Business Concept Paper Template

?This book undertakes to marry the concepts of "Concept Mapping" with a "Design Thinking" approach in the context of business analysis. While in the past a lot of attention has been paid to the business process side, this book now focusses information quality and valuation, master data and hierarchy management, business rules automation and business semantics as examples for business innovation opportunities. The book shows how to take "Business Concept Maps" further as information models for new IT paradigms. In a way this books redefines and extends business analysis towards solutions that can be described as business synthesis or business development. Business modellers, analysts and controllers, as well as enterprise information architects, will benefit from the intuitive modelling and designing approach presented in this book. The pragmatic and agile methods presented can be directly applied to improve the way organizations manage their business concepts and their relationships. "This book is a great contribution to the information management community. It combines a theoretical foundation with practical methods for dealing with important problems. This is rare and very useful. Conceptual models that communicate business reality effectively require some degree of creative

imagination. As such, they combine the results of business analysis with communication design, as is extensively covered in this book." Dr. Malcolm Chisholm, President at AskGet.com Inc. "Truly understanding business requirements has always been a major stumbling block in business intelligence (BI) projects. In this book, Thomas Frisendal introduces a powerful technique—business concept mapping—that creates a virtual mind-meld between business users and business analysts. Frisendal does a wonderful explaining and demonstrating how this tool can improve the outcome of BI and other development projects ." Wayne Eckerson, executive director, BI Leadership Forum

The creative industries are becoming of increasing importance from economic, cultural, and social perspectives. This Handbook explores the relationship, whether positive or negative, between creative industries and intellectual property (IP) rights.

If you're thinking of starting your own business -- or if you have a new idea that you want to convince your company to sell, build, or promote -- this book will provide you with all the information you need. Based on the expert approaches of the MIT Enterprise Forum, a nationwide clinic providing assistance to emerging growth companies, Business Plans That Win $$$ shows you how to write a

business plan that sells you and your ideas. Enterprise Forum cofounder Stanley Rich and Inc. magazine editor David Gumpert use examples real business plans to answer the entrepreneur's most pressing questions about how to effectively present any product or service to potential investors to win their attention and financial support.

It happened. It may have been a surprise, or it could have been anticipated, but at this point, what does it matter? You lost your job. Or, the frustrations at your current job have hit the boiling point. You just can't take it anymore! In either case, change is inevitable. But, you're over the age of 50 and intellectually or intuitively you know your age could be a factor in your job search. . .and, you are right. There are age-related biases that exist in the job market that will work against you. According to government statistics, job seekers over 50 encounter more difficulty in getting new jobs and suffer notably longer unemployment than their younger counterparts. But these statistics do not have to apply to you! First, immediately stop with the worry and negative thinking. You're in a better position than you think. There are employers out there that not only will hire you, they are looking for you! The key is to find them, sell them on you, and get them to hire you. It's not as hard as you may think. In the Over 50 and Motivated book, Brian Howard will teach you a systematic approach for conducting a real-world job

search based on years of frontline recruiting experience helping thousands of tenured job seekers just like you. He will teach you how to effectively conduct a job search in today's job market and techniques to successfully combat age biases. He will show you how to get job offers and your next fulfilling career position!

Despite the fact that vast engineering networks are the foundations of modern society, the services that technology companies provide over them have been a relatively neglected area of study. As a result, marketing in some technology businesses has been depressingly tactical and inconsistent. Marketers with little experience, and even less professional training, run around presenting PowerPoint decks to each other, chasing after the latest fad and throwing erratic, changing activities at the market each quarter. Many work on the unchallenged assumption that markets are fast changing and that customers only want the lowest prices. Yet this industry has liberated human imagination in the internet and convinced the world that they must have a PC and a mobile phone. Now, as a result of profound, relentless, global forces, some of the leading firms and greatest minds in it are at last turning their attention to service. With the advent of 'cloud computing' and radical changes in the engineering of some utilities, the marketing of services that are based on a technical infrastructure is about to

