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REAL

Simon and Schuster **The New York Times and USA TODAY bestseller, the first in a scorching series about a beautiful young sports rehab specialist who can't fight her attraction to a dangerously sexy underground fighter. Remington Tate has a bad-boy rep in and out of the ring, a granite-hard body, and a raw, animal power that sends his female fans into a frenzy. But from the moment their eyes lock, the only woman he wants is Brooke Dumas. His desire is pure, all-consuming, and REAL. Hired to keep his perfect body working like a machine, Brooke finally has the lucrative sports therapy job she's been dreaming of. But as she tours the dangerous underground fighting circuit with Remy and his team, Brooke's own body becomes alive with the most primal of hungers. If what happens between Brooke and Remy is ever as light as a flirtation, it quickly becomes an erotic obsession for them both, and promises so much more. But their white-hot lust has a dark side—and when Remy's deepest secret comes to light and Brooke's familial duties demand action, will the pair be able to hang on, or will everything that once seemed so real suddenly fade away like an illusion?**

REMY

Simon and Schuster **New York Times bestselling author Katy Evans expands upon the intense love story begun in Real and Mine—this time from Remington “Riptide” Tate’s point of view. Underground fighter Remington Tate is a mystery, even to himself. His mind is dark and light, complex and enlightening. At times his actions and moods are carefully measured, and at others, they spin out of control. Through it all, there’s been one**

constant: wanting, needing, loving, and protecting Brooke Dumas. This is his story; from the first moment he laid eyes on her and knew, without a doubt, she would be the realest thing he's ever had to fight for.

BIRDS OF PARADISE

Samuel French , Incorporated **The Harbour Island Players is an amateur theatre group whose lives are turned upside down when Lawrence Wood (a down-on-his-luck professional actor) come home for a visit. Homer, a young writer/composer has written a bizarre musical adaptation of Anton Chekhov's The Seagull, and Wood offers to direct and star.**

BEING EVIDENCE BASED IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION PRACTICE

Facet Publishing **This book builds a research-grounded, theoretical foundation for evidence based library and information practice and illustrates how librarians can incorporate the principles to make more informed decisions in the workplace. The book takes an open and encompassing approach to exploring evidence based library and information practice (EBLIP) and the ways it can improve the practice of librarianship. Bringing together recent theory, research, and case studies, the book provides librarians with a new reference point for how they can use and create evidence within their practice, in order to better meet the needs of their communities. Being Evidence Based in Library and Information Practice is divided into two parts; in the first part the editors explore the background to EBLIP and put forward a new model for its application in the workplace which encompasses 5 elements: Articulate, Assemble, Assess, Agree, Adapt. In the second part, contributors from academic, public, health, school and special libraries from around the world provide an overview of EBLIP developments in their sector and offer examples of successful implementation. Being Evidence Based in Library and Information Practice will be essential reading for library and information professionals from all sectors who want to make more informed decisions and better meet the needs of their users. The book will also be of interest to students of library and information studies and researchers.**

LEAN AND AGILE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, LASD 2021, VIRTUAL EVENT, JANUARY 23, 2021, PROCEEDINGS

Springer Nature **This book constitutes the proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Lean and Agile Software Development, LASD 2021, which was held online on January 23, 2021. The conference received a total of 32 submissions, of which 10 full and 2 short papers are included in this volume. In addition, one keynote paper is also included. To live the agile mindset, the LASD conference focuses on highly relevant research**

outcomes and fosters their way into practice. Topics discussed in this volume range from teams under COVID-19 through women in Agile, to product road-mapping and non-functional requirements.

