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EBOOK: Operations Management Steve Paton 2011-01-16 Operations Management is all around us and is integral to every industry. Using contemporary and engaging examples this brand new text book brings to life fundamental Operations Management principles and theories that are applicable to both manufacturing and service situations, reflecting the very latest developments in this dynamic field.

Evolution of Telecommunication Services Emmanuel Bertin 2013-10-14 In the telecom world, services have usually been conceived with a specific mindset. This mindset has defined the traditional characteristics of these services; services distinguished by their linkage with the access network, tight control over service use (e.g., authentication, billing), lack of deep personalization capabilities (mass services only) and reliance on standardization to achieve end-to-end interoperability between all the actors of the value chain (e.g., operators, platform manufacturers, device manufactures). This book offers insights into this complex but exciting world of telecommunications characterized by constant evolution, and approaches it from technology as well as business perspectives. The book is appropriately structured in three parts: (a) an overview of the state-of-the-art in fixed/mobile NGN and standardization activities; (b) an analysis of the competitive landscape between operators,

device manufactures and OTT providers, emphasizing why network operators are challenged on their home turf; and (c) opportunities for business modeling and innovative telecom service offers.

Human Resource Management in Sport and Recreation
Packianathan Chelladurai 2022-05-02 Human Resource Management in Sport and Recreation, Fourth Edition, explains essential modern-day concepts and application of human resources in sport and recreation organizations
Service Orientation in Holonic and Multi-Agent

Manufacturing and Robotics Theodor Borangiu 2014-01-30 This volume gathers the peer reviewed papers which were presented at the third edition of the International Workshop “Service Orientation in Holonic and Multi-agent Manufacturing and Robotics – SOHOMA’13” organized on June 20-22, 2013 by the Centre of Research in Computer Integrated Manufacturing and Robotics – CIMR Bucharest, and hosted by the University of Valenciennes, France. The book is structured in five parts, each one covering a specific research domain which represents a trend for modern manufacturing control: Distributed Intelligence for Sustainable Manufacturing, Holonic and Multi-Agent Technologies for Manufacturing Planning and Control; Service Orientation in Manufacturing Management and Control, Intelligent Products and Product-driven Automation and Robotics for Manufacturing and Services. These five evolution lines have in common concepts related to service orientation in a distributed planning and control agent-based industrial environment; today it is generally recognized that the Service Oriented Enterprise Architecture paradigm has

been looked upon as a suitable and effective approach for industrial automation and management of manufacturing enterprises.

Enterprise Information Systems and the Digitalization of Business Functions Tavana, Madjid 2017-02-07

Continuous improvements in digitized practices have created opportunities for businesses to develop more streamlined processes. This not only leads to higher success in day-to-day production, but it increases the overall success of businesses. Enterprise Information Systems and the Digitalization of Business Functions is a key resource on the latest advances and research for a digital agenda in the business world. Highlighting multidisciplinary studies on data modeling, information systems, and customer relationship management, this publication is an ideal reference source for professionals, researchers, managers, consultants, and university students interested in emerging developments for business process management.

Knowledge Driven Service Innovation and Management: IT Strategies for Business Alignment and Value Creation Chew, Eng K. 2012-11-30 "This book provides a comprehensive collection of research and analysis on the principles of service, knowledge and organizational capabilities, clarifying IT strategy procedures and management practices and how they are used to shape a firm's knowledge resources"--Provided by publisher.

Technology, Innovation, and Enterprise Transformation Wadhwa, Manish 2014-09-30 Technical advancements are an important part of modern society, but particularly important in the business world. The success or failure of

business operations can be affected by the technical operations working within it. Technology, Innovation, and Enterprise Transformation addresses the crucial relationship between a business and its technical implementations, and how current innovations are changing how the industry operates. Highlighting current theoretical frameworks, novel empirical research discoveries, and fundamental literature surveys, this book is an essential reference source for academicians, professionals, and researchers who are interested in the latest technical insights within the business field.

