Module 1 - Types of Problems

- Problems with integrity of financial information can result from...
 - Errors
 - Disagreement
 - Fraud



Types of Errors

Errors in Transactions and Journal Entries
Source documents are lost
Amount entered into records is incorrect
Accounts involved were incorrectly identified



Disagreements in Judgment

- Many think the accounting profession involves exactness and precision
 Black and White
- Accountants are constantly making judgments and estimates regarding the past and the future



Fraudulent Financial Reporting

- Intentional deception
- False source documents
- Fictitious Journal Entries



Fraudulent activities

- Most businesses do not engage in fraudulent activity
- Financial deception does not come about for two reasons:
 - Vast majority of business managers are honest and possess integrity
 - Safeguards have been built into the accounting system to prevent and detect problems

