

The Creative Problem Solver 12 Smart Problem Solving Tools To Solve Any Business Challenge

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Problem solving consists of using generic or ad hoc methods, in an orderly manner, for finding solutions to problems. Some of the problem-solving techniques developed and used in artificial intelligence, computer science, engineering, mathematics, medicine, etc. are related to mental problem-solving techniques studied in psychology. The term problem-solving is used in many disciplines, sometimes with different perspectives, and often with different terminologies. For instance, it is a mental process in psychology and a computerized process in computer science. Problems can also be classified into two different types (ill-defined and well-defined) from which appropriate solutions are to be made. Ill-defined problems are those that do not have clear goals, solution paths, or expected solution. Well-defined problems have specific goals, clearly defined solution paths, and clear expected solutions. These problems also allow for more initial planning than ill-defined problems. Being able to solve

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problems sometimes involves dealing with pragmatics (logic) and semantics (interpretation of the problem). The ability to understand what the goal of the problem is and what rules could be applied represent the key to solving the problem. Sometimes the problem requires some abstract thinking and coming up with a creative solution.

Creative Problem Solving (CPS) is a process that allows people to apply both creative and critical thinking to find solutions to everyday problems. It is a way to enhance creative behavior and also a systematic way to organize information and ideas in order to solve problems. The overall goal of CPS training is to improve creative behavior and problem-solving behavior. The skills involved are: ability to select relevant information ability to summarize information ability to analyze social situations, ability to think creatively to generate possible solutions, ability to evaluate options based on given criteria, ability to plan activities to accomplish a goal, and ability to make inferences. Primarily Problem Solving allows you to give your younger students a head start on problem solving. This book presents creative problem solving in a step-by-step manner young children can understand and enjoy. Use the CPS process to solve the problems of the Three Little Pigs, Rapunzel, and the Frog Prince, as well as more common family problems. Each problem includes illustrated worksheets to take students through

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each step of the problem-solving process. Teaching notes give instructors additional ideas for using creative problem-solving techniques in the classroom. Fun problems and step-by-step guides will take students successfully from the fuzzy beginning to an effective end. The end result is confidence in being able to think through a solution, rather than just latching on to the most obvious solution. Use these exercises as a part of your thinking skills class or creativity training, as supplementary reading assignments, or as a technique to solve conflicts in the classroom. Expand your knowledge of CPS even more with *Primarily Creativity*.
Grades 2-4

This unique volume returns in its second edition, revised and updated with the latest advances in problem solving research. It is designed to provide readers with skills that will make them better problem solvers and to give up-to-date information about the psychology of problem solving. Professor Hayes provides students and professionals with practical, tested methods of defining, representing, and solving problems. Each discussion of the important aspects of human problem solving is supported by the most current research on the psychology problem solving. *The Complete Problem Solver, Second Edition* features: *Valuable learning strategies; *Decision making methods; *Discussions of the nature of creativity and invention, and *A new chapter on writing. The

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Complete Problem Solver utilizes numerous examples, diagrams, illustrations, and charts to help any reader become better at problem solving. See the order form for the answer to the problem below.

Complex problem solving is the core skill for 21st Century Teams Complex problem solving is at the very top of the list of essential skills for career progression in the modern world. But how problem solving is taught in our schools, universities, businesses and organizations comes up short. In *Bulletproof Problem Solving: The One Skill That Changes Everything* you'll learn the seven-step systematic approach to creative problem solving developed in top consulting firms that will work in any field or industry, turning you into a highly sought-after bulletproof problem solver who can tackle challenges that others balk at. The problem-solving technique outlined in this book is based on a highly visual, logic-tree method that can be applied to everything from everyday decisions to strategic issues in business to global social challenges. The authors, with decades of experience at McKinsey and Company, provide 30 detailed, real-world examples, so you can see exactly how the technique works in action. With this bulletproof approach to defining, unpacking, understanding, and ultimately solving problems, you'll have a personal superpower for developing compelling solutions in your workplace. Discover the time-tested 7-step technique to problem

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solving that top consulting professionals employ Learn how a simple visual system can help you break down and understand the component parts of even the most complex problems Build team brainstorming techniques that fight cognitive bias, streamline workplanning, and speed solutions Know when and how to employ modern analytic tools and techniques from machine learning to game theory Learn how to structure and communicate your findings to convince audiences and compel action The secrets revealed in Bulletproof Problem Solving will transform the way you approach problems and take you to the next level of business and personal success.