EBOOK: Operations Management: Theory and Practice: Global Edition STEVENSON, WILL 2019-01-11 EBOOK: Operations Management: Theory and Practice: Global Edition

Service Management James A. Fitzsimmons 2011
Balancing conceptual and applied coverage of all aspects of the management and operation of services, Service Management has maintained the position as market leader through five previous editions. It is the most comprehensive and widely used introduction to service operations on the market, written by one of the top authorities on the subject, and it is designed to develop students' skills in both strategic and operational issues pertaining to services. The Seventh Edition also offers the latest information on Six-Sigma and RFID, as well as recent developments in other important industry topics. Text coverage spans both qualitative and quantitative aspects of service management and offers flexibility in courses, offering varying approaches to the study of service operations. The new edition is designed to

develop students' skills in both strategic and operational issues pertaining to services.

Advanced Methodologies and Technologies in Business Operations and Management Khosrow-Pour, D.B.A.,

Mehdi 2018-09-14 Businesses consistently work on new projects, products, and workflows to remain competitive and successful in the modern business environment. To remain zealous, businesses must employ the most effective methods and tools in human resources, project management, and overall business plan execution as competitors work to succeed as well. Advanced Methodologies and Technologies in Business Operations and Management provides emerging research on business tools such as employee engagement, payout policies, and financial investing to promote operational success. While highlighting the challenges facing modern organizations, readers will learn how corporate social responsibility and utilizing artificial intelligence improve a company's culture and management. This book is an ideal resource for executives and managers, researchers, accountants, and financial investors seeking current research on business operations and management.

Sustainability through Service Adi Wolfson 2014-11-10

This book discusses the mutual relationship between service and sustainability. It covers methodologies and approaches and describes measurements and tools that can promote sustainability on the service market. Lastly, it presents the different applications of sustainability, together with examples of sustainable services.

Environmental concerns have become integral to any decision-making process in the design and

implementation of goods and services. With the increasing dominance of the service sector, and as service systems become more complex and interdisciplinary, the focus must move from the exchange of products to that of services. Newly created services should thus aim to incorporate sustainability into their designs while viewing sustainability as a service in its own right. Integrating sustainability in the service design and development process is essential to improving the sustainability of our society and preserving the environment. Moreover, doing so shifts the service boundaries from values that are focused only on personal, local, and current needs and economic profit to those that are broader and more future oriented, ultimately placing greater social and environmental responsibility on all stakeholders. In addition, it advances the current state-of-the-art in sustainable development and service design and contributes to improving the quality of life on a global scale.

Service Science Research, Strategy and Innovation: Dynamic Knowledge Management Methods Delener, N. 2012-01-31 "This book explores areas such as strategy development, service contracts, human capital management, leadership, management, marketing, e-government, and e-commerce"--Provided by publisher.

Designing Service Machines Ram Babu Roy 2018-06-29 This book presents a general conceptual framework to translate principles of system science and engineering to service design. Services are co-created immaterial, heterogeneous, and perishable state changes. A service system includes the intended benefit to the customer and

the structure and processes that accomplish this benefit. The primary focus is on the part of the service system that can reproduce such processes, called here a Service Machine, and methodological guidelines on how to analyze and design them. While the benefit and the process are designed based on the domain knowledge of each respective field, service production systems have common properties. The Service Machine is a metaphor that elicits the fundamental characteristics of service systems that do something efficiently, quickly, or repeatedly for a defined end. A machine is an artifact designed for a purpose, has several parts, such as inputs, energy flows, processors, connectors, and motors assembled as per design specifications. In case of service machine, the components are various contracts assembled on contractual frames. The book discusses Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Emergency Departments (ED) as cases. They illustrate that service machines need to be structured to adapt to the constraints of the served market acknowledging the fact that services are co-created through the integration of producers' and customers' resources. This book is highly recommended for those who are interested in understanding the fundamental concepts of designing service machines.

Exploring Services Science Theodor Borangiu 2016-05-18 This book contains the refereed proceedings of the 7th International Conference on Exploring Service Science (IESS), held in Bucharest, Romania, in May 2016. Service science constitutes an interdisciplinary approach to systematic innovation in service systems, integrating

managerial, social, legal, and engineering aspects to address the theoretical and practical challenges of the service industry and its economy. The 45 full papers and 13 short papers accepted for IESS were selected from 119 submissions. The papers consider the topics service exploration theories and processes; modeling service requirements and management of business processes; value co-creation through knowledge management and user-centric services; service design methodologies and patterns; service innovation and strategy; IT-based service engineering; servitization in sustainable manufacturing; product-service systems; business software services and data-driven service design; web service design and service-oriented agents; IoT and mobile apps for public transport service management; e-health services and medical data interoperability; and service and IT-oriented learning and education systems.

