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Follow the "Proven Path" to successful implementation of enterprise resource planning. Effective forecasting, planning, and scheduling is fundamental to productivity—and ERP is a fundamental way to achieve it. Properly implementing ERP will give you a competitive advantage and help you run your business more effectively, efficiently, and responsively. This guide is structured to support all the people involved in ERP implementation—from the CEO and others in the executive suite to the people doing the detailed implementation work in sales, marketing, manufacturing, purchasing, logistics, finance, and elsewhere. This book is not primarily about computers and software. Rather, its focus is on people—and how to provide them with superior decision-making processes for customer order fulfillment, supply chain management, financial planning, e-commerce, asset management, and more. This comprehensive guide can be used as a selective reference for those, like top management, who need only specific pieces of information, or as a virtual checklist for those who can use detailed guidance every step of the way. This book undertakes to marry the concepts of "Concept Mapping" with a "Design Thinking" approach in the context of business analysis. While in the past a lot of attention has been paid to the business process side, this book now focuses on information quality and valuation, master data and hierarchy management, business rules automation and business semantics as examples for business innovation opportunities. The book shows how to take "Business Concept Maps" further as information models for new IT paradigms. In a way, this book redefines and extends business analysis towards solutions that can be described as business synthesis or business development. Business modellers, analysts and controllers, as well as enterprise information architects, will benefit from the intuitive modelling and designing approach presented in this book. The pragmatic and agile methods presented can be directly applied to improve the way organizations manage their business concepts and their relationships. "This book is a great contribution to the information management community. It combines a theoretical foundation with practical methods for dealing with important problems. This is rare and very useful. Conceptual models that communicate business reality effectively require some degree of creative imagination. As such, they combine the results of business analysis with communication design, as is extensively covered in this book." Dr. Malcolm Chisholm, President at AskGet.com Inc. "Truly understanding business requirements has always been a major stumbling block in business intelligence (BI) projects. In this book, Thomas Frisendal introduces a powerful technique—business concept mapping—that creates a virtual mind-meld between business users and business analysts. Frisendal does a wonderful job of explaining and demonstrating how this tool can improve the outcome of BI and other development projects." Wayne Eckerson, executive director, BI Leadership Forum Explores cloud computing, breaking down the concepts, models, mechanisms, and architectures of this technology while allowing for the financial assessment of resources and how they compare to traditional storage systems. "International Institute for Analytics"—Dust jacket. Your company's data

has the potential to add enormous value to every facet of the organization -- from marketing and new product development to strategy to financial management. Yet if your company is like most, it's not using its data to create strategic advantage. Data sits around unused -- or incorrect data fouls up operations and decision making. In *Data Driven*, Thomas Redman, the "Data Doc," shows how to leverage and deploy data to sharpen your company's competitive edge and enhance its profitability. The author reveals:

- The special properties that make data such a powerful asset
- The hidden costs of flawed, outdated, or otherwise poor-quality data
- How to improve data quality for competitive advantage
- Strategies for exploiting your data to make better business decisions
- The many ways to bring data to market
- Ideas for dealing with political struggles over data and concerns about privacy rights

Your company's data is a key business asset, and you need to manage it aggressively and professionally. Whether you're a top executive, an aspiring leader, or a product-line manager, this eye-opening book provides the tools and thinking you need to do that.

"The benefits Carrefour achieved have been substantially in excess of predictions. The Shared Service accounting centers enabled streamlined processes, lowered costs, and introduced standard processes, a standard system, and standard data for a global company. The new infrastructure can support rapid expansion and can add new stores with the flip of a switch. From a systems point of view, Carrefour now has a 'factory' in place to deliver high-efficiency systems, tools, processes, and training." --From Chapter 9, *Implementation and Operational Imperatives for ERP*

"The benefits of efficient information delivery are demonstrated by the results of one of the world's largest mySAP.com implementations. Siemens achieved a twenty-five percent cost reduction through streamlined information delivery and improved access to financial information. It also enhanced its reporting capabilities from seventy percent to nearly 100 percent through increased intranet availability." --From Chapter 3, *Financial and Management Reporting*

