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The edited volume contains original papers contributed to 1st International Conference on Smart System, Innovations and Computing (SSIC 2017) by researchers from different countries. The contributions focuses on two main areas, i.e. Smart Systems Innovations which includes applications for smart cities, smart grid, social computing and privacy challenges with their theory, specification, design, performance, and system building. And second Computing of Complex Solutions which includes algorithms, security solutions, communication and networking approaches. The volume provides a snapshot of current progress in related areas and a glimpse of future possibilities. This volume is useful for researchers, Ph.D. students, and professionals working in the core areas of smart systems, innovations and computing.

Business Research Methods provides students with the knowledge, understanding and necessary skills to complete a business research. The reader is taken step-by-step through a range of contemporary research methods, while numerous worked examples an

Technologies such as renewable energy alternatives including wind, solar and biomass, storage

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technologies and electric engines are creating a different landscape for the electricity industry. Using sources and ideas from technologies such as renewable energy alternatives, *Research and Technology Management in the Electricity Industry* explores a different landscape for this industry and applies it to the electric industry supported by real industry cases. Divided into three sections, *Research and Technology Management in the Electricity Industry* introduces a range of methods and tools including technology assessment, forecasting, roadmapping, research and development portfolio management and technology transfer. These tools are applied to emerging technologies in this industry with case studies including data from various organizations including Bonneville Power Administration and Energy Trust of Oregon, from sectors including lighting and wind energy. The final section considers innovation through these technologies. A product result of a collaboration between Bonneville Power Administration and Portland State University, *Research and Technology Management in the Electricity Industry* is a comprehensive collection of methods, tools, examples and pathways for future innovation in the electricity industry.

This all-new edition of the popular book (2000 title-*Practice of Local Government Planning, 3e*) will continue to be the valued resource for preparing for

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the AICP exam. This new edition helps the reader understand the complexities of planning at the local level, and prepare to make decisions in a challenging environment. The eight chapters in Local Planning, roughly spanning from context to applications, consists of articles written by a wide range of experts academics, practitioners, clients, and observers of planning. Many examples of planning in action illustrate central principles.

Today, fiber reinforced composites are in use • properties of different component (fiber, in a variety of structures, ranging from space matrix, filler) materials; craft and aircraft to buildings and bridges. • manufacturing techniques; This wide use of composites has been facilitated by the introduction of new materials, • analysis and design; • testing; improvements in manufacturing processes • mechanically fastened and bonded joints; and developments of new analytical and test • repair; ing methods. Unfortunately, information on • damage tolerance; these topics is scattered in journal articles, in • environmental effects; conference and symposium proceedings, in and disposal; • health, safety, reuse, workshop notes, and in government and com • applications in: many reports. This proliferation of the source - aircraft and spacecraft; material, coupled with the fact that some of - land transportation; the relevant publications are hard to find or - marine environments; are restricted, makes

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it difficult to identify and - biotechnology; obtain the up-to-date knowledge needed to - construction and infrastructure; utilize composites to their full advantage. - sporting goods. This book intends to overcome these diffi Each chapter, written by a recognized expert, culties by presenting, in a single volume, is self-contained, and contains many of the many of the recent advances in the field of 'state-of-the-art' techniques reqUired for prac composite materials. The main focus of this tical applications of composites.

This book presents a guide for research methodology and scientific writing covering various elements such as finding research problems, writing research proposals, obtaining funds for research, selecting research designs, searching the literature and review, collection of data and analysis, preparation of thesis, writing research papers for journals, citation and listing of references, preparation of visual materials, oral and poster presentation in conferences, and ethical issues in research . Besides introducing library and its various features in a lucid style, the latest on the use of information technology in retrieving and managing information through various means are also discussed in this book. The book is useful for students, young researchers, and professionals. Marketing in a Digital World consists of nine essays on how the digital revolution has affected marketing

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theory and practice. Leading marketing scholars, including several editors of premier academic journals, provide fresh insights for both scholars and managers seeking to enhance their understanding of marketing in a digital world.

Based on the most current knowledge in the field, this market-leading textbook is renowned for its balanced blend of science and practice.

The Planetizen Guide to Graduate Urban Planning Programs is the essential resource for prospective students considering graduate study in the fields of urban planning, city planning, and the built environment. The Planetizen Guide to Graduate Urban Planning Programs is the only comprehensive ranking and listing of graduate urban planning programs available. In its 6th edition, the guide is exhaustively researched by the staff of Planetizen. Thousands of students have used the Guide to inform their decision on which graduate programs to apply to, and ultimately, attend.

