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As software systems become more and more ubiquitous, the issues of dependability become more and more critical. Given that solutions to these issues must be planned at the beginning of the design process, it is appropriate that these issues be addressed at the architectural level. This book is inspired by the ICSE 2002 Workshop on Architecting Dependable Systems; it is devoted to current topics relevant for improving the state of the art for architecting dependability. Some of the 13 peer-reviewed papers presented were initially presented at the workshop, others were invited in order to achieve competent and complete coverage of all relevant aspects. The papers are organized in topical sections on - architectures for dependability - fault tolerance in software architectures - dependability analysis in software architectures - industrial experience.

Advances in Computers

The book will be useful to planners engaged in smart growth efforts on both sides of the Atlantic. Its strength is in the inclusion of a variety of topics and case studies relevant to growth management programs and highlighting key direct and indirect impacts of these efforts in a variety of contexts. Lucie Laurian, Growth and Change This unique book allows readers to compare analyses of how North American states and European nation-states use incentives, regulations or plans to approach a core set of universal land use issues such as: containing sprawl, mixed use development, transit oriented development, affordable housing, healthy urban designs, and marketing smarter growth. The concept of smart growth has gained in popularity in many countries around the world. From Europe to Asia to North America, planners, citizens, and policy makers have come to realize that patterns of urban development not only matter, but can affect the quality of life of every urban and rural resident. Comparing the approaches and results of policies in different locations is a logical way to assess policy success. While similarities and differences provide the foundation for trans-Atlantic comparisons, the contributions in this book focus on three central themes: smart growth, the role of states and nation-states, and the use of incentives, regulations and plans. Incentives, Regulations and Plans will find an audience in the United States, Canada and Europe, especially from those interested in architecture, planning, engineering, urban studies, agriculture and public policy.

The aim of this book is to help readers assimilate the concepts and methods for investment decision and project evaluation. It offers a wide range of exercises, problems and case studies taken from business, which are the fruit of many years of teaching, consulting and research. Some are direct application of basics, others require a higher degree of reflection for more complex applications. Our approach borrows elements from microeconomics, engineering economics and finance theory. This book is suited to both professionals and students who seek to master capital budgeting techniques. A review of essential points is proposed at the beginning of each chapter and key methodological elements are recalled in the solutions.

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-proceedings of the 8th International Bi-Conference Workshop on Agent-Oriented Information Systems, AOIS 2005, held in Hakodate, Japan, May9, 2006 and Luxembourg, Luxembourg, June 6, 2006.

The 13 revised full papers presented have gone through two rounds of reviewing and improvement and were carefully selected for inclusion in the book. The papers are organized in topical sections on Modelling, Methodologies, Agent-oriented Software Engineering, and Applications.

After the IPS2 conferences in Cranfield and Linköping in 2009 and 2010 the 3rd CIRP International Conference on Industrial Product Service Systems (IPS2) 2011 takes place in Braunschweig, Germany. IPS2 itself is defined as “an integrated industrial product and service offering that delivers value in use”. The customers expect comprehensive solutions, which are adapted to their individual needs. IPS2 offers the possibility to stand out from competition and for long-term customer loyalty. Particularly in times of economic crisis it becomes apparent which producing companies understand to satisfy the needs and requirements of their customers. Especially in this relatively new domain IPS2 it will be important to keep track of the whole context and to seek cooperation with other research fields and disciplines. The 3rd CIRP International Conference on Industrial Product Service Systems (IPS2) 2011 serves as a platform for such collaborations and the discussion of new scientific ideas.

Highly accessible and applicable, Travel and Entertainment Best Practices provides you with a comprehensive view of T&E procedures with authoritative tips, techniques, and advice from Mary Schaeffer, America’s most accomplished accounts payable expert.

