A Practical Guide To Information Architecture Ebook Donna Spencer

Freedom of Information: A Practical Guide for UK Journalists is written to inform, instruct and inspire journalists on the investigative possibilities offered by the Freedom of Information Act. Covering exactly what the Act is, how to make FOI requests and how to use the Act to hold officials to account, Matt Burgess utilises expert opinions, relevant examples and best practice from journalists and investigators working with the Freedom of Information Act at all levels. The book is brimming with illuminating and relevant examples of the Freedom of Information Act being used by journalists, alongside a range of helpful features, including: • end-of-chapter lists of tips and learning points; • sections addressing the different areas of FOI requests; • text boxes on key thoughts and cases; • interviews with leading contemporary journalists and figures working with FOI requests. Supported by the online FOI Directory (www.foidirectory.co.uk), Freedom of Information: A Practical Guide for UK Journalists is a must read for all those training or working as journalists on this essential tool for investigating, researching and reporting.

A guide to the basics of information visualization that teaches nonprogrammers how to use advanced data mining and visualization techniques to design insightful visualizations. In the age of Big Data, the tools of information visualization offer us a macroscope to help us make sense of the avalanche of data available on every subject. This book offers a gentle introduction to the design of insightful information visualizations. It is the only book on the subject that teaches nonprogrammers how to use open code and open data to design insightful visualizations. Readers will learn to apply advanced data mining and visualization techniques to make sense of temporal, geospatial, topical, and network data. The book, developed for use in an information visualization MOOC, covers data analysis algorithms that enable extraction of patterns and trends in data, with chapters devoted to "when" (temporal data), "where" (geospatial data), "what" (topical data), and "with whom" (networks and trees); and to systems that drive research and development. Examples of projects undertaken for clients include an interactive visualization of the success of game player activity in World of Warcraft; a visualization of 311 number adoption that shows the diffusion of non-emergency calls in the United States; a return on investment study for two decades of HIV/AIDS research funding by NIAID; and a map showing the impact of the HiveNYC Learning Network. Visual Insights will be an essential resource on basic information visualization techniques for scholars in many fields, students, designers, or anyone who works with data.

Practical Guide to Human Resource Information Systems (HRIS) is a compre-hensive presentation on global HRIS implementations and the associated challenges faced in such global projects. It begins with the basic HR and IT concepts and guides the readers through the complete life cycle of HRIS applications, spanning from planning to execution. Both HR and IT play an equal role in the development of HRIS applications. This book will help students from both HR and IT streams in assimilating the intricacies of implementation of HRIS projects. HR is one of the most popular ERP product implementation topics in today's business world. Its implementation needs a practical discussion using examples from real world. The examples, the case study and discussions in the book follow an international approach rather than discussing only a single country HRIS implementations. A real-life case study that flows through various chapters of the book brings out challenges in the implementation of HR specific projects. In today's global economy, HR is changing fast and dives into areas such as strategy outsourcing, mergers and acquisitions (M & A). This book covers all these areas and other topics that are relevant to today's HR world, providing more value to the readers. It provides illustrations to assist readers in visualizing the topics discussed and in developing a sound understanding of the integration and data aspects of HRIS systems. This book will be useful as a text for a course in HRIS wherever prescribed for the MBA (HR) and MBA (IT) students. The book encourages self-directed study and thought process, based on references provided at the end of each chapter, and hence will also be useful to consultants, HR professionals, and IT professionals working with HR departments.

Teaching Online: A Practical Guide is a practical, concise guide for educators teaching online. This updated edition has been fully revamped and reflects important changes that have occurred since the second edition's publication. A leader in the online field, this best- selling resource maintains its reader friendly tone and offers exceptional practical advice, new teaching examples, faculty interviews, and an updated resource section. New to this edition: new chapter on how faculty and instructional designers can work collaboratively expanded chapter on Open Educational Resources, copyright, and intellectual property more international relevance, with global examples and interviews with faculty in a wide variety of regions new interactive Companion Website that invites readers to post questions to the author, offers real-life case studies submitted by users, and includes an updated, online version of the resource section. Focusing on the "how" and "whys" of implementation rather than theory, this text is a must-have resource for anyone teaching online or for students enrolled in Distance Learning and Educational Technology Masters Programs.

