

# CHAPTER OVERVIEW

## 1: What an Information System is

### Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this chapter, you will be able to:

- Define what an information system is by identifying its major components;
- Describe the basic history of information;
- Discuss the role and the purpose of information; and
- Explain why IT matters

This chapter provides an overview of information systems and their components, including the history of how we got where we are today.

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