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I. Plant Assets

- A. Tangible – something you can touch
- B. Actively used in operations *laptop computer: merchandise inventory to HP; PP&E to Netflix*
- C. Expected to benefit the future (*more than one accounting period*)

II. Management's Concerns: Buying vs. Leasing

*Leasing: Cheaper in the short run; good if you like getting new things; if the asset will be completely used up by the end of the lease term.*

*Buying: Cheaper in the long run; like buying a car, and driving it into the ground; better if you don't care about having the latest and greatest version*

III. Acquisition

- A. Example: We buy a new satellite dish to use at home. What additional costs might we incur in connection with the purchase?

		Necessary & Ordinary?	
Cost	\$20,000	Yes	
Sales Tax	\$2,000	Yes	CAPITALIZE
Delivery	\$1,000	Yes	
Installation	\$500	Yes	
Insurance	\$750	NO	← The satellite dish will still work w/o it
Couch	\$1,000	No	
Drinks	\$50	No	EXPENSE
Snacks	\$50	No	
Nintendo Switch	\$300	No	
Games	\$300	No	

- B. Rule: All costs which are necessary and ordinary to get an asset ready for

its intended use are capitalized. ← Means "added to an asset" account. "Necessary" is most important criteria

- C. Entry:

PP&E                      \$23,500

    Cash                      \$23,500

(Record Purchase of satellite dish, sales tax, delivery and installation)

Expense                      XX

    Cash                      XX

(Record all other purchases not necessary and ordinary for satellite dish)

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D. Second Rule: Costs are expensed over the period that we benefit from them *Depreciation*

E. Accounting choices for costs (the acquisition of something):

1. *Capitalize (add to an asset account)* \_\_\_\_\_

2. *Expense* \_\_\_\_\_

F. Lump Sum Purchase - Land and Building together (*Land is not depreciated*)

1. Relative Market Values method

2. Example: Company paid \$90,000 to acquire a building with a market value of

\$60,000 and land with a market value of \$40,000. Prepare the journal entry to

record the transaction.

<i>Building</i>	<i>\$54,000</i>	<i>← (\$90,000 * 60%)</i>
<i>Land</i>	<i>\$36,000</i>	<i>← (\$90,000 * 40%)</i>
<i>Cash</i>	<i>\$90,000</i>	

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IV. Depreciation – A systematic and rational allocation of an asset's cost (less residual value) over the useful life.

A. What Depreciates? Land Improvements *fences, plumbing or fiber optic cable*

B. Example:

1. Cost of Asset \$6,100
2. Estimated Salvage Value \$100
3. Useful life 5 years
4. Estimated Units of Production 200,000 units

C. Methods *for calculating depreciation*

1. Straight Line

$$\frac{(\text{Cost} - \text{Salvage Value})}{\text{Useful Life}}$$

$$(\$6,100 - \$100) / 5 \text{ years} = \$1,200$$

DR: Depreciation Expense    \$1,200  
    CR: Accumulated Depreciation    \$1,200  
(To record annual depreciation of asset)

2. Units of Production

$$(\$6,100 - \$100) / 200,000 \text{ units} = \$0.03 \text{ per unit}$$

Year 1 – we make 10,000 units

DR: Depreciation Expense    \$300     $\leftarrow \$0.03 * 10,000 \text{ units}$   
    CR: Accumulated Depreciation    \$300

Year 2 – we make 110,000 units

DR: Depreciation Expense    \$3,300     $\leftarrow \$0.03 * 110,000 \text{ units}$   
    CR: Accumulated Depreciation    \$3,300

Year 3 – we make 30,000 units

DR: Depreciation Expense    \$900     $\leftarrow \$0.03 * 30,000 \text{ units}$   
    CR: Accumulated Depreciation    \$900

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3. Accelerated Methods = More depreciation taken in the earlier years – do not subtract salvage! Just depreciate UP TO salvage value, then stop.