Problem Solving Ninja learns how to find solutions using a newly found tool. Find out what happens in this STEM book about developing skills to problem solve. Life is hard! And it's even harder for children who are just trying to figure things out. The new children's book series, Ninja Life Hacks, was developed to help children learn valuable life skills. Fun, pint-size characters in comedic books easy enough for young readers, yet witty enough for adults. The Ninja Life Hacks book series is geared to kids 3-11. Perfect for boys, girls, early readers, primary school students, or toddlers. Excellent resource for counselors, parents, and teachers alike. Collect all the Ninja Life Hacks books and visit the author's profile for fun freebies!

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This accessible text provides a lively introduction to the essential skills of creative problem solving. Using extensive case-studies and examples from a range of business situations, it explores various problem-solving theories and techniques, illustrating how these can be used to solve a range of management problems. Thoroughly revised and redesigned, this new edition retains the accessible and imaginative approach to problem-solving skills of the first edition. Contents include: * blocks to creativity and how to overcome them * key techniques including lateral thinking, morphological analysis and synectics * computer-assisted problem solving * increased coverage of group problem-solving techniques and paradigm shift. As creativity is increasingly recognized as a key skill for successful managers, this book will be welcomed as a comprehensive introduction for students and practising managers alike.

Design thinking is a powerful process that facilitates understanding and framing of problems, enables creative solutions, and may provide fresh perspectives on our physical and social landscapes. Not just for architects or product developers, design thinking can be applied across many disciplines to solve real-world problems and reconcile dilemmas. It is a tool that may trigger inspiration and the imagination, and lead to innovative ideas that are responsive to the needs and issues of stakeholders. Design Thinking: A Guide to Creative Problem Solving for Everyone will assist in addressing a full spectrum of challenges from the most vexing to the everyday. It renders accessible the creative problem-solving abilities that we all possess by

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providing a dynamic framework and practical tools for thinking imaginatively and critically. Every aspect of design thinking is explained and analyzed together with insights on navigating through the process. Application of design thinking to help solve myriad problems that are not typically associated with design is illuminated through vignettes drawn from such diverse realms as politics and society, business, health and science, law, and writing. A combination of theory and application makes this volume immediately useful and personally relevant. Unlocking Creativity in Solving Novel Mathematics Problems delivers a fascinating insight into thinking and feeling approaches used in creative problem solving and explores whether attending to 'feeling' makes any difference to solving novel problems successfully. With a focus on research throughout, this book reveals ways of identifying, describing and measuring 'feeling' (or 'intuition') in problem-solving processes. It details construction of a new creative problem-solving conceptual framework using cognitive and non-cognitive elements, including the brain's visuo-spatial and linguistic circuits, conscious and non-conscious mental activity, and the generation of feeling in listening to the self, identified from verbal data. This framework becomes the process model for developing a comprehensive quantitative model of creative problem solving incorporating the Person, Product, Process and Environment dimensions of creativity. In a world constantly seeking new ideas and new approaches to solving complex problems, the application of this book's findings will revolutionize the way students, teachers, businesses and industries approach novel problem solving, and mathematics learning and teaching.

