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Increasing pressure on global reserves of petroleum at a time of growing demand for personal transport in developing countries, together with concerns over atmospheric pollution and carbon dioxide emissions, are leading to a requirement for more sustainable forms of road transport. Major improvements in the efficiency of all types of road vehicles are called for, along with the use of fuels derived from alternative sources, or entirely new fuels. Towards Sustainable Road Transport first describes the evolution of vehicle designs and propulsion technologies over the past two centuries, before looking forward to possible new forms of energy to substitute for petroleum. The book also discusses the political and socio-economic drivers for change, investigates barriers to their broad implementation, and outlines the state-of-the-art of candidate power sources, advanced vehicle design, and associated infrastructure. The comprehensive technical information supplied by an expert author team ensures that Towards Sustainable Road Transport will provide readers with a clear understanding of the ongoing progress in this field and the challenges still to be faced. Drivers of technological change in road transport and the infrastructure requirements Discussion of alternative fuels for internal combustion engines and fuel conversion technologies Detailed exploration of current and emerging options for vehicle propulsion, with emphasis on hybrid/ battery electric traction, hydrogen, and fuel cells Comparative analysis of vehicle design requirements, primary power source efficiency, and energy storage systems

Customer Relationship Management is a holistic strategic approach to managing customer relationships to increase shareholder value, and this major Handbook of CRM gives complete coverage of the key concepts in this vital field. It is about achieving a total understanding of the concepts that underlie successful CRM rather than the plethora of systems that can be used to implement it. Based on recent knowledge, it is underpinned by:

- * Clear and comprehensive explanations of the key concepts in the field
- * Vignettes and full cases from major businesses internationally
- * Definitive references and notes to further sources of information on every aspect of CRM

Templates and audit advice for assessing your own CRM needs and targets The most lucid, comprehensive and important overview of the subject and an invaluable tool in enabling the connection of the major principles to the real world of business.

Innovation is the major driving force in organisations today. With the rise of truly global markets and the intensifying competition for customers, employees and other critical resources, the ability to continuously develop successful innovative products, services, processes and strategies is essential. While creativity is the starting point for any kind of innovation, design is the process through which a creative idea or concept is translated into reality. Managing Innovation, Design and Creativity, 2nd Edition brings these three strands together in a discussion built around a collection of up-to-date case studies.

A comprehensive guide to the world of automotive technology, including jargon and acronyms. Appendices include: stopping distances; country letter codes; VIN number decoding; major road routes of the UK, Europe and the US; metric/imperial conversion tables; and more.

“This study probes deeply into the dynamics of the blame games that seem now to

have become an inevitable part of advanced societies' responses to negative events. Resodihardjo's forensic analysis of how such negative events get framed, investigated and accounted for significantly advances our understanding of how incidents and crises affect the reputations and political capital of public authorities, and how they can foster but also significantly impede institutional learning."—Paul 't Hart, Utrecht University, The Netherlands "The crisis is often not even over before the mud starts flying. This little gem of a book outlines causes and consequences of blame games. The author offers strategies for dealing with these blame games. An emerging scholar writing a valuable primer on surviving blame games - warmly recommended!"—Arjen Boin, Leiden University, The Netherlands "This is an important book. Crises are followed by questions and the accountability phase inevitably involves the blame game. In using in-depth case study analysis of tragic incidents at festivals, Sandra Resodihardjo explores why and how blame games start, evolve and are then influenced by a variety of factors. This is a fascinating read, when things go badly wrong the cycle of blame is often complex, involving multiple actors and organisations often battling to frame the event to their own agenda. This should be essential reading not just for scholars studying this critical area of public policy, but practitioners who would undoubtedly learn a lot from the analytical oversight and forensic detail contained in this excellent book."—Mark Bennister, University of Lincoln, United Kingdom ?During the accountability phase following a crisis, the focus is both on learning (how can we prevent a recurrence of this horrific event?) and on finding culprits (who caused and/or contributed to this crisis?). The latter is also known as the blame game where actors receive and respond to blame. Too much focus on the blame game, however, could lead to an unbalanced accountability phase as people are less inclined to share what they know about what happened because of fear, for instance, of resignation. This lack of information hampers the learning process following crises. Hopefully, a better understanding of how blame games work will lead to a better managed blame game which, in turn, should result in a more balanced accountability phase where there is ample of room to learn from the tragic event. This book furthers our understanding of what happens during blame games following crises by looking at both theory and practice. Theories on blame games help to answer questions such as who is blamed and why? How much blame is this person receiving and why? How can this person respond? And why do these responses sometimes not work? One particular response to blame (appointing an inquiry) can have quite an impact on the blame game. That is why the second theoretical chapter addresses questions such as why are inquiries created? How can one influence them? And why are some inquiries more independent than others? The analysis of three festivals gone wrong helps to expand our knowledge of blame games even further. The three cases show that responses to blame can backfire and that rituals, context, and sub-blame games can have an impact on how blame games evolve. Taken together, the theories and cases explored in this book will help people to better understand and manage blame games.