Research shows that high-performance businesses and governments use finance technology as one of the capabilities to help executives make better decisions for resource allocation, while at the same time increasing productivity. *CFO Insights: Enabling High Performance through Leading Practices for Finance ERP* includes a number of case studies and lessons learned from Accenture clients across a variety of industries that have implemented, upgraded, and operated Oracle/PeopleSoft and SAP. Each case study highlights vital thoughts, benefits, and considerations and provides relevant guidance as one proceeds with an ERP on the journey toward high performance. This new edition of Friedman's landmark book explains the flattening of the world better than ever- and takes a new measure of the effects of this change on each of us. "We finally have the definitive treatise on PyTorch! It covers the basics and abstractions in great detail. I hope this book becomes your extended reference document." —Soumith Chintala, co-creator of PyTorch

Key Features Written by PyTorch's creator and key contributors

- Develop deep learning models in a familiar Pythonic way
- Use PyTorch to build an image classifier for cancer detection
- Diagnose problems with your neural network and improve training with data augmentation

Purchase of the print book includes a free eBook in PDF, Kindle, and ePub formats from Manning Publications.

About The Book Every other day we hear about new ways to put deep learning to good use: improved medical imaging, accurate credit card fraud detection, long range weather forecasting, and more. PyTorch puts these superpowers in your hands. Instantly familiar to anyone who knows Python data tools like NumPy and Scikit-learn, PyTorch simplifies deep learning without sacrificing advanced features. It's great for building quick models, and it scales smoothly from laptop to enterprise. *Deep Learning with PyTorch* teaches you to create deep learning and neural network systems with PyTorch. This practical book gets you to work right away building a tumor image classifier from scratch. After covering the basics, you'll learn best practices for the entire deep learning pipeline, tackling advanced projects as your PyTorch skills become more sophisticated. All code samples are easy to explore in downloadable Jupyter notebooks.

What You Will Learn

- Understanding deep learning data structures such as tensors and neural networks
- Best practices for the PyTorch Tensor API, loading data in Python, and visualizing results
- Implementing modules and loss functions
- Utilizing pretrained models from PyTorch Hub
- Methods for training networks with limited inputs
- Sifting through unreliable results to diagnose and fix problems in your neural network
- Improve your results with augmented data, better model architecture, and fine tuning

This Book Is Written For For Python programmers with an interest in machine learning. No experience with PyTorch or other deep learning frameworks is required.

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"After I sent my team to the Question Based Selling program, not only was the feedback from the training outstanding, but we experienced an immediate positive impact in results."—Jim Cusick, vice president of sales, SAP America, Inc. "Following the program, even our most experienced salespeople raved, saying QBS was the best sales training they have ever experienced!"—Alan D. Rohrer, director of sales, Hewlett Packard

For nearly fifteen years, *The Secrets of Question Based Selling* has been helping great salespeople live you deliver big results. It's commonsense approach has become a classic, must-have tool that demonstrates how asking the right questions at the right time accurately identifies your customer's needs. But consumer behavior and sales techniques change as rapidly as technology—and there are countless contradictory sales training programs promising results. Knowing where you should turn to for success can be confusing. Now fully revised and updated, *The Secrets of Question Based Selling* provides a step-by-step, easy-to-follow program that focuses specifically on sales effectiveness—identifying the strategies and techniques that will increase your probability of success. How you sell has become more important than the product. With this hands-on guide, you will learn to: Penetrate more accounts Overcome customer skepticism Establish more credibility sooner Generate more return calls Motivate different types of buyers Develop more internal champions Close more sales...faster And much, much more

Bridging the Services Chasm provides a comprehensive framework companies can use to make critical service strategy decisions that have rapidly become the difference between product success and market failure. Based on the analysis of technology providers, this book leverages a combination of public record, unique survey data, and direct interaction to clearly define the critical role services is now playing in the success of product companies. In 1991, Geoffrey Moore published *Crossing the Chasm*. This seminal work framed and defined the specific challenges that companies face as they attempt to drive new product offerings to market. Since then, a new set of strategy challenges for product-centric companies has become evident. And there is a new chasm that companies must decide how to cross: *The Services Chasm*. *Bridging the Services Chasm* frames the services strategy decisions product companies can no longer afford to defer and provides a clear path for action. A market research guide to the telecommunications industry. It offers a tool for strategic planning, competitive intelligence, employment searches or financial research. It includes a chapter of trends, statistical tables, and an industry-specific glossary. It provides profiles of the 500 biggest, companies in the telecommunications industry. This basic source for identification of U.S. manufacturers is arranged by product in a large multi-volume set. Includes: Products & services, Company profiles and Catalog file.

