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This book offers essential insights into various management concepts for retail and consumer packaged goods companies. Addressing a range of topics in the field of performance management, it presents concepts for management control, management reporting, planning & forecasting, as well as digitization-related aspects. The contributing authors share valuable lessons learned from real-world consulting projects and present innovative approaches to successful and effective management control at retail and consumer packaged goods companies. Communicate your company's commitment to growing its market value Investor Relations for the Emerging Company, Second Edition helps emerging public company officers and directors communicate to investors their company's value. This helps emerging public companies understand how to communicate their commitment to that goal in a manner that is honest, ethical, and legal. This strategic management responsibility integrates finance, communication, marketing, and securities law compliance to enable the most effective two-way communication between a company, the financial community, and other constituencies, which ultimately contributes to a company's securities achieving fair valuation. The most viable method of financing a company's growth is its common stock. Regardless of financial market cycles, an investor relations (IR) program is a critical component of a company's growth strategy. In 2002 The Sarbanes-Oxley Act significantly increased the importance of investor relations in the financial markets. Here Rieves shows organizations how to understand these regulations and comply with them to the letter of the law. Readers will understand what to communicate about the company's commitment to growing the market value of its common stock and with whom to communicate that commitment. From describing the various organizations, institutions, mechanics, and behaviors of capital markets to clarifying the requirements and best practices for reporting and disclosure, this book provides all the answers. This book takes a practical, step by step approach to working with email servers. It starts by establishing the basics and setting up a mail server. Then you move to advanced sections like webmail access, security, backup, and more. You will find many examples and clear explanations that will facilitate learning. This book is aimed at technically confident users and new and part time system administrators in small businesses, who want to set up a Linux based email server without spending a lot of time becoming expert in the individual applications. Basic knowledge of Linux is expected. This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important, and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. 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Whether you use budget, schedule, quality, or other criteria, the statistics by think tanks, institutes, associations, and other trade organizations all point to one inescapable conclusion: your project has a greater chance of getting into trouble than staying out of it. Based on the lessons learned by the author during a quarter of a century of lea Start making the most of the latest collaboration tools in Office 365—including SharePoint, OneDrive, Office 365 Groups, Office, Teams, Yammer, Planner, Stream, Forms, and Flow—and integrate them into your team's projects to boost productivity, engagement, innovation, and enjoyment at work. This book walks you through the features, teaching you how to choose the right tools for your situation. While technologies for collaboration are more advanced than ever before, there also are more of them. Beginning Office 365 Collaboration Apps will help you make sense of what is available and how it can help you and your team be more productive. What You'll Learn Know the collaboration features available across Office 365, and how to choose the ones that are right for you and your colleagues in any given situation Understand the software-as-a-service (SaaS) model and how it enables users to be more productive and effective Discover how multi-device usability and real-time cloud synchronization can help your team collaborate any time, anywhere, across the apps Find out how Planner can help you manage projects and tasks, even without a project manager Explore Microsoft Flow to connect applications and services and create code-less workflows Who This Book is For Office 365 business users with a limited technical background. You should be familiar with the Microsoft Office suite products such as Word and Outlook, and work in a team environment. The 13th volume in the RMC series, The Changing Paradigm of Consulting, is based on the best papers presented at the Academy of Management's Management Consulting Division's fourth international conference (2009) on the underlying dynamics within the fast-paced world of business and management consulting. Held in Vienna, Austria, the conference brought together academicians, consultants and organizational practitioners to examine the changes taking place within the consulting field. The book's 19 chapters are divided into five sections that explore the emergence and implications of this new paradigm, delineating and illustrating the paradigm shift taking place within consulting, exploring the ramifications for global consulting, examining the challenges inherent in attempts to capture collaboration and cooperation in inter-organizational networks, analyzing the push toward the professionalization – and professionalism – of consultancy, and assessing new approaches to management consulting, focusing on innovative instruments, tools and intervention frameworks. The book captures the myriad complexities and uncertainties faced by consultants and their clients and the concomitant search for appropriate mindsets, attitudes and orientations as well as methods, tools and techniques. As each of the chapters indicates, while there are