Elsevier/Butterworth-Heinemann's 2005-2006 CIM Coursebook series offers you the complete package for exam success. Comprising fully updated Coursebook texts that are revised annually, and free online access to the MarketingOnline learning interface, it offers everything you need to study for your CIM qualification. Carefully structured to link directly to the CIM syllabus, this Coursebook is user-friendly, interactive and

relevant, ensuring it is the definitive companion to this year's CIM marketing course. Each Coursebook is accompanied by access to **MARKETINGONLINE** (www.marketingonline.co.uk), a unique online learning resource designed specifically for CIM students, where you can: Annotate, customise and create personally tailored notes using the electronic version of the Coursebook Receive regular tutorials on key topics from Marketing Knowledge Search the Coursebook online for easy access to definitions and key concepts Access the glossary for a comprehensive list of marketing terms and their meanings

The global crisis the automotive industry has slipped into over the second half of 2008 has set a fierce spotlight not only on which cars are the right ones to bring to the market but also on how these cars are developed. Be it OEMs developing new models, suppliers integrating themselves deeper into the development processes of different OEMs, analysts estimating economical risks and opportunities of automotive investments, or even governments creating and evaluating scenarios for financial aid for suffering automotive companies: At the end of the day, it is absolutely indispensable to comprehensively understand the processes of automotive development – the core subject of this book. Let's face it: More than a century after Carl Benz, Wilhelm Maybach and Gottlieb Daimler developed and produced their first motor vehicles, the overall concept of passenger cars has not changed much. Even though components have been considerably optimized since then, motor cars in the 21st century are still driven by combustion engines that transmit their propulsive power to the road surface via gearboxes, transmission shafts and wheels, which together with spring-damper units allow driving stability and ride comfort. Vehicles are still navigated by means of a steering wheel that turns the front wheels, and the required control elements are still located on a dashboard in front of the driver who operates the car sitting in a seat. An innovative analysis that shows how the shift to solar energy—in particular, the use of photovoltaic cells—is both economically advantageous and inevitable, and will rival the information and communication technologies revolution in its transformative effects. In *Solar Revolution*, fund manager and former corporate buyout specialist Travis Bradford argues—on the basis of standard business and economic forecasting models—that over the next two decades solar energy will increasingly become the best and cheapest choice for most electricity and energy applications. *Solar Revolution* outlines the path by which the transition to solar technology and sustainable energy practices will occur. Developments in the photovoltaic (PV) industry over the last ten years have made direct electricity generation from PV cells a cost-effective and feasible energy solution, despite the common view that PV technology appeals only to a premium niche market. Bradford shows that PV electricity today has become the choice of hundreds of thousands of mainstream homeowners and businesses in many markets worldwide, including Japan, Germany, and the American Southwest. Solar energy will eventually be the cheapest source of energy in nearly all markets and locations because PV can bypass the aging and fragile electricity grid and deliver its power directly to the end user, fundamentally changing the underlying economics of energy. As the scale of PV production increases and costs continue to decline at historic rates, demand for PV electricity will outpace supply

of systems for years to come. Ultimately, the shift from fossil fuels to solar energy will take place not because solar energy is better for the environment or energy security, or because of future government subsidies or as yet undeveloped technology. The solar revolution is already occurring through decisions made by self-interested energy users. The shift to solar energy is inevitable and will be as transformative as the last century's revolutions in information and communication technologies.

