

Capital Budgeting Decisions

Chapter 15

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Typical Capital Budgeting Decisions

Plant expansion

Equipment selection

Equipment replacement

Lease or buy

Cost reduction



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Typical Capital Budgeting Decisions

Capital budgeting tends to fall into two broad categories . . .

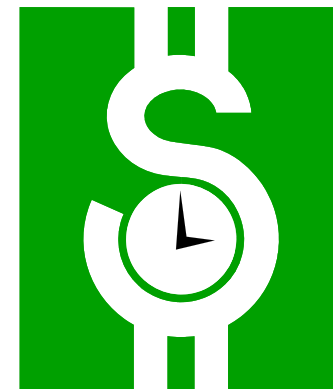
- 1 **Screening decisions.** Does a proposed project meet some preset standard of acceptance?
- 2 **Preference decisions.** Selecting from among several competing courses of action.



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Time Value of Money

A dollar today is worth more than a dollar a year from now. Therefore, projects that promise earlier returns are preferable to those that promise later returns.



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The Net Present Value Method

To determine net present value we . . .

- 1 Calculate the present value of cash inflows,**
- 2 Calculate the present value of cash outflows,**
- 3 Subtract the present value of the outflows from the present value of the inflows.**



Time Value of Money



The capital budgeting techniques that best recognize the time value of money are those that involve **discounted cash flows.**



The Net Present Value Method

If the Net Present Value is . . .

Then the Project is . . .

Positive . . .

Acceptable because it promises a return greater than the required rate of return.

Zero . . .

Acceptable because it promises a return equal to the required rate of return.

Negative . . .

Not acceptable because it promises a return less than the required rate of return.



Notes:



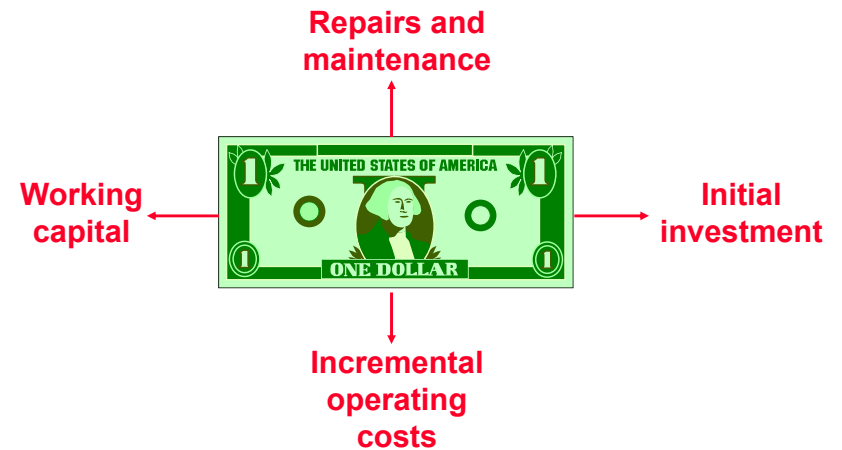
The Net Present Value Method

Net present value analysis emphasizes cash flows and **not accounting net income.**

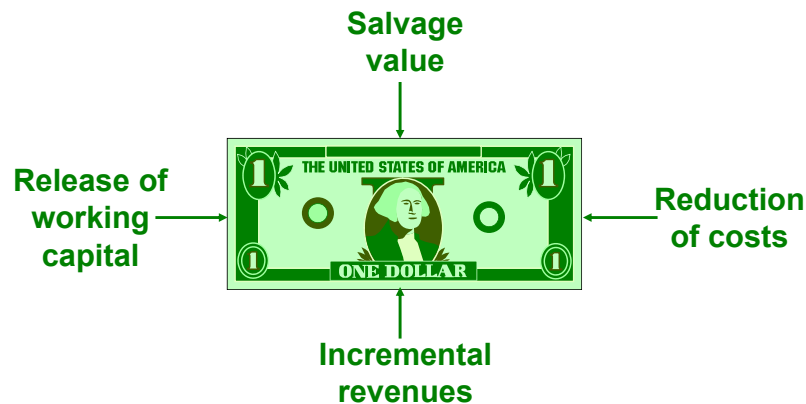
The reason is that accounting net income is based on accruals that **ignore the timing of cash flows** into and out of an organization.



Typical Cash Outflows



Typical Cash Inflows



Recovery of the Original Investment

Depreciation is not deducted in computing the present value of a project because . . .

