Chapter 2 Investing and Financing Decisions and the Balance Sheet

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

- 1. The primary objective of financial reporting for external users is to provide useful economic information about a business to help external parties, primarily investors and creditors, make sound financial decisions. These users are expected to have a reasonable understanding of accounting concepts and procedures. Usually, they are interested in information to assist them in projecting future cash inflows and outflows of a business.
- 2. (a) An asset is a probable future economic benefit owned by the entity as a result of past transactions.
 - (b) A current asset is an asset that will be used or turned into cash within one year; inventory is always considered a current asset regardless of how long it takes to produce and sell the inventory.
 - (c) A liability is a probable debt or obligation of the entity as a result of a past transaction, which will be paid with assets or services.
 - (d) A current liability is a liability that will be paid in cash (or other current assets) or satisfied by providing service within the coming year.
 - (e) Contributed capital is the financing provided to the business by owners; usually owners provide cash and sometimes other assets such as equipment and buildings.
 - (f) Retained earnings are the cumulative earnings of a company that are not distributed to the owners and are reinvested in the business.

- 3. (a) The separate-entity assumption requires that business transactions are separate from the transactions of the owners. For example, the purchase of a truck by the owner for personal use is not recorded as an asset of the business.
 - (b) The unit-of-measure assumption requires information to be reported in the national monetary unit. That means that each business will account for and report its financial results primarily in terms of the national monetary unit, such as Yen in Japan and Australian dollars in Australia.
 - (c) Under the continuity or going-concern assumption, businesses are assumed to operate into the foreseeable future. That is, they are not expected to liquidate.
 - (d) The historical cost principle requires assets to be recorded at the cashequivalent cost on the date of the transaction. Cash-equivalent cost is the cash paid plus the dollar value of all noncash considerations.
- 4. Accounting assumptions are necessary because they reflect the scope of accounting and the expectations that set certain limits on the way accounting information is reported.
- 5. An account is a standardized format used by organizations to accumulate the dollar effects of transactions on each financial statement item. Accounts are necessary to keep track of all increases and decreases in the fundamental accounting model.
- 6. The fundamental accounting model is provided by the equation: Assets = Liabilities + Stockholders' Equity
- 7. A business transaction is (a) an exchange of resources (assets) and obligations (debts) between a business and one or more outside parties, and (b) certain events that directly affect the entity such as the use over time of rent that was paid prior to occupying space and the wearing out of equipment used to operate the business. An example of the first situation is (a) the sale of goods or services. An example of the second situation is (b) the use of insurance paid prior to coverage.
- Debit is the left side of a T-account and credit is the right side of a T-account. A debit is an increase in assets and a decrease in liabilities and stockholders' equity. A credit is the opposite -- a decrease in assets and an increase in liabilities and stockholders' equity.

9. Transaction analysis is the process of studying a transaction to determine its economic effect on the entity in terms of the accounting equation:

Assets = Liabilities + Stockholders' Equity

The two principles underlying the process are:

- every transaction affects at least two accounts.
- * the accounting equation must remain in balance after each transaction.

The two steps in transaction analysis are:

- (1) identify and classify accounts and the direction and amount of the effects.
- (2) determine that the accounting equation (A = L + SE) remains in balance.
- 10. The equalities in accounting are:
 - (a) Assets = Liabilities + Stockholders' Equity
 - (b) Debits = Credits
- 11. The journal entry is a method for expressing the effects of a transaction on accounts in a debits-equal-credits format. The title of the account(s) to be debited is (are) listed first and the title of the account(s) to be credited is (are) listed underneath the debited accounts. The debited amounts are placed in a left-hand column and the credited amounts are placed in a right-hand column.
- 12. The T-account is a tool for summarizing transaction effects for each account, determining balances, and drawing inferences about a company's activities. It is a simplified representation of a ledger account with a debit column on the left and a credit column on the right.
- 13. The financial leverage ratio is computed as average total assets divided by average stockholders' equity (where "average" is the average of the beginning and ending balances for the year). It measures the relation between total assets and the stockholders' capital that finances them. The higher the ratio, the more debt has been assumed by the company to finance its assets.
- 14. Investing activities on the statement of cash flows include the buying and selling of productive assets and investments. Financing activities include borrowing and repaying debt, issuing and repurchasing stock, and paying dividends.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

- 1. b 6. c
- 2. d 7. a
- 3. d 8. d
- 4. a 9. b
- 5. d 10. a

Mini-exercises		Exercises		Problems			rnate olems	Cases and Projects	
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5	5	5	10	5	40			5	20
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Authors' Recommended Solution Time (Time in minutes)

* Due to the nature of these cases and projects, it is very difficult to estimate the amount of time students will need to complete the assignment. As with any open-ended project, it is possible for students to devote a large amount of time to these assignments. While students often benefit from the extra effort, we find that some become frustrated by the perceived difficulty of the task. You can reduce student frustration and anxiety by making your expectations clear. For example, when our goal is to sharpen research skills, we devote class time discussing research strategies. When we want the students to focus on a real accounting issue, we offer suggestions about possible companies or industries.

MINI-EXERCISES

M2–1.

- C (1) Separate-entity assumption
- H (2) Historical cost principle
- G (3) Credits
- A (4) Assets
- I (5) Account

M2–2.

- D (1) Journal entry
- C (2) A = L + SE, and Debits = Credits
- A (3) Assets = Liabilities + Stockholders' Equity
- I (4) Liabilities
- B (5) Income statement, balance sheet, statement of retained earnings, and statement of cash flows
- **M2–3.** (1) Y
 - (2) N
 - (3) Y
 - (4) N
 - (5) N
 - (6) Y

M2-4.

- (1) Accounts Payable CL
- CA (2) Accounts Receivable
- NCA (3) Buildings
- CA (4) Cash
- SE (5) Contributed Capital
- (6) Land NCA
- (7) Merchandise Inventory CA
- CL (8) Income Taxes Payable
- NCA (9) Long-term Investments
- NCL (10) Note Payable (due in three years)
- CA (11) Notes Receivable (due in six months)
- CA (12) Prepaid Rent
- SE (13) Retained Earnings
- CA (14) Supplies
- CL (15) Utilities Payable
- CL (16) Wages Payable

M2-5.

	Assets		=	Liabilities		+	Stockholders' Equity	
a.	Cash	+20,000		Notes payable	+20,000			
b.	Cash Notes receivable	-7,000 +7,000						
C.	Cash	+1,000					Contributed capital	+1,000
d.	Cash Equipment	-6,000 +15,000		Notes payable	+9,000			
e.	Cash	-2,000					Retained earnings	-2,000

M2-6.

