

Hbs Case Study Solutions

Provides an approach for analyzing, discussing, and writing about cases. This book shows how to classify cases according to analytical task they require (solving a problem, making a decision, or forming an evaluation) and establish a base of knowledge about a case. It shows how to talk about cases in class.

Managers and supervisors will sharpen their analytical and decision-making skills with this new collection of fully reproducible case studies. Based on actual, real-life situations, these exercises prepare supervisors and team leaders for the challenging problems they face in today's complex workplace. Each case study includes: Summary of the case; Discussion questions which evoke thought and analysis; Suggested solutions to the problems presented. Training Objectives: Improve participant's listening skills; Empower employees to negotiate; solutions fairly; Provide opportunities for participants to practice new skills in a supportive environment; Illustrate the skills needed to respond productively to complex issues. Activities Cover: Performance appraisal; Managing effectively; Sexual harassment/discrimination; Managing disruptive employees; Coaching/counseling employees; Hiring the right person Case method teaching immerses students in realistic business situations--which include incomplete information, time constraints, and conflicting goals. The class discussion inherent in case teaching is well known for stimulating the development of students' critical thinking skills, yet instructors often need guidance on managing that class discussion to maximize learning. Teaching with Cases focuses on practical advice for instructors that can be easily implemented. It covers how to plan a course, how to teach it, and how to evaluate it. The book is organized by the three elements required for a great case-based course: 1) advance planning by the instructor, including implementation of a student contract; 2) how to make leading a vibrant case discussion easier and more systematic; and 3) planning for student evaluation after the course is complete. Teaching with Cases is ideal for anyone interested in case teaching, whether basing an entire course on cases, using cases as a supplement, or simply using discussion facilitation techniques. To learn more about the book, and to see resources available, visit teachingwithcases.hbsp.harvard.edu.

An innovation classic. From Steve Jobs to Jeff Bezos, Clayton Christensen's work continues to underpin today's most innovative leaders and organizations. A seminal work on disruption—for everyone confronting the growth paradox. For readers of the bestselling *The Innovator's Dilemma*—and beyond—this definitive work will help anyone trying to transform their business right now. In *The Innovator's Solution*, Clayton Christensen and Michael Raynor expand on the idea of disruption, explaining how companies can and should become disruptors themselves. This classic work shows just how timely and relevant these ideas continue to be in today's hyper-accelerated business environment. Christensen and Raynor give advice on the business decisions crucial to achieving truly disruptive growth and propose guidelines for developing your own disruptive growth engine. The authors identify the forces that cause managers to make bad decisions as they package and shape new ideas—and offer new frameworks to help create the right conditions, at the right time, for a disruption to succeed. This is a must-read for all senior managers and business leaders responsible for innovation and growth, as well as members of their teams. Based on in-depth research and theories tested in hundreds of companies across many industries, *The Innovator's Solution* is a necessary addition to any innovation library—and an essential read for entrepreneurs and business builders worldwide.

This book is the first anthology compiled in English by the CEIBS Case Center to promote China-focused cases worldwide. Included are ten of twenty six award-winning cases from the Global Contest for the Best China-Focused Cases during 2015 to 2017: these works exemplify the quality of effective business cases and share stories of China to the world. Each of the ten

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cases has a defining feature. Some cases, with a focus on user demand, analyze how companies build their core competence (e.g., Haidilao Hot-Pot and OnePlus Mobile Phone), while others present an array of business innovations in the era of new retail, e-commerce, and the sharing economy (e.g., SF Express, Jinhubao, ofo, FamilyMart, and Handu Apparel). Some describe Chinese companies' operations in the overseas market (e.g., Huawei and TECNO), and others depict how foreign companies adapt to the Chinese market in a unique way (e.g., Starbucks). These cases were drawn from Chinese and overseas business schools. The book helps bridge the gap between the world management community's interest in China and the limited availability of China-focused management cases. We hope this collection of select cases will prove valuable and informative for our readers.

