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IBM Information Governance Solutions

- Chuck Ballard 2014-04-04

Managing information within the

enterprise has always been a vital

and important task to support the

day-to-day business operations and to

enable analysis of that data for decision making to better manage and grow the business for improved profitability. To do all that, clearly the data must be accurate and organized so it is accessible and understandable to all who need it. That task has grown in importance as the volume of enterprise data has been growing significantly (analyst estimates of 40 - 50% growth per year are not uncommon) over the years. However, most of that data has been what we call "structured" data, which is the type that can fit neatly into rows and columns and be more easily analyzed. Now we are in the era of "big data." This significantly increases the volume of data available, but it is in a form called "unstructured" data. That is, data from sources that are not as easily organized, such as data from emails, spreadsheets, sensors, video, audio, and social media sites. There is valuable information in all that data

but it calls for new processes to enable it to be analyzed. All this has brought with it a renewed and critical need to manage and organize that data with clarity of meaning, understandability, and interoperability. That is, you must be able to integrate this data when it is from within an enterprise but also importantly when it is from many different external sources. What is described here has been and is being done to varying extents. It is called "information governance." Governing this information however has proven to be challenging. But without governance, much of the data can be less useful and perhaps even used incorrectly, significantly impacting enterprise decision making. So we must also respect the needs for information security, consistency, and validity or else suffer the potential economic and legal consequences. Implementing sound governance practices needs to be an

integral part of the information control in our organizations. This IBM® Redbooks® publication focuses on the building blocks of a solid governance program. It examines some familiar governance initiative scenarios, identifying how they underpin key governance initiatives, such as Master Data Management, Quality Management, Security and Privacy, and Information Lifecycle Management. IBM Information Management and Governance solutions provide a comprehensive suite to help organizations better understand and build their governance solutions. The book also identifies new and innovative approaches that are developed by IBM practice leaders that can help as you implement the foundation capabilities in your organizations.

Predictive Analytics For Dummies -

Anasse Bari 2014-03-06

Combine business sense, statistics, and computers in a new and intuitive

way, thanks to Big Data Predictive analytics is a branch of data mining that helps predict probabilities and trends. Predictive Analytics For Dummies explores the power of predictive analytics and how you can use it to make valuable predictions for your business, or in fields such as advertising, fraud detection, politics, and others. This practical book does not bog you down with loads of mathematical or scientific theory, but instead helps you quickly see how to use the right algorithms and tools to collect and analyze data and apply it to make predictions. Topics include using structured and unstructured data, building models, creating a predictive analysis roadmap, setting realistic goals, budgeting, and much more. Shows readers how to use Big Data and data mining to discover patterns and make predictions for tech-savvy businesses Helps readers see how to shepherd predictive analytics projects through

their companies Explains just enough of the science and math, but also focuses on practical issues such as protecting project budgets, making good presentations, and more Covers nuts-and-bolts topics including predictive analytics basics, using structured and unstructured data, data mining, and algorithms and techniques for analyzing data Also covers clustering, association, and statistical models; creating a predictive analytics roadmap; and applying predictions to the web, marketing, finance, health care, and elsewhere Propose, produce, and protect predictive analytics projects through your company with Predictive Analytics For Dummies.

The Journey Continues: From Data Lake to Data-Driven Organization - Mandy Chessell 2018-02-19

This IBM Redguide™ publication looks back on the key decisions that made the data lake successful and looks forward to the future. It proposes

that the metadata management and governance approaches developed for the data lake can be adopted more broadly to increase the value that an organization gets from its data. Delivering this broader vision, however, requires a new generation of data catalogs and governance tools built on open standards that are adopted by a multi-vendor ecosystem of data platforms and tools. Work is already underway to define and deliver this capability, and there are multiple ways to engage. This guide covers the reasons why this new capability is critical for modern businesses and how you can get value from it.

Hybrid Cloud For Dummies - Judith S. Hurwitz 2012-05-09

Choose the right combination of public, private, and data center resources to empower your business Hybrid clouds are transforming the way that organizations do business. This handy guide helps you find out

what this new cloud deployment model is all about. You'll get down-to-earth information about cloud technology, questions to consider, and how to plan and deliver your move to a hybrid environment. Constructing the cloud – learn the basic concepts of the hybrid cloud from both a technical and business perspective
Delivering cloud services – dive deeper into the actual foundational elements of the hybrid cloud
Identifying business value – determine your hybrid cloud needs based on your business objectives
Unified hybrid environments – find out what it means to create a computing environment that brings elements of the data center together with public and private cloud services
Making it work – examine the steps you need to take to make this new architectural approach work – including security, governance, data, integration, monitoring, and more
Get your ticket to the cloud – tips on

how to talk to cloud providers and plan for the service you choose
Open the book and find: Different cloud deployment models and what differentiates a hybrid cloud from other cloud models
The impact of the hybrid cloud on cloud delivery models
Why service orientation matters in a hybrid cloud
Ways to develop and deploy applications in a hybrid world
Guidance in finding the right hybrid cloud service providers
Security and governance in a hybrid model
The role of workload optimization in hybrid environments
Learn to: Recognize the benefits and challenges of a hybrid cloud
Efficiently deliver and manage cloud services
Understand the impact of emerging cloud standards
Protect customer data with sound security practices

Business Math For Dummies – Mary Jane Sterling 2008-09-29

Now, it is easier than ever before to understand complex mathematical concepts and formulas and how they

relate to real-world business situations. All you have to do it apply the handy information you will find in Business Math For Dummies. Featuring practical practice problems to help you expand your skills, this book covers topics like using percents to calculate increases and decreases, applying basic algebra to solve proportions, and working with basic statistics to analyze raw data. Find solutions for finance and payroll applications, including reading financial statements, calculating wages and commissions, and strategic salary planning. Navigate fractions, decimals, and percents in business and real estate transactions, and take fancy math skills to work. You'll be able to read graphs and tables and apply statistics and data analysis. You'll discover ways you can use math in finance and payroll investments, banking and payroll, goods and services, and business facilities and

operations. You'll learn how to calculate discounts and markup, use loans and credit, and understand the ins and outs of math for business facilities and operations. You'll be the company math whiz in no time at all! Find out how to: Read graphs and tables Invest in the future Use loans and credit Navigate bank accounts, insurance, budgets, and payroll Calculate discounts and markup Measure properties and handle mortgages and loans Manage rental and commercial properties Complete with lists of ten math shortcuts to do in meetings and drive your coworkers nuts and ten tips for reading annual reports, Business MathFor Dummies is your one-stop guide to solving math problems in business situations.

