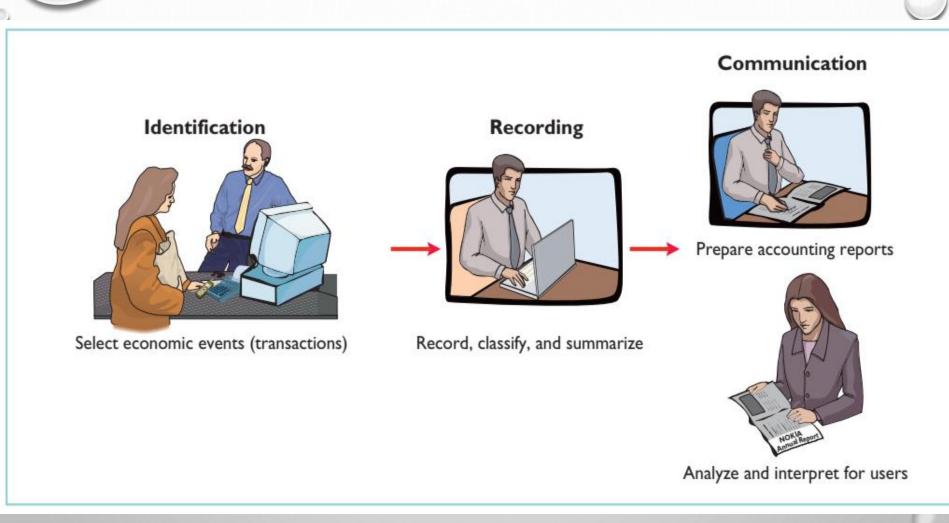
ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

Definition of Accounting

Accounting is an information system that identifies, records, and communicates the economic events of an organization to interested users.

Three Activities



Who Uses Accounting Data

1- INTERNAL USERS

Internal users of accounting information are those individuals inside a company who plan, organize, and run the business.



Questions Asked by Internal Users



Finance

Is cash sufficient to pay dividends to Microsoft stockholders?



Marketing

What price should Apple charge for an iPod to maximize the company's net income?



Human Resources

Can General Motors afford to give its employees pay raises this year?



Management

Which PepsiCo product line is the most profitable? Should any product lines be eliminated?

Who Uses Accounting Data

2- EXTERNAL USERS

External users are individuals and organizations outside a company who want financial information about the company.

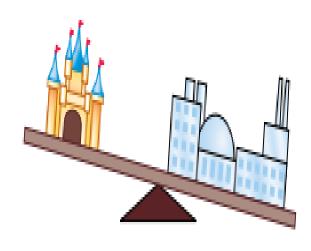
Investors & Creditors

Questions Asked by External Users



Investors

Is General Electric earning satisfactory income?



Investors

How does Disney compare in size and profitability with Time Warner?



Creditors

Will United Airlines be able to pay its debts as they come due?

Functions of Accounting

- From the definition of the above the main functions of accounting can be summarized as:
 - (1) Keeping systematic record of business transactions.
 - (2) Protecting properties of the business.
 - (3) Communicating the results to various parties interested in or connected with the business.
 - (4) Meeting legal requirements.

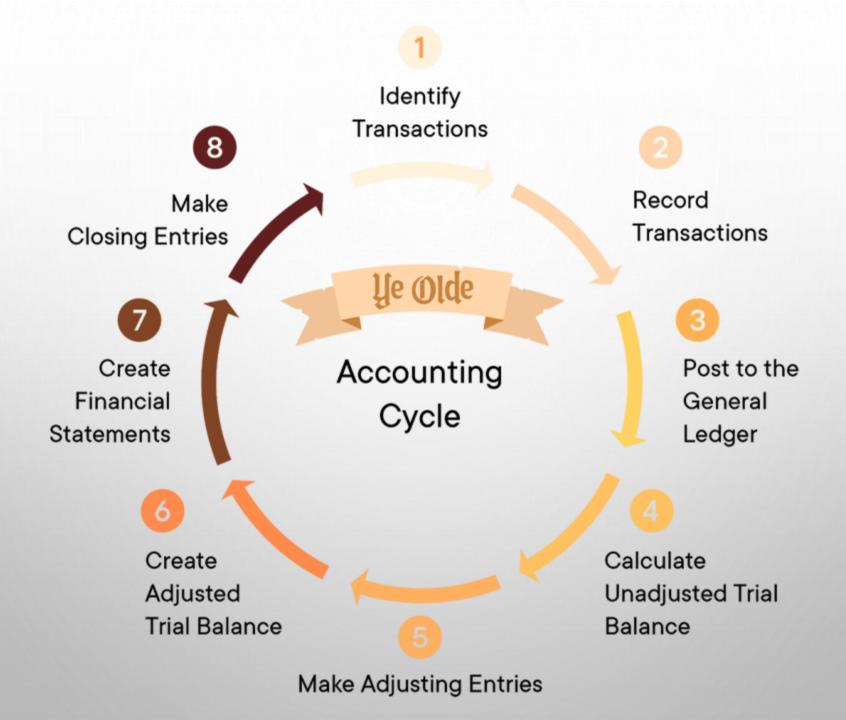
Objectives of Accounting

The following are the main objectives of accounting:

- (1) To keep systematic records.
- (2) To protect business properties.
- (3) To ascertain the operational profit or loss.
- (4) To ascertain the financial position of business.
- (5) To facilitate rational decision making.

