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Become a Digital Master—No Matter What Business You're In If you think the phrase “going digital” is only relevant for industries like tech, media, and entertainment—think again. In fact, mobile, analytics, social media, sensors, and cloud computing have already fundamentally changed the entire business landscape as we know it—including your industry. The problem is that most accounts of digital in business focus on Silicon Valley stars and tech start-ups. But what about the other 90-plus percent of the economy? In *Leading Digital*, authors George Westerman, Didier Bonnet, and Andrew McAfee highlight how large companies in traditional industries—from finance to manufacturing to pharmaceuticals—are using digital to gain strategic advantage. They illuminate the principles and practices that lead to successful digital transformation. Based on a study of more than four hundred global firms, including Asian Paints, Burberry, Caesars Entertainment, Codelco, Lloyds Banking Group, Nike, and Pernod Ricard, the book shows what it takes to become a Digital Master. It explains successful transformation in a clear, two-part framework: where to invest in digital capabilities, and how to lead the transformation. Within these parts, you'll learn:

- How to engage better with your customers
- How to digitally enhance operations
- How to create a digital vision
- How to govern your digital activities

The book also includes an extensive step-by-step transformation playbook for leaders to follow. *Leading Digital* is the must-have guide to help your organization survive and thrive in the new, digitally powered, global economy.

Secrets & Big News is an engaging read about the subject of 'declaration' and 'disclosure' of disability in the workplace. Based on a two-year research project, the book details the reasons why people find it hard to share information and offers ideas for both employers and employees alike. 55 employers took part in the study and together they reached just over 2,500 of their employees who offered their views about what makes it hard to share personal information, as well as what makes it easier. The book is triggering a wave of new conversations between valuable employees and UK and global businesses. The book is not about medicine, politics or disability rights: it's about what it means to be human and how employers can retain their talented people through periods of ill health and disability. The text is full of practical hints and tips for HRM professionals, diversity and inclusion specialists and employee network leaders. The Advisory Board for the project included representatives from Lloyds Banking Group, Business Disability Forum, Business in the Community, BT, Shell, Metropolitan Police Service, Coca Cola, and the Civil Service Disability Network. *Secrets & Big News* outlines 15 'Big Ideas' for employers about how they can make it easier for their staff to share information about their disability and 15 'Big Ideas' to disabled people about how to be more disability confident themselves. The report builds on the government's recent Disability Confident campaign and engagement with employers across the UK.

Widely praised for its balanced treatment of computer ethics, *Ethics for the Information Age* offers a modern presentation of the moral controversies surrounding information technology. Topics such as privacy and intellectual property are explored through multiple ethical theories, encouraging readers to think critically about these issues and to make their own ethical decisions.

This is an astonishing collection of ideas, information, and instruction from one of the true pioneers of Massively-Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Games. *MMOs from the Inside Out: The History, Design, Fun, and Art of Massively-Multiplayer Role-playing Games* speaks to the designers and players of MMOs, taking it as axiomatic that such games are inspirational and boundless forces for good. The aim of this book is to enthuse an up-coming generation of designers, to inspire and educate players and designers-to-be, and to reinvigorate those already

working in the field who might be wondering if it's still all worthwhile. Playing MMOs is about fun, immersion, and identity. Creating MMOs is about imagination, expression, and art. MMOs are so packed with potential that today's examples are little more than small, pioneering colonies on the shore of a vast, uncharted continent. What wonders wait beyond the horizon? What treasures will explorers bring back to amaze us? MMOs from the Inside Out is for people with a spark of creativity: it pours gasoline on that spark. It: Explains what MMOs are, what they once were, and what they could – and should – become. Delves into why players play, and why designers design. Encourages, enthuses, enrages, engages, enlightens, envisions, and enchants. Doesn't tell you what to think, it tells you to think. What You Will Learn: Myriad ways to improve MMOs – and to decide for yourself whether these are improvements. What MMOs are; who plays them, and why. How MMOs became what they are, and what this means for what they will become. That you have it in you to make MMOs yourself. Whom This Book is For: MMOs from the Inside Out is a book for those who wish to know more about game design in general and MMO design in particular. It's for people who play MMOs, for people who design MMOs, and for people who study MMOs. It's for people with a yearning to see beyond the world around them and to make manifest the worlds of their imagination.