BIG DATA, BIG ANALYTICS

EMERGING BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYTIC TRENDS FOR TODAY'S BUSINESSES

John Wiley & Sons **Unique prospective on the big data analytics phenomenon for both business and IT professionals** The availability of Big Data, low-cost commodity hardware and new information management and analytics software has produced a unique moment in the history of business. The convergence of these trends means that we have the capabilities required to analyze astonishing data sets quickly and cost-effectively for the first time in history. These capabilities are neither theoretical nor trivial. They represent a genuine leap forward and a clear opportunity to realize enormous gains in terms of efficiency, productivity, revenue and profitability. The Age of Big Data is here, and these are truly revolutionary times. This timely book looks at cutting-edge companies supporting an exciting new generation of business analytics. Learn more about the trends in big data and how they are impacting the business world (Risk, Marketing, Healthcare, Financial Services, etc.) Explains this new technology and how companies can use them effectively to gather the data that they need and glean critical insights Explores relevant topics such as data privacy, data visualization, unstructured data, crowd sourcing data scientists, cloud computing for big data, and much more.

GROWTH RINGS

Seren Books/Poetry Wales PressLtd **A collection of poems that are attuned to the vagaries of the seasons, and to the landscapes and inhabitants of the beautiful Llyn peninsula in North Wales. Along with vibrant short lyrics on everything from 'Bluebells in Nanhoron' to jets flying over Wales, there are also a series of tender pieces on neighbours, friends and relatives.**

MONGODB: THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE

POWERFUL AND SCALABLE DATA STORAGE

"O'Reilly Media, Inc." **Manage the huMONGOus amount of data collected through your web application with MongoDB. This authoritative introduction—written by a core contributor to the project—shows you the many advantages of using document-oriented databases, and demonstrates how this reliable, high-performance system allows for almost infinite horizontal scalability. This updated second edition provides guidance for database developers, advanced configuration for system administrators, and an overview of the concepts and use cases for other**

people on your project. Ideal for NoSQL newcomers and experienced MongoDB users alike, this guide provides numerous real-world schema design examples. Get started with MongoDB core concepts and vocabulary Perform basic write operations at different levels of safety and speed Create complex queries, with options for limiting, skipping, and sorting results Design an application that works well with MongoDB Aggregate data, including counting, finding distinct values, grouping documents, and using MapReduce Gather and interpret statistics about your collections and databases Set up replica sets and automatic failover in MongoDB Use sharding to scale horizontally, and learn how it impacts applications Delve into monitoring, security and authentication, backup/restore, and other administrative tasks

BUSINESS ANALYSIS WITH MICROSOFT EXCEL

[Que Publishing](#) Provides information on the use of Excel in financial statements and analysis, financial planning and control, investment decisions, and sales and marketing.

TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS IN LIBRARY SERVICE INNOVATION

[Information Science Reference](#) "This book examines the recent activities of successful and innovative library research and practices around the world in library service innovation and initiatives providing an overview of libraries' successful experiences; identifying emerging global trends and themes; and offering guidance to library practitioners on how to pursue the recent trends in their own library environment"--

SOCIAL MEDIA AND POLITICAL ACCOUNTABILITY

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN CITIZENS AND POLITICIANS

[Springer](#) This book illustrates how social media platforms enable us to understand everyday politics and evaluates the extent to which they can foster accountability, transparency and responsiveness. The first part focuses on accountability and tests whether the offline behavior of politicians is consistent with their online declarations, showing that textual analysis of politicians' messages is useful to explain phenomena such as endorsements, party splits and appointments to cabinet. The second part concerns responsiveness. By means of sentiment analysis, it investigates the shape of the interaction between citizens and politicians determining whether politicians' behavior is influenced by the pressure exerted on social media both on policy and non-policy issues. Finally, the book evaluates whether a responsive behavior is successful in restoring online political trust, narrowing the gap between voters and political elites. The book will be of use to students, scholars and practitioners interested in party organization, intra-party politics, legislative politics, social media analysis and political communication, as well as politicians themselves.

