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They say that numbers don't lie, but what if you can't even read them? Financial analysis reports, budgeting reports, forecasting and measuring reports--sometimes they all run together, don't they? The Essentials of Finance and Accounting for Nonfinancial Managers is here to help. This new edition of a business classic demystifies finance and accounting and gives managers the tools they need to make better decisions. Complete with fresh insights, case studies, and street-level exercises to help non-numbers people master the numbers game, this indispensable translation guide reveals how to: • Understand the fundamentals of financial analysis, budgeting, and forecasting • Interpret balance sheets, income/cash flow statements, and annual reports • Sift through conflicting data to find the most relevant figures • Locate key information about competitors and suppliers • Analyze variances and calculate break-even points and other vital measures • And much more! The numbers are too important to allow others to translate for you. You need to know how to read them yourself. Imagine the impact on future decisions when you grasp not only what the numbers mean but can use that insight to drive your business forward.

Finance for Nonfinancial Managers is a Quick Reference Finance Handbook to learn to read and interpret Financial Statements and understand financial management core concepts. In the current environment of cut-throat competition, razor-thin profit margins, and increasing scrutiny from stakeholders, mastering the fundamentals of financial management is a must for everyone with a stake in their companies and in their own professional futures. Packed with step-by-step examples and illustrative case studies, and updated to reflect the latest trends in the economy and in financial policy, Finance and Accounting for Nonfinancial Managers is a nuts-and-bolts guide for managers, entrepreneurs, seasoned executives, teachers, and students alike. Featuring new commentary on corporate accountability, updated interactive templates, study questions, and an online instructor's guide, this new edition covers all the key aspects of financial management.

Each chapter focuses on one stage of the development of a company. Each stage raises a typical issue concerning financial management. At the end of each chapter is a bulleted summary, assignments and exercises.

Finance is key to every business organisation as well as outside. This book makes sense of the finance world from a non-finance perspective. It introduces, explains and demystifies essential ideas of business finance to those who do not have financial background or training. Lucid, accessible, yet comprehensive, the book delineates the financial workings of businesses and offers an overview of corporate finance in the global context. The volume: Contains effective tools for financial communication, monitoring, analysis and resource allocation; Provides important learning aids such as figures, tables, illustrations and case studies; Highlights fundamental concepts and applications of finance; Surveys global corporate practices, recent trends and current data. This updated second edition contains new sections on Tax Planning, including Income Tax and Goods and Services Tax in India. A guide to building financial acumen, this book will be a useful resource for executive and management development programmes (EDPs & MDPs) oriented towards business managers, including MBA programmes. It will benefit business executives, corporate heads, entrepreneurs, government officials, teachers, researchers, and students of management and business, as well as those who deal with finance or financial matters in their daily lives.

Finance for the Nonfinancial Manager, Fourth Edition. If you're a manager, odds are you're playing a larger and moreimportant role in the financial matters of your company. As today'smarketplace becomes increasingly competitive, it's essential thatall managers have a basic understanding of the tools, objectives, and functions of finance if they are to stay ahead of the competition. Covering the gamut of the "numbers" end of management, Finance for the Nonfinancial Manager helps you develop a soundbasis for carrying out strategic financial planning anddecision-making responsibilities. This comprehensive reference has served as an indispensable guidefor executives, managers, and small business owners for almost twodecades. Now in its fourth edition, this classic has been updated to reflect the latest federal tax and regulatory legislation, andit is filled with new charts, tables, and examples suitable for theneeds of today's manager. From basic economic concepts toaccounting conventions, the broad range of topics examined in Finance for the Nonfinancial Manager include: cash flow management, banking relationships, security markets, credit policies, andcapital acquisition. You'll also find practical guidelines for suchimportant skills as how to: * Interpret balance sheets. * Design budgets and P & Ls. * Apply break-even analyses. * Decipher financial statements. Now more than ever, being a manager in the competitive marketplacerequires a solid understanding of key aspects of finance. Thisrevised and expanded edition of Finance for the NonfinancialManager shows you how to get a handle on the basic concepts and principles you need to run and maintain a successful business.

Make simple sense of complex financial information! The high-profile accounting scandals of recent years have made one thing clear: You can't know too much about the company for which you work. What are the numbers? Where do you find them? How do they affect you and your staff? This fully revised and updated third edition of The McGraw-Hill 36-Hour Course: Finance for Nonfinancial Managers provides a firm grasp on what all the numbers really mean. Designed to let you learn at your own pace, it walks you through: The essential concepts of finance, so you can ask intelligent questions and understand the answers Vital statements and reports, with sections on pro forma financial statements and expensing of stock options The auditing process--what is measured, how it's measured, and how you can help ensure accuracy and completeness With chapter-ending quizzes and an online final exam, The McGraw-Hill 36-Hour Course: Finance for Nonfinancial Managers serves as a virtual professor, providing the curriculum you need to crunch the numbers like a pro!

