

**52.2 An exercise on the nature of Work-in-Progress**

WIP is easy to recognize in a manufacturing business. Is there anything resembling WIP in a service-providing business, such as a firm of lawyers or accountants?

**Response**

Stock, and work-in-progress need not take the form of visible or tangible things. In a firm which provides services, it is possible to treat the cost of work done, but not yet billed to a client, as work-in-progress.