PAIN AND NEUROIMMUNE INTERACTIONS

Springer Science & Business Media For those of us involved in research on the neural mechanisms that relate tissue damage to pain, it is becoming more evident that the sensation of pain and suffering could be considered as part of a mechanism that involves not only sizeable areas in the brain but also simultaneous activations of the immune and the endocrine systems as well. A consensus is growing among specialists in the field that pain involves the sharing of molecular mechanisms between the nervous, immune and endocrine systems that can interact at peripheral and, ultimately, central levels. Furthermore, chronic pain could then be looked upon as a corollary of the imbalance in the cross talk between these systems, which could lead to new treatment strategies. The aim of this book is not to deal with acute pain that serves as an alarm signal, but to attempt to explain the molecular mechanisms of chronic pains considered as a multifactorial syndrome or disease.

FUNDAMENTALS OF FAMILY MEDICINE

THE FAMILY MEDICINE CLERKSHIP TEXTBOOK

Springer Verlag This edition of the highly-successful "Fundamentals of Family Medicine" presents the practitioner and medical student with clinical problems of family practice, placing special emphasis on those problems most commonly encountered in the office setting. The book is thoroughly updated and includes new information on drugs as well as new case studies. 45 illustrations.

CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES ON CORPORATE MARKETING

CONTEMPLATING CORPORATE BRANDING, MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Routledge Corporate marketing and corporate communications are topics that have grown in scholarly and practical importance in these last decades. Fields such as branding, marketing communications and public relations have all contributed to this boost. Whilst there is a large amount of literature on each of these disciplines, there is little systematic development from the perspective of corporate marketing and corporate communication studies, although these two have the most to contribute to how companies manage their brands, image and corporate identities in the 21st Century. This book seeks to redress this balance and provide insights, via case studies or histories, on issues such as nation branding, managing multiple corporate identities during merger and acquisitions and establishing a company's CSR and green image. Scholars from various disciplines within the fields of public relations, branding, marketing and corporate identity have come together in Contemporary Perspectives on Corporate Marketing to offer the latest approaches and studies in these

areas. As such, it will become a platform for developments in the field and serve as a respected reference resource for corporate marketing and corporate communication studies.

COMPETING ON ANALYTICS

THE NEW SCIENCE OF WINNING

[Harvard Business Press](#) 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.

THEATER AS DATA

COMPUTATIONAL JOURNEYS INTO THEATER RESEARCH

[University of Michigan Press](#) In *Theater as Data*, Miguel Escobar Varela explores the use of computational methods and digital data in theater research. He considers the implications of these new approaches, and explains the roles that statistics and visualizations play. Reflecting on recent debates in the humanities, the author suggests that there are two ways of using data, both of which have a place in theater research. Data-driven methods are closer to the pursuit of verifiable results common in the sciences; and data-assisted methods are closer to the interpretive traditions of the humanities. The book surveys four major areas within theater scholarship: texts (not only playscripts but also theater reviews and program booklets); relationships (both the links between fictional characters and the collaborative networks of artists and producers); motion (the movement of performers and objects on stage); and locations (the coordinates of performance events, venues, and touring circuits). *Theater as Data* examines important contributions to theater studies from similar computational research, including in classical French drama, collaboration networks in Australian theater, contemporary Portuguese choreography, and global productions of Ibsen. This overview is complemented by short descriptions of the author’s own work in the

computational analysis of theater practices in Singapore and Indonesia. The author ends by considering the future of computational theater research, underlining the importance of open data and digital sustainability practices, and encouraging readers to consider the benefits of learning to code. A web companion offers illustrative data, programming tutorials, and videos.

CERAMIC PROCESSING

INDUSTRIAL PRACTICES

CRC Press This book gives a comprehensive account on the manufacturing techniques to synchronize the desired properties of both traditional and advanced ceramics. Offers exclusive and up to date information on industrial ceramic processing equipment and approaches and discusses actual industrial practices taking a product-oriented approach It should serve as a text to answer the processing of ceramics and achieve targeted product in industrial environment.