significant challenges facing the consulting industry, there are also a number of promising frameworks and approaches that can help us successfully meet these challenges. This book is written to offer would-be Franchisors the virtual experience and benefit of personally speaking with an expert Franchise Consultant about franchising their business. It provides straight-talk advice concerning every business and personal consideration which needs to be contemplated when deciding whether to franchise a business including: Whether your business is ready to franchise, Options for expanding your business, What to expect as a Franchisor, Introduction to the franchise development process, Branding and marketing for Franchisors, Other factors that impact your chances for success, Choosing a Franchise Developer, Sample Uniform Franchise Offering Circular (UFOC) and more. Ralph Massetti is President & CEO of The Franchise Builders, a franchise consulting, development, marketing and technology firm. He also holds a Bachelors and Master Degree in Business Administration, and is a candidate for the prestigious Certified Franchise Executive (CFE) designation. Love, death, religion, relationships—these subjects typically inspire collections of poetry. But business? Most people think of business and poetry as two separate and incompatible areas of life. In February 1991, Alan Farnham expressed this common belief when he wrote in Fortune Magazine, "Not many people in business feel an urge to write verse about their work." Challenged by this statement, Ralph Windle began a three-year search for the poetry of business life—and found a profusion of verse exploring all aspects of business. The author's research revealed that not only is there a large body of business poetry in existence today, but business has been the subject of poems since the invention of the written word. The poems in this collection range from early "agribusiness" to the ever-present entrepreneur, merchant, banker, and—with the coming of the industrial age—the worker and manager; right up to twentieth-century concerns with global travel, technology, and the complexities of office life. Included are the works of more than seventy poets, and twice that many pieces. Young, unpublished "business poets" rub elbows with widely published contemporary writers such as James Autry, Harry Newman, and Dana Gioia, as well as some of the most distinguished names in poetic literature—including Shakespeare, Chaucer, Tennyson, and Kipling. With poems that cover a wide variety of topics and professions—from David Alpaugh's "A California Adman Celebrates His Art" to Richard Ellis Roberts' "Overheard at the Literary Party"; from Constance Alexander's "Outplacement Blues" to Bertie Ramsbottom's "Death By Merger"—this anthology offers something for every reader. In an age when most people spend the majority of their waking lives involved in some kind of business, it seems natural that poetry, which is the essence of human emotional records, would be affected by business concerns. Business, writes the author, "now touches all our lives and consumes, for ever growing numbers of us, our work, time, energies and passions. Yet few, it is supposed, could find inspiration in its banalities." The size and scope of The Poetry of Business Life easily prove this supposition wrong. Many contemporary business people write verse about their experiences—serious and humorous—as they seek an outlet for their creativity. Business people and their organizations mutually gain from this expression by sending signals to the world that human sensitivities are highly compatible with effective business performance. Humor, insight, sadness, wisdom, and anger are all represented in this unique collection and offer a dynamic, living picture to all people in organizations, their families, and the wider professions as well. Business speech-writers, too, will find in it a rich treasure-trove of choice quotations. Understanding the opportunities and dangers of innovation through intercompany collaboration The Jericho Principle identifies key trends and patterns in the increasing use of collaboration by corporations and creates a strategic and operational framework for answering key questions about the why and how of using collaboration to rapidly create innovation in uncertain times. Two business and technology strategists from Bearing Point Consulting, formerly KPMG, provide models and diagnostics that break down the various collaborative models in the marketplace, to give managers the tools and understanding they need to quickly and effectively launch the strategic partnerships and alliances that will drive innovation and value creation. Using case studies, client stories, and research, the authors offer the reader a clear view of the promise and peril of collaboration, revealing what works and what doesn't. Ralph Welborn (Westwood, MA), Senior Vice President, and Vincent Kasten (Fanwood, NJ), Managing Director, are senior business and technology strategists with Bearing Point Consulting, one of the world's leading management consulting and systems integration companies. The final edition of the incomparable data warehousing and business intelligence reference, updated and expanded The Kimball Group Reader, Remastered Collection is the essential reference for data warehouse and business intelligence design, packed with best practices, design tips, and valuable insight from industry pioneer Ralph Kimball and the Kimball Group. This Remastered Collection represents decades of expert advice and mentoring in data warehousing and business intelligence, and is the final work to be published by the Kimball Group. Organized for quick navigation and easy reference, this book contains nearly 20 years of experience on more than 300 topics, all fully up-to-date and expanded with 65 new articles. The discussion covers the complete data warehouse/business intelligence lifecycle, including project planning, requirements gathering, system