This book is a collection of articles which highlight the fact that good translation theory is based on information gained from practice. At the same time, good practice is based on carefully worked-out theory. The two are interdependent. The authors who have contributed are persons who know the importance of both theory and practice and the tension between the two. They are not only translators but also have long experience in training others. The articles cover a wide variety of topics grouped in five sections. The first presents four graphic descriptions of what happens when one translates. The second looks at aspects of the application of theory from the backgrounds of European and Asian translation practices. The third has excellent articles which apply theory to the fields of poetry, opera, drama, and humor. The fourth section provides four ways of putting theory into practice. The fifth gives language specific examples and the last section deals with the application of theory and practice to teaching in an academic context.

Interdisciplinarity has become as important outside academia as within. Academics, policy makers, and the general public seek insights to help organize the vast amounts of knowledge being produced, both within research and at all levels of education. The second edition of *The Oxford Handbook of Interdisciplinarity* offers a thorough update of this major reference work, summarizing the latest advances within the field of inter- and transdisciplinarity. The collection is distinguished by its breadth of coverage, with chapters written by leading experts from multiple networks and organizations. The volume is edited by respected interdisciplinary scholars and supported by a prestigious advisory board to ensure the highest quality and breadth of coverage. *The Oxford Handbook of Interdisciplinarity* provides a synoptic overview of the current state of interdisciplinary research, education, administration and management, and of problem solving-knowledge that spans the disciplines and interdisciplinary fields. The volume negotiates the space between the academic community and society at large. Offering the most broad-based account of inter- and transdisciplinarity to date, its 47 chapters provide a snapshot of the state of knowledge integration as interdisciplinarity approaches its century mark. This second edition expands its coverage to discuss the emergence of new fields, the increase of interdisciplinary approaches within traditional disciplines and professions, new integrative approaches to education and training, the widening international presence of interdisciplinarity, its increased support in funding agencies and science-policy bodies, and the formation of several new international associations associated with interdisciplinarity. This reference book will be a valuable addition to academic libraries worldwide, important reading for members of the sciences, social sciences, and humanities engaged in interdisciplinary research and education, and helpful for administrators and policy makers seeking to improve the use of knowledge in society.

Comprehensive coverage of critical issues related to information science and technology.

"This book offers the latest research within the field of H AIS, surveying the broad topics and collecting case studies, future directions, and cutting edge analyses,

investigating biologically inspired algorithms such as ant colony optimization and particle swarm optimization"--

Mergers, Acquisitions, and Other Restructuring Activities is unique in that it is the most current, comprehensive, and cutting-edge text on M&A and corporate restructuring available. It is current in that it includes many of the most up-to-date and notable deals (e.g., Facebook's takeover of WhatsApp, the Dell privatization, and Verizon's mega buyout of Vodafone's share of Verizon Wireless), precedent setting judicial decisions (e.g., efforts to overturn defenses at Airgas and Sotheby's), new regulations (e.g., expediting backend mergers), trends (e.g., increasing role of activist investors in takeovers), and new tactics (e.g., two-tiered poison pill) employed in M&As. Most integrative case studies are new for this edition and involve transactions that have been announced or completed since 2013. It is comprehensive in that nearly all aspects of M&As and corporate restructuring are explored. It is cutting edge in that conclusions and insights are anchored by the most recent academic research, with references to more than 200 empirical studies published in leading peer-reviewed journals just since 2012. And the substantially updated content is illustrated with numerous practical exhibits, case studies involving diverse transactions, easy-to-understand numerical examples, and hundreds of discussion questions and practice exercises. The highlights of the new edition are listed here:

- **New Chapters:** Two new chapters: Chapter 9 and 14. Chapter 9 discusses the basics of applying financial modeling methods to firm valuation and assists the reader in understanding the power (and limitations) of models in analyzing real world situation. Chapter 14 illustrates how complex financial models often are used to support the deal structuring process during M&A negotiations.
- **New Cases:** Ninety percent of the nearly forty case studies are new and involve transactions announced or completed during the last three years. These cases represent friendly, hostile, highly leveraged, and cross-border deals in ten different industries, involving public and private firms as well as firms experiencing financial distress. All end of chapter case studies begin with a "Key Objectives" section indicating what the student should learn from the case study and include discussion questions and solutions available in the online instructors' manual.
- **Latest Research:** This edition focuses on the most recent and relevant academic studies, some of which contain surprising insights changing the way we view this subject matter. Recent research has significant implications for academicians, students, M&A practitioners, and government policy makers shedding new light on current developments and trends in the ever-changing mergers and acquisitions market. The market for corporate control and corporate restructuring strategies are constantly changing, reflecting the ongoing globalization of both product and capital markets, accelerating technological change, escalating industry consolidation, changing regulatory practices, and intensifying cross-border competition. While continuing to be relevant, empirical research covering the dynamics of the M&A markets of the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s may be less

germane in explaining current undercurrents and future trends.

