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As business modeling becomes mainstream, every year more and more companies and government agencies are creating models of their businesses. But creating good business models is not a simple endeavor. Business modeling requires new skills. Written by two business modeling experts, this book shows you how to make your business modeling efforts successful. It provides in-depth coverage of each of the four distinct business modeling disciplines, helping you master them all and understand how to effectively combine them. It also details best practices for working with subject matter experts. And it shows how to develop models, and then analyze, simulate, and deploy them. This is essential, authoritative information that will put you miles ahead of everyone who continues to approach business modeling haphazardly. * Provides in-depth coverage of the four business modeling disciplines: process modeling, motivation modeling, organization modeling, and rules modeling. * Offers guidance on how to work effectively with subject matter experts and how to run business modeling workshops. * Details today's best practices for building effective business models, and describes common mistakes that should be avoided. * Describes standards for each business modeling discipline. * Explains how to analyze, simulate, and deploy business models. * Includes examples both from the authors' work with clients and from a single running example that spans the book. In business, driving value is a key strategy and typically starts at the top of an organization. In today's digital age, driving software value is also an important, and often overlooked, key strategy. Executives, and the corporate board, need to expect the highest level of business value from the software the organization is developing, buying, and selling. In today's digital transformation marketplace, it is imperative that organizations start driving business value from software development initiatives. For many years, the cost of software development challenged organizations with questions such as: How do we allocate software development costs? Should these costs be considered an overhead expense? Are we getting the most value possible for our investment? A fundamental problem has been built into these questions – the focus on cost. In almost every other part of the organization, maximizing profit or, in the case of a not-for-profit, maximizing the funds available, provides a clear focus with metrics to determine success or failure. In theory, simply aligning software spending with the maximizing profit goals should be sufficient to avoid any questions about value for money. Unfortunately, this alignment hasn't turned out to be so simple, and the questions persist, particularly at the strategic or application portfolio level. In this book, Michael D.S. Harris describes how a software business value culture—one where all stakeholders, including technology and business—have a clear understanding of the goals and expected business value from software development. The book shows readers how they can transform software development from a cost or profit center to a business value center. Only a culture of software as a value center enables an organization to constantly maximize business value flow through software development. If your organization is starting to ask how it can change software from a cost-center to a value-center, this book is for you. A woman looking to retire said to author and valuation expert Tim McDaniel, "I need to sell my business for \$2.5 million to support my country club lifestyle." The reality was that her business was worth \$750,000. How could she have been so wrong? As McDaniel—a veteran of over 2,000 valuation engagements and dozens of M&A deals—knows all too well, most owners work in their businesses and not on their businesses. He has seen the look of surprise on client faces far too often: "It's only worth that much?!" In the rush of day-to-day work and decisions, business owners sometimes forget that their business is an investment—and something they need to watch, nurture, and care for just as they would a valuable antique vase or painting. Know and Grow the Value of Your Business: An Owner's Guide to Retiring Rich shows readers how to develop the "investment mindset," value the business, bolster that value and maximize the return on their investment, and, finally, exit the business either through a sale to outside parties or by passing it on to family or other business insiders. This information couldn't be more important: Typically, 60–80% of a business owner's wealth is tied up in the value of the business. This is their most important asset, but they usually guess at its value and have no concrete plan to increase it. That's why this book shows: The importance of treating your ownership interest in a business as something deserving near-daily attention. How a company is valued, and how others outside the business view that value. Steps you can take immediately to increase the value of your business. The different kinds of potential buyers and what attracts them. How to remove yourself from the day-to-day work of the business to plan for a brighter future. How to exit the business on your terms. In short, this book helps business owners get the most for their business when they decide it's time to move on. What you'll learn The importance of treating your ownership interest in a business the same way you would treat the shares in your stock portfolio: "Like an Investment." How a company is valued, using terms that business owners can understand. The ways you can increase the value of your business and how an outside buyer will view your company. Existing exit strategies, and the advantages and disadvantages of each. Why timing might be the most critical component of your exit strategy. How to begin the succession planning process and knowing the critical components of a good succession plan. Who this book is for Those with businesses with revenues up to about \$30 million—90 percent of all business owners in the U.S., according to the United States Census Bureau. This amounts to over 12 million businesses in the United States alone. The principles the book espouses will be just as valid in countries besides the U.S. except for the tax advice author Tim McDaniel offers. 