Node.js is used by many companies for building performant backend services without sacrificing developer efficiency. Thanks to its approachable API and familiar syntax, *Node.js* is loved by engineers and used by startups and Fortune 500s alike. Backed by the world's largest package repository, its enterprise foothold is only expected to grow. In this hands-on guide, author Thomas Hunter II proves that *Node.js* is just as capable as traditional enterprise platforms for building services that are observable, scalable, and resilient. Intermediate to advanced *Node.js* developers will find themselves integrating application code with a breadth of tooling from each layer of a modern service stack. Learn why running redundant copies of the same *Node.js* service is necessary Know which protocol to choose, depending on the situation Fine-tune your application containers for use in production Track down errors in a distributed setting to determine which service is at fault Simplify app code and increase performance by offloading work

to a reverse proxy Build dashboards to monitor service health and throughput Find out why so many different tools are required when operating in an enterprise environment Driven by the need and desire to reduce costs, organizations are faced with a set of decisions that require analytical scrutiny. Enterprise Architecture A to Z: Frameworks, Business Process Modeling, SOA, and Infrastructure Technology examines cost-saving trends in architecture planning, administration, and management. To establish a framework for discussion, this book begins by evaluating the role of Enterprise Architecture Planning and Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) modeling. It provides an extensive review of the most widely deployed architecture framework models. In particular, the book discusses The Open Group Architecture Framework (TOGAF) and the Zachman Architectural Framework (ZAF) in detail, as well as formal architecture standards and all four layers of these models: the business architecture, the information architecture, the solution architecture, and the technology architecture. The first part of the text focuses on the upper layers of the architecture framework, while the second part focuses on the technology architecture. In this second section, the author presents an assessment of storage technologies and networking and addresses regulatory and security issues. Additional coverage includes high-speed communication mechanisms such as Ethernet, WAN and Internet communication technologies, broadband communications, and chargeback models. Daniel Minoli has written a number of columns and books on the high-tech industry and has many years of technical hands-on and managerial experience at top financial companies and telecom/networking providers. He brings a wealth of knowledge and practical experience to these pages. By reviewing the strategies in this book, CIOs, CTOs, and senior managers are empowered by a set of progressive approaches to designing state-of-the-art IT data centers. "If you aren't genuinely pained by the risk involved in your strategic choices, it's not much of a strategy." -- Reed Hastings

The world economy is driven by innovation and productivity. But, business models that were built for a previous era deliver neither innovation nor productivity. In short, business models reliant on traditional distribution models, large dollar transactions, and human-intensive operations will remain under pressure. Many 'non-tech companies' say, "thank goodness that is not the business we are in" or "technology changes too fast, I'm glad we are in a more traditional space". These are false hopes. This fundamental shift is coming (or has already come) to every business and every industry, in every part of the world. It does not matter if you are a retailer, a manufacturer, a healthcare provider, an agricultural producer, or a pharma company. Your traditional distribution model, operational mechanics, and method of value creation will change in the next 5 years; you will either lead or be left behind. It's been said that we sit on the cusp of the next Industrial Revolution. Data, IoT, and software are replacing industrialization as the driving force of productivity and change. The rise of the Data era, coupled with software and connected device sprawl, creates an opportunity for some companies to outperform others. Those who figure out how to apply this advantage will drive unprecedented wealth creation and comprise the new S&P 500. This is the end of 'tech companies'. The era of "tech companies" is over; there are only 'companies', steeped in technology, that will survive. Read the blog post that led to the book: <http://tinyurl.com/endoftech>

Information Technology professionals can use this book to move beyond the excitement of web services and service oriented architecture (SOA) and begin the process of finding actionable ideas to innovate and create business value. In Enterprise SOA: Designing IT for Business Innovation, SAP's blueprint for putting SOA to work is analyzed from top to bottom. In addition to design, development, and architecture, vital contextual issues such as governance, security, change management, and culture are also explored. This comprehensive perspective reduces risk as IT departments implement ESA, a sound, flexible architecture for adapting business processes in response to changing market conditions. This book answers the following questions: What forces created the need for Enterprise Services Architecture? How does ESA enable business process innovation? How is model-driven development used at all levels of design, configuration, and deployment? How do all the layers of technology that support ESA work together? How will composite applications extend business process automation? How does ESA create new models for IT governance? How can companies manage disruptive change? How can enterprise services be discovered and designed? How will the process of adapting applications be simplified? Based on extensive research with experts from the German software company SAP, this definitive book is ideal for architects, developers, and other IT professionals who want to understand the technology and business relevance of ESA in a detailed way--especially those who