Optimization and Decision Support

Design Guide: Using IBM ILOG

Optimization Decision Manager - Axel Buecker 2012-10-10

Today many organizations face challenges when developing a

realistic plan or schedule that provides the best possible balance between customer service and revenue goals. Optimization technology has long been used to find the best solutions to complex planning and scheduling problems. A decision-support environment that enables the flexible exploration of all the trade-offs and sensitivities needs to provide the following capabilities:

- Flexibility to develop and compare realistic planning and scheduling scenarios
- Quality sensitivity analysis and explanations
- Collaborative planning and scenario sharing
- Decision recommendations

This IBM® Redbooks® publication introduces you to the IBM ILOG® Optimization Decision Manager (ODM) Enterprise. This decision-support application provides the capabilities you need to take full advantage of optimization technology. Applications built with IBM ILOG ODM Enterprise can help users create, compare, and understand

planning or scheduling scenarios. They can also adjust any of the model inputs or goals, and fully understand the binding constraints, trade-offs, sensitivities, and business options. This book enables business analysts, architects, and administrators to design and use their own operational decision management solution.

Computerworld - 2005-03-28

For more than 40 years, Computerworld has been the leading source of technology news and information for IT influencers worldwide.

Computerworld's award-winning Web site (Computerworld.com), twice-monthly publication, focused conference series and custom research form the hub of the world's largest global IT media network.

Hadoop For Dummies - Dirk deRoos

2014-04-14

Let Hadoop For Dummies help harness the power of your data and rein in the information overload Big data has

become big business, and companies and organizations of all sizes are struggling to find ways to retrieve valuable information from their massive data sets with becoming overwhelmed. Enter Hadoop and this easy-to-understand For Dummies guide. Hadoop For Dummies helps readers understand the value of big data, make a business case for using Hadoop, navigate the Hadoop ecosystem, and build and manage Hadoop applications and clusters. Explains the origins of Hadoop, its economic benefits, and its functionality and practical applications Helps you find your way around the Hadoop ecosystem, program MapReduce, utilize design patterns, and get your Hadoop cluster up and running quickly and easily Details how to use Hadoop applications for data mining, web analytics and personalization, large-scale text processing, data science, and problem-solving Shows you how to

improve the value of your Hadoop cluster, maximize your investment in Hadoop, and avoid common pitfalls when building your Hadoop cluster From programmers challenged with building and maintaining affordable, scaleable data systems to administrators who must deal with huge volumes of information effectively and efficiently, this how-to has something to help you with Hadoop.

IBM Smart Analytics System - Whei-Jen Chen 2011-08-24

The IBM® Smart Analytics System is a fully-integrated and scalable data warehouse solution that combines software, server, and storage resources to offer optimal business intelligence and information management performance for enterprises. This IBM Redbooks® publication introduces the architecture and components of the IBM Smart Analytics System family. We describe the installation and

configuration of the IBM Smart Analytics System and show how to manage the systems effectively to deliver an enterprise class service. This book explains the importance of integrating the IBM Smart Analytics System with the existing IT environment, as well as how to leverage investments in security, monitoring, and backup infrastructure. We discuss the monitoring tools for both operating systems and DB2®. Advance configuration, performance troubleshooting, and tuning techniques are also discussed. This book is targeted at the architects and specialists who need to know the concepts and the detailed instructions for a successful Smart Analytics System implementation and operation.

Essentials of Business Analytics -
Bhimasankaram Pochiraju 2019-07-10
This comprehensive edited volume is the first of its kind, designed to

serve as a textbook for long-duration business analytics programs. It can also be used as a guide to the field by practitioners. The book has contributions from experts in top universities and industry. The editors have taken extreme care to ensure continuity across the chapters. The material is organized into three parts: A) Tools, B) Models and C) Applications. In Part A, the tools used by business analysts are described in detail. In Part B, these tools are applied to construct models used to solve business problems. Part C contains detailed applications in various functional areas of business and several case studies. Supporting material can be found in the appendices that develop the pre-requisites for the main text. Every chapter has a business orientation. Typically, each chapter begins with the description of business problems that are transformed into data questions; and methodology is

developed to solve these questions. Data analysis is conducted using widely used software, the output and results are clearly explained at each stage of development. These are finally transformed into a business solution. The companion website provides examples, data sets and sample code for each chapter.

IBM Cognos Dynamic Cubes - Dmitriy Beryoza 2015-07-31

IBM® Cognos® Business Intelligence (BI) provides a proven enterprise BI platform with an open data strategy. Cognos BI provides customers with the ability to use data from any source, package it into a business model, and make it available to consumers in various interfaces that are tailored to the task. IBM Cognos Dynamic Cubes complements the existing Cognos BI capabilities and continues the tradition of an open data model. It focuses on extending the scalability of the IBM Cognos platform to enable speed-of-thought analytics over

terabytes of enterprise data, without having to invest in a new data warehouse appliance. This capability adds a new level of query intelligence so you can unleash the power of your enterprise data warehouse. This IBM Redbooks® publication addresses IBM Cognos Business Intelligence V10.2.2 and specifically, the IBM Cognos Dynamic Cubes capabilities. This book can help you in the following ways: Understand core features of the Cognos Dynamic Cubes capabilities of Cognos BI V10.2 Learn by example with practical scenarios by using the IBM Cognos samples This book uses fictional business scenarios to demonstrate the power and capabilities of IBM Cognos Dynamic Cubes. It primarily focuses on the roles of the modeler, administrator, and IT architect.