SPORT BUSINESS ANALYTICS

USING DATA TO INCREASE REVENUE AND IMPROVE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

CRC Press Developing and implementing a systematic analytics strategy can result in a sustainable competitive advantage within the sport business industry. This timely and relevant book provides practical strategies to collect data and then convert that data into meaningful, value-added information and actionable insights. Its primary objective is to help sport business organizations utilize data-driven decision-making to generate optimal revenue from such areas as ticket sales and corporate partnerships. To that end, the book includes in-depth case studies from such leading sports organizations as the Orlando Magic, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Duke University, and the Aspire Group. The core purpose of sport business analytics is to convert raw data into information that enables sport business professionals to make strategic business decisions that result in improved company financial performance and a measurable and sustainable competitive advantage. Readers will learn about the role of big data and analytics in: Ticket pricing Season ticket member retention Fan engagement Sponsorship valuation Customer relationship management Digital marketing Market research Data visualization. This book examines changes in the ticketing marketplace and spotlights innovative ticketing strategies used in various sport organizations. It shows how to engage fans with social media and digital analytics, presents techniques to analyze engagement and marketing strategies, and explains how to utilize analytics to leverage fan engagement to enhance revenue for sport organizations. Filled with insightful case studies, this book benefits both sports business professionals and students. The concluding

chapter on teaching sport analytics further enhances its value to academics.

APPLICATIONS AND APPROACHES TO OBJECT-ORIENTED SOFTWARE DESIGN: EMERGING RESEARCH AND OPPORTUNITIES

EMERGING RESEARCH AND OPPORTUNITIES

[IGI Global](#) In today's modernized environment, a growing number of software companies are changing their traditional engineering approaches in response to the rapid development of computing technologies. As these businesses adopt modern software engineering practices, they face various challenges including the integration of current methodologies and contemporary design models and the refactoring of existing systems using advanced approaches. **Applications and Approaches to Object-Oriented Software Design: Emerging Research and Opportunities** is a pivotal reference source that provides vital research on the development of modern software practices that impact maintenance, design, and developer productivity. While highlighting topics such as augmented reality, distributed computing, and big data processing, this publication explores the current infrastructure of software systems as well as future advancements. This book is ideally designed for software engineers, IT specialists, data scientists, business professionals, developers, researchers, students, and academicians seeking current research on contemporary software engineering methods.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AND INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN FOR PERSONALIZED LEARNING

[IGI Global](#) When facilitating high-quality education, using digital technology to personalize students' learning is a focus in the development of instruction. There is a need to unify the multifaceted directions in personalized learning by presenting a coherent and organized vision in the design of personalized learning using digital technology. **Digital Technologies and Instructional Design for Personalized Learning** is a critical scholarly resource that highlights the theories, principles, and learning strategies in personalized learning with digital technology. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics, such as collaborative learning, instructional design, and computer-supported collaborative learning, this book is geared towards educators, professionals, school administrators, academicians, researchers, and students seeking current research on the area of personalized learning with digital technology.

EVALUATING TRAINING PROGRAMS

THE FOUR LEVELS: EASYREAD COMFORT EDITION

[ReadHowYouWant.com](#) Leaders want to see changes in behavior as a result of

what people have learned and may expect these new behaviors to deliver results for the business. With the third edition of this book, readers have an opportunity to update their understanding of this classic evaluation framework and to learn from the case studies about how to effectively apply the framework to a variety of learning programs. Readers are presented with the tools and the know-how to tell their own story of value creation.---Foreword by Merrill C. Anderson, Ph.D, Chief Executive Officer, MetrixGlobal, LLC

THEOPHRASTUS AGAINST THE PRESOCRATICS AND PLATO

PERIPATETIC DIALECTIC IN THE DE SENSIBUS

BRILL This study of Theophrastus' much neglected "De sensibus" offers a new interpretation of the treatment of the Presocratic and Platonic views on sense perception, and provides new insight into Theophrastus' exegetical procedure by using Peripatetic dialectic as a heuristic tool.