- ❶ It is not a current cash outflow.
- ❷ Discounted cash flow methods automatically provide for a return of the original investment.

Recovery of the Original Investment

Carver Hospital is considering the purchase of an attachment for its X-ray machine.



No investments are to be made unless they have an annual return of at least 10%.

Will we be allowed to invest in the attachment?

Recovery of the Original Investment

Item	Year(s)	Amount of Cash Flow	10% Factor	Present Value of Cash Flows
Initial investment (outflow)	Now	(3,170)	1.000	(3,170)
Annual cash inflows	1-4	\$ 1,000	3.170	\$ 3,170
Net present value				\$ -0-

Periods	Present Value of \$1		
	10%	12%	14%
1	0.909	0.893	0.877
2	1.736	1.690	1.647
3	2.487	2.402	2.322
4	3.170	3.037	2.914
5	3.791	3.605	3.433

Present value of an annuity of \$1 table

Recovery of the Original Investment

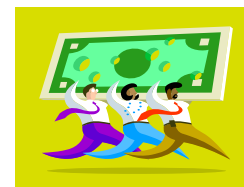
Year	(1) Investment Outstanding during the year	(2) Cash Inflow	(3) Return on Investment (1) × 10%	(4) Recover of Investment during the year (2) - (3)	(5) Unrecovered Investment at the end of the year (1) - (4)
1	\$ 3,170	\$ 1,000	\$ 317	\$ 683	\$ 2,487
2	2,487	1,000	249	751	1,736
3	1,736	1,000	173	827	909
4	909	1,000	91	909	0
Total investment recovered				\$ 3,170	

This implies that the cash inflows are sufficient to recover the \$3,170 initial investment (therefore depreciation is unnecessary) and to provide exactly a 10% return on the investment.

Two Simplifying Assumptions

Two simplifying assumptions are usually made in net present value analysis:

All cash flows other than the initial investment occur at the end of periods.



All cash flows generated by an investment project are immediately reinvested at a rate of return equal to the discount rate.

Choosing a Discount Rate

- ▶ The firm's **cost of capital** is usually regarded as the minimum required rate of return.
- ▶ The cost of capital is the average rate of return the company must pay to its long-term creditors and stockholders for the use of their funds.



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The Net Present Value Method

Lester Company has been offered a five year contract to provide component parts for a large manufacturer.

Cost and revenue information	
Cost of special equipment	\$160,000
Working capital required	100,000
Relining equipment in 3 years	30,000
Salvage value of equipment in 5 years	5,000
Annual cash revenue and costs:	
Sales revenue from parts	750,000
Cost of parts sold	400,000
Salaries, shipping, etc.	270,000

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The Net Present Value Method

- ▶ **At the end of five years the working capital will be released and may be used elsewhere by Lester.**
- ▶ **Lester Company uses a discount rate of 10%.**

Should the contract be accepted?

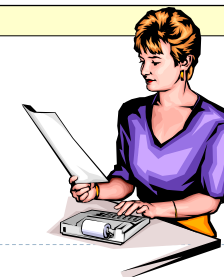


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The Net Present Value Method

Annual net cash inflow from operations

Sales revenue	\$ 750,000
Cost of parts sold	(400,000)
Salaries, shipping, etc.	(270,000)
Annual net cash inflows	<u>\$ 80,000</u>



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The Net Present Value Method

	Years	Cash Flows	10% Factor	Present Value
Investment in equipment	Now	\$ (160,000)	1.000	\$ (160,000)
Working capital needed	Now	(100,000)	1.000	(100,000)
Annual net cash inflows	1-5	80,000	3.791	303,280
Relining of equipment	3	(30,000)	0.751	(22,530)
Salvage value of equip.	5	5,000	0.621	3,105
Working capital released	5	100,000	0.621	62,100
Net present value				<u>\$ 85,955</u>

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Internal Rate of Return Method

- ▶ The **internal rate of return** is the rate of return promised by an investment project over its useful life. It is computed by finding the discount rate that will cause the **net present value** of a project to be **zero**.
- ▶ It works very well if a project's cash flows are identical every year. If the annual cash flows are not identical, a trial and error process must be used to find the internal rate of return.



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Internal Rate of Return Method

General decision rule . . .

If the Internal Rate of Return is . . .	Then the Project is . . .
Equal to or greater than the minimum required rate of return . . .	Acceptable.
Less than the minimum required rate of return . . .	Rejected.