Using IBM Enterprise Records - Whei-Jen Chen 2015-05-29

Records management helps users

address evolving governance mandates to meet regulatory, legal, and fiduciary requirements. Proactive adherence to information retention policies and procedures is a critical facet of any compliance strategy. IBM® Enterprise Records helps organizations enforce centralized policy management for file plans, retention schedules, legal preservation holds, and auditing. IBM Enterprise Records enables your organization to securely capture, declare, classify, store, and dispose of electronic and physical records. In this IBM Redbooks® publication, we introduce the records management concept and provide an overview of IBM Enterprise Records. We address records management topics, including the retention schedule, file plan, records ingestion and declaration, records disposition, records hold, and Enterprise Records application programming interfaces (APIs). We also use a case study to describe

step-by-step instructions to implement a sample records management solution using Enterprise Records. We provide concrete examples of how to perform tasks, such as file plan creation, records ingestion and declaration, records disposition, and records hold. This book helps you to understand the records management concept, the IBM Enterprise Records features and capabilities, and its use.

Effective CRM using Predictive Analytics - Antonios Chorianopoulos
2016-01-19

A step-by-step guide to data mining applications in CRM. Following a handbook approach, this book bridges the gap between analytics and their use in everyday marketing, providing guidance on solving real business problems using data mining techniques. The book is organized into three parts. Part one provides a methodological roadmap, covering both the business and the technical

aspects. The data mining process is presented in detail along with specific guidelines for the development of optimized acquisition, cross/ deep/ up selling and retention campaigns, as well as effective customer segmentation schemes. In part two, some of the most useful data mining algorithms are explained in a simple and comprehensive way for business users with no technical expertise. Part three is packed with real world case studies which employ the use of three leading data mining tools: IBM SPSS Modeler, RapidMiner and Data Mining for Excel. Case studies from industries including banking, retail and telecommunications are presented in detail so as to serve as templates for developing similar applications. Key Features: Includes numerous real-world case studies which are presented step by step, demystifying the usage of data mining models and clarifying all the methodological

issues. Topics are presented with the use of three leading data mining tools: IBM SPSS Modeler, RapidMiner and Data Mining for Excel. Accompanied by a website featuring material from each case study, including datasets and relevant code. Combining data mining and business knowledge, this practical book provides all the necessary information for designing, setting up, executing and deploying data mining techniques in CRM. Effective CRM using Predictive Analytics will benefit data mining practitioners and consultants, data analysts, statisticians, and CRM officers. The book will also be useful to academics and students interested in applied data mining.

Apache Spark Implementation on IBM z/OS - Lydia Parziale 2016-08-13

The term big data refers to extremely large sets of data that are analyzed to reveal insights, such as patterns, trends, and associations. The

algorithms that analyze this data to provide these insights must extract value from a wide range of data sources, including business data and live, streaming, social media data. However, the real value of these insights comes from their timeliness. Rapid delivery of insights enables anyone (not only data scientists) to make effective decisions, applying deep intelligence to every enterprise application. Apache Spark is an integrated analytics framework and runtime to accelerate and simplify algorithm development, deployment, and realization of business insight from analytics. Apache Spark on IBM® z/OS® puts the open source engine, augmented with unique differentiated features, built specifically for data science, where big data resides. This IBM Redbooks® publication describes the installation and configuration of IBM z/OS Platform for Apache Spark for field teams and clients. Additionally, it includes examples of

business analytics scenarios.

**IBM Watson Content Analytics:
Discovering Actionable Insight from
Your Content** – Wei-Dong (Jackie) Zhu
2014-07-07

IBM® Watson™ Content Analytics (Content Analytics) Version 3.0 (formerly known as IBM Content Analytics with Enterprise Search (ICAwES)) helps you to unlock the value of unstructured content to gain new actionable business insight and provides the enterprise search capability all in one product. Content Analytics comes with a set of tools and a robust user interface to empower you to better identify new revenue opportunities, improve customer satisfaction, detect problems early, and improve products, services, and offerings. To help you gain the most benefits from your unstructured content, this IBM Redbooks® publication provides in-depth information about the features and capabilities of Content

Analytics, how the content analytics works, and how to perform effective and efficient content analytics on your content to discover actionable business insights. This book covers key concepts in content analytics, such as facets, frequency, deviation, correlation, trend, and sentimental analysis. It describes the content analytics miner, and guides you on performing content analytics using views, dictionary lookup, and customization. The book also covers using IBM Content Analytics Studio for domain-specific content analytics, integrating with IBM Content Classification to get categories and new metadata, and interfacing with IBM Cognos® Business Intelligence (BI) to add values in BI reporting and analysis, and customizing the content analytics miner with APIs. In addition, the book describes how to use the enterprise search capability for the discovery and retrieval of documents

using various query and visual navigation techniques, and customization of crawling, parsing, indexing, and runtime search to improve search results. The target audience of this book is decision makers, business users, and IT architects and specialists who want to understand and analyze their enterprise content to improve and enhance their business operations. It is also intended as a technical how-to guide for use with the online IBM Knowledge Center for configuring and performing content analytics and enterprise search with Content Analytics.

Cloud Computing For Dummies - Judith S. Hurwitz 2010-01-19

The easy way to understand and implement cloud computing technology written by a team of experts Cloud computing can be difficult to understand at first, but the cost-saving possibilities are great and many companies are getting on board.

If you've been put in charge of implementing cloud computing, this straightforward, plain-English guide clears up the confusion and helps you get your plan in place. You'll learn how cloud computing enables you to run a more green IT infrastructure, and access technology-enabled services from the Internet ("in the cloud") without having to understand, manage, or invest in the technology infrastructure that supports them. You'll also find out what you need to consider when implementing a plan, how to handle security issues, and more. Cloud computing is a way for businesses to take advantage of storage and virtual services through the Internet, saving money on infrastructure and support This book provides a clear definition of cloud computing from the utility computing standpoint and also addresses security concerns Offers practical guidance on delivering and managing cloud computing services effectively

and efficiently Presents a proactive and pragmatic approach to implementing cloud computing in any organization Helps IT managers and staff understand the benefits and challenges of cloud computing, how to select a service, and what's involved in getting it up and running Highly experienced author team consults and gives presentations on emerging technologies Cloud Computing For Dummies gets straight to the point, providing the practical information you need to know.