This book was written to assist professionals and students to become proactive in their own education, improve thinking, resolve personal and interpersonal conflicts, improve pedagogy,

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manage departmental affairs and guide administrative decisions. The text captures the practical experience of the authors with and formal training in TOC to address many of the issues facing today's education stakeholders. The text is designed to teach methods for 1) "win-win" conflict resolution, 2) decision-making, 3) problem solving, and 4) analysis of systems using TOC's powerful logic-based graphical Thinking Process tools. A creative thinker can identify, plan and achieve his or her goals just knowing the Thinking Process Tools. The struggle with balancing creative products that are innovative, technically feasible, and financially sound is one designers and web professionals go through every day. The Design Studio Method is a creative problem solving process that allows you to quickly generate ideas, evaluate them, and reach consensus, achieving that balancing act. Brian Sullivan's The Design Studio Method gives answers that you have been looking for, showing you how to be innovative and efficient without sacrificing quality and collaboration. This book simplifies the complicated method, explaining each step, each participant's involvement, and how to adapt the method to your needs. The Design Studio Method provides step-by-step procedures to ensure your success. From illumination, to generation, to presentation, all the way to iteration, this book provides the road map you'll need to start generating innovate products. Shows you how to involve all members of the creative process—from clients to directors—so that everyone participates, critiques, and innovates. Features real-world examples of Design Studio projects that highlight the successes of this method and ways to adapt it to your needs. Includes a website that showcases videos covering each step of the method and other procedures that crop up along the way.

Give students the ability to solve their problems and you'll give them a skill they'll use for life.

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This updated edition presents ten strategies for solving a wide range of mathematics problems, plus new sample problems.

This is a 2 color book about creativity techniques, creatively illustrated to match the techniques. First edition was a huge success. This second edition is aimed at both the trade and text book markets.

Guide children to new heights with the Creative Problem Solving methods outlined in CPS for Kids. This book will teach your students an exciting and powerful problem-solving method from start to finish. Each step in the process, from finding problems to finding solutions, is outlined in detail and includes accompanying activities on reproducible pages. Designed for students in grades 2-8, these activities are challenging and interesting. Creative Problem Solving is a process that allows people to apply both creative and critical thinking to find solutions to everyday problems. CPS can eliminate the tendency to approach problems in a haphazard manner and, consequently, prevents surprises and/or disappointment with the solution. Students will learn to work together or individually to find appropriate and unique solutions to real-world problems they may face by using this tested method. Most importantly, they will be challenged

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to think both creatively and critically as they tackle each problem they face. CPS for Kids includes 30 reproducible classroom activities. Grades 2-8

THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTION OF PROBLEM-SOLVING TOOLS, GAMES AND TECHNIQUES USED BY BRAINSTORMERS, GAMECHANGERS AND TRAILBLAZERS. As working life becomes more complex, we are increasingly faced with problems which may at first seem insoluble. The Smart Solution Book is your guide to solving these problems, whatever their size. The Smart Solution Book explains each tool in detail – what it is, when and how to use it, its strengths and its limitations. The tools range from quick fixes, which can be used by someone working alone, to large scale solutions which can be used by groups of 100 and more. You can also use the tools separately or in combination with each other.

- Frame problems so they can be solved
- Find a solution to even the most intractable problem
- Enjoy the process of problem solving, whether alone or in collaboration with others
- Become more creative in your thinking so that, over time, solutions begin to present themselves

The Smart Solution Book will change your way of thinking about business problems: apply the techniques and see the solutions unfold. “The essential guide for any problem solving situation. Effective, practical and very accessible. Highly recommended.” Chris Garthwaite, CEO CGA Consulting

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"There isn't a single individual or organisation that could fail to benefit from the many practical approaches to problem-solving in this book. Everyone should read it!" Andrew Hilton, Managing Director, Corporate Training Partnerships Ltd "F. Durrenmatt says 'What concerns everyone, can only be solved by everyone' - and David's book is the practical guide to getting everyone fully engaged with a creative technique to solve any of your challenges." Peter SchwanhTMußer, Partner, papilio ag, Zurich

Is your life in the right direction? Are you in control of your destiny? How our lives go depends on how we think? Shoddy thinking usually creates more problems that you don't anticipate. On the other hand, critical thinking is like an avenue for endless possibilities. We use it in managing businesses, budgeting, deciding whether to proceed with plans or not, and even in simple things like knowing the appropriate words to say in a particular situation. Critical thinking brings about excellent resolutions to problems, yet, it needs to be developed so that it can work, which requires you to have a sound strategy for success. It is important to bear in mind the fact that your own brain is unique: after you will read this pages you will learn what you need to do in terms of exercises, in order to keep your brain elastic and working in a logical manner. This book has been carefully written with the aim to handle the shortcomings that face the thinking process.