A guide to successfully operating in a lean-agile organization for solutions architects and enterprise architects

Key Features

- Develop the right combination of processes and technical excellence to address architectural challenges
- Explore a range of architectural techniques to modernize legacy systems
- Discover how to design and continuously improve well-architected sustainable software

Book Description Many organizations have embraced Agile methodologies to transform their ability to rapidly respond to constantly changing customer demands. However, in this melee, many enterprises often neglect to invest in architects by presuming architecture is not an intrinsic element of Agile software development. Since the role of an architect is not pre-defined in Agile, many organizations struggle to position architects, often resulting in friction with other roles or a failure to provide a clear learning path for architects to be productive. This book guides architects and organizations through new Agile ways of incrementally developing the architecture for delivering an uninterrupted, continuous flow of values that meets customer needs. You'll explore various aspects of Agile architecture and how it differs from traditional architecture. The book later covers Agile architects' responsibilities and how architects can add significant value by positioning themselves appropriately in the Agile flow of work. Through examples, you'll also learn concepts such as architectural decision backlog, the last responsible moment, value delivery, architecting for change, DevOps, and evolutionary collaboration. By the end of this Agile book, you'll be able to operate as an architect in Agile development initiatives and successfully architect reliable software systems. What you will learn

Acquire clarity on the duties of architects in Agile development

- Understand architectural styles such as domain-driven design and microservices
- Identify the pitfalls of traditional architecture and learn how to develop solutions
- Understand the principles of value and data-driven architecture
- Discover DevOps and continuous delivery from an architect's perspective
- Adopt Lean-Agile documentation and governance
- Develop a set of personal and interpersonal qualities
- Find out how to lead the transformation to achieve organization-wide agility

Who this book is for This agile study guide is for architects currently working on agile development projects or aspiring to work on agile software delivery, irrespective of the methodology they are using. You will also find this book useful if you're a senior developer or a budding architect looking to understand an agile architect's role by embracing agile architecture strategies and a lean-agile mindset. To understand the concepts covered in this book easily, you need to have prior knowledge of basic agile development practices.

An updated look at how corporate restructuring really works

Stuart Gilson is one of the leading corporate restructuring experts in the United States, teaching thousands of students and consulting with numerous companies. Now, in the second edition of this bestselling book, Gilson returns to present new insight into corporate restructuring. Through real-world case studies that involve some of the

most prominent restructurings of the last ten years, and highlighting the increased role of hedge funds in distressed investing, you'll develop a better sense of the restructuring process and how it can truly create value. In addition to "classic" buyout and structuring case studies, this second edition includes coverage of Delphi, General Motors, the Finova Group and Warren Buffett, Kmart and Sears, Adelphia Communications, Seagate Technology, Dupont-Conoco, and even the Eurotunnel debt restructuring. Covers corporate bankruptcy reorganization, debt workouts, "vulture" investing, equity spin-offs, asset divestitures, and much more Addresses the effect of employee layoffs and corporate downsizing Examines how companies allocate value and when a corporation should "pull the trigger" From hedge funds to financial fraud to subprime busts, this second edition offers a rare look at some of the most innovative and controversial restructurings ever.

When facing a difficult management challenge, wouldn't it be great if you could turn to a panel of experts to help guide you to the right decision? Now you can, with books from the Judgment Calls series. Drawn from the pages of Harvard Business Review, these interactive, solutions-oriented guides allow readers to access the wisdom of leading experts as they tackle familiar and perplexing business situations. These engagingly written books will help managers improve problem-solving skills and make better judgment calls under fire. A preface provides an overview and sets the context for using these provocative case studies as learning tools in corporate classrooms. A relevant chapter from an HBE volume introduces the topic as a refresher course. Finally, an appendix of resources such as executive summaries, guiding questions, and a list of further reading rounds out the book. Judgment Calls provide insight into a variety of real world difficulties and offer solutions that managers will find both sound and practical. Our ideal reader is the business traveler who's thinking about this very issue, sees the book in the airport, and throws it in his or her briefcase to read on the plane. This volume, tentatively titled "Growing for Broke and Other Stories From the Frontlines of Management" looks at growth strategy. How do you grow your business without sending it flying off the rails? When should you stick to your core? All this and more!