become as important and sophisticated as in, say, consumer products. This book explores their story and experience. "I really enjoyed the book From Products to Services by Mr Laurie Young. Encouraged by it, Haier accelerated its changeover from a traditional product-driven to a more customer-centric company. This new book Marketing Technology as a Service is another major contribution to technology companies for the cultivation of service needs worldwide." – Mr Zhang Ruimin, CEO and Chairman, Haier Group, Beijing "Young and Burgess describe a shift in mindset and pragmatic techniques that are quite doable – Rae Sedel, MD, Global Technology Practice, Russell Reynolds Associates. "This book provides practical and insightful advice on how to use services to turn technology into value add solutions for real people – Rudy Provoost, CEO, Philips Lighting "Business leaders in India have been remarkably successful at offering technology based services like outsourcing across the world. Currently worth $60 billion, they intend to reach $300 billion by 2020. To succeed, the Indian business community must offer new value propositions and adapt to emerging trends, like cloud computing. Burgess and Young have put together the first comprehensive and practical guide for business leaders to meet their challenges of exponential growth." – Dr Mukesh Aghi, Chairman and CEO, Steria (India)

Combining the most current data with a userfriendly format, this timely reference features more than 1,000 answers to questions on personal finance, its history, and managing one's financial life. Providing financial lessons in a fun, approachable way, the book avoids financial jargon and offers facts for everyday life that help readers save money. Questions range from simple to complex—How do I balance my check book? Why do people like to use online banks, and how popular is their use? What is a 401K plan? With financial information suitable for a wide range of ages, this is an ideal source for anyone looking to get a better understanding of personal finances.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 8th International Conference on Software Business, ICSOB 2017, held in Essen, Germany, in June 2017. The 11 full papers and 5 short papers presented in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from 30 submissions. They were organized in topical sections named: software startups and platform governance; software business development; software ecosystems and App stores.

This book, written by a senior marketer with over thirty years experience of using marketing techniques and concepts, sets out to describe, contextualize and rate them. Its prime emphasis is on understanding their status so that they can be used to direct the use of shareholder funds effectively. Its conclusion is that

seasoned professionals must use their judgement about when and how to use them, but they also need to understand them in depth if they are going to make well-rounded, effective investment decisions. Above all it asks: "how useful and relevant is this concept? Will it improve decision making? Does the damn thing have any credibility and does it work?" "This book combines a rigorous review of a wide range of marketing concepts with many practical examples and case studies. It can be read or dipped into both by seasoned professionals and by those just embarking on their marketing career." Sir Paul Judge, President, Chartered Institute of Marketing "Laurie Young casts an experienced and skeptical eye on many cherished marketing concepts and techniques. He provides an antidote to the tendency to adopt them without understanding their limitations and possibilities." Professor George Day, The Wharton School, Chairman of the American Marketing Association "Laurie Young has produced nothing less than the A-Z of marketing. He has journeyed far and wide mapping out hundreds of business, marketing and communications models to produce an extremely useful industry atlas. Certainly it will find a well-thumbed home on my bookshelf." Hamish Pringle, Director General, Institute of Practitioners in Advertising "This book is much needed by marketing. Its value is in challenging concepts, some of which have been the accepted norm for a long time. But as

this book shows, some of these may no longer be relevant and appropriate for marketers in today's consumer environment." Mike Johnston, CEO, Dairy Council of Northern Ireland and former Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Marketing "Senior marketers, like those who make up the membership of the Marketing Society, hone the methods and techniques they favour as their career develops. Laurie Young clearly did that and an experienced voice shines through this critique. It is heartening to find that so many concepts have a long history of producing real value for businesses but alarming to find so many of the theorists' favourites to be so groundless." Hugh Burkitt, CEO, The Marketing Society
This book is structured as a business plan template that can be used to write a business plan. The book also explains what should be written in each section of the business plan, and how to ultimately have a great business plan.
The business idea journal - basic business plan template with blank lined paper, unlined paper, inspiration quotes and important business prompts / sections designed to help you transform your idea into a successful business / company / organisation. It is simple to use as a business research tool for both dummies and professional entrepreneurs. This notebook can be used to research, organise and plan your idea for a startup, nail salon, farming, gym, restaurant, shop or any profit or non profit company The 100 page blank business journal workbook is subdivided into 1. Basic concept -