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What will you meet in this book? 6 Simple Steps for Solving All Your Problems 4 Sure-Fire and Lifesaver Skills for Decision Making Several Traits of Critical Thinkers you Should Imitate Useful and Effective Skills for Problem Solving Why Logic is the Most Crucial Skill you Need to Develop as a Critical Thinker Personal Decision-Making Styles that Seem to be Tailormade for You How to Win an Argument Obstacles Facing Critical Thinking How to Tackle Your Challenges Problem Solving Exercises to Boost Critical Thinking Skills Every person on this planet has problems. Now, many of us sit back, close our eyes, and hope that our problems will go away on their own. But they don't. In order to solve your problems, you are going to have to think about them in a critical manner. Pick those problems apart. Look for solutions. Look for ways you can use aspects of the problem to your own advantage. Think about the problem personally, and independently. Advice from others is great, but at the end of the day, it is still your problem, and you are the one that is left to deal with it while it is there and ultimately solve it. Critical thinking is the one aspect you are going to use most in your life if you want to take your life from something that is just plain and simple, to the next level. So what can stop you? Buy your copy of this book!

Developing students' creative problem-solving skills is paramount to today's teachers, due to the exponentially growing demand for cognitive plasticity and

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critical thinking in the workforce. In today's knowledge economy, workers must be able to participate in creative dialogue and complex problem-solving. This has prompted institutions of higher education to implement new pedagogical methods such as problem-based and case-based education. The Handbook of Research on Creative Problem-Solving Skill Development in Higher Education is an essential, comprehensive collection of the newest research in higher education, creativity, problem solving, and pedagogical design. It provides the framework for further research opportunities in these dynamic, necessary fields. Featuring work regarding problem-oriented curriculum and its applications and challenges, this book is essential for policy makers, teachers, researchers, administrators, students of education.

FunThink: 12 Tools for Creative Problem Solving is the first book that uses engaging hands-on activities to guide the educator/student through the problem solving process using 12 proven creativity tools. There are no special skills needed to be successful in the FunThink activities. They are designed to draw out innate creativity as well as spark original thought and creative problem solving. The activities are appropriate for ages 8 through adult. Through research in creativity development and drawing from my 35 years of experience in design and invention, I've concluded there is a great need for material that would help

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children and adults experience the creative process.

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Problem solving tools to solve any business challenge. Using proven, innovative techniques from some major players in the business world, this is the go-to book for every professional who wants to find better answers to their business challenges.

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There are many topics within the scope of the secondary school mathematics curriculum that are clearly of a motivational sort, and because of lack of time they are usually not included in the teaching process. This book provides the teacher 125 individual units — ranging from grades 7 through 12 — that can be used to enhance the mathematics curriculum. Each unit presents a preassessment, instructional objectives, and a detailed description of the topic as well as teaching suggestions. Each unit has a post-assessment. This is the sort of instructional intervention that can make students love mathematics!

Recent research has revealed a direct causality between ideas and profitability, which means that in today's ultra-competitive and technology-rich work environment, the most crucial element separating an exceptional career from a lackluster one is . . . creative thinking skills. While that may be scary news to hear for many businesspeople and entrepreneurs, it shouldn't be for you! Because inside this concise, easy-to-read book, one of the world's premiere success experts, Brian Tracy, reveals 21 proven, practical techniques readers can use to immediately begin generating a stream of productive ideas, including how to:

- Stimulate the three primary triggers to creativity
- Inspire a creative mindset in staff through recognition, rewards, and environment
- Use methods such as Brainstorming, Zero-Based Thinking, Nominal Group Technique, and Lateral Thinking to solve problems, improve systems, devise new products, and come up with fresh, exciting marketing angles
- Ask focused questions to generate elegant solutions
- Understand the difference between mechanical and adaptive thinking
- Rigorously evaluate new ideas . . .without shutting down the creative impulse

Containing mind-stimulating exercises and down-to-earth strategies, *Creativity & Problem Solving*, an eye-opening book, will help anyone tap into the root source of their own

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intuitive genius--and gain the winning edge they've been missing all this time.