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What people get out of social media—and how businesses can get more out of it. Almost no one had heard of social media a decade ago, but today websites such as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn have more than 1 billion users and account for almost 25 percent of Internet use. Practically overnight, social media seems indispensable to our lives—from friendship and dating to news and business. What makes social media so different from traditional media? Answering that question is the key to making social media work for any business, argues Miko Piskorski, one of the world's leading experts on the business of social media. In *A Social Strategy*, he provides the most convincing answer yet, one backed by original research, data, and case studies from companies such as Nike and American Express. Drawing on his analysis of proprietary data from social media sites, Piskorski argues that the secret of successful ones is that they allow people to fulfill social needs that either can't be met offline or can be met only at much greater cost. This insight provides the key to how companies can leverage social platforms to create a sustainable competitive advantage. Companies need to help people interact with each other before they will promote products to their friends or help companies in other ways. Done right, a company's social media should benefit customers and the firm. Piskorski calls this "a social strategy," and he describes how companies such as Yelp and Zynga have done it.

Groundbreaking and important, *A Social Strategy* provides not only a story- and data-driven explanation for the explosion of social media but also an invaluable, concrete road map for any company that wants to tap the marketing potential of this remarkable phenomenon.

Since its inception, *Introduction to Genetic Analysis (IGA)* has been known for its prominent authorship including leading scientists in their field who are great educators. This market best-seller exposes students to the landmark experiments in genetics, teaching students how to analyze experimental data and how to draw their own conclusions based on scientific thinking while teaching students how to think like geneticists. Visit the preview site at www.whfreeman.com/IGA10epreview

Written in response to the pressures on universities to produce highly skilled and work-ready graduates and intended to map across a three year business course, this book contains the study and employability skills students need to succeed as a business student and graduate, from essential study, presentation and

leadership skills to practical advice on getting that all-important job after university. Hands-on learning aids offer exercises for group work and self-study. Readers can expect the book to: Help them adapt to a new culture and environment by setting out what is expected and what they can expect at university Help them bridge the gap between school and university by developing essential study skills such as critical thinking and time management Help them develop transferable skills that are sought after by employers including presentation skills, leadership skills and commercial awareness Give them practical advice on getting that all-important job after university with chapters on CV writing, job hunting, interviewing and networking, among others The book is full of examples drawing on the author's own personal experience with the final chapter offering words of advice from current graduates and employees working in lots of different sectors all over the world – including US, Europe, China and the UK. The book is complemented by a companion website featuring a range of tools and resources for lecturers and students, including an instructor manual and PowerPoint slides, answers and guidance on skills assessment tasks, templates and examples to download as well as additional chapter content on topics such as plagiarism and essay writing. Suitable for all students taking a business degree.

Biological activity for most living organisms is at its highest where the percolation transition occurs; hence, finding such temperature range was of utmost importance. After having found such temperature interval, i.e., between 310K and 330K, conformational studies were performed on full-length human and rat islet amyloid polypeptide, hIAPP and rIAPP respectively, by MD simulations both for the reduced and oxidized IAPP moieties. Studying the monomeric forms of two very similar polypeptides that present different amyloidogenic properties could shed light on the aggregation mechanism of human islet amyloid polypeptide; in fact, after hundreds of nanoseconds, above the percolation transition temperature, oxidized hIAPP 'folded' into a compact structure that was about 10% smaller than the average value of the radius of gyration. Further studies were carried out on some in silico mutated hIAPP moieties in order to pinpoint key residues involved in the 'folding' of hIAPP. Three conditions were needed in order to observe this compact state: the presence of the disulfide bond; the absence of the P28 residue, found in rat IAPP; presence of aromatic residues, in particular F23.