For describing the idea or business, industry of operation and strategic plans and goals 2. Implementation strategy - To help you identify the operation action plan, risks and mitigation, suppliers and materials, equipment among others 3. Market analysis - For researching the target market, customers, branding, competition, sales and distribution, pricing and marketing action plan 4. Partners - To help you identify the ideal partners and contractors 5. Financial plan - For describing sales forecast, expenses and source of funds 6. Appendices - For taking note of any other requirements like business licenses, agreements, patents and organisational charts Perfect business gift for entrepreneurs, students, women, men, teens and investors to journal, sketch, draw and write.

This book constitutes the revised selected papers of the 12th International Conference on Service-Oriented Computing, ICSOC 2014, held in Paris, France, in November 2014. The conference hosted the following seven workshops: 10th International Workshop in Engineering Service-Oriented Applications, WESOA 2014; First Workshop on Resource Management in Service-Oriented Computing, RMSOC 2014; First International Workshop on Knowledge Aware Service Oriented Applications, Performance Assessment and Auditing in Service Computing, KASA 2014; Workshop on Intelligent Service Clouds, ISC 2014; Third International Workshop on Self-Managing Pervasive Service Systems, SeMaPS 2014; First International Workshop on Formal Modeling and Verification of Service-Based Systems, FOR-MOVES 2014; 4th

International Workshop on Cloud Computing and Scientific Applications, CCSA 2014. The papers included in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from numerous submissions. They address various topics in the service-oriented computing domain and its emerging applications.

In2007theISworkshop (Information Security) was added to try cover also the speci?c issues of security in complex Internet-based information systems.

The fast progress in computer networks and their wide availability complemented with on one hand the "explosion" of the mobile computing and on the other hand the trends in the direction of ubiquitous computing, act as powerful enablers for new forms of highly dynamic collaborative organizations and emergence of new business practices. The first efforts in virtual enterprises (VE) were strongly constrained by the need to design and develop horizontal infrastructures aimed at supporting the basic collaboration needs of consortia of enterprises. Even pilot projects that were focused on specific business domains were forced to first develop some basic infrastructures before being able to develop their specific business models. Nowadays, although there is still a need to consolidate and standardize the horizontal infrastructures, the focus is more and more directed to the development of new vertical business models and the corresponding support tools. At the same time, in the earlier R&D projects, the attention was almost exclusively devoted to the operation phase of the VE life cycle, while now there are more activities addressing the creation phase, developing mechanisms to

support the rapid formation of new virtual organizations for new business opportunities. In order to complete the life cycle, there is a need to also invest on support for VE dissolution.

Changing business environments challenge established management ideas and practices. This volume draws on competence-based theory to identify and elaborate some important ways in which organizational competences are evolving - or should evolve - to respond to some fundamental forms of change in business environments. Creating My Business is a business planner for people that are starting a home-based business. All businesses start with a concept, an idea. The more organized your plan is the better is its execution. Starting a business might feel overwhelming for many people but 'how do you eat an elephant? One bite at the time', right? To start a business you start one step at the time. Start by writing down your ideas on paper. Then make action steps lists for each stage of the business and take one action at the time. This book is a must-have tool in the life of any entrepreneur that loves planning and organization. With this planner you can: Think or re-think essential parts of your business, such as your mission and your vision. Create your marketing strategy. Create & Organize the products and services that you offer. Create a product/service line. Product & Services sheets. Blank dot grid pages for your notes because they are easy to use and versatile. This book is a place to think, reflect and track the daily steps to create and grow your business. This book is the business planner only. We also have the full version that

includes the business planner + 1 year of business finances tracking. The business finances are undated sheets to give you the freedom to start your business at any time. Depending on where you live your tax year starts at different dates. Our books come in different covers to give you options.