architecture, dimensional modeling, ETL, and business intelligence analytics, with each group of articles prefaced by original commentaries explaining their role in the overall Kimball Group methodology. Data warehousing/business intelligence industry's current multi-billion dollar value is due in no small part to the contributions of Ralph Kimball and the Kimball Group. Their publications are the standards on which the industry is built, and nearly all data warehouse hardware and software vendors have adopted their methods in one form or another. This book is a compendium of Kimball Group expertise, and an essential reference for anyone in the field. Learn data warehousing and business intelligence from the field's pioneers Get up to date on best practices and essential design tips Gain valuable knowledge on every stage of the project lifecycle Dig into the Kimball Group methodology with hands-on guidance Ralph Kimball and the Kimball Group have continued to refine their methods and techniques based on thousands of hours of consulting and training. This Remastered Collection of The Kimball Group Reader represents their final body of knowledge, and is nothing less than a vital reference for anyone involved in the field. A thorough update to the industry standard for designing, developing, and deploying data warehouse and business intelligence systems The world of data warehousing has changed remarkably since the first edition of The Data Warehouse Lifecycle Toolkit was published in 1998. In that time, the data warehouse industry has reached full maturity and acceptance, hardware and software have made staggering advances, and the techniques promoted in the premiere edition of this book have been adopted by nearly all data warehouse vendors and practitioners. In addition, the term "business intelligence" emerged to reflect the mission of the data warehouse: wrangling the data out of source systems, cleaning it, and delivering it to add value to the business. Ralph Kimball and his colleagues have refined the original set of Lifecycle methods and techniques based on their consulting and training experience. The authors understand first-hand that a data warehousing/business intelligence (DW/BI) system needs to change as fast as its surrounding organization evolves. To that end, they walk you through the detailed steps of designing, developing, and deploying a DW/BI system. You'll learn to create adaptable systems that deliver data and analyses to business users so they can make better business decisions. PRACTICAL ENGINEERING STATISTICS This lucidly written book offers engineers and advanced students all the essential statistical methods and techniques used in day-to-day engineering work. Without unnecessary digressions into formal proofs or derivations, Practical Engineering Statistics shows how to select the appropriate statistical method for a specific task and then how to apply it correctly and confidently. Clear explanations supported by real-world examples lead the reader step-by-step through each procedure. Topics covered include product design and development; estimations of the mean value and variability of measured data; comparison of processes or products; the relationships between variables; and more. With its emphasis on practical use and its full range of engineering applications, Practical Engineering Statistics serves as an indispensable, time-saving reference for all engineers working in design, reliability, assurance, scheduling, and manufacturing. PRACTICAL ENGINEERING STATISTICS While engineers are frequently involved in projects that require the application of statistical methods to analysis, prediction, and planning, their background in statistics is often insufficient to do the task. In many cases the engineer has had little training in statistics beyond the concepts of the mean, the standard deviation, the median, and the quartile. Even those who have had one or more courses in statistics will, at times, encounter problems which are beyond their capacity to solve or understand. Practical Engineering Statistics is designed to give engineers the knowledge to select the statistical approach that is most appropriate to the problem at hand and the skills to confidently apply this approach to specific cases. It provides the engineer with the statistical tools needed to perform the job effectively, whether it is product design and development, estimation of the mean value and variability of measured data, comparison of processes or products, or the relationship between variables. Its authors bring two different areas of expertise to this unique book: statistics and engineering physics. In Practical Engineering Statistics their collaboration has produced a book that clearly leads engineers step-by-step through each procedure, without time-consuming and unnecessary discussions of proofs and derivations. Statistical procedures are discussed and explained in detail and demonstrated through real-world sample problems, with correct answers always provided. Readers learn how to determine which data represent true observations and which, through human error or flawed data, are false observations. Complex problems are presented with computer printouts of the database, intermediate steps, and results. Numerous illustrations and tables of all commonly used distributions enhance the usefulness of this invaluable book. Virtually all engineers and advanced students, especially those in mechanical, civil, electrical, aerospace, and chemical engineering, Practical Engineering Statistics is an indispensable reference that will give them the tools to do the statistical part of their work quickly and accurately. This outstanding book charts the growth and achievement of dominance of one of the world's most important global industries. Contributions from Roland Berger Strategy Consultants and the chairman of the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers describe the strategies that have led to the great success of the