Over the last twenty or so years, it has become standard to require policy makers to base their recommendations on evidence. That is now uncontroversial to the point of triviality--of course, policy should be based on the facts. But are the methods that policy makers rely on to gather and analyze evidence the right ones? In Evidence-Based Policy, Nancy Cartwright, an eminent scholar, and Jeremy Hardie, who has had a long and successful career in both business and the economy, explain that the dominant methods which are in use now--broadly speaking, methods that imitate standard practices in medicine like randomized control trials--do not work. They fail, Cartwright and Hardie contend, because they do not enhance our ability to predict if policies will be effective. The prevailing methods fall short not just because social science, which operates within the domain of real-world politics and deals with people, differs so much from the natural science milieu of the lab. Rather, there are principled reasons why the advice for crafting and implementing policy now on offer will lead to bad results. Current guides in use tend to rank scientific methods according to the degree of trustworthiness of the evidence they produce. That is valuable in certain respects, but such approaches offer little advice about how to think about putting such evidence to use. Evidence-Based Policy focuses on showing policymakers how to effectively use evidence, explaining what types of information are most necessary for making reliable policy, and offers lessons on how to organize that information.

Today's technological advances are directly affecting the success of business tomorrow. With recent-- and continual--improvements in technology, many organizations are finding their information systems obsolete, and are having to take a close look at their current Information Systems and answer some tough questions, including: How well are our current Information Systems applications meeting the business needs today? How well can they meet the needs of our business tomorrow? Are we obtaining true value from the investments made in Information

Systems? Are we integrating the Information Systems projects that provide the most value to business? What Information Systems mission, objectives, and strategies are necessary to successfully meet the business challenges of the future? A Practical Guide to Information Systems Strategic Planning helps take the "guess work" out of evaluating current and future Information Systems, and provides the necessary tools for maximizing the investment made in new technology. This invaluable guide shows readers how to take advantage of the latest technology available in Information Systems planning, and how to develop a solid Information Systems plan that is directly linked to their business' goals. In an easy-to-follow, hands-on format, this complete reference describes a process for facilitating communication between business management and the Information Systems functions. Both Information Systems Executives and general business executives will find the information they need to develop a successful, value-added Information Systems plan. Readers will find a step-by-step approach to the process of developing an Information Systems plan that helps them gain a competitive edge well into the future.

Is there more to qualitative data collection than face-to-face interviews? Answering with a resounding 'yes', this book introduces the reader to a wide array of exciting and novel techniques for collecting qualitative data in the social and health sciences. Collecting Qualitative Data offers a practical and accessible guide to textual, media and virtual methods currently under-utilised within qualitative research. Contributors from a range of disciplines share their experiences of implementing a particular technique, provide step-by-step guidance to using that approach, and highlight both the potential and pitfalls. From gathering blog data to the story completion method to conducting focus groups online, the methods and data types featured in this book are ideally suited to student projects and other time- and resource-limited research. In presenting several innovative ways that data can be collected, new modes of scholarship and new research orientations are opened up to student researchers and established scholars alike.

This practical guide provides legal practitioners, participants, witnesses and all those with an interest in public inquiries, with stage-by-stage 'hands on' guidance on the process of public inquiries into matters of public concern. With its user-friendly format of summaries, checklists, 'top tips' and flow charts, this book looks at the setting up of a public inquiry through to its close. It includes information on: - the appointment of the chair and inquiry team; - the choice and significance of the venue; - the drawing up of inquiry procedures, protocols and rulings; - the appointment and role of core participants; - evidence taking; - conducting and attending hearings; - the role of experts; - the writing and publication of the inquiry report. Drawing on the authors' extensive experience as public inquiry lawyers, working on inquiries such as the Bloody Sunday Inquiry, Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Inquiry, Leveson Inquiry and Grenfell Tower Inquiry, together with contributions from a number of other eminent practitioners in the field, this book provides valuable, comprehensive guidance on the public inquiry process.

