# 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