FEATURES- Detailed Profiles of 97 Graduate Urban Planning Programs in the United States- Profiles of Planning Students and Professionals- Advice for Selecting a Planning Program and Applying to Graduate School- Introduction to Graduate Study in the Field of Urban Planning

COMPREHENSIVE RANKINGS- Top 25 Ranked Schools for Urban Planning Programs- Best Schools by Region (Midwest, Northeast, South, and West)- Top 25 Programs According to Educators- Additional rankings

NARROW DOWN YOUR GRADUATE PROGRAM SEARCH- Admissions Requirements and Statistics- Cost of Attendance-

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Faculty and Student Demographics- Specializations- Study Abroad OpportunitiesHEAR FROM- Current grad students, with advice on what to look for in a program- Practicing professionals, revealing how they made the most of their graduate studies- A planning professor, who explains how to launch your planning career- Planetizen's editorial staff, on why one would choose a career in urban planning

The book provides insights of International Conference in Communication, Devices and Networking (ICCDN 2017) organized by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology, Sikkim, India during 3 – 4 June, 2017. The book discusses latest research papers presented by researchers, engineers, academicians and industry professionals. It also assists both novice and experienced scientists and developers, to explore newer scopes, collect new ideas and establish new cooperation between research groups and exchange ideas, information, techniques and applications in the field of electronics, communication, devices and networking.

“I am a doctor.” Every year, thousands of medical school graduates utter these four simple words. But as you will see in *Playing God*, earning an M.D. is just the first step to becoming a real physician. In this page-turning, thrilling, and moving memoir, Dr. Anthony Youn reveals that the true metamorphosis from student to doctor occurs not in medical school but in the formative years of residency training and early practice. It is only through actually saving and losing patients, taking on the medical establishment, wrestling with financial and

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emotional survival, and fighting for patients' lives that a young doctor becomes a mature and competent physician. Dr. Youn takes you from the operating rooms of a university surgery residency program to the gleaming offices of top Beverly Hills plastic surgeons to opening the doors of his empty clinic as a new doctor with no money, no patients, and mountains of debt. Playing God leaves you with an unexpected answer to that profound question: "What does it mean to be a doctor?" In Playing God, you will take a journey through the world of surgery, hospitals, and the practice of medicine unlike any that you have traveled before. Principles of Economics, 2nd Australian edition, is an adaptation of an original work by internationally renowned economists Joseph Stiglitz and Carl Walsh. In addition to a thorough analysis of the contemporary economic landscape in Australia -- with updated statistics, figures, and political and business developments -- the second edition provides useful international comparisons with economies in Asia and Europe, as well as that of the United States. The adapting Australian author team has contextualised the content to suit the needs of Australian university students. Key introductory microeconomic and macroeconomics concepts are explained using the latest theory and research, with data relevant to the Australian economy. Throughout the text, these concepts are applied to contemporary local economic issues for businesses and individuals, such as: * the Australian dollar * the mining industry * the National Broadband Network * petrol prices * privatisation * the banking and

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finance sectors * the automotive industry * the carbon tax * the ageing population * skills shortages * international trade. At an expanded 18 chapters for the second edition, this textbook is an ideal resource for a one-semester university course in introductory economics.

Hacker Techniques, Tools, and Incident Handling, Third Edition begins with an examination of the landscape, key terms, and concepts that a security professional needs to know about hackers and computer criminals who break into networks, steal information, and corrupt data. It goes on to review the technical overview of hacking: how attacks target networks and the methodology they follow. The final section studies those methods that are most effective when dealing with hacking attacks, especially in an age of increased reliance on the Web. Written by subject matter experts, with numerous real-world examples, Hacker Techniques, Tools, and Incident Handling, Third Edition provides readers with a clear, comprehensive introduction to the many threats on our Internet environment and security and what can be done to combat them.

The third international conference on Information Systems Design and Intelligent Applications (INDIA – 2016) held in Visakhapatnam, India during January 8-9, 2016. The book covers all aspects of information system design, computer science and technology, general sciences, and educational research. Upon a double blind review process, a number of high quality papers are selected and collected in the book, which is composed of three different volumes, and covers a variety of topics,

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including natural language processing, artificial intelligence, security and privacy, communications, wireless and sensor networks, microelectronics, circuit and systems, machine learning, soft computing, mobile computing and applications, cloud computing, software engineering, graphics and image processing, rural engineering, e-commerce, e-governance, business computing, molecular computing, nano-computing, chemical computing, intelligent computing for GIS and remote sensing, bio-informatics and bio-computing.

These fields are not only limited to computer researchers but also include mathematics, chemistry, biology, bio-chemistry, engineering, statistics, and all others in which computer techniques may assist.