	Debit	Credit	
Assets	Increases	Decreases	
Liabilities	Decreases	Increases	
Stockholders' equity	Decreases	Increases	
M2–7.	Increase	Decrease	
Assets	Debit	Credit	
Liabilities	Credit	Debit	
Stockholders' equity	Credit	Debit	
M2–8. a. Cash (+A) Notes Payable (+L)			20,000
b. Notes Receivable (+A) Cash (-A)			7,000

C.	Cash (+A) Contributed Capital (+SE)	1,000	1,000
d.	Equipment (+A) Cash (–A) Notes Payable (+L)	15,000	6,000 9,000
e.	Retained Earnings (–SE) Cash (–A)	2,000	2,000

M2–9.

Notes Receivable	Equipment			
Beg. 900	Beg. 15,000			
(b) 7,000	(d) 15,000			
7,900	30,000			
Contributed Capital	Retained Earnings			
5,000 Beg.	9,000 Beg.			
1,000 (c)	(e) 2,000			
6,000	7,000			
	Beg. 900 (b) 7,000 7,900 Contributed Capital 5,000 Beg. 1,000 (c)			

Bandera Inc. Balance Sheet At January 31, 2011

Assets		Liabilities	
Current assets:		Current liabilities:	
Cash	\$ 6,800	Notes payable	\$ 31,700
Notes receivable	7,900	Total current liabilities	31,700
Total current assets	14,700	Stockholders' Equity	
		Contributed capital	6,000
Equipment	30,000	Retained earnings	7,000
		Total stockholders' equity	13,000
		Total Liabilities &	
Total Assets	\$44,700	Stockholders' Equity	\$44,700

M2–11.

Financial	=	Average Total Assets	=	(\$240,000+\$280,000) / 2 =	\$260,000 = 1.73
Leverage		Average Stockholders'	-	(\$140,000+\$160,000) / 2	\$150,000
		Equity			

This ratio indicates that, for every \$1 of equity investment, Sal's Pizza maintains \$1.73 of assets. Sal's Pizza's ratio is lower than Papa John's 2006 ratio (of 2.37), indicating that Sal's Pizza maintains a lower debt level and follows a less risky financing strategy than does Papa John's.

M2–12. (a) F

- (b) I
- (c) F
- (d) I
- (e) F

EXERCISES

E2–1.

- E (1) Transaction
- F (2) Continuity assumption
- B (3) Balance sheet
- P (4) Liabilities
- K (5) Assets = Liabilities + Stockholders' Equity
- H (6) Historical cost principle
- M (7) Note payable
- O (8) Dual effects
- N (9) Retained earnings
- D (10) Debits
- C (11) Separate-entity assumption
- A (12) Current assets
- J (13) Accounts receivable
- Q (14) Unit-of-measure assumption
- I (15) Account

E2–2.

Req. 1

	Received	<u>Given</u>
(a)	Equipment (A) [or Computer equipment]	Note payable (L)
(b)	Equipment (A) [or Delivery truck]	Cash (A)
(c)	No exchange transaction	—
(d)	Cash (A)	Contributed capital (SE)
(e)	Building (A) [or Construction in progress]	Cash (A)
(f)	Intangibles (A) [or Copyright]	Cash (A)
(g)	Retained earnings (SE) [Received a reduction in the amount available for payment to stockholders]	Cash (A)
(h)	Investments (A)	Cash (A)
(i)	Land (A)	Cash (A)
(j)	Intangibles (A) [or Patents]	Cash (A) and Note payable (L)
(k)	No exchange transaction	_
(I)	Cash (A)	Short-term note payable (L)
(m)	Note payable (L) [Received a reduction in its promise to pay]	Cash (A)

Req. 2

The truck in (b) would be recorded as an asset of \$21,000. The land in (i) would be recorded as an asset of \$50,000. These are applications of the cost principle.

Req. 3

The agreement in (c) involves no exchange or receipt of cash, goods, or services and thus is not a transaction. Since transaction (k) occurs between the owner and others, there is no effect on the business because of the separate-entity assumption.

<u>Account</u>	Balance Sheet <u>Categorization</u>	Debit or Credit <u>Balance</u>
Land	NCA	Debit
Retained Earnings	SE	Credit
Taxes Payable	CL	Credit
Prepaid Expenses	CA	Debit
Contributed Capital	SE	Credit
Long-term Investments	NCA	Debit
Machinery and Equipment	NCA	Debit
Accounts Payable	CL	Credit
Short-term Investments	CA	Debit
Notes Payable (due in 3 yrs)	NCL	Credit
	Account Land Retained Earnings Taxes Payable Prepaid Expenses Contributed Capital Long-term Investments Machinery and Equipment Accounts Payable Short-term Investments	AccountCategorizationLandNCARetained EarningsSETaxes PayableCLPrepaid ExpensesCAContributed CapitalSELong-term InvestmentsNCAMachinery and EquipmentNCAAccounts PayableCLShort-term InvestmentsCA

E2-4.

E2–3.

Event	Asset	5	=	Liabilitie	s	+	Stockholders	s' Equity
a.	Cash	+24,000					Contributed capital	+24,000
b.	Equipment	+8,000		Notes payable	+7,000			
	Cash	-1,000						
C.	Note receivable	+500						
	Cash	-500						
d.	Cash	+7,000		Notes payable	+7,000			
e.	Land	+15,000		Mortgage note				
	Cash	-4,000		payable	+11,000			

Req. 1						
Event	Assets	=	Liabilitie	s +	Stockholders	' Equity
a.	Buildings	+182.0	Notes payable			
	Equipment	+21.9	(long-term)	+155.8		
	Cash	- 48.1				
b.	Cash	+253.6			Contributed capital	+253.6
C.			Dividends payable	+179.2	Retained earnings	-179.2
d.	Investments (short-term)	+400.8				
	Cash	- 400.8				
e.	No effects					
f.	Cash	+1.4				
	Short-term Investments	-1.4				

Req. 2

The separate-entity assumption states that transactions of the business are separate from transactions of the owners. Since transaction *(e)* occurs between the owners and others in the stock market, there is no effect on the business.

E2–6.

a.	Cash (+A) Contributed capital (+SE)		24,000
b.	Equipment (+A) Cash (–A) Notes payable (+L)		1,000 7,000
C.	Notes receivable (+A) Cash (-A)		500
d.	Cash (+A) Notes payable (+L)		7,000
e.	Land (+A) Cash (–A) Mortgage notes payable (+L)		4,000 11,000
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E2–7.

Req. 1

a.	Buildings (+A) Equipment (+A) Cash (–A) Note payable (+L)	182.0 21.9	48.1 155.8
b.	Cash (+A) Contributed capital (+SE)	253.6	253.6
C.	Retained earnings (–SE) Dividends payable (+L)	179.2	179.2
d.	Investments (+A) Cash (–A)	400.8	400.8
e.	No journal entry required.		
f.	Cash (+A) Investments (–A)	1.4	1.4

Req. 2

The separate-entity assumption states that transactions of the business are separate from transactions of the owners. Since transaction *(e)* occurs between the owners and others in the stock market, there is no effect on the business.