When using the internal rate of return, the cost of capital acts as a **hurdle rate** that a project must clear for acceptance.



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Internal Rate of Return Method

- ▶ **Decker Company can purchase a new machine at a cost of \$104,320 that will save \$20,000 per year in cash operating costs.**
- ▶ **The machine has a 10-year life.**



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Internal Rate of Return Method

Future cash flows are the same every year in this example, so we can calculate the internal rate of return as follows:

$$\text{PV factor for the internal rate of return} = \frac{\text{Investment required}}{\text{Annual net cash flows}}$$

$$\frac{\$104,320}{\$20,000} = 5.216$$

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Internal Rate of Return Method

Using the present value of an annuity of \$1 table . . .

Find the 10-period row, move across until you find the factor 5.216. Look at the top of the column and you find a rate of 14%.

Periods	10%	12%	14%
1	0.909	0.893	0.877
2	1.736	1.690	1.647
...
9	5.759	5.328	4.946
10	6.145	5.650	5.216

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Internal Rate of Return Method

- ▶ Decker Company can purchase a new machine at a cost of \$104,320 that will save \$20,000 per year in cash operating costs.
- ▶ The machine has a 10-year life.

The internal rate of return on this project is 14%.

If the internal rate of return is equal to or greater than the company's required rate of return, the project is acceptable.

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Quick Check ✓

The expected annual net cash inflow from a project is \$22,000 over the next 5 years. The required investment now in the project is \$79,310. What is the internal rate of return on the project?

- 10%
- 12%
- 14%
- Cannot be determined

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Comparing the Net Present Value and Internal Rate of Return Methods

- **NPV is often simpler to use.**
- **Questionable assumption:**
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Comparing the Net Present Value and Internal Rate of Return Methods

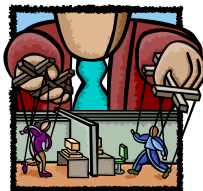
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Expanding the Net Present Value Method

To compare competing investment projects we can use the following net present value approaches:

- ▶ **Total-cost**
- ▶ **Incremental cost**



The Total-Cost Approach

White Company has two alternatives:
(1) remodel an old car wash or,
(2) remove it and install a new one.
The company uses a discount rate of 10%.

	New Car Wash	Old Car Wash
Annual revenues	\$ 90,000	\$ 70,000
Annual cash operating costs	30,000	25,000
Annual net cash inflows	<u>\$ 60,000</u>	<u>\$ 45,000</u>

The Total-Cost Approach

If White installs a new washer . . .

Cost	\$ 300,000
Productive life	10 years
Salvage value	\$ 7,000
Replace brushes at the end of 6 years	\$ 50,000
Salvage of old equip.	\$ 40,000

Let's look at the present value of this alternative.

The Total-Cost Approach

Install the New Washer				
	Year	Cash Flows	10% Factor	Present Value
Initial investment	Now	\$ (300,000)	1.000	\$ (300,000)
Replace brushes	6	(50,000)	0.564	(28,200)
Annual net cash inflows	1-10	60,000	6.145	368,700
Salvage of old equipment	Now	40,000	1.000	40,000
Salvage of new equipment	10	7,000	0.386	2,702
Net present value				\$ 83,202

If we install the new washer, the investment will yield a positive net present value of \$83,202.

The Total-Cost Approach

If White remodels the existing washer . . .

Remodel costs	\$175,000
Replace brushes at the end of 6 years	80,000

Let's look at the present value of this second alternative.

The Total-Cost Approach

Remodel the Old Washer				
	Year	Cash Flows	10% Factor	Present Value
Initial investment	Now	\$ (175,000)	1.000	\$ (175,000)
Replace brushes	6	(80,000)	0.564	(45,120)
Annual net cash inflows	1-10	45,000	6.145	276,525
Net present value				\$ 56,405

If we remodel the existing washer, we will produce a positive net present value of \$56,405.

The Total-Cost Approach

Both projects yield a positive net present value.

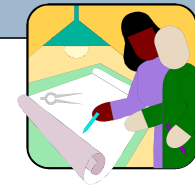
	Present Value
Invest in new washer	\$ 83,202
Remodel existing washer	56,405
In favor of new washer	<u>\$ 26,797</u>

However, investing in the new washer will produce a higher net present value than remodeling the old washer.

The Incremental-Cost Approach

Under the incremental-cost approach, only those cash flows that differ between the two alternatives are considered.