A Journey Through Cultures addresses one of the hottest topics in contemporary HCI: cultural diversity amongst users. For a number of years the HCI community has been investigating alternatives to enhance the design of cross-cultural systems. Most contributions to date have followed either a ‘design for each’ or a ‘design for all’ strategy. A Journey Through Cultures takes a very different approach. Proponents of CVM – the Cultural Viewpoint Metaphors perspective – the authors invite HCI practitioners to think of how to expose and communicate the idea of cultural diversity. A detailed case study is included which assesses the metaphors’ potential in cross-cultural design and evaluation. The results show that cultural viewpoint metaphors have strong epistemic power, leveraged by a combination of theoretic foundations coming from Anthropology, Semiotics and the authors’ own work in HCI and Semiotic Engineering. Luciana Salgado, Carla Leitão and Clarisse de Souza are members of SERG, the Semiotic Engineering Research Group at the Departamento de Informática of Rio de Janeiro's Pontifical Catholic University (PUC-Rio). Service-oriented computing is a paradigm for developing software addressing key contemporary IT challenges. The result of the SENSORIA project, this book presents a novel and comprehensive approach to designing, analyzing and implementing SO applications.

Frameworks for Market Strategy helps students understand how to develop and implement a market strategy and how to manage the marketing process. Marketing activity is the source of insight on the market, customers, and competitors and lies at the core of leading and managing a business. To understand how marketing fits into the broader challenge of managing a business, Capon and Go address marketing management both at the business and functional levels. The book moves beyond merely presenting established procedures, processes, and practices and includes new material based on cutting-edge research to ensure students

develop strong critical thinking and problem-solving skills for success. In this European edition, Capon and Go have retained the strong framework of the book, but have updated the cases, examples, and discussions to increase the book's relevance for students outside the USA. Key features include:

- A strong strategic focus, teaching students how to analyze markets, customers, and competitors to plan, execute, and evaluate a winning market strategy
- Practical examples from a range of contexts, allowing students to develop the skills necessary to work in for-profit, public, or non-profit firms
- Emphasis on understanding the importance of working across organizational boundaries to align firm capabilities
- Full chapters devoted to key topics, including brand management, digital marketing, marketing metrics, and ethical as well as social responsibilities
- Focus on globalization with a chapter on regional and international marketing
- Multiple choice, discussion, and essay questions at the end of each chapter

Offering an online instructor's manual and a host of useful pedagogy – including videos, learning outcomes, opening cases, key ideas, exercises, discussion questions, a glossary, and more – this book will provide a solid foundation in marketing management, both for those who will work in marketing departments, and those who will become senior executives.

This book – inspired by two ECOOP workshops on exception handling - is composed of five parts; the first four address exception handling and related topics in the context of programming languages, concurrency and operating systems, pervasive computing systems, and requirements and specifications. The last part offers case studies, experimentation and qualitative comparisons. The 16 coherently written chapters by leading researchers review a wide range of issues in exception handling.

Though outsourcing continues to be popular, some in the IS community have questioned the wisdom of surrendering management control of this vital asset. This timely book explores the topic in depth showing you exactly where and how to take advantage of the expanding market of IS service providers--and when to keep IS function in-house.

This book focuses on recent developments in representational and processing aspects of complex data-intensive applications. Until recently, information systems have been designed around different business functions, such as accounts payable and inventory control. Object-oriented modeling, in contrast, structures systems around the data--the objects--that make up the various business functions. Because information about a particular function is limited to one place--to the object--the system is shielded from the effects of change. Object-oriented modeling also promotes better understanding of requirements, clear designs, and more easily maintainable systems. This book focuses on recent developments in representational and processing aspects of complex data-intensive applications. The chapters cover "hot" topics such as application behavior and consistency, reverse engineering, interoperability and collaboration between objects, and work-flow modeling. Each chapter contains a review of its subject, followed by object-oriented modeling techniques and methodologies that can be applied to real-life applications. Contributors F. Casati, S. Ceri, R. Cicchetti, L. M. L. Delcambre, E. F. Ecklund, D. W. Embley, G. Engels, J. M. Gagnon, R. Godin, M. Gogolla, L. Groenewegen, G. S. Jensen, G. Kappel, B. J. Krämer, S. W. Liddle, R. Missaoui, M. Norrie, M. P. Papazoglou, C. Parent, B. Perniei, P. Poncelet, G. Pozzi, M. Schreft, R. T. Snodgrass, S. Spaccapietra, M. Stumptner, M. Teisseire, W. J. van den Heuevel, S. N. Woodfield