In a world of increasing complexity, instant information availability and constant flux, systems approaches provide the opportunity of a tangible anchor of purpose and iterate learning. The five approaches outlined in the book offer a range of interchangeable tools with rigorous frameworks of application tried and tested in the 'real world'. The frameworks of each approach form a powerful toolkit to explore the dynamics of how societies emerge, how organisations create viability, how to facilitate chains of argument through causal mapping, how to embrace a multiplicity of perspectives identifying purposeful activity and how to look for the bigger picture across multiple disciplines. Systems Approaches offers an excellent first introduction for those seeking to understand what 'systems thinking' is all about as well as why the tools discussed herein should be applied to management and professional practice. This book provides a practical guide, and the chapters stand alone in explaining and developing each approach.

This book explores issues surrounding all aspects of visual collection management, taken from real-world experience in creating management systems and digitizing core content. Readers will gain the knowledge to manage the digitization process from beginning to end, assess and define the needs of their particular project, and evaluate digitization options. Additionally, they will select strategies which best meet current and future needs, acquire the knowledge to select the best images for digitization, and understand the legal issues surrounding digitization of visual collections. Offers practical information for the busy information professional Concentrates solely on image management Focuses on unique needs of born digital and digitized images

The modern dependence upon information technology and the corresponding information security regulations and requirements force companies to evaluate the security of their core business processes, mission critical data, and supporting IT environment. Combine this with a slowdown in IT spending resulting in justifications of every purchase, and security professionals are forced to scramble to find comprehensive and effective ways to assess their environment in order to discover and prioritize vulnerabilities, and to develop cost-effective solutions that show benefit to the business. A Practical Guide to Security Assessments is a process-focused approach that presents a structured methodology for conducting assessments. The key element of the methodology is an understanding of business goals and processes, and how security measures are aligned with business risks. The guide also emphasizes that resulting security recommendations should be cost-effective and commensurate with the security risk. The methodology described serves as a foundation for building and maintaining an information security program. In addition to the methodology, the book includes an Appendix that contains questionnaires that can be modified and used to conduct security assessments. This guide is for security professionals who can immediately apply the methodology on the job, and also benefits management who can use the methodology to better understand information security and identify areas for improvement.

Today the vast majority of the world's information resides in, is derived from, and is exchanged among multiple automated systems. Critical decisions are made, and critical action is taken based on information from these systems. Therefore, the information must be accurate, correct, and timely, and be manipulated, stored, retrieved, and exchanged s

A Practical Guide for Informationists: Supporting Research and Clinical Practice guides new informationists to a successful career, giving them a pathway to this savvier, more technically advanced, domain-focused role in modern day information centers and libraries. The book's broad scope serves as an invaluable toolkit for healthcare professionals, researchers and graduate students in information management, library and information science, data management, informatics, etc. Furthermore, it is also ideal as a textbook for courses in medical reference services/medical informatics in MLIS programs. Offer examples (e.g. case studies) of ways of delivering information services to end users Includes recommendations, evidence and worksheets/take-aways/templates to be repurposed and adapted by the reader Aimed at the broad area of healthcare and research libraries

In this groundbreaking and forward-looking resource, Rita Cheminais clearly explains the impact of the Every Child Matters agenda for teachers working in a range of educational settings. Based on the latest national legislation and developments in education, the book provides an up-to-the-minute guide on how to respond to the exciting challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for teachers as extended schools develop. Coverage includes: An overview of the Every Child Matters Change for Children Programme and its impact on schools and teachers in learning communities How to access personalised learning opportunities for a diversity of learners New roles and responsibilities for teachers working with other paraprofessionals from within schools and from external services School self-evaluation, quality assurance and monitoring the five Every Child Matters outcomes aligned with the OFSTED inspection framework This accessible and user-friendly book provides a wealth of practical resources, including

photocopiable sheets and positive solution-focused advice, to support busy teachers trying to keep pace with the amount of new legislation regarding the Change for Children Programme. It is also ideal for all those involved in supporting teachers in schools in responding to new ways of working – senior managers, advisers, inspectors, educational psychologists, ITE lecturers and health and social services professionals.

