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The goal of Your Office is to illustrate how different parts of a realistic business utilize Office applications to approach business problems and respond to business needs. You will become skilled and efficient—a master of Microsoft Excel and Access, learning how to utilize these applications as tools to help you succeed now and in the future. Through using the resources in this series, you will learn how to make Microsoft Office Your Office.

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Continual eText Updates: This edition of Your Office is written to Microsoft Office 365®, which is constantly updating. To stay current with the software, we are committed to twice-annual updates of the eText and Content Updates document available as an instructor resource for text users.

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Focus on Mac: Mac usage is growing, and even outstripping PC usage at some four-year institutions. In response, new features such as Mac Troubleshooting and the new Mac appendix help ensure Mac users have a flawless experience using Your Office.

Prebuilt Learning Modules: Prebuilt inside MyLab IT, these make course setup a snap. The modules are based on research and instructor best practices, and can be easily customized to meet your course requirements.

Critical Thinking Modules: Prebuilt inside MyLab IT, these pair a Grader project with a Critical Thinking quiz that requires students to first complete a hands-on project, then reflect on what they did and the data or information they interacted with, to answer a series of objective Critical Thinking questions. These are offered at the chapter and business unit level for regular practice, as well as at the application level where students can earn a Critical Thinking badge.

What’s New for MyLab IT Graders

Graders with WHY: All Grader project instructions now incorporate the scenario and the WHY to help students critically think and understand why they’re performing the steps in the project.
Prepare Case Graders: These existing Prepare Case Graders are built to be more instructional and feature Learning Aids such as Read (eText), Watch (video), and Practice (guided simulation) in the Grader report to help students learn, remediate, and resubmit.

Auto-graded Critical Thinking Quizzes:
- Application Capstones that allow students to earn a Critical Thinking badge
- Chapter-level quizzes for each Problem Solve Assessment Grader project
- Business Unit-level quizzes for one Problem Solve Assessment Grader

Improved Mac Compatibility in Graders: All Graders are tested for Mac compatibility and any that can be made 100 percent Mac compatible are identified in the course. This excludes Access projects as well as any that use functionality not available in Mac Office.

Auto-graded Integrated Grader Projects: Based on discipline-specific integrated projects, covering Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access in various combinations.

Final Solution Image: Included with Grader student downloads, a final output image allows students to visualize what their solution should look like.

The Your Office Series and MyLab IT
The Your Office series has offered instructors a real-world, problem-solving approach to teaching Microsoft Office since 2011. With a hallmark realistic global business scenario that introduces students to the Painted Paradise Resort & Spa throughout multiple applications, students get a real-world sense of how Office is used in an organization. With an emphasis on critical thinking and problem solving, students learn valuable skills about not just how to use Microsoft Office tools, but also when and how best to apply them to solving business problems. In this edition, the pairing of the text with MyLab IT Graders, Critical Thinking modules, and Resources as a fully complementary program allows students and instructors to get the very most out of their use of the Your Office series.

To maximize student results, we recommend pairing the text content with MyLab IT, which is the teaching and learning platform that empowers you to reach every student. By combining trusted author content with digital tools and a flexible platform, MyLab IT personalizes the learning experience and improves results for each student. MyLab IT delivers trusted content through easy-to-use prebuilt Learning modules that promote effective learning. Through an authentic learning experience, students become proficient in Microsoft Office and become sharp critical thinkers, developing essential skills employers seek.

Solving Teaching and Learning Challenges
Practice and Feedback: What do I do when I get stuck or need more practice?
MyLab IT features Integrated Learning Aids within the Grader reports, allowing students to choose to Read (via the eText), Watch (via an author-created hands-on video), or Practice (via a guided simulation) whenever they get stuck. MyLab IT offers Grader project reports for coaching, remediation, and defensible grading. Score Card Detail allows you to easily see where students were scored correctly or incorrectly, pointing out how many points were deducted on each step. The Live Comments report allows you and the students to see the actual files the student submitted with markups/comments on what they missed.
Application, motivation, and employability skills: Why am I taking this course and will this help me get a job?

Students want to know that what they’re doing in this class is setting them up for their ultimate goal—to get a job. With an emphasis on employability skills like critical thinking and other soft skills, digital badges to prove student proficiency in Microsoft skills as well as critical thinking, and MOS certification practice materials in MyLab IT, the Your Office series is putting students on the path to differentiate themselves in the job market, find a job that values their skills, and land that job when they leave school.

Application: How do I get students to apply what they’ve learned in a meaningful way?

