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This book focuses on the development and implementation of cloud-based, complex software that allows parallelism, fast processing, and real-time connectivity. Software engineering (SE) is the design, development, testing, and implementation of software applications, and this discipline is as well developed as the practice is well established whereas the Cloud Software Engineering (CSE) is the design, development, testing, and continuous delivery of service-oriented software systems and applications (Software as a Service Paradigm). However, with the emergence of the highly attractive cloud computing (CC) paradigm, the tools and techniques for SE are changing. CC provides the latest software development environments and the necessary platforms relatively easily and inexpensively. It also allows the provision of software applications equally easily and on a pay-as-you-go basis. Business requirements for the use of software are also changing and there is a need for applications in big data analytics, parallel computing, AI, natural language processing, and biometrics, etc. These require huge amounts of computing power and sophisticated data management mechanisms,

as well as device connectivity for Internet of Things (IoT) environments. In terms of hardware, software, communication, and storage, CC is highly attractive for developing complex software that is rapidly becoming essential for all sectors of life, including commerce, health, education, and transportation. The book fills a gap in the SE literature by providing scientific contributions from researchers and practitioners, focusing on frameworks, methodologies, applications, benefits and inherent challenges/barriers to engineering software using the CC paradigm. This book brings together experts from research and practice. It includes the design of innovative Robot Process Automation (RPA) concepts, the discussion of related research fields (e.g., Artificial Intelligence, AI), the evaluation of existing software products, and findings from real-life implementation projects. Similar to the substitution of physical work in manufacturing (blue collar automation), Robotic Process Automation tries to substitute intellectual work in office and administration processes with software robots (white-collar automation). The starting point for the development of RPA was the observation that – despite the use of process-oriented enterprise systems (such as ERP, CRM and BPM systems) – additional manual activities are still indispensable today. In the RPA approach, these manual activities are learned and automated by software robots, either by defining rules or by observing manual activities. RPA is related to business process management, machine learning, and artificial intelligence. Tools for RPA originated from dedicated stand-alone software. Today, RPA functionalities are also integrated into elaborated process management suites. From a conceptual perspective, RPA can be structured into input components (sensors in the wide sense), an intelligence center, and output components (actuators in the wide sense). From a strategic perspective, the impact of RPA can be related to the support of existing tasks, the complete substitution of human activities, and the innovation of processes as well as business models. At present, high expectations are related to the use of RPA in the improvement of software-supported business processes. Manual activities are learned and automated by software robots that interact with existing applications via the presentation layer. In combination with artificial intelligence (AI) as well as innovative interfaces (e.g., voice recognition) RPA creates a novel level of automation for office and administration processes. Its benefit potential reaches a return on investment (ROI) up-to 800% that is documented in various case studies. Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and Publishers Weekly Bestseller From three of today's top women leaders in business and academia—seven essential practices for thriving professionally. Women who arrive at the top should be able to thrive at the top. Instead they're judged lucky to survive—even more so with pandemic-era

pressures overwhelming their already busy family and professional lives. What if there was a way you could flourish in a senior leadership role as your best self, inspire excellence in your team channeling your own wellbeing and, at the same time, lead a highly fulfilled life? There is—and Arrive and Thrive shows you how. This timely and practice-driven guide reveals 7 practices you can use to thrive as you rise to positions of greater responsibility, risk, and reward—and empower others along the way. Powered by the latest research, boots-on-the-ground experience, and advice from 24 of the world's most successful leaders, the book captures seven practices that help you understand and leverage your unique personal powers so you can thrive in leadership. Three of today's top women leaders in business and academia, the authors hail from very different worlds—each brings a different career path, focus of experience and personal point of view to the conversation. From their experiences, you'll learn to make the best choices for yourself, your team, your industry, and your community. From financial reporting to revenue recognition to grants and contracts to auditor report changes, you have a lot going on in the not-for-profit financial arena right now. Whether you're already an expert in NFP audit and accounting standards or just getting started, this is the practical guidance you need. This must-have resource for nonprofits accounting and auditing professionals is an essential reference that will assist you with the unique aspects of accounting and financial statement preparation and auditing for not-for-profit entities. It will help you with the following Understand and implement recent updates and changes, including those related to financial reporting, revenue recognition, and grants and contracts Gain a full understanding of the accounting issues unique to not-for-profit entities Assist in the implementation of auditor report changes. Explore a new and effective method for seizing opportunity in the face of uncertainty In *Provoke: How Leaders Shape the Future by Overcoming Fatal Human Flaws*, renowned strategy consultants and best-selling authors Geoff Tuff and Steven Goldbach deliver an insightful exploration of how people tend to act tentatively in the face of uncertainty and provide the tools we need to do things differently. Tuff and Goldbach offer up a compelling argument for the proposition that taking a "wait and see" approach is the exact opposite of what helps visionary leaders change the world. Drawing on principles from business and behavioral economics, the book shows readers from all walks of life how to provoke action as a mechanism to advance. In this book you'll discover: An overview of the assortment of cognitive biases which tend to restrain and distort leadership decision making in the face of uncertainty How to recognize the 'phase change' that occurs when an uncertainty resolves from being a question of "if" to being a matter of "when" Five different models of provocation which can be used alone or in