Hadoop for Dummies - Rd Schneider
2012-09-26

Business Analytics: Data Analysis & Decision Making - S. Christian
Albright 2016-03-31
Master data analysis, modeling, and spreadsheet use with BUSINESS ANALYTICS: DATA ANALYSIS AND DECISION MAKING, 6E! Popular with students, instructors, and practitioners, this quantitative methods text delivers

the tools to succeed with its proven teach-by-example approach, user-friendly writing style, and complete Excel 2016 integration. It is also compatible with Excel 2013, 2010, and 2007. Completely rewritten, Chapter 17, Data Mining, and Chapter 18, Importing Data into Excel, include increased emphasis on the tools commonly included under the Business Analytics umbrella -- including Microsoft Excel's "Power BI" suite. In addition, up-to-date problem sets and cases provide realistic examples to show the relevance of the material. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

IBM Software Defined Infrastructure for Big Data Analytics Workloads -

Dino Quintero 2015-06-29

This IBM® Redbooks® publication documents how IBM Platform Computing, with its IBM Platform Symphony®

MapReduce framework, IBM Spectrum Scale (based Upon IBM GPFSTM), IBM Platform LSF®, the Advanced Service Controller for Platform Symphony are work together as an infrastructure to manage not just Hadoop-related offerings, but many popular industry offeringsm such as Apach Spark, Storm, MongoDB, Cassandra, and so on. It describes the different ways to run Hadoop in a big data environment, and demonstrates how IBM Platform Computing solutions, such as Platform Symphony and Platform LSF with its MapReduce Accelerator, can help performance and agility to run Hadoop on distributed workload managers offered by IBM. This information is for technical professionals (consultants, technical support staff, IT architects, and IT specialists) who are responsible for delivering cost-effective cloud services and big data solutions on IBM Power Systems™ to help uncover insights among client's data so they

can optimize product development and business results.

Lean For Dummies - Natalie J. Sayer
2012-04-11

Take charge and engage your enterprise in a Lean transformation. Have you thought about using Lean in your business organization, but are not really sure how to implement it? Or perhaps you're already using Lean, but you need to get up to speed. *Lean For Dummies* shows you how to do more with less and create an enterprise that embraces change. In plain-English, this friendly guide explores the general overview of Lean, how flow and the value stream works, and the best ways to apply Lean to your enterprise. This revised edition includes the latest tools, advice, and information that can be used by everyone - from major corporations to small business, from non-profits and hospitals to manufacturers and service corporations. In addition, it takes a look at the successes and failures

of earlier Lean pioneers - including Toyota, the inventors of Lean - and offer case studies and hands-on advice. The latest on the Six Sigma and Lean movements. The role of technology and the expanding Lean toolbox. Case studies enhance the material. *Lean For Dummies* gives today's business owners and upper level management in companies of all sizes and in all industries, the tools and information they need to streamline process and operate more efficiently.

[Big Data, Big Analytics](#) - Michael Minelli
2013-01-22

Unique perspective on the big data analytics phenomenon for both business and IT professionals. The availability of Big Data, low-cost commodity hardware and new information management and analytics software has produced a unique moment in the history of business. The convergence of these trends means that we have the capabilities

required to analyze astonishing data sets quickly and cost-effectively for the first time in history. These capabilities are neither theoretical nor trivial. They represent a genuine leap forward and a clear opportunity to realize enormous gains in terms of efficiency, productivity, revenue and profitability. The Age of Big Data is here, and these are truly revolutionary times. This timely book looks at cutting-edge companies supporting an exciting new generation of business analytics. Learn more about the trends in big data and how they are impacting the business world (Risk, Marketing, Healthcare, Financial Services, etc.) Explains this new technology and how companies can use them effectively to gather the data that they need and glean critical insights Explores relevant topics such as data privacy, data visualization, unstructured data, crowd sourcing data scientists, cloud computing for big data, and much

more.

IBM Cognos Business Intelligence -
Dustin Adkison 2013-05-07

Written as a practical guide, this book will show you how to manage your reporting environment using IBM Cognos 10 and make the most out of BI tools within your business - taking a hands-on approach to stimulate learning and develop your understanding, If you are an IBM Cognos or Business Intelligence developer or consultant, have a basic knowledge of Cognos 10 BI and a good level of understanding of Cognos 8 then this book is for you

Information Governance Principles and Practices for a Big Data Landscape -
Chuck Ballard 2014-03-31

This IBM® Redbooks® publication describes how the IBM Big Data Platform provides the integrated capabilities that are required for the adoption of Information Governance in the big data landscape. As organizations embark on new use

cases, such as Big Data Exploration, an enhanced 360 view of customers, or Data Warehouse modernization, and absorb ever growing volumes and variety of data with accelerating velocity, the principles and practices of Information Governance become ever more critical to ensure trust in data and help organizations overcome the inherent risks and achieve the wanted value. The introduction of big data changes the information landscape. Data arrives faster than humans can react to it, and issues can quickly escalate into significant events. The variety of data now poses new privacy and security risks. The high volume of information in all places makes it harder to find where these issues, risks, and even useful information to drive new value and revenue are. Information Governance provides an organization with a framework that can align their wanted outcomes with their strategic management

principles, the people who can implement those principles, and the architecture and platform that are needed to support the big data use cases. The IBM Big Data Platform, coupled with a framework for Information Governance, provides an approach to build, manage, and gain significant value from the big data landscape.

