

Guide To Service Desk Concepts Donna Knapp

If you had to rebuild the IT helpdesk from the ground up, how would you do it? Service Desk Superhero is a comprehensive, step-by-step guide in transforming the service desk from mediocre to excellent! Be an I.T. superhero! Turn the service desk around, improve the business, and catapult your career! In this book you will learn: ? How to lay the foundation that will ensure optimal service desk success! ? How to harness the unique talents of the service desk staff and align their roles! ? How to build a solid service desk solution by choosing the right ticketing system! ? How to use automation techniques to put your service desk on cruise control! ? BONUS: How to deal with the most common service requests and incidents! ...and much more! Don't let your IT career fall into a downward spiral. BUY this book NOW! Readers are loving Service Desk Superhero: "I wish I had a book like this years ago! The Service Desk industry can really benefit from the research and advice from Service Desk Superhero. I'm certain that businesses will see tremendous improvements in the way IT incidents and requests are handled if they follow Mike's advice." -- J. M., IT Consultant and Business Systems Analyst, CGI "WOW is all I can say. I highly, highly recommend this book. There is no service desk reference like this out there....If you only had to buy one book about the service desk, this had better be it!" --- A.M., Business Consultant, TD Bank "This is an invaluable, must-have reference guide! It's an excellent compilation of best practices that Service Desks should refer to periodically." --- W. S., Cyber Security Consultant

Written by renowned data science experts Foster Provost and Tom Fawcett, Data Science for Business introduces the fundamental principles of data science, and walks you through the "data-analytic thinking" necessary for extracting useful knowledge and business value from the data you collect. This guide also helps you understand the many data-mining techniques in use today. Based on an MBA course Provost has taught at New York University over the past ten years, Data Science for Business provides examples of real-world business problems to illustrate these principles. You'll not only learn how to improve communication between business stakeholders and data scientists, but also how participate intelligently in your company's data science projects. You'll also discover how to think data-analytically, and fully appreciate how data science methods can support business decision-making. Understand how data science fits in your organization—and how you can use it for competitive advantage Treat data as a business asset that requires careful investment if you're to gain real value Approach business problems data-analytically, using the data-mining process to gather good data in the most appropriate way Learn general concepts for actually extracting knowledge from data Apply data science principles when interviewing data science job candidates

The study of what is collectively labeled "New Media"—the cultural and artistic practices made possible by digital technology—has become one of the most vibrant areas of scholarly activity and is rapidly turning into an established academic field, with many universities now offering it as a major. The Johns Hopkins Guide to Digital Media is the first comprehensive reference work to which teachers, students, and the curious can quickly turn for reliable information on the key terms and concepts of the field. The contributors present entries on nearly 150 ideas, genres, and theoretical concepts that have allowed digital media to produce some of the most innovative intellectual, artistic, and social practices of our time. The result is an easy-to-consult reference for digital media scholars or anyone wishing to become familiar with this fast-developing field.

In Team Topologies DevOps consultants Matthew Skelton and Manuel Pais share secrets of successful team patterns and interactions to help readers choose and evolve the right team patterns for their organization, making sure to keep the software healthy and optimize value streams. Team Topologies will help readers discover: • Team patterns used by successful organizations. • Common team patterns to avoid with modern software systems. • When and why to use different team patterns • How to evolve teams effectively. • How to split software and align to teams.

This detailed look at the "soft" skills needed to succeed as help desk professional will provide students with proven customer support techniques for the workplace.