Let's look at an analysis of the White Company decision using the incremental-cost approach.



The Incremental-Cost Approach

	Year	Cash Flows	10% Factor	Present Value
Incremental investment	Now	\$(125,000)	1.000	\$(125,000)
Incremental cost of brushes	6	\$ 30,000	0.564	16,920
Increased net cash inflows	1-10	15,000	6.145	92,175
Salvage of old equipment	Now	40,000	1.000	40,000
Salvage of new equipment	10	7,000	0.386	2,702
Net present value				<u>\$ 26,797</u>

We get the same answer under either the total-cost or incremental-cost approach.

Notes:

Least Cost Decisions

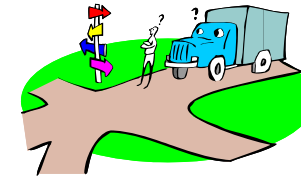
In decisions where revenues are not directly involved, managers should choose the alternative that has the least total cost from a present value perspective.

Let's look at the Home Furniture Company.



Least Cost Decisions

- ▶ Home Furniture Company is trying to decide whether to overhaul an old delivery truck now or purchase a new one.
- ▶ The company uses a discount rate of 10%.



Least Cost Decisions

Here is information about the trucks . . .

Old Truck	
Overhaul cost now	\$ 4,500
Annual operating costs	10,000
Salvage value in 5 years	250
Salvage value now	9,000

New Truck	
Purchase price	\$ 21,000
Annual operating costs	6,000
Salvage value in 5 years	3,000

Least Cost Decisions

Buy the New Truck				
	Year	Cash Flows	10% Factor	Present Value
Purchase price	Now	\$ (21,000)	1.000	\$ (21,000)
Annual operating costs	1-5	(6,000)	3.791	(22,746)
Salvage value of old truck	Now	9,000	1.000	9,000
Salvage value of new truck	5	3,000	0.621	1,863
Net present value				(32,883)

Keep the Old Truck				
	Year	Cash Flows	10% Factor	Present Value
Overhaul cost	Now	\$ (4,500)	1.000	\$ (4,500)
Annual operating costs	1-5	(10,000)	3.791	(37,910)
Salvage value of old truck	5	250	0.621	155
Net present value				(42,255)

Least Cost Decisions

Home Furniture should purchase the new truck.

Net present value of costs associated with purchase of new truck	\$(32,883)
Net present value of costs associated with overhauling existing truck	<u>(42,255)</u>
Net present value in favor of purchasing the new truck	<u><u>\$ 9,372</u></u>

Uncertain Cash Flows – An Example

- ❖ Assume that all of the cash flows related to an investment in a supertanker have been estimated, except for its salvage value in 20 years.
- ❖ Using a discount rate of 12%, management has determined that the net present value of all the cash flows, except the salvage value is a negative \$1.04 million.

How large would the salvage value need to be to make this investment attractive?

Uncertain Cash Flows – An Example

Net present value to be offset	\$1,040,000	= \$	10,000,000
Present value factor	0.104		

This equation can be used to determine that if the salvage value of the supertanker is **at least \$10,000,000**, the net present value of the investment would be positive and therefore acceptable.

Real Options

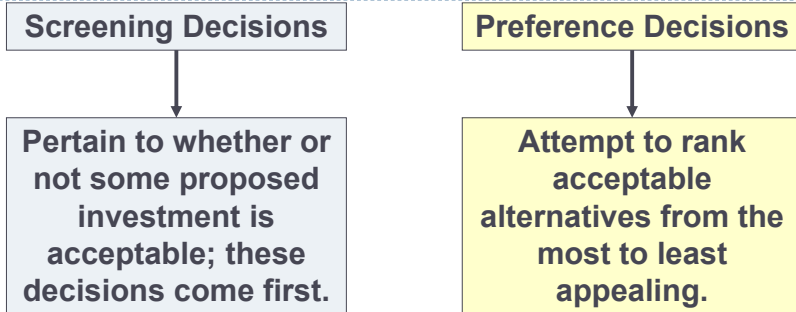
Delay the start of a project

Expand a project if conditions are favorable

Cut losses if conditions are unfavorable

The ability to consider these real options adds value to many investments. The value of these options can be quantified using what is called real options analysis, which is beyond the scope of the book.

Preference Decision – The Ranking of Investment Projects



Internal Rate of Return Method

When using the internal rate of return method to rank competing investment projects, the preference rule is:

The higher the internal rate of return, the more desirable the project.