Big Data For Dummies - Judith S. Hurwitz 2013-04-02

Find the right big data solution for your business or organization Big data management is one of the major challenges facing business, industry, and not-for-profit organizations. Data sets such as customer transactions for a mega-retailer, weather patterns monitored by meteorologists, or social network activity can quickly outpace the capacity of traditional data management tools. If you need to develop or manage big data solutions, you'll appreciate how these four

experts define, explain, and guide you through this new and often confusing concept. You'll learn what it is, why it matters, and how to choose and implement solutions that work. Effectively managing big data is an issue of growing importance to businesses, not-for-profit organizations, government, and IT professionals. Authors are experts in information management, big data, and a variety of solutions. Explains big data in detail and discusses how to select and implement a solution, security concerns to consider, data storage and presentation issues, analytics, and much more. Provides essential information in a no-nonsense, easy-to-understand style that is empowering. *Big Data For Dummies* cuts through the confusion and helps you take charge of big data solutions for your organization. *Analytics for Insurance* - Tony Boobier 2016-10-10
The business guide to Big Data in

insurance, with practical application insight. *Big Data and Analytics for Insurers* is the industry-specific guide to creating operational effectiveness, managing risk, improving financials, and retaining customers. Written from a non-IT perspective, this book focusses less on the architecture and technical details, instead providing practical guidance on translating analytics into target delivery. The discussion examines implementation, interpretation, and application to show you what Big Data can do for your business, with insights and examples targeted specifically to the insurance industry. From fraud analytics in claims management, to customer analytics, to risk analytics in Solvency 2, comprehensive coverage presented in accessible language makes this guide an invaluable resource for any insurance professional. The insurance industry is heavily dependent on data, and the

advent of Big Data and analytics represents a major advance with tremendous potential - yet clear, practical advice on the business side of analytics is lacking. This book fills the void with concrete information on using Big Data in the context of day-to-day insurance operations and strategy. Understand what Big Data is and what it can do Delve into Big Data's specific impact on the insurance industry Learn how advanced analytics can revolutionise the industry Bring Big Data out of IT and into strategy, management, marketing, and more Big Data and analytics is changing business - but how? The majority of Big Data guides discuss data collection, database administration, advanced analytics, and the power of Big Data - but what do you actually do with it? Big Data and Analytics for Insurers answers your questions in real, everyday business terms, tailored specifically to the insurance industry's unique

needs, challenges, and targets.
Blockchain for Business - Jai Singh Arun 2019-01-30

The Pragmatic Guide to Driving Value and Disrupting Markets with Blockchain "Blockchain's potential to transform businesses has generated a tremendous amount of excitement across industries. However, it can be difficult for decision makers to develop a practical approach to blockchain for their specific business requirements. By identifying and clearly describing the value of blockchain for enterprises, as well as the processes required to harness blockchain to achieve business objectives, Blockchain for Business presents a startlingly concise yet comprehensive roadmap for business leaders. This book is an excellent resource for anyone looking to leverage blockchain to transform their business." - Dr. Won-Pyo Hong, President & CEO of Samsung SDS "Much has been written about blockchain in

the past few years: what it is and what it is not (at various levels of detail), as well as the technology's long-term strategic value for companies, industries, and economies. However, what we've been missing is a practical, operational, 'how to' set of steps for creating, implementing, and operating a blockchain-based solution. This book aims to fill that gap. It's an invaluable tool for anyone ready to take the plunge and start taking advantage of this remarkable technology." -Irving Wladawsky-Berger, research affiliate, MIT; columnist, WSJ CIO Journal; VP Emeritus, IBM "I will never be able to adequately express how useful this book will be to my class. In addition the great chapters on cybersecurity, I loved the Integration Models, especially 'Coexistence with Systems of Record.' Legacy integration with Blockchain is a critical barrier, and you nailed it!" -Thomas Doty, JD, LLM - Adjunct Professor, University of

New Hampshire Law Blockchain enables enterprises to reinvent processes and business models and to pursue radically disruptive applications. Blockchain for Business is a concise, accessible, and pragmatic guide to both the technology and the opportunities it creates. Authored by three experts from IBM's Enterprise Blockchain practice, it introduces industry-specific and cross-industry use cases, and reviews best-practice approaches to planning and delivering blockchain projects. With a relentless focus on real-world business outcomes, the authors reveal what blockchain can do, what it can't do yet, and where it's headed. Understand five elements that make blockchain so disruptive: transparency, immutability, security, consensus, and smart contracts Explore key use cases: cross-border payments, food and drug safety, provenance, trade finance, clinical trials, land registries, and more See

how trusted blockchain networks are facilitating entirely new business models Compare blockchain types: permissioned, permissionless, private, public, federated, and hybrid Anticipate key technical, business, regulatory, and governance challenges Build blockchain financial models, investment rubrics, and risk frameworks Organize and manage teams to transform blockchain plans into reality Whether you're a senior decision maker, technical professional, customer, or investor, Blockchain for Business will help you cut through the hype and objectively assess blockchain's potential in your business. Register your product for convenient access to downloads, updates, and/or corrections as they become available.

Algebra I Workbook For Dummies - Mary Jane Sterling 2011-07-08

From signed numbers to story problems - calculate equations with ease Practice is the key to improving your

algebra skills, and that's what this workbook is all about. This hands-on guide focuses on helping you solve the many types of algebra problems you'll encounter in a focused, step-by-step manner. With just enough refresher explanations before each set of problems, this workbook shows you how to work with fractions, exponents, factoring, linear and quadratic equations, inequalities, graphs, and more! 100s of problems! Hundreds of practice exercises and helpful explanations Explanations mirror teaching methods and classroom protocols Focused, modular content presented in step-by-step lessons Practice on hundreds of Algebra I problems Review key concepts and formulas Get complete answer explanations for all problems Applied Analytics through Case Studies Using SAS and R - Deepti Gupta 2018-08-03 Examine business problems and use a practical analytical approach to

solve them by implementing predictive models and machine learning techniques using SAS and the R analytical language. This book is ideal for those who are well-versed in writing code and have a basic understanding of statistics, but have limited experience in implementing predictive models and machine learning techniques for analyzing real world data. The most challenging part of solving industrial business problems is the practical and hands-on knowledge of building and deploying advanced predictive models and machine learning algorithms. Applied Analytics through Case Studies Using SAS and R is your answer to solving these business problems by sharpening your analytical skills. What You'll Learn Understand analytics and basic data concepts Use an analytical approach to solve Industrial business problems Build predictive model with machine learning techniques Create and apply

analytical strategies Who This Book Is For Data scientists, developers, statisticians, engineers, and research students with a great theoretical understanding of data and statistics who would like to enhance their skills by getting practical exposure in data modeling.