"This definitive guide shows you how to find successful solutions to important challenges.

Creative Problem Solving (CPS) can help you to approach problems and deal with change in a deliberate and constructive way, and consequently build your confidence and success in working with complex issues." - back cover.

Table of contents

A practical new book for scientists, engineers, project leaders, and others working in the technical fields. The book adds depth, "how-to", and success to your creative thinking and problem solving. This book will allow you to sharpen your creative edge, giving you better problem solving skills. Whether you are a scientist working on breakthrough research, an engineer on the forefront of product development, or a project manager forging teams to reach and exceed goals, this new book gives you the fundamentals and advanced techniques of creative thinking to break new ground and reach higher levels of excellence.

A sweet and silly tale of unexpected friendship between a girl and the bear she finds at the end of a string. When Lucy spots a string, she can't help but give it a yank, and before she knows it, she meets Hank! But this bear isn't quite sure what to make of Lucy, especially because the string is attached to his pants, and they're unraveling fast! Now Lucy must dream up the perfect solution to Hank's missing pants, and hopefully win this dubious bear's heart along the way. Vanessa Roeder's picture book debut is a heart-filled tale of curiosity, innovation, and finding friendship in unexpected places.

Explores problem solving and creative thinking in relation to teen health, looks at a formula for gaining confidence, examines advertising and its influence on health behaviors, and offers self-

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assessment exercises.

This book offers a uniquely constructive set of tools for engaging complex and controversial ethical problems. Covering such practical methods as diversifying options, lateral thinking, reframing problems, approaching conflicts as creative opportunities, and many others, it shows how to find room to move inside even the most challenging ethical problems, and thereby discover new and productive ways to deal with them. The book features numerous exercises and applications that consider a wide range of familiar ethical issues--including the moral status of animals, the death penalty, poverty, drug use, and many others--and ends with some of the toughest: abortion, assisted suicide, and environmental ethics. An ideal supplement for any general ethics course, Creative Problem-Solving in Ethics can also be used in more specific applied courses like bioethics, business ethics, and social ethics, as well as in critical thinking courses that emphasize ethics. In addition, it provides a concise and engaging introduction to creative thinking for workshop participants and general readers. From the very beginning of the book, readers will discover that creative thinking can offer imaginative and promising alternatives to seemingly intractable ethical dilemmas.

Educational research reveals that most people demonstrate a great deal of creativity at age 5. Unfortunately, their creative output diminishes as they mature, due to the factors that stifle creativity in the educational process. All of us, therefore, need assistance in resurfacing our innate creativity. Creative Problem Solving and Opportunity Finding

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discusses the process necessary for facilitating creativity and explains approaches we can use to resurface our own creativity. The book also contains key principles and concepts of creativity, approaches to removing blocks to creativity, and 22 techniques for generating ideas. It provides the framework of the Creative Problem Solving methodology to organize the creative process. It includes a wide variety of examples and contains a rich blend of theory and practice.