Business people--especially managers--need to understand how "the numbers" work for their business and if they're adding up. Designed for managers in small through mid-sized companies, this invaluable guide to key financial concepts will help those in business understand the basics of finance and how it affects their business.

Financial Management for Non-Financial Managers is an accessible, practical and easy to understand guide that will allow any manager to gain confidence in understanding financial matters, managing a budget and dealing with bankers, accountants and finance professionals. A source of invaluable expert advice on all the essential aspects of financial management within the context of running a business, it

covers: business structures, accounting and financial statements, analysis and ratios, planning, budgeting, product and service costing, setting selling prices, investment appraisal, finance and working capital, taxation and international transactions. This book explains financial literacy in the context of management, showing how improved awareness of finances can lead to increased value creation and protection for your business. Aimed at the practicing business manager, Financial Management for Non-Financial Managers includes case studies, spreadsheets and worked examples to accompany key skills and practices explained in the book.

AN INTRODUCTION TO FINANCIAL REPORTS--WITH NEW TACTICS FOR BUDGETING AND PINPOINTING KEY FINANCIAL AREAS Financial decisions impact virtually every area of your company. As a manager, it's up to you to understand how and why. Finance for Nonfinancial Managers helps you understand the information in essential financial reports and then shows you how to use that understanding to make informed, intelligent decisions. It provides a solid working knowledge of: Basic Financial Reports--All about balance sheets, income statements, cash flow statements, and more Cost Accounting--Methods to assess which products or services are most profitable to your firm Operational Planning and Budgeting--Ways to use financial knowledge to strengthen your company Briefcase Books, written specifically for today's busy manager, feature eye-catching icons, checklists, and sidebars to guide managers step-by-step through everyday workplace situations. Look for these innovative design features to help you navigate through each page: Key Terms: Clear defi nitions of key terms and concepts Smart Managing: Tactics and strategies for managing change Tricks of the Trade: Tips for executing the tactics in the book Mistake Proofing: Practical advice for minimizing the possibility of error Caution: Warning signs for when things are about to go wrong For Example: Examples of successful change-management tactics Tools: Specific planning procedures, tactics, and hands-on techniques

Every business and organisation, no matter what its size, requires competent financial management. Now in its fourth edition, this highly successful book is written for those who don't have a background in finance and accounting but who need to know how money works. Using local and international case studies, SIMPLY FINANCE demystifies financial concepts and jargon so you can improve your decision-making and add value to your business. This book will help you to: Analyse and interpret financial statements; Make better decisions using financial information; Produce realistic and useful budgets; Make better investment decisions; Understand different valuation techniques; Communicate better with the 'bean counters'.

Provides a practical and activity based approach to understanding finance for non-financial managers. Suitable for DMS, MBA and BTEC Higher National courses

This ground breaking text continues to guide managers, executives, and business students with little experience in the field of finance. Finance for Non-Financial Managers, Seventh Edition, offers a practical introduction to financial decision making for students with no previous exposure to accounting or finance principles or for those that want to broaden their understanding of financial analysis or upgrade old skills in the field of financial management and accounting. This seventh edition improves the clarity and conciseness of many finance techniques and the relationship between the various concepts covered in the book, enabling students to master the language and concepts of finance and accounting to assist them in future careers as managers or entrepreneurs. It also incorporates International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as GAAP closes out in Canada.

Finance and Accounting for Nonfinancial Managers, Third Edition, introduces the reader to financial terminology, relates financial measures to operating information, enables the student to understand and apply financial measures to operating performance, and ties all of this to the current business environment. Today's managers, whether supervisors or senior executives, are expected to understand and use financial and operational measures, prepare and utilize budgets, respond to inquiries about the financial consequences of actions taken by them or by their department or team, and understand and use financial and accounting terminology—the common language of business measurement. Written in a conversational, easy-to-understand tone, the course treats finance and accounting from the perspective of users of financial information—it enhances their ability to communicate effectively with subordinates, other managers, senior executives, and accounting and finance professionals. It offers managers the ability to use and analyze financial information to improve the performance of their operations and to identify—and avoid—potential problems. The third edition includes discussion of the continuing transition of financial reporting to an international standard as well as consideration of the effects on accounting and finance resulting from the Recession of 2007-2009. New sections on how to read an annual report and navigating the shifts in the marketplace are also included. This edition has been updated throughout to provide managers with the most current and complete information available. Selected Learning Objectives Participants will learn how to: Prepare budgets Read, understand, and use financial and operational measures Manage short-term assets Relate department performance to the big picture. This is an ebook version of the AMA Self-Study course. If you want to take the course for credit you need to either purchase a hard copy of the course through amaselfstudy.org or purchase an online version of the course thro