You are holding in your hands the ultimate guide to transforming your dream business into a reality. Drawing upon years of trial and error, Richard White imparts his insights on how to establish a successful business and keep it running strong. Substituting complex theories for critical advice rooted in real-life experience, White makes designing and managing a successful business model more accessible than ever. The Entrepreneur's Manual covers everything entrepreneurs need to know, from identifying your niche market, to forecasting and controlling sales, to building a solid foundation of effective employees. White's rare advice has made this manual mandatory reading not only for entrepreneurs, but for anyone who wants to better understand the business world. In addition to motivating prospective business owners, this book, above all others in its field, delivers results. This superior guide on the secrets behind successful entrepreneurship possesses the qualities of a true classic: its advice remains as relevant as ever. Find out why The Entrepreneur's Manual has been the mandatory business guide for nearly half a century.

We welcome you to the proceedings of the 5t International Conference on E-CommerceandWebTechnology(EC-Web2004)heldinconjunctionwithDEXA 2004 in Zaragoza,

Spain. This conference, ?rst held in Greenwich, United Ki- dom in 2000, now is in its ?fth year and very well established. As in the four previous years, it served as a forum to bring together researchersfrom academia and commercial developers from industry to discuss the current state of the art in e-commerce and Web technology. Inspirations and new ideas emerged from intensive discussions during formal sessions and social events. Keynote addresses, research presentations and discussions during the c- ference helped to further develop the exchange of ideas among the researchers, developers and practitioners present. The conference attracted 103 paper submissions and almost every paper was reviewed by three program committee members. The program committee - lected 37 papers for presentationand publication, a task which was not easy due to the high quality of the submitted papers. We would like to express our thanks to our colleagues who helped with putting together the technical program: the program committee members and external reviewers for their timely and rigorous reviews of the papers, and the organizing committee for their help in the administrative work and support. We owe special thanks to Gabriela Wagner, Mirella Köster, and Birgit Hauer for their helping hands concerning the administrative and organizational tasks of this conference. Finally,wewouldliketothankalltheauthorswhosubmittedpapers,authors who presented papers, and the participants who together made this conference an intellectually stimulating event through their active contributions.

In parallel to the printed book, each new volume is published electronically in LNCS Online. --Résumé de l'éditeur.

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed proceedings of the Third International Conference on Advances in Communication, Network, and Computing, CNC 2012, held in

Chennai, India, February 24-25, 2012. The 41 revised full papers presented together with 29 short papers and 14 poster papers were carefully selected and reviewed from 425 submissions. The papers cover a wide spectrum of issues in the field of Information Technology, Networks, Computational Engineering, Computer and Telecommunication Technology, ranging from theoretical and methodological issues to advanced applications. Written by an experienced business lawyer in the technology, scientific and engineering community, this publication is for the engineer with an innovative high-tech idea or concept who needs those crucial business insights and strategies to move that idea forward. It offers key analysis on how to leave a current employer, gain access to technologies and potential talent, and considers other issues that can reduce problems down the road. It even includes a step-by-step guide for accessing and protecting intellectual property at the earliest stages. To assist in the fundraising process, this resource explores all the available options to capitalize a business – from self-funding, to bootstrapping, to angel investors, to venture capital to government grants, to bank loans, to joint ventures. It also looks at the best ways to form a company so as to take advantage of various tax and business strategies, discusses compensation of employees with stock options or restricted stock plans, explains how an emerging company can expand internationally, and covers some key exit strategies such as an IPO or a merger/acquisition. It covers most everything a new technology business will face including hiring, firing, contracts, leases, loans, and product warranties. As you read, you will find this book is full of the stuff that engineers love: statistics, data, tools, spreadsheets, and research. But it also full of the anecdotal evidence and practical advice needed to stay the course. Now is a tremendous time for entrepreneurship. Although there have been periodic

slowdowns in the economy, if you believe in a future, high-tech is the future in which to believe. This book is part of the Taylor & Francis/CRC Press series "What Every Engineer Should Know About... . Like the other books in the series, it is designed to provide you with important knowledge that will help you along your career path. This one will also help you make that path your own.