E2–8.

Req. 1

Cash		Note Receivable			Equipment			
Beg.	0		Beg.	0		Beg.	0	
()	53,000	4,000 (d)	(e)	2,200		(d)	16,000	
(c)	4,000	2,200 (e)						
	20.000	<u> </u>	-	0.000			40.000	
6	50,800		_	2,200			16,000	
	Lan	d		Note P	ayable	C	ontribut	ed Capital
Beg.	0				0 Beg.			0 Beg.
(c) 1	3,000				12,000 (d)			63,000 (a)
								17,000 (c)
			-					
1	3,000				12,000			80,000

Req. 2

Assets \$ 92,000 = Liabilities \$ 12,000 + Stockholders' Equity \$ 80,000

Req. 3

The agreement in (b) involves no exchange or receipt of cash, goods, or services and thus is not a transaction. Since transaction (f) occurs between the owner and others, there is no effect on the business due to the separate-entity assumption.

E2–9.

Req. 1

Transaction 1	<i>Brief Explanation</i> Issued capital stock to shareholders for \$16,000 cash. (Cirba Sports Inc. is a corporation.)
2	Borrowed \$70,000 cash and signed a short-term note for this amount.
3	Purchased land for \$16,000; paid \$5,000 cash and gave an \$11,000 short-term note payable for the balance.
4	Loaned \$4,000 cash; borrower signed a short-term note for this amount (Note Receivable).
5	Purchased store fixtures for \$9,000 cash.
6	Purchased land for \$4,000, paid for by signing a short-term note.

Req. 2

Cirba Sports Inc. Balance Sheet At January 7, 2011

Assets		Liabilities	
Current Assets		Current Liabilities	
Cash	\$68,000	Note payable	\$85,000
Note receivable	4,000	Total Current Liabilities	85,000
Total Current Assets	72,000		
Store fixtures	9,000	Stockholders' Equity	
Land	20,000	Contributed capital	16,000
		Total Stockholders' Equity	16,000
		Total Liabilities &	
Total Assets	\$101,000	Stockholders' Equity	\$101,000

E2–10.

Req. 1

Transaction 1	Brief Explanation Issued capital stock to shareholders for \$60,000 cash.
2	Purchased a delivery truck for \$30,000; paid \$4,000 cash and gave a \$26,000 long-term note payable for the balance.
3	Loaned \$4,000 cash; borrower signed a short-term note for this amount.
4	Purchased short-term investments for \$7,000 cash.
5	Sold short-term investments at cost for \$2,000 cash.
6	Issued capital stock to shareholders for \$4,000 of computer equipment.

Req. 2

Clifford's Cleaning, Inc. Balance Sheet At March 31, 2010

Assets		Liabilities	
Current Assets		Notes payable	\$26,000
Cash	\$47,000	Total Liabilities	26,000
Investments	5,000		
Notes receivable	4,000		
Total Current Assets	56,000		
		Stockholders' Equity	
Computer equipment	4,000	Contributed capital	64,000
Delivery truck	30,000	Total Stockholders' Equity	64,000
		Total Liabilities &	
Total Assets	\$90,000	Stockholders' Equity	\$90,000

E2–11.

a.	Cash (+A) Contributed capital (+SE)	60,000	60,000
b.	Cash (+A) Notes payable (long-term) (+L)	10,000	10,000
C.	No transaction has occurred because there has been no exch cash, goods, or services.	ange or re	ceipt of
d.	Equipment (+A) Cash (–A) Notes payable (short-term) (+L)	12,000	1,500 10,500
e.	Store fixtures (+A) Cash (–A)	20,000	20,000
f.	Notes receivable (short-term) (+A) Cash (–A)	1,000	1,000

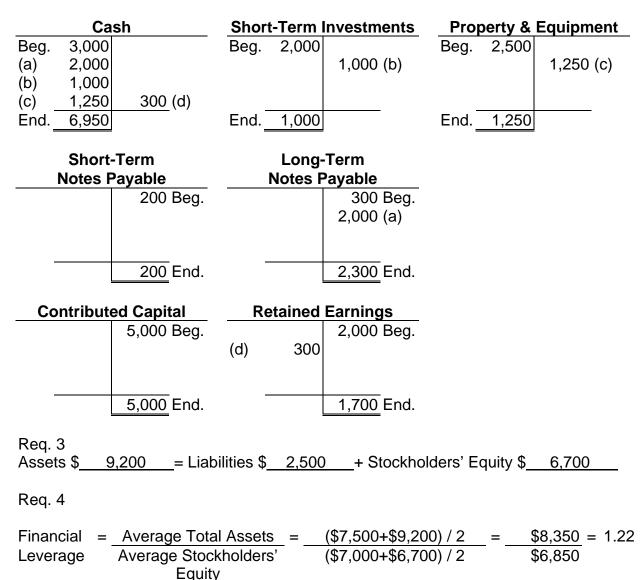
a.	Retained earnings (–SE) Dividends payable (+L)	532	532
b.	No transaction has occurred because there has been no exch cash, goods, or services.	nange or ree	ceipt of
C.	Dividends payable (-L) Cash (-A)	419	419
d.	Cash (+A) Notes payable (+L)	3,956	3,956
e.	Cash (+A) Equipment (–A)	2,677	2,677
f.	Equipment (+A) Cash (–A) Notes payable (+L)	12,890	9,870 3,020
g.	Investments (+A) Cash (–A)	2,654	2,654

E2–12.

E2-13.

Req. 1 7,500 = Liabilities \$ 500 + Stockholders' Equity \$ 7,000 Assets \$

Req. 2



This ratio indicates that, for every \$1 of equity investment, Massimo maintains \$1.22 of assets. Massimo's ratio is lower than the industry average of 2.00, indicating that Massimo maintains a lower debt level and follows a less risky financing strategy than does the average firm in the industry. As such, Massimo can finance expansion by borrowing without taking on excessive debt compared to the industry average.

Massimo Company Balance Sheet At December 31, 2011

Assets		Liabilities		
Current Assets		Current Liabilities	¢ 000	`
Cash	\$ 6,950	Short-term notes payable	\$ 200	
Short-term investments	1,000	Total Current Liabilities	200)
Total Current Assets	7,950	Long-term notes payable	2,300)
		Total Liabilities	2,500)
		Stockholders' Equity		
		Contributed capital	5,000)
Property and equipment	1,250	Retained earnings	1,700)
		Total Stockholders' Equity	6,700)
		Total Liabilities &		
Total Assets	\$9,200	Stockholders' Equity	\$9,200)

E2–15.