BIG DATA ANALYTICS STRATEGIES FOR THE SMART GRID

CRC Press By implementing a comprehensive data analytics program, utility companies can meet the continually evolving challenges of modern grids that are operationally efficient, while reconciling the demands of greenhouse gas legislation and establishing a meaningful return on investment from smart grid deployments. Readable and accessible, Big Data Analytic

BIG DATA MADE EASY

A WORKING GUIDE TO THE COMPLETE HADOOP TOOLSET

Apres Many corporations are finding that the size of their data sets are outgrowing the capability of their systems to store and process them. The data is becoming too big to manage and use with traditional tools. The solution: implementing a big data system. As **Big Data Made Easy: A Working Guide to the Complete Hadoop Toolset** shows, Apache Hadoop offers a scalable, fault-tolerant system for storing and processing data in parallel. It has a very rich toolset that allows for storage (Hadoop), configuration (YARN and ZooKeeper), collection (Nutch and Solr), processing (Storm, Pig, and Map Reduce), scheduling (Oozie), moving (Sqoop and Avro), monitoring (Chukwa, Ambari, and Hue), testing (Big Top), and analysis (Hive). The problem is that the Internet offers IT pros wading into big data many versions of the truth and some outright falsehoods born of ignorance. What is needed is a book just like this one: a wide-ranging but easily understood set of instructions to explain where to get Hadoop tools, what they can do, how to install them, how to configure them, how to integrate them, and how to use them successfully. And you need an expert who has worked in this area for a decade—someone just like author and big data expert Mike Frampton. **Big Data Made Easy**

approaches the problem of managing massive data sets from a systems perspective, and it explains the roles for each project (like architect and tester, for example) and shows how the Hadoop toolset can be used at each system stage. It explains, in an easily understood manner and through numerous examples, how to use each tool. The book also explains the sliding scale of tools available depending upon data size and when and how to use them. **Big Data Made Easy** shows developers and architects, as well as testers and project managers, how to:

- Store big data
- Configure big data
- Process big data
- Schedule processes
- Move data among SQL and NoSQL systems
- Monitor data
- Perform big data analytics
- Report on big data processes and projects
- Test big data systems

Big Data Made Easy also explains the best part, which is that this toolset is free. Anyone can download it and—with the help of this book—start to use it within a day. With the skills this book will teach you under your belt, you will add value to your company or client immediately, not to mention your career.

PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS

THE POWER TO PREDICT WHO WILL CLICK, BUY, LIE, OR DIE

John Wiley & Sons "Mesmerizing & fascinating..." —The Seattle Post-Intelligencer "The Freakonomics of big data." —Stein Kretsinger, founding executive of Advertising.com Award-winning | Used by over 30 universities | Translated into 9 languages An introduction for everyone. In this rich, fascinating — surprisingly accessible — introduction, leading expert Eric Siegel reveals how predictive analytics (aka machine learning) works, and how it affects everyone every day. Rather than a "how to" for hands-on techies, the book serves lay readers and experts alike by covering new case studies and the latest state-of-the-art techniques. Prediction is booming. It reinvents industries and runs the world. Companies, governments, law enforcement, hospitals, and universities are seizing upon the power. These institutions predict whether you're going to click, buy, lie, or die. Why? For good reason: predicting human behavior combats risk, boosts sales, fortifies healthcare, streamlines manufacturing, conquers spam, optimizes social networks, toughens crime fighting, and wins elections. How? Prediction is powered by the world's most potent, flourishing unnatural resource: data. Accumulated in large part as the by-product of routine tasks, data is the unsalted, flavorless residue deposited en masse as organizations churn away. Surprise! This heap of refuse is a gold mine. Big data embodies an extraordinary wealth of experience from which to learn. Predictive analytics(aka machine learning) unleashes the power of data. With this technology, the computer literally learns from data how to predict the future behavior of individuals. Perfect prediction is not possible, but putting odds on the future drives millions of decisions more effectively, determining whom to call, mail, investigate, incarcerate, set up on a date, or medicate. In this lucid, captivating introduction — now in its Revised and Updated edition — former Columbia University professor

