



**Thill/Bovée, *Excellence in Business Communication* (12th ed.)**

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**Rentz/Lentz, *Business Communication* (1st ed.)**

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**Mobile communication**

Just as Bovée and Thill pioneered coverage of the social media revolution, they now lead the market with up-to-the-minute coverage of mobile business communication. And as with social media, the changes brought about by mobile run far deeper than the technology itself. Successful communication on mobile devices requires a new approach to planning, writing, and designing messages.

Major text sections on mobile:

- The Mobile Revolution
- The Rise of Mobile as a Communication Platform
- How Mobile Technologies Are Changing Business Communication
- Collaboration via Mobile Devices
- Business Etiquette Using Mobile Devices
- The Unique Challenges of Communication on Mobile Devices
- Writing Messages for Mobile Devices
- Designing Messages for Mobile Devices
- Optimizing Content for Mobile Devices
- Visual Media on Mobile Devices
- Creating Promotional Messages for Mobile Devices
- Integrating Mobile Devices in Presentations

This extensive hands-on advice is complemented with review and analysis questions on mobile topics plus communication cases that require students to craft messages for mobile devices.

29 mobile examples and model documents (not including generic/decorative photos)

Good coverage of mobile phone etiquette (pp. 175, 552) and text messaging (pp. 54–55), but according to the index, this is the only coverage of mobile communication.

**Blogging and microblogging (Twitter)**

Comprehensive coverage of the business applications of blogging and microblogging, with practical advice on adapting the three-step writing process to both formats (pp. 204–210); multiple activities and cases that involve blog writing give students practice with this important medium.

Limited coverage of blogging or microblogging for business; other than a non-business blog example (pp. 334–335), the index doesn't indicate any hands-on advice for either medium

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<b>Model documents</b>	78 annotated model documents 14 annotated before/after pairs that show students specific ways to improve messages and documents.	36 annotated model documents (this includes the Annotated Example features as well as regular figures later in the book)  No before/after pairs that show students how to improve a document
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<b>Storytelling/narrative technique</b>	A growing number of business communicators recognize the power of storytelling, from simple tales in advertising to rich stories about organizational visions and values. EBC teaches narrative technique as a way to organize documents and presentations, explaining how to use the dramatic model of tension and resolution to help readers and listeners imagine themselves in the same situations.  It also includes a special section on writing the “story of you” as a way to visualize a career arc and prepare for the job search process.	No coverage, according to the index
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<b>Résumés</b>	Model résumés based on real-life job openings, showing students how to respond to important clues in job descriptions and how to adapt their résumé content to different opportunities. This approach shows students how to analyze a job opening and work key terms and phrases into their résumé and application messages.	Nothing comparable
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<b>Employment interviews</b>	The bulk of Chapter 16 (pp. 519–533) is devoted to interviewing, with in-depth coverage of the interview process	Only 4 pages devoted to interviewing from the candidate’s perspective (pp. 601–605)
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<b>Instructor and Student Resources and Support Options</b>	<p><a href="#">Business Communication Headline News</a> Delivers curated ideas and examples, archived by subject. Currently more than 4,500 posts.</p> <p><a href="#">Real-Time Updates</a> Weekly multimedia content updates tied to specific business communication topics; instructors and students can subscribe chapter-by-chapter. Currently more than 7,000 posts that have attracted 2 million pageviews.</p> <p><a href="#">Bovee &amp; Thill's Business Communication Blog</a> with teaching tips and techniques, many with slides for classroom use.</p> <p>Instructor communities on <a href="#">Facebook</a> and <a href="#">LinkedIn</a></p> <p><a href="#">Online magazines on Scoop.it</a></p> <p><a href="#">Business Communication Web Search</a></p>	BizCom in the News offers original commentary on communication-related news items and company examples with discussion questions, sorted by chapter.
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## Quick Reference Guide to Leading-Edge Coverage in *Excellence in Business Communication*, 12th Edition

### Coverage of Digital, Social, and Mobile Media

(Many of these topics are integrated throughout the text. These page numbers are the primary coverage locations; please consult the subject index for more details.)

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