The Your Office series and MyLab IT offer instructors the ability to provide students with authentic formative and summative assessments. The Grader projects allow students to gain real-world context as they work live in the application, applying both an understanding of how and why to perform certain skills to complete a project. New Critical Thinking quizzes require students to demonstrate their understanding of why, by answering questions that force them to analyze and interpret the project they worked on to answer a series of objective questions. The hallmark Global Business scenario woven through all chapters and applications requires students to apply their knowledge in a realistic way to a series of cases focused on the same company.

Ease of use: I need a course solution that is easy to use for both myself and my students.

MyLab IT 2019 is the easiest and most accessible in its history. With new prebuilt learning modules and Critical Thinking modules, course setup is simple! The inclusion of new features such as a helpful AI chatbot and in-product Appcues that walk both students and instructors through key workflows helps ensure everyone gets up to speed quickly. LMS integration capabilities allow users to seamless access to MyLab IT with single sign-on, grade sync, and asset-level deep linking. Continuing a focus on accessibility, MyLab IT includes an integrated accessibility toolbar with translation feature for students with disabilities, as well as a virtual keyboard that allows students to complete keyboard actions entirely on screen for those who choose to use simulations. And with an enhanced focus on Mac compatibility with even more Mac compatible Grader projects, the Your Office series makes it easy to deliver a course to students using both PCs and Macs.

Developing Employability Skills

High-demand Office skills are taught to help students gain these skills and prepare for the Microsoft Office Certification exams (MOS). The MOS objectives are covered throughout the content, and an MOS Objective appendix provides clear mapping of where to find each objective. Practice exams in the form of Graders and simulations are available in MyLab IT.

Digital badges are available for students in introductory and advanced Microsoft Excel and Access. This digital credential is issued to students upon successful completion (90%+ score) of an Application Capstone Badging Grader project. MyLab IT badges provide verified evidence that learners have demonstrated specific skills and competencies using Microsoft Office tools in a real project and help distinguish students within the job pool. Badges are issued through the Acclaim system and can be placed into a
LinkedIn ePortfolio, posted on social media (Facebook, Twitter), and/or included in a resume. Badges include relevant tags that allow students to be discoverable by potential employers, as well as search for jobs for which they are qualified.

“The badge is a way for employers to actually verify that a potential employee is actually somewhat fluent with Excel.”

Banker Hill Community College Student

The new Critical Thinking badge in MyLab IT for 2019 provides verified evidence that learners have demonstrated the ability to not only complete a real project, but also analyze and problem solve using Microsoft Office applications. Students prove this by completing an objective quiz that requires them to critically think about the project, interpret data, and explain why they performed the actions they did in the project. Critical Thinking is a hot button issue at many institutions and is highly sought after in job candidates, allowing students with the Critical Thinking badge to stand out and prove their skills.

Soft Skills videos are included in MyLab IT for educators who want to emphasize key employability skills such as accepting criticism and being coachable, customer service, and resume and cover letter best practices.
Key Features

The **Outcomes focus** allows students and instructors to focus on higher-level learning goals and how those can be achieved through particular objectives and skills.

- **Outcomes** are written at the course level and the business unit level.
- **Chapter Objectives list** identifies the learning objectives to be achieved as students work through the chapter. Page numbers are included for easy reference. These are revisited in the Concepts Check at the end of the chapter.
- **MOS Certification Guide** for instructors and students directs anyone interested in prepping for the MOS exam to the specific series resources to find all content required for the test.

The **real-world focus** reminds students that what they are learning is practical and useful the minute they leave the classroom.

- **Real World Success** features in the chapter opener share anecdotes from real former students, describing how knowledge of Office has helped them be successful in their lives.
- **Real World Advice boxes** offer notes on best practices for general use of important Office skills. The goal is to advise students as a manager might in a future job.
- **Business Application icons** appear with every case in the text and clearly identify which business application students are being exposed to (finance, marketing, operations, and so on).
- **Real World Interview Video icons** appear with the Real World Success story in the business unit. Each interview features a real businessperson discussing how he or she actually uses the skills in the chapter on a day-to-day basis.

**Features for active learning** help students learn by doing and immerse them in the business world using Microsoft Office.

- **Blue boxes** represent the hands-on portion of the chapter and help students quickly identify what steps they need to take to complete the chapter Prepare Case. This material is easily distinguishable from explanatory text by the blue-shaded background.
- **Starting and ending files** appear before every case in the text. Starting files identify exactly which student data files are needed to complete each case. Ending files are provided to show students the naming conventions they should use when saving their files. Each file icon is color coded by application.
- **Side Note** conveys a brief tip or piece of information aligned visually with a step in the chapter, quickly providing key information to students completing that particular step.
- **Consider This** offers critical thinking questions and topics for discussion, set apart as a boxed feature, allowing students to step back from the project and think about the application of what they are learning and how these concepts might be used in the future.
- **Soft Skills icons** appear with other boxed features and identify specific places where students are being exposed to lessons on soft skills.
Study aids help students review and retain the material so they can recall it at a moment’s notice.