Data Science for Business - Foster Provost 2013-07-27

Written by renowned data science experts Foster Provost and Tom Fawcett, Data Science for Business introduces the fundamental principles of data science, and walks you through the "data-analytic thinking" necessary for extracting useful knowledge and business value from the data you collect. This guide also helps you understand the many data-mining techniques in use today. Based on an MBA course Provost has taught at New York University over the past ten years, Data Science for Business provides examples of real-world business problems to illustrate these

principles. You'll not only learn how to improve communication between business stakeholders and data scientists, but also how participate intelligently in your company's data science projects. You'll also discover how to think data-analytically, and fully appreciate how data science methods can support business decision-making. Understand how data science fits in your organization—and how you can use it for competitive advantage Treat data as a business asset that requires careful investment if you're to gain real value Approach business problems data-analytically, using the data-mining process to gather good data in the most appropriate way Learn general concepts for actually extracting knowledge from data Apply data science principles when interviewing data science job candidates

Building Big Data and Analytics Solutions in the Cloud - Wei-Dong Zhu

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Big data is currently one of the most critical emerging technologies. Organizations around the world are looking to exploit the explosive growth of data to unlock previously hidden insights in the hope of creating new revenue streams, gaining operational efficiencies, and obtaining greater understanding of customer needs. It is important to think of big data and analytics together. Big data is the term used to describe the recent explosion of different types of data from disparate sources. Analytics is about examining data to derive interesting and relevant trends and patterns, which can be used to inform decisions, optimize processes, and even drive new business models. With today's deluge of data comes the problems of processing that data, obtaining the correct skills to manage and analyze that data, and establishing rules to govern the

data's use and distribution. The big data technology stack is ever growing and sometimes confusing, even more so when we add the complexities of setting up big data environments with large up-front investments. Cloud computing seems to be a perfect vehicle for hosting big data workloads. However, working on big data in the cloud brings its own challenge of reconciling two contradictory design principles. Cloud computing is based on the concepts of consolidation and resource pooling, but big data systems (such as Hadoop) are built on the shared nothing principle, where each node is independent and self-sufficient. A solution architecture that can allow these mutually exclusive principles to coexist is required to truly exploit the elasticity and ease-of-use of cloud computing for big data environments. This IBM® Redpaper™ publication is aimed at chief architects, line-of-

business executives, and CIOs to provide an understanding of the cloud-related challenges they face and give prescriptive guidance for how to realize the benefits of big data solutions quickly and cost-effectively.

IBM Cloud Pak for Data - Hemanth Manda 2021-11-24

Build end-to-end AI solutions with IBM Cloud Pak for Data to operationalize AI on a secure platform based on cloud-native reliability, cost-effective multitenancy, and efficient resource management Key Features Explore data virtualization by accessing data in real time without moving it Unify the data and AI experience with the integrated end-to-end platform Explore the AI life cycle and learn to build, experiment, and operationalize trusted AI at scale Book Description Cloud Pak for Data is IBM's modern data and AI platform that includes strategic offerings from its data and

AI portfolio delivered in a cloud-native fashion with the flexibility of deployment on any cloud. The platform offers a unique approach to addressing modern challenges with an integrated mix of proprietary, open-source, and third-party services. You'll begin by getting to grips with key concepts in modern data management and artificial intelligence (AI), reviewing real-life use cases, and developing an appreciation of the AI Ladder principle. Once you've gotten to grips with the basics, you will explore how Cloud Pak for Data helps in the elegant implementation of the AI Ladder practice to collect, organize, analyze, and infuse data and trustworthy AI across your business. As you advance, you'll discover the capabilities of the platform and extension services, including how they are packaged and priced. With the help of examples present throughout the book, you will

gain a deep understanding of the platform, from its rich capabilities and technical architecture to its ecosystem and key go-to-market aspects. By the end of this IBM book, you'll be able to apply IBM Cloud Pak for Data's prescriptive practices and leverage its capabilities to build a trusted data foundation and accelerate AI adoption in your enterprise. What you will learn

Understand the importance of digital transformations and the role of data and AI platforms

Get to grips with data architecture and its relevance in driving AI adoption using IBM's AI Ladder

Understand Cloud Pak for Data, its value proposition, capabilities, and unique differentiators

Delve into the pricing, packaging, key use cases, and competitors of Cloud Pak for Data

Use the Cloud Pak for Data ecosystem with premium IBM and third-party services

Discover IBM's vibrant ecosystem of proprietary, open-

source, and third-party offerings from over 35 ISVs. Who this book is for: This book is for data scientists, data stewards, developers, and data-focused business executives interested in learning about IBM's Cloud Pak for Data. Knowledge of technical concepts related to data science and familiarity with data analytics and AI initiatives at various levels of maturity are required to make the most of this book.

Business Communication: Process & Product - Mary Ellen Guffey
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Interested in making your skills future-ready and recession-proof? Guffey/Loewy's best-selling BUSINESS COMMUNICATION: PROCESS AND PRODUCT, 10E, can help. This award-winning book with the latest content guides you in developing communication competencies most important for professional success in today's hyper-connected digital age. Refine

the skills that employers value most, such as superior writing, speaking, presentation, critical thinking and teamwork skills. Two updated employment chapters offer tips for a labor market that is more competitive, mobile and technology-driven than ever before. Based on interviews with successful practitioners and extensive research into the latest trends, technologies and practices, this edition offers synthesized advice on building your personal brand, using LinkedIn effectively and resume writing. A signature 3-x-3 writing process, meaningful assignments and focused practice further equip you with the communication skills to stand out in business today. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Optimizing DB2 Queries with IBM DB2 Analytics Accelerator for z/OS -