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-workshop proceedings of the 5th International Workshop on Web Services and Formal Methods, WS-FM 2008, held in Milan, Italy, in September 2008 in conjunction with the 6th International Conference on Business Process Management, BPM 2008. The 13 revised full papers presented together with one invited paper were carefully reviewed and selected from 39 submissions. The papers feature topics such as analysis, test, and verification; choreographies and process calculi; transactions and interoperability; workflows and petri nets.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 17th International Symposium on Formal Methods, FM 2011, held in Limerick, Ireland, in June 2011. The 29 revised full papers presented together with 3 invited talks were carefully reviewed and selected from numerous submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on cyber-physical systems, runtime analysis, case studies/tools, experience, program compilation and transformation, security, progress algebra, education, concurrency, dynamic structures, and model checking.

This volume constitutes the refereed proceedings of 13 international workshops held as part of OTM 2008 in Monterrey, Mexico, in November 2008. The 106 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from a total of 171 submissions to the workshops. The volume starts with 19 additional revised poster papers of the OTM 2008 main conferences CoopIS and ODBASE. Topics of the workshop papers are ambient data integration (ADI 2008), agents and web services merging in distributed environment (AWeSoMe 2008), community-based evolution of knowledge-intensive systems (COMBEK 2008), enterprise integration, interoperability and networking (EI2N 2008), system/software architectures (IWSSA 2008), mobile and networking technologies for social applications (MONET 2008), ontology content and evaluation in enterprise & quantitative semantic methods for the internet (OnToContent and QSI 2008), object-role modeling (ORM 2008), pervasive systems (PerSys 2008), reliability in decentralized distributed systems (RDDS 2008), semantic extensions to middleware enabling large scale knowledge (SEMELS 2008), and semantic Web and Web semantics (SWWS 2008).

"This book shows systems analysts and business analysts how ontological thinking can help them clarify requirements analysis tasks in business systems"--Provided by publisher.

A Methodology for Developing Multimodal User Interfaces of Information Systems Presses univ. de Louvain

Since the post World War Two boom in private automobile ownership, Drive Tourism has transformed the tourism landscape by facilitating dispersal and the growth of attractions and tourism related infrastructure beyond the zones that had previously emerged around seaports and railway terminals. The automobile has made regional dispersal possible and created opportunities for many small rural communities to supplement rural economies with a tourism economy.

Drive Tourism is a popular form of tourism activity that has significantly contributed to the development of Tourism in many nations, but has received relatively little attention in the literature. This book is the first attempt to provide a global comprehensive review and scholarly investigation into this popular and growing form of tourism. It draws on a vast range

of geographical locations to critically explore the impacts of drive tourism in developed and underdeveloped regions. It evaluates tourism authorities' response to the Drive Tourism Experience, and offers operational insights into the management of the drive experience as well as providing original empirical research and insights into the field that will contribute to future investigation. In doing so it explores the many forms of drive tourism from caravanning to fly drive touring.