Req. 1

Short-Term									
	Ca	sh		Note Re	ceivable			Lai	nd
Beg.	0		Beg.	0			Beg.	0	
(a)	40,000	4,000 (c) 1,000 (e)	(d)	3,000			(b)	12,000	3,000 (d)
	35,000	()		3,000				9,000	
				Short-Term			Long-Term		
	Equip	oment	Notes Payable				Notes Payable		
Beg.	0				0 B	•			0 Beg.
(C)	20,000				12,000 (o)			16,000 (c)
(e)	1,000								
	21,000				12,000				16,000
С	ontribute	ed Capital							
		0 Beg.							
		40,000 (a)							
		40,000							

E2–15. (continued)

Req	2

Chu Delivery Company, Inc. **Balance Sheet** At December 31, 2010

Assets		Liabilities	
Current Assets		Current Liabilities	
Cash	\$35,000	Short-term notes payable	\$12,000
Short-term note receivable	3,000	Total Current Liabilities	12,000
Total Current Assets	38,000	Long-term notes payable	16,000
		Total Liabilities	28,000
Land	9,000		
Equipment	21,000	Stockholders' Equity	
		Contributed capital	40,000
		Total Stockholders' Equity	40,000
		Total Liabilities &	
Total Assets	\$68,000	Stockholders' Equity	\$68,000

Req. 3

2011:

Financial Leverage	=	Average Total Assets Average Stockholders' Equity	=	<u>(\$68,000+\$90,000) / 2</u> = (\$40,000+\$50,000) / 2	= _	<u>\$79,000</u> = 1.76 \$45,000
2012: Financial Leverage	=	Average Total Assets Average Stockholders' Equity	=	<u>(\$90,000+\$120,000) / 2</u> = (\$50,000+\$60,000) / 2	= _	<u>\$105,000</u> = 1.91 \$55,000

The financial leverage ratio has increased over the years. This suggests that the company has been taking on additional risk through debt financing.

Req. 4

The management of Chu Delivery Services has already been financing the company's development through debt (as evidenced by the increasing leverage ratio). This suggests the company is taking on increasing risk. Based solely on the financial leverage ratio, the bank's vice president should consider not providing the loan to the company as it currently stands. Of course, additional analysis would provide better information for making a sound decision.

E2–16.

Transaction	Brief Explanation
(a)	Issued capital stock to shareholders for \$17,000 cash and \$3,000 tools and equipment.
(b)	Purchased a building for \$50,000; paid \$10,000 cash and gave a \$40,000 note payable for the balance.
(c)	Loaned \$1,500 cash; borrower signed a note receivable for this amount.
(d)	Sold \$800 of tools and equipment for their original cost.

E2–17.

Req. 1

	Increases with	Decreases with
Equipment	Purchases of equipment	Sales of equipment
Notes receivable	Additional loans to others	Collection of loans
Notes payable	Additional borrowings	Payments of debt

Req. 2

Equip		Notes Receivable			Notes Payable			÷		
1/1 500		1/1		150					100	1/1
250	700			225	225			110	170	
12/31 50		12/3	81 <u> </u>	150			_		160	12/31
		Beginning balance	+	"+	-"	-	""	=		Ending balance
Equipment	_	\$500	+	25	50	_	? ?	=		\$50 <u>700</u>
Notes receiva	able	150	+	?	>	-	225 ?	=		150 <u>225</u>
Notes payabl	le	100	+	17	0	_	? ?	=		160 <u>110</u>

E2–18.

Activity	Type of Activity	Effect on Cash
(a) Reduction of long-term debt	F	_
(b) Sale of land	I	+
(c) Issuance of common stock	F	+
(d) Capital expenditures	I	_
(e) Issuance of short-term debt	F	+

E2–19.

Hilton Hotels Corporation Partial Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended December 31, 2011

Investing Activities Purchase of investments \$(139) Purchase and renovation of properties (370)Sale of property 230 Receipt of payment from note receivable 125 Cash flow from investing activities (154) **Financing Activities** Additional borrowing from banks 992 Payment of debt (24) Issuance of stock 6 Cash flow from financing activities 974

E2-20.

1.	Current assets	In the asset section of a classified balance sheet.
2.	Debt principal repaid	In the financing activities section of the statement of cash flows.
3.	Significant accounting policies	Usually the first note after the financial statements.
4.	Cash received on sale of noncurrent assets	In the investing activities section of the statement of cash flows.
5.	Dividends paid	In the financing activities section of the statement of cash flows.
6.	Short-term obligations	In the current liabilities section of a classified balance sheet.
7.	Date of the statement of financial position.	In the heading of the balance sheet.

PROBLEMS

P2–1.

		Balance Sheet Classification	Debit or Credit Balance
(1)	Retained Earnings	SE	Credit
(2)	Note and Loans Payable (short-term)	CL	Credit
(3)	Materials and Supplies	CA	Debit
(4)	Long-term Debt	NCL	Credit
(5)	Prepaid Taxes and Expenses	CA	Debit
(6)	Patents (an intangible asset)	NCA	Debit
(7)	Income Taxes Payable	CL	Credit
(8)	Contributed Capital	SE	Credit
(9)	Property, Plant, and Equipment	NCA	Debit
(10)	Notes and Accounts Receivable (short-term)	CA	Debit
(11)	Cash and Cash Equivalents	CA	Debit
(12)	Accounts Payable	CL	Credit
(13)	Investments (long-term)	NCA	Debit
(14)	Crude Oil Products, and Merchandise	CA	Debit

P2-2.

Req. 1

Cornell Home Healthcare Services was organized as a corporation. Only a corporation issues shares of capital stock to its owners in exchange for their investment, as Cornell did in transaction (a).

Req. 2 (On next page)

Req. 3

The transaction between the two stockholders (Event d) was not included in the tabulation. Since the transaction in (d) occurs between the owners, there is no effect on the business due to the separate-entity assumption.

Req. 4

(a) Total assets = 111,500 + 18,000 + 5,000 + 510,500 + 160,000 + 65,000= 870,000

(b) Total liabilities = \$280,000

- (c) Total stockholders' equity = Total assets Total liabilities = \$870,000 - \$280,000 = \$590,000
- (d) Cash balance = \$50,000 + \$90,000 \$9,000 \$18,000 \$5,000 + \$3,500 = \$111,500
- (e) Total current assets = 111,500 + 18,000 + 5,000 = 134,500

Req. 5

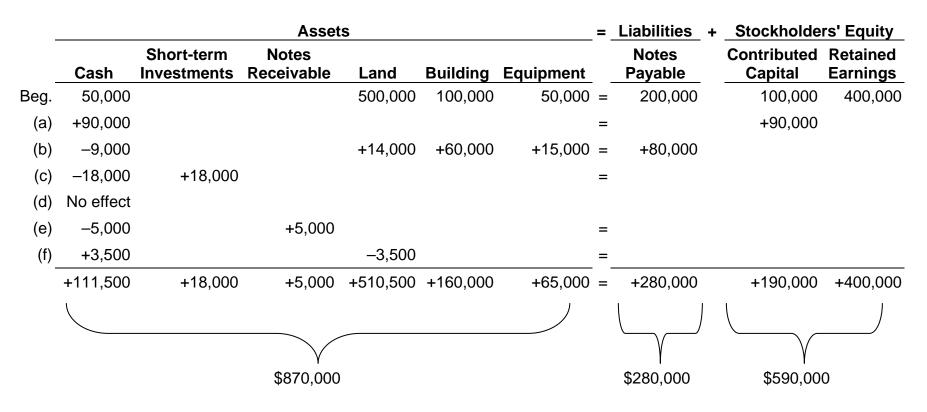
Financial = Average Total Assets Leverage Stockholders' =
$$\frac{($700,000+$870,000)/2}{($500,000+$590,000)/2} = \frac{$785,000}{$545,000} = 1.44$$

Equity

This suggests that Cornell uses significantly more equity than debt to finance the company's assets.