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how to create, manage, and measure the value of an organization. Along with all new case studies that illustrate how valuation techniques and principles are applied in real-world situations, this comprehensive guide has been updated to reflect new developments in corporate finance, changes in accounting rules, and an enhanced global perspective. Valuation, Fifth Edition is filled with expert guidance that managers at all levels, investors, and students can use to enhance their understanding of this important discipline. Contains strategies for multi-business valuation and valuation for corporate restructuring, mergers, and acquisitions. Addresses how you can interpret the results of a valuation in light of a company's competitive situation. Also available: a book plus CD-ROM package (978-0-470-42469-8) as well as a stand-alone CD-ROM (978-0-470-42457-7) containing an interactive valuation DCF model. Valuation, Fifth Edition stands alone in this field with its reputation of quality and consistency. If you want to hone your valuation skills today and improve them for years to come, look no further than this book. Building Business Value through Talent uniquely describes how a CEO and CHRO can accelerate business growth by working together to design and operationalize value-driven talent strategies. In order to maximize IT resources and justify IT expenditures, CIO's and other IT managers must be able to identify meaningful metrics and explain them in a way that management can understand. The Business Value of IT: Managing Risks, Optimizing Performance, and Measuring Results solves this problem by providing practical answers to these questions: What does IT contribute to the business? Why should we care about IT governance? How can we best measure IT performance? How do we mitigate the risks associated with change? Leading consultants Michael D. Harris, David E. Herron, and Stasia Iwanicki share their real-world experiences to explain how you can demonstrate IT's value, and potentially find extra value you didn't know your IT organization creates. They also show how to apply risk management to process improvement and avoid unintended consequences of process improvement programs. The text provides the understanding required to discover the processes necessary to: prioritize your organization's IT activities, identify alternative measurement frameworks, and evaluate the best approaches to outsourcing. Many IT organizations have successfully implemented the techniques described in this book to increase their business value. This work identifies the organizational and cultural obstacles you need to remove to get started along the same path. The ultimate guide to assessing and exploiting the customer value and revenue potential of the Cloud. A new business model is sweeping the world—the Cloud. And, as with any new technology, there is a great deal of fear, uncertainty, and doubt surrounding cloud computing. Cloudonomics radically upends the conventional wisdom, clearly explains the underlying principles and illustrates through understandable examples how Cloud computing can create compelling value—whether you are a customer, a provider, a strategist, or an investor. Cloudonomics covers everything you need to consider for the delivery of business solutions, opportunities, and customer satisfaction through the Cloud, so you can understand it—and put it to work for your business. Cloudonomics also delivers insight into when to avoid the cloud, and why. Quantifies how customers, users, and cloud providers collaborate to create win-wins. Reveals how to use the Laws of Cloudonomics to define strategy and guide implementation. Explains the probable evolution of cloud businesses and ecosystems. Demolishes the conventional wisdom on cloud usage, IT spend, community clouds, and the enterprise-provider cloud balance. Whether you're ready for it or not, Cloud computing is here to stay. Cloudonomics provides deep insights into the business value of the Cloud for executives, practitioners, and strategists in virtually any industry—not just technology executives but also those in the marketing, operations, economics, venture capital, and financial fields. Every project is an investment; however, traditional project management methodologies do not support assessment of the business value that enables senior management to maximize decision making. The next evolution in project management, therefore, will be to manage projects as investments. Managing Projects as Investments: Earned Value to Business Value. Managing Knowledge Assets and Business Value Creation in Organizations: Measures and Dynamics provides an advanced, state-of-the-art understanding of the links between the knowledge assets dynamics and the business value creation. This publication focuses on the theory, models, approaches, methodologies, tools and techniques for measuring and managing organizational knowledge assets dynamics supporting and driving business performance improvements. This comprehensive work is a substantial contribution to the field in terms of theory, methodology and applications to replicate, support and challenge existing studies and offer new applications of existing theory and approaches. The model presented in this manual for the IT professional helps managers work with tech workers and their customers to make a clear and well-substantiated argument for IT service investments. In order to validate and fully explain this model, Wigodsky presents an overview of the "why" behind technology investment for any organization, and combines this with detailed real-world solutions that maximize BCO efficiency. By eliminating the "futz factor" commonly associated with system ownership costs, the book provides a glimpse of the next generation IT architecture, a repeatable process for identifying organization-wide system costs, and a customizable model for integrating BCO management with your people, processes, and technology. · Provides detailed technical architectures, processes, and integrated solutions using common computing technologies · Helps the reader build a customized model for reviewing the long-term potential costs and benefits of interrelated IT investments · Includes observations of HP thought leaders, experienced consultants, and customers on past projects An insider's look at security analysis and business valuation, as practiced by Wall Street, Corporate America, and international businesses. Two major market crashes, numerous financial and accounting scandals, growth in private equity and hedge funds, Sarbanes Oxley and related regulations, and international developments changed security analysis