Collaborative consumption is a peer-to-peer (P2P) exchange of goods and services facilitated by online platforms. This phenomenon is driven by technologies that make it easier and cheaper to redistribute and share the use of existing but underutilized private resources. It is embedded in the paradigm shift in society towards access-based consumption, in opposition to acquisition and private individual ownership. Firms take on the new role of enabler of collaborative consumption by developing online platforms and smartphone apps that facilitate P2P exchanges between people in their roles of peer providers and consumers. Collaborative consumption is anchored to two opposite logics of consumption: sharing and market exchange. This results in the Heart & Wallet paradox with its tensions between a pro-social orientation and communal norms on the one hand, and a for-profit orientation and market norms on the other hand. While diverse societal and regulatory aspects of the so-called "sharing economy" are discussed in popular debate, scholars have yet to catch up on the theoretical implications from these influences on business activities and consumer behavior. This thesis aims to improve the understanding of collaborative consumption by contributing to the conceptualization of this new phenomenon as intertwined with coexisting sharing and market logics. The research is based on two papers taking the perspective of the firms operating online platforms that facilitate collaborative consumption, and two papers taking the perspective of the peer providers and consumers participating in P2P exchanges. The context of shared mobility (i.e. P2P car rental, ridesharing) is explored through three cases, using interviews with online platform managers and participants in collaborative consumption, participant observation, a netnography, a cross-sectional survey of platform users, and document analyses. This thesis situates collaborative consumption in the access paradigm, based on the temporal redistribution and monetization of private resources facilitated via online platforms, while nurturing the feelings of communal belonging and the sharing ethos embedded in P2P exchanges. Investigating the tensions of the Heart & Wallet paradox of collaborative consumption, I highlight the opposing rationales between the sharing logic of the original nonmonetary practices initiated by grassroots communities and the market logic of platform business models. I further emphasize the key function of communal identification for participants and the role of perceived sharing authenticity—the pitfalls of sharewashing for firms. This thesis contributes to service research by advancing the understanding of P2P exchanges and the conceptualization of collaborative consumption. Kollaborativ konsumtion

bygger på P2P-utbyte (peer-to-peer) av varor och tjänster genom online-plattformar. Detta fenomen drivs på av teknologi som gör det enklare och billigare att dela användningen av befintliga men underutnyttjade privata resurser. Det är inbäddat i paradigmskiftet i samhället mot tillgångsbaserad konsumtion, i motsats till privat ägande. Företag får en ny roll som underlättare av kollaborativ konsumtion där privatpersoner istället intar rollerna som både leverantörer och konsumenter. Kollaborativ konsumtion är förankrat i två motsatta logiker: delning och varuutbyte. Detta resulterar i Heart & Wallet-paradoxen med spänningar emellan en pro-social orientering som bygger på gemensamma normer, och en vinstdrivande orientering baserad på marknadsnormer. Medan det funnits en debatt kring den så kallade "delningsekonomi" och dess samhällliga och legala implikationer, så har den akademiska debatten ännu ej hunnit ta fart kring dess påverkan på affärsverksamhet och konsumentbeteende. Avhandlingen syftar till att förbättra förståelsen av kollaborativ konsumtion genom att bidra till conceptualiseringen av detta fenomen där delningslogik och marknadslogik samexisterar. Avhandlingen är baserad på två artiklar som undersöker kollaborativ konsumtion från ett företagsperspektiv och två artiklar där begreppet studeras ur de deltagande individernas perspektiv. Kontexten "shared mobility" (d.v.s. privat biluthyrning, samåkning) undersöks i tre organisationer med hjälp av intervjuer med anställda på onlineplattformar och deltagare i kollaborativ konsumtion, deltagarobservationer, en nätnografi, en tvärsnittsundersökning av plattformsanvändare och dokumentanalyser. Avhandlingen placerar kollaborativ konsumtion i paradigmet kring studier av tillgång till tjänster, där den temporära omfördelningen i tid och monetariseringen av privata resurser underlättas via online-plattformar, samtidigt som den gemensamma tillhörigheten och det "delningsetos" som finns inbäddat i P2P-utbyten uppmuntras. Genom att undersöka spänningarna i Heart & Wallet-paradoxen i kollaborativ konsumtion, belyser jag motsättningarna mellan delningslogiken från gräsrotsrörelsen och marknadslogiken i plattformsaaffärsmodellerna. Vidare diskuterar jag den centrala rollen av "communal identification"-upplevelsen av autenticitet vid delning av resurser för kollaborativ konsumtion. Avhandlingen bidrar till tjänsteforskningen kring tillgång till tjänster genom en ökad förståelse av P2P-utbyten och en conceptualisering av kollaborativ konsumtion.

Managing and Using Information Systems: A Strategic Approach, Sixth Edition, conveys the insights and knowledge MBA students need to become knowledgeable and active participants in information systems decisions. This text is written to help managers begin to form a point of view of how information systems will help, hinder, and create opportunities for their organizations. It is intended to provide a solid foundation of basic concepts relevant to using and managing information.