- a. Double Declining Balance (DDB) - do not subtract salvage

$$\text{Depreciation Expense} = (2 / \text{Useful Life}) * \text{Book Value}$$

Year	Book Value *	Rate =	Depreciation Expense	Accumulated Depreciation
1	\$6,100	2/5	\$2,440	\$2,440
2	(\$6,100 - \$2,440)	2/5	\$1,464	\$2,440 + \$1,464 = \$3,904
3	(\$6,100 - \$3,904)	2/5	\$878	\$3,904 + \$878 = \$4,782
4	(\$6,100 - \$4,782)	2/5	\$527	\$4,782 + \$527 = \$5,309
5	(\$6,100 - \$5,309)	N/A	\$691 (PLUG)	\$5,309 + \$691 = \$6,000

*Depreciate the asset UP TO the salvage value.*

- b. MACRS (used for tax purposes) – do not subtract salvage value

*Uses a ½ year convention to smooth out when purchases occur throughout the year*

$$(2 / \text{Useful Life}) * \frac{1}{2} * \text{Book Value} \leftarrow \text{Apply the } \frac{1}{2} \text{ in the FIRST YEAR ONLY!}$$

Year	Book Value *	Rate =	Depreciation Expense	Accumulated Depreciation
1	\$6,100	2/5 * 1/2	\$1,220	\$1,220
2	(\$6,100 - \$1,220)	2/5	\$1,952	\$1,220 + \$1,952 = \$3,172
3	(\$6,100 - \$3,172)	2/5	\$1,171	\$3,172 + \$1,171 = \$4,343

- c. Book vs. Tax

*Company HAS TO use MACRS for Tax purposes*

*MACRS/Tax Code – assigns the useful life to be used*

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D. Balance Sheet Presentation

<i>Property Plant &amp; Equipment</i>	<i>\$6,100</i>
<i>Less: A/D</i>	<i>(\$1,200)</i>
<i>PP&amp;E, net</i>	<i>\$4,900</i>

*\* If presented net, disclose accumulated depreciation in footnotes*

V. Revision of Estimates

A. Example: On 1/1 we purchased an asset for \$850 with a salvage value of \$50

and a useful life of 8 years. Calculate yearly straight-line depreciation for the asset.

$$(\$850 - \$50) / 8 = \$100 \text{ per year}$$

B. Revision: At the beginning of Year 3, we now believe the salvage value will be \$100

and the new useful life will be 7 years (total). Calculate yearly straight-line depreciation

for the asset for the remaining useful life.

*2 years have already passed. Remaining useful life = 7 – 2 = 5 years*

*Cost remaining to depreciate:*

$$\$850 - \$100 \text{ (depreciation Y1)} - \$100 \text{ (depreciation Y2)} - \$100 \text{ (salvage)} = \$550$$

$$\text{Annual depreciation: } \$550 / 5 = \$110$$

What is book value at the end of year 5?

$$\$850 - \$100 \text{ (Y1)} - \$100 \text{ (Y2)} - \$110 \text{ (Y3)} - \$110 \text{ (Y4)} - \$110 \text{ (Y5)} = \$320$$

-OR-

$$\$110 \text{ Y6} + \$110 \text{ Y7} + \$100 \text{ Salvage} = \$320$$

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VI. Costs After Acquisition – Repairs

A. Minor Repairs – *expensed as incurred*

1. Normal upkeep and maintenance
2. What would this be for a car? *Oil changes, new brakes, new wiper blades*
3. Anything that keeps it going
4. Usually recurring
5. Journal Entry to record:

<i>Repairs and Maintenance Expense</i>	XX	
<i>Cash</i>		XX

B. Major Repairs - *capitalize*

1. Betterment – makes the asset better than before *faster, bigger, efficient*

- a. Example: Copier machine – we add a part that will now staple the page together after printing

- b. Journal Entry to record:

<i>Asset – copier</i>	XX	
<i>Cash</i>		XX
<i>(To capitalize asset betterment)</i>		

- c. Depreciating a betterment

*(Book value before + capitalized amount – salvage value) / remaining useful life*

2. Extraordinary Repairs

*After the last major earthquake in 1994, UCLA retrofitted 4 of the original UCLA buildings, including Powell. All the books were moved from Powell to the IM field to “Temporary Powell” or “Towell”. That was EXTRAORDINARY. But it didn’t “better” Powell. It extended the useful life of Powell.*

- a. Journal Entry to record:

<i>Accumulated Depreciation</i>	XX	
<i>Cash</i>		XX
<i>(To record extraordinary repair)</i>		

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C. Impact on Book Value *Book Value = (Cost – A/D)*

1. Minor Repair: *No change (because it's expensed)*
2. Betterment: *Increases book value (by increasing cost)*
3. Extraordinary Repair: *Increases book value (by decreasing A/D)*

D. Materiality – Relative Significance

1. Example: CEO of Google gets a 2<sup>nd</sup> computer monitor costing \$300.
2. Example: \$20 on the ground – do you stop to pick it up?
3. Example: Staying at the Beverly Hills Hotel – how many nights could you afford to stay?