The fun and simple problem-solving guide that took Japan by storm Ken Watanabe originally wrote Problem Solving 101 for Japanese schoolchildren. His goal was to help shift the focus in Japanese education from memorization to critical thinking, by adapting some of the techniques he had learned as an elite McKinsey consultant. He was amazed to discover that adults were hungry for his fun and easy guide to problem solving and decision making. The book became a surprise Japanese bestseller, with more than 370,000 in print after six months. Now American businesspeople can also use it to master some powerful skills. Watanabe uses sample scenarios to illustrate his techniques, which include logic trees and matrixes. A rock band figures out how to drive up concert attendance. An aspiring animator budgets for a new computer purchase. Students decide which high school they will attend. Illustrated with diagrams and quirky drawings, the book is simple enough for a middle schooler to understand but sophisticated enough for business leaders to apply to their most challenging problems. The real challenge of programming isn't learning a language's syntax—it's learning to

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creatively solve problems so you can build something great. In this one-of-a-kind text, author V. Anton Spraul breaks down the ways that programmers solve problems and teaches you what other introductory books often ignore: how to Think Like a Programmer. Each chapter tackles a single programming concept, like classes, pointers, and recursion, and open-ended exercises throughout challenge you to apply your knowledge. You'll also learn how to: –Split problems into discrete components to make them easier to solve –Make the most of code reuse with functions, classes, and libraries –Pick the perfect data structure for a particular job –Master more advanced programming tools like recursion and dynamic memory –Organize your thoughts and develop strategies to tackle particular types of problems Although the book's examples are written in C++, the creative problem-solving concepts they illustrate go beyond any particular language; in fact, they often reach outside the realm of computer science. As the most skillful programmers know, writing great code is a creative art—and the first step in creating your masterpiece is learning to Think Like a Programmer.

An integrative introduction to the theories and themes in research on creativity, this book is both a reference work and text for courses in this burgeoning area of research. The book begins with a discussion of the theories of creativity (Person, Product, Process, Place), the general question of whether creativity is influenced by nature or nurture, what research has indicated of the personality and style of creative individuals from a personality analysis standpoint, how social context affects creativity, and then

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coverage of issues like gender differences, whether creativity can be enhanced, if creativity is related to poor mental or physical health, etc. The book contains boxes covering special interest items including one page biographies of famous creative individuals and activities for a group or individual to test and/or encourage creativity, as well as references to internet sites relating to creativity. Breaks down the major theories about creativity but doesn't restrict to a singular perspective Includes extensive citations of existing literature Textbook features included (i.e., key terms defined)

Now you can change your life with this creative thinking techniques guide. Discover simple and straight-forward ideas, methods and techniques that will enhance your creative thinking skills so that you can enjoy problem solving life's challenges.

Discover:

- How to snap out of limited left-brained thinking and access whole-brain problem solving techniques
- How to be creative with the instant inspiration techniques
- Productivity secrets revealed! Transform the feeling of Mundanity Into Enthusiasm
- Tap into your brain power by accessing the wisdom of your future self; Solve your current problems by getting advice from your wiser future self
- Critical thinking skills that will allow you to accept you've made mistakes, learn from them and move on...
- How to use the power of Self Hypnosis to access the deeper levels of your sub-conscious mind to solve problems and gain creative insight
- Productivity hacks to banish boredom and frustration
- How to solve relationship problems with a Jedi mind trick
- How to enrich your personal 'Life Metaphors'
- How to solve problems and

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access creative genius with the 'Wheel of Knowledge' (a special self hypnosis technique) • How to stop procrastinating • How to use Instant Laughter Therapy exercises to free up your creative resources • Improve your life by reducing stress while increasing your thinking power within five minutes • How to stop the inner critic • How to access and utilise transcendental resource states to solve problems • And more strategies for creative problem solving... With this manual you will learn how to change your life for the better with proven creative thinking techniques that will transform your problems and enable you to discover empowering new perspectives.

This concise textbook provides a comprehensive and clear overview of the theory and practice of creative problem solving from a management perspective. The book works step by step through the creative thinking process. Beginning with theoretical frameworks, it considers ways of thinking, defining problems and structuring responses to them, techniques for generating ideas, evaluating and defining them, and finally how technology can be used within the creative problem-solving process. Pedagogical features to aid learning include objectives at the start of each chapter, further reading suggestions and practical examples. Divided into ten short chapters to suit content delivery, this textbook is designed as either core or recommended reading for advanced undergraduate, postgraduate, MBA and Executive Education students studying Creativity and Innovation, Management and Leadership and Management Skills.

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