and business valuation substantially over the last fourteen years. These events necessitated a second edition of this modern classic, praised earlier by Barron's as a "welcome successor to Graham and Dodd" and used in the global CFA exam. This authoritative book shows the rational, rigorous analysis is still the most successful way to evaluate securities. It picks up where Graham and Dodd's bestselling Security Analysis - for decades considered the definitive word on the subject - leaves off. Providing a practical viewpoint, Security Analysis on Wall Street shows how the values of common stock are really determined in today's marketplace. Incorporating dozens of real-world examples, and spotlighting many special analysis cases - including cash flow stocks, unusual industries and distressed securities - this comprehensive resource delivers all the answers to your questions about security analysis and corporate valuation on Wall Street. The Second Edition of Security Analysis on Wall Street examines how mutual funds, private equity funds, hedge funds, institutional money managers, investment banks, business appraisers, and corporate acquirers perform their craft of security analysis and business valuation in today's highly charged environment. Completely updated to reflect the latest methodologies, this reliable resource represents the most comprehensive book written by someone who has actually worked as an investment banker, private equity executive, and international institutional investor. Shows the methodical process that practitioners use to value common stocks and operating companies and to make buy/sell decisions. Discusses the impact of the two stock market crashes, the accounting and financial scandals, and the new regulations on the evaluation process. Covers how Internet and computing power automate portions of the research and analytical effort. Includes new case study examples representative of valuation issues faced daily by mutual funds, private equity funds, hedge funds, institutional investors, investment banks, business appraisers, and corporate acquirers. Is a perfect tool for professors wishing to show their MBA students the essential tools of equity and business valuation. Security analysis and business valuation are core financial disciplines for Wall Streeters, corporate acquirers, and international investors. The Second Edition of Security Analysis on Wall Street is an important book for anyone who needs a solid grounding in these critical finance topics. Seminar paper from the year 2016 in the subject Business economics - Marketing, Corporate Communication, CRM, Market Research, Social Media, grade: 2,0, University of applied sciences Dortmund, language: English, abstract: The valuation of businesses is since decades a theme, which is still up to date and growing. The reason for the high interest regarding the theme is quite simple: If an enterprise is valued, there is a high amount of money involved. Business values are daily business, at the same time they have a high amount of complexity and issues, the raters are confronted with. The reason for a business value could be different, starting with management successions and ending with the buy out of an enterprise. The value of an enterprise is subjective and

contents conflicts of interests. On one hand there is the current owner. For him the enterprise has an added value because of the personal background. On the other hand, there is the further buyer of the company, who wants to pay a lower price for the company to minimize the liabilities. Because of this the value of a business depends on the target and the reason of the valuation, reflecting the motto "The Price is what you pay. Value is what you get." The value of the business can be calculated by different ways. In the last years, the amount of valuation methods increased. Currently there are many valuations available, which end in different results. But how is the value of an enterprise defined and calculated? Why is the value of a business needed? And what are the differences between the methods? These questions will be answered in the present assignment. The Objective is to show with the help of the concrete example Daimler AG the process of a business valuation including the calculation of the value of the enterprise. To achieve this objective, the methodology of the present assignment is described in the following chapter first, before the theory of business valuations will be explained. The reasons for a valuation are described and the methods with a focus on Discounted cash flow methods (DCF) and multiples methods are stated. After presenting the company Daimler the methods are applied of Daimler in the fourth chapter, the business value will be calculated with the different methods. The results will be discussed in chapter five, before finally a conclusion and outlook will be given. The second edition of Benefits Management has been updated with current examples, further insights from experience and recent research. It shows how the enduring challenges achieving business value from information systems and technology projects can be addressed successfully. The approach, which is synthesized from best practices, sound theories and proven techniques from a range of management disciplines, is exemplified from the authors' extensive experience of working with a wide range of organizations. The book includes examples from a wide variety of projects including non-IT projects. The book is written in an accessible style, ideal for practicing managers, and includes check lists and templates for using the processes, tools and techniques and real-life case studies of their application and impacts. The book now also includes: International survey results that reinforce the importance of the topic, the key management issues and evidence of how the more successful organizations' practices are closely aligned with those described in the book. A Benefits Management Maturity diagnostic which enables organizations to understand the reasons for their current investment success levels and then how to increase them. Discussion of the role and contribution Project Management Offices (PMOs): how they can improve the delivery of value IT projects. Further practical advice and guidance on Program and Portfolio Management, including findings from the authors' recent established methods used by experts & breaks them down into easy-to-understand, well-defined steps. Designed for both the professional & the non-expert."--NATIONAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT. "For our money, the best primer is Thomas Horn's BUSINESS VALUATION MANUAL. It can show where the real sources of value are & where the real potential to improve is."--INC. MAGAZINE. "Horn's guide should be in the library of every small businessman (and quite a few larger organizations)."--THE MIDWEST BOOK REVIEW. "Extremely well-organized & easy to understand. Readers can skip to whichever techniques best fit their needs."--PERSONAL INVESTOR MAGAZINE. "Suggested reading on the ins & outs of buying & selling a business."--SUCCESS! MAGAZINE. "Gives you all the information you need to be on equal footing with Carl Icahn or Donald Trump when assessing a business's worth."--THE ROTARIAN. The newly revised, 1990 edition is now available directly from Charter Oak Press for \$29.95, plus \$2.50 for UPS shipping. (Booksellers - send STOP order). The importance of demonstrating the value achieved from IT investments is long established in the Computer Science (CS) and Information Systems (IS) literature. However, emerging technologies such as the ever-changing complex area of cloud computing present new challenges and opportunities for demonstrating how IT investments lead to business value. Recent reviews of extant literature highlights the need for multi-disciplinary research. This research should explore and further develops the conceptualization of value in cloud computing research. In addition, there is a need for research which investigates how IT value manifests itself across the chain of service provision and in inter-organizational scenarios. This open access book will review the state of the art from an IS, Computer Science and Accounting perspective, will introduce and discuss the main techniques for measuring business value for cloud computing in a variety of scenarios, and illustrate these with mini-case studies. This book uses a system-based approach to decipher and organize the concepts and conclusions relevant for creating and capturing value in business. It develops a scientific theory based on systems science and logical reasoning that is commonly employed in mathematics and natural science. The resulting new theory focuses on the organizational nature of the world and the organic and holistic feature of human organizations and their interactions. To this end, this book identifies a few axioms, instead of empirical discoveries, on which it reliably constructs the entire theory. Shareholder Value presents a powerful and useful toolkit of market-based perspectives, analytic approaches, valuation techniques, and specific financial metrics for use in everyday business life. The author helps a broad spectrum of professionals understand the salient points and real world implications of a 'value management' movement which has taken hold in many corporations in the United States and around the world. This movement is being supported by some of the major institutional investors who influence financial markets. The main goal of 'Shareholder Value' is to help working professionals grasp the concept of value 'creators' and 'destroyers', along with the implications. He also provides tools to measure the success (or failure) of major strategic and operational initiatives and enables corporate managers to understand how shareholder value is created, and then directs behaviour toward 'value-based' planning and action. Although mainly aimed at the professional market, 'Shareholder Value' will also be of use to students of business and finance as it is intended to provide a comprehensive foundation for important elements of business strategy and acquisition valuation, corporate financial analysis, capital investments, corporate financing and economic value based metrics. AUTHOR'S REVIEW: When developing this book, I strived to achieve the following: Provide the finance professional and student of finance with a comprehensive template of shareholder value concepts and techniques - geared toward use in a corporate setting Give the non-financial professional an understanding of the underpinnings and behavioural aspects of economic value management Outline and provide details of an effective process for implementing a value-based financial performance system within a corporation ...And, combine learning with enjoyable reading by presenting technical material through a story. The "story" and "characters" are unique features of Shareholder Value - A Business Experience. The reader can get an appreciation of the environment surrounding value-based management, along with challenges that arise when transitioning from traditional "accounting" performance (where earnings and earnings per share reign supreme) to "economic" performance (where cash flow and return on investment are emphasized). Characters occupying operating and staff roles have been created to represent people that those working inside companies (large, medium and small) may encounter and, also, to invoke some humour. Insights into how to function in different corporate roles can be gained by following the characters through the story. Presents a combination of analysis and case study in which a strong technical treatment is blended with a fictional case study to offer clarity and explanation A practical and effective implementation process for a comprehensive financial performance system Offers a perspective of the role of different corporate and business unit functions in the implementation of value-based financial performance within a company The tangible value of increased water efficiency, reuse and recycling and improved social license to operate are moving more companies to adopt water stewardship strategies. This book frames an expanded strategy for water stewardship and business value creation, including brand value, that benefits a range of stakeholders including consumers, customers, investors and employees. The book shows that until recently the linkage between full business value and water stewardship has been missing from the corporate agenda. This linkage and value creation from a leading water strategy is increasingly important to socially responsible investors and "aspirational" who value companies that have a social mission or focus to their overall business strategy. In general the largest portion of a company's market capitalization is intangible value and understanding how a water strategy contributes to this intangible value is essential. The authors include cases studies and a framework or path forward to guide companies as they seek to build leading water strategy that

