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This book is a result of the Tenth International Conference on Information Systems Development (ISD2001) held at Royal Holloway, University of London, United Kingdom, during September 5-7, 2001. ISD 2001 carries on the fine tradition established by the first Polish-Scandinavian Seminar on Current Trends in Information Systems Development Methodologies, held in Gdansk, Poland in 1988. Through the years, this seminar evolved into an International Conference on Information Systems Development. The Conference gives participants an opportunity to express ideas on the current state of the art in information systems development, and to discuss and exchange views on new methods, tools, applications as well as theory. In all, 55 papers were presented at ISD2001 organised into twelve tracks covering the following themes: Systems Analysis and Development, Modelling, Methodology, Database Systems, Collaborative Systems, Theory, Knowledge Management, Project Management, IS Education, Management issues, E-Commerce. and Technical Issues. We would like to thank all the contributing authors for making this book possible and for their participation in ISD200 1. We are grateful to our panel of paper reviewers for their help and support. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to Ceri Bowyer and Steve Brown for their unfailing support with organising ISD2001.

This book explores the common language of politics, ecology and risk, and crosses their conceptual divides. It seeks to shed light on the underlying structural factors, processes, players and interactions in the risk scenario, all of which influence decision-making that both increases and reduces disaster risk. The first section explores risk governance under conditions of increasing complexity, diversity and change. The discussion includes chapters on The problem of governance in the risk society; Making sense of decentralization; Understanding and conceptualizing risk in large-scale social-ecological systems; The disaster epidemic and Structure, process, and agency in the evaluation of risk governance. Part II, focused on governance in regions and domains of risk, includes nine chapters with discussion of Climate governance and climate change and society; Climate change and the politics of uncertainty; Risk complexity and governance in mountain environments; On the edge: Coastal governance and risk and Governance of megacity disaster risks, among other important topics. Part III discusses directions for further advancement in risk governance, with ten chapters on such topics as the transition From risk society; Governing risk tolerability; Risk and adaptive planning for coastal cities; Profiling risk governance in natural hazards contexts; Confronting the risk of large disasters in nature and Transitions into and out of a crisis mode of socio-ecological systems. The book presents a comprehensive examination of the complexity of both risk and environmental policy-making and of their multiple—and not always visible—interactions in the context of social–ecological systems. Just as important, it also addresses unseen and neglected complementarities between regulatory policy-making and ordinary individual decision-making through the actions of nongovernmental actors. A range of distinguished scholars from a diverse set of disciplines have contributed to the book with their expertise in many areas, including disast

This book covers two applications of ontologies in software engineering and software technology: sharing knowledge of the problem domain and using a common terminology among all stakeholders; and filtering the knowledge when defining models and metamodels. By presenting the advanced use of ontologies in software research and software projects, this book is of benefit to software engineering researchers in both academia and industry.

Since the 1970s information system methodologies have proliferated rapidly, causing difficulties for those needing to select an appropriate methodology. This text provides a comparison study of methodologies by developing and using a conceptual framework. After discussing the wider information systems context and establishing and applying the framework to ethics, soft and structured methodologies, the author presents four research case studies and discusses the lessons that these provide. The work concludes with recommendations and guidelines for practical use.

This set compiles more than 240 chapters from the world's leading experts to provide a foundational body of research to drive further evolution and innovation of these next-generation technologies and their applications, of which scientific, technological, and commercial communities have only begun to scratch the surface.

The proceedings of the CIB W65 Symposium on the Organization and Management of Construction conference are presented here and in the companion volumes as state-of-the-art papers documenting research and innovative practice in the field of construction. The volumes cover four broad themes: business management, project management, risk management, IT development and applications. Each volume is organized to provide easy reference so that the practitioner can speedily extract up to date information and knowledge about the global construction industry. Managing the Construction Enterprise (Volume One): Covers the firm and its business environment, markets and marketing, human resource management strategic planning, and quality management. Managing the Construction Project (Volume Two): focuses upon productivity, procurement, international projects and human issues in relation to management performance of construction organisations. Managing Risk (Volume Two): incorporates discussion of risk away from regulation by government and those safety risks inherent in the construction process. Managing Construction Information (Volume Three, published in conjunction with Construct IT Centre of Excellence): incorporates material on information systems and methods, application of IT to the design and construction processes and how IT theory and applications are best transmitted to students and practitioners. The work represents a collation of wide ranging ideas and theory about construction and how research has contributed to the development of the industry on a global application of research to the problems of the construction industry.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 6th International IFIP WG 2.13 Conference on Open Source Systems, OSS 2010, held in Notre Dame, IN, USA, in May/June 2010. The 23 revised full papers presented together with 17 short papers, 5 workshop abstracts and 4 panel descriptions were carefully reviewed and selected from 51 submissions. The papers reflect the international communities of active OSS researchers and present a broad range of perspectives on open source systems ranging from software engineering through organizational issues