The primary goal of the Communication and Technology volume (5th within the series "Handbooks of Communication Science") is to provide the reader with a comprehensive compilation of key scholarly literature, identifying theoretical issues, emerging concepts, current research, specialized methods, and directions for future investigations. The internet and web have become the backbone of many new communication technologies, often transforming older communication media, through digitization, to make them compatible with the net. Accordingly, this volume focuses on internet/web technologies. The essays cover various infrastructure technologies, ranging from different kinds of hard-wired elements to a range of wireless technologies such as WiFi, mobile telephony, and satellite technologies. Audio/visual communication is discussed with reference to large-format motion pictures, medium-sized television and video formats, and the small-screen mobile smartphone. There is also coverage of audio-only media, such as radio, music, and voice telephony; text media, in such venues as online newspapers, blogs, discussion forums and mobile texting; and multi-media technologies, such as games and virtual reality.

This book attempts to capture innovation outcomes. The intent is on a holistic assessment of value creation by innovation — the societal value that it delivers to humanity, the economic value that it has the potential to endow to nations, and the monetary value that it provides to innovating firms. With a range of anecdotal examples and empirical analysis, the book endeavours to answer the question: Have investments in innovation paid off? Big data and analytics underpin the development of the book material. The coverage is truly global, accentuating the economic value created by innovation in the technology and pharmaceutical sectors, the two largest bastions of innovation. In addition, it includes numerous examples of successful innovation in global companies while analyzing its economic/financial impact.

A key driving factor for biometrics is the widespread national and international deployment of biometric systems that has been initiated in the past two years and is about to accelerate. While nearly all current biometric deployments are government-led and primarily concerned with national security and border control scenarios, it is now apparent that the widespread availability of biometrics in everyday life will also spin out an ever-increasing number of (private) applications in other domains. Crucial to this vision is the management of the user's identity, which does not only imply the creation and update of a biometric template, but requires the development of instruments to properly handle all the data and operations related to the user identity. COST Action 2101 on Biometrics for Identity Documents and Smart Cards has emerged as a valuable and effective platform for close collaboration of European scientists from academia and industry researching biometrics for identity documents and smartcards. This has led to the continuous advances achieved in various classes of biometrics and their implementations in

the identity management domain. These contributions to knowledge in this field were first presented at the First European Workshop on Biometrics and Identity Management (BioID 2008) organized in Roskilde, Denmark during May 7–9, 2008.

Written by an author with over 38 years of experience in the chemical and petrochemical process industry, this handbook will present an analysis of the process steps used to produce industrial hydrocarbons from various raw materials. It is the first book to offer a thorough analysis of external factors effecting production such as: cost, availability and environmental legislation. An A-Z list of raw materials and their properties are presented along with a commentary regarding their cost and availability. Specific processing operations described in the book include: distillation, thermal cracking and coking, catalytic methods, hydroprocesses, thermal and catalytic reforming, isomerization, alkylation processes, polymerization processes, solvent processes, water removal, fractionation and acid gas removal. Flow diagrams and descriptions of more than 250 leading-edge process technologies An analysis of chemical reactions and process steps that are required to produce chemicals from various raw materials Properties, availability and environmental impact of various raw materials used in hydrocarbon processing

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT MARKETING. 3E incorporates feedback from instructors across the country and has expanded by three chapters. The popular sports and entertainment topics continue to be the foundation for teaching marketing concepts. Each marketing function is incorporated throughout the text and is highlighted with an icon to indicate how it is used in the marketing process. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Traces India's economic and social transformation into a free-market democracy, sharing the stories of its top players while weaving in the author's own life experiences as a former CEO for Procter & Gamble India. Reprint.