want to move on the technology now, rather than in the next year or two. Are you wasting your money on marketing? Most businesses are. They've got serious profit leaks. So when they run their marketing Taps, revenue simply pours out of a leaky Bucket. Watertight Marketing is no ordinary marketing book. There's no jargon. And it's not about the latest over-hyped tactic. This is a book that tackles business fundamentals. It's the book on marketing that makes all the others make sense. Following the process laid out in this book puts you in control of your business growth. You'll be able to step off the roller coaster of yo-yo sales results and get your business on a sustainable upward curve. Bryony Thomas has a refreshing style that means the ideas click and stick. She has distilled her wealth of experience into clear action points that you'll want to tackle today.

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Technology Ventures is the first textbook to thoroughly examine a global phenomenon known as technology entrepreneurship. Now in its second edition, this book integrates the most valuable entrepreneurship and technology management theories from some of the world's leading scholars and educators with current examples of new technologies and an extensive suite of media resources. Dorf and Byers comprehensive collection of action-oriented concepts and applications provides both students and professionals with the tools necessary for success in starting and growing a technology enterprise. Technology Ventures details the critical differences between scientific ideas and true business opportunities. Coverage includes: chartering, organizing, and establishing metrics for professional services; addressing the unique challenges faced by professional services in traditional product companies; and managing a professional services business at every stage of its lifecycle. Value Creation from E-Business Models provides a thorough analysis of what constitutes an e-business model. Unlike many e-business books available, this text draws together theoretical and empirical contributions from leading academic scholars in the field of management information systems. Divided into four parts, E-Business Models and Taxonomies; E-Business Markets; E-Business Customer Performance Measurement; and E-Business Vendor Applications and Services, this book is the critical dissection of E-Business that today's academic community needs. * World class academic contributors brought together in one volume *

Demonstrates that there are e-business models which create value for customers and vendors alike

* Learn from the lessons of the past five years in developing and implementing e-business models

You have more information at hand about your business environment than ever before. But are you using it to "out-think" your rivals? If not, you may be missing out on a potent competitive tool. In *Competing on Analytics: The New Science of Winning*, Thomas H. Davenport and Jeanne G. Harris argue that the frontier for using data to make decisions has shifted dramatically. Certain high-performing enterprises are now building their competitive strategies around data-driven insights that in turn generate impressive business results. Their secret weapon? Analytics: sophisticated quantitative and statistical analysis and predictive modeling. Exemplars of analytics are using new tools to identify their most profitable customers and offer them the right price, to accelerate product innovation, to optimize supply chains, and to identify the true drivers of financial performance. A wealth of examples—from organizations as diverse as Amazon, Barclay's, Capital One, Harrah's, Procter & Gamble, Wachovia, and the Boston Red Sox—illuminate how to leverage the power of analytics. In cooperation with experts and practitioners throughout the SOA community, best-selling author Thomas Erl brings together the de facto catalog of design patterns for SOA and service-orientation. More than three years in development and subjected to numerous industry reviews, the 85 patterns in this full-color book provide the most successful and proven design techniques to overcoming the most common and critical problems to achieving modern-day SOA. Through numerous examples, individually documented pattern profiles, and over 400 color illustrations, this book provides in-depth coverage of:

- Patterns for the design, implementation, and governance of service inventories—collections of services representing individual service