The Information Audit is a process by which a library or information centre reviews and assesses its holdings, services, etc. This topic is one that has generated much interest over the last few years. The Information Audit: A Practical Guide will take the information professional through the stages of conducting an audit, from planning and carrying out to assessing and presenting the results and how to implement findings. As an aid to understanding, the book contains four international case studies to illustrate the information audit process in action. The Information Audit is directed at library managers in all sectors, but particularly those in special libraries, students and lecturers in library and information science.

This important book is the first to offer practical guidance to information management professionals seeking to implement web archiving programmes of their own. It is essential reading for those who need to collect and preserve specific elements of the web - from national domains or individual subject areas to an organization's own website. Drawing on the author's experience of managing the National Archives' web archiving programme, together with lessons learned from other international initiatives, this book provides a comprehensive overview of current best practice. It assumes only a basic understanding of IT and web technologies, but also offers much to more technically-oriented readers. Contents include: the development of web archiving selection policies collection methods quality assurance preservation delivery to user optimizing websites for archiving legislation managing a web archiving programme future trends. Readership: Written to address audiences from the whole spectrum of information management sectors, this book is vital reading for three types of reader: policy-makers, who need to make decisions about establishing or developing an institutional web archiving programme; information management professionals, who may be required to implement a web archiving programme; and website owners and web masters, who may be required to facilitate archiving of their own websites.

Now in its third edition, this invaluable handbook offers practical solutions to issues arising in relation to data protection law. It is fully updated and expanded to include coverage of all of the significant developments in the practice of data protection, and takes account of the wealth of guidance published by the Information Commissioner since the last edition. The third edition includes new material on the changes to the Commissioner's powers and new guidance from the Commissioner's office, coverage of new cases on peripheral aspects of data protection compliance and examples of enforcement, the new code on CCTV processing, the new employment code, clarification on the definition of "personal data", the binding corporate rules on the exemption to the export data ban and the new ICT set of model contractual provisions for data exports, and the proposed action by the EU against the UK for failing to implement the Data Protection Directive appropriately. There are new chapters on terminology and data security.

At some point in their careers, many health professionals and students wish to engage in overseas work. Learning from other systems, people and cultures is invaluable and in some cases life changing. This book is a unique resource that offers necessary insights into making the most of the experience, from pre-departure training through to return orientation. It provides information on navigating the legalities and bureaucracies of international medical training and gives insights into cultural and language competencies, including how to be ethical and deferential in the exchange of situational knowledge. Preparing for International Health Experiences is a must-read for any healthcare student considering volunteering, doing mission or practical work abroad. It covers specific medical professions from paediatrics to surgery, and allied disciplines such as dentistry and nursing. Its practical tips and consideration of ethical issues will be valued by readers of different levels and experience.

The Really Useful ICT Book is a practical and easy-to-use guide to give you all the confidence you need to use ICT really effectively inside and outside the primary classroom. It makes clear how ICT can be taught as a standalone subject, and how it can be used easily and imaginatively to enhance teaching other subjects. Jam-packed with ideas and templates to save you time, this friendly handbook offers an introduction to: using ICT inside the classroom – including interactive whiteboards, computer suites, VLEs and e-safety using ICT outside the classroom – including word processors, laptops, data loggers and digital cameras when and how to use a wide range of software and hardware – from spreadsheet packages through to digital photography, e-portfolios and software simulation using ICT in all subject areas practical suggestions for using ICT in cross-curricular topics using ICT to develop teacher and pupil creativity using ICT for assessment and in your professional role. With an emphasis on developing children's creativity and on progression from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2, The Really Useful ICT Book is a comprehensive compendium of advice and inspiration for all training, newly qualified and experienced teachers, as well as those in support roles in primary schools.

New core text for Managing Information modules examining the issue of information management from both a business and an IT perspective. Grounded in the theory, it takes a practical, problem-solving approach that provides students with tools and insights to understand how to formulate and implement information management strategies.