combination to anticipate, drive through and exit that phase change in a way that creates the future you desire. How true "provocateurs" shake the foundations of their industries, firms, sectors, and governments by overcoming their need for certainty before action. Perfect for leaders or aspiring leaders in all walks of life where uncertainty abounds—which is to say, almost everywhere—Provoke will become your go-to guide to overcoming those natural human instincts that keep us frozen in place and prevent us from seizing our opportunities. Focussing on the dominance of the Big Four auditing firms - PwC, EY, Deloitte and KPMG - this concise volume provides an authoritative critical assessment of the state and future of the audit market, currently the subject of much debate and the focus of significant government enquiries. Drawing on extensive research and a vast collection of evidence from interviews with insiders, experts and users, it explores the key issues of audit quality, independence, choice and the growing expectation gap. Just as disruptive technologies are overturning other established sectors, this book explores their impact on accounting, financial reporting and auditing. It questions whether the Big Four-dominated audit market is prepared not only for the inevitable disruption of new technologies, but also the challenges of negative public perceptions, cynicism about regulation and demands for greater transparency. In the context of increasing high-profile corporate failures, this book provides a compelling scrutiny of the industry's failings and present difficulties, and the impact of future disruption. At this crucial time, it will be of great interest to students, researchers and professionals in accounting and auditing, as well as policy makers and regulators. The audit committee has gained considerable attention in the aftermath of 2007-2009 global financial crisis. The audit committee's role has evolved from a voluntary liaison between management and external auditors to the standing committee of the board of directors in overseeing all aspects of corporate governance, financial reporting, internal controls, risk assessment, and audit activities. This book addresses the determinants of audit committee oversight effectiveness, including their composition, independence, authority, resources, diligence, and activities. The book is organized into three separate volumes and each volume can be utilized separately or in an integrated form. The first volume consists of five chapters, which examine the relevance and fundamentals of the audit committees as well as the determinants of audit committee effectiveness. The second volume consists of nine chapters on financial, auditing, internal control, risk management, ethics and compliance, antifraud, and other oversight functions of the audit committee. The third volume consists of five chapters on the emerging issues of audit committees pertaining to evaluation, education, reporting, and accountability as well as audit committees of private companies, governmental entities and not-for-profit organizations. The audit environment continues to change in dramatic ways, and Johnstone/Gramling/Rittenberg's **AUDITING: A RISK BASED-APPROACH**, 11E prepares students for that fast-changing world by developing their professional and ethical