See how privileges, insecure passwords, administrative rights, and remote access can be combined as an attack vector to breach any organization. Cyber attacks continue to increase in volume and sophistication. It is not a matter of if, but when, your organization will be breached. Threat actors target the path of least resistance: users and their privileges. In decades past, an entire enterprise might be sufficiently managed through just a handful of credentials. Today's environmental complexity has seen an explosion of privileged credentials for many different account types such as domain and local administrators, operating systems (Windows, Unix, Linux, macOS, etc.), directory services, databases, applications, cloud instances, networking hardware, Internet of Things (IoT), social media, and so many more. When unmanaged, these privileged credentials pose a significant threat from external hackers and insider threats. We are experiencing an expanding universe of privileged accounts almost everywhere. There is no one solution or strategy to provide the protection you need against all vectors and stages of an attack. And while some new and innovative products will help protect against or detect against a privilege attack, they are not guaranteed to stop 100% of malicious activity. The volume and frequency of privilege-based attacks continues to increase and test the limits of existing security controls and solution implementations. Privileged Attack Vectors details the risks associated with poor privilege management, the techniques that threat actors leverage, and the defensive measures that organizations should adopt to protect against an incident, protect against lateral movement, and improve the ability to detect malicious activity due to the inappropriate usage of privileged credentials. This revised and expanded second edition covers new attack vectors, has updated definitions for privileged access management (PAM), new strategies for defense, tested empirical steps for a successful implementation, and includes new disciplines for least privilege endpoint management and privileged remote access. What You Will Learn Know how identities, accounts, credentials, passwords, and exploits can be leveraged to escalate privileges during an attack Implement defensive and monitoring strategies to mitigate privilege threats and risk Understand a 10-step universal privilege management implementation plan to guide you through a successful privilege access management journey Develop a comprehensive model for documenting risk, compliance, and reporting based on privilege session activity Who This Book Is For Security management professionals, new security professionals, and auditors looking to understand and solve privilege access management problems

A GUIDE TO CUSTOMER SERVICE SKILLS FOR THE SERVICE DESK PROFESSIONAL, the definitive service desk text now available in a fully revised fourth edition, teaches technical professionals the skills and work habits needed to successfully interact with customers and achieve job satisfaction. Each chapter describes a specific business skill, soft skill, or self-

management skill required to deliver effective technical customer support while providing proven, how-to techniques for mastering that skill. Research and references have been updated in each chapter, and the latest ITIL vocabulary and concepts are reflected throughout the text. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Mark Copeman is a serial entrepreneur and was co-founder of Customer Thermometer, the customer satisfaction tool. He has spent two decades developing customer relationships, building a helpdesk and working with 100's of customer service organisations across the world. During this time, he has discovered the single most important ingredient to delivering exceptional customer service - habit creation and embedding. Mark's formula for success will not only transform how you work, but will also make you a happier and more successful customer service professional. Through his unique framework, he shows you how to create and embed 50 new habits, transforming how you deliver customer service, whether by phone, email or chat. Learn the importance of harnessing habits Develop the right attitude towards your role Understand the importance of human customer service Learn how to communicate effectively See how tiny adjustments in phrasing can win the day Become skilled in empathy and rapport Be assured it's OK to have a personality Read and implement with your team today and turn your helpdesk into a feature, not an overhead.

Sanskrit and yoga scholar Nicolai Bachman offers yoga teachers and students an in-depth resource for accessing, understanding, and practicing the core spiritual teachings of Patañjali's Yoga Sutras. Includes all the Sanskrit, color illustrations, and a full explanation of each concept. Those who love the physical practice of yoga—its postures, movements, and breathwork—often find themselves seeking its deeper spiritual wisdom. More than 2,000 years ago, the legendary master Patañjali illuminated the way with 195 pearls of insight known as the Yoga Sutras. With this indispensable and beautifully illustrated resource, Sanskrit and yoga philosophy teacher Nicolai Bachman brings us a modern, practical guide to Patañjali's foundational masterpiece. Why do we react the way we do in certain situations? How can suffering be an opportunity for growth? Why are nonviolence and truth so important to students and society? Patañjali's sutras shine a timeless light on these questions and more. To help us truly understand what yoga is, Bachman focuses on 51 key concepts, explains each one in great detail, and poses ways to contemplate and experience them in our own lives. This comprehensive work also includes a concise history of yoga and the sutras, a full translation of every sutra, several color illustrations of important process flows, a large glossary of Sanskrit terms, and many learning exercises. Whether you're a seasoned instructor or a student looking to go further in your practice, The Yoga Sutras Desk Reference offers a treasury of teachings to discover and connect with your inner awareness.