For all entrepreneurs and nonfinancial professionals with budget and/or P&L responsibilities, Finance and Accounting for Nonfinancial Managers provides the basics necessary to make a solid contribution to the financial goals and success of their companies. This indispensible and easy-to-read primer gives all entrepreneurs and managers in nonfinancial areas--sales, marketing, production, and more--a complete understanding of financial terms, statements, and ratios and how they affect the operations of a business or corporation. With this information, financial managers will be able to understand: owners' equity, ratio analysis; balance sheets; income statements; LIFO liquidations; asset valuation; cash flow statements; capital leasing; liabilities; present value; operating leverage; breakeven analysis; and more. New to the third edition are chapters covering: basic tax concepts; capital structure; business plans; working capital management and banking relationships; personal finances; and accountability and controls. This edition also comes with a CD-ROM with interactive Excel templates that lets managers immediately apply the concepts and techniques covered.

Understand the language of finance, so you can make better decisions, and make them more confidently. * *Transform complex financial data into knowledge for action. *Use KPIs and ratios to assess business health and identify 'warning signals' *Make better choices about capital investments. *Communicate more effectively with financial professionals. *Build skills that are essential to helping businesses achieve their goals -- and to moving forward in your career. FT Guide to Finance for Non-Financial Managers teaches non-financial managers the language of finance, so they can translate complex financial data into actionable knowledge for better decision-making. In plain English, Jo Haigh introduces techniques that can make every business professional more effective -- both in the business, and in their own careers. Haigh shows how to: * *Accurately interpret financial reports, and understand the drivers of profit and loss. *Recognize the difference between cash and profit. *Understand balance sheets. *Work with budgets and forecasts. *Use Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and business ratios. *Assess the health of the business, and quickly identify 'warning signals' so they can be addressed early and cost-effectively. *Identify opportunities to increase profits and solve business problems. *Compare capital projects and choose better investments. *Communicate and coordinate more effectively with financial professionals. *Take a more proactive role in helping the business achieve its goals The book includes a complete glossary of finance and investing terms, as well as many sample documents, from KPI summaries to sample full and abbreviated published

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J. Fred Weston provides managers and executives with the information they need to understand essential accounting principles, from vocabulary and financial statements to cash flow and valuation. Covering balance sheets, income statements, reporting measures, and even essential ratios, this practical, in-depth book provides a one-stop, reference for all aspects of finance and accounting, and will help managers take essential steps toward making informed decisions based on the numbers they face every business day.

The book Finance for Executives: A Practical Guide for Managers meets the needs of global executives, both finance as well as non-financial managers. It is a practical and fundamental finance reference book for any manager, as it makes a perfect balance of financial management theory and practice. It focuses on corporate finance concepts from value creation to derivatives, including cost of capital (and WACC), valuation, financing policies, project evaluation, and many other essential finance definitions. Finance for Executives makes finance simple and intuitive, through the use of real world data (brief company case studies and empirical examples of concepts), Excel financial modelling tools, and practical short chapters. Target Audience This finance book is appropriate for business executives, from all backgrounds, seeking to Focus on the links between financial management and the strategy of their company, be it a private or publicly traded company Discover how to create value for their company and boost its financial performance Understand the key topics of corporate finance for non-financial managers Create a cost of capital culture within a company Refresh and broaden their understanding of the latest financial concepts and tools Learn about financial management for decision makers - including financing and dividend policies, company valuation, mergers and acquisitions (M&As), project evaluation, cost of capital (WACC) estimation, or risk management and derivatives Finance for Executives is suited as a finance textbook for corporate finance programs, executive education courses, as well as in MBA, master's, and executive MBA programs. Indeed, the book is based on many years of executive education and consulting with world-class corporations from all continents of the world. What Is This Book About? Finance should be fun, and practical as well. With this book at hand, you will have access to a set of tools that will help you develop your intuition for solving key financial problems, improve your business decisions, and formulate strategies. This finance for managers' reference book is based on Simplicity - The core concepts in corporate finance are simple, and will become intuitively clear after using this book Conciseness - The chapters are short and self-contained to appeal to busy executives who are keen on value-added activities Practical focus - The key concepts of financial management are explained (and linked to Excel modelling tools), while you learn to identify the problems and pitfalls of different managerial choices Application of theory to practice - It highlights key academic research results that are relevant for practitioners Real-world focus - The book includes empirical data on several companies and industries around the world. Working with real-world problems and real-world data is more fruitful than theoretical discussions on formulas Excel Templates An Excel spreadsheet containing all the financial models used in the different chapters is available for download from the book's website. Practitioners will find the file easy to customize to their own requirements. It is useful in a variety of situations: value creation and its decomposition into managerial drivers or key performance indicators (KPIs), cost of capital (WACC) estimation, project evaluation, mergers and acquisitions, company valuation, derivatives valuation, etc. Editorial Reviews An excellent teach-yourself finance primer for non-financial executives, and, I dare say, even for most finance executives. Ravi Kant, Vice Chairman, Tata Motors, India The finance reference book for the desk of ANY manager. Michel Demaré, Chairman of the Board, Syngenta, Switzerland The perfect balance of practice and theory. Geert Bekaert, Professor of Finance, Columbia Business School, USA A key tool to improve your business decisions. Thilo Mannhardt, CEO of Ultrapar, Brazil Finance for Executives is easy to follow, and makes a boring subject actually quite exciting. Severin Schwan, CEO, Roche Group, Switzerland A must-have for your list of favorites. José Manuel Campa, Professor of Finance, IESE Business School, Spain