German industry and show how they are meeting the challenges from emerging worldwide competitors. Important players, including the heads of Volkswagen AG, Robert Bosch and General Motors Europe, who deal with the inter-industry relationships such as component suppliers and the effects of innovation, as well as their global strategies, describe how their corporate strategies have been implemented. This book has valuable lessons for managers in all industries, demonstrating the effect of first class management, marketing, branding, innovation and clear strategic aims, which have together created one of the world's great industrial success stories. This book provides hands-on insights and encourages readers to challenge existing methods and processes. The management of digital projects requires professional and state-of-the-art methods, tools, and techniques. In this book, the authors pass on practical approaches from their experiences in the field. The authors also critically acclaim existing methods and discuss their limitations. In particular, the book covers the following topics: - Methods and Best Practices; - Tools and Techniques; - Soft Skills, Team Dynamics, and Human Resources. Thirteen international subject matter experts contributed to this book. The objective is two-fold. First, the authors aim to further the discussion on business practices and methods. Second, the authors aim to stimulate the professional community. Senior professionals can benchmark their activities, while junior professionals can apply proven methods from this book. The day of process-laden selling models has run its course. Great selling is about great habits, and the process models do not do this requirement justice. The best salespeople do not sell; they help people to buy and have built values and behavior around this. Selling is not the action. Buying is. In this story, Ralph, a salesman in his thirties who has come up on some really bad times at work and home, discovers three transcendent values. He helps to discover and climb Culture Mountain and become a winning, culture-driven salesperson. No matter at what level you are in sales, you can never underestimate the power of simplicity and a mentor who understands you. This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important, and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. This work was reproduced from the original artifact, and remains as true to the original work as possible. Therefore, you will see the original copyright references, library stamps (as most of these works have been housed in our most important libraries around the world), and other notations in the work. This work is in the public domain in the United States of America, and possibly other nations. Within the United States, you may freely copy and distribute this work, as no entity (individual or corporate) has a copyright on the body of the work. As a reproduction of a historical artifact, this work may contain missing or blurred pages, poor pictures, errant marks, etc. Scholars believe, and we concur, that this work is important enough to be preserved, reproduced, and made generally available to the public. We appreciate your support of the preservation process, and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant. How can a brand - whether products or services, B2B or B2C, big or small - get back onto a growth track, even in economically difficult times? According to the two brand leadership experts Ralph Krüger and Andreas Stumpf, this can only be achieved by systematically overcoming growth barriers. In this book they present their Brand Growth Barrier Model, which makes it possible for businesses to identify, understand and overcome the barriers to and in their own brands. Case studies from well known brands of different categories, useful checklists for daily business and a clear, practical Question and Answer System on all relevant issues make this book an indispensable guide - not only for marketing experts but also for chief executives and responsible parties in sales and controlling. ? What is the major differentiator in your marketplace? QUALITY! It must be Customer driven, it is a shared Leadership Value and your Products and Services reflect it" Ralph Jarvis It's a new dawn in the competitive landscape. Mr. Jarvis wrote and published his first Sustainability and Lean Six Sigma book entitled "Any Questions?." Designed to be an executive primer that broadly portrays Business Transformation, based on Sustainability opportunities executed in tandem with a Lean Six Sigma. It is a leadership primer for Owners and CEOs who seek business knowledge inherent in Sustainability and Lean Six Sigma transformation. While being mindful of my Customers needs, the book has been organized to be a quick reference, to save you time for leadership duties. This book is broken down from the Strategic viewpoint, to the granular level of the Lean Six Sigma methodology. Each section of the book outlines the framework of Executive Commitment, MetaPlanning, Transformation, Realization and Innovation. Within each chapter, a summary is included and outlines key points that are topics for discussion. While being mindful of my Customers needs, the book has been organized to be a quick reference, to save time. This book will be available in paperback or in electronic formats. Two sites are available for either format: Amazon and eBooks. "Any Questions?" will be available in 2011 from Amazon, eBooks and this web site in both paperback and Kindle formats. A Client's Reward Program is designed to meet your corporate needs, for mini-seminars, lectures or consulting engagements. Please feel free to contact his company for availability. This easy to read fun book can put you in the winners circle. You will learn about a subject that 90 of the population has no clue about. If you are interested in more peace, happiness and joy. If you are interested in more money in your pocket. This is the book for you. Put yourself ahead