to law.

reengineering, and business process management tools.

Covers central topics in information systems modeling and architectures. Includes the latest developments in information systems modeling, methods, and best practices.

The refereed proceedings of the International Conference on Business Process Management, BPM 2003, held in Eindhoven, The Netherlands, in June 2003. The 25 revised full papers presented together with an introductory survey article were carefully reviewed and selected from 77 submissions. Among the issues addressed are Web services, workflow modeling, business process modeling, collaborative computing, computer-supported collaborative work, workflow patterns, business process engineering, business process patterns, workflow systems, Petri nets, process services, business process

This book is a result of the Seventh International Conference on Information Sys tems Development-Methods and Tools, Theory and Practice held in Bled, Slovenia, Sep tember 21-23, 1998. The purpose of the conference was to address issues facing academia and industry when specifying, developing, managing, and improving information comput erized systems. During the past few years, many new concepts and approaches emerged in the Information Systems Development (ISD) field. The various theories, methods, and tools available to system developers also bring problems such as choosing the most effective approach for a specific task. This conference provides a meeting place for IS re searchers and practitioners from Eastern and Western Europe as well as from other parts of the world. An objective of the conference is not only to share scientific knowledge and in terests but to establish strong professional ties among the participants. The Seventh International Conference on Information Systems Development-ISD'98 continues the concepts of the first Polish-Scandinavian Seminar on Current Trends in Information Systems Development Methodologies held in Gdansk, Poland in 1988. Through the years, the Seminar developed into the International Conference on In formation Systems Development. ISD'99 will be held in Boise, Idaho. The selection of papers was carried out by the International Program Committee. All papers were reviewed in advance by three people. Papers were judged according to their originality, relevance, and presentation quality. All papers were judged only on their own merits, independent of other submissions.

Knowledge Management and Knowledge Engineering is a fascinating ?eld of re- 1 search these days. In the beginning of EKAW, the modeling and acquisition of knowledge was the privilege of – or rather a burden for – a few knowledge engineers familiar with knowledge engineering paradigms and knowledge rep- sentationformalisms. While the aimhasalwaysbeentomodelknowledgedecl- atively and allow for reusability, the knowledge models produced in these early days were typically used in single and very speci?c applications and rarely - changed. Moreover, these models were typically rather complex, and they could be understood only by a few expert knowledge engineers. This situation has changed radically in the last few years as clearly indicated by the following trends: – The creation of (even formal) knowledge is now becoming more and more collaborative. Collaborative ontology engineering tools and social software platforms show the potential to leverage the wisdom of the crowds (or at least of "the many") to lead to broader consensus and thus produce shared models which qualify better for reuse. – A trend can also be observed towards developing and publishing small but 2 3 4 high-impactvocabularies(e.g.,FOAF, DublinCore, GoodRelations) rather than complex and large knowledge models.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Telecommunications, ICT 2004, held in Fortaleza, Brazil in August 2004. The 188 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 430 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on multimedia services, antennas, transmission technologies and wireless networks, communication theory, telecommunication pricing and billing, network performance and telecommunication services, active network and mobile agents, optical photonic techniques, optical networks, ad-hoc networks, signal processing, network performance and MPLS, traffic engineering, SIP, Qos and switches, network operation management, mobility and broadband wireless, cellular system evolution, personal communication, satellites, mobility management, network reliability, ATM and Web services, security, switching and routing, next generation systems, wireless access, Internet, etc.