The Encyclopedia of Electrochemical Power Sources is a truly interdisciplinary reference for those working with batteries, fuel cells, electrolyzers, supercapacitors, and photo-electrochemical cells. With a focus on the environmental and economic impact of electrochemical power sources, this five-volume work consolidates coverage of the field and serves as an entry point to the literature for professionals and students alike. Covers the main types of power sources, including their operating principles, systems, materials, and applications Serves as a primary source of information for electrochemists, materials scientists, energy technologists, and engineers Incorporates nearly 350 articles, with timely coverage of such topics as environmental and sustainability considerations

Concern about global warming has led to renewed interest in the more sustainable use of natural fibres in composite materials. This important book reviews the wealth of recent research into improving the mechanical properties of natural-fibre thermoplastic composites so that they can be more widely used. The first part of the book provides an overview of the main types of natural fibres used in composites, how they are processed and, in particular, the way the fibre-matrix interface can be engineered to improve performance. Part two discusses the increasing use of natural-fibre composites in such areas as automotive and structural engineering, packaging and the energy sector. The final part of the book discusses ways of assessing the mechanical performance of natural-fibre composites. With its distinguished editor and team of contributors, Properties and performance of natural-fibre composites is a valuable reference for all those using these important materials in such areas as automotive and structural engineering. Provides an overview of the types of natural fibres used in composites Discusses fibre-matrix interface and how it can be engineered to improve performance Examines the increasing use of natural-fibre composites in automotive and structural engineering and the packaging and energy sector Innovative ruptures of traditional boundaries in value chains are requiring companies to rethink how they go to market, what they need to own, what they need to retain and innovate as core competencies, and how they innovatively deal with suppliers and customers. The key message of the book is that the new knowledge-networked innovation economy requires a totally different strategic management mindset, approach and toolbox, and its major value-added is a new strategic management approach and toolbox for the innovation economy - a poised strategy approach. Designed for both managers and advanced business

students, the book provides a unique combination of new management theory, selected managerial articles by prominent scholars such as Clayton Christensen, Henry Chesbrough, Sumantra Ghoshal, Quinn Mills, and Peter Senge, and a wide array of real-world case examples including GE, Shell, IBM, HP, BRL Hardy, P&G, Southwest Airlines and McGraw-Hill, within the dynamics of industries such as airlines, energy, telecommunications, wine & beverages, and computing. The authors illustrate powerful new strategic innovation concepts and tools, such as poised strategy for managing multiple business models, poised strategy scorecards (moving beyond the well-known balanced scorecard), the wheel of business model reinvention, and organizational rejuvenation methods. The book includes the concepts of: Poised Strategic Management, Organizational Rejuvenation, Business Models as Platform for Strategy, Poised Scorecards, Identifying Sources of Innovation in Business Ecosystems. Essential reading for IT professionals with aspirations toward the top IT spot, and for sitting CIOs looking to refine their mobile, social and cloud strategies and knowledge The definitive work on how to achieve leadership success in IT, Straight to the Top, Second Edition reveals how the role of the CIO is changing due to major trends associated with consumer and enterprise products and technologies driving new mobile solutions in today's organizations; cloud computing and the move away from controlled / internally managed data centers to pay as you use and elastic cloud infrastructure and application services; and the impact social media is having on today's complex organizations. Author Gregory S. Smith expertly coaches existing and aspiring CIOs on building the requisite skills through his observations and experience as a veteran CIO with more than twenty-five years of experience leading IT teams and delivering complex technical solutions in the information technology field. An invaluable guide to help information technology and business professionals recognize the qualities, skills, and expertise necessary to attain the role of a CIO or enhance the skills for sitting CIOs Equips IT managers, CIOs, and CTOs to strategically plan their career moves Packed with encouragement, advice, and essential skills for aspiring and sitting CIOs Features interviews with leading IT professionals, CIOs, and executive recruiting professionals Providing an organized and comprehensive view of the CIO job and its important role in modern organizations, Straight to the Top, Second Edition equips sitting CIOs and CIO candidates with the strategies and knowledge necessary to be successful in the new business normal - a mobile, social and cloud-based world, and how to provide technology leadership as a world-class CIO. The Routledge Handbook of Applied Communication Research provides a state-of-the-art review of communication scholarship that addresses real-world concerns, issues, and problems. This comprehensive examination of applied communication research, including its foundations, research methods employed, significant issues confronted, important contexts in which such research has been conducted, and overviews of some exemplary programs of applied

communication research, shows how such research has and can make a difference in the world and in people's lives. The sections and chapters in this Handbook: explain what constitutes applied communication scholarship, encompassing a wide range of approaches and clarifying relationships among theoretical perspectives, methodological procedures, and applied practices demonstrate the breadth and depth of applied communication scholarship review and synthesize literature about applied communication areas and topics in coherent, innovative, and pedagogically sound ways set agendas for future applied communication scholarship. Unique to this volume are chapters presenting exemplary programs of applied communication research that demonstrate the principles and practices of such scholarship, written by the scholars who conducted the programs. As an impressive benchmark in the ongoing growth and development of communication scholarship, editors Lawrence R. Frey and Kenneth N. Cissna provide an exceptional resource that will help new and experienced scholars alike to understand, appreciate, and conduct high-quality communication research that can positively affect people's lives.