In her classic book *Vested Outsourcing*, Kate Vitasek identified the top 10 flaws in most outsourced business models and shows organizations how to rethink their outsourcing relationships in a way that will lower costs, improve service, and increase innovation. This revised edition includes updated case studies and a new chapter based on Dell.

Sensors are integral to modern living and are found in a huge number of applications in science, engineering and technology thus it is critical for scientists and technologists to understand the physical principles behind sensor types as well as their characteristics, applications, and how they can be suitably employed in sensor technologies. Whilst there exists a vast literature on the physics and characteristics of traditional sensors, this book provides a broad overview of the range of sensor technologies and attendant topics needed to optimise and utilise these devices in the modern world. Not only reviewing sensors by classification, the book encompasses the physics, design characteristics, simulation and interface electronics, and it includes case studies, future challenges and several other aspects of wider sensor technology to provide an overview of modern sensors and their applications. The broad scope will appeal to industrial and academic researchers and application engineers, especially those developing and implementing real-time hardware implementations employing smart sensors for emerging applications. Key Features Features a broad review of sensor types, including MEMS, wearable and smart sensors Presents application of modern sensors and emerging research directions Incorporates case studies Reviews wider associated technologies such as simulation, materials and interface electronics Interdisciplinary appeal making the text suitable for industrial and academic researchers as well as application engineers

An edition expanded with more than 100 pages of new content offers a blueprint for a better life, whether one's dream is escaping

the rat race, experiencing high-end world travel, earning a monthly five-figure income with zero management or just living more and working less.

Provides a collection of solutions, techniques, and shortcuts to get the most out of Microsoft Windows 7, covering such topics as managing files, printing, gadgets, networking, Windows Media Center, Internet Explorer 8, and Windows Live Mail.

Offers management strategies for creating the workplace needed to develop profitable digital innovations

Explains how to successfully target marketing to seven distinct generational groups.

In Information Rules, authors Shapiro and Varian reveal that many classic economic concepts can provide the insight and understanding necessary to succeed in the information age. They argue that if managers seriously want to develop effective strategies for competing in the new economy, they must understand the fundamental economics of information technology.

Whether information takes the form of software code or recorded music, is published in a book or magazine, or even posted on a website, managers must know how to evaluate the consequences of pricing, protecting, and planning new versions of information products, services, and systems. The first book to distill the economics of information and networks into practical business strategies, Information Rules is a guide to the winning moves that can help business leaders navigate successfully through the tough decisions of the information economy.

Success of an organization is increasingly dependent on its capability to create an environment in order to improve productivity of knowledge work. This book focuses on the concepts, models and technologies that are used to design and implement such an environment. It develops the vision of a modular, yet highly integrated enterprise knowledge infrastructure and presents an idealized architecture replete with current technologies and systems. The most important streams of technological development that are covered in the book are communication, collaboration, document and content management, e-learning, enterprise portals, business process management, information life cycle management, information retrieval and visualization, knowledge management, mobile computing, application and network infrastructure, Semantic Web and social software. It includes learning goals, exercises and case examples that help the reader to easily understand and practice the concepts.

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First published in 2002, Mastering Leptin was the first and most in-depth book explaining the hormone leptin and its relationship to obesity, difficult weight loss, yo-yo dieting, low energy, heart disease, low thyroid, stress eating, food cravings, and hormonal imbalance. Mastering Leptin cuts through the confusion of countless ways to eat and provides individuals with a workable lifestyle for permanent weight loss. Renowned leptin expert, Byron Richards analyzes over 8,500 leptin-related scientific studies and brings amazing findings to the public in an easy-to-understand format. Readers loved the first and second editions of Mastering Leptin due to the fascinating connections made between leptin, weight loss, energy, hormone balance, and disease. Thousands of people have been able to lose weight and keep it off. The third edition is newly edited and updated. It is much more than a diet

book. It is a true guide for healthy weight loss, improved energy, and optimum health.