goes beyond water stewardship to drive full business value from this investment. The book establishes the linkages and value from an integrated water and business strategy and an approach for companies to follow. Whether to continue using traditional cost and benefit analysis methods such as systems and software engineering standards or to use a relatively new family of software development processes known as Agile methods is one of most prevalent questions within the information technology field today. Since each family of methods has its strengths and weaknesses, the question being raised by a growing number of executives and practitioners is: Which family of methods provides the greater business value and return on investment (ROI)? Whereas traditional methods have been in use for many decades, Agile methods are still a new phenomenon and, until now, very little literature has existed on how to quantify the business value of Agile methods in economic terms, such as ROI and net present value (NPV). Using cost of quality, total cost of ownership, and total life cycle cost parameters, *The Business Value of Agile Software Methods* offers a comprehensive methodology and introduces the industry's initial top-down parametric models for quantifying the costs and benefits of using Agile methods to create innovative software products. Based on real-world data, it illustrates the first simple-to-use parametric models of Real Options for estimating the business value of Agile methods since the inception of the Nobel prize winning Black-Scholes formulas. Numerous examples on how to estimate the costs, benefits, ROI, NPV, and real options of the major types of Agile methods such as Scrum, Extreme Programming and Crystal Methods are also included. In addition, this reference provides the first comprehensive compilation of cost and benefit data on Agile methods from an analysis of hundreds of research studies. *The Business Value of Agile Software Methods* shatters key myths and misconceptions surrounding the modern-day phenomenon of Agile methods for creating innovative software products. It provides a complete business value comparison between traditional and Agile methods. The keys to maximizing the business value of any method are low costs and high benefits and the business value of Agile methods, when compared to traditional methods, proves to be very impressive. Agile methods are a new model of project management that can be used to improve the success, business value, and ROI of high-risk and highly complex IT projects in today's dynamic, turbulent, and highly uncertain marketplace. If you are an executive, manager, scholar, student, consultant or practitioner currently on the fence, you need to read this book! Starting from the practical viewpoint of, "I would rather be approximately right than perfectly wrong" this book provides a commonsense comprehensive framework for small business valuation that offers solutions to common problems faced by valuers and consultants both in performing valuations and providing ancillary advisory services to business owners, sellers, and buyers. If you conduct small business valuations, you may be seeking guidance on topics and problems specific to your work. *Focus on What Matters: A Different Way of Valuing a Small Business* fills a previous void in valuation resources. It provides a practical and comprehensive framework for small and very small business valuation (Companies under \$10 million of revenues and often under \$5 million of revenues), with a specialized focus on the topics and problems that confront valuers of these businesses. Larger businesses typically have at least Reviewed Accrual Accounting statements as a valuation starting point. However, smaller businesses rarely have properly reviewed and updated financials. *Focus on What Matters* looks at the issue of less reliable data, which affects every part of the business valuation. You'll find valuation solutions for facing this challenge. As a small business valuator, you can get direction on working with financial statements of lower quality. You can also consider answers to key questions as you explore how to value each small business. Is this a small business or a job? How much research and documentation do you need to comply with standards? How can you use cash basis statements when businesses have large receivables and poor cutoffs? Should you use the market method or income method of valuation? Techniques that improve reliability of the market method multiplier How might you tax affect using the income method with the advent of the Estate of Jones and Section 199A? Do you have to provide an opinion of value or will a calculation work? How do you calculate personal goodwill? As a valuation professional how can you bring value to owners and buyers preparing to enter into a business sale transaction? How does the SBA loan process work and why is it essential to current small business values? What is the business brokerage or sale process and how does it work? How do owners increase business value prior to a business sale? This book examines these and other questions you may encounter in your valuation process. You'll also find helpful solutions to common issues that arise when a small business is valued. What matters to us? One way of answering that question is through the lens of values, which have a powerful influence on our attitudes and behaviours. Yet it can be difficult for businesses to realize the true potential of values, which is to engage staff, customers and suppliers in an emotional way that touches on their own core motivations. Drawing on a range of case studies worldwide, including "profit with purpose" businesses such as co-operatives, this short guide reveals how to make a success of values. By unpacking what we mean by values and ethics, and setting out a series of practical approaches, Ed Mayo presents how values can become a natural part of commercial life. This book identifies both the pitfalls and the potential of bringing values into the heart of an organization, from a bank that responds to an ethical crisis to a fast-growing worker co-operative founded on the values of equality. The values that guide your business are not necessarily the ones that are written down, or that you would expect. There is no one right or wrong set of values, but there is power and potential in making the most of the values that are right for the business you are in. By reading *Values: How to Bring Values to Life in Your