The Climate Change 2007 volumes of the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) provide the most comprehensive and balanced assessment of climate change available. This IPCC Working Group III volume provides a comprehensive, state-of-the-art and worldwide overview of scientific knowledge related to the mitigation of climate change. It includes a detailed assessment of costs and potentials of mitigation technologies and practices, implementation barriers, and policy options for the sectors: energy supply, transport, buildings, industry, agriculture, forestry and waste management. It links sustainable development policies with climate change practices. This volume will again be the standard reference for all those concerned with climate change, including students and researchers, analysts and decision-makers in governments and the private sector.

Valued by instructors and students alike, Foundations of Marketing presents an accessible introduction to Marketing. Packed with examples and end of chapter case studies highlighting the real world application of marketing concepts, this fully updated Sixth Edition features digital marketing integrated throughout the chapters as well as a dedicate chapter on marketing planning and strategy. Discover: How marketing adds value to customers and organizations How innovative brand positioning drives commercial success How new digital marketing communication techniques are being used by companies to drive their brand awareness and engagement, as well as customer retention and conversion levels How marketing planning and strategy gives direction to an organization's marketing effort and co-ordinates its activities. Key features: Marketing Spotlights showcase the marketing innovations of brands including Adidas, Crayola, Samsung and KFC. Marketing in Action boxes offer varied examples of real companies' campaigns in the UK, Scandinavia, The Netherlands and

internationally. Critical Marketing Perspective boxes encourage critical thinking of ethical debates to stimulate student discussion about socially responsible practice and encourage critical analysis of these issues. 12 brand new end of chapter Case Studies including Fjallraven, Primark, Uber and BrewDog give in-depth analysis of companies' marketing strategies, with dedicated questions to provoke student enquiry. Marketing Showcase videos feature interviews with business leaders and marketing professionals, offering insights into how different organisations have successfully harnessed the elements of the marketing mix. Luxury is in fashion and is now to be found within almost every retail, manufacturing and service sector. New terms qualifying luxury regularly appear such as 'premium', 'ultra-premium' and 'hyperluxe'. Today, luxury is everywhere - but if everything is 'luxury' then surely the term itself has no meaning? What really is a luxury product, a luxury brand or a luxury company? The Luxury Strategy is a definitive new work that sets the record straight. Luxury is as old as humanity and it is only by a thorough understanding of the genuine concept, that it is possible to define a rigorous set of rules for the effective management of luxury brands and products. The Luxury Strategy rationalizes the management of this new business concept based on the highly original methods that were used to transform small family businesses such as Ferrari, Louis Vuitton, Cartier, Chanel, Bulgari, Gucci and Prada, into global brands. The Luxury Strategy explains the difference between 'premium' and 'luxury', and sets out the rules to be applied to the luxury marketing mix (the opposite of those for classic marketing). It describes how to implement a luxury strategy within a company and delivers clear principles for becoming - and remaining - 'luxury'. Businesses are built on numbers; in any organization the ability to use and interpret quantitative methods is vital to maintaining a competitive edge. Quantitative Methods for Business, Management and Finance is a comprehensive, easy-to-follow guide to the subject, painlessly leading you from fundamental principles to more advanced applications. It is an essential text for undergraduate students of business, management and finance, as well as for those on MBA and postgraduate courses. Each topic is explained in a clear, friendly style, and accompanied by examples, exercises and activities, making the text ideal for self-tuition. This highly successful learning-by-doing approach, coupled with the book's clear structure, make the understanding of essential mathematical skills achievable - and even enjoyable! Key benefits:

- From basics to business modelling: maths revision through to probability, statistics and more, all in one text
- Suitable for all maths backgrounds – an optional introductory part teaches mathematical essentials from scratch
- Refreshingly non-technical writing style – user-friendly and engaging, avoiding excessive theory
- Practical guidance on using IBM SPSS and Microsoft Excel
- Brand new 'Moving on...' feature with integrated web and book activities for Business Modelling chapters, relating theory to the real world

The companion website offers lecturers a testbank, PowerPoint slides, and assessment solutions. Students will find

multiple choice practice questions, data sets, and extra exercises. LOUISE SWIFT taught quantitative methods to students of business, management and finance for over ten years at the University of East Anglia, UK, where she now works as a statistician. SALLY PIFF is Lecturer in Quantitative Methods at Norwich Business School, University of East Anglia, UK.