The Graphical User Interface (GUI), as the most prevailing type of User Interface (UI) in today's interactive applications, restricts the interaction with a computer to the visual modality and is therefore not suited for some users (e.g., with limited

literacy or typing skills), in some circumstances (e.g., while moving around, with their hands or eyes busy) or when the environment is constrained (e.g., the keyboard and the mouse are not available). In order to go beyond the GUI constraints, the Multimodal (MM) UIs appear as a paradigm that provides users with great expressive power, naturalness and flexibility. In this thesis we argue that developing MM UIs combining graphical and vocal modalities is an activity that could benefit from the application of a methodology which is composed of: a set of models, a method manipulating these models and the tools implementing the method. Therefore, we define a design space-based method that is supported by model-to-model colored transformations in order to obtain MM UIs of information systems. The design space is composed of explicitly defined design options that clarify the development process in a structured way in order to require less design effort. The feasibility of the methodology is demonstrated through three case studies with different levels of complexity and coverage. In addition, an empirical study is conducted with end-users in order to measure the relative usability level provided by different design decisions.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused a disruption for many industries at its emergence, including the rental industry. The rental industry consists of more than just car rentals. It also includes Airbnb, house rentals, cruises, and other means of transport. This industry, which relies on tourism, was negatively affected by the travel restrictions that were put in place due to the pandemic. As such, it had to quickly adapt and grow to abide by the rules of the “new normal” in order to survive both during the pandemic, as well as implement new models and strategies that would help it to regain its success post-COVID-19. *Socio-Economic Effects and Recovery Efforts for the Rental Industry: Post-COVID-19 Strategies* is a critical reference book that discusses the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the rental industry and the ways in which the rental industry adapted under the new global restrictions affecting tourism. This book covers recovery efforts for the rental industry, analyzes global cases of the effects and adaptations the rental industry has undergone, and discusses the sociological aspects of the pandemic. While highlighting topics such as e-commerce, financial leasing, second home tourism, and sharing economies, this book is essential for executives, business owners, managers, rental agencies, ridesharing companies, academicians, researchers, and students interested in the current state of the rental industry and how it plans to overcome the challenges caused by the pandemic.

Deals with the alignment of IT and business of Private Equity. This book introduces IT professionals to the concepts of the business of Private Equity. It includes chapters which cover the following topics: overview of the Private Equity industry; sources of funds for investing; types of funds; and, industry sectors.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Model Driven Engineering Languages and Systems (formerly UML conferences), MoDELS 2006. The book presents 51 revised full papers and 2 invited papers. Discussion is organized in

topical sections on evaluating UML, MDA in software development, concrete syntax, applying UML to interaction and coordination, aspects, model integration, formal semantics of UML, security, model transformation tools and implementation, and more.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 18th International Conference on Advanced Information Systems Engineering, CAiSE 2006, held in Luxembourg, in June 2006. The book presents 33 revised full papers together with 3 keynote talks. The papers are organized in topical sections on security, conceptual modeling, queries, document conceptualization, service composition, workflow, business modeling, configuration and separation, business process modeling, agent orientation, and requirements management.

European economies are now dominated by services, and virtually all companies view service as critical to retaining their customers today and in the future. In its third European edition, *Services Marketing: Integrating Customer Focus across the Firm* provides full coverage of the foundations of services marketing, placing the distinctive gaps model at the center of this approach. Drawing on the most recent research and using up-to-date and topical examples, the book focuses on the development of customer relationships through quality service, outlining the core concepts and theories in services marketing today. New and updated material in this new edition include: - - New content on the role of digital marketing and social media has been added throughout to reflect the latest developments in this dynamic field - - Increased coverage of Service dominant logic regarding the creation of value and the understanding of customer relationships - - New examples and case studies added from global and innovative companies including AirBnB, IKEA, Disneyland, Scandinavia Airlines, and Skyscanner

A pair of INSEAD professors present a toolkit to help innovators better conceive disruptive business models that create and revolutionize industries, outlining how to transform a company according to the examples of successful international companies by challenging the assumptions around key decisions. 15,000 first printing.