Learning analytics is one of the most important research issues in the field of educational technology. By analyzing logs and records in educational databases and systems, it can provide useful information to teachers, learners, and decision makers – information which they can use to improve teaching strategies, learning performances, and educational policies. However, it is a great challenge for most researchers to efficiently analyze educational data in a meaningful way.

This book presents various learning analytics approaches and applications, including the process of determining the coding scheme, analyzing the collected data, and interpreting the findings. This book was originally published as a special issue of Interactive Learning Environments.

This volume presents select papers from the Asian Conference on Mechanism and Machine Science 2018. This conference includes contributions from both academic and industry researchers and will be of interest to scientists and students working in the field of mechanism and machine

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science.

This book discusses critical areas of progress in stem cell research, including the most recent research and applications of pluripotent embryonic cells, induced pluripotent cells, oligopotent tissue stem cells and cancer stem cells. The text covers basic knowledge of stem cell biology, stem cell ethics, development of techniques for applying stem cell therapy, the technology of obtaining appropriate cells for transplantation as well as the role of stem cells in cancer and how therapy may be directed to cancer stem cells. This new volume is essential reading for all scientists currently in the field or allied research areas, and those for those graduate students who envision a career in stem cells.

This book brings together two important trends: graph algorithms and high-performance computing. Efficient and scalable execution of graph processing applications in data or network analysis requires innovations at multiple levels: algorithms, associated data structures, their implementation and tuning to a particular hardware. Further, programming languages and the associated compilers play a crucial role when it comes to automating efficient code generation for various architectures. This book discusses the essentials of all these aspects. The book is divided into three parts: programming, languages, and their compilation. The first part examines the manual parallelization of graph algorithms, revealing various parallelization patterns encountered, especially when dealing with graphs. The second part uses these patterns to provide language constructs that allow a graph algorithm to be specified. Programmers can work with these language constructs without worrying about their implementation, which is the focus of the third part. Implementation is handled by a compiler, which can specialize code generation for a backend device. The book also includes suggestive results on different platforms, which

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illustrate and justify the theory and practice covered.

Together, the three parts provide the essential ingredients for creating a high-performance graph application. The book ends with a section on future directions, which offers several pointers to promising topics for future research. This book is intended for new researchers as well as graduate and advanced undergraduate students. Most of the chapters can be read independently by those familiar with the basics of parallel programming and graph algorithms. However, to make the material more accessible, the book includes a brief background on elementary graph algorithms, parallel computing and GPUs. Moreover it presents a case study using Falcon, a domain-specific language for graph algorithms, to illustrate the concepts.

Content of this proceedings discusses emerging trends in structural reliability, safety and disaster management, covering topics like total quality management, risk maintenance and design for reliability. Some papers also address chemical process reliability, reliability analysis and engineering applications in chemical process equipment systems and includes a chapter on reliability evaluation models of chemical systems. Accepted papers from 2019 International Conference on Reliability, Risk Maintenance and Engineering Management (ICRRM 2019) are part of this conference proceeding. It offers useful insights to road safety engineers, disaster management professionals involved in product design and probabilistic methods in manufacturing systems.

All teachers working in further or adult education settings must achieve the new QTLS teaching standards. 'Delivering Employability Skills' is an optional unit on the Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (CTLTS) and the Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS) qualifications. This easy-to-read and accessible text is aimed

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at trainees undertaking this unit, or existing teachers wishing to refresh their understanding of delivering employability skills as part of CPD. With links to the professional standards and practical activities and examples throughout, this book supports delivery of the subject in a variety of settings. ?Ann Gravells is leading a CPD Day on 22nd June in London. The event will focus on Raising quality and improving practice in the FE and Skills sector and is a rare opportunity to learn from leading experts. There will only be a limited number of seats available, so book your place here to avoid disappointment.

The book is about all aspects of computing, communication, general sciences and educational research covered at the Second International Conference on Computer & Communication Technologies held during 24-26 July 2015 at Hyderabad. It hosted by CMR Technical Campus in association with Division – V (Education & Research) CSI, India. After a rigorous review only quality papers are selected and included in this book. The entire book is divided into three volumes. Three volumes cover a variety of topics which include medical imaging, networks, data mining, intelligent computing, software design, image processing, mobile computing, digital signals and speech processing, video surveillance and processing, web mining, wireless sensor networks, circuit analysis, fuzzy systems, antenna and communication systems, biomedical signal processing and applications, cloud computing, embedded systems applications and cyber security and digital forensic. The readers of these volumes will be highly benefited from the technical contents of the topics.