ACCOUNTING CYCLE

Accounting cycle is the financial process starting with recording Business Transactions and leading up to the preparation of Financial Statements. This process demonstrates the purpose of financial accounting--to create useful financial information in the form of general-purpose financial statements.



ACCOUNTING EQUATION

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ASSETS = LIABILITIES + OWNER'S EQUITY

ACCOUNTING EQUATION

• **ASSETS** ARE RESOURCES WITH FUTURE BENEFITS THAT ARE OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY A COMPANY.

• **LIABILITIES** ARE WHAT A COMPANY OWES ITS CREDITORS IN FUTURE PRODUCTS OR SERVICES.

• OWNER'S EQUITY: THE OWNERSHIP CLAIM ON TOTAL ASSETS IS KNOWN AS OWNER'S EQUITY. IT IS EQUAL TO TOTAL ASSETS MINUS TOTAL LIABILITIES.

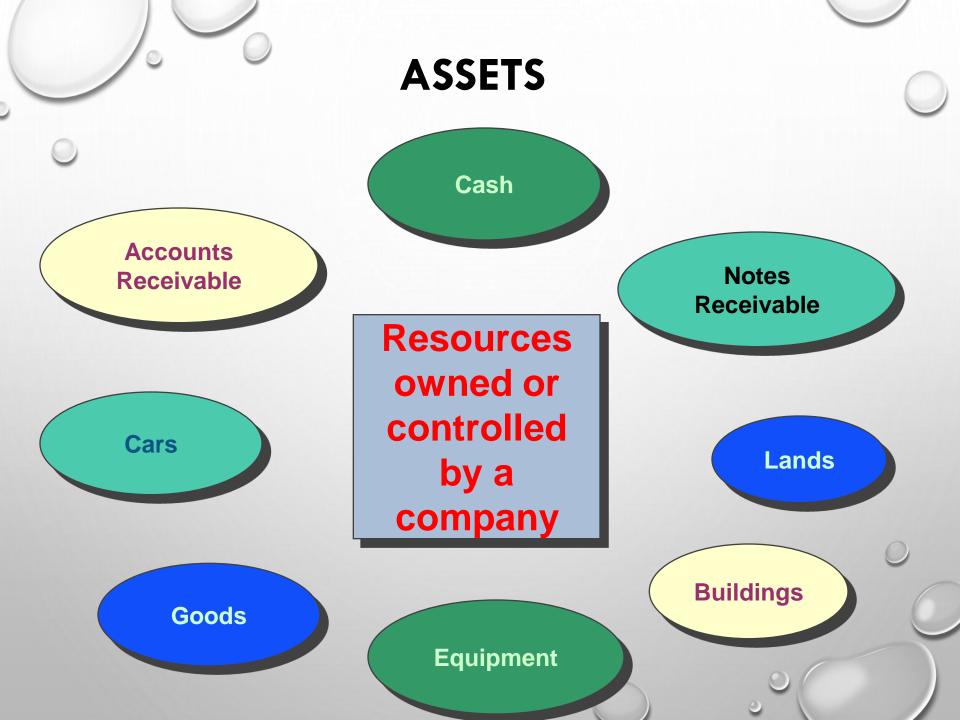
- <u>REVENUES</u>: GROSS INCREASE IN EQUITY FROM A COMPANY'S EARNINGS ACTIVITIES.
- EXPENSES: THE COST OF ASSETS OR SERVICES USED TO EARN REVENUE. EXPENSES DECREASE OWNER'S EQUITY.
- INVESTMENTS: THE ASSETS AN OWNER PUTS INTO THE COMPANY.
- WITHDRAWALS: THE ASSETS TAKE AWAY FROM THE COMPANY FOR PERSONAL USE.

EXPANDED ACCOUNTING EQUATION

BASIC EQUATION ASSETS = LIABILITIES + OWNER'S EQUITY

EXPANDED EQUATION ASSETS = LIABILITIES + OWNER'S CAPITAL -

OWNER'S DRAWINGS + REVENUES - EXPENSES





LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable

Notes Payable

Creditors' claims on assets

Taxes Payable

Wages Payable

CAPITAL

Investments
by Owner

Owner's

Capital

Revenues

DECREASES

Withdrawals
by Owner

Expenses