decision-making skills. **AUDITING** integrates the latest in standards, including new guidance from the PCAOB on audit reports, fraud risks, emerging topics such as data analytics, and ethical challenges facing today's financial statement auditors within a framework of professional skepticism. Extensively re-written to be more student focused, **AUDITING** has multiple hands-on opportunities to develop critical-thinking skills with new in-text learning features including What Do You Think? For Classroom Discussion, and Prompts for Critical Thinking: It's Your Turn!. Finally, unique end-of-chapter Tableau-based problems help students become formidable data-driven decision makers. **AUDITING** can be paired with MindTap digital resources, which offer an interactive ebook as well as engaging, high-impact cases to teach data-driven decision making skills. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version. The Routledge Handbook of Accounting Information Systems is a prestige reference work offering a comprehensive overview of the state of current knowledge and emerging scholarship in the discipline of AIS. The pace of technological-driven change is rapid, and this revised edition provides a deeper focus on the technical underpinnings and organisational consequences of accounting information systems. It has been updated to capture the changes in technology since the previous edition. It now includes chapters and scholarly thought on artificial intelligence, predictive analytics and data visualisation, among others. Contributions from an international cast of authors provide a balanced overview of established and developing themes, identifying issues and discussing relevant debates. The chapters are analytical and engaging. Many chapters include cases or examples, and some provide additional resources for readers. The chapters also provide a reflection on where the research agenda is likely to advance in the future. This is a complete and indispensable guide for students and researchers in accounting and accounting information systems, academics and students seeking convenient access to an unfamiliar area, as well as established researchers seeking a single repository on the current debates and literature in the field. This book explores how digital transformation is reshaping the manner in which higher education sectors emerge, work, and evolve and how auditors should respond to this challenging and risky digital audit universe in transforming the higher education system. It serves to help professionals to understand the reality of performing the Chief Audit Executive (CAE) role in today's evolving business economy, specifically in the higher education sector. It compares and contrasts the stated IIA standards with the challenges and realities auditors may face and provides alternative scenarios to gaining a "seat at the table." This book also provides insight into critical lessons learned when executing the CAE role relevant for digitally transforming universities. The main purpose of this study is to rethink the audit culture in the digital era and reveal the key characteristics that are open for improvement so that digitally transforming universities can be audited according to the higher education

standards with a digitally supported value-added audit approach. Based on this approach, the audit culture is reassessed considering the digital university conceptual framework and business model. There are two main points to consider for the digital university work environment: traceability and auditability. In this respect, policy recommendations are made for best practices to achieve value-added digital audits in transforming universities. The book has been written from both the reality and academic perspectives of two experienced authors. Sezer is a past CAE, CEO, and long-term senior internal auditor who has worked in the internal audit role for various listed companies, financial institutions, and government entities. Erman has extensive information technology and university accreditation knowledge in the global higher education sector. This brings a blend of value-added approaches to the readers and speaks to issues about understanding and dealing with audit culture and business evolution in digitally transforming organizations along with the requirements for upholding IIA standards. Geared toward the experienced or new CAE, **University Auditing in the Digital Era: Challenges and Lessons for Higher Education Professionals and CAEs** can be a tool for all auditors to understand some of the challenges, issues, and potential alternative solutions when executing the role of university auditing. In addition, it can be a valuable reference for university administrators and CIOs, as well as academics and all stakeholders related to the higher education sector. In this stunning self-realisation book, Geetha shows us ways and means to recognise who we truly are. She guides us with the stepwise plan to understand what we want to appreciate about ourselves. She puts forth the importance of self-evaluation and its effects on us. She explains the ways to manage the barriers in chasing the dreams. She has spelled out the methods to change us from an aspirer to an achiever. Alongside, she has taken insights from the life of inspiring and determined leaders. She has quoted such lessons along with her life instances to make the readers' experience a facile one. The financial services industry is undergoing significant change. This has added challenges for institutions assessing their operations and internal controls for regulatory considerations. Updated for 2019, this industry standard resource offers comprehensive, reliable accounting implementation guidance for preparers. It offers clear and practical guidance of audit and accounting issues, and in-depth coverage of audit considerations, including controls, fraud, risk assessment, and planning and execution of the audit. Topics covered include: Transfers and servicing; Troubled debt restructurings; Financing receivables and the allowance for loan losses; and, Fair value accounting. This guide also provides direction for institutions assessing their operations and internal controls for regulatory considerations as well as discussions on existing regulatory reporting matters. The financial services industry is undergoing significant change. This has added challenges for institutions assessing their operations and internal controls for regulatory considerations. Updated for 2019, this industry standard resource offers comprehensive, reliable accounting