"Building on their classroom teaching experiences over the years, Dr Jeya Mala and Dr Geetha have deployed an innovative approach and student-friendly style to explain Object Oriented Analysis and Design concepts, thereby ensuring that the interest of the readers is maintained. The textbook covers case studies, activity models, and diagrams using the latest version of UML 2. The book contains adequate span to cover the curriculum requisites and rich pedagogical features to cater to the needs of undergraduate students."--Back cover.

Information systems have become the backbone of all kinds of organizations - day. In almost every sector – manufacturing, education, health care, government and businesses large and small – information systems are relied upon for - eryday work, communication, information gathering and decision-making. Yet, the in?exibilities in current technologies and methods have also resulted in poor performance, incompatibilities and obstacles to change. As many organizations are reinventing themselves to meet the challenges of global competition and e-commerce, there is increasing pressure to develop and deploy new technologies that are ?exible, robust and responsive to rapid and unexpected change. Agent concepts hold great promise for responding to the new realities of - formation systems. They o?er higher-level abstractions and mechanisms which address issues such as knowledge representation and reasoning, communication, coordination, cooperation among heterogeneous and autonomous parties, p-ception, commitments, goals, beliefs, intentions, etc., all of which need conc- tual modelling. On the one hand, the concrete implementation of these concepts can lead to advanced functionalities, e.g., in inference-based query answering, transaction control, adaptive work ?ows, brokering and integration of disparate information sources, and automated communication processes. On the other hand, their rich representational capabilities allow for more faithful and ?- ible treatments of complex organizational processes, leading to more e?ective and the treatments and processes. The local processes and the processes and the processes and the processes.

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-workshop proceedings of the 10th Pacific Rim International Workshop on Multi-Agents, PRIMA 2007, held in Bankok, Thailand, in November 2007. The 22 revised full papers and 16 revised short papers presented together with 11 application papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 102 submissions. Ranging from theoretical and methodological issues to various applications in different fields, the papers address many current subjects in multi-agent research and development,

Taking a unique approach to systems analysis and design, this insightful book provides learners with a critical personal framework for considering and developing knowledge and practice of systems analysis and design. Each chapter begins by highlighting what can be learned on its completion and ends with a critical skills development section containing activities, tasks and discussion questions. Chapters cover: systems analysis and design in concept and action * structured data modelling * making systems analysis and design inclusive. Although the discussion and examples in this text are drawn primarily from business information systems, the lessons apply to both government and healthcare information systems and to systems development in general. Critical Systems Analysis and Design makes a complex area of study accessible and relevant and as such is an indispensable textbook for both advanced students and professionals concerned with the innovation of information systems.

For the last two decades, IS researchers have conducted empirical studies leading to better understanding of the impact of Systems Analysis and Design methods in business, managerial, and cultural contexts. SA & D research has established a balanced focus not only on technical issues, but also on organizational and social issues in the information society. This volume presents the very latest, state-of-the-art research by well-known figures in the field. The chapters are grouped into three categories: techniques, methodologies, and approaches.

This volume contains the proceedings of the 6th International Conference of the BCS Specialist Group on Information Systems Methodologies. The conference brought together papers on methodology issues related to the development and management of emerging technology based information systems. As usual there was a good range of papers addressing the 'soft' and 'hard' aspects of IS development and management. Methodologies for Developing and Managing Emerging Technology-based Information Systems will be of interest to practitioners who are engaged in systems development and modifying or aligning existing methodologies to practice.

Knowledge Management has evolved into one of the most important streams of management research, affecting organizations of all types at many different levels. The Encyclopedia of Knowledge Management, Second Edition provides a compendium of terms, definitions and explanations of concepts, processes and acronyms addressing the challenges of knowledge management. This two-volume collection covers all aspects of this critical discipline, which range from knowledge identification and representation, to the impact of Knowledge Management Systems on organizational culture, to the significant integration and cost issues being faced by Human Resources, MIS/IT, and production departments.

"The book provides a link between theoretical research and web engineering, presenting a more holistic approach to web usability"--Provided by publisher.