and Predictive Analytics World founder Eric Siegel reveals the power and perils of prediction: What type of mortgage risk Chase Bank predicted before the recession. Predicting which people will drop out of school, cancel a subscription, or get divorced before they even know it themselves. Why early retirement predicts a shorter life expectancy and vegetarians miss fewer flights. Five reasons why organizations predict death — including one health insurance company. How U.S. Bank and Obama for America calculated the way to most strongly persuade each individual. Why the NSA wants all your data: machine learning supercomputers to fight terrorism. How IBM's Watson computer used predictive modeling to answer questions and beat the human champs on TV's Jeopardy! How companies ascertain untold, private truths — how Target figures out you're pregnant and Hewlett-Packard deduces you're about to quit your job. How judges and parole boards rely on crime-predicting computers to decide how long convicts remain in prison. 182 examples from Airbnb, the BBC, Citibank, ConEd, Facebook, Ford, Google, the IRS, LinkedIn, Match.com, MTV, Netflix, PayPal, Pfizer, Spotify, Uber, UPS, Wikipedia, and more. How does predictive analytics work? This jam-packed book satisfies by demystifying the intriguing science under the hood. For future hands-on practitioners pursuing a career in the field, it sets a strong foundation, delivers the prerequisite knowledge, and whets your appetite for more. A truly omnipresent science, predictive analytics constantly affects our daily lives. Whether you are a consumer of it — or consumed by it — get a handle on the power of Predictive Analytics.

GUIDE TO AUDIT DATA ANALYTICS

John Wiley & Sons Designed to facilitate the use of audit data analytics (ADAs) in the financial statement audit, this title was developed by leading experts across the profession and academia. The guide defines audit data analytics as “the science and art of discovering and analyzing patterns, identifying anomalies, and extracting other useful information in data underlying or related to the subject matter of an audit through analysis, modeling, and visualization for planning or performing the audit.” Simply put, ADAs can be used to perform a variety of procedures to gather audit evidence. Each chapter focuses on an audit area and includes step-by-step guidance illustrating how ADAs can be used throughout the financial statement audit. Suggested considerations for assessing the reliability of data are also included in a separate appendix.

TEACHERS INVESTIGATE THEIR WORK

AN INTRODUCTION TO ACTION RESEARCH ACROSS THE PROFESSIONS

Routledge Teachers Investigate Their Work introduces the methods and concepts of action research through examples drawn from studies carried out by teachers. The book is arranged as a handbook with numerous sub-

headings for easy reference and forty-one practical methods and strategies to put into action, some of them flagged as suitable 'starters'. Throughout the book, the authors draw on their international practical experience of action research, working in close collaboration with teachers. It is an essential guide for teachers, senior staff and co-ordinators of teacher professional development who are interested in investigating their own practice in order to improve it.

WORK AND LABOR IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Emerald Group Publishing This volume presents the most recent studies of work and labor in the digital age as it unfolds in both Europe and the United States.

EDGE COMPUTING

MODELS, TECHNOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS

IET Cloud computing has evolved as a cost-effective, easy-to-use, elastic and scalable computing paradigm to transform today's business models. 5G, Industrial IoT, Industry 4.0 and China-2050 frameworks and technologies are introducing new challenges that cannot be solved efficiently using current cloud architectures. To handle the collected information from such a vast number of devices and actuators, and address these issues, novel concepts have been proposed to bring cloud-like resources closer to end users at the edge of the network, a technology called edge computing. From architectures to models, technologies and applications, this book focuses on the Edge Computing paradigm due to its unique characteristics where heterogeneous devices can be equipped with decision making processes and automation procedures to carry out applications across widely geographically distributed areas. This book provides valuable insights for ICTs engineers, scientists, researchers, developers and practitioners who are involved in developing and implementing edge and cloud-based solutions ranging from sensors and actuators to cloud-based back-end systems.