portfolios that can be independently modeled, designed, and evolved. • Patterns specific to service-level architecture which pertain to a wide range of design areas, including contract design, security, legacy encapsulation, reliability, scalability, and a variety of implementation and governance issues. • Service composition patterns that address the many aspects associated with combining services into aggregate distributed solutions, including topics such as runtime messaging and message design, inter-service security controls, and transformation. • Compound patterns (such as Enterprise Service Bus and Orchestration) and recommended pattern application sequences that establish foundational processes. The book begins by establishing SOA types that are referenced throughout the patterns and then form the basis of a final chapter that discusses the architectural impact of service-oriented computing in general. These chapters bookend the pattern catalog to provide a clear link between SOA design patterns, the strategic goals of service-oriented computing, different SOA types, and the service-orientation design paradigm. This book series is further supported by a series of resources sites, including soabooks.com, soaspecs.com, soapatterns.org, soamag.com, and soaposters.com. This influential book establishes the enduring vocabulary and concepts in the burgeoning field of knowledge management. It serves as the hands-on resource of choice for companies that recognize knowledge as the only sustainable source of competitive advantage going forward. Drawing from their work with more than thirty knowledge-rich firms, Davenport and Prusak--experienced consultants with a track record of success--examine how all types of companies can effectively understand, analyze, measure, and manage their intellectual assets, turning corporate wisdom into market value. They categorize knowledge work into four sequential activities--accessing, generating, embedding, and transferring--and look at the key skills, techniques, and processes of each. While they present a practical approach to cataloging and storing knowledge so that employees can easily leverage it throughout the firm, the authors caution readers on the limits of communications and information technology in managing intellectual capital. Written by an authority on workflow technology and methods, this book provides a thorough and easy-to-understand explanation of the workflow concept, its benefits, and its implementation. Using four real-world case studies, the book shows how workflow processes and tools work, offers guidance for analyzing the effectiveness of various tools and design methodologies for workflow analysis, and provides definitions of new terms and technologies. This IBM® Redbooks® publication documents the strength and value of the IBM security strategy with IBM z Systems hardware and software (referred to in this book by the previous product name, IBM System z®). In an age of increasing security consciousness and more dangerous and advanced persistent threats, System z provides the capabilities to address today's business security challenges. This book explores how System z hardware is designed to provide integrity, process isolation, and cryptographic capability to help address security requirements. We highlight the features of IBM z/OS® and other operating systems that offer a variety of customizable security elements. We also describe z/OS and other operating systems and additional software that use the building blocks of System z hardware to meet business security needs. We explore these from the perspective of an enterprise security architect and how a modern mainframe must fit into an enterprise security architecture. This book is part of a three-volume series that focuses on guiding principles for optimized mainframe security configuration within a holistic enterprise security architecture. The intended audience includes enterprise security architects, planners, and managers who are interested in exploring how the security design and features of the System z platform, the z/OS operating system, and associated software address current issues, such as data encryption, authentication, authorization, network security, auditing, ease of security administration, and monitoring. This book is a culmination of research performed at Harvard University by Thomas Anthony Guerriero. It identifies the impact of trade treaties on US Military mobilization. The Definitive Guide to Building Web-Centric SOA with REST The World Wide Web is based on the most successful technology architecture in history. It has changed how we view, access, and exchange information and, with the advent of REST, it has also provided us with compelling ways to build and improve automation solutions. REST provides a great deal of guidance to ensure that an architecture and its automation logic are technically sound, though it is still your responsibility to build services that actually add value to your business. SOA with REST is the first comprehensive tutorial and reference for designing and building RESTful services as part of service-oriented solutions and in conjunction with service-oriented architecture (SOA). This book