In order to satisfy the needs of their customers, network utilities require specially developed maintenance management capabilities. Maintenance Management information systems are essential to ensure control, gain knowledge and improve-decision making in companies dealing with network infrastructure, such as distribution of gas, water, electricity and telecommunications. Maintenance Management in Network Utilities studies specified characteristics of maintenance management in this sector to offer a practical approach to defining and implementing the best management practices and suitable frameworks. Divided into three major sections, Maintenance Management in Network Utilities defines a series of stages which can be followed to manage maintenance frameworks properly. Different case studies provide detailed descriptions which illustrate the experience in real company situations. An introduction to the concepts is followed by main sections including: • A Literature Review: covering the basic concepts and models needed for framework design, development and implementation. • Framework Design and Definition: developing the basic pillars of network utilities maintenance management framework. • Performance Evaluation & Maturity: focusing on the reliability concept and maturity models from different viewpoints. By establishing basic foundations for creating and maintaining maintenance managements strategies, Maintenance Management in Network Utilities acts a practical handbook for all professionals in these companies and across areas such as network development, operations management and marketing.

Centered on the impact of information and communication technology in socio-technical environments and its support of human activity systems, the study of information systems remains a distinctive focus in the area of computer science research. Information Systems Research and Exploring Social Artifacts: Approaches and Methodologies discusses the approaches and methodologies currently being used in the field on information systems. This reference source covers a wide variety of socio-technical aspects of the design of IS artifacts as well as the study of their use. This book aims to be useful for researchers, scholars and students interested in expanding their knowledge on the assortment of research on information systems.

Artificial Intelligence and Security in Computing Systems is a peer-reviewed conference volume focusing on three areas of practice and research progress in information technologies:

-Methods of Artificial Intelligence presents methods and algorithms which are the basis for applications of artificial intelligence environments. -Multiagent Systems include laboratory research on multiagent intelligent systems as well as upon their applications in transportation and information systems. -Computer Security and Safety presents techniques and algorithms which will be of great interest to practitioners. In general, they focus on new cryptographic algorithms (including a symmetric key encryption scheme, hash functions, secret generation and sharing schemes, and secure data storage), a formal language for policy access control description and its implementation, and risk management methods (used for continuous analysis both in distributed network and software development projects).

Since the early eighties IFIP/Sec has been an important rendezvous for Information Technology researchers and specialists involved in all aspects of IT security. The explosive growth of the Web is now faced with the formidable challenge of providing trusted information. IFIP/Sec'01 is the first of this decade (and century) and it will be devoted to "Trusted Information - the New Decade Challenge" This proceedings are divided in eleven parts related to the conference program. Session are dedicated to technologies: Security Protocols, Smart Card, Network Security and Intrusion Detection, Trusted Platforms. Others sessions are devoted to application like eSociety, TTP Management and PKI, Secure Workflow Environment, Secure Group Communications, and on the deployment of applications: Risk Management, Security Policies andTrusted System Design and Management. The year 2001 is a double anniversary. First, fifteen years ago, the first IFIP/Sec was held in France (IFIP/Sec'86, Monte-Carlo) and 2001 is also the anniversary of smart card technology. Smart cards emerged some twenty years ago as an innovation and have now become pervasive information devices used for highly distributed secure applications. These cards let millions of people carry a highly secure device that can represent them on a variety of networks. To conclude, we hope that the rich "menu" of conference papers for this IFIP/Sec conference will provide valuable insights and encourage specialists to pursue their work in trusted information.

"This book presents the latest research ideas and topics on databases and software development. It provides a representation of top notch research in all areas of database and information systems development"--Provided by publisher.

Includes articles in topic areas such as autonomic computing, operating system architectures, and open source software technologies and applications.

"This book is the premier comprehensive reference source for the latest terms, acronyms and definitions related to all aspects of information science and technology. It provides the most current information to researchers on every level"--Provided by publisher.