The Practical Guide to Release of Information Rose T. Dunn, RHIA, CPA, CHPS; Scott A. Edelstein, Esq. Release of information (ROI) is an ongoing challenge for healthcare facilities and physician offices as they strive to comply with changing regulations that determine how and when to release a patient's private health information. Here's a book that provides the information and guidance that health information management professionals seek. "The Practical Guide to Release"" of Information "offers advice that will help ensure your ROI department knows how to process requests in a timely and compliant manner. Download any of the forms and policies included on the companion CD-ROM and make your processes even stronger. You can't just photocopy medical records and give the pages to anyone who asks for them. HIPAA requirements and various restrictions embodied in state and other federal laws make it both time consuming and expensive--not to mention a risk to compliance--to release information without knowing how to determine the rules and follow them. Whether you manage ROI in-house or outsource it, this book contains the advice you need to establish and manage the process, and measure staff productivity. You'll also learn how to easily access a legal resource that explains your state's regulations that govern copy costs. Take a look at the Contents What is Release of Information? Release of Information--The Process A Blueprint for Establishing Release of Information Services Resources Necessary for Release of Information Why We Need to Know About Costs Associated with Release of Information Case Study Release of Information Challenges Anatomy of the Copy Cost Lawsuit E -Discovery Federal Preemption of State Release of Information Laws Here are a few of the same forms and policies you'll receive on the accompanying CD-ROM Sample confidentiality acknowledgment pertaining to privacy and security of various information Sample authorization form for release of health information Sample policy pertaining to uses and disclosures of PHI for TPO Sample time/labor estimate to project ROI staffing requirements Sample authorization for release of PHI from mental health records

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This book provides experienced and detailed research-based guidance for library professionals charged with creating a comprehensive accessibility plan for their organization. This practical guide is designed to help librarians understand the challenging issues often inherent in the different types of accessibility barriers.

Information Disposition is the first comprehensive digest covering the wide range of issues related to protecting information at its most vulnerable point - the end of its life cycle. Policies for information disposal are often limited to one sentence, "Information shall be properly destroyed at the end of its useful life." No wonder improperly discarded information remains one of the most overlooked areas of data protection around the world. Information Disposition contains everything one needs to know, including policies and templates, to create a state-of-the-art, compliant and secure information destruction program.

Since this book first published in 2006, the field of information visualization has changed dramatically. First, information visualization has exploded online and on other digital platforms. Second, information graphics reporting has encompassed nearly every sector of communication and business. Visual reporting skills are not only relevant in traditional news environments, but many other professions as well. This edition seeks to address these changes by providing learners with a cross-platform, cross-industry approach to instruction. It will include a robust, dynamic website complete with regularly updated examples of print, online, and broadcast graphics, as well as useful tutorials and exercises.

This book covers everything you need to know about reporting with graphics; information visualization and graphic design from a journalistic perspective. A companion website includes regularly updated examples of print, online, and broadcast graphics, as well as tutorials and exercises. Chapters include relevant case studies and conclude with essays from experts. When appropriate, resource files for exercises (such as Illustrator templates, images, and/or other visual reference material) will also be provided on the companion website. thegraphicsreporter.com

The proliferation of electronic information services has been retarded as much by the novel aspects of the pricing and accounting of resources they represent as by fear of technology or tight budgets. Library provision poses special problems as it must accommodate a mixed economy: commitment to good public services, and cost-driven financial planning. Who should be responsible for network services spread across different cost centers? What are the costs that are masked by site licensing and top-slicing? Can economic and fiscal models guide those who plan for networked services? Incorporating step-by-step instructions, problem-solving techniques and broad case study material, this practical primer will help the reader address these concerns. This text is essential reading for all information providers and suppliers of electronic services, including managers in academic and public libraries, and will also be of great interest to students of librarianship and information management.