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The complete history of Mazda's rotary engine-powered vehicles, from Cosmo 110S to RX-8. Charting the challenges, sporting triumphs, and critical reactions to a new wave of sports sedans, wagons, sports cars ... and trucks!

Are you about to begin your dissertation or a research project, but don't know what topic to choose? Are you unsure of what research methods to use and how they should be applied to your project? Are you worried about how to write up your research project? Then this is the book for you! A balanced coverage of qualitative and quantitative methods means that no matter what approach you choose to use for your project, there are examples and case studies to help guide you through the process. Student Research boxes provide an insight into situations and research decisions that students have encountered in real life projects. They contain hints, tips and sometimes questions to help you think through your own project. A Running Case Study charts the progression of two student research projects - one qualitative and one quantitative - and shows how the content of each chapter can be used to develop their projects. Thought provoking questions are included in order to help you consider the issues and decisions involved, which you can then apply to your own project. Deeper Insight boxes delve further into particular research issues, offering you a detailed description to increase your understanding of these areas, whilst Real Life examples put research methods into context, by showing you how they have been applied in real world situations. The Online Learning Centre contains a vast amount of extra resources to help you create a superior project: Six statistical chapters are available to help you prepare, test and analyse your hypotheses and data. Extra cases, appendices and dataset exercises help you to take your study further. Check out the Research Skills Centre for free chapters of Study Skills books, examples of good and bad proposals, and templates for questionnaires and surveys. All of this and more can be found at www.mcgraw-hill.co.uk/textbooks/blumberg

Relationship marketing and customer relationship management (CRM) can be jointly utilised to provide a clear roadmap to excellence in customer management: this is the first textbook to demonstrate how it can be done. Written by two acclaimed experts in the field, it shows how an holistic approach to managing relationships with customers and other key stakeholders leads to increased shareholder value. Taking a practical, step-by-step approach, the authors explain the principles of relationship marketing, apply them to the development of a CRM strategy and discuss key implementation issues. Its up-to-date coverage includes the latest developments in digital marketing and the use

of social media. Topical examples and case studies from around the world connect theory with global practice, making this an ideal text for both students and practitioners keen to keep abreast of changes in this fast-moving field. A discussion of the most recent developments in aluminum and magnesium alloys application in the automotive market, these proceedings cover physical and process metallurgy of aluminum and magnesium castings, extrusions, composites, and sheet; alloy processing; structure and properties characterization; commercial and pilot applications in the automotive market; and technology and performance.

Adopted internationally by business schools, MBA programmes and marketing practitioners alike, *The New Strategic Brand Management* is simply the reference source for senior strategists, positioning professionals and postgraduate students. Over the years it has not only established a reputation as one of the leading works on brand strategy but also has become synonymous with the topic itself. The new edition builds on this impressive reputation and keeps the book at the forefront of strategic brand thinking. Revealing and explaining the latest techniques used by companies worldwide, author Jean-Noël Kapferer covers all the leading issues faced by the brand strategist today, supported by an array of international case studies. With both gravitas and intelligent insight, the book reveals new thinking on a wealth of topics including: brand architecture and diversity strategies; market adaptation approaches; positioning in the private label and store brand environment, and much, much more. Whether you work for an international company seeking to leverage maximum financial value for your brand, or whether you are looking for practical guidance on brand management itself, Kapferer's market-leading book is the one you should be reading to develop the most robust and watertight approach for your company.