implementation guidance for preparers. It offers clear and practical guidance of audit and accounting issues, and in-depth coverage of audit considerations, including controls, fraud, risk assessment, and planning and execution of the audit. Topics covered include: Transfers and servicing; Troubled debt restructurings; Financing receivables and the allowance for loan losses; and, Fair value accounting. This guide also provides direction for institutions assessing their operations and internal controls for regulatory considerations as well as discussions on existing regulatory reporting matters. The main objective of this book is to provide both academics and practitioners with a global vision of the evolution of internal auditing in a fast-changing business landscape driven by digital transformation. Digital transformation has been first associated with the emergence and the development of new technologies (artificial intelligence, blockchain, cloud computing, data analytics, predictive analytics, robotic process automation, IOT, drones etc.). Beyond the technological dimensions, this transformation has several impacts on businesses, organizations and processes and raises several questions for auditing activities. This book explores how digitalization not only has an impact on the audit environment, but also on internal audit practices and methodologies, information technology (IT)/information system (IS) audit, IT governance and risk management. The auditing profession also has to face the same challenges. Auditors should develop new skills. To continue to provide high quality service in such an environment, the methodologies, the process and the tools used for conducting an audit have progressively changed from those applied to the traditional audit. Internal audit, as a key strategic function, must evolve too. Finally, the book also investigates the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on internal auditing. The author highlights the need for a new vision and renewed forecasting tools. The post-COVID-19 business and corporate world has changed. Internal audit, as a key strategic function, must evolve too. The recent audit failures which have rocked financial markets worldwide have accentuated the need for a better understanding of the link between risk, control and audit quality; as well as emphasising the need to open the "black box" of the ways auditing firms actually function. Reflecting these imperatives, Auditing Teams unravels the organizational and management issues in audit firms that are key to achieving effectiveness in service provision. Specifically, this key research reflects upon the relevance and dynamics of auditing teams and their impact on auditing quality, and specifically responding to the recent claim from regulators which highlights auditing team characteristics as the source of wide variations in quality. By leveraging different perspectives - auditing, management accounting, organization and psychology - to investigate auditing teams and basing on evidence collected from the professional world, this book will provide a unique insight into the role of auditing teams on audit quality. It will be of great interest to scholars and advanced students in auditing, as well as to practitioners and regulators in the field. The collapse of the energy trading giant Enron has put the focus on accounting firms,

and especially on the amount of consulting being performed for large audit clients. Deloitte & Touche CEO Jim Copeland convinced the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in 2001 to allow accounting firms to continue to provide consulting services. With the possibility of increased regulations and governmental interference following Enron, Copeland must decide if this is still a viable option for his firm. The audit committee has gained considerable attention in the aftermath of 2007-2009 global financial crisis. The audit committee's role has evolved from a voluntary liaison between management and external auditors to the standing committee of the board of directors in overseeing all aspects of corporate governance, financial reporting, internal controls, risk assessment, and audit activities. This book addresses the determinants of audit committee oversight effectiveness, including their composition, independence, authority, resources, diligence, and activities. The book is organized into three separate volumes and each volume can be utilized separately or in an integrated form. The first volume consists of five chapters, which examine the relevance and fundamentals of the audit committees as well as the determinants of audit committee effectiveness. The second volume consists of nine chapters on financial, auditing, internal control, risk management, ethics and compliance, antifraud, and other oversight functions of the audit committee. The third volume consists of five chapters on the emerging issues of audit committees pertaining to evaluation, education, reporting, and accountability as well as audit committees of private companies, governmental entities and not-for-profit organizations. This title clarifies new, difficult, and important reporting and disclosure requirements for SEC Reporting. You'll learn: The latest SEC developments and hot buttons. How to apply regulations S-X, S-K, and other SEC guidance. How to prepare and review financial statements and their related disclosures. It includes AS 3101, The Auditor's Report on an Audit of Financial Statements When the Auditor Expresses an Unqualified Opinion. Go ahead, be skeptical about big data. The author was—at first. When the term "big data" first came on the scene, bestselling author Tom Davenport (Competing on Analytics, Analytics at Work) thought it was just another example of technology hype. But his research in the years that followed changed his mind. Now, in clear, conversational language, Davenport explains what big data means—and why everyone in business needs to know about it. Big Data at Work covers all the bases: what big data means from a technical, consumer, and management perspective; what its opportunities and costs are; where it can have real business impact; and which aspects of this hot topic have been oversold. This book will help you understand: • Why big data is important to you and your organization • What technology you need to manage it • How big data could change your job, your company, and your industry • How to hire, rent, or develop the kinds of people who make big data work • The key success factors in implementing any big data project • How big data is leading to a new approach to managing analytics With dozens of company examples, including UPS, GE, Amazon, United Healthcare, Citigroup, and