"In this groundbreaking book, Francesca Gino shows us how to spark creativity, excel at work, and become happier: By learning to rebel." — Charles Duhigg, New York Times bestselling author of *The Power of Habit* and *Smarter Faster Better* Do you want to follow a script — or write your own story? Award-winning Harvard Business School professor Francesca Gino shows us why the most successful among us break the rules, and how rebellion brings joy and meaning into our lives. Rebels have a bad reputation. We think of them as troublemakers, outcasts, contrarians: those colleagues, friends, and family members who

complicate seemingly straightforward decisions, create chaos, and disagree when everyone else is in agreement. But in truth, rebels are also those among us who change the world for the better with their unconventional outlooks. Instead of clinging to what is safe and familiar, and falling back on routines and tradition, rebels defy the status quo. They are masters of innovation and reinvention, and they have a lot to teach us. Francesca Gino, a behavioral scientist and professor at Harvard Business School, has spent more than a decade studying rebels at organizations around the world, from high-end boutiques in Italy's fashion capital, to the World's Best Restaurant, to a thriving fast food chain, to an award-winning computer animation studio. In her work, she has identified leaders and employees who exemplify "rebel talent," and whose examples we can all learn to embrace. Gino argues that the future belongs to the rebel — and that there's a rebel in each of us. We live in turbulent times, when competition is fierce, reputations are easily tarnished on social media, and the world is more divided than ever before. In this cutthroat environment, cultivating rebel talent is what allows businesses to evolve and to prosper. And rebellion has an added benefit beyond the workplace: it leads to a more vital, engaged, and fulfilling life. Whether you want to inspire others to action, build a business, or build more meaningful relationships, *Rebel Talent* will show you how to succeed — by breaking all the rules.

The guide all MBAs and executive students need. If you're enrolled in an MBA or executive education program, you've probably encountered a powerful learning tool: the business case. But if you're like many people, you may find interpreting and writing about cases mystifying and time-consuming. In *The Case Study Handbook, Revised Edition*, William Ellet presents a potent new approach for efficiently analyzing, discussing, and writing about cases. Early chapters show how to classify cases according to the analytical task they require (making a decision, performing an evaluation, or diagnosing a problem) and quickly establish a base of knowledge about a case. Strategies and templates, in addition to several sample Harvard Business School cases, help you apply the author's framework. Later in the book, Ellet shows how to write persuasive case-analytical essays based on the process laid out earlier. Examples of effective writing further reinforce the methods. The book also includes a chapter on how to talk about cases more effectively in class. Any current or prospective MBA or executive education student needs this guide.

The South East Asian market, which comprises of (Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, Vietnam and the Philippines) is a market greater of 500 million people. The growing middle-class in Asia is creating an unprecedented demand for products and services, and fuelling global growth. A slowdown in the Chinese economy (the world's second largest) most definitely will impact global economic growth. Although Malaysia is a relatively small economy with population of 30 million, yet it provides an insight into the Asia-Pacific region with its strategic location in South-East Asia. This book will be

followed by a series of other books that provides insight into more Asian companies. In 2010, Malaysia set a target to become a high-income nation by the year of 2020 with the initiation of Economic Transformation Program (ETP). ETP is a comprehensive blueprint to move Malaysia's economy into developed economy with a projected Gross National Income (GNI) of US\$523 billion and per capita income at US\$15,000 by 2020.

How to Innovate and Execute Leaders already know that innovation calls for a different set of activities, skills, methods, metrics, mind-sets, and leadership approaches. And it is well understood that creating a new business and optimizing an already existing one are two fundamentally different management challenges. The real problem for leaders is doing both, simultaneously. How do you meet the performance requirements of the existing business—one that is still thriving—while dramatically reinventing it? How do you envision a change in your current business model before a crisis forces you to abandon it? Innovation guru Vijay Govindarajan expands the leader's innovation tool kit with a simple and proven method for allocating the organization's energy, time, and resources—in balanced measure—across what he calls “the three boxes”:

- Box 1: The present—Manage the core business at peak profitability
- Box 2: The past—Abandon ideas, practices, and attitudes that could inhibit innovation
- Box 3: The future—Convert breakthrough ideas into new products and businesses

The three-box framework makes leading innovation easier because it gives leaders a simple vocabulary and set of tools for managing and measuring these different sets of behaviors and activities across all levels of the organization. Supported with rich company examples—GE, Mahindra & Mahindra, Hasbro, IBM, United Rentals, and Tata Consultancy Services—and testimonies of leaders who have successfully used this framework, this book solves once and for all the practical dilemma of how to align an organization on the critical but competing demands of innovation.