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Paolo Bruni 2012-12-20

The IBM® DB2® Analytics Accelerator Version 2.1 for IBM z/OS® (also called DB2 Analytics Accelerator or Query Accelerator in this book and in DB2 for z/OS documentation) is a marriage of the IBM System z® Quality of Service and Netezza® technology to accelerate complex queries in a DB2 for z/OS highly secure and available environment. Superior performance and scalability with rapid appliance deployment provide an ideal solution for complex analysis. This IBM Redbooks® publication provides technical decision-makers with a broad understanding of the IBM DB2 Analytics Accelerator architecture and its exploitation by documenting the steps for the installation of this solution in an existing DB2 10 for z/OS environment. In this book we define a business analytics scenario, evaluate the potential benefits of the DB2 Analytics Accelerator appliance, describe the installation

and integration steps with the DB2 environment, evaluate performance, and show the advantages to existing business intelligence processes. *Accelerating Data Transformation with IBM DB2 Analytics Accelerator for z/OS* - Ute Baumbach 2015-12-11 Transforming data from operational data models to purpose-oriented data structures has been commonplace for the last decades. Data transformations are heavily used in all types of industries to provide information to various users at different levels. Depending on individual needs, the transformed data is stored in various different systems. Sending operational data to other systems for further processing is then required, and introduces much complexity to an existing information technology (IT) infrastructure. Although maintenance of additional hardware and software is one component, potential inconsistencies and individually managed refresh

cycles are others. For decades, there was no simple and efficient way to perform data transformations on the source system of operational data. With IBM® DB2® Analytics Accelerator, DB2 for z/OS is now in a unique position to complete these transformations in an efficient and well-performing way. DB2 for z/OS completes these while connecting to the same platform as for operational transactions, helping you to minimize your efforts to manage existing IT infrastructure. Real-time analytics on incoming operational transactions is another demand. Creating a comprehensive scoring model to detect specific patterns inside your data can easily require multiple iterations and multiple hours to complete. By enabling a first set of analytical functionality in DB2 Analytics Accelerator, those dedicated mining algorithms can now be run on an accelerator to efficiently perform these modeling

tasks. Given the speed of query processing on an accelerator, these modeling tasks can now be performed much quicker compared to traditional relational database management systems. This speed enables you to keep your scoring algorithms more up-to-date, and ultimately adapt more quickly to constantly changing customer behaviors. This IBM Redbooks® publication describes the new table type that is introduced with DB2 Analytics Accelerator V4.1 PTF5 that enables more efficient data transformations. These tables are called accelerator-only tables, and can exist on an accelerator only. The tables benefit from the accelerator performance characteristics, while maintaining access through existing DB2 for z/OS application programming interfaces (APIs). Additionally, we describe the newly introduced analytical capabilities with DB2 Analytics Accelerator V5.1, putting you in the position to efficiently

perform data modeling for online analytical requirements in your DB2 for z/OS environment. This book is intended for technical decision-makers who want to get a broad understanding about the analytical capabilities and accelerator-only tables of DB2 Analytics Accelerator. In addition, you learn about how these capabilities can be used to accelerate in-database transformations and in-database analytics in various environments and scenarios, including the following scenarios: Multi-step processing and reporting in IBM DB2 Query Management Facility™, IBM Campaign, or Microstrategy environments In-database transformations using IBM InfoSphere® DataStage® Ad hoc data analysis for data scientists In-database analytics using IBM SPSS® Modeler

Understanding Big Data: Analytics for Enterprise Class Hadoop and Streaming Data - Paul Zikopoulos 2011-10-22

Big Data represents a new era in data exploration and utilization, and IBM is uniquely positioned to help clients navigate this transformation. This book reveals how IBM is leveraging open source Big Data technology, infused with IBM technologies, to deliver a robust, secure, highly available, enterprise-class Big Data platform. The three defining characteristics of Big Data--volume, variety, and velocity--are discussed. You'll get a primer on Hadoop and how IBM is hardening it for the enterprise, and learn when to leverage IBM InfoSphere BigInsights (Big Data at rest) and IBM InfoSphere Streams (Big Data in motion) technologies. Industry use cases are also included in this practical guide. Learn how IBM hardens Hadoop for enterprise-class scalability and reliability Gain insight into IBM's unique in-motion and at-rest Big Data analytics platform Learn tips and tricks for Big Data use cases and

solutions Get a quick Hadoop primer
*Systems of Insight for Digital
Transformation: Using IBM Operational
Decision Manager Advanced and
Predictive Analytics* - Whei-Jen Chen
2015-12-03

Systems of record (SORs) are engines that generates value for your business. Systems of engagement (SOE) are always evolving and generating new customer-centric experiences and new opportunities to capitalize on the value in the systems of record. The highest value is gained when systems of record and systems of engagement are brought together to deliver insight. Systems of insight (SOI) monitor and analyze what is going on with various behaviors in the systems of engagement and information being stored or transacted in the systems of record. SOIs seek new opportunities, risks, and operational behavior that needs to be reported or have action taken to optimize business outcomes.

Systems of insight are at the core of the Digital Experience, which tries to derive insights from the enormous amount of data generated by automated processes and customer interactions. Systems of Insight can also provide the ability to apply analytics and rules to real-time data as it flows within, throughout, and beyond the enterprise (applications, databases, mobile, social, Internet of Things) to gain the wanted insight. Deriving this insight is a key step toward being able to make the best decisions and take the most appropriate actions. Examples of such actions are to improve the number of satisfied clients, identify clients at risk of leaving and incentivize them to stay loyal, identify patterns of risk or fraudulent behavior and take action to minimize it as early as possible, and detect patterns of behavior in operational systems and transportation that lead to failures, delays, and maintenance and take

early action to minimize risks and costs. IBM® Operational Decision Manager is a decision management platform that provides capabilities that support both event-driven insight patterns, and business-rule-driven scenarios. It also can easily be used in combination with other IBM Analytics solutions, as the detailed examples will show. IBM Operational Decision Manager Advanced, along with complementary IBM software offerings that also provide capability for systems of insight, provides a way to deliver the greatest value to your customers and your business. IBM Operational Decision Manager Advanced brings together data from different sources to recognize meaningful trends and patterns. It empowers business users to define, manage, and automate repeatable operational decisions. As a result, organizations can create and shape customer-centric business moments. This IBM Redbooks® publication explains the key concepts

of systems of insight and how to implement a system of insight solution with examples. It is intended for IT architects and professionals who are responsible for implementing a systems of insights solution requiring event-based context pattern detection and deterministic decision services to enhance other analytics solution components with IBM Operational Decision Manager Advanced.