many others, this book will help you seize all opportunities—from improving decisions, products, and services to strengthening customer relationships. It will show you how to put big data to work in your own organization so that you too can harness the power of this ever-evolving new resource. E-book: Ethical Obligations and Decision-Making in Accounting: Text and Cases In this business bestseller, how companies can adapt in an era of continuous disruption: a guide to responding to such acute crises as COVID-19. Gold Medalist in Business Disruption/Reinvention. When COVID-19 hit, businesses had to respond almost instantaneously--shifting employees to remote work, repairing broken supply chains, keeping pace with dramatically fluctuating customer demand. They were forced to adapt to a confluence of multiple disruptions inextricably linked to a longer-term, ongoing digital disruption. This book shows that companies that use disruption as an opportunity for innovation emerge from it stronger. Companies that merely attempt to "weather the storm" until things go back to normal (or the next normal), on the other hand, miss an opportunity to thrive. The authors, all experts on business and technology strategy, show that transformation is not a one-and-done event, but a continuous process of adapting to a volatile and uncertain environment. Drawing on five years of research into digital disruption--including a series of interviews with business leaders conducted during the COVID-19 crisis--they offer a framework for understanding disruption and tools for navigating it. They outline the leadership traits, business principles, technological infrastructure, and organizational building blocks essential for adapting to disruption, with examples from real-world organizations. Technology, they remind readers, is not an end in itself, but enables the capabilities essential for surviving an uncertain future: nimbleness, scalability, stability, and optionality. Throughout the world, artificial intelligence is reshaping businesses, trade interfaces, economic activities, and society as a whole. In recent years, scholarly research on artificial intelligence has emerged from a variety of empirical and applied domains of knowledge. Computer scientists have developed advanced deep learning algorithms to leverage its utility in a variety of fields such as medicine, energy, travel, education, banking, and business management. Although a growing body of literature is shedding light on artificial intelligence-enabled difficulties, there is still much to be gained by applying fresh theory-driven techniques to this vital topic. Revolutionizing Business Practices Through Artificial Intelligence and Data-Rich Environments provides a comprehensive understanding of the business systems, platforms, procedures, and mechanisms that underpin different stakeholders' experiences with reality-enhancing technologies and their transformative application in management. The book also identifies areas in various business processes where artificial intelligence intervention would not only transform the business but would also make the business more sustainable. Covering key topics such as blockchain, business automation, and manufacturing, this reference work is ideal for computer scientists, business owners,