Health Care Finance: Basic Tools for Nonfinancial Managers is the most practical financial management text for those who need basic financial management knowledge and a better understanding of healthcare finance in particular. Using actual examples from hospitals, long-term care facilities, and home health agencies, this user-friendly text includes practical information for the nonfinancial manager charged with budgeting. The Fourth Edition offers: -An expanded chapter on Electronic Records Adoption: Financial Management Tools & Decisions -New chapter: ICD-10 Adoption and Healthcare Computer Systems -New chapter: Other Technology Adoption and Management Decisions -New chapter: Strategic Planning and the Healthcare Financial Manager -New case study: "Strategic Planning in Long-Term Care" that connects with the chapter on strategic planning -New appendix: "Appendix C: Employment Opportunities in Healthcare Finance"

Finance for Nonfinancial Managers Finance made simple for YOU! Quick reference finance handbook to help you understand and manage the financial accounting side of your business or job responsibilities. Enable you ask informed questions when financial information such as periodical MIS report, quarterly financial performance report or yearly audited financial report is presented for your approval. How the chapters are arranged CHAPTERS I to IV - Gain essential knowledge on Concepts & Financial Statement presentation format CHAPTER VIII - Working Capital management, gain control on day to day financial management CHAPTER IX - Planning &

Control & steer your business with Budgeting CHAPTER X - Break-Even Analysis for enlightened business decisions CHAPTER XI - Gain insight into techniques for choosing the right investment option CHAPTER XII - Know the essentials of Bank Borrowings Topics covered Chapter I Financial Statements, an Introduction Chapter II Balance Sheet Chapter III Profit and Loss Account Chapter IV Cash Flow Statement Chapter V How to Read Financial Statements Chapter VI MIS Reports Chapter VII Ratio Analysis Chapter VIII Working Capital Management Chapter IX Budgeting Chapter X Break-Even Analysis Chapter XI Capital Expenditure Planning Chapter XII How to Borrow from Banks Begin enjoy working with Financial Prudence! From the fundamentals of cash management, understanding statements, and monitoring cash flow to banking, planning and obtaining capital, this book defines key terms, reviews important concepts, and offers clear examples and explanations to help managers make informed financial decisions.

Readers get tips and insight regarding what to look for when reading financial statements, how businesses measure profitability, how to stay on top of the budgeting process, and how to track cash flow.

Finance For Non-Financial Managers In A Week is a simple and straightforward training course in finance, giving you everything you need to know in just seven short chapters. From the profit statement and the balance sheet through to costing and budgets, it will help you deal confidently with questions such as 'What is the return on investment?', 'Do we have the resources?' and 'What are the cash implications?' You'll also find exercises to help you put it all into action. This book introduces you to the main themes and ideas finance and accounting, giving you a basic knowledge and understanding of the key concepts, together with practical and thought-provoking exercises. Whether you choose to read it in a week or in a single sitting, Finance For Non-Financial Managers In A Week is your fastest route to success: - Sunday: An introduction to the profit statement - Monday: An introduction to the balance sheet - Tuesday: Understanding published accounts - Wednesday: Accounting ratios and investment decisions - Thursday: Cash and the management of working capital - Friday: Costing - Saturday: Budgets ABOUT THE SERIES In A Week books are for managers, leaders, and business executives who want to succeed at work. From negotiating and content marketing to finance and social media, the In A Week series covers the business topics that really matter and that will help you make a difference today. Written in straightforward English, each book is structured as a seven-day course so that with just a little work each day, you will quickly master the subject. In a fast-changing world, this series enables readers not just to get up to speed, but to get ahead.