Inhaltsangabe:Abstract: The objective of this work is to show the significance of Emotional Branding as a marketing, brand design, and communication instrument based on the changed business situation and demanding customer needs. The five basic senses: taste, touch, sight, sound, and smell shall be explained and set into relation to the brand elements. A lot of marketers discuss about Emotional Branding as the future approach without exactly knowing what this term contains. The aim of this diploma thesis is the development of a conceptual approach in form of a guideline with the key components to emotionalize brands, to give them a face and a character in order to reach the overall aim: the identification of customers with the brand. The first part of this work provides the basic knowledge. It explains and defines in addition to the basic terms brand and branding, terms like brand image, brand identity and brand equity. The second part describes the changes in buying behavior, the changing needs and different perceptions of today's customers. The three main generations are explained to demonstrate the need for Emotional Branding as a new kind of branding tool. Additionally the explanations to hybrid buying behavior and smart shopping will show the necessity of a positive brand experience and

the change from Branding to Emotional Branding. It gives a definition of Emotional Branding and a short introduction to the instruments that can be used to support the brand elements, which are closer explained in the main part. The traditional marketing searches for new ideas. The aim is clear. Excitement and experiences shall go along with attractive brand worlds. But how to emotionalize communication? The third and main part shows in form of a guideline how to create an incomparable brand image with the help of tones, colors, scents etc. in combination with the brand elements. In this context successful strong brands that were able to find their way into the consumers psyche and built up strong emotional relationships will be taken as examples. Finally the last part is a critical reflection of the brands playing with the consumers senses in order to influence their everyday life. Moreover points are outlined that should be considered to support the successful use of Emotional Branding. Inhaltsverzeichnis:Table of Contents: 1.Aim and Objective1 2.Methodology1 3.Abstract2 4.Introduction3 5.Brand / Branding5 5.1Definition [...]

'An inspired creation', 'An engaging hero', 'The most popular detective of the coming decade'. Alec Blume is back in the fifth in the series

""For all those involved in global brand management, the local management of a global brand, or the management of a local brand faced with foreign competition, Global Brand Strategy provides not only a robust framework for analyzing the complexities, but also much fresh and original thinking. For students of international business and marketing, it will aid their understanding of our multi-cultural world and help them to discard any ethnocentric thinking."" --

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This book is an upb306d and expanded version of the course notes for the Composite Awareness course run by the Warwick Manufacturing Group in 1998-1999. The book gives readers an appreciation of composites, materials properties, manufacturing technologies and the wider implications of using composites in the automotive sector. It will be useful for those already working with composites in automotive applications and for those who are considering using them in the future.

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definitions and key concepts Access the glossary for a comprehensive list of marketing terms and their meanings Co-written by the CIM Senior Examiner for the Marketing Planning module to guide you through the 2005-2006 syllabus Each text is crammed with a range of learning objectives, cases, questions, activities, definitions, study tips and summaries to support and test your understanding of the theory Contains sample assessment material written exclusively for this Coursebook by the Senior Examiner, as well as past examination papers to enable you to practise what has been learned and help prepare for the exam

This 9-hour free course surveyed the energy systems now in use worldwide and assessed their sustainability problems, suggesting possible solutions.

by Paul E. Green I am honored and pleased to respond to authors request to write a Fore word for this excellent collection of essays on conjoint analysis and related topics. While a number of survey articles and sporadic book chapters have appeared on the subject, to the best of my knowledge this book represents the first volume of contributed essays on conjoint analysis. The book re flects not only the geographical diversity of its contributors but also the variety and depth of their topics. The development of conjoint analysis and its application to marketing and business research is noteworthy, both in its eclectic roots (psychometrics, statistics, operations research, economics) and the fact that its development reflects the efforts of a large variety of professionals - academics, market ing research consultants, industry practitioners, and software developers. Reasons for the early success and diffusion of conjoint analysis are not hard to find. First, by the early sixties, precursory psychometric techniques (e.g., multidimensional scaling and correspondence analysis, cluster analysis, and general multivariate techniques) had already shown their value in practical business research and application. Second, conjoint analysis provided a new and powerful array of methods for tackling the important problem of representing and predicting buyer preference judgments and choice behavior - clearly a major problem area in marketing.

Widely recognized as a key reference work on the practice of consulting, this guide offers an extensive introduction to professional consulting, its nature, methods, organizational principles, behavioral rules, and training and development practices. Today's information- and knowledge-based economy is constantly creating new opportunities and challenges for consultants. This new edition of Management Consulting actively reflects and confronts these developments and changes. New topics covered in this edition include: e-business consulting consulting in knowledge management total quality management corporate governance social role and responsibility of business company transformation and renewal public administration This book serves as a useful and inspiring tool for individuals and organizations wishing to improve their consulting activities. Praise for the previous edition: "A wealth of information about the nature and purpose of management consulting, consulting in various areas and the management of a consulting firm. It should help practitioners, entrants to the profession and business people wishing to use consultants more effectively."--Financial Times

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