Explores cloud computing, breaking down the concepts, models, mechanisms, and architectures of this technology while allowing for the financial assessment of resources and how they compare to traditional storage systems.

Don't simply show your data—tell a story with it! Storytelling with Data teaches you the fundamentals of data visualization and how to communicate effectively with data. You'll discover the power of storytelling and the way to make data a pivotal point in your story. The lessons in this illuminative text are grounded in theory, but made accessible through numerous real-world examples—ready for immediate application to your next graph or presentation. Storytelling is not an inherent skill, especially when it comes to data visualization, and the tools at our disposal don't make it any easier. This book demonstrates how to go beyond conventional tools to reach the root of your data, and how to use your data to create an engaging, informative, compelling story. Specifically, you'll learn how to: Understand the importance of context and audience Determine the appropriate type of graph for your situation Recognize and eliminate the clutter clouding your information Direct your audience's attention to the most important parts of your data Think like a designer and utilize concepts of design in data visualization Leverage the power of storytelling to help your message resonate with your audience Together, the lessons in this book will help you turn your data into high impact visual stories that stick with your audience. Rid your world of ineffective graphs, one exploding 3D pie chart at a time. There is a story in your data—Storytelling with Data will give you the skills and power to tell it!

"This edited collection considers how feminist strategies and philosophies might initiate, reshape, and critique approaches to library reference services"--

The second edition of Donna Knapp's highly successful first edition introduces service concepts, skill sets, career paths, and operations of the help desk industry. The author's expertise provides strong real-world computer support examples and case studies.

This volume provides updated guidance on how to design, develop and implement service management both as an organisational capability and a strategic asset. It is a guide to a strategic review of ITIL-based service management capabilities, with the aim of improving their alignment with overall business needs. It is written primarily for senior managers who provide leadership and direction in the form of objectives, plans and policies. It is also benefits managers at other levels, by explaining the logic of senior management decisions.

Service Management is the potent idea that could change your business. This useful little book is a pocket guide on how to operate any enterprise, described from the point of view of the services it delivers. After all, delivery is what success is all about. It describes the basics, in realistic pragmatic terms. And it is brief - we limited ourselves to 50 pages. Whether you are in manufacturing, trades, retail, IT, not-for-profit...; whether you provide service internally to the rest of your organisation or externally to paying customers; whether you work anywhere from a small business to a government department; this book introduces you to service management. It will get you started, get you up and running, and it will set you on the path to the advanced concepts if that is where you need to be.

The Guide to a Successful Managed Services Practice applies some of the most innovative and highly effective Managed Services techniques ever developed, and proven to increase long-term predictable revenue, thereby increasing an IT Organization's value. Leverage MSP University's successful Managed Services concepts - 3 Killer Managed Services deliverables - A Unique Managed Services Sales Process so successful that Clients can't resist signing your Agreements - Pricing your Managed Services deliverables for Maximum Profit - What to do after your Client is sold - Advanced Annuity-Based revenue philosophies. The Guide to a Successful Managed Services Practice includes everything you'll need to: - Transition to a successful, Annuity-Based Managed Services model and Evaluate your existing Clients and calculate what they'll be worth on a Monthly and Yearly basis when converted to Managed Services - Successfully market and sell Managed Services to new Clients - Increase your organization's overall value by transitioning to an Annuity-based Service Delivery model. *Includes nearly 30 downloadable Managed Services Business, Technical, Sales and Marketing Tools, Forms and Collateral! *Bonus: 4 Business-Winning PowerPoint Presentations! *Extra Special Bonus: Recorded Managed Services Webcast download included!