- **Quick Reference boxes** summarize generic or alternative instructions on how to accomplish a task. This feature enables students to quickly find important skills.
- **Concept Check** review questions, which appear at the end of the chapter, require students to demonstrate their understanding of the objectives.
- **Visual Summary** offers a review of the objectives learned in the chapter using images from the completed solution file, mapped to the chapter objectives with callouts and page references, so students can easily find the section of text to refer to for a refresher.
- **MyLab IT™ icons** identify which cases from the book match those in MyLab IT™.
- **Blue Box Video icons** appear with each Active Text box and identify the brief video, demonstrating how students should complete that portion of the Prepare Case.

**Extensive cases** allow students to progress from a basic understanding of Office through to proficiency.

- **Chapters all conclude with Practice, Problem Solve, and Perform Cases** to allow full mastery at the chapter level. Alternative versions of these cases are available in Instructor Resources.
- **Business Unit Capstones** all include More Practice, Problem Solve, and Perform Cases that require students to synthesize objectives from the two previous chapters to extend their mastery of the content. Alternative versions of these cases are available in Instructor Resources.
- **More Grader Projects** are offered with this edition, including Prepare cases as well as Problem Solve cases at both the chapter and business unit capstone levels.
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| **Student Data Files** | All data files needed for the following cases, organized by chapter:  
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| **MOS Certification Material** |  
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- Includes a full mapping of where each objective is covered in the materials  
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- Live action videos interviewing real business professionals about how they use Microsoft Office to be successful in their careers. One per chapter  
- Complement the Real World Success feature in each Business Unit |
| **Soft Skills Videos** | A video library available in MyLab IT that focuses on a variety of soft skills topics such as interview skills, accepting criticism, and being coachable, resume tips, customer service, and so on |
Welcome to the Team!

Welcome to your new office at Painted Paradise Resort & Spa, where we specialize in painting perfect getaways. As the Chief Technology Officer, I am excited to have staff dedicated to the Microsoft Office integration between all the areas of the resort. Our team is passionate about our paradise, and I hope you find this to be your dream position here!

Painted Paradise is a resort and spa in New Mexico catering to business people, romantics, families, and anyone who just needs to get away. Inside our resort are many distinct areas. Many of these areas operate as businesses in their own right but must integrate with the other areas of the resort. The main areas of the resort are as follows.

- **The Hotel** is overseen by our Chief Executive Officer, William Mattingly, and is at the core of our business. The hotel offers a variety of accommodations, ranging from individual rooms to a grand villa suite. Further, the hotel offers packages including spa, golf, and special events.

  Room rates vary according to size, season, demand, and discount. The hotel has discounts for typical groups, such as AARP. The hotel also has a loyalty program where guests can earn free nights based on frequency of visits. Guests may charge anything from the resort to the room.

- **Red Bluff Golf Course** is a private world-class golf course and pro shop. The golf course has services such as golf lessons from the famous golf pro John Schilling and playing packages. Also, the golf course attracts local residents. This requires variety in pricing schemes to accommodate both local and hotel guests. The pro shop sells many retail items online.

  The golf course can also be reserved for special events and tournaments. These special events can be in conjunction with a wedding, conference, meetings, or other events covered by the event planning and catering area of the resort.

- **Turquoise Oasis Spa** is a full-service spa. Spa services include haircuts, pedicures, massages, facials, body wraps, waxing, and various other spa services—typical to exotic. Further, the spa offers private consultation, weight training (in the fitness center), a water bar, meditation areas, and steam rooms. Spa services are offered both in the spa and in the resort guest’s room.

  Turquoise Oasis Spa uses top-of-the-line products and some house-brand products. The retail side offers products ranging from candles to age-defying home treatments. These products can also be purchased online. Many of the hotel guests who fall in love with the house-brand soaps, lotions, candles, and other items appreciate being able to buy more at any time.

  The spa offers a multitude of packages including special hotel room packages that include spa treatments. Local residents also use the spa. So, the spa guests are not limited to hotel guests. Thus, the packages also include pricing attractive to the local community.

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• **Painted Treasures Gift Shop** has an array of items available for purchase, from toiletries to clothes to presents for loved ones back home including a healthy section of kids’ toys for traveling business people. The gift shop sells a small sampling from the spa, golf course pro shop, and local New Mexico culture. The gift shop also has a small section of snacks and drinks. The gift shop has numerous part-time employees including students from the local college.