What is digital business reporting? Why do we need it? And how can we improve it? This book aims to address these questions by illustrating the rise of system-to-system information exchange and the opportunities for improving transparency and accountability. Governments around the world are looking for ways to strengthen transparency and accountability without introducing more red tape, which is a source of growing frustration and costs for businesses. In 2004, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Justice in the Netherlands started to investigate the potential of XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language) as a uniform data standard for business-to-government information exchange. In 2006, there was a comprehensive architecture for Standard Business Reporting (SBR), including the requirements for the information infrastructure. One year later the first reports in XBRL were successfully delivered to the Tax and Customs Administration and the Chamber of Commerce via a secure infrastructure. Today, millions of business reports are being exchanged using SBR. As a solution, SBR empowers organisations to present a cohesive explanation of their business operations and helps them engage with internal and external stakeholders, including regulators, shareholders and creditors. Challenging the chain describes the journey of SBR from challenge to solution. Specialists in the field – flanked by academics – provide detailed insights on the challenges actors faced and the solutions they achieved. In its versatility, this

book exemplifies the necessary paradigm shifts when it comes to such large-scale public-private transformations. Policy makers, managers, IT specialists and architects looking to engage in such transformations will find guidance in this book.

Internet-based information systems, the second covering the large-scale in- gration of heterogeneous computing systems and data resources with the aim of providing a global computing space. Eachofthesefourconferencesencouragesresearcherstotreattheirrespective topics within a framework that incorporates jointly (a) theory, (b) conceptual design and development, and (c) applications, in particular case studies and industrial solutions. Following and expanding the model created in 2003, we again solicited and selected quality workshop proposals to complement the more "archival" nature of the main conferences with research results in a number of selected and more "avant-garde" areas related to the general topic of Web-based distributed c- puting. For instance, the so-called Semantic Web has given rise to several novel research areas combining linguistics, information systems technology, and ar-?cial intelligence, such as the modeling of (legal) regulatory systems and the ubiquitous nature of their usage. We were glad to see that ten of our earlier s- cessful workshops (ADI, CAMS, EI2N, SWWS, ORM, OnToContent, MONET, SEMELS, COMBEK, IWSSA) re-appeared in 2008 with a second, third or even ?fth edition, sometimes by alliance with other newly emerging workshops, and that no fewer than three brand-new independent workshops could be selected from proposals and hosted: ISDE, ODIS and Beyond SAWSDL. Workshop -diences productively mingled with each other and with those of the main c- ferences, and there was considerable overlap in authors.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 14th IFIP WG 5.5 Working Conference

on Virtual Enterprises, PRO-VE 2013, held in Dresden, Germany, in September/October 2013. The 75 revised papers were carefully selected for inclusion in this volume. They provide a comprehensive overview of identified challenges and recent advances in various collaborative network (CN) domains and their applications with a particular focus on the support for reindustrialization. The papers have been organized in the following topical sections: product-service ecosystems; innovation in networks; strategies to build collaborative networks; collaboration related processes and performance; models and meta-models of collaboration; cloud-based support to collaborative networks; collaborative platforms; services and service design; sustainable collaborative networks; event-driven collaborative networks; social-semantic enterprise; and risks and trust.

Empowering Knowledge Workers describes the work of managers, decision makers, executives, doctors, lawyers, campaign managers, emergency responders, strategists, and many others who have to think for a living. These are people who figure out what needs to be done, at the same time that they do it, and a new approach to support this kind of worker presents the logical starting point for understanding how to take advantage of ACM.

Book Six in Motivated Series by Brian E. Howard. There are over 120 pieces of sage advice quoted throughout the book on how to effectively conduct a job search, write a powerful resume and LinkedIn profile,cover letters, and other communications. The Motivated College Graduate is the most comprehensive job search book written for the recent college graduate. It discusses real life job search issues facing today's college graduate. The book provides unprecedented insight and advice from some of the most credentialed and experienced career coaches and resume writers in the industry. These coaches and resume writers have