Supply Chain and Logistics Management: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications Management Association, Information Resources 2019-11-01 Business practices are constantly evolving in order to meet growing customer demands. Evaluating the role of logistics and supply chain management skills or applications is necessary for the success of any organization or business. As market competition becomes more aggressive, it is crucial to evaluate ways in which a business can maintain a strategic edge over competitors.

Supply Chain and Logistics Management: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications is a vital reference source that centers on the effective management of risk factors and the implementation of the

latest supply management strategies. It also explores the field of digital supply chain optimization and business transformation. Highlighting a range of topics such as inventory management, competitive advantage, and transport management, this multi-volume book is ideally designed for business managers, supply chain managers, business professionals, academicians, researchers, and upper-level students in the field of supply chain management, operations management, logistics, and operations research.

The Handbook of Service Innovation Renu Agarwal 2015-04-08 Bringing together some of the world's leading thinkers, academics and professionals to provide practitioners, students and academicians with comprehensive insights into implementing effective service innovation. This book presents service innovation holistically and systemically across various service areas, including health, education, tourism, hospitality, telecommunications, and retail. It addresses contemporary issues through conceptual and applied contributions across industry, academia, and government, providing insights for improved practice and policy making. Featuring cutting-edge research contributions, practical examples, implementations and a select number of case studies across several growth service industries, this book also includes examples of failed service innovation attempts in order to demonstrate a balanced view of the topic and to make clear the pitfalls to be avoided. Culminating in a suggested step-by-step guide to enable service organization's managers to understand and implement the concepts of service innovation and

manage its evolutionary processes effectively, this book will prove a valuable resource to a wide reaching audience including researchers, practitioners, managers, and students who aspire to create a deeper scientific foundation for service design and engineering, service experience and marketing, and service management and innovation. Includes endorsements from professionals in the field of service innovation.

Smart Technologies: Breakthroughs in Research and Practice Management Association, Information Resources 2017-06-19 Ongoing advancements in modern technology have led to significant developments with smart technologies. With the numerous applications available, it becomes imperative to conduct research and make further progress in this field. Smart Technologies: Breakthroughs in Research and Practice provides comprehensive and interdisciplinary research on the most emerging areas of information science and technology. Including innovative studies on image and speech recognition, human-computer interface, and wireless technologies, this multi-volume book is an ideal source for researchers, academicians, practitioners, and students interested in advanced technological applications and developments.

Managing Organizations for Sport and Physical Activity Packianathan Chelladurai 2014-04-15 Managing Organizations for Sport and Physical Activity, fourth edition, presents a clear and concise treatment of managing organizations in sport and physical activity. The four functions of management--planning, organizing, leading, and evaluating--provide a general framework that

represents the simplest and best approach for introducing readers to the intricacies of management. For each management function, Chelladurai presents relevant theories and their practical applications, citing those theoretical models that are most appropriate to the unique aspects of the sports industry. He uses the open systems perspective, placing organizations in the context of their environment and emphasizing the manager's role in adapting and reacting to changes in that environment. To apply theory to sport management practices, Chelladurai provides numerous examples from the fields of physical activity and sport, including professional sports, intercollegiate athletics, health and sports clubs, and recreation/fitness programs. New to the Fourth Edition A chapter on service quality, which describes the notion of quality in sport management services--from the local fitness center to the pro sport arena. It also discusses the measurement of service quality and the gaps in translating customer expectations into the desired service. A new feature providing "An Expert's View," which offers additional perspectives on relevant topics contributed by scholars who research and publish in a specific area. New sidebars on current topics relevant to the field of sport management; some examples include US Track and Field's SMART goal setting as well as genes and technology of leadership. Pedagogical Aids Developing Your Perspective. Thought-provoking questions ask learners to apply theoretical information to contexts relevant to them from their current experiences or in their future careers. Managing Your Learning. Key points from each chapter enhance comprehension. Strategic

Concepts. Key terms lists provide for a shared vocabulary in discussing the major concepts of management. In Brief. Short summaries of the important points in a section help crystallize concepts. To Recap. Brief boxes revisit key concepts discussed earlier in the book. Extensive references to journals, scholarly texts, and relevant websites.