P2-2. (continued)

Req. 2



P2–3.

Req. 1 and 2

	Cas	sh	Investments (short-term)	Accounts Receivable
Beg.	21,000		Beg. 2,000	Beg. 3,000
(C)	12,000	7,000 (a)	(e) 9,000	
(d) (h)	12,000 1,000	6,000 (b) 9,000 (e)	End. 11,000	End. 3,000
(11)	1,000	3,000 (e) 3,000 (g)		End: <u>3,000</u>
		9,000 (i)	Inventory	Notes Receivable (long-term)
			Beg. 24,000	Beg. 1,000
				(a) 7,000
	40.000		Fred - 24 000	
End.	12,000		End. 24,000	End. <u>8,000</u>
	Equip	ment	Factory Building	Intangibles
Beg.	48,000		Beg. 90,000	Beg. 3,000
(b)	18,000	1,000 (h)	(i) 25,000	(g) 3,000
	07.000			<u> </u>
End.	65,000		End. <u>115,000</u>	End. <u>6,000</u>
Δ	Accounts	Pavable	Accrued Liabilities Payable	Notes Payable (short-term)
		15,000 Beg.	2,000 Beg.	7,000 Beg.
				12,000 (b)
_				12,000 (d)
		15,000 End.	<u>2,000</u> End.	<u>31,000</u> End.
Lona	I-Term No	otes Payable	Contributed Capital	Retained Earnings
		48,000 Beg.	90,000 Beg.	30,000 Beg.
		16,000 (i)	12,000 (c)	
_				
		<u>64,000</u> End.	<u>102,000</u> End.	<u>30,000</u> End.

P2-3. (continued)

Req. 3

No effect was recorded for (f). The agreement in (f) involves no exchange or receipt of cash, goods, or services and thus is not a transaction.

Req. 4

Injection Plastics Company Balance Sheet At December 31, 2011

Assets		Liabilities	
Current Assets		Current Liabilities	
Cash	\$ 12,000	Accounts payable	\$ 15,000
Investments	11,000	Accrued liabilities payable	2,000
Accounts receivable	3,000	Notes payable	31,000
Inventory	24,000	Total Current Liabilities	48,000
Total Current Assets	50,000	Long-term notes payable	64,000
		Total Liabilities	112,000
Notes receivable	8,000		
Equipment	65,000	Stockholders' Equity	
Factory building	115,000	Contributed capital	102,000
Intangibles	6,000	Retained earnings	30,000
		Total Stockholders' Equity	132,000
		Total Liabilities &	
Total Assets	\$244,000	Stockholders' Equity	\$244,000

Req. 5

Financial	=	Average Total Assets	=	(\$192,000+\$244,000) / 2 =	\$218,000 = 1.73
Leverage		Average Stockholders'	_	(\$120,000+\$132,000) / 2	\$126,000
		Equity			

This ratio indicates that, for every \$1 of equity investment, Injection Plastics maintains \$1.73 of assets, with the additional \$0.73 of assets financed by debt. The company utilizes more equity than debt to finance assets.

P2–4.	

Transaction	Type of Activity	Effect on Cash
(a)	I	_
(b)	I	-
(c)	F	+
(d)	F	+
(e)	I	-
(f)	NE	NE
(g)	I	-
(h)	I	+
<i>(i)</i>	I	-

P2–5.

Req. 1

a.	Cash (+A) Contributed capital (+SE)	200	200
b.	Cash (+A) Long-term liabilities (+L)	30	30
C.	Long-term investments (+A) Short-term investments (+A) Cash (–A)	2,600 10,400	13,000
d.	Property , plant, and equipment (+A) Cash (–A) Long-term liabilities (+L)	2,285	875 1,410
e.	Receivables and other assets (+A) Cash (–A)	250	250
f.	Cash (+A) Short-term investments (–A)	10,000	10,000
g.	Retained earnings (–SE) Cash (–A)	52	52

P2-5. (continued)

Req. 2

	Cas	sh			t-term ments	F	Receivab Other A	
Beg.	7,042		Beg.	2,016		Beg.	5,452	
(a)	200		(c)	10,400		(e) _	250	
(b)	30	13,000 (c)	-	2,416		_	5,702	
(f)	10,000	875 (d) 250 (e)			1		0	
		52 (g)	Dee		tories			ent Assets
			Beg.	576		Beg.	2,620	
_	3,095		-	576			2,620	
			-		-			
Ρ		Plant and			g-term		Oth	
	Equip	ment			ments			nt Assets
Beg.	2,005		Beg.	2,691		Beg.	707	
(d) _	2,285		(c)	2,600		_		
_	4,290		-	5,291		_	707	
					ounts able	C	Other Sho Obliga	
					9,840 Beg.			6,087 Beg.
			-		0.940			6.097
					9,840		L	6,087
Lo	ng-term	Liabilities	C	ontribut	ed Capital	R	etained I	Earnings
		3,053 Beg.			284 Beg.			3,845 Beg.
		30 (b)			200 (a)	(g)	52	
_		<u>1,410</u> (d)	-		10.1	_		
		4,493			484			3,793

P2-5. (continued)

Req. 3

Dell, Inc. Balance Sheet At January 28, 2007 (in millions)

Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 3,095
Short-term investments	2,416
Receivables and other assets	5,702
Inventories	576
Other current assets	2,620
	14,409
Noncurrent Assets	
Property, plant and equipment	4,290
Long-term investments	5,291
Other noncurrent assets	707
Total assets	\$24,697
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	
Current Liabilities	
	¢ 0 940
Accounts payable	\$ 9,840
Other short-term obligations	6,087
Law of Course 1 and 10 days	15,927
Long-term Liabilities	4,493
Stockholders' Equity	10.1
Contributed capital	484
Retained earnings	3,793
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$24,697

Req. 4

Financial	=	Average Total Assets	=	(\$23,109+\$24,697) / 2	=	\$23,903	= 5.69
Leverage		Average Stockholders'	_	(\$4,129+\$4,277) / 2		\$4,203	_
		Equity					

For every \$1 of equity investment, Dell utilizes \$4.69 of debt to finance its assets. Dell uses more than four times as much debt as equity financing.