Business*, you will find out more about the business that you are, and the business that you could be. "Do you really understand what business value is? Information technology can and should deliver business value. But the Agile literature has paid scant attention to what business value means—and how to know whether or not you are delivering it. This problem becomes ever more critical as you push value delivery toward autonomous teams and away from requirements "tossed over the wall" by business stakeholders. An empowered team needs to understand its goal! Playful and thought-provoking, *The Art of Business Value* explores what business value means, why it matters, and how it should affect your software development and delivery practices. More than any other IT delivery approach, DevOps (and Agile thinking in general) makes business value a central concern. This book examines the role of business value in software and makes a compelling case for why a clear understanding of business value will change the way you deliver software. This book will make you think deeply about not only what it means to deliver value but also the relationship of the IT organization to the rest of the enterprise. It will give you the language to discuss value with the business, methods to cut through bureaucracy and strategies for incorporating Agile teams and culture into the enterprise. Most of all, this book will startle you into new ways of thinking about the cutting-edge of Agile practice and where it may lead." Plain English guidance for strategic business analytics and big data implementation In today's challenging economy, business analytics and big data have become more and more ubiquitous. While some businesses don't even know where to start, others are struggling to move from beyond basic reporting. In some instances management and executives do not see the value of analytics or have a clear understanding of business analytics vision mandate and benefits. *Win with Advanced Analytics* focuses on integrating multiple types of intelligence, such as web analytics, customer feedback, competitive intelligence, customer behavior, and industry intelligence into your business practice. Provides the essential concept and framework to implement business analytics Written clearly for a nontechnical audience Filled with case studies across a variety of industries Uniquely focuses on integrating multiple types of big data intelligence into your business Companies now operate on a global scale and are inundated with a large volume of data from multiple locations and sources: B2B data, B2C data, traffic data, transactional data, third party vendor data, macroeconomic data, etc. Packed with case studies from multiple countries across a variety of industries, *Win with Advanced Analytics* provides a comprehensive framework and applications of how to leverage business analytics/big data to outpace the competition. The tangible value of increased water efficiency and improved social license to operate are moving more companies to adopt water stewardship strategies. This book frames the business value of water stewardship, to stakeholders, customers, investors and employees. The book addresses the practical needs of executives responsible for planning, budgeting & justifying information technology expenditures. Written by the former chief information executive (1956-1978) & vice president of strategic planning (1978-1985), author of the widely acclaimed & translated *INFORMATION*

PAYOFF - THE TRANSFORMATION OF WORK IN THE ELECTRONIC AGE (Free Press, 1985), lecturer & university professor. Reviews: "A New Bible for Management Information Systems. An eminently readable book made more so by a playful sense of humor" -Information Week-; "Strips away obfuscation that has concealed the real value of computers." (The Financial Post); "A true path to the Holy Grail of business value." (Computer Weekly); "Some surprising answers to familiar questions cast new light on investing profitably in computer hardware & software." (The Conference Board); "All those either transfixed or baffled by the powers & potential of computers would do well to heed Strassmann's advice." (Daily Telegraph); "Measuring managerial productivity is the key to knowing how to invest in information technology. Strassmann's new book sets out the results of his research in detail. His argument comes through clearly." (The Financial Times).

Business Valuation and Federal Taxes Procedure, Law, and Perspective SECOND EDITION Combining the expert knowledge of Senior Judge David Laro and Shannon Pratt, Business Valuation and Federal Taxes, Second Edition presents the authors' decades of experience, with advice on everything practitioners need to know about the relationship between federal taxes and valuation, and specifically valuations relating to business interests. This reference features indepth examinations of numerous topics that are particularly important to practitioners and explores a broad understanding of the basic knowledge needed to appreciate business valuation. Valuers, CPAs consulting on valuations, attorneys, corporate development officers, and intermediaries on business valuation will benefit from insightful discussions on topics ranging from general definitions to valuing complex business interests, as well as new discussions of: Personal versus enterprise goodwill New materials on transfer pricing and customs valuations and how recent markets have affected both the income and market approaches Coverage of FAS 157 and the many changes to penalties and sanctions affecting both taxpayers and appraisers Several important new court cases Coverage is also included on standards of business valuation, IRS positions, burden of proof in valuation controversies, questions to ask business valuation experts, economic and industry analysis, and tax-affecting passthrough entities. Complete with a full overview of the laws, procedures, and approaches related to business valuation, this invaluable reference is a wellspring of vital information on valuation approaches, techniques, finance-related issues, burden of proof, standards, choice of entity, and much more. Annotation A call for IT and business managers to reformulate the way they manage IT, this book contends that if IT is to deliver business value, it should be measured in core business terms such as customer satisfaction, revenue growth, and profitability. Leading academic research and industry best practices are synthesized, and principles and strategies are presented