of the curve and be the last one standing. Consultants from Pleon, Europe's leading communications agency, as well as managers and academics, share their experience with change communication. They offer valuable insights on what engagement, if tackled correctly, can do for organizations, adding both to internal trust and external reputation. "Change before you have to" - the advice by Jack Welch, former CEO of General Electric, still holds true today. Organizations have to face change if they want to succeed economically. This book provides you with highly detailed information on all of the most important BI features of the new SAP NetWeaver 2004s release. You gain a profound understanding of SAP BI and quickly learn how to master the new release. Familiar subjects like data modeling, ETL, web reporting, and planning are combined with expert insights on essential new BI functions and core concepts, making this reference an invaluable companion for your daily work. The authors provide exclusive details on advanced developments in BEx Analyzer and BEx Web Application Designer, as well as on the BEx Report Designer, BI-integrated planning, the BI Accelerator and Visual Composer, ensuring that your most important questions are addressed with practical guidance. Real-life examples, volumes of screen captures, and detailed graphics, as well as step-by-step instructions, enable you to quickly and easily familiarize yourself with all of the new BI functions. This book is intended for SAP consultants, team members, and managers in the areas of IT, BI, and controlling. Highlights include: Business Intelligence Concepts New Features of SAP NetWeaver 2004s Data Modeling in the Data Warehousing Workbench Data Retrieval Performance Optimization with Aggregates and BI Accelerator Redesign Functions: Repartitioning and Remodeling BEx Query Designer BEx Analyzer BEx Web Application Designer BI-Integrated Planning Visual Composer This book is an uncommonly practical "team planning and learning" management tool. It presents the most enduring, time-honored, leadership and management practices, and models what truly successful companies do to produce disciplined innovation into a simplified everyday guide. It is the only management tool (yes, "really") that integrates (1) a model team planning and learning process with a simplified, step-by-step guide; (2) definitive guidelines and tools to easily create a learning organization; and (3) an expertly crafted, comprehensive backbone of ideal best practices to implement the process. Its beneficiaries are entrepreneurs, owners, managers and team leaders in small and mid-sized businesses, including business units in larger companies focused on newer markets or functions. As well, management consultants, learning officers, training managers, coaches and facilitators of all types will find the book very useful as a training aid. "Best Business Practices" provides just what companies need to create and sustain habitual improvement by enabling managers to capitalize on their company's collective ingenuity, and to save lots of precious time while doing so. Of course, managers can use it for self-help and reference whenever necessary. Moreover, the book is

compact, modular in nature, and extremely flexible, thereby minimizing the time required to realize its benefits. Managers easily can tailor its use to their immediate needs because it is exceptionally user-friendly. It is one of the most affordable management tools available. This easy-to-use, quick-to-follow reference guide also will be very useful in business education, particularly at the graduate level. It demonstrates how to apply systems thinking and analysis skills to business and management situations. The benefits of seeing the big picture all in one book offers great value to students, both before and after completing their degrees. We developed the book in a way that is not prescriptive, but rather opens the mind and arouses the imagination, and yet we deliver its messages in ways that are logical and comfortable for business leaders and managers who are reflective, while engaged with the day-to-day needs of the business. Our vision is to make a world of entrepreneurial dreams come true. www.sim.world This book connects a buying psychology driven by American beliefs and values with a company's go-to market strategy, the goal being to sensitize readers to how the cultural values of a particular country or region can impact the business environment. The book also addresses the reasons behind these differences and therefore begins with a detailed cultural comparison of the United States and Europe, and assessments of how these characteristics impact their respective markets and customer behavior differently. Another aspect that sets this book apart is that it argues for sound decision-making processes as the first priority in any international business strategy. Readers are provided detailed insights into the variables a European company needs to understand before it makes its "go/no-go" decision, along with the tools needed to evaluate the probability of success and the risks of going to market. Once a company decides to enter the US market, the book then offers a highly customer-centric approach to developing and executing an effective market strategy. This book aims to inspire and ignite leadership action that makes a difference for you, your organisation and the world we live in. Its purpose is to clearly state the case for leadership and its importance to all of us at this time. At an organisational level, there is little doubt that real leadership is the engine room of performance. In the absence of systemic, results-focused leadership, breakthrough performance and high commitment will not be achieved. To make progress on our most significant issues, we need a new paradigm of leadership that supersedes the outdated industrial age leadership paradigm and liberates us from old ways of thinking about how to manage and lead people. A new