managers, industry professionals, researchers, academicians, scholars, practitioners, instructors, and students. "Messrs. Gow and Kells have made an invaluable contribution, writing in an amused tone that nevertheless acknowledges the firms' immense power and the seriousness of their neglect of traditional responsibilities. 'The Big Four' will appeal to all those interested in the future of the profession--and of capitalism itself." —Jane Gleeson-White, Wall Street Journal With staffs that are collectively larger than the Russian army and combined revenues of over \$130 billion a year, the Big Four accounting firms—Deloitte, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Ernst & Young, and KPMG—are a keystone of global commerce. But leading scholar Ian Gow and award-winning author Stuart Kells warn that a house of cards may be about to fall. Stretching back to the Medicis in Renaissance Florence, this book is a fascinating story of wealth, power, and luck. The founders of the Big Four lived surprisingly colorful lives. Samuel Price, for example, married his own niece. Between the world wars, Nicholas Waterhouse collected postage stamps while also hosting decadent parties in his fashionable London home. All four firms have endured major calamities in recent decades. There have been hundreds of court cases and legal prosecutions for failed audits, tax scandals, and breaches of independence. The firms have come so close to "extinction level events" that regulators have required them to prepare "living wills." And today, the Big Four face an uncertain future—thanks to their push into China, their vulnerability to digital disruption and competition, and the hazards of providing traditional services in a new era of transparency. This account of the past, present, and likely future of the Big Four is essential reading for anyone perplexed or fascinated by professional services, working or considering working in the industry, or simply curious about the fate of the global economy. Messier employs the new audit approach currently being used by auditing professionals. This new approach is a direct result of the demands of Sarbanes-Oxley, which has changed the way auditors do their jobs. The new auditing approach emphasizes understanding the entity (i.e., the organization or business being audited) and its environment (i.e. industry), and then assessing the business risks faced by the entity and how management controls those risks. This new audit process focuses on business processes instead of accounting cycles. This unique and innovative approach has been developed in response to changing market dynamics. The systematic approach, referred to in the subtitle of the text, reflects the early introduction of three basic concepts that underlie the audit process: materiality, audit risk, and evidence; this allows Messier to build upon this model in subsequent chapters. These are central to everything an auditor does and a unique feature of Messier. As such, this approach helps students develop auditor judgment, a vital skill in today's auditing environment. The best hope for peace and prosperity in our world is the expansion of information, and, as such, Artificial Intelligence (AI) was created to process an infinite amount of information. As men and women continue to perfect AI, monitoring its evolution can be both enlightening and unnerving. This book

showcases the immense utility of AI and its "superhuman" characteristics. Without a doubt, patents play an important role in the remarkable progression of AI, exposing pioneering innovations that stimulate future improvements. From 1987 to 2017, at least one hundred and fifty patents with the phrase "artificial intelligence" in the title were granted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. This important book provides an easy-to-read summary of such patents. Within many of the summaries, there are inventor profiles and news articles that are insightful and thought-provoking. Pioneering inventors hail from China, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Russia, and Taiwan. Prominent organizations include Amazon, Disney, Ford, IBM, Intel, Microsoft, and Sony. Throughout the book, diverse quotes present the emotional impact of Artificial Intelligence. In reverence to Alan Mathison Turing (1912-1954), widely considered the father of AI, this book explores fascinating aspects of computing machinery that can process information to the nth power in a blink. Knapp's CONTEMPORARY AUDITING, 11E prepares readers for the challenging responsibilities faced in the public accounting profession. This casebook stresses the people aspect of independent audits. Readers learn how to avoid audit failures most often due to client personnel who intentionally subvert an audit or auditors who fail to carry out their responsibilities. A detailed review of problem audits helps readers recognize the red flags common to failed audits. Discussing and dissecting these challenges prepares readers to handle potential problematic situations in their own professional careers. Readers also acquire a higher-level understanding of auditing standards, ethical principles, audit procedures, and other issues related to independent auditing. By studying these topics in a real-world context, readers achieve a more in-depth, intuitive comprehension of auditing fundamentals, which translates into improved performance on the CPA exam and other professional examinations. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version. Enron killed Arthur Andersen in 2002, leaving only Deloitte, EY, KPMG and PwC. Now the Big Four, with a total revenue of \$127 billion, face major threats that need immediate attention. Count Down looks at today's model and proposes a new Big Audit, fit to serve the capital markets of the 21st century. AUDITING: A RISK-BASED APPROACH TO CONDUCTING QUALITY AUDITS integrates the latest updates, fraud risks and ethical challenges—whether it's the AICPA and IAASB's clarified standards to harmonize auditing standards in the U.S. and abroad, the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO) of the Treadway Commission's updated Internal Control-Integrated Framework or the AICPA recently issued new audit sampling guidance. New end-of-chapter problems as well as new cases provide valuable hands-on experience while demonstrating the relevance of chapter topics and helping students refine both reasoning and auditing skills. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version. Auditing has been a subject of