The refereed proceedings of the 15th International Conference on Advanced Information Systems Engineering, CaiSE 2003, held in Klagenfurt, Austria in June 2003. The 45 revised full papers presented together with 3 invited contributions were carefully reviewed and selected from 219 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on XML, methods and models for information systems, UML, Internet business and social modeling, peer-to-peer systems, ontology-based methods, advanced design of information systems, knowledge, knowledge management, Web services, data warehouses, electronic agreements and workflow, requirements engineering, metrics and method engineering, and agent technologies and advanced environments.

In recent years, real estate investment has witnessed an unprecedented internationalisation. However, national markets largely continue to be shaped by domestic law and local business practices. This book provides a comparison of the British and German property markets, which are Europe's most important, and discusses key elements of the economics of leasing. Applying the theory of long-term contracts and the economic analysis of bankruptcy law to leases, it examines in detail the regulations pertaining to rent adjustment and tenant default, which can substantially impact investment performance. The prevailing rent adjustment mechanisms such as rent review and indexation are discussed. A comparison is made of the remedies available to landlords of defaulting tenants under both jurisdictions.

Strong leaders are essential to business success, which makes leadership development a business imperative in today's competitive environment. Leaders are needed that can do more than manage - leaders are needed that can make a business great. In addition, there is increasing pressure on organizations to demonstrate the wise investment of development dollars. This requires the effective use of leadership development methods, as well as the ability to demonstrate the success of those methods. The Leadership Scorecard combines an explanation and discussion on best practice leadership development methods and incorporates ROI measurement & evaluation methodology.

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Provides information on the use of Excel in financial statements and analysis, financial planning and control, investment decisions, and sales and marketing.

This book contains the refereed proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Business Process Modeling, Development and Support (BPMDS 2011) and the 16th International Conference on Exploring Modeling Methods for Systems Analysis and Design (EMMSAD 2011), held together with the 23rd International Conference on Advanced Information Systems Engineering (CAiSE 2011) in London, UK, in June 2011. The 22 papers accepted for BPMDS were selected from 61 submissions and cover a wide spectrum of issues related to business processes development, modeling, and support. They are grouped into sections on BPMDS in practice, business process improvement, business process flexibility, declarative process models, variety of modeling paradigms, business process modeling and support systems development, and interoperability and mobility. The 16 papers accepted for EMMSAD were chosen from 31 submissions and focus on exploring, evaluating, and enhancing current information modeling methods and methodologies. They are grouped in sections on workflow and process modeling extensions, requirements analysis and information systems development, requirements evolution and information systems evolution, data modeling languages and business rules, conceptual modeling practice, and enterprise architecture.

Packed with 2013 and 2014 cases, FUNDAMENTALS OF BUSINESS LAW TODAY: SUMMARIZED CASES, 10e covers core business law topics like contracts and sales in a concise paperback. Summarized cases integrated throughout the text illustrate key points of law without unnecessary detail. Intended for the one-term course focused primarily on contracts and sales, the text condenses the latest legal topics--including cyberlaw, health-care, financial reform, and more--for quick comprehension. An entire chapter is devoted to Internet Law, Social Media, and Privacy. Current, abbreviated, and affordable, FUNDAMENTALS OF BUSINESS LAW TODAY: SUMMARIZED CASES, 10e provides an easy-to-understand alternative to traditional Business Law texts. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

This publication contains the student activities for Shaping Up Your Financial Future.

This volume includes extended and revised versions of a set of selected papers from the International Conference on Electric and Electronics (EEIC 2011) , held on June 20-22 , 2011, which is jointly organized by Nanchang University, Springer, and IEEE IAS Nanchang Chapter. The objective of EEIC 2011 Volume 1 is to provide a major interdisciplinary forum for the presentation of new approaches from Electronics and Signal Processing, to foster integration of the latest developments in scientific research. 133 related topic papers were selected into this volume. All the papers were reviewed by 2 program committee members and selected by the volume editor Prof. Wensong Hu. We hope every participant can have a good opportunity to exchange their research ideas and results and to discuss the state of the art in the areas of the Electronics and Signal Processing.