*CEO, CFO sets the threshold above which assets are capitalized; below which, purchases are expensed*

VII. Periodic Depreciation

A. Example: Depreciate asset to the nearest month. Company purchased an asset on 3/18

at a cost of \$12,100. The asset has a salvage value of \$100 and a useful life of 8 years. Calculate straight-line depreciation for Year 1 and Year 2.

$$(\$12,100 - \$100) / 8 = \$1,500 / \text{year}$$

$$Y1: 9/12 * \$1,500 = \$1,125$$

$$Y2: \$1,500$$

What will be the LAST year the asset is depreciated and how much depreciation will be recorded in the last year?

$$Y9: 3/12 * \$1,500 = \$375$$

B. Units of Production depreciation

*Only depends on the number of units produced. Acquisition date has no effect on calculation.*

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C. Calculate Double Declining Balance depreciation for Year 1 and Year 2.

Year	Book Value *	Rate =	Depreciation Expense	Accumulated Depreciation
1	<i>\$12,100</i>	<i>* 2/8 * 9/12</i>	<i>\$2,269</i>	<i>\$2,269</i>
2	<i>(\$12,100 - \$2,269)</i>	<i>* 2/8</i>	<i>\$2,458</i>	<i>\$2,269 + \$2,458</i>

D. Calculate MACRS depreciation for Year 1 and Year 2, assuming tax code prescribes a 5 year useful life for this type of asset.

Year	Book Value *	Rate =	Depreciation Expense	Accumulated Depreciation
1	<i>\$12,100</i>	<i>*2/5 * 1/2</i>	<i>\$2,420</i>	<i>\$2,420</i>
2	<i>(\$12,100 - \$2,420)</i>	<i>*2/5</i>	<i>\$3,872</i>	<i>\$2,420 + \$3,872</i>

## VIII. Disposal of Assets

### A. *Scrap It*

1. *Loss*
2. *Breakeven*

### B. *Sell It*

1. *Loss*
2. *Breakeven*
3. *Gain*



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#### IX. Disposal – Steps

A. Depreciate the asset up to date *(to the nearest month; JE right before the sale)*

B. Close out the asset account and related accumulated depreciation account

C. Record gain or loss on disposal, if any

D. Example: On 1/1/Y1 Company purchased an asset for \$15,500. The asset had a salvage value of \$500 and a useful life of 5 years. On 9/10/Y3 the Company sells the asset for \$4,200. The Company uses straight-line depreciation.

1. Depreciate the asset up to date

$$(\$15,500 - \$500) / 5 = \$3,000 \text{ per year}$$

$$\$3,000 (Y1) + \$3,000 (Y2) + (\$3,000 * 8/12) = \$8,000 \text{ Accumulated Depreciation}$$

2. Close out the asset and A/D

<i>Loss on Sale</i>	<i>\$3,300</i>	<i>← PLUG</i>
<i>A/D</i>	<i>\$8,000</i>	
<i>Cash</i>	<i>\$4,200</i>	
<i>PP&amp;E</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>	
<i>(To record sale of equipment)</i>		

3. Record gain or loss on disposal, if any

$$\text{Book Value} > \text{Cash} = \text{Loss}$$

$$\text{Book Value} < \text{Cash} = \text{Gain}$$

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X. Trade Ins

- A. Example: Company had an asset that cost \$20,000. Accumulated depreciation for this asset is \$17,000. Company trades this asset for a new asset that costs \$33,000. The seller gives company a trade-in allowance of \$2,200 for the old asset.

*Book value = (\$20,000 cost - \$17,000 A/D)*

1. Predict gain, loss or break-even.

*Loss (\$3,000 book value > \$2,200 trade-in allowance)*

Prepare the journal entry to record the trade:

DR: PPE – New	\$33,000	← Fair Value
DR: A/D – Old	\$17,000	
DR: Loss	\$800	← PLUG
CR: PPE – Old	\$20,000	← Historical Cost
CR: Cash	\$30,800	← Sales price – trade in

- B. Same example, except trade-in allowance is \$7,200 instead.