for managing for optimum IT business value, the IT budget, and the IT organization's capability. In a time when IT spending is reduced and IT organizations are often perceived as cost centers, a necessary and timely counterbalance is provided, and the argument is made that IT investments can and should be linked directly to enterprise business indicators. Also discussed is how IT spending should improve corporate profitability and how the relationship between IT initiatives and business indicators should be explicit and empirical. Buying or selling a business? Acquire the tools and learn the methods for accurate business valuation Business valuation is the process of determining the value of a business enterprise or ownership interest. Business Valuation For Dummies covers valuation methods, including advice on analyzing historical performance, evaluating assets and income value, understanding a company's financial statements, forecasting performance; estimating the cost of capital; and cash flow methods of valuation. Written in plain English, this no-nonsense guide is filled with expert guidance that business owners, managers at all levels, investors, and students can use when determining the value of a business. It contains a solid framework for valuation, including advice on analyzing historical performance, evaluating assets and income value, understanding a company's financial statements, estimating the cost of capital, business valuation models, and how to apply those models to different types of businesses. Business Valuation For Dummies takes you step-by-step through the business valuation process, explaining the major methods in an easy-to-understand manner with real-world examples. Inside you'll discover: The value of business valuation, including when it's necessary div style="margin: 0px; padding: 0px; user-select: text; -webkit-user-drag: none; -webkit-tap-highlight-color: transparent; font-family: 'Segoe UI', 'Segoe UI Web', Arial, Verdana, sans-serif; font-size: 12px;" div style="margin: 0px; padding: 0px; user-select: text; -webkit-user-drag: none; -webkit-tap-highlight-color: transparent; position: relative;" For decades, the market, asset, and income approaches to business valuation have taken center stage in the assessment of the firm. This book brings to light an expanded valuation toolkit, consisting of nine well-defined valuation principles hailing from the fields of economics, finance, accounting, taxation, and management. It ultimately argues that the "value functional" approach to business valuation avoids most of the shortcomings of its competitors, and more correctly matches the actual motivations and information set held by stakeholders. Much of what we know about corporate finance and mathematical finance derives from a narrow subset of firms: publicly traded corporations. The value functional approach can be readily applied to both large firms and companies that do not issue publicly traded stocks and bonds, cannot borrow without constraints, and often rely upon entrepreneurs to both finance and manage their operations. With historical side notes from an international set of sources and real-world exemplars that run throughout the text, this book is a future-facing resource for scholars in economics and finance, as well as the academically minded valuation practitioner. Discover the true value of Developer Relations as you learn to build and maintain positive relationships with your developer community. Use the principles laid out in this book to walk through your company goals and discover how you can formulate a plan tailored to your specific needs. First you will understand the value of a technical community: why you need to foster a community and how to do it. Then you will learn how to be involved in community building on a daily basis: finding the right audience, walking the tightrope between representing the company and building a personal brand, in-person events, and more. Featuring interviews with Developer Relations professionals from many successful companies including Red Hat, Google, Chef, Docker, Mozilla, SparkPost, Heroku, Twilio, CoreOS, and more, and with a foreword by Jono Bacon, The Business Value of Developer Relations is the perfect book for anyone who is working in the tech industry and wants to understand where DevRel is now and how to get involved. Don't get left behind – join the community today. What You'll Learn Define community and sell community to your company Find, build, and engage with the community Determine how and when to hire community managers Build your own personal brand Who This Book Is For Any business leaders/owners/stakeholders in the tech industry, tech evangelists, community managers or developer advocates. "Addressing questions raised by managers and researchers over the last decade on the business value of information technology (IT), this book provides business professionals with a more precise rationale for making IT investments by detailing how computerization does not automatically create business value, but is one essential component that should be coupled with organizational changes such as new strategies, new business processes, and new organizational structures." Do you really understand what business value is? Information technology can and should deliver business value. But the Agile literature has paid scant attention to what business value means--and how to know whether or not you are delivering it. This problem becomes ever more critical as you push value delivery toward autonomous teams and away from requirements "tossed over the wall" by business stakeholders. An empowered team needs to understand its goal! Playful and thought-provoking, The Art of Business Value explores what business value means, why it matters, and how it should affect your software development and delivery practices. More than any other IT delivery approach, DevOps (and Agile thinking in general) makes business value a central concern. This book examines the role of business value in software and makes a compelling case for why a clear understanding of business value will change the way you deliver software. This book will make you think deeply about not only what it means to deliver value but also the relationship of the IT organization to the rest of the enterprise. It will give you the language to discuss value with the business, methods to cut through bureaucracy, and strategies for incorporating Agile teams and culture into the enterprise. Most of all, this book will startle you into new ways of thinking about the cutting-edge of Agile practice and where it may lead. If you want to convince your organization to conduct a web performance upgrade, this concise book will strengthen your case. Drawing upon her many years of web performance research, author Tammy Everts uses cases studies and other data to explain how web page speed and availability affect a host of