specialized practices and work with recent college graduates. You will learn how to conduct an effective job search, stand out among your competition, get interviews, and job offers! Go inside the minds of these coaches and resume writers. Learn how they've coached other college graduates to land fulfilling career-level positions. Understand how the resume writers think about keywords, titling, branding, accomplishments, color, design, and a plethora of other resume writing considerations as they create winning resumes. Based on his extensive experience in the job search industry and by tapping into the collective knowledge of career coaches and resume writers who work specifically with college graduates, Brian Howard has written a comprehensive job search book that surpasses all other job search books written for the recent college graduate.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 9th International Workshop on Economics of Grids, Clouds, Systems, and Services, GECON 2012, held in Berlin, Germany, in November 2012. The 12 revised full papers presented together with 6 work in progress papers were carefully reviewed and selected from more than 36 submissions. The papers are organized in the following topical sections: market mechanisms, pricing and negotiation; resource allocation, scheduling and admission control; work in progress on tools and techniques for cost-efficient service selection; market modeling; trust; cloud computing in education; and work in progress on cloud adoption and business models.

This book will focus on the up-front activities required for product and service differentiation, the learning methodologies that contribute to arriving at that differentiation, and the role that technology plays in implementing the process. The book will show how technology factors into such entrepreneurial activities as engaging in business planning and utilizing creativity and

innovation, and how creative innovation, in turn, is achieved and enhanced through an understanding of two different modes of learning: "learning about" and "learning by doing". A successful product introduction depends on an efficient supply chain, a strong brand, and the ability of a manufacturer or provider to differentiate it successfully in the marketplace. New Product and Services Development demonstrates how differentiation, this last critical component, can be secured by the strategic use of technology and by engaging in two key learning methodologies.

From three design partners at Google Ventures, a unique five-day process--called the sprint--for solving tough problems using design, prototyping, and testing ideas with customers. Book one in the Motivated Series by Brian E. Howard./b?brbriIf you're conducting a job search for a professional position or considering such a job search, you should read this book. Brian Howard provides a thorough, approachable guide to each of the components of a job search that will help you be the selected candidate."/b/ibrbriThe Motivated Job Search - Second Edition This book provides the informational steps to conduct a job search, but more importantly strategic insight from someone who is actively engaged in front line recruiting. These strategic insights include: •using the "psychology of persuasion;" •understanding the mind and motivations of an employer; •maximizing the use of accomplishments/ •optimizing your LinkedIn profile; •and six unique tactics that will create differentiation from other job seekers.

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do you eat an elephant? One bite at the time', right? To start a business you start one step at the time. Start by writing down your ideas on paper. Then make action steps lists for each stage of the business and take one action at the time. This book is a must-have tool in the life of any entrepreneur that loves planning and organization. With this planner you can: Think or re-think essential parts of your business, such as your mission and your vision. Create your marketing strategy. Create & Organize the products and services that you offer. Create a product/service line. Product & Services sheets. Blank dot grid pages for your notes because they are easy to use and versatile. This book is a place to think, reflect and track the daily steps to create and grow your business. This book is the business planner only. We also have the full version that includes the business planner + 1 year of business finances tracking. The business finances are undated sheets to give you the freedom to start your business at any time. Depending where you live your tax year starts at different dates. Our books come in different covers to give you options.

Now beyond its eleventh printing and translated into twelve languages, Michael Porter's The Competitive Advantage of Nations has changed completely our conception of how prosperity is created and sustained in the modern global economy. Porter's groundbreaking study of international competitiveness has shaped national policy in countries around the world. It has also transformed thinking and action in states, cities, companies, and even entire regions such as Central America. Based on research in ten leading trading nations, The Competitive Advantage of Nations offers the first theory of competitiveness based on the causes of the productivity with which companies compete. Porter shows how traditional comparative advantages such as natural resources and pools of labor have been superseded as sources of

prosperity, and how broad macroeconomic accounts of competitiveness are insufficient. The book introduces Porter's "diamond," a whole new way to understand the competitive position of a nation (or other locations) in global competition that is now an integral part of international business thinking. Porter's concept of "clusters," or groups of interconnected firms, suppliers, related industries, and institutions that arise in particular locations, has become a new way for companies and governments to think about economies, assess the competitive advantage of locations, and set public policy. Even before publication of the book, Porter's theory had guided national reassessments in New Zealand and elsewhere. His ideas and personal involvement have shaped strategy in countries as diverse as the Netherlands, Portugal, Taiwan, Costa Rica, and India, and regions such as Massachusetts, California, and the Basque country. Hundreds of cluster initiatives have flourished throughout the world. In an era of intensifying global competition, this pathbreaking book on the new wealth of nations has become the standard by which all future work must be measured.