paradigm needs to guide our actions and decisions in a constructive, values-driven way. It is one that will empower each of us to take full responsibility and accountability at all levels of organisations, in government, and in the community. Importantly, a new paradigm will create an environment of high levels of commitment and learning. Leadership Without Silver Bullets: A Guide to Exercising Leadership will show you: * a fresh, honest examination of leadership today * why and how the industrial age leadership paradigm continues to dominate today and hinder performance * the type of leadership demanded for the future * an important new emerging paradigm and what you can do in your own organisation * leadership to successfully adapt What people are saying about Leadership Without Silver Bullets: I have had the privilege of seeing the results of Phillip Ralphs work as a leadership coach. He is outstanding. I can highly recommend this book as both practical and inspiring with valuable insights on how leadership in organisations really works. Michael Rennie, Managing Partner McKinsey and Company, Australia and New Zealand Engaging style, easy to read, great mix of theory and live experience. Phillip Ralph has written a practical handbook for leaders who want to dig deeper and transform themselves and their organisations. Courage required. Faint-hearted types advised to steer clear of this book. Phil Clothier, CEO Barrett Values Centre, United Kingdom This is not just another book claiming to deliver the secrets of leadership success. Instead, through the use of thought-provoking examples and practical ideas, Phillip shares his unique take on what defines real leaders... Shaneen Argall, Director, Human Resources SMS Management & Technology, Melbourne, Australia Phillip Ralph is a leading consultant to CEOs and executives and he partners with organisations to achieve breakthrough, team and organisational performance. He is an author, coach, facilitator and keynote speaker. Phillip is the founder of The Leadership Sphere. Don't Do It the Hard Way "A wise man learns from the mistakes of others. Only a fool insists on making his own." Learn how to be better and do better by sharing the stories of experienced entrepreneurs. In this book Uncle Ralph will help you with: * Getting Started * Operating Effectiveness * Managing Relationships * Customer Service * Strategic Leadership * Managing the Numbers * Marketing & Sales * Building Business Value You will be inspired and informed, and you will learn from the mistakes of others to avoid making too many of your own. Plus: How to Avoid the Seven Biggest Mistakes that Entrepreneurs Make. The definitive book on the school massacre that shocked a nation. This much anticipated reference makes an excellent addition to your SAP BW Library. Read this book and you'll discover a comprehensive guide to configuring, executing, and optimizing data retrieval in SAP BW. The author takes you, step-by-step, through all of the essential data collection activities and helps you hit the ground running with master data, transaction data, and SAP Business Content. Expert insights and practical guidance help you to optimize these three factors and build a successful, efficient ETL (extraction, transformation, loading) process. This all-new edition is based on the current SAP BW Release 3.5, but remains a highly valuable resource for those still using previous versions. In Mortgage Myths, Realtor Ralph Roberts and mortgage consultant Chip Cummings take aim at the 77 mortgage myths that prevent so many would-be homeowners and real estate investors from pursuing their dreams of homeownership. You'll learn the difference between good and bad debt, how to make mortgage approval easier and simpler, and how to use other people's money to leverage your investments. This is the ultimate guide to getting the great deal you deserve. The COMPLETE DO-IT-YOURSELF GUIDE to BUSINESS PLANS Do-It-Yourself Business Plan? Yes you can! This comprehensive Guide provides all the tools, tips and techniques you need, including Real-life case studies, Sample Business Plans and Financial Templates. In The Guide you will learn valuable insights from Uncle Ralph's thirty years of experience as an entrepreneur, executive and consultant to entrepreneurs. Learn what to say and what not to say in your Business Plan. How to present it to different sources of financing. How to test feasibility and calculate your break-even sales. Learn how to evaluate whether you have what it takes before you start. And learn how to Avoid the Seven Biggest Mistakes that most entrepreneurs make. It will be easier to prepare your Business Plan and it will deliver better results. This groundbreaking book is the first in the Kimball Toolkit series to be product-specific. Microsoft's BI toolset has undergone significant changes in the SQL Server 2005 development cycle. SQL Server 2005 is the first viable, full-functioned data warehouse and business intelligence platform to be offered at a price that will make data warehousing and business intelligence available to a broad set of organizations. This book is meant to offer practical techniques to guide those organizations through the myriad of challenges to true success as measured by contribution to business value. Building a data warehousing and business intelligence system is a complex business and engineering effort. While there are significant technical challenges to overcome in successfully deploying a data warehouse, the authors find that the most common reason for data warehouse project failure is insufficient focus on the business users and business problems. In an effort to help people gain success, this book takes the proven Business Dimensional Lifecycle approach first described in best selling The Data Warehouse Lifecycle Toolkit and applies it to the Microsoft SQL Server 2005 tool set. Beginning with a thorough description of how to gather business requirements, the book then works through the details