Inspired by the author's need for practical guidance in the processes of data analysis, A Practical Guide to Scientific Data Analysis has been written as a statistical companion for the working scientist. This handbook of data analysis with worked examples focuses on the application of mathematical and statistical techniques and the interpretation of their results. Covering the most common statistical methods for examining and exploring relationships in data, the text includes extensive examples from a variety of scientific disciplines. The chapters are organised logically, from planning an experiment, through examining and displaying the data, to constructing quantitative models. Each chapter is intended to stand alone so that casual users can refer to the section that is most appropriate to their problem. Written by a highly qualified and internationally respected author this text: Presents statistics for the non-statistician Explains a variety of methods to extract information from data Describes the application of statistical methods to the design of "performance chemicals" Emphasises the application of statistical techniques and the interpretation of their results Of practical use to chemists, biochemists, pharmacists, biologists and researchers from many other scientific disciplines in both industry and academia.

Information literacy assessment applies to a number of contexts in the higher education arena. This practical guide provides an overview of the assessment process: planning; selection and development of tools; and analysis and reporting of data.

A practitioner-researcher is an information professional who may not have formal training in using research methods and is learning how to use these methods during their busy, complex job. [This book] can help information professionals build an understanding of the research process as applied to our field and address the challenges of undertaking research as a practitioner, as well offer support and advice for all stages of a research project, from writing the proposal to collecting the data to disseminating the findings. --

Health and Safety Communication: A Practical Guide Forward is an easy introduction to the principles and practice of health and safety communications, providing all you need to know to design and implement communications efforts on a wide range of health and safety topics and issues. Whether you're a student grappling with a health communications course or a professional wishing to learn how to communicate health and safety messages effectively to a range of audiences using a variety of communications media, Health and Safety Communication is all you'll need. This book incorporates two broad sections: the grounding and the applications. The model articulates a planning approach for designing, implementing and reviewing a range of communications approaches. The applications segment specifies numerous approaches, including workshops, print materials, campaigns, the media, public speaking and social media that can be used to convey what the health and safety specialist wants the audience to "know, feel and do" as a result of engagement with the communications approach. Health and Safety Communication blends sound foundations with practical strategies for health and safety communication so

that messages can be communicated more effectively; after all, for changes to occur, the message must be received and respected. Unique features of this book include a wide range of approaches and strategies, with numerous examples and tips provided throughout. "Messages from the field" incorporate examples and samples from over 30 individuals and organizations, offering their insights and suggestions. The applied approach of this definitive guide is designed to enhance the competence and confidence of those currently in health or safety arenas, as well as those seeking to incorporate health or safety messages in other settings such as businesses or communities.

Learn how to use field research to bring essential people-centred insights to your information design projects. Information design is recognized as the practice of making complex data and information understandable for a particular audience, but what's often overlooked is the importance of understanding the audience themselves during the information design process. Rather than rely on intuition or assumptions, information designers need evidence gathered from real people about how they think, feel, and behave in order to inform the design of effective solutions. To do this, they need field research. If you're unsure about field research and how it might fit into a project, this book is for you. This text presents practical, easy-to-follow instructions for planning, designing, and conducting a field study, as well as guidance for making sense of field data and translating findings into action. The selection of established methods and techniques, drawn from social sciences, anthropology, and participatory design, is geared specifically toward information design problems. Over 80 illustrations and five real-world case studies bring key principles and methods of field research to life. Whether you are designing a family of icons or a large-scale signage system, an instruction manual or an interactive data visualization, this book will guide you through the necessary steps to ensure you are meeting people's needs.