Learn in a week, what the leading non-financial managers learn in a lifetime. The ability to understand finance is crucial to anyone who wants to advance their career.

Gives you the confidence to ask the right business questions, make the correct finance decisions and competently speak the language of commerce to your colleagues, managers, customers and stakeholders. The Financial Times Guide to Finance for Non-Financial Managers will show you how to transform seemingly complex financial information and statistics into data that makes sense. And into data that you'll feel confident talking about. You'll learn the language of finance, which will help you better formulate decisions on a day-to-day basis. The book will also help you identify the warning signals and understand key performance indications and ratios. You'll learn how to make better financial decisions, identify ways to increase profits and

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Now in its 10th edition, Accounting for Non-Accountants provides the perfect introduction to the basics of accounting and finance. Designed for non-specialists with little or no background in accounting, it guides readers through the maze of financial terms and accounting concepts and techniques in a clear and easy-to-follow style. Updated for 2015, Accounting for Non-Accountants includes information on the new UK GAAP accounting standards as well as an overview of current international standards, and is structured to provide in-depth understanding in three key areas: annual accounts (including income statements, balance sheets, cash flow and reporting standards); management accounting (costing, marginal costing and budgetary controls); and financial management (including the cost of capital, working capital, investment appraisal and performance analysis).

Finance for non-finance managers is an area of business which has grown significantly in profile over the years. This book provides contemporary information, along with a step-by-step approach to a number of topics including: basic terminology; profit and loss; cash flow; variance analysis; capital investment; and personal finance.

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International Finance offers a clear and accessible introduction to the fundamental principles and practice of international finance in today's world, from the international financial environment and exchange rates, to financing multinational companies and international investment. The theory and techniques are presented with the non-financial manager in mind, and the theoretical material is supplemented by case studies and a discussion of the appropriateness of the various techniques and principles to solve practical problems. This book draws from examples and practice around the world, helping students of international corporate finance, particularly non-specialist finance students, understand the complexities of modern Europe and comparative systems of finance globally. International Finance is essential reading for anyone studying international finance or needing an up-to-date, engaging resource to help them navigate the complicated and ever-changing global financial world. Key theories and terms are explained and defined, avoiding unnecessary jargon and acknowledging that many readers are coming to the subject with little or no prior knowledge of corporate finance at all. Online supporting resources include PowerPoint lecture slides.

The highly motivational "in a week" structure of the book provides seven straightforward chapters explaining the key points about the financial life of any company, and at the end there are optional questions to ensure readers have taken it all in. There are also explanatory cartoons and diagrams throughout, to help make this book a more enjoyable and effective learning experience. Written by Roger Mason, a leading expert on business finance as both a coach and a practitioner, this book quickly teaches you the insider secrets you need to know to in order become confident with financial issues. So what are you waiting for? Let this book put you on the fast track to success!

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Financial reports speak their own language, and managers without a strong finance background often find themselves bewildered by what is being said. Finance for NonFinancial Managers helps managers become familiar with essential financial information, showing them how to "speak the language of numbers" and implement financial data in their daily business decisions. In addition, it clarifies how and why financial decisions impact business and operational objectives.

Finance for Strategic Decision Making demystifies and clarifies for non-financial executives the basics of financial analysis. It shows how they can make important financial decisions that can critically enhance their institution's ability torespond to competitive challenges, undertake new projects, overcomefinancial setbacks, and most importantly, create shareholder value. Written by M. P. Narayanan and Vikram K. Nanda—two of the country's leading authorities on financial strategy—this book offers a practical guide for using financial analysis to enhance strategic decision making. The bookincludes a coherent framework that outlines practical and intellectually sound guidance for executives who must makestrategic decisions. Finance for Strategic Decision Making Explains the role of finance in corporate strategy Offers guidance on resource allocation decisions Explores how to determine the right balance of debt and equity capital to maximize firm value Demonstrates how to use payout policy as a strategic tool Clarifies if a merger, acquisition, or divestiture is in the best interest of an organization Shows how to manage risk Reveals how to measure value created and the effectiveness of upper level management

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