Systems of Insight Overview - Hector H. Diaz Lopez 2015-11-17

Decision making is a critical function in any enterprise. The decision-making process that is enhanced by analytics can be described as consuming and collecting data, detecting relationships and patterns, applying sophisticated analysis techniques, reporting, and automation of the follow-on action. The IT system that supports decision making is composed of the traditional "systems of record", "systems of

engagement", and the "systems of insight". This IBM® Redbooks® Solution Guide introduces the concept of systems of insight based on what is detailed in the IBM Redbooks publication "Systems of Insight for Digital Transformation," SG24-8293, found at:

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/sg248293.html?OpenBusinessProcessManagementDesignGuide:UsingIBMBusinessProcessManager> - Dr. Ali Arsanjani
2015-04-27

IBM® Business Process Manager (IBM BPM) is a comprehensive business process management (BPM) suite that provides visibility and management of your business processes. IBM BPM supports the whole BPM lifecycle approach: Discover and document Plan Implement Deploy Manage Optimize Process owners and business owners can use this solution to engage directly in the improvement of their business processes. IBM BPM excels in

integrating role-based process design, and provides a social BPM experience. It enables asset sharing and creating versions through its Process Center. The Process Center acts as a unified repository, making it possible to manage changes to the business processes with confidence. IBM BPM supports a wide range of standards for process modeling and exchange. Built-in analytics and search capabilities help to further improve and optimize the business processes. This IBM Redbooks® publication provides valuable information for project teams and business people that are involved in projects using IBM BPM. It describes the important design decisions that you face as a team. These decisions invariably have an effect on the success of your project. These decisions range from the more business-centric decisions, such as which should be your first process, to the more technical decisions, such

as solution analysis and architectural considerations.
Applied Business Analytics - Nathaniel Lin 2014-12-12
Bridge the gap between analytics and execution, and actually translate analytics into better business decision-making! Now that you've collected data and crunched numbers, *Applied Business Analytics* reveals how to fully apply the information and knowledge you've gleaned from quants and tech teams. Nathaniel Lin explains why "analytics value chains" often break due to organizational and cultural issues, and offers "in the trenches" guidance for overcoming these obstacles. You'll discover why a special breed of "analytics deciders" is indispensable for any organization that seeks to compete on analytics... how to become one of those deciders... and how to identify, foster, support, empower, and reward others to join you. Lin draws on actual cases and examples from his

own experience, augmenting them with hands-on examples and exercises to integrate analytics at all levels: from top-level business questions to low-level technical details. Along the way, you'll learn how to bring together analytics team members with widely diverse goals, knowledge, and backgrounds. Coverage includes: How analytical and conventional decision making differ – and the challenging implications How to determine who your analytics deciders are, and ought to be Proven best practices for actually applying analytics to decision-making How to optimize your use of analytics as an analyst, manager, executive, or C-level officer *Applied Business Analytics* will be invaluable to wide audiences of professionals, decision-makers, and consultants involved in analytics, including Chief Analytics Officers, Chief Data Officers, Chief Scientists, Chief Marketing Officers, Chief Risk Officers, Chief Strategy

Officers, VPs of Analytics and/or Big Data, data scientists, business strategists, and line of business executives. It will also be exceptionally useful to students of analytics in any graduate, undergraduate, or certificate program, including candidates for INFORMS certification.

Enabling Real-time Analytics on IBM z Systems Platform - Lydia Parziale
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Regarding online transaction processing (OLTP) workloads, IBM® z Systems™ platform, with IBM DB2®, data sharing, Workload Manager (WLM), geoplex, and other high-end features, is the widely acknowledged leader. Most customers now integrate business analytics with OLTP by running, for example, scoring functions from transactional context for real-time analytics or by applying machine-learning algorithms on enterprise data that is kept on the mainframe. As a result, IBM adds investment so

clients can keep the complete lifecycle for data analysis, modeling, and scoring on z Systems control in a cost-efficient way, keeping the qualities of services in availability, security, reliability that z Systems solutions offer. Because of the changed architecture and tighter integration, IBM has shown, in a customer proof-of-concept, that a particular client was able to achieve an orders-of-magnitude improvement in performance, allowing that client's data scientist to investigate the data in a more interactive process. Open technologies, such as Predictive Model Markup Language (PMML) can help customers update single components instead of being forced to replace everything at once. As a result, you have the possibility to combine your preferred tool for model generation (such as SAS Enterprise Miner or IBM SPSS® Modeler) with a different technology for model scoring (such as

Zementis, a company focused on PMML scoring). IBM SPSS Modeler is a leading data mining workbench that can apply various algorithms in data preparation, cleansing, statistics, visualization, machine learning, and predictive analytics. It has over 20 years of experience and continued development, and is integrated with z Systems. With IBM DB2 Analytics Accelerator 5.1 and SPSS Modeler 17.1, the possibility exists to do the complete predictive model creation including data transformation within DB2 Analytics Accelerator. So, instead of moving the data to a distributed environment, algorithms can be pushed to the data, using cost-efficient DB2 Accelerator for the required resource-intensive operations. This IBM Redbooks® publication explains the overall z Systems architecture, how the components can be installed

and customized, how the new IBM DB2 Analytics Accelerator loader can help efficient data loading for z Systems data and external data, how in-database transformation, in-database modeling, and in-transactional real-time scoring can be used, and what other related technologies are available. This book is intended for technical specialists and architects, and data scientists who want to use the technology on the z Systems platform. Most of the technologies described in this book require IBM DB2 for z/OS®. For acceleration of the data investigation, data transformation, and data modeling process, DB2 Analytics Accelerator is required. Most value can be achieved if most of the data already resides on z Systems platforms, although adding external data (like from social sources) poses no problem at all.