Digital Technology in Service Encounters Sonja Christ-Brendemühl 2022 Digital technology is disrupting the prerequisites for most firms in the service industry and frequently forces them to reassess the ratio of human interaction and technology use in service encounters. To retain competitiveness, it seems mandatory to increase service encounter efficiency by embedding digital technology into the existing processes. However, there is little empirical evidence on how such technological implementations affect the sentiments, attitudes, and behaviors of frontline employees. Likewise, research on interrelated customer responses is scarce. To address this matter, this book presents four distinct yet related studies to investigate the impact of digital technology on frontline employees, customers, and ultimately service firms. The results and implications provide meaningful insights for theory and practice. About the author Sonja Christ-Brendemühl studied business administration at the University of Mannheim with a specialization in organization, marketing and psychology. After her studies, she was responsible for corporate communications at an international HR service provider. Since 2018, she has been teaching and researching at the Institute of Management at the University of Koblenz-Landau,

focusing on the question of how frontline employees and customers deal with the increasing technology infusion in service encounters.

Rethinking the Conceptual Base for New Practical Applications in Information Value and Quality Jamil, George Leal 2013-09-30 Information value and quality can be considered an essential factor to evaluate both conceptual and practical contributions in organizational, technical, and scientific tasks and projects. It is important to effectively observe and implement these concepts in real organizational plans and efforts. Rethinking the Conceptual Base for New Practical Applications in Information Value and Quality discusses the re-evaluation of the conceptual base of information value and quality found in different forms of media; and how these concepts can be analyzed in real applications and business scenarios. This book is a vital reference source for scholars, practitioners, IT specialists, and students interested in information and knowledge management.

Modularization of Services Peters, Christoph 2016 The design and provision of telemedical services which are both, efficient and customer-centric, constitute a huge challenge in the promising field of telemedicine. This dissertation presents an adequate solution. It outlines a systematic approach for the modularization of telemedical services: the SMART method. Following a design science research approach, this method was iteratively designed and evaluated. Thereby, the three overarching research questions could be answered successfully. They address the requirements elicitation, the design, and the evaluation of the method. The application of the SMART

method confirms the intended effects, e.g., higher efficiencies due to reuse of service modules, and represents the key practical contribution of this thesis. Thus, service providers from the field of telemedicine are enabled to design and provide their services in an efficient and user-centric fashion. This dissertation contributes to all person-oriented fields that face digital transformations.

Operations Management David Barnes 2018-01-30 This fascinating new core textbook, authored by a highly respected academic with over a decade of industry experience, takes a global and strategic approach to the important topic of operations management (OM). Integrating contemporary and traditional theories the text covers everything a student needs to understand the reality of operations in the modern world and combines the latest cutting-edge thinking with innovative learning features. Written in a concise and engaging style and based on up-to-date research in the field, the book provides a range of international case studies and examples that help students to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world practice. This is a must-have textbook for students studying operations management modules on undergraduate, postgraduate and MBA programmes. In addition, this is an ideal textbook to accompany modules on operations strategy, production management and services management. Accompanying online resources for this title can be found at bloomsburyonlineresources.com/operations-management. These resources are designed to support teaching and learning when using this textbook and are

available at no extra cost.

Service Research and Innovation Joseph G. Davis 2014-06-10 This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed proceedings of the Third Australian Symposium on Service Research and Innovation, ASSRI 2013, held in Sydney, NSW, Australia, in November 2013. Overall, eight research papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 18 submissions. They are multidisciplinary in scope and cover strategic, organizational, and technological dimensions, ranging from purely conceptual to concrete implementations and testing of service-related technological platforms. Taken together, these papers provide a snapshot of the critical concerns and developments in service-related research and cover some of the key areas of research focus.

Operations Management in Context Frank Rowbotham 2012-05-23 Operations Management in Context provides students with excellent grounding in the theory and practice of operations management and its role within organizations. Structured in a clear and logical manner, it gradually leads newcomers to this subject through each topic area, highlighting key issues, and using practical case study material and examples to contextualize learning. Each chapter is structured logically and concludes with summary material to aid revision. Exercises and self-assessment questions are included to reinforce learning and maintain variety, with answers included at the end of the text.