some controversy, and there have been repeated attempts at reforming its practice globally. This comprehensive companion surveys the state of the discipline, including emerging and cutting-edge trends. It covers the most important and controversial issues, including auditing ethics, auditor independence, social and environmental accounting as well as the future of the field. This handbook is vital reading for legislators, regulators, professionals, commentators, students and researchers involved with auditing and accounting. The collection will also prove an ideal starting place for researchers from other fields looking to break into this vital subject. This book continues the discussion on recent developments relating to ethical and sustainable issues in accounting and finance from the book, Volumes I and II, looking into topics such as the importance of good governance in accounting, tax, auditing and fraud examination, ethics, sustainability, environmental issues and new technologies and their effects on accounting and finance, focusing in particular on environmental and sustainability reporting in the oil and gas and banking sectors. The book also considers the growing importance of audit quality in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. The new M&A bible. Few actions can change the value of a company—and its competitive future—as quickly and dramatically as an acquisition. Yet most companies fail to create shareholder value from these deals, and in many cases they destroy it. It doesn't have to be this way. In The Synergy Solution, Deloitte's Mark Sirower and Jeff Weirens show acquirers how to develop and execute an M&A strategy—end to end—that not only avoids the pitfalls that so many companies fall into but also creates real, long-term shareholder value. This strategy includes how to: Become a prepared "always on" acquirer Test the investment thesis and DCF valuation of a deal Plan for a successful Announcement Day, and properly communicate synergy promises to investors and other stakeholders Realize those promised synergies through integration planning and post-close execution Manage change and build a new, combined organization Sirower and Weirens provide invaluable background to those considering M&A, laying out the issues they have to consider, how to analyze them, and how to plan and execute the deal effectively. They also show those who have already started the process of M&A how to maximize their chances of success. There's an art and a science to getting mergers and acquisitions right, and this powerful book provides the insights and strategies acquirers need to find success at every stage of an often complex and perilous process. Becoming a partner in a professional services firm is for many ambitious fee-earners the ultimate goal. But in this challenging industry, with long hours, high pressure and even higher expectations, how do you stand out from the crowd? How do you build the most effective relationships? And how do you find the time to do all of this and still have a fulfilling personal life? Now in its third edition, How to Make Partner and Still Have a Life equips individuals at the start of their career through to partner with the skills needed to reach and succeed at the leadership level. How to Make Partner and Still Have a Life details the expectations and

realities of being a partner and outlines how you can continue to achieve once you have obtained the much-coveted role. This edition is updated with guidance on developing the right mindset for success and the importance of mentoring and sponsorship. There is a specific focus on women and BAME professionals and the challenges faced by individuals coming from non-traditional or under-represented backgrounds. Heather Townsend and Jo Larbie provide a guide to help you tackle common obstacles and work smarter - not harder - to reach the top. Start your journey to partnership and still have the time for a life outside of work. Due to the emergence of innovative technologies, various professional fields are transforming their traditional business practices. Specifically, the financial and legal markets are experiencing this digital transformation as professionals and researchers are finding ways to improve efficiency, personalization, and security in these economic sectors. Significant research is needed to keep pace with the continuous advancements that are taking place in finance. Fostering Innovation and Competitiveness with FinTech, RegTech, and SupTech provides emerging research exploring the theoretical and practical aspects of technologically innovative mechanisms and applications within the financial, economic, and legal markets. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics such as crowdfunding platforms, crypto-assets, and blockchain technology, this book is ideally designed for researchers, economists, practitioners, policymakers, analysts, managers, executives, educators, and students seeking current research on the strategic role of technology in the future development of financial and economic activity. A guide to putting cognitive diversity to work Ever wonder what it is that makes two people click or clash? Or why some groups excel while others fumble? Or how you, as a leader, can make or break team potential? Business Chemistry holds the answers. Based on extensive research and analytics, plus years of proven success in the field, the Business Chemistry framework provides a simple yet powerful way to identify meaningful differences between people's working styles. Who seeks possibilities and who seeks stability? Who values challenge and who values connection? Business Chemistry will help you grasp where others are coming from, appreciate the value they bring, and determine what they need in order to excel. It offers practical ways to be more effective as an

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