"This multi-volume reference examines critical issues and emerging trends in global business, with topics ranging from managing new information technology in global business operations to ethics and communication strategies"--Provided by publisher.

Mapping Biology Knowledge addresses two key topics in the context of biology, promoting meaningful learning and knowledge mapping as a strategy for achieving this goal. Meaning-making and meaning-building are examined from multiple perspectives throughout the book. In many biology courses, students become so mired in detail that they fail to grasp the big picture. Various strategies are proposed for helping instructors focus on the big picture, using the `need to know' principle to decide the level of detail students must have in a given situation.

The metacognitive tools described here serve as support systems for the mind, creating an arena in which learners can operate on ideas. They include concept maps, cluster maps, webs, semantic networks, and conceptual graphs. These tools, compared and contrasted in this book, are also useful for building and assessing students' content and cognitive skills. The expanding role of computers in mapping biology knowledge is also explored.

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Microsystems, smart textiles, telemedicine, smart implants and sensor-controlled medical devices have become important enablers for monitoring and treatment in both inpatient and outpatient care. Indeed, micro and nano technologies have tremendous potential for increasing access to care whilst managing healthcare costs. They are set to be at the heart of evolutionary and revolutionary changes in healthcare, and are crucial, not only for the future of medicine, but also for the improvement of health care and welfare processes today and tomorrow. This book presents the proceedings of the 2012 pHealth conference, held in Porto, Portugal, in June 2012. The pHealth conference has emerged as the leading international meeting on wearable micro and nano technologies for personalized medicine, attracting scientists from various disciplines, clinicians, as well as policy makers from the healthcare industry, hospital administration and allied professionals. The book includes keynotes, invited speeches and selected submitted contributions. The areas covered include: the pHealth

approach, new approaches to diagnosis and therapy, monitoring special diseases, system architecture, design and implementation, wearable sensor systems, smartphone applications and ambient assisted living. Over the years, pHealth has given visibility to the tremendous potential of micro and nano technologies, not only for the future of medicine, but also for the improvement of healthcare processes today. This book will be of interest to all those involved with the provision of health and welfare services, and also to companies engaged in the development of micro and nano technologies.

These proceedings represent the work of researchers presenting at the 16th European Conference on Knowledge Management (ECKM 2015). We are delighted to be hosting ECKM at the University of Udine, Italy on the 3-4 September 2015. The conference will be opened with a keynote from Dr Madelyn Blair from Pelerei Inc., USA on the topic "The Role of KM in Building Resilience". On the afternoon of the first day Dr Daniela Santarelli, from Lundbeck, Italy will deliver a second keynote speech. The second day will be opened by Dr John Dumay from Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia. ECKM is an established platform for academics concerned with current research and for those from the wider community involved in Knowledge Management to present their findings and ideas to peers from the KM and associated fields. ECKM is also a valuable opportunity for face to face interaction with colleagues from similar areas of interests. The conference has a well-established history of helping attendees advance their understanding of how people, organisations, regions and even countries generate and exploit knowledge to achieve a competitive advantage, and drive their innovations forward. The range of issues and mix of approaches followed will ensure an interesting two days. 260 abstracts were initially received for this conference. However, the

academic rigor of ECKM means that, after the double blind peer review process there are 102 academic papers, 15 PhD research papers, 1 Masters research papers and 7 Work in Progress papers published in these Conference Proceedings. These papers reflect the continuing interest and diversity in the field of Knowledge Management, and they represent truly global research from many different countries, including Algeria, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lithuania, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sultanate of Oman, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The Netherlands, UK, United Arab Emirates, USA and Venezuela. This volume provides a concise reference to the state-of-the-art in software interoperability. Composed of over 90 papers, Enterprise Interoperability II ranges from academic research through case studies to industrial and administrative experience of interoperability. The international nature of the authorship continues to broaden. Many of the papers have examples and illustrations calculated to deepen understanding and generate new ideas.

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