In recent times, there has been an unprecedented increase in awareness of environmental issues by businesses around the globe. The extent to which this awareness has been created hinges significantly on the customer's perception of businesses' responses to environmental issues such as climate change, global warming, effects of business-gas-emissions on the ozone layer, etc. The growth of some businesses, and indeed the whole industrial society, has been based on the confidence reposed in human ingenuity and

its ability to develop new technologies to meet human needs and, more recently, to solve the climate and environmental problems brought about by previous technological developments, particularly those used by businesses and giant industrial houses. In essence, the question that all the above brings to the fore is, should the approach of businesses to these objectives of continued and sustainable growth be at the expense of our climate or the environment? One of the primary reasons why businesses use more nuclear power plants for their energy supplies today is to combat global warming and climate change, as nuclear power is said to be relatively free of carbon emissions. Business Administration for Students & Managers covers various topics traversing eight major subject areas in Business Administration, including: * The International Business Environment * Human Resource Management * Financial Management and Marketing Management * Managing Operations and Information Communication Technology * Business Process Reengineering and Logistics Supply Chain Management This approach is intended to bring together, for the benefit of all students and managers of businesses, all the major business topics/functions under one umbrella. Business Administration for Students & Managers is intended for the first international business courses of study at both the undergraduate and the Master of Business Administration (MBA) levels. It holds the key to the efficient business or management remits of business personnel such as Chief Executive Officers, Managing Directors, General Managers, Company Secretaries and Corporate Board of Directors. Others include the functional managers of businesses or organisations such as Finance, Environmental Protection, Information Technology, Human Resource, Production, Marketing and Operations managers. The proceedings of the CIB W65 Symposium on the Organization and Management of Construction conference are presented here and in the companion volumes as state-of-theart papers documenting research and innovative practice in the field of construction. The volumes cover four broad themes: business management, project management, risk management, IT development and applications. Each volume is organized to provide easy reference so that the practitioner can speedily extract up to date information and knowledge about the global construction industry. Managing the Construction Enterprise (Volume One): Covers the firm and its business environment, markets and marketing, human resource management strategic planning, and quality management. Managing the Construction Project (Volume Two): focuses upon productivity, procurement, international projects and human issues in relation to management performance of construction organisations. Managing Risk (Volume Two):incorporates discussion of risk away from regulation by government and those safety risks inherent in the construction process. Managing Construction Information (Volume Three, published in conjunction with Construct IT Centre of Excellence):incorporates material on information systems and methods, application of IT to the design and construction processes and how IT theory and applications are best transmitted to students and practitioners. The work represents a collation of wide ranging ideas and theory about construction and how research has contributed to the development of the industry on a global application of research to the problems of the construction industry.

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Gain the skills to effectively plan software applications andsystems using the latest version of UML UML 2 represents a significant update to the UML specification, from providing more robust mechanisms for modeling workflow andactions to making the modeling language more executable. Now in itssecond edition, this bestselling book provides you with all thetools you'll need for effective modeling with UML 2. The authorsget you up to speed by presenting an overview of UML and its mainfeatures. You'll then learn how to apply UML to produce effectivediagrams as you progress through more advanced topics such asuse-case diagrams, classes and their relationships, dynamicdiagrams, system architecture, and extending UML. The authors takeyou through the process of modeling with UML so that you cansuccessfully deliver a software product or information managementsystem. With the help of numerous examples and an extensive case study,this book teaches you how to: * Organize, describe, assess, test, and realize use cases * Gain substantial information about a system by usingclasses * Utilize activity diagrams, state machines, and interactiondiagrams to handle common issues * Extend UML features for specific environment or domains * Use UML as part of a Model Driven Architecture initiative * Apply an effective process for using UML The CD-ROM contains all of the UML models and Java?TM code for acomplete application, Java?TM 2 Platform, Standard Edition, Version1.4.1, and links to the Web sites for vendors of UML 2 tools. Academic research projects contribute to many advancements in modern life. Thus, the supervision of such works on the doctoral level is extremely important, and must constantly evolve in order to help disseminate the most accurate information available. Examining the Changing Role of Supervision in Doctoral Research Projects: Emerging Research and Opportunities is a pivotal scholarly resource that examines the current practices that research supervisiors adhere to and outlines innovative ways that these techni

Criminal and terrorist organisations are increasingly turning to white collar crime such as fraud, e-crime, bribery, data and identity theft, in addition to more violent activities involving kidnap and ransom, narcotics and arms trafficking, to fund their activities and, in some cases pursue their cause. The choice of victims is global and indiscriminate. The modus operandi is continually mutating and increasing in sophistication; taking advantage of weaknesses in the system whether they be technological, legal or political.

empirical research findings for developing economies. This book specifically seeks to understand the social, organizational, and cultural implementation aspects of knowledge

management in the context of developing economies, and to discuss issues, challenges, and trends surrounding this implementation.