Market Data Explained is intended to provide a guide to the universe of data content produced by the global capital markets on a daily basis. Commonly referred to as "market data , the universe of content is very wide and the type of information correspondingly diverse. Jargon and acronyms are very common. As a result, users of marker data typically face difficulty in applying the content in analysis and business applications. This guide provides an independent framework for understanding this diversity and streamlining the process of referring to content and how it relates to today's business environment. The book achieves this goal by providing a consistent frame of reference for users of market data. As such, it is built around the concept of a data model – a single, coherent view of the capital markets independent of any one source, such as an exchange. In particular it delineates clearly between the actual data content and how it is delivered (i.e., realtime data streams versus reference data). It shows how the data relates across the universe of securities (i.e., stocks, bonds, derivatives etc.). In this way it provides a logical framework for understanding how new content can be added over time as the business develops. Special features: 1. Uniqueness – this is the first comprehensive catalog and taxonomy to be made available for a business audience 2. Industry Acceptance – the framework described in this book is implemented as a relational data model in the industry today and used by blue chip multinational firms 3. Comprehensiveness – there are no arbitrary distinctions made based on asset class or data type (the legacy approach). The model presented in this book is fully cross asset and makes no distinction between data types (i.e., realtime versus historical/reference data) or sources 4. Independence – the framework is an independent, objective overview of how the data content integrates to provide a coherent view of the data produced by the global capital markets on a daily and intra-day basis. It provides a logical framework for referring to the content and entities that are so intrinsic to this industry First and only single, comprehensive desk reference to market data produced by the global capital markets on a daily basis Provides a comprehensive catalog of the market data and a common structure for navigating the complex content and interrelationships Provides a common taxonomy and naming conventions that handles the highly varied, geographically and language dependent nature of the content

When you invest in expensive technology and systems, you want to get the most out of them. Process improvement has been used for years as an effective strategy to reduce costs, shorten cycle times, improve quality, and increase user satisfaction in other areas of business such as Quality, Manufacturing, and Engineering. While there are many books a

Designed for librarians who work with all age levels from youngsters to seniors at all educational, reading and language backgrounds, who must fulfill responsibilities that run the gamut from instructing patrons on information literacy skills to using electronic tools to marketing the library to locating funding, Infographics: A Practical Guide for Librarians provides librarians with the following: Section I: Infographics 101 contains definitions, history, importance in today's society, types and examples, advantages and disadvantages, general uses, uses in libraries, tools for creation and design tips. Section II: Practical applications show how to use infographics in academic, public, special and school libraries. Included are visual examples and step-by-step instructions to create two infographics Included in each section are exercises, tables with URLs to more ideas and materials and references. This practical guide will help every type and size of library use infographics as a powerful part in their 21st century game plan. Whether it's marketing the public library, improving students information literacy skills in a school library or showcasing the accomplishments of the academic library, infographics can be a vital part of the library's playbook. The book describes ways to use infographics to: raise funds for a public library teach critical thinking and 21st century skills in the school library illustrate why libraries matter by relaying value of academic libraries market the library improve information literacy in academic settings advocate for resources and services.

The definitive, behind-the-scenes guide to mastering informationdesign Finally, in one usable format, here's your single-volume resourcefor designing clear projects that really work for your audience.The Practical Guide to Information Design provides all the tools,resources, and best practices that designers need to create highlysuccessful print and digital information design projects. A brilliant combination of practice and theory, this highly visualbook covers the principles of design, perception, and usability,complete with step-by-step examples that feature the work oftoday's leading professionals. Comprehensively illustrated withhundreds of valuable graphs, maps, tables, line drawings, andphotos, The Practical Guide to Information Design features: * Complete descriptions and comparisons of various formats * A range of helpful exercises to reinforce covered material * Handy summary boxes, bulleted lists, captions, and examples * A wealth of useful resources for professionals and students

Whether you are a CEO, CFO, board member, or an IT executive, From Business Strategy to Information Technology Roadmap: A Practical Guide for Executives and Board Members lays out a practical, how-to approach to identifying business strategies and creating value-driven technology roadmaps in your organization. Unlike many other books on the subject, you will not find theories or grandiose ideas here. This book uses numerous examples, illustrations, and case studies to show you how to solve the real-world problems that business executives and technology leaders face on a day-to-day basis. Filled

with actionable advice you can use immediately, the authors introduce Agile and the Lean mindset in a manner that the people in your business and technology departments can easily understand. Ideal for executives in both the commercial and nonprofit sectors, it includes two case studies: one about a commercial family business that thrived to become a multi-million-dollar company and the other about a nonprofit association based in New York City that fights against child illiteracy.

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