Net Present Value Method

The net present value of one project **cannot be directly compared** to the net present value of another project **unless the investments are equal.**



Ranking Investment Projects

$$\text{Project profitability index} = \frac{\text{Net present value of the project}}{\text{Investment required}}$$

	Project A	Project B
Net present value (a)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Investment required (b)	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000
Profitability index (a) ÷ (b)	0.10	0.20

The higher the profitability index, the more desirable the project.

Other Approaches to Capital Budgeting Decisions

Other methods of making capital budgeting decisions include . . .

1. **The Payback Method.**
2. **Simple Rate of Return.**



The Payback Method

The payback period is the length of time that it takes for a project to recover its initial cost out of the cash receipts that it generates.

When the annual net cash inflow is the same each year, this formula can be used to compute the payback period:

$$\text{Payback period} = \frac{\text{Investment required}}{\text{Annual net cash inflow}}$$

The Payback Method



Management at The Daily Grind wants to install an espresso bar in its restaurant.

The espresso bar:

1. Costs \$140,000 and has a 10-year life.
2. Will generate annual net cash inflows of \$35,000.

Management requires a payback period of 5 years or less on all investments.

What is the payback period for the espresso bar?

The Payback Method



$$\text{Payback period} = \frac{\text{Investment required}}{\text{Annual net cash inflow}}$$

$$\text{Payback period} = \frac{\$140,000}{\$35,000}$$

$$\text{Payback period} = 4.0 \text{ years}$$

According to the company's criterion, management would invest in the espresso bar because its payback period is less than 5 years.

Quick Check ✓

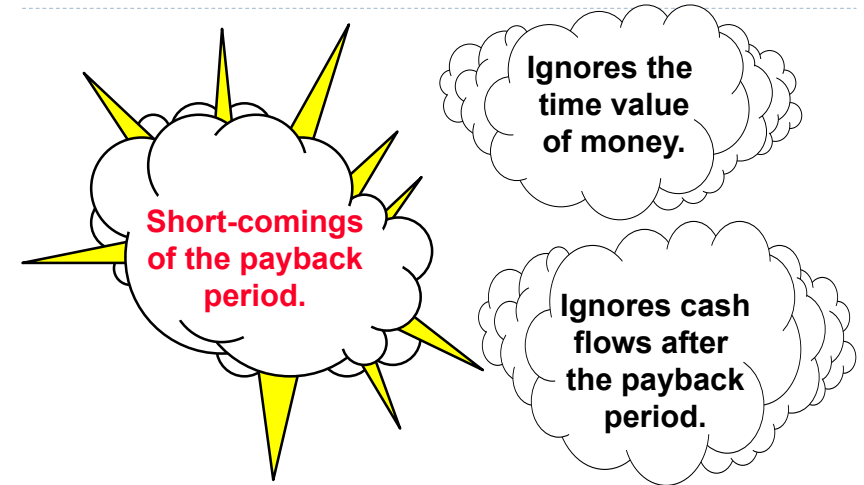
Consider the following two investments:

	<u>Project X</u>	<u>Project Y</u>
Initial investment	\$100,000	\$100,000
Year 1 cash inflow	\$60,000	\$60,000
Year 2 cash inflow	\$40,000	\$35,000
Year 3-10 cash inflows	\$0	\$25,000

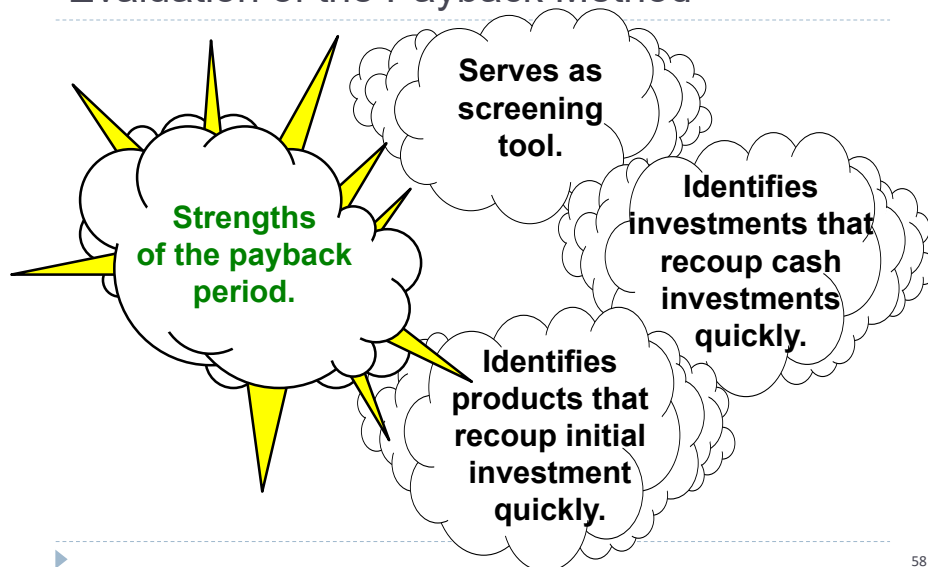
Which project has the shortest payback period?