THE HANDBOOK OF BOARD GOVERNANCE

A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE FOR PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT BOARD MEMBERS

John Wiley & Sons Build a more effective board with insight from the forefront of corporate governance The Handbook of Board Governance provides comprehensive, expert-led coverage of all aspects of corporate governance for public, nonprofit, and private boards. Written by collaboration among subject matter experts, this book combines academic rigor and practitioner experience to provide thorough guidance and deep insight. From diversity, effectiveness, and responsibilities, to

compensation, succession planning, and financial literacy, the topics are at once broad-ranging and highly relevant to current and aspiring directors. The coverage applies to governance at public companies, private and small or medium companies, state-owned enterprises, family owned organizations, and more, to ensure complete and clear guidance on a diverse range of issues. An all-star contributor list including Ram Charan, Bob Monks, Nell Minow, and Mark Nadler, among others, gives you the insight of thought leaders in the areas relevant to your organization. A well-functioning board is essential to an organization's achievement. Whether the goal is furthering a mission or dominating a market, the board's composition, strategy, and practices are a determining factor in the organization's ultimate success. This guide provides the information essential to building a board that works. Delve into the board's strategic role in value creation Gain useful insight into compensation, risk, accountability, legal obligations Understand the many competencies required of an effective director Get up to speed on blind spots, trendspotting, and social media in the board room The board is responsible for a vast and varied collection of duties, but the singular mission is to push the organization forward. Poor organization, one-sided composition, inefficient practices, and ineffective oversight detract from that mission, but all can be avoided. The Handbook of Board Governance provides practical guidance and expert insight relevant to board members across the spectrum.

UNDERSTANDING THE POLICY PROCESS (SECOND EDITION)

ANALYSING WELFARE POLICY AND PRACTICE

Policy Press This book draws on the latest and best social science to explain how and why social policy change occurs. Focusing on the policy making process as the key to change, it uses core concepts of policy analysis, one in each chapter, to build up a fully worked explanation of social policy change and to equip readers with knowledge that can be applied to any aspect of welfare policy and public and social policy more generally. This second edition of the book updates the bestselling first edition for the post-Blair era with international case studies from numerous countries. Understanding the policy process: · introduces the main themes of the policy analysis literature; · demonstrates the centrality of the policy making process to an understanding of the operational possibilities and limits of social policy; · takes account of macro-, meso- and micro-level approaches to social policy analysis; · uses clear explanations of key concepts, up-to-date illustrative case studies and examples to increase students' understanding of the theory and practice of policy analysis; · uses a comparative approach.

MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AFTER DIGITAL

TRANSFORMATION

Routledge With the widespread transformation of information into digital form throughout society - firms and organizations are embracing this development to adopt multiple types of IT to increase internal efficiency and to achieve external visibility and effectiveness - we have now reached a position where there is data in abundance and the challenge is to manage and make use of it fully. This book addresses this new managerial situation, the post-digitalization era, and offers novel perspectives on managing the digital landscape. The topics span how the post-digitalization era has the potential to renew organizations, markets, and society. The chapters of the book are structured in three topical sections but can also be read individually. The chapters are structured to offer insights into the developments that take place at the intersection of the management, information systems and computer science disciplines. It features more than 60 researchers and managers as collaborating authors in 23 thought-provoking chapters. Written for scholars, researchers, students and managers from the management, information systems and computer science disciplines, the book presents a comprehensive and thought-provoking contribution on the challenges of managing organizations and engaging in global markets when tools, systems and data are abundant.

THE SCIENTIFIC ARTICLE IN THE AGE OF DIGITIZATION

Springer Science & Business Media This book outlines the consequences of digitization for peer-reviewed research articles published in electronic journals. It is argued that digitization will revolutionize scientific communication. However, this study shows that this is not the case where scientific journals are concerned. Authors make little use of the possibilities offered by the digital medium; electronic peer review procedures have not replaced traditional ones, and users have not embraced new forms of interaction offered by some electronic journals.

