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Accounting Information Systems

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INTRODUCTIONS

- Name
- Rutgers ID #
- Home Town or Country
- College and Fraternity/Sorority
- Computer Skills
- Work Experience
- Hobbies and Interests
SYLLABUS

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- Contact Information
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- Homework, Assignments and Presentations
SYLLABUS

- Participation
- Examinations
- Academic Integrity
- Withdrawal Policy
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- About the Instructor
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Course Objectives

What do you expect these to be?
Textbooks

- We will use two textbooks:
  - An online textbook: “Accounting Information Systems: A Database Approach” from Cybertext
    - You need to set up an account for this straight away
    - Chapter 1 is due on Monday
    - Quiz 1 – which you will take on-line at Cybertext’s site is also due then
    - You will not need this until October
On-Line Textbooks

- Material updated twice each year
- Typos and other errors corrected upon notification
- Material developed to meet RUTGERS requirements
- Browser may be used as a study aid (e.g., Ctrl-F, hyper-links)
- Hyper-links for enriched study context
- Carry a chapter at a time
- Save $30!
Initial Computer Assignment

- Located at: http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~gillett
  - click to reach the biography
  - click on the picture
  - select Courses
  - click on Fall 2003: Accounting Information Systems

- Blackboard: www.fom.rutgers.edu
  - click on Assignments
Initial Computer Assignment

- Obtain an e-mail account
- Visit my Web Site
- Print the Syllabus
- Print the Timetable
- Print the Initial Computer Assignment
- Subscribe to the Listserve
- Visit Blackboard and check the Discussion Board
- Obtain a textbook account – follow the link
- Register on my Student Database for Grading Purposes
Blackboard

- Rutgers Business School course web site
- ID is lower case first letter of first, then last, names + last four digits of Rutgers ID
- Initial password is the same, but you can change it
- If you have NOT been set up, send me email...
- . . . meanwhile you can use:
  ID – UNREGISTERED
  Password – USERS
- Should show all courses for which you are enrolled
Email

- Be sure you have entered an email account that either you check regularly, or that is forwarded to one that you do check; you are responsible for any information sent to this address!
Why Accounting Information Systems?

- You already learned the principles of accounting – especially of recording transactions
- Intermediate Accounting teaches you the rules for financial reporting
- In class and in examinations, T-accounts suffice for all the problems you meet
- In the real world, we need practical methods for recording, maintaining and reporting large numbers of transactions
- We need a systematic approach . . .
- . . . and that’s where AIS comes in!
Why Accounting Information Systems?

- A starting point is considering what are business enterprises, and how do they generate and use information.
- That’s where we will start next class.
- Until then – what do YOU think an business enterprise is?
What is a business enterprise?

Discuss and propose definitions for:
- Manufacture
- Produce
- Industry
- Trade
- Commerce
- Profession
- Practice
- Business
- Organization
- Enterprise
The A.I.S. Class

- Will have an accountant’s focus – technology chapters will be deferred till Thanksgiving
- Will be your broadest-based accounting class
- Requires hard work and commitment but is not rocket science
- Involves problem solving
- Requires you to accept change as a constant
- Requires a tolerance for ambiguity – you won’t find right and wrong answers all the time
The Junior Year

- The Junior year is a whole new level of challenge
  - Every one of you is an above average student
  - Now your peer group is smarter too, and the competition is tougher
  - Two years ago, most of you were High School kids
  - In two years time, most of you will be working on someone’s accounts!
  - That is one BIG TRANSITION
  - GOOD LUCK!!!