Handbook of Service Business John R. Bryson 2015-04-30 Service business accounts for more than 75 per cent of the wealth and employment created in most developed

market economies. The management and economics of service business is based around selling expertise, knowledge and experiences. This Handbook co Operations Strategy Nigel Slack 2002 This new book provides a comprehensive and refreshing insight into the more advanced topic of operations strategy. It builds on concepts from strategic management, operations management, marketing, and human resources. A three-part organization covers the nature, content, and process of operations strategy. For practicing managers.

Entrepreneurial Management Theory and Practice Lee Tzong Ru 2018-08-29 People like to have their own business, but few succeed. In this book, we show you what the process and procedures are to start-up your own business. Around 100 real cases featuring SMEs in Asia are introduced to show how businesses are run in the real world. From these practice cases, we can find rules to make a business sustainable. After reading this book, you will be able to find out what your advantages and disadvantages are, especially if you are keen to start a business in Asia. This book might even help you decide whether it is time for you to start-up your own business or not.

Exploring Services Science Mehdi Snene 2012-10-16 This book contains the refereed proceedings of the Third International Conference on Exploring Services Science (IESS) which was held in Geneva, Switzerland, in February 2012. At the conference, researchers from all over the world presented innovative ideas, research, and applications in the design, management, and evaluation of services. This year, the main theme was the

interdisciplinary aspect of services. The 22 full papers accepted for IESS were selected from 46 submissions and presented ideas and results related to innovation, services discovery, services engineering, and services management as well as the application of services in information technology, business, e-learning and public administration.

Human Resource Management in Sport and Recreation-3rd Edition Chelladurai, Packianathan 2017-04-13 Human Resource Management in Sport and Recreation, Third Edition, guides readers toward a greater understanding of human resource management in sport and recreation environments.

Managing Operations Throughout Global Supply Chains Essila, Jean C. 2019-06-14 Globalization has made both operations and supply chains more complex than ever before. Inputs are sourced from many locations all over the world to serve different needs and market segments throughout the planet, making it a global challenge that necessitates a global strategic response. Managing Operations Throughout Global Supply Chains is a crucial academic resource that discusses concepts, methodologies, and applications of emerging techniques for operations and supply chain management processes that promote cost efficiency. While highlighting topics such as global operations, resource planning, and business forecasting, this publication explores how organizations manage the procurement of all necessary resources at every stage of the production cycle from the original source to the final consumers. This book is ideally designed for researchers, academicians, practitioners,

professional organizations, policymakers, and government officials.

The Handbook of Technology Management, Supply Chain Management, Marketing and Advertising, and Global Management Hossein Bidgoli 2010-01-12 The discipline of technology management focuses on the scientific, engineering, and management issues related to the commercial introduction of new technologies. Although more than thirty U.S. universities offer PhD programs in the subject, there has never been a single comprehensive resource dedicated to technology management. "The Handbook of Technology Management" fills that gap with coverage of all the core topics and applications in the field. Edited by the renowned Doctor Hossein Bidgoli, the three volumes here include all the basics for students, educators, and practitioners

Service Management James A. Fitzsimmons 2006 Accompanying CD-ROM contains ... "an assortment of valuable learning tools such as the latest version of ServiceModel software and interactive chapter quizzes--all of which facilitate a deeper understanding of service operations and management."--P. [4] of cover.

Proceedings of International Conference on Emerging Technologies and Intelligent Systems Mostafa Al-Emran 2021 This book sheds light on the emerging research trends in intelligent systems and their applications. It mainly focuses on four different themes, including Artificial Intelligence and Soft Computing, Information Security and Networking, Medical Informatics, and Advances in Information Systems. Each chapter contributes to the aforementioned themes by discussing the recent design,

developments, and modifications of intelligent systems and their applications.

Service Management James A. Fitzsimmons 2004

Service Design and Delivery Mairi Macintyre 2011-04-02

Service Design and Delivery provides a comprehensive overview of the increasingly important role played by the service industry. Focusing on the development of different processes employed by service organizations, the book emphasizes management of service in relation to products. It not only explores the complexity of this relationship, but also introduces strategies used in the design and management of service across various sectors, highlighting where tools, techniques and processes applicable to one sector may prove useful in another. The implementation methods introduced in the book also illustrate how and why companies can transform themselves into service organizations. While the book is primarily intended as a text for advanced-level courses in service design and delivery, it also contains theoretical and practical knowledge beneficial to both practitioners in the service sector and those in manufacturing contemplating moving towards service delivery.