demonstrates that REST is not only a suitable medium for building truly service-oriented solutions, but also that the service-oriented architectural model is a necessary foundation for REST technology architectures to realize their full business potential. The authors provide thorough mapping of REST constraints and architectural goals with service-orientation principles and SOA characteristics. Using real-world examples, they show how to leverage REST's simplicity, flexibility, and low overhead without compromising the power or manageability of service-oriented solutions and architectures. This ebook will be valuable to IT architects, developers, and any practitioner seeking to use SOA and REST together. Knowledge workers create the innovations and strategies that keep their firms competitive and the economy healthy. Yet, companies continue to manage this new breed of employee with techniques designed for the Industrial Age. As this critical sector of the workforce continues to increase in size and importance, that's a mistake that could cost companies their future. Thomas Davenport argues that knowledge workers are vastly different from other types of workers in their motivations, attitudes, and need for autonomy--and, so, they require different management techniques to improve their performance and productivity. Based on extensive research involving over 100 companies and more than 600 knowledge workers, *Thinking for a Living* provides rich insights into how knowledge workers think, how they accomplish tasks, and what motivates them to excel. Davenport identifies four major categories of knowledge workers and presents a unique framework for matching specific types of workers with the management strategies that yield the greatest performance. Written by the field's premier thought leader, *Thinking for a Living* reveals how to maximize the brain power that fuels organizational success. Thomas Davenport holds the President's Chair in Information Technology and Management at Babson College. He is director of research for Babson Executive Education; an Accenture Fellow; and author, co-author, or editor of nine books, including *Working Knowledge: How Organizations Manage What They Know* (HBS Press, 1997). Vols. for 1970-71 includes manufacturers' catalogs. Today, successful firms compete and win based on analytics. *Modeling Techniques in Predictive Analytics* brings together all the concepts, techniques, and R code you need to excel in any role involving analytics. Thomas W. Miller's unique balanced approach combines business context and quantitative tools, appealing to managers, analysts, programmers, and students alike. Miller addresses multiple business challenges and business cases, including segmentation, brand positioning, product choice modeling, pricing research, finance, sports, text analytics, sentiment analysis, and social network analysis. He illuminates the use of cross-sectional data, time series, spatial, and even spatio-temporal data. For each problem, Miller explains why the problem matters, what data is relevant, how to explore your data once you've identified it, and then how to successfully model that data. You'll learn how to model data conceptually, with words and figures; and then how to model it with realistic R programs that deliver actionable insights and knowledge. Miller walks you through model construction, explanatory variable subset selection, and validation, demonstrating best practices for improving out-of-sample predictive performance. He employs data visualization and statistical graphics in exploring data, presenting models, and evaluating performance. All example code is presented in R, today's #1 system for applied statistics, statistical research, and predictive modeling; code is set apart from other text so it's easy to find for those who want it (and easy to skip for those who don't). The *Analytics and Big Data* collection offers a "greatest hits" digital compilation of ideas from world-renowned thought leader Thomas Davenport, who helped popularize the terms analytics and big data in the workplace. An agile and prolific thinker, Davenport has written or coauthored more than a dozen bestselling books. Several of these titles are offered together for the first time in this curated digital bundle, including: *Big Data at Work*, *Competing on Analytics*, *Analytics at Work*, and *Keeping Up with the Quants*. The collection also includes Davenport's popular Harvard Business Review articles, "Data Scientist: The Sexiest Job of the 21st Century" (2012) and "Analytics 3.0" (2013). Combined, these works cover all the bases on analytics and big data: what each term means; the ramifications of each from a technical, consumer, and management perspective; and where each can have the biggest impact on your business. Whether you're an executive, a manager, or a student wanting to learn more, *Analytics and Big Data* is the most comprehensive collection you'll find on the ever-growing phenomenon of digital data and analysis—and how you can make this rising business trend work for you. Named one of the ten "Masters of the New Economy" by CIO magazine, Thomas Davenport has helped hundreds of companies revitalize their management practices. He combines his interests in