This book showcases cutting-edge research papers from the 5th International Conference on Research into Design – the largest in India in this area – written by

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eminent researchers from across the world on design process, technologies, methods and tools, and their impact on innovation, for supporting design across boundaries. The special features of the book are the variety of insights into the product and system innovation process, and the host of methods and tools from all major areas of design research for the enhancement of the innovation process. The main benefit of the book for researchers in various areas of design and innovation are access to the latest quality research in this area, with the largest collection of research from India. For practitioners and educators, it is exposure to an empirically validated suite of theories, models, methods and tools that can be taught and practiced for design-led innovation.

"In Education Nation author Milton Chen draws from extensive experience in media--from his work on Sesame Street in its nascent years to his current role as executive director of the George Lucas Educational Foundation--to support his vision for a new world of learning. Presented in five parts and divided into "module" chapters, this book examines the ways in which K-12 learning can be revolutionized through innovative reform and the use of technology. Due in large part to new technologies, over the last few decades we've witnessed a huge shift in how we imagine teaching and learning. A good example is the educational revolution sparked by Sesame Street--which in its first season had a goal of teaching preschool-age children the numbers 1 to 10. At the time, experts dismissed it as an unrealistic goal since many kindergarten students

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were having trouble mastering this simple counting. Yet the research proved that preschool-age children learned those skills and many others directly from the TV screen. Now Sesame Street's curriculum teaches the numbers from 1 to 40. In today's digital age the number of new ways to teach and learn is ever-expanding and includes: television, Google, YouTube, TeacherTube, Facebook, iPhones, video games, GPS devices, open source textbooks, interactive whiteboards; and there are countless examples of ways technology positively impacts student learning--from voice-recognition software that helps children learn to read to translation tools that help teachers communicate with non-English speaking parents. As a result of constant innovation, learning is no longer limited by traditional confines and we're quickly moving beyond students tied to their chairs, desks, and textbooks--and teachers locked away in classrooms."--

This book presents a unique collection of up-to-date applications of graphene for water science. Because water is an invaluable resource and the intelligent use and maintenance of water supplies is one of the most important and crucial challenges that stand before mankind, new technologies are constantly being sought to lower the cost and footprint of processes that make use of water resources as potable water as well as water for agriculture and industry, which are always in desperate demand. Much research is focused on graphene for different water treatment uses. Graphene, whose discovery won the 2010 Nobel Prize in physics, has been a shining star in the material science in the

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past few years. Owing to its interesting electrical, optical, mechanical and chemical properties, graphene has found potential applications in a wide range of areas, including water purification technology. A new type of graphene-based filter could be the key to managing the global water crisis. According to the World Economic Forum's Global Risks Report, lack of access to safe, clean water is the biggest risk to society over the coming decade. Yet some of these risks could be mitigated by the development of this filter, which is so strong and stable that it can be used for extended periods in the harshest corrosive environments, and with less maintenance than other filters on the market. The graphene-based filter could be used to filter chemicals, viruses, or bacteria from a range of liquids. It could be used to purify water, dairy products or wine, or in the production of pharmaceuticals. This book provides practical information to all those who are involved in this field.

This work offers a state-of-the art survey of information systems research on electronic customer relationship management (eCRM). It provides important new frameworks derived from current cases and applications in this emerging field. Each chapter takes a collaborative approach to eCRM that goes beyond the analytical and operational perspectives most often taken by researchers in the field. Chapters also stress integration with other enterprise information systems. The book is organized in four parts: Part I presents an overview of the role of CRM and eCRM in marketing and supply chain management; Part II focuses on the organizational

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success factors behind eCRM implementation; Part III presents cases of eCRM performance enhancement; and Part IV addresses eCRM issues in business-to-consumer commerce.

The Importance Of Environmental Studies Cannot Be Disputed Since The Need For Sustainable Development Is A Key To The Future Of Mankind. Recognising This, The Honourable Supreme Court Of India Directed The Ugc To Introduce A Basic Course On Environmental Education For Undergraduate Courses In All Disciplines, To Be Implemented By Every University In The Country. Accordingly, The Ugc Constituted An Expert Committee To Formulate A Six-Month Core Module Syllabus For Environmental Studies. This Textbook Is The Outcome Of The Ugc S Efforts And Has Been Prepared As Per The Syllabus. It Is Designed To Bring About An Awareness On A Variety Of Environmental Concerns. It Attempts To Create A Pro-Environmental Attitude And A Behavioural Pattern In Society That Is Based On Creating Sustainable Lifestyles And A New Ethic Towards Conservation. This Textbook Stresses On A Balanced View Of Issues That Affect Our Daily Lives. These Issues Are Related To The Conflict Between Existing `Development Strategies And The Need For `Conservation . It Not Only Makes The Student Better Informed On These Concerns, But Is Expected To Lead The Student Towards Positive Action To Improve The Environment. Based On A Multidisciplinary Approach That Brings About An Appreciation Of The Natural World And Human Impact On Its Integrity, This Textbook Seeks Practical Answers To Make Human Civilization