EBOOK: Operations and Supply Chain Management,

Global edition F. Robert Jacobs 2013-06-16

Resourceful companies today must successfully manage the entire supply flow, from the sources of the firm, through the value-added processes of the firm, and on to the customers of the firm. The fourteenth Global Edition of Operations and Supply Chain Management provides well-balanced coverage of managing people and applying

sophisticated technology to operations and supply chain management.

The SAGE Encyclopedia of Quality and the Service Economy Su Mi Dahlgaard-Park 2015-05-29 Society, globally, has entered into what might be called the "service economy." Services now constitute the largest share of GDP in most countries and provide the major source of employment in both developed and developing countries. Services permeate all aspects of peoples' lives and are becoming inseparable from most aspects of economic activity. "Quality management" has been a dominating managerial practice since World War II. With quality management initially associated with manufacturing industries, one might assume the relevance of quality management might decrease with the emergence of the service economy. To the contrary, the emergence of the service economy strengthened the importance of quality issues, which no longer are associated only with manufacturing industries but are increasingly applied in all service sectors, as well. Today, we talk not only about product or service quality but have even expanded the framework of quality to quality of life and quality of environment. Thus, quality and services have emerged in parallel as closely interrelated fields. The Encyclopedia of Quality and the Service Economy explores such relevant questions as: What are the characteristics, nature, and definitions of quality and services? How do we define quality of products, quality of services, or quality of life? How are services distinguished from goods? How do we measure various aspects of quality and services? How can products and service

quality be managed most effectively and efficiently? What is the role of customers in creation of values? These questions and more are explored within the pages of this two-volume, A-to-Z reference work.

The Handbook of Behavioral Operations Management
Elliot Bendoly 2015 The Handbook of Behavioral Operations Management provides easy-to-access insights into why associated behavioral phenomena exist in specific production and service settings, illustrated through ready-to-play games and activities that allow instructors to demonstrate the phenomena in class settings along with applicable prescriptions for practice. By design the text serves a dual role as a desk/training reference to those practitioners already in the field and presents a comprehensive framework for viewing behavioral operations from a systems perspective. As an interdisciplinary book relating the dynamics of human behavior to operations management, this handbook is an essential resource for practitioners seeking to develop greater system understanding among their workers, as well as for instructors interested in emphasizing the practical relevance of behavior in operational settings.

Proceedings of the 11th Toulon-Verona International Conference on Quality in Services Rocco Moliterni 2008
The Toulon-Verona Conference was founded in 1998 by prof. Claudio Bacarani of the University of Verona, Italy, and prof. Michel Weill of the University of Toulon, France. It has been organized each year in a different place in Europe in cooperation with a host university (Toulon 1998, Verona 1999, Derby 2000, Mons 2001, Lisbon 2002, Oviedo 2003, Toulon 2004, Palermo 2005, Paisley

2006, Thessaloniki 2007, Florence, 2008). Originally focusing on higher education institutions, the research themes have over the years been extended to the health sector, local government, tourism, logistics, banking services. Around a hundred delegates from about twenty different countries participate each year and nearly one thousand research papers have been published over the last ten years, making of the conference one of the major events in the field of quality in services.

Foundations for the Web of Information and Services
Dieter Fensel 2011-06-21 In the mid 1990s, Tim Berners-Lee had the idea of developing the World Wide Web into a „Semantic Web“, a web of information that could be interpreted by machines in order to allow the automatic exploitation of data, which until then had to be done by humans manually. One of the first people to research topics related to the Semantic Web was Professor Rudi Studer. From the beginning, Rudi drove projects like ONTOBROKER and On-to-Knowledge, which later resulted in W3C standards such as RDF and OWL. By the late 1990s, Rudi had established a research group at the University of Karlsruhe, which later became the nucleus and breeding ground for Semantic Web research, and many of today's well-known research groups were either founded by his disciples or benefited from close cooperation with this think tank. In this book, published in celebration of Rudi's 60th birthday, many of his colleagues look back on the main research results achieved during the last 20 years. Under the editorship of Dieter Fensel, once one of Rudi's early PhD students, an impressive list of contributors and contributions has been

collected, covering areas like Knowledge Management, Ontology Engineering, Service Management, and Semantic Search. Overall, this book provides an excellent overview of the state of the art in Semantic Web research, by combining historical roots with the latest results, which may finally make the dream of a “Web of knowledge, software and services” come true.

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