Investing Activities	
Purchase of property, plant, and equipment	\$ (875)
Purchase of investments	(13,000)
Loan of funds to affiliates	(250)
Sale of investments	10,000
Cash flow used in investing activities	(4,125)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Borrowings	30
Issuance of stock	200
Payment of dividends	(52)
Cash flow provided by financing activities	178
Net change in cash	(3,947)
Beginning balance of cash	7,042
Cash balance on January 28, 2007	\$ 3,095

ALTERNATE PROBLEMS

AP2-1.

		Balance Sheet Classification	Debit or Credit Balance
(1)	Accounts Receivable	CA	Debit
(2)	Prepaid Expenses	CA	Debit
(3)	Inventories	CA	Debit
(4)	Long-term Debt	NCL	Credit
(5)	Cash and Cash Equivalents	CA	Debit
(6)	Accounts Payable	CL	Credit
(7)	Income Taxes Payable	CL	Credit
(8)	Contributed Capital	SE	Credit
(9)	Property, Plant, and Equipment	NCA	Debit
(10)	Retained Earnings	SE	Credit
(11)	Short-term Borrowings	CL	Credit
(12)	Accrued Liabilities	CL	Credit
(13)	Goodwill (an intangible asset)	NCA	Debit

AP2-2.

Req. 1

Kalman Incorporated was organized as a corporation. Only a corporation issues shares of capital stock to its owners in exchange for their investment, as Kalman did in transaction (b).

Req. 2 (On next page)

Req. 3

Since the transaction in (i) occurs between the owners and others outside the company, there is no effect on the business due to the separate-entity assumption.

Req. 4

- (a) Total assets = \$45.000 + \$2.000 + \$85.000 + \$107.000 + \$510.000 = \$749.000
- Total liabilities = \$169,000 + \$180,000 = \$349,000 (b)
- (c) Total stockholders' equity = Total assets – Total liabilities = \$749,000 -\$349,000 = \$400,000
- (d) Cash balance = 120,000 33,000 + 100,000 + 120,000 55,000 200,000- \$85,000 - \$2,000 = \$45,000
- (e) Total current assets = 45,000 + 2,000 = 47,000

Req. 5

Financial = Average Total Assets = (\$500,000+\$749,000)/2 = \$624,500 = 1.78Average Stockholders' (\$300,000+\$400,000) / 2 Leverage \$350,000 Equity

This suggests that Kalman uses slightly less debt than equity to finance the company's assets. For every \$1 of equity, there is \$.78 of debt utilized in financing.

AP2-2. (continued)

Req. 2

-			Assets			=	Liabi	lities	+	Stockholde	rs' Equity
_	Cash	Notes Receivable	Long-Term Investments	Equipment	Building		Short-Term Notes Payable	Long-Term Notes Payable		Contributed Capital	Retained Earnings
Beg.	120,000			70,000	310,000	=	140,000	60,000		220,000	80,000
(a)	-3,000			+30,000		=	+27,000				
(b)	+100,000					=				+100,000	
(c)	+120,000					=		+120,000			
(d)	-5,000			+10,000		=	+5,000				
(e)	-200,000				+200,000	=					
(f)	-85,000		+85,000			=					
(g)				-3,000		=	-3,000				
(h)	-2,000	+2,000				=					
(i)	No effect					=					
	+45,000	+2,000	+85,000	+107,000	+510,000	=	+169,000	+180,000	l	+320,000	+80,000
			\$749,000				۲ \$349,0	00		∨ \$400,00	0

AP2-3.

Req. 1 and 2

Cash and Cash Equivalents	Short-Term Investments	Accounts Receivable
Beg. 147,879 (a) 1,020 3,400 (b)	Beg. 0 (g) 2,980	Beg. 14,602
(c) 4,020 1,830 (e) (f) 310 2,980 (g)	2,980	14,602
300 (h) 144,719		Beg. <u>181,884</u> 181,884
Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets	Property, Plant and Equipment	Intangibles
Beg. 38,064 38,064	Beg. 322,185 (e) <u>11,230</u> 4,020 (c) <u>329,395</u>	Beg. 92,500 (b) 3,400 95,900
Other Assets	Accounts Payable	Accrued Expenses Payable
Assets Beg. 5,484 310 (f)	Payable 78,722 Beg.	Payable 68,677 Beg.
Assets Beg. 5,484 310 (f) 5,174 Long-Term	Payable78,722 Beg.78,72278,722Other Long-Term	Payable 68,677 Beg. 68,677 68,677 Contributed
Assets Beg. 5,484 310 (f) 5,174 Long-Term Debt* 202,908 Beg. 9,400 (e)	Payable 78,722 Beg. 78,722 Other Long-Term Liabilities 42,649 Beg.	Payable 68,677 Beg. 68,677 Contributed Capital 79,374 Beg. 1,020 (a)
Assets Beg. 5,484 310 (f) 5,174 Long-Term Debt* 202,908 Beg.	Payable78,722 Beg.78,722Other Long-TermLiabilities	Payable 68,677 Beg. 68,677 68,677 Contributed Capital 79,374 Beg.

Req. 3

No effect was recorded for (d). Ordering goods involves no exchange or receipt of cash, goods, or services and thus is not a transaction.

Ethan Allen Interiors, Inc. Balance Sheet At September 30, 2007	
(in thousands of dollars)	
Assets	
Current assets	¢ 444.740
Cash and cash equivalents Short-term investments	\$ 144,719
	2,980
Accounts receivable	14,602
Inventories	181,884
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	38,064
Total current assets	382,249
Property, plant and equipment	329,395
Intangibles Other assets	95,900
	<u>5,174</u> \$812,718
Total Assets	ΦΟΙΖ,/ΙΟ
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 78,722
Accrued expenses payable	68,677
Current portion of long-term debt	40
Total current liabilities	147,439
Long-term debt	212,268
Other long-term liabilities	42,649
Total Liabilities	402,356
Stockholders' Equity	
Contributed capital	80,394
Retained earnings	329,968

Total Stockholders' Equity

Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity

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Req. 4

Req. 5

Financial	=	Average Total Assets	=	(\$802,598+\$812,718) / 2 =	\$807,658 = 1.97
Leverage		Average Stockholders'		(\$409,642+\$410,362) / 2	\$410,002
		Equity			

This ratio indicates that, for every \$1 of equity investment, Ethan Allen maintains \$1.97 of assets, with the additional \$0.97 of assets financed by debt. This suggests that Ethan Allen relies fairly equally on debt and equity financing.