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(Computer Books)

The modern world has made available a wealth of new possibilities for interacting with computers, through advanced Web applications, while on the go with handheld smart telephones or using electronic tabletops or wall-sized displays. Developers of modern interactive systems face great problems: how to design applications which will work well with newly available technologies, and how to efficiently and correctly implement such designs. Design, Specification and Verification of Interactive Systems 2008 was the 15th of a series of annual workshops devoted to helping designers and implementers of interactive systems unleash the power of modern interaction devices and techniques. DSV-IS 2008 was held at Queen's University in Kingston, Canada, during July 16–18, 2008. This book collects the best papers submitted to the workshop. There were 17 full papers, 10 late-breaking and experience report papers, and two demonstrations. Keynote presentations were provided by Judy Brown of Carleton University and Randy Ellis of Queen's University. The first day of the workshop addressed the problems of user interface evaluation and specification, with particular emphasis on the use of task models to provide hi-level approaches for capturing the intended functionality of a user interface. Day two continued this theme, examining techniques for modeling user interfaces, particularly for mobile and ubiquitous applications. Presenters also discussed advanced implementation techniques for interactive systems. Finally, day three considered how to architect interactive systems, and returned to the themes of evaluation and specification.

“Private equity is more economically significant than ever, as institutions hunt for high returns in a risky world. Private Equity 4.0 examines the role, workings and contribution of this important industry in a straightforward yet revealing manner.” Dr. Josh Lerner Jacob H. Schiff Professor of Investment Banking Chair, Entrepreneurial Management Unit Harvard Business School A multi-perspective look at private equity's inner workings Private Equity 4.0 provides an insider perspective on the private equity industry, and analyzes the fundamental evolution of the private equity asset class over the past 30 years, from alternative to mainstream. The book provides insightful interviews of key industry figures, and case studies of some of the success stories in the industry. It also answers key questions related to strategy, fund manager selection, incentive mechanisms, performance comparison, red flags in prospectuses, and more. Private Equity 4.0 offers guidance for the many stakeholders that could benefit from a more complete understanding of this special area of finance. Understand the industry's dominant business models Discover how value is created and performance measured Perform a deep dive into the ecosystem of professionals that make the industry hum, including the different incentive systems that support the industry's players Elaborate a clear set of guidelines to invest in the industry and deliver better performance Written by a team of authors that combine academic and industry expertise to produce a well-rounded perspective, this book details the inner workings of private equity and gives readers the background they need to feel confident about committing to this asset class. Coverage includes a historical perspective on the business models of the three major waves of private equity leading to today's 4.0 model, a detailed analysis of the industry today, as well as reflections on the future of private equity and prospective futures. It also provides readers with the analytical and financial tools to analyze a fund's performance, with clear explanations of the mechanisms, organizations, and individuals that make the system work. The authors demystify private equity by providing a balanced, but critical, review of its contributions and shortcomings and moving beyond the

simplistic journalistic descriptions. Its ecosystem is complex and not recognizing that complexity leads to inappropriate judgments. Because of its assumed opacity and some historical deviant (and generally transient) practices, it has often been accused of evil intents, making it an ideal scapegoat in times of economic crisis, prodding leading politicians and regulators to intervene and demand changes in practices. Unfortunately, such actors were often responding to public calls for action rather than a thorough understanding of the factors at play in this complex interdependent system, doing often more harm than good in the process and depriving economies of one of their most dynamic and creative forces. Self-regulation has clearly shown its limits, but righteous political interventions even more so. Private equity investment can be a valuable addition to many portfolios, but investors need a clear understanding of the forces at work before committing to this asset class. With detailed explanations and expert insights, Private Equity 4.0 is a comprehensive guide to the industry ways and means that enables the reader to capture its richness and sustainability.

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