business metrics. You'll also learn how our human neurological need for quick, uncomplicated processes drives these metrics. Ideal for managers, this book's case studies demonstrate how Walmart, Staples.com, Mozilla, and other organizations significantly improved conversion rates through simple upgrades. Find out why happy customers return, while frustrated users can send your metrics—and your domain—into a tailspin. 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The HANDBOOK OF ADVANCED BUSINESS VALUATION is your team of valuation experts—nationally recognized practitioners and legal minds from across the country who provide authoritative answers and innovative solutions to your most perplexing valuation questions. Structured in a user-friendly, general-to-specific arrangement, The HANDBOOK OF ADVANCED BUSINESS VALUATION represents a broad cross section of the latest conceptual thinking on the subject. Only in this thought-provoking volume will you find: Abstracts and interpretations of recent empirical studies in lack of marketability, blockage, and more; In-depth treatment of specialized valuation issues from many industries—including healthcare, technology, and sports franchises; Lucid, intuitive explanations of complex and esoteric procedures for intercompany transfer pricing analyses and ad valorem property tax appraisals. Like its predecessor volume VALUING A BUSINESS—which covered basic business valuation concepts and practices in authoritative, all-encompassing fashion—The HANDBOOK OF ADVANCED BUSINESS VALUATION provides a new benchmark of advanced, contemporary discussions for investors and experienced business valuation practitioners. Valuation experts from PricewaterhouseCoopers, Ernst & Young, Willamette Management Associates, Arthur Andersen, American Appraisal Associates, and more combine their expertise in this well-written, thoughtful, and convincing reference—one with absolutely no close rival in the flourishing field of business valuation and security analysis. The Business-IT Wall Must Come Down. With A Seat at the Table, thought leader Mark Schwartz pulled out a chair for CIOs at the C-suite table. Now Mark brings his unique perspective and experience to business leaders looking to lead their company into the digital age by harnessing the expertise and innovation that is already under their roof: IT. In the war for business supremacy, Schwartz shows we must throw out the old management models and stereotypes that pit suits against nerds. Instead, business leaders of today can foster a space of collaboration and shared mission, a space that puts technologists and business people on the same team. For business leaders looking to unlock their enterprise's digital transformation, War and Peace and IT provides clear context and strategies. Schwartz demystifies the role IT plays in the modern enterprise, allowing business leaders to create new strategies for the new digital battleground. It is time to change not only the enterprise's relationship with technology, but its relationship with technologists. To accelerate, enterprises must bring technology to the heart of their work, for just as technology is causing this disruption, it is technology that provides the solution. Unlike Napoleon, it is time for business leaders to come down from the hill atop the Battle of Borodino and enter the fray with the technologists, for that is where the war will be won or lost. Say goodbye to scratching your head in confusion This business valuation book could be the answer you're looking for... Whether you're looking to buy or sell a business, to invest in the stock market or become a business angel, or simply to get a better idea of what your business is worth, this book contains the information you need. Each type of valuation method is introduced in turn: assets based, revenue based, earnings and cash flow based, together with discounted cash flow and 'rule of thumb' valuations. This book will show you how to calculate the value of the business. You'll also learn the strengths and weaknesses of each method of valuation; where they're useful and where they are of limited value. Does that sound as if the book is a dry, mathematical text? Far from it. Business Valuation: The Ultimate Guide to Business Valuation for Beginners, Including How to Value a Business Through Financial Valuation Methods contains real examples and talks about the 'art' as well as the 'science' of valuation. You'll also get a chapter that is focused on due diligence ('kicking the tyres'). Once you've read this book you should have a good handle on how to value a business. Maybe you won't be a highly paid McKinsey consultant, but you'll have what it takes to know what a business is worth, and you'll have enough smarts to avoid the obvious traps and pitfalls, such as 'dressing up' profits. That can make the difference between selling your business at a price that funds your retirement, and coming up short - or the difference between buying a great business at a good price, or paying over the odds for a moribund company. Here are just some of the topics that are discussed in this book: Why you might need a business valuation The basic concepts behind business valuation Profit based approaches Revenues based approaches Asset based approaches Discounted cash flow Sector-specific approaches And Much, Much More So, what are you waiting for? Start your learning now by getting this magnificent book! "This book provides evidence-based insights into the management and contribution of IT in organizations, to offer practical advice & solutions, models and tools that are instrumental in getting business value from IT"--Provided by publisher. For many years companies have been investing in enterprise systems and IT initiatives but they are now struggling to achieve the desired results. It takes a long time to make the best of your enterprise systems so businesses must stop looking for the next technology 'silver bullet' and instead maximize the value of existing IT investments. Measuring the Business Value of Information Technology deals with computers/software.

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