Sound investment decisions require an in-depth knowledge of the financial markets and available financial instruments. This book provides students and professionals with an understanding of the role and activities of an equity security analyst within the investment process. Emphasis is on understanding the process of analyzing companies; the valuation process; and the challenges of achieving success in a highly competitive capital market. The authors present a comprehensive compendium on the financial theory, the empirical evidence and the mathematical tools that form the underlying principles of investment decisions.

Gain practical skills in machine learning for finance, healthcare, and retail. This book uses a hands-on approach by providing case studies from each of these domains: you'll see examples that demonstrate how to use machine learning as a tool for business enhancement. As a domain expert, you will not only discover how machine learning is used in finance, healthcare, and retail, but also work through practical case studies where machine learning has been implemented. Machine Learning Applications Using Python is divided into three sections, one for each of the domains (healthcare, finance, and retail). Each section starts with an overview of machine learning and key technological advancements in that domain. You'll then learn more by using case studies on how organizations are changing the game in their chosen markets. This book has practical case studies with Python code and domain-specific innovative ideas for monetizing machine learning. What You Will Learn Discover applied machine

learning processes and principles Implement machine learning in areas of healthcare, finance, and retail Avoid the pitfalls of implementing applied machine learning Build Python machine learning examples in the three subject areas Who This Book Is For Data scientists and machine learning professionals.

Case Problems in Finance is a Harvard case course presenting real business situations that pose debatable alternative courses of action. The cases contain problems that can be narrowed but not always settled by the usual techniques of financial analysis. It will teach students to discover ways of thinking that are productive in handling different types of managerial problems intelligently. The cases are grouped by major topics: financial analysis and forecasting, cost of capital, working capital management, capital budgeting, dividend policy, debt policy, financial execution, and mergers and restructuring.

This report presents guidance on evaluating the potential feasibility, cost, and benefits of investing in rail freight solutions to alleviate highway congestion from heavy truck traffic. An extensive research effort is documented and accompanied by a set of guidelines that present a three-phased approach to evaluating rail freight solutions: preliminary assessment, detailed analysis, and decision making. This report will be useful for transportation planners in state and regional transportation agencies, freight planners in private transportation companies, and senior decision makers who control the funding and implementation of transportation investments.

Clayton Christensen's definitive works on innovation—offered together for the first time Will you fall victim to disruptive innovation—or become a disruptor yourself? Tip the odds in your favor with the bestselling books that have made Christensen one of the world's foremost authorities on innovation. You'll also get his award-winning HBR article, full of inspiration for finding meaning and happiness in your life using the principles of business. The 4-volume collection includes: The Innovator's Dilemma: When New Technologies Cause Great Firms to Fail In one of the most influential business books of our time, Christensen introduced the world to the concept of disruptive innovation, showing how even the most outstanding companies can do everything right—yet still lose market leadership. Don't repeat their mistakes. The Innovator's Solution: Creating and Sustaining Successful Growth Citing in-depth research and theories tested in hundreds of companies across many industries, Christensen and co-author Michael Raynor provide the tools organizations need to become disruptors themselves. The Innovator's DNA: Mastering the Five Skills of Disruptive Innovators Christensen and coauthors Jeffrey Dyer and Hal Gregersen identify behaviors of the world's best innovators—from leaders at Amazon and Apple to those at Google, Skype, and the Virgin Group—to show how you and your team can unlock the code to generating and executing more innovative ideas. “How Will You Measure Your Life?” (HBR article) At Harvard Business School, Clayton Christensen teaches aspiring MBAs how to apply management and innovation theories to build stronger companies. But he also believes that these models can help people lead better lives. In this award-winning Harvard Business Review article, he explains how, exploring questions everyone needs to ask: How can I be happy in my career? How can I be sure that my relationship with my family is an enduring source of happiness? And how can I live my life with integrity? With the enormous growth of the internet and social media sites, digital marketing is now worth more per annum than TV advertising in the UK. Social network advertising