research, teaching, and business management as the President's Distinguished Professor of Information Technology & Management at Babson College. Davenport has also taught at Harvard Business School, the University of Chicago, Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business, and the University of Texas at Austin and has directed research centers at Accenture, McKinsey & Company, Ernst & Young, and CSC. He is also an independent Senior Advisor to Deloitte Analytics. InfoWorld is targeted to Senior IT professionals. Content is segmented into Channels and Topic Centers. InfoWorld also celebrates people, companies, and projects. Follow the "Proven Path" to successful implementation of enterprise resource planning Effective forecasting, planning, and scheduling is fundamental to productivity-and ERP is a fundamental way to achieve it. Properly implementing ERP will give you a competitive advantage and help you run your business more effectively, efficiently, and responsively. This guide is structured to support all the people involved in ERP implementation-from the CEO and others in the executive suite to the people doing the detailed implementation work in sales, marketing, manufacturing, purchasing, logistics, finance, and elsewhere. This book is not primarily about computers and software. Rather, its focus is on people-and how to provide them with superior decision-making processes for customer order fulfillment, supply chain management, financial planning, e-commerce, asset management, and more. This comprehensive guide can be used as a selective reference for those, like top management, who need only specific pieces of information, or as a virtual checklist for those who can use detailed guidance every step of the way. A Field Guide to Digital Transformation is the definitive reference and tutorial for all IT professionals and decision-makers who want to understand digital transformation and successfully achieve it in their own organizations. Best-selling IT author Thomas Erl and long-time practitioner Amin Naserour combine comprehensive coverage of digital transformation as a field of practice, and detailed guidance for adopting digital transformation and executing projects from start to finish. Erl and Naserour present a complete tutorial on digital transformation concepts, tools, technologies and practices, organized into a proven industry framework for adoption. Next, they offer end-to-end coverage of the full project lifecycle, walking readers through planning, defining, designing, building, and governing digital transformation solutions. The authors highlight common risks, pitfalls, and adoption considerations, sharing practical insights into the organizational, cultural, technological, and operational impacts associated with digital transformation initiatives. Uniquely detailed and practical, this guide reflects the authors' deep experience driving value from digital transformation using technologies available right now. Market research guide to the wireless access and cellular telecommunications industry ? a tool for strategic planning, competitive intelligence, employment searches or financial research. Contains trends, statistical tables, and an industry glossary. Also provides profiles of 350 leading wireless, Wi-Fi, RFID and cellular industry firms - includes addresses, phone numbers, executive names. Go ahead, be skeptical about big data. The author was—at first. When the term “big data” first came on the scene, bestselling author Tom Davenport (Competing on Analytics, Analytics at Work) thought it was just another example of technology hype. But his research in the years that followed changed his mind. Now, in clear, conversational language, Davenport explains what big data means—and why everyone in business needs to know about it. Big Data at Work covers all the bases: what big data means from a technical, consumer, and management perspective; what its opportunities and costs are; where it can have real business impact; and which aspects of this hot topic have been oversold. This book will help you understand: • Why big data is important to you and your organization • What technology you need to manage it • How big data could change your job, your company, and your industry • How to hire, rent, or develop the kinds of people who make big data work • The key success factors in implementing any big data project • How big data is leading to a new approach to managing analytics With dozens of company examples, including UPS, GE, Amazon, United Healthcare, Citigroup, and many others, this book will help you seize all opportunities—from improving decisions, products, and services to strengthening customer relationships. It will show you how to put big data to work in your own organization so that you too can harness the power of this ever-evolving new resource. What are the grand dynamics that drive the accumulation and distribution of capital? Questions about the long-term evolution of inequality, the concentration of wealth, and the prospects for economic growth lie at the heart of political economy. But satisfactory answers have been hard to find for lack of adequate data and clear guiding theories. In this work the author analyzes a unique collection of data from twenty countries, ranging as far back as the

eighteenth century, to uncover key economic and social patterns. His findings transform debate and set the agenda for the next generation of thought about wealth and inequality. He shows that modern economic growth and the diffusion of knowledge have allowed us to avoid inequalities on the apocalyptic scale predicted by Karl Marx. But we have not modified the deep structures of capital and inequality as much as we thought in the optimistic decades following World War II. The main driver of inequality--the tendency of returns on capital to exceed the rate of economic growth--today threatens to generate extreme inequalities that stir discontent and undermine democratic values if political action is not taken. But economic trends are not acts of God. Political action has curbed dangerous inequalities in the past, the author says, and may do so again. This original work reorients our understanding of economic history and confronts us with sobering lessons for today. Use Best Practice Patterns to Understand and Architect Manageable, Efficient Information Supply Chains That Help You Leverage All Your Data and Knowledge In the era of "Big Data," information pervades every aspect of the organization. Therefore, architecting and managing it is a multi-disciplinary task. Now, two pioneering IBM® architects present proven architecture patterns that fully reflect this reality. Using their pattern language, you can accurately characterize the information issues associated with your own systems, and design solutions that succeed over both the short- and long-term. Building on the analogy of a supply chain, Mandy Chessell and Harald C. Smith explain how information can be transformed, enriched, reconciled, redistributed, and utilized in even the most complex environments. Through a realistic, end-to-end case study, they help you blend overlapping information management, SOA, and BPM technologies that are often viewed as competitive. Using this book's patterns, you can integrate all levels of your architecture--from holistic, enterprise, system-level views down to low-level design elements. You can fully address key non-functional requirements such as the amount, quality, and pace of incoming data. Above all, you can create an IT landscape that is coherent, interconnected, efficient, effective, and manageable. Coverage Includes Understanding how a pattern language can help you address key information management challenges Defining information strategy and governance for organizations and users Creating orderly information flows you can reuse and synchronize as needed Managing information structure, meaning, and lifecycles Providing for efficient information access and storage when deploying new IT capabilities Moving information efficiently and reliably to support your processes Determining how information should be processed and maintained Improving quality and accessibility, and supporting higher-value analytics Protecting information via validation, transformation, enrichment, correction, security, and monitoring Planning new information management projects in the context of your existing IT resources

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