• The **Event Planning & Catering** area is central to attracting customers to the resort. From weddings to conferences, the resort is a popular destination. The resort has a substantial number of staff dedicated to planning, coordinating, setting up, catering, and maintaining these events. The resort has several facilities that can accommodate large groups. Packages and prices vary by size, room, and other services such as catering. Further, the Event Planning & Catering team works closely with local vendors for floral decorations, photography, and other event or wedding typical needs. However, all catering must go through the resort (no outside catering permitted). Lastly, the resort stocks several choices of decorations, table arrangements, and centerpieces. These range from professional, simple, themed, and luxurious.

• **Indigo5** and the **Silver Moon Lounge**, a world-class restaurant and lounge that is overseen by the well-known Chef Robin Sanchez. The cuisine is balanced and modern. From steaks to pasta to local southwestern meals, Indigo5 attracts local patrons in addition to resort guests. While the catering function is separate from the restaurant—though menu items may be shared—the restaurant does support all room service for the resort. The resort also has smaller food venues onsite such as the Terra Cotta Brew coffee shop in the lobby.

Currently, these areas are using Office to various degrees. In some areas, paper and pencil are still used for most business functions. Others have been lucky enough to have some technology savvy team members start Microsoft Office Solutions.

Using your skills, I am confident that you can help us integrate and use Microsoft Office on a whole new level! I hope you are excited to call Painted Paradise Resort & Spa Your Office.

Looking forward to working with you more closely!

*Aidan Matthews*
Aidan Matthews
Chief Technology Officer
Dear Students,

If you want an edge over the competition, make it personal. Whether you love sports, travel, the stock market, or ballet, your passion is personal to you. Capitalizing on your passion leads to success. You live in a global marketplace, and your competition is global. The honors students in China exceed the total number of students in North America. Skills can help set you apart, but passion will make you stand above. **Your Office** is the tool to harness your passion’s true potential.

In prior generations, personalization in a professional setting was discouraged. You had a “work” life and a “home” life. As the Series Editor, I write to you about the vision for **Your Office** from my laptop, on my couch, in the middle of the night when inspiration struck me. My classroom and living room are my office. Life has changed from generations before us.

So, let’s get personal. My degrees are not in technology, but chemistry and law. I helped put myself through school by working full time in various jobs, including a successful technology consulting business that continues today. My generation did not grow up with computers, but I did. My father was a network administrator for the military. So, I was learning to program in Basic before anyone had played Nintendo’s *Duck Hunt* or *Tetris*. Technology has always been one of my passions from a young age. In fact, I now tell my husband: Don’t buy me jewelry for my birthday, buy me the latest gadget on the market!

In my first law position, I was known as the Office guru to the extent that no one gave me a law assignment for the first two months. Once I submitted the assignment, my supervisor remarked, “Wow, you don’t just know how to leverage technology, but you really know the law, too.” I can tell you novel-sized stories from countless prior students in countless industries who gained an edge from using Office as a tool. Bringing technology to your passion makes you well rounded and a cut above the rest, no matter the industry or position.

I am most passionate about teaching, in particular teaching technology. I come from many generations of teachers, including my mother who is a kindergarten teacher. For more than 15 years, I have found my dream job passing on my passion for teaching, technology, law, science, music, and life in general at the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University. I have tried to pass on the key to engaging passion to my students. I have helped them see what differentiates them from all the other bright students vying for the same jobs.

Microsoft Office is a tool. All of your competition will have learned Microsoft Office to some degree or another. Some will have learned it to an advanced level. Knowing Microsoft Office is important, but it is also fundamental. Without it, you will not be considered for a position.

Today, you step into your first of many future roles bringing Microsoft Office to your dream job working for Painted Paradise Resort & Spa. You will delve into the business side of the resort and learn how to use **Your Office** to maximum benefit.

Don’t let the context of a business fool you. If you don’t think of yourself as a business person, you have no need to worry. Whether you realize it or not, everything is business. If you want to be a nurse, you are entering the health care industry. If you want to be a football player in the NFL, you are entering the business of sports as entertainment. In fact, if you want to be a stay-at-home parent, you are entering the business of a family household where **Your Office** still gives you an advantage. For example, you will be able to prepare a budget in Excel and analyze what you need to do to afford a trip to Disney World!

At Painted Paradise Resort & Spa, you will learn how to make Office yours through four learning levels designed to maximize your understanding. You will Prepare, Practice, and Problem Solve your tasks. Then, you will astound when you Perform your new talents. You will be challenged through Consider This questions and gain insight through Real World Advice.

There is something more. You want success in what you are passionate about in your life. It is personal for you. In this position at Painted Paradise Resort & Spa, you will gain your personal competitive advantage that will stay with you for the rest of your life—**Your Office**.

Sincerely,

Amy Kinser

Series Editor

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