Test your knowledge and know what to expect on A+ exam day CompTIA A+ Complete Practice Tests, Second Edition enables you to hone your test-taking skills, focus on challenging areas, and be thoroughly prepared to ace the exam and earn your A+ certification. This essential component of your overall study plan presents nine unique practice tests—and two 90-question bonus tests—covering 100% of the objective domains for both the 220-1001 and 220-1002 exams. Comprehensive coverage of every essential exam topic ensures that you will know what to expect on exam day and maximize your chances for success. Over 1200 practice questions on topics including hardware, networking, mobile devices, operating systems and procedures,

troubleshooting, and more, lets you assess your performance and gain the confidence you need to pass the exam with flying colors. This second edition has been fully updated to reflect the latest best practices and updated exam objectives you will see on the big day. A+ certification is a crucial step in your IT career. Many businesses require this accreditation when hiring computer technicians or validating the skills of current employees. This collection of practice tests allows you to: Access the test bank in the Sybex interactive learning environment Understand the subject matter through clear and accurate answers and explanations of exam objectives Evaluate your exam knowledge and concentrate on problem areas Integrate practice tests with other Sybex review and study guides, including the CompTIA A+ Complete Study Guide and the CompTIA A+ Complete Deluxe Study Guide Practice tests are an effective way to increase comprehension, strengthen retention, and measure overall knowledge. The CompTIA A+ Complete Practice Tests, Second Edition is an indispensable part of any study plan for A+ certification.

Read the Wall Street Journal Bestseller for "cultivating intense focus" for fast, powerful performance results for achieving success and true meaning in one's professional life (Adam Grant, author of Give and Take). Deep work is the ability to focus without distraction on a cognitively demanding task. It's a skill that allows you to quickly master complicated information and produce better results in less time. Deep Work will make you better at what you do and provide the sense of true fulfillment that comes from craftsmanship. In short, deep work is like a super power in our increasingly competitive twenty-first century economy. And yet, most people have lost the ability to go deep—spending their days instead in a frantic blur of e-mail and social media, not even realizing there's a better way. In Deep Work, author and professor Cal Newport flips the narrative on impact in a connected age. Instead of arguing distraction is bad, he instead celebrates the power of its opposite. Dividing this book into two parts, he first makes the case that in almost any profession, cultivating a deep work ethic will produce massive benefits. He then presents a rigorous training regimen, presented as a series of four "rules," for transforming your mind and habits to support this skill. 1. Work Deeply 2. Embrace Boredom 3. Quit Social Media 4. Drain the Shallows A mix of cultural criticism and actionable advice, Deep Work takes the reader on a journey through memorable stories—from Carl Jung building a stone tower in the woods to focus his mind, to a social media pioneer buying a round-trip business class ticket to Tokyo to write a book free from distraction in the air—and no-nonsense advice, such as the claim that most serious professionals should quit social media and that you should practice being bored. Deep Work is an indispensable guide to anyone seeking focused success in a distracted world. An Amazon Best Book of 2016 Pick in Business & Leadership Wall Street Journal Business Bestseller A Business Book of the Week at 800-CEO-READ

Are you overworked, unappreciated and under-resourced? This book understands you, and provides years and years of User Support experience packed into one volume. The 'How To' book that every IT department needs, it will help turn your helpdesk into a company asset. How to be successful at probably the most stressful job in IT This book offers tools for measuring productivity and features ten key steps for successful support, while User Support successes and failures are revealed in true life case studies. This book gives you techniques for: *Justifying staff and other expenditure * Gaining senior management support * Getting the users on your side * Running a motivated and productive team * Designing and managing services and service levels The second edition of this popular book brings updates to several of the author's ideas, strategies and techniques with new material on: * Customer Relationship Management - definition and the role of the helpdesk * E-Support and the Internet * Contrasting the Call Center and the Helpdesk * first, second and third line support * Operational Level Agreements * Strategies for backlog management * Telephone technologies in user support In addition there is: * A new Template for a Service Level Agreement * An Improved cost justification model for the Internal Helpdesk * A New cost justification model for the External Helpdesk

True or false? In selling high-value products or services: 'closing' increases your chance of success; it is essential to describe the benefits of your product or service to the customer; objection handling is an important skill; open questions are more effective than closed questions. All false, says this provocative book. Neil Rackham and his team studied more than 35,000 sales calls made by 10,000 sales people in 23 countries over 12 years. Their findings revealed that many of the methods developed for selling low-value goods just don't work for major sales. Rackham went on to introduce his SPIN-Selling method. SPIN describes the whole selling process: Situation questions Problem questions Implication questions Need-payoff questions SPIN-Selling provides you with a set of simple and practical techniques which have been tried in many of today's leading companies with dramatic improvements to their sales performance.