ROBOTS, HEALTHCARE, AND THE LAW

REGULATING AUTOMATION IN PERSONAL CARE

Routledge The integration of robotic systems and artificial intelligence into healthcare settings is accelerating. As these technological developments interact socially with children, the elderly, or the disabled, they may raise concerns besides mere physical safety; concerns that include data protection, inappropriate use of emotions, invasion of privacy, autonomy suppression, decrease in human interaction, and cognitive safety. Given the novelty of these technologies and the uncertainties surrounding the impact of care automation, it is unclear how the law should respond. This book investigates the legal and regulatory implications of the growing use of personal care robots for healthcare purposes. It explores the interplay

between various aspects of the law, including safety, data protection, responsibility, transparency, autonomy, and dignity; and it examines different robotic and AI systems, such as social therapy robots, physical assistant robots for rehabilitation, and wheeled passenger carriers. Highlighting specific problems and challenges in regulating complex cyber-physical systems in concrete healthcare applications, it critically assesses the adequacy of current industry standards and emerging regulatory initiatives for robots and AI. After analyzing the potential legal and ethical issues associated with personal care robots, it concludes that the primarily principle-based approach of recent law and robotics studies is too abstract to be as effective as required by the personal care context. Instead, it recommends bridging the gap between general legal principles and their applicability in concrete robotic and AI technologies with a risk-based approach using impact assessments. As the first book to compile both legal and regulatory aspects of personal care robots, this book will be a valuable addition to the literature on robotics, artificial intelligence, human-robot interaction, law, and philosophy of technology.

DIGITALIZATION CASES VOL. 2

MASTERING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FOR GLOBAL BUSINESS

[Springer Nature](#) This book presents a rich compilation of real-world cases on digitalization, aiming to share first-hand insights from renowned organizations and to make digitalization tangible. With all economic and societal sectors being challenged by emerging technologies, the digital economy is highly volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous. It confronts established organizations with substantial challenges and opportunities. Against this backdrop, this book reports on best practices and lessons learned from organizations that succeeded in tackling the challenges and seizing the opportunities of the digital economy. It illustrates how twenty organizations leveraged their capabilities to create disruptive innovation, to develop digital business models, and to digitally transform themselves. These cases stem from various industries (e.g. automotive, insurance, consulting, and public services) and countries, covering the many facets that digitalization may have. As all case descriptions follow a unified template, they are easily accessible for readers and provide insightful examples for practitioners as well as interesting cases for researchers, teachers, and students. Almost every organization is trying to figure out how best to respond to the opportunities and threats posed by digitalization. This book provides valuable lessons from those organizations that have already begun their digital transformation journey. Michael D. Myers, Professor of Information Systems, University of Auckland Digitalization Cases provides firsthand insights into the efforts of renowned companies. The presented actions, results, and lessons learned are a great inspiration for managers, students, and academics. This book gives real pointers on the how and where to start. Anna Kopp, Head of IT

Germany, Microsoft The cases compiled in the second volume of Digitalization Cases show how disruption can actively be managed. Further, long-term insights from extended success stories of the first edition highlight that courage to change pays off well. This book represents a motivation for organizations to drive their digital transformation journeys actively. Markus Richter, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community and Federal Government Commissioner for Information Technology, Germany

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sustainability. This book presents each economic, environmental and societal aspect of SuSCM. By considering each of these dimensions separately, the primary objective is to facilitate the implementation of the elements that make it up. Readers are also provided with several "strategic interpretive lenses" to be able to perform audits and diagnostics of each component. Contents: 1. The Economic Aspect of Sustainable Supply Chain Management. 2. The Environmental Aspect of Sustainable Supply Chain Management. 3. The Social/Societal Aspect of Sustainable Supply Chain Management. 4. Sustainable Supply Chain Management Balanced Scorecard. About the Authors Joëlle Morana is Lecturer in management science, attached to the Laboratoire d'Economie des Transports (Transport Economy Laboratory) at University Lumière Lyon II in France. Her fields of research concern economic, environmental and societal logistics.

SPATIAL DATABASES

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