of creating the target dimensional model, setting up the data warehouse infrastructure, creating the relational atomic database, creating the analysis services databases, designing and building the standard report set, implementing security, dealing with metadata, managing ongoing maintenance and growing the DW/BI system. All of these steps tie back to the business requirements. Each chapter describes the practical steps in the context of the SQL Server 2005 platform. Intended Audience The target audience for this book is the IT department or service provider (consultant) who is: Planning a small to mid-range data warehouse project; Evaluating or planning to use Microsoft technologies as the primary or exclusive data warehouse server technology; Familiar with the general concepts of data warehousing and business intelligence. The book will be directed primarily at the project leader and the warehouse developers, although everyone involved with a data warehouse project will find the book useful. Some of the book's content will be more technical than the typical project leader will need; other chapters and sections will focus on business issues that are interesting to a database administrator or programmer as guiding information. The book is focused on the mass market, where the volume of data in a single application or data mart is less than 500 GB of raw data. While the book does discuss issues around handling larger warehouses in the Microsoft environment, it is not exclusively, or even primarily, concerned with the unusual challenges of extremely large datasets. About the Authors JOY MUNDY has focused on data warehousing and business intelligence since the early 1990s, specializing in business requirements analysis, dimensional modeling, and business intelligence systems architecture. Joy co-founded InfoDynamics LLC, a data warehouse consulting firm, then joined Microsoft WebTV to develop closed-loop analytic applications and a packaged data warehouse. Before returning to consulting with the Kimball Group in 2004, Joy worked in Microsoft SQL Server product development, managing a team that developed the best practices for building business intelligence systems on the Microsoft platform. Joy began her career as a business analyst in banking and finance. 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Warren holds an MBA in Decision Sciences from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, and a BA in Communications Studies from the University of Michigan. RALPH KIMBALL, PH.D., has been a leading visionary in the data warehouse industry since 1982 and is one of today's most internationally well-known authors, speakers, consultants, and teachers on data warehousing. He writes the "Data Warehouse Architect" column for Intelligent Enterprise (formerly DBMS) magazine. Adopting a generic approach to project management, this core text aims to introduce the key concepts of the subject in a concise and accessible way suitable for MBA and undergraduate students. Its key benefits are its direct relevance to the practice of project management, and its focus on the subject from an international perspective including case studies drawn from global sources. Ralf Kreutzer has once again succeeded in setting the right priorities. 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Translation by: Laura Grossmann This book presents – for the first time in the English language – the concept of systemic organization development and its use in management and consultancy. It demonstrates in a succinct and compact way, how the systemic approach, in its up-to-date version, is well suited to describe and handle complex challenges in diverse organizations of all sectors of society. First, the authors sketch out the crucial role organizations play today and the increasing importance of their ability to change. The central theme of the book is thus the design of organizational change processes with the help of different tools. These tools deal cautiously with employees, clients and cooperation partners in order to ensure sustainable success of an organization. In the final chapters the authors delve into specific attitudes during the change process, such as the building of trust and the allowing of emotions. Several cases illustrate how the concept and the tools promote organizational development. The book well provides a practical guideline. Additionally, the book talks about important aspects managers have to pay attention to, such as dealing with concerns and resistance. The values of the systemic concept like sustainability, selective participation and growth from inside are convincingly exemplified. The book is theoretically sound and grounded by the authors' long management and consulting experience and their research activities with the university background. It is addressed mainly at actors in corporations, not-for-profit and public organizations, who's task it is to organize, design and effectuate change while the daily business continues alongside. These actors may be leaders, managers, experts, consultants, project managers or employees. If a major event such as a terrorist attack, 7.2 earthquake, tsunami, or hacker attack were to disrupt business operations, would your organization be prepared to respond to the financial, political, and social impacts? In order for your company to be resilient, it must be ready to respond and recover quickly from the impact of such events. Business continuity is the discipline that can help your organization become truly resilient. Business Continuity Planning: A Project Management Approach explains how to deploy project management, risk management, business continuity, and business preparedness methods in a manner that will ensure organizational resiliency. With an emphasis on building business preparedness plans, it covers the fundamental principles of project management, risk management, business continuity, and business preparedness. 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