Countering these sources of threat finance is a shared challenge for governments, the military, NGOs, financial institutions and other businesses that may be targeted. Shima Keene's Threat Finance offers new thinking to equip any organisation regardless of sector and geographical location, with the knowledge and tools to deploy effective counter measures to tackle the threat. To that end, she brings together a wide variety of perspectives - cultural, legal, economic and technological - to explain the sources, mechanisms and key intervention methodologies. The current environment continues to favour the criminal and the terrorist. Threat Finance is an essential read for fraud and security practitioners, financial regulators, policy-makers, intelligence officials, judges and barristers, law enforcement officers, and researchers in this field. Dr Keene offers an antidote to the lack of good, applied, research; shortcomings in in-house financial and forensic expertise; misdirected financial compliance schemes; legal and judicial idiosyncrasies; unhelpful organisation structures and poor communication. She argues convincingly for a coherent, aggressive, informed and cross-disciplinary approach to an ever changing and rapidly growing threat.

This book examines influential ideas within Management Information Systems (MIS). Leading international contributors summarize key topics and explore a variety of issues currently being discussed in the field. They re-visit influential ideas such as socio-technical theory, systems thinking, and structuration theory and demonstrate their relevance to newer ideas such as re-engineering, hybrid management, knowledge workers, and outsourcing. In locating MIS within an interdisciplinary context, particularly in the light of rapid technological changes, this book will form the link between past and future approaches to MIS.

This volume contains the invited paper, the reviewed research papers, the discussants' comments on the latter, and the workshop memoranda of the fourth IFIP WG 8. 1 International Working Conference on "Information System Concepts", with the subtitle "An Integrated Discipline Emerging" (ISC04). It was held in Leiden, The Netherlands, 20-22 September 1999. The previous three ISCO conferences were subtitled "An In-depth Analysis", "Improving the Understanding", and "Towards a Consolidation of Views". Their proceedings were published in 1989, 1992, and 1995, respectively. The ISCO conferences were instigated by the former Task Group FRISCO (an acronym for "FRamework of Information System Concepts"), charged by the IFIP Working Group 8. 1 with the task of proposing a conceptual framework for the information system field. Its report, entitled "A Framework of Information System Concepts" (the "FRISCO Report" for short), is available on the World Wide Web via the address: http://www. wi. leidenuniv. nl/~verrynstlfrisco. html or may be downloaded directly as a condensed Word-6 file from: ftp://ftp. leidenuniv. nl/pub/rullfri-full. zip The FRISCO Report forms a significant contribution to the long-lasting quest of our community towards developing a scientific outlook on the field of information systems. Clarifying the varied nature of many diverging views - some of which may not easily be reconciled - the report does propose a coherent, consistent and partially formalised framework of concepts.

When we look at a program or a project, to identify its size in terms of 'large', it would be advisable to consider a few factors that determine the size i.e., effort, uncertainty and complexity involved in delivering the outcome. This book is intended to provide the required lateral thinking in this field of management excellence.

Advanced Topics in Database Research is a series of books in the fields of database, software engineering, and systems analysis and design. They feature the latest research ideas and topics on how to enhance current database systems, improve information storage, refine existing database models, and develop advanced applications. Advanced Topics in Database Research, Volume 4 is enriched with authors who have submitted their best works for inclusion in this scholarly book. Advanced Topics in Database Research, Volume 4 is a useful reference and a valuable collection for both researchers and practitioners. "The book provides analyses and explains some of the contradictions and apparent paradoxes of many information systems quality perspectives"---Provided by publisher. Organizational Learning and Knowledge: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools and Applications demonstrates exhaustively the many applications, issues, and techniques applied to the science of recording, categorizing, using and learning from the experiences and expertise acquired by the modern organization. A much needed collection, this multi-volume reference presents the theoretical foundations, research results, practical case studies, and future trends to both inform the decisions facing today's organizations and the establish fruitful organizational practices for the future. Practitioners, researchers, and academics involved in leading organizations of all types will find useful, grounded

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resources for navigating the ever-changing organizational landscape.