Managing Industrial Knowledge illuminates the complex processes at work in the creation and successful transfer of corporate knowledge. It is now generally recognized that the competitive advantages of firms depends on their ability to build, utilize and protect knowledge assets. In this volume many of the foremost international authors and pioneers of the study of knowledge in firms present their latest work and insights into organizational knowledge and innovation. In a world where markets, products, technologies, competitors, regulations, and even societies change rapidly, continuous innovation and the knowledge that produces innovation have become key. The chapters in this keynote volume shed new light on the contextual factors in knowledge creation, the links between knowledge and innovation in all aspects of business life and the processes by which these may be fostered or lost in organizations.

From the industrial revolution to the railway age, through the era of electrification, the advent of mass production, and finally to the information age, the same pattern keeps repeating itself. An exciting, vibrant phase of innovation and financial speculation is followed by a crash, after which begins a longer, more stately period during which the technology is actually deployed properly. This collection of surveys and articles from The Economist examines how far technology has come and where it is heading. Part one looks at topics such as the “greying” (maturing) of IT, the growing importance of security, the rise of outsourcing, and the challenge of complexity, all of which have more to do with implementation than innovation. Part two looks at the shift from corporate computing towards consumer technology, whereby new technologies now appear first in consumer gadgets such as mobile phones. Topics covered will include the emergence of the mobile phone as the “digital Swiss Army knife”; the rise of digital cameras, which now outsell film-based ones; the growing size and importance of the games industry and its ever-closer links with other more traditional parts of the entertainment industry; and the social impact of technologies such as text messaging, Wi-Fi, and camera phones. Part three considers which technology will lead the next great phase of technological disruption and focuses on biotechnology, energy technology, and nanotechnology.

From small start-ups to major corporations, companies of all sizes have embraced cloud computing for the scalability, reliability, and cost benefits it can provide. It has even been said that cloud computing may have a greater effect on our lives than the PC and dot-com revolutions combined. Filled with comparative charts and decision trees, Impleme

With the market for security goods and services having expanded rapidly since 9/11, this study examines the potential costs of major disruptions, the trade-offs between tighter security and economic efficiency, and the implications of tighter security for privacy and other democratic liberties.

From archiving data to CD-ROMs, and from coding theory to image analysis, many facets of computing make use of data compression in one form or another. This is an overview of the many different types of compression, including a taxonomy, an analysis of the most common systems of compression, discussion of their relative benefits and disadvantages, and their most common uses. Readers are presupposed to have a basic understanding of computer

science -- essentially the storage of data in bytes and bits and computing terminology -- but otherwise this book is self-contained. It divides neatly into four main parts based on the main branches of data compression: run length encoding, statistical methods, dictionary-based methods, and lossy image compression. All of the most well-known compression techniques are covered including Zip, BinHex, Huffman coding, and GIF.

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Build and maintain an effective electronic reserve system! *Electronic Reserve: A Manual and Guide for Library Staff Members* is the comprehensive professional resource you need to create commonsense policies and procedures that ensure effective electronic reserve service in your academic library. This hands-on, how-to guide walks you through the start-up process for implementing an electronic reserve system, presenting general guidelines and practices for designing and staffing your library. The book also examines fair use of copyrighted materials, explaining complex legal issues in language that you and your staff can easily understand and apply. *Electronic Reserve: A Manual and Guide for Library Staff Members* examines the critical issues of everyday e-resource management, including planning, staffing, training, publicity, assessment and evaluation, workflow, choosing the right software (and hardware), defining faculty control over materials, faculty copyright compliance, and implementing changes based on data analysis. This unique mix of practical details and specific examples also includes samples of the type of documentation you'll need to start and maintain successful e-resource management, including letters, forms, checklists, and flowcharts, and provides tables and figures for copyright and fair use, an extensive glossary, and bibliographical references. *Electronic Reserve: A Manual and Guide for Library Staff Members* has the answers to the frequently asked questions you'll get from students, such as: How do I access the materials I need? Are all readings available electronically? What kind of hardware and software do I

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