spending is expected to increase to a staggering \$4.3 billion in 2011 in a bid to attract today's media-savvy consumer. *The Best Digital Marketing Campaigns in the World* brings together an international collection of the most successful digital marketing campaigns of our time, assessing what they achieved and the business lessons learnt. This practical and insightful book explores how businesses large and small have harnessed social media, blogs, forums, online video and email to boost their brand and attract customers. Damian Ryan and Calvin Jones present a selection of hand-picked case studies, sharing the knowledge and skill of the world's top creative minds. Covering everything from household names such as Pizza Hut and Pepsi to Obama's 2008 presidential election campaign, this book is the must-read guide for all marketers looking to embrace the new digital landscape.

"You've got a great idea that will increase revenue or productivity--but how do you get approval to make it happen? By building a business case that clearly shows its value. Maybe you struggle to win support for projects because you're not sure what kind of data your stakeholders will trust, or naysayers always seem to shoot your ideas down at the last minute. Or perhaps you're intimidated by analysis and number crunching, so you just take a stab at estimating costs and benefits, with little confidence in your accuracy. To get any idea off the ground at your company you'll have to make a strong case for it. This guide gives you the tools to do that"--

This volume is a comprehensive collection of extended contributions from the fourth international symposium on Modeling and Implementing Complex Systems (MICS'2106) organized into four main topics: Networking and Cloud Computing, Software Engineering and Formal Methods, Intelligent and Information Systems, and Algorithms and Complexity. This book presents recent advances related to theory and applications of networking and distributed computing, including: cloud computing, software engineering, formal methods, information extraction, optimization algorithms, intelligent systems, and multi-agent systems.

Based on research presented at The Harvard Business School's first-ever conference on business approaches to poverty alleviation, *Business Solutions for the Global Poor* brings together perspectives from leading academics and corporate, non-profit and public sector managers. The contributors draw on practical and dynamic how-to insights from leading BOP ventures from more than twenty countries world-wide. This important volume reflects poverty's multi-faceted nature and a broad range of actors—multinational and local businesses, entrepreneurs, civil society organizations and governments—that play a role in its alleviation.

In the mid 1990s, researchers began applying Evolutionary Algorithms (EAs) on a kind of computer chip that could dynamically alter the functionality and physical connections of its circuits. This combination of EAs with programmable electronics (e. g. , Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs) and Field Programmable Analogue Arrays (FPAAs)) spawned a new field of Evolutionary Computation (EC) called Evolvable Hardware (EH) with its first workshop, *Evolvable Hardware*, held in Lausanne, Switzerland in October 1995. This

workshop was followed by the First International Conference on Evolvable Systems: From Biology to Hardware (ICES' 96), held in Tsukuba, Japan in October 1996. The second ICES was held in Lausanne, September 1998, the third was in Edinburgh, April 2000, the fourth was in Tokyo, October 2001, the fifth was in Trondheim, March 2003, the sixth was in Sitges, September 2005, and the seventh was in Wuhan, September 2007. Over the years the EH field has expanded beyond the use of EAs on simple electronic devices to encompass many different combinations of EAs and biologically inspired algorithms (BIAs) with various physical devices (or simulations of physical devices). Present research in the field of EH can be split into the two related areas of Evolvable Hardware Design (EHD) and Adaptive Hardware (AH). Evolvable Hardware Design (EHD) is the use of EAs and BIAs for creating physical devices and designs, examples of where EHD has had some success include analogue and digital electronics, antennas, MEMS chips, optical systems as well as quantum circuits.

This third edition of *Teaching and the Case Method* is a further response to increased national and international interest in teaching, teachers, and learning, as well as the pressing need to enhance instructional effectiveness in the widest possible variety of settings. Like its predecessors, this edition celebrates the joys of teaching and learning at their best and emphasizes the reciprocal exchange of wisdom that teachers and students can experience. It is based on the belief that teaching is not purely a matter of inborn talent. On the contrary, the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that make for excellence in teaching can be analyzed, abstracted, and learned. One key premise of *Teaching and the Case Method* is that all teaching and learning involve a core of universally applicable principles that can be discerned and absorbed through the study and discussion of cases.

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