1. Predict gain, loss or break-even.

*Gain (\$7,200 trade-in allowance > \$3,000 book value)*

2. Prepare the journal entry to record the trade:

DR: PPE – New	\$33,000	← Fair Value
DR: A/D – Old	\$17,000	
DR: Gain	\$4,200	← PLUG
CR: PPE – Old	\$20,000	← Historical Cost
CR: Cash	\$25,800	← Sales price – trade in



## XII. Intangible Assets

### A. Types of balance sheet assets

1. Current Assets
2. Long-term Investments
3. PP&E
4. Intangibles
5. Other Assets

B. Amortize – experiencing (*expensing*) costs over their life

### C. Examples of intangible assets

1. Patents – the right to produce a product
  - a. Legal life – 20 years
  - b. Example: Imagine you invent the cure to the common cold. You are not in the business of developing, producing and marketing drugs. You sell the patent to Johnson and Johnson for \$20M. Johnson's journal entry would be:

1/1/Y1	DR: Patent	\$20M
	CR: Cash	\$20M

A: 12/31/Y1      DR: Amortization Expense      \$1M  
                         CR: Accumulated Amortization – Patent    \$1M  
*(To record straight-line amortization of patent)*

2. Copyright – the right to publish a written work or artwork

- a. Legal life (will expire eventually) – depends on who holds the copyright:
  - i. Individual – life of author + 70 years
  - ii. Corporation – 95 years from 1<sup>st</sup> publication

3. Franchise – right to operate or sell a specific brand of products (*e.g., McDonalds, 7-11*)  
*Amortize franchise fees over the life of the franchise agreement*
4. Trademark – right to use a symbol or name of a product, are indefinitely renewable  
*NOT AMORTIZED – because you can just keep renewing*

- D. Rule: Intangible assets are amortized over their useful life

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E. Other Intangible assets

1. Leasehold improvements – permanent improvements to leased property, which have finite lives

*Rule: Amortize the improvement over the SHORTER of its useful life, or the lease term*

2. Organization costs – costs of starting a corporation

3. Research and Development (R&D) = *looking for new stuff. Usually a VERY low percentage of efforts results in something marketable.*

*Therefore, R&D is expensed IMMEDIATELY*

4. Goodwill – excess of cost (of buying a company) over the fair market value of net assets (means assets – liabilities) acquired

- a. Why? *When Disney acquired LucasFilm for \$4B; net assets were only worth \$2B. Why pay double? Because of the future value/benefit of what they were getting: Star Wars movies, Star Wars land at Disneyland, Mandalorian, Baby Yoda, etc.*

- b. When expensed

- i. Not amortized
- ii. Tested for impairment each year *Covered in 120A*

- c. Example: I buy a Company for \$100M. What am I buying?

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Land	<i>\$4M</i>
Equipment	<i>\$8M</i>
Patents	<i>\$80M</i>
<u>Liabilities</u>	<u><i>(\$2M)</i></u>
Total	<i>\$90M</i>

- d. Allocating goodwill:

- i. Assign purchase price to fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed.
- ii. Assign any remainder to goodwill

- e. Journal entry to record acquisition:

<i>DR: Goodwill</i>	<i>\$10M</i>	<i>← PLUG</i>
<i>DR: Land</i>	<i>\$4M</i>	
<i>DR: Equipment</i>	<i>\$8M</i>	
<i>DR: Patents</i>	<i>\$80M</i>	
<i>CR: Liabilities</i>	<i>\$2M</i>	
<i>CR: Cash</i>	<i>\$100M</i>	

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XIII. Financial Analysis

A. Asset Turnover Ratio

$$\frac{\text{Net Sales}}{\text{Average Total Assets}}$$

B. Calculate Asset Turnover for Office Depot and Staples

		2017	2016
Office Depot	Total Assets	6,323	5,540
	Sales	10,240	11,021
Staples	Total Assets	8,271	10,172
	Sales	18,247	18,764

$$OD: 10,240 / [(6,323 + 5,540)/2] = 1.73$$

$$Staples: 18,247 / [(8,271 + 10,172)/2] = 1.98$$

C. Financial Statement Analysis

1. US GAAP vs. IFRS

*Be careful when doing financial analysis: If the Companies are using GAAP vs. IFRS, the standards are different. For example:*

*IFRS – R&D is capitalized, not expensed*

*IFRS – LIFO is not allowed.*