- a. Project X
- b. Project Y
- c. Cannot be determined

Evaluation of the Payback Method



Evaluation of the Payback Method

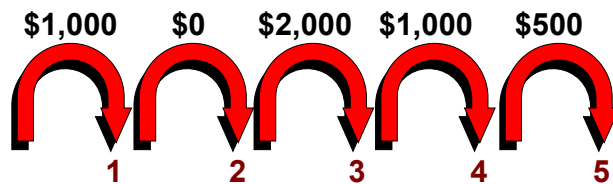


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Payback and Uneven Cash Flows

When the cash flows associated with an investment project change from year to year, the payback formula introduced earlier cannot be used.

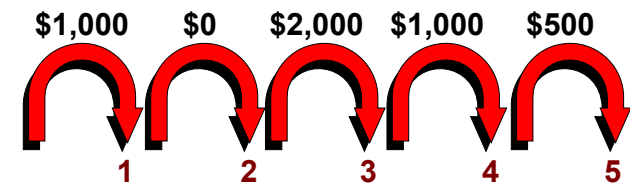
Instead, the un-recovered investment must be tracked year by year.



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Payback and Uneven Cash Flows

For example, if a project requires an initial investment of \$4,000 and provides uneven net cash inflows in years 1-5 as shown, the investment would be fully recovered in year 4.



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Simple Rate of Return Method

- Does not focus on cash flows -- rather it focuses on **accounting net operating income**.
- The following formula is used to calculate the simple rate of return:

$$\text{Simple rate of return} = \frac{\text{Annual incremental net operating income}}{\text{Initial investment}^*}$$

*Should be reduced by any salvage from the sale of the old equipment

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Simple Rate of Return Method

Management of The Daily Grind wants to install an espresso bar in its restaurant.

The espresso bar:

- Cost \$140,000 and has a 10-year life.
- Will generate incremental revenues of \$100,000 and incremental expenses of \$65,000 including depreciation.

What is the simple rate of return on the investment project?



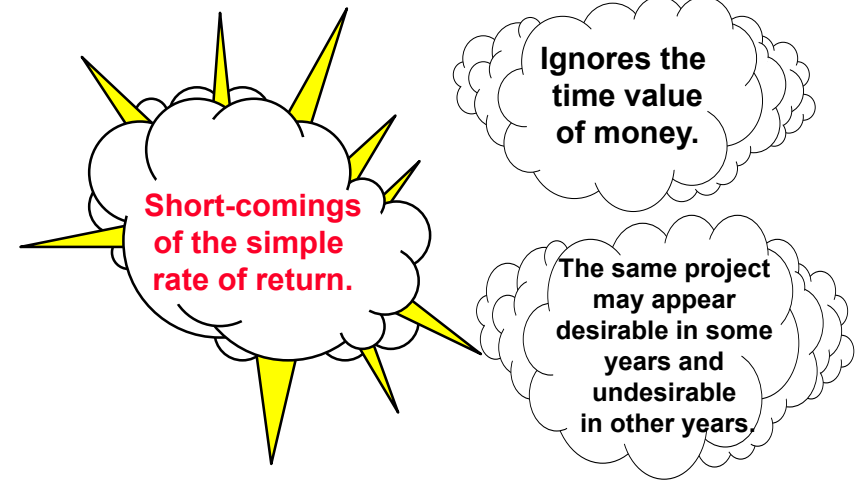
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Simple Rate of Return Method

$$\text{Simple rate of return} = \frac{\$35,000}{\$140,000} = 25\%$$



Criticism of the Simple Rate of Return



Postaudit of Investment Projects

A postaudit is a follow-up after the project has been completed to see whether or not expected results were actually realized.



End of Chapter 15

