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1. **People**
    - The users who operate the system - accountants, managers, IT staff, and auditors.
2. **Procedures and Instructions**
    - The methods used to collect, process, and store data (both manual and automated workflows).
3. **Data**
    - The raw facts about business transactions (sales, purchases, payments) that the system captures and processes.
4. **Software**
    - The programs used to process data (e.g., accounting software, ERP modules).
5. **Information Technology Infrastructure**
    - Computers, servers, networks, and other hardware that support the system's operation.
6. **Internal Controls and Security Measures**
    - Safeguards that ensure data accuracy, protect against fraud, and maintain the reliability of the information produced.
7. **How They Work Together**
    - All six components must function together; a weakness in any one (e.g., poorly trained people, weak controls) undermines the reliability of the entire system.