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Principles of Management is designed to meet the scope and sequence requirements of the introductory course on management. This is a traditional approach to management using the leading, planning, organizing, and controlling approach. Management is a broad business discipline, and the Principles of Management course covers many management areas such as human resource management and strategic management, as well behavioral areas such as motivation. No one individual can be an expert in all areas of management, so an additional benefit of this text is that specialists in a variety of areas have authored individual chapters.

Stand out in one of IT's fastest growing job markets If you're looking for a job in IT, the help desk is the heart and soul of most IT operations, and an excellent starting point for a promising career. With the help of Getting an IT Help Desk Job For Dummies, you'll gain the knowledge and know-how to cut through the confusion of navigating the Information Technology job market. IT can be intimidating to hopeful-yet-inexperienced job candidates, but this guide will help you find and land the job of your dreams. Through easy-to-follow explanations, authoritative information, and a bit of humor, Getting an IT Help Desk Job For Dummies serves as your thorough and approachable guide to maximizing your competitive edge in this booming market. The IT job market has continued to expand as technology matures and deepens its roots in business operations. This is good news for you! However, it makes it that much harder to get a job in IT, as recent grads and other professionals are practically stampeding to get their feet in the door of this rapidly expanding industry. Luckily, Getting an IT Help Desk Job For Dummies gives you an advantage by providing expert instruction on how to score an interview and secure a job offer, the skills needed to obtain and maintain an IT position, and authoritative information on how to establish a career path in the IT field. Explore careers in the IT Help Desk field and establish the path you want to follow Plan for post-education certifications and training to make yourself more marketable Get expert guidance for creating a winning resume and cover letter Prepare for your IT Help Desk interview Loaded with simple, straight-forward advice, Getting an IT Help Desk Job For Dummies is your all-in-one guide to starting your IT career on the right foot!

Management, Computers, Computer networks, Information exchange, Data processing, IT and Information Management: IT Service Management

All of today's help desk support skills, in one easy-to-understand book The perfect beginner's guide: No help desk or support experience necessary Covers both "soft" personal skills and "hard" technical skills Explains the changing role of help desk professionals in the modern support center Today, everyone depends on technology—and practically everyone needs help to use it well. Organizations deliver that assistance through help desks. This guide brings together all the knowledge you need to succeed in any help desk or technical support role, prepare for promotion, and succeed with the support-related parts of other IT jobs. Leading technology instructor Darril Gibson tours the modern help desk, explains what modern support professionals really do, and fully covers both of the skill sets you'll need: technical and personal. In clear and simple language, he discusses everything from troubleshooting specific problems to working with difficult users. You'll even learn how to manage a help desk, so it works better and delivers more value. Coverage includes:

- How the modern help desk has evolved
- Understanding your users' needs, goals, and attitudes
- Walking through the typical help desk call
- Communicating well: listening actively and asking better questions
- Improving interactions and handling difficult situations
- Developing positive attitudes, and "owning" the problem
- Managing your time and stress
- Supporting computers, networks, smartphones, and tablets
- Finding the technical product knowledge you need
- Protecting the security of your users, information, and devices
- Defining, diagnosing, and solving problems, step by step
- Writing it up: from incident reports to documentation
- Working in teams to meet the goals of the business
- Using ITIL to improve the services you provide
- Calculating help desk costs, benefits, value, and performance
- Taking control of your support career

Powerful features make it easier to learn about help desk careers!