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Attractively Priced At Rupees One Hundred And Fifteen Only, This Textbook Covers The Syllabus As Structured By The Ugc, Divided Into 8 Units And 50 Lectures. The First 7 Units, Which Cover 45 Lectures Are Classroom Teaching-Based, And Enhance Knowledge Skills And Attitude To Environment. Unit 8 Is Based On Field Activities To Be Covered In 5 Lecture Hours And Would Provide Students With First Hand Knowledge On Various Local Environmental Issues.

Mobile technologies have been used in higher education for many years. They provide good solutions for teaching and learning and make learning available anywhere and anytime. This book includes six sections: design, development, adoption, collaboration, evaluation and future of mobile teaching and learning technology in higher education. It includes different projects and practices in higher education across different countries. The book provides in-depth background information and cases studies in high technology teaching and learning and future expectations for new technology in higher education. The variety of projects and programs running in different country helps boost innovation and discussion in future projects and practices. It also provide guidelines for future design and development of mobile applications for higher education.

This two-volume book contains research work presented at the First International Conference on Data Engineering and Communication Technology (ICDECT) held during March 10–11, 2016 at Lavasa, Pune, Maharashtra, India. The book discusses recent research

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technologies and applications in the field of Computer Science, Electrical and Electronics Engineering. The aim of the Proceedings is to provide cutting-edge developments taking place in the field data engineering and communication technologies which will assist the researchers and practitioners from both academia as well as industry to advance their field of study.

The book focuses on change and development as organizational phenomena. The entire text is divided into 5 sections viz., Understanding Organizational Processes and Change, Management of Change, Nature of Organizational Development, OD Interventions and Strategies, and Contemporary Issues in OD, as the concluding part. With a strong conceptual foundation, the book takes the readers through the entire processes and stages of change as seen and experienced worldwide. The main strength of the book lies in its exhaustive treatment to a wide array of topics along with various exhibits on change management in Indian and global organizations. The role of leadership, organizational culture and technology as integral parts of any change initiative are dealt with in detail. Later part of the book covers various OD models and tools, change management strategies and contemporary issues such as diversity management. The language is simple and enhances learning for the reader with various snapshots of different stages/levels of change and OD at organizations worldwide. The book is aimed at MBA students who specialize in HR and Strategy areas. Industry practitioners and change consultants will also benefit greatly with the title.

The idea for this manual came from Pfizer in the US, which provided the Clinical Trials Centre at The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, PR China with a nonbinding grant for its development. The general project layout protocol was

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accepted by Pfizer in July 2009. Pfizer has not in any way interfered with the project, except for providing nonbinding comments to the final product. The entire text of this manual was written by Johan PE Karlberg. Marjorie A Speers provided considerable and essential comments on the contents and the first and subsequent drafts. A group of international human research protection experts mostly working in non-profit institutions or organisations - see Contributors for details - reviewed and provided important comments on the contents and final draft. It was solely created with the intention to promote human research protection of participants in clinical trials. This manual will be translated into numerous languages and is provided free of charge as an electronic file over the Internet (<http://www.ClinicalTrialMagnifier.com>) and offered in print for a fee. The objective beyond this project is to establish educational activities, developed around the manual, and jointly organised with leading academic institutions worldwide. Praised for its accessible tone and extensive problem sets, this trusted text familiarizes students with the universal principles of engineering economics. This essential introduction features a wealth of specific Canadian examples and has been fully updated with new coverage of inflation and environmental stewardship as well as a new chapter on project management.

Living systems synthesize seven different classes of polymers. They provide structure and form for cells and organisms, function as catalysts and energy storage and carry the genetic information. All these polymers possess technically interesting properties. Some of these biopolymers are already used commercially. This special volume of *Advances in Biochemical Engineering/Biotechnology* comprises 10 chapters. It gives an overview of the water insoluble biopolyesters, in particular of the microbially

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synthesized poly-hydroxyalkanoate (PHA) family. It reports the state of the art of metabolism, regulation and genetic background, the latest advances made in genetic optimization of bacteria, "construction" of transgenic plants and in vitro synthesis by means of purified enzymes. Furthermore, it describes relevant technologies and evaluates perspectives concerning increasing the economic viability and competitiveness of PHA and discusses applications in medicine, packaging, food and other fields.

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