410,362 \$812,718

Transaction
(a)
(b)
(c)

Type of Activity	Effect on Cash
F	+
I	_
I	+
NE	NE
I	_
I	+
I	_
F	_
	F I I

CASES AND PROJECTS

ANNUAL REPORT CASES

CP2–1.

- 1. The company is a corporation since it maintains share capital and its owners are referred to as "shareholders." (Refer to the stockholders' equity section of the balance sheet).
- 2. The amount listed on the balance sheet for inventories does not represent the expected selling price. It represents the historical cost of acquiring the inventory, as required by the cost principle.
- The company's current obligations include: accounts payable, accrued compensation and payroll taxes, accrued rent, accrued income and other taxes, unredeemed stored value cards and gift certificates, current portion of deferred lease credits, and other liabilities and accrued expenses.
- 4 Financial = Average Total Assets = (\$1,605,649+\$1,987,484) / 2 = \$1,796,566.5 = 1.40 Leverage Average Stockholders' (\$1,155,552+\$1,417,312) / 2 \$1,286,432 Equity

Thus, for every \$1 of equity investment, American Eagle Outfitters maintains \$1.40 of assets, with the additional \$0.40 financed by debt. This ratio indicates that American Eagle Outfitters does not rely heavily on debt financing.

5. The company spent \$225,939,000 on purchasing property and equipment in the year ended 2/3/07; \$81,545,000 in the year ended 1/28/06; and \$97,288,000 in the year ended 1/29/05. This information is listed on the Statement of Cash Flows in the investing activities section.

CP2-2.

- 1. Assets = Liabilities + Shareholders' Equity $\$899,251,000 = \$223,968,000^* + \$675,283,000$
 - * Liabilities are determined by either adding current (\$135,318,000) and noncurrent liabilities (\$88,650,000) or by solving the accounting equation: Assets (\$899,251,000) = Liabilities + Shareholders' Equity (\$675,283,000)
- 2. No shareholders' equity is a residual balance, meaning that the shareholders will receive what remains in cash and assets after the creditors have been satisfied. It is likely that shareholders would receive less than \$675,283,000. In addition, assets on the balance sheet are not stated at market value, only historical cost.
- 3. The company's only noncurrent liability is deferred rent.
- 4. Financial = <u>Avg. Total Assets</u> = <u>(\$769,205+\$899,251)/2</u> = <u>\$834,228</u> = 1.35 Leverage Avg. Stockholders' (\$560,880 + \$675,283)/2 \$618,081.5 Equity
- 5. The company had a net cash outflow from investing activities of \$201,408,000, primarily because of the purchase of investments and capital expenditures.

1.	Industry	American Eagle	Urban
	Average	Outfitters	Outfitters
Financial leverage =	1.77	1.40	1.35

Both American Eagle Outfitters' and Urban Outfitters' financial leverage ratios are lower than the industry average of 1.77. Therefore they finance their assets with less debt than the average company in their industry.

Renting store space instead of buying store space will cause American Eagle Outfitters' and Urban Outfitters' financial leverage ratios to be lower. Renting is a form of financing that does not show up in the liabilities section of the balance sheet. If they purchased store space by borrowing (instead of selling additional stock), the numerator (Average Total Assets) would increase, but the denominator (Average Stockholders' Equity) would stay the same.

- During the most recent year, American Eagle Outfitters spent \$154,120,000 repurchasing common stock from investors and employees. Urban Outfitters spent \$20,801,000 purchasing shares of its own common stock.
- 3. American Eagle Outfitters paid \$61,521,000 in dividends. Urban Outfitters did not pay any dividends during the year. Refer to the financing activities section of the statement of cash flows.
- 4. Both American Eagle and Urban Outfitters report property and equipment combined as "Property and equipment, net." Other companies sometimes choose to report these assets separately on the balance sheet, for example in accounts such as: "Land," "Buildings and building improvements," Furniture, fixtures and equipment," and "Rental property and equipment."

CP2–4.

- 1. (a) Papa John's total assets reported at July 1, 2007 are \$402,582,000.
 - (b) Long-term debt including the current portion due increased over six months from \$97,036,000 at December 31, 2006, to \$126,784,000 on July 1, 2007.
 - (c) Financial = <u>Avg Total Assets</u> = <u>(\$379,639+\$402,582) / 2</u> = <u>\$391,110.5</u> = 2.67 Leverage Avg Stockholders' <u>(\$146,168+\$147,005) / 2</u> <u>\$146,586.5</u> Equity

Papa John's financial leverage has increased from the level of 2.37 as discussed in the chapter. This indicates that, between December 31, 2006, and July 1, 2007, Papa John's financed its assets with slightly more debt than previously. As discussed in the text, Papa John's uses more debt than equity to finance its assets.

- 2. (a) For the six months ended July 1, 2007, Papa John's spent \$16,433,000 on the purchase of property and equipment.
 - (b) The total cash flows provided by financing activities was \$6,596,000.

CP2–5.

- Distressed investing occurs when an individual or organization purchases debt instruments or assets of companies facing financial trouble or bankruptcy, often during the "bust" period following a boom in the financial markets. Often, the investor is looking for a relatively quick turnaround, betting that a new management, new strategy, or cheaper costs can lead to improved returns, and then is hoping to sell to a healthier rival to make a profit.
- 2. Investing in stocks is riskier than investing in bonds because debt holders have preference over stockholders upon liquidation of assets. However, those interested in distressed investing often take on more risk. The potential for greater returns if the company can be turned around is attractive to these investors and could yield a higher return than the interest on debt.
- 3. Mr. Ross studies companies extensively, primarily in industries with bleak outlooks, such as steel and textiles. He then "sells the stock short" (bets that the stock price will drop), then makes quick decisions to purchase at least one-third of the debt of these companies to ensure "he has the clout to protect his interests." His attitude is strictly rational and he avoids situations that involve fraud or litigation. He also has limitless energy.

CP2-6.

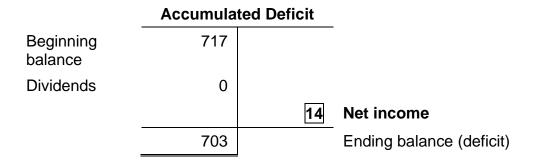
The major deficiency in this balance sheet is the inclusion of the owner's personal residence as a business asset. Under the separate-entity assumption, each business must be accounted for as an individual organization, separate and apart from its owners. The improper inclusion of this asset as part of Frances Sabatier's business overstates total assets by \$300,000; total assets should be \$105,000 rather than \$405,000, and stockholders' equity should be only \$5,000, rather than \$305,000. Thus, the correct financial leverage ratio (based on the year-end balance sheet) is very high: 21.0 ($$105,000 \div $5,000$) versus 1.33 ($$405,000 \div $305,000$). Frances Sabatier's business is far riskier than suggested by this balance sheet.

CP2-7.