- Clear introductions describe the big ideas and show how they fit with what you've already learned
- Specific chapter objectives tell you exactly what you need to learn
- Key Terms lists help you identify important terms and a complete Glossary helps you understand them
- Author's Notes and On The Side features help you go deeper into the topic if you want to
- Chapter Review tools and activities help you make sure you've learned the material
- Exclusive Mind Mapping activities!
- Organize important ideas visually—in your mind, in your words
- Learn more, remember more
- Understand how different ideas fit together

What's the secret to sales success? If you're like most business leaders, you'd say it's fundamentally about relationships—and you'd be wrong. The best salespeople don't just build relationships with customers. They challenge them. The need to understand what top-performing reps are doing that their average performing colleagues are not drove Matthew Dixon, Brent Adamson, and their colleagues at Corporate Executive Board to investigate the skills, behaviors, knowledge, and attitudes that matter most for high performance. And what they discovered may be the biggest shock to conventional sales wisdom in decades. Based on an exhaustive study of thousands of sales reps across multiple industries and geographies, *The Challenger Sale* argues that classic relationship building is a losing approach, especially when it comes to selling complex, large-scale business-to-business solutions. The authors' study found that every sales rep in the world falls into one of five distinct profiles, and while all of these types of reps can deliver average sales performance, only one—the Challenger—delivers consistently high performance. Instead of bludgeoning customers with endless facts and features about their company and products, Challengers approach customers with unique insights about how they can save or make money. They tailor their sales message to the customer's specific needs and objectives. Rather than acquiescing to the customer's every demand or objection, they are assertive, pushing back when necessary and taking control of the sale. The things that make Challengers unique are replicable and teachable to the average sales rep. Once you understand how to identify the Challengers in your organization, you can model their approach and embed it throughout your sales force. The authors explain how almost any average-performing rep, once equipped with the right tools, can successfully reframe customers' expectations and deliver a distinctive purchase experience that drives higher levels of customer loyalty and, ultimately, greater growth.

Translate technical expertise into an effective career in computer user support with the help of Knapp's *A GUIDE TO SERVICE DESK CONCEPTS*, 4E, International Edition. This trusted, contemporary guide introduces the latest developments, research, resources and trends as they happen in computer user support. Readers explore the various types of service desks and gain a solid understanding of the diverse roles and skills required. This edition also reviews the processes and technologies that ensure the service desk is operating effectively and examines how today's leading organizations measure service desk success. The author references the very latest ITIL® 2011 best practices, leading quality and IT service management frameworks and standards to ensure this edition presents the most recent information regarding the role of outsourcing and certification in the service desk. New case studies and projects as well as updated chapters highlight the evolving role of the service desk and how technology trends, such as cloud computing, virtualization, mobile technology and consumerization, are impacting the service desk. New material also examines the current emphasis on self-help and the effects of self-healing capabilities within newer generation technologies.

A Guide to Service Desk Concepts Cengage Learning

This book is divided into two parts. In its first part, it presents conceptual core definitions of knowledge management, with a theoretical basis and synthesis arising from research made in several publications, among books, articles, white papers and blogs. The result of this work is a summary of huge material, facilitating the introduction to the subject and understanding thereof. The focus of the book, however, is not restricted to knowledge management in itself. It is not a work which exhausts the subject, although it is a good reference for those wishing to be introduced to the issue. The objective is to present a practical proposition for development of initiatives of knowledge management applied to help desk and customer-care. To achieve this, the first part of the book also presents concepts of KCS (Knowledge-Centered Service), a set of practices and a specific methodology focused upon technical support, to improve the efficacy of resolving problems. KCS, however, is not limited merely to solving problems, being able to be adapted to handling requests in general. KCS is the result of compiling best practices and discussing initiatives by a group of large information technology companies, which formed a consortium to share ideas and experiences. The areas of technical support, whether in help desk or in customer care, depend upon the qualification of the people involved in the process, and this in turn depends upon knowledge. Indeed, how can one resolve a problem without knowing the subject concerned? The worst is that such subject is usually a technical issue, or is related to something technical, as the functioning of software or a product. Even in the cases of requisitions, where the agent does not go to resolve a problem, but to render a service to handle a request, knowledge is required: how to proceed to fulfill the necessity, or to whom and how forward the requisition, and what information is necessary? And if the requisition is a request for information, where to search for this information to pass to the requestor? KCS was created, with certain

assumptions common to knowledge management, to deal with obtaining, sharing and transmitting knowledge to improve service, involving incidents and problems. As the methodology itself determines, it can be adapted to aid in forming a useful knowledge basis for handling requisitions. In the first part of the book KCS is presented and commented upon in a detailed manner, including its concepts, objectives and practices. As the theoretical concepts are presented and explained, and that, therefore, a context is provided, in its second part the book develops and presents a practical proposal of planning and implementing a knowledge management system using the practices of KCS. What is being proposed is the use of the conceptual basis of KCS, but not being limited thereto. Indeed, a roadmap resulting from the concepts as well as the experience and a certain creative boldness of this author is presented. The model proposed is something practical and applicable in companies of any size which have areas of technical support, service-desk, shared services or customer care. As they are practices suggested, they can be adapted, obviously, but their structure has a composition which allows the understanding of the themes in a logical and clear sequence, without ever losing sight of the essential academic concepts of knowledge management and KCS, obviously.

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"Indistractable provides a framework that will deliver the focus you need to get results." —James Clear, author of Atomic Habits "If you value your time, your focus, or your relationships, this book is essential reading. I'm putting these ideas into practice." —Jonathan Haidt, author of The Righteous Mind National Bestseller Winner of the Outstanding Works of Literature (OWL) Award Included in the Top 5 Best Personal Development Books of the Year by Audible Included in the Top 20 Best Business and Leadership Books of the Year by Amazon Featured in The Amazon Book Review Newsletter, January 2020 Goodreads Best Science & Technology of 2019 Finalist You sit down at your desk to work on an important project, but a notification on your phone interrupts your morning. Later, as you're about to get back to work, a colleague taps you on the shoulder to chat. At home, screens get in the way of quality time with your family. Another day goes by, and once again, your most important personal and professional goals are put on hold. What would be possible if you followed through on your best intentions? What could you accomplish if you could stay focused? What if you had the power to become "indistractable?" International bestselling author, former Stanford lecturer, and behavioral design expert, Nir Eyal, wrote Silicon Valley's handbook for making technology habit-forming. Five years after publishing Hooked, Eyal reveals distraction's Achilles' heel in his groundbreaking new book. In Indistractable, Eyal reveals the hidden psychology driving us to distraction. He describes why solving the problem is not as simple as swearing off our devices: Abstinence is impractical and often makes us want more. Eyal lays bare the secret of finally doing what you say you will do with a four-step, research-backed model. Indistractable reveals the key to getting the best out of technology, without letting it get the best of us. Inside, Eyal overturns conventional wisdom and reveals: • Why distraction at work is a symptom of a dysfunctional company culture—and how to fix it • What really drives human behavior and why "time management is pain management" • Why your relationships (and your sex life) depend on you becoming indistractable • How to raise indistractable children in an increasingly distracting world Empowering and optimistic, Indistractable provides practical, novel techniques to control your time and attention—helping you live the life you really want.

From the Preface: This manual, Child Protective Services: A Guide for Caseworkers, examines the roles and responsibilities of child protective services (CPS) workers, who are at the forefront of every community's child protection efforts. The manual describes the basic stages of the CPS process and the steps necessary to accomplish each stage: intake, initial assessment or investigation, family assessment, case planning, service provision, evaluation of family progress, and case closure. Best practices and critical issues in casework practice are underscored throughout. The primary audience for this manual includes CPS caseworkers, supervisors, and administrators. State and local CPS agency trainers may use the manual for preservice or inservice training of CPS caseworkers, while schools of social work may add it to class reading lists to orient students to the field of child protection. In addition, other professionals and concerned community members may consult the manual for a greater understanding of the child protection process. This manual builds on the information presented in A Coordinated Response to Child Abuse and Neglect: The Foundation for Practice. Readers are encouraged to begin with that manual as it addresses important information on which CPS practice is based—including definitions of child maltreatment, risk factors, consequences, and the Federal and State basis for intervention. Some manuals in the series also may be of interest in understanding the roles of other professional groups in responding to child abuse and neglect, including: Substance abuse treatment providers; Domestic violence victim advocates; Educators; Law enforcement personnel. Other manuals address special issues, such as building partnerships and working with the courts on CPS cases.