- 1. The company is a corporation since its owners are referred to as "stockholders."
- 2. <u>Assets</u> = <u>Liabilities</u> + <u>Stockholders' Equity</u> (in millions) \$1,656 = \$1,385 + \$271
- 3. Financial = <u>Average Total Assets</u> = <u>(\$1,921+\$1,656)/2</u> = <u>\$1,788.5</u> = 6.80 Leverage Average Stockholders' (\$255+\$271)/2 \$263.0 Equity

For every \$1 of equity investment, Gateway maintains \$6.80 of assets, with the additional \$5.80 financed by debt. This ratio indicates that Gateway relies more heavily on riskier debt financing than on equity financing. The interpretation of this ratio would be more useful given information on the company's financial leverage over time and on the typical financial leverage ratio for the computer industry.

- 5. Over its years in business, it appears that Gateway has not been profitable. Gateway appears to have been profitable in its business during 2006. This is based on the 2005 balance in the accumulated deficit (negative retained earnings) account, which represents the cumulative deficit in earnings of the firm since the business began (including any dividends paid to the shareholders). Gateway reported an accumulated deficit for 2006, but the balance was less negative than in 2005, suggesting a gain for the year. Assuming no dividends were paid during the year, net profit in 2006 was \$14 calculated as follows:



Req. 1

McDonald's Corporation Balance Sheets At December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2010 (in millions of dollars)

_	2011	2010
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 299.2	\$ 341.4
Accounts and notes receivable	609.4	483.5
Inventories	77.3	70.5
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	323.5	246.9
Total current assets	1,309.4	1,142.3
Property and equipment, net	16,041.6	14,961.4
Intangible assets	973.1	827.5
Investments in and advances to affiliates	854.1	634.8
Notes receivable due after one year	67.9	67.0
Other noncurrent assets	<u> </u>	608.5
Total Assets	<u>\$19,784.4</u>	<u>\$18,241.5</u>
Liabilities Current Liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Taxes payable Notes payable Current maturities of long-term debt Total current liabilities Long-term debt Other long-term liabilities Total Liabilities	\$ 621.3 783.3 237.7 686.8 168.0 2,497.1 6,188.6 1,574.5 10,260.2	\$ 650.6 503.5 201.0 1,293.8 <u>335.6</u> 2,984.5 4,834.1 1,491.0 9,309.6
Stockholders' Equity Contributed capital Retained earnings Total Stockholders' Equity Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	1,065.3 <u>8,458.9</u> 9,524.2 \$19,784.4	787.8 <u>8,144.1</u> 8,931.9 \$18,241.5

CP2-8. (continued)

Req. 2

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Financial Everage = \frac{\text{Average Total Assets}}{\text{Average}} = \frac{(\$18,241.5+\$19,784.4)/2}{(\$8,931.9+\$9,524.2)/2} = \frac{\$19,012.95}{\$9,228.05} = 2.06
Stockholders' Equity
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Req. 3

For every \$1 of equity investment, McDonald's maintains \$2.06 of assets, with the additional \$1.06 financed by debt. This ratio indicates that McDonald's utilizes debt financing slightly more than equity financing, and that McDonald's utilizes debt financing more than the average company in the restaurant industry (with a ratio of 1.72 as indicated in the chapter).

CP2–9.

Req. 1

Dewey, Cheetum, and Howe, Inc.
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2012

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$ 1,000
Accounts receivable	8,000
Inventory	8,000
Total current assets	17,000
Furniture and fixtures	52,000
Delivery truck (net)	12,000
Buildings (net)	60,000
Total assets	\$141,000
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 16,000
Payroll taxes payable	13,000
Total current liabilities	29,000
Notes payable (due in three years)	15,000
Mortgage payable	50,000
Total liabilities	94,000
Stockholders' Equity	
Contributed capital	80,000
•	•
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Accumulated deficit Total stockholders' equity Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	(33,000) (33,000) (33,000) (33,000) (33,000) (33,000) (33,000) (33,000) (33,000) (33,000) (33,000) (33,000) (33,000) (33,000) (33,000) (33,000) (33,000) (33,000) (31

CP2-9. (continued)

Req. 2

Dear _____,

I corrected the balance sheet for Dewey, Cheetum, and Howe, Inc. Primarily, I reduced the amount reported for buildings to \$60,000 which is the historical cost less any depreciation. Estimated market value is not a generally accepted accounting principle for recording property, plant, and equipment. The \$38,000 difference (\$98,000 – \$60,000) reduces total assets and reduces retained earnings. In fact, retained earnings becomes negative suggesting that there may have been several years of operating losses.

The effect of the corrections also changes the financial leverage ratio (based on the year-end figures provided):

Prior to the correction (\$179,000 ÷ \$85,000)	2.11
After the corrections (\$141,000 ÷ \$47,000)	3.00

This suggests that the company has assumed a proportionately larger debt burden than indicated on the original balance sheet.

Before making a final decision on investing in this company, you should examine the past three years of *audited* income statements and the past two years of *audited* balance sheets to identify positive and negative trends for this company. You can also compare this company's financial leverage ratio to that of the industry. You should also learn as much about the industry as you can by reviewing recent articles on economic and technological trends which may have an impact on this company.

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 The most obvious parties harmed by the fraud at Ahold's U.S. Foodservice Inc. were the stockholders and creditors. Stockholders were purchasing shares of stock that were inflated due to the fraud. Creditors were lending funds to the company based on inflated income statement and balance sheet information. When the fraud was discovered, the stock price dropped causing the stockholders to lose money on their investments. In addition, the creditors have a lower probability of receiving full payment on their loans. The vendors who assisted in verifying false promotional allowances were also investigated.

Those who were helped by the fraud included the former executives who were able to receive substantial bonuses based on the inflated results of operations. The SEC also charged two individuals with insider trading for trading on a tip illegally.

- 2. U.S. Foodservice set certain financial goals and tied the former executives' bonuses to meeting the goals. Adopting targets is a good tool for monitoring progress toward goals and identifying problem areas, such as rising costs or sagging sales. Better decision making can result by heading off potential problems before they grow too large. However, setting unrealistic financial targets, especially in poor economic times, can result in those responsible for meeting the targets circumventing appropriate procedures and policies for their own benefit.
- 3. In many cases of fraudulent activity, auditors are named in lawsuits along with the company. If the auditors are found to be negligent in performing their audit, then they are liable. However, in many frauds, the management at multiple levels of the organization are so involved in covering the fraud that it becomes nearly impossible for the auditors to detect the fraudulent activity. In this case, it appears that top executives concocted a scheme to induce vendors to confirm false promotional allowance income by signing audit letters agreeing to the false amounts. In audits, confirming balances or amounts with external parties usually provides evidence for the auditors on potential problem areas. The auditors appropriately relied on this external evidence in performing its audit, not knowing it to be tainted or fraudulent.

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The solution to this team project will depend on the companies and/or accounting period selected for analysis.