The overwhelming majority of a software system's lifespan is spent in use, not in design or implementation. So, why does conventional wisdom insist that software engineers focus primarily on the design and development of large-scale computing systems? In this collection of essays and articles, key members of Google's Site Reliability Team explain how and why their commitment to the entire lifecycle has enabled the company to successfully build, deploy, monitor, and maintain some of the largest software systems in the world. You'll learn the principles and practices that enable Google engineers to make systems more scalable, reliable, and efficient—lessons directly applicable to your organization. This book is divided into four sections: Introduction—Learn what site reliability engineering is and why it differs from conventional IT industry practices Principles—Examine the patterns, behaviors, and areas of concern that influence

the work of a site reliability engineer (SRE) Practices—Understand the theory and practice of an SRE's day-to-day work: building and operating large distributed computing systems

Management—Explore Google's best practices for training, communication, and meetings that your organization can use

Offers extensive guidance for troubleshooting and repairing a wide variety of electronic devices on diverse platforms, including PCs, smartphones, tablets, networks, cameras, home theaters, and ereaders.

Science is everywhere, in everything we do, see, and read. Books—all books—offer possibilities for talk about science in the illustrations and text once you know how to look for them. Children's literature is a natural avenue to explore the seven crosscutting concepts described in the Next Generation Science Standards*, and with guidance from Valerie Bang-Jensen and Mark Lubkowitz, you will learn to develop the mindset necessary to think like a scientist, and then help your students think, talk, and read like scientists. *Sharing Books Talking Science* is an engaging and user-friendly guide that provides practical, real world understandings of complex scientific concepts using children's literature. By demonstrating how to work in a very familiar and comfortable teaching context—read aloud—to address what may be less familiar and comfortable content—scientific concepts—Valerie and Mark empower teachers to use just about any book in their classroom to help deepen students' understanding of the world. Valerie and Mark supply you with everything you need to know to get to the heart of each concept, including a primer, questions and strategies to spot a concept, and ways to prompt students to see and talk about it. Each chapter offers a list of suggested titles (many of which you probably already have) to help you get started right away, as well as "topic spotlight" sections that help you connect the concepts to familiar topics such as eating, seasons, bridges, size, and water. With *Sharing Books Talking Science*, you will have the tools and confidence to explore scientific concepts with your students. Learn how to "talk science" with any book so that you can infuse your curriculum with scientific thinking...even when you aren't teaching science. *Next Generation Science Standards is a registered trademark of Achieve. Neither Achieve nor the lead states and partners that developed the Next Generation Science Standards were involved in the production of this product, and do not endorse it.

Suicide in Schools provides school-based professionals with practical, easy-to-use guidance on developing and implementing effective suicide prevention, assessment, intervention and postvention strategies. Utilizing a multi-level systems approach, this book includes step-by-step guidelines for developing crisis teams and prevention programs, assessing and intervening with suicidal youth, and working with families and community organizations during and after a suicidal crisis. The authors include detailed case examples, innovative approaches for professional practice, usable handouts, and internet resources on the best practice approaches to effectively work with youth who are experiencing a suicidal crisis as well as those students, families, school staff, and community members who have suffered the loss of a loved one to suicide. Readers will come away from this book with clear, step-by-step guidelines on how to work proactively with school personnel and community professionals, think about suicide prevention from a three-tiered systems approach, how to identify those who might be at risk, and how to support survivors after a traumatic event—all in a practical, user-friendly format geared especially for the needs of school-based professionals.

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The ITSM Process Design Guide: Developing, Rengineering and Improving IT Service Management closes the knowledge gap by providing detailed guidance on assessing, designing, measuring, and integrating ITSM processes. The advice and techniques in this book apply unilaterally to every IT service provider and ITSM framework, standard, and maturity model.

Now, for the first time, one element of the methods behind the magic that is the Walt Disney World Resort—quality service—is revealed. The book outlines proven Disney principles and processes for helping an organization focus its vision and align its people into a strategy that delivers on the promise of exceptional customer service.

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