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This volume collects papers presented at the 2nd International Workshop on Object-Oriented Database Systems (ooDBS-II) held at the Eberburg near Bad Münster am Stein, FRG, in September 1988. It thus gives a comprehensive overview of the latest developments in this flourishing area of current database research. Object-oriented database systems have been approached with mainly two major intentions in mind, namely to better support new application areas like CAD/CAM, office automation,

knowledge engineering, and to overcome the 'impedance mismatch' between data models and programming languages. The notion of object-orientation in database systems is thus a broader one than e.g. in the area of programming languages. Structural object-orientation provides for data model mechanisms that allow the direct representation and manipulation of highly-structured entities; behavioral object-orientation cares for facilities to associate arbitrary user-defined type-specific operations with data entities; finally, full object-orientation tries to combine the advantages of both categories.

Though data model concepts are the decisive feature of object-oriented database systems, numerous other system aspects have to be reconsidered or allow better solutions, respectively, in this light. They include e.g. transactions, implementation techniques, optimization, formalization, the inclusion of rules, and the integration with other systems. A number of research prototypes and even some commercial systems are meanwhile available. Both, approaches to extend databases with object-oriented capabilities and approaches to extend object-oriented programming languages with database features have been

and are being investigated. The design and construction of buildings is a lengthy and expensive process, and those who commission buildings are continually looking for ways to improve the efficiency of the process. In this book, the second in the Building in Value series, a broad range of topics related to the processes of design and construction are explored by an international group of experts. The overall aim of the book is to look at ways that clients can improve the value for money outcomes of their decisions to construct buildings. The book is aimed at students studying in many areas related to the construction industry including

architecture, construction management, civil engineering and quantity surveying, and should also be of interest to many in the industry including project managers, property developers, building contractors and cost engineers. *How to improve your value for money when commissioning buildings. *Written by international experts. *The second book in the Building in Value Series. The Missing Link to Toyota-Style Success—LEAN LEADERSHIP Winner of the 2012 Shingo Research and Professional Publications Award “This great book reveals the secret ingredient to lean success: lean leadership. Not only is it a pleasure to read, but

it is also deep and enlightening. This book is an absolute must-read for anyone interested in lean: it’s both an eye opener and a game changer.” —Michael Ballé, Ph.D., coauthor of The Gold Mine and The Lean Manager “This will immediately be recognized as the most important book ever published to understand and guide ‘True North Lean’ and the goal of perpetual business excellence.” —Ross E. Robson, President and CEO, DnR Lean, LLC, and the original Director of The Shingo Prize “An excellent book that will shape leadership development for decades to come.” —Karen Martin, Principal, Karen Martin &

Associates, and author of *The Kaizen Event Planner About the Book: TOYOTA*. The name signifies greatness— world-class cars and game-changing business thinking. One key to the Toyota Motor Company’s unprecedented success is its famous production system and its lesser-known product development program. These strategies consider the end user at every turn and have become the model for the global lean business movement. All too often, organizations adopting lean miss the most critical ingredient—lean leadership. Toyota makes enormous investments in carefully selecting and intensively developing leaders

who fit its unique philosophy and culture. Thanks to the company’s lean leadership approach, explains Toyota Way author Jeffrey Liker and former Toyota executive Gary Convis, the celebrated carmaker has set into motion a drive for continuous improvement at all levels of its business. This has allowed for: Constant growth: Toyota increased profitability for 58 consecutive years—slowing down only in the face of 2008’s worldwide financial difficulties, the recall crisis, and the worst Japanese earthquake of the century. Unstoppable inventiveness: Toyota’s approach to innovative thinking and problem solving has resulted in top industry

ratings and incredible customer satisfaction, while allowing the company to weather these three crises in rapid succession and to come out stronger. Strong branding and respect: Toyota’s reputation was instrumental in the company’s ability to withstand the recalls-driven media storm of 2010. But what looked to some to be a sinking ship is once again running under a full head of steam. Perhaps the Toyota culture had weakened, but lean leadership was the beacon that showed the way back. In fact, writes Liker, the company is “as good and perhaps a better model for lean leadership than it ever has been.” of innovation and

growth. Yet, Industry Week reports that just 2 percent of companies using lean processes can likewise claim to have had long-term success. What the other 98 percent lack is unified leadership with a common method and philosophy. If you want to get lean, you have to take it to the leadership level. The Toyota Way to Lean Leadership shows you how. Journalist Magee explores Toyotas past and present in order to reveal how this car company has sustained such tremendous success. The lessons that Magee explains here can be valuable for managers in all disciplines and industries. This book by Peter Béndek presents a strong case

against the current practice of business operations improvement, based on numerous studies from the business world as well as insights from the most prestigious authors of the last fifty years. The author contests the applicability and indeed the relevance of the Toyota Production System and its spin-offs to the Western context, claiming that a revised approach is much better suited to taking our specific cultural conditions into account, while also combining increased transparency, speed, and sustainability of change with a robust value-creating capability. Dr. Béndek argues that this approach can have a

far-reaching impact on corporate cultures by offering an all-encompassing learning system, one that provides a more coherent and actionable continuous improvement strategy than conventional approaches. The book offers an important guide to rethinking operations management, both in academia and business practice. Improve: The Next Generation of Continuous Improvement for Knowledge Work presents lean thinking for professionals, those who Peter Drucker called knowledge workers. It translates the brilliant insights from Toyota's factory floor to the desktops of engineers, marketers, attorneys, accountants,

doctors, managers, and all those who "think for a living." The Toyota Production System (TPS) was born a century ago to an almost unknown car maker who today is credited with starting the third wave of the Industrial Revolution. TPS principles, better known as lean thinking or continuous improvement, are simple: increase customer value, cut hidden waste, experiment to learn, and respect others. As simple as they are, they are difficult to apply to the professions, probably because of the misconception that knowledge work is wholly non-repetitive. But much of our everyday work does repeat, and in great volume: approvals,

problem-solving, project management, hiring, and prioritization are places where huge waste hides. Eliminate waste and you delight customers and clients, increase financial performance, and grow professional job satisfaction, because less waste means more success and more time for expertise and creativity. This book is a valuable resource for leaders of professional teams who want to improve productivity, quality, and engagement in their organizations. Experience the proven benefits of continuous improvement 40%-70% increase in productivity from professionals and experts Reduce lead time by 50%-90%

Engagement up and voluntary severance cut >50% Dozens of simple visual tools that anyone can implement immediately in their existing framework All tools and techniques applicable to both face-to-face and virtual meetings Easy-to-understand approach: "simplify, engage, experiment Presented with deep respect for the experts; no "check the box thinking or overused analogies to the factory floor Toyota Kaizen Methods: Six Steps to Improvement focuses on the skills and techniques practiced inside Toyota Motor Corporation during the past decades. This workbook focuses on the actual training course concepts and methods

used by Toyota to develop employee skill level, a core element of Toyota's success. It is not a book about holding Western-st Examines the Toyota team culture as a conceptual framework and uses it to discuss related topics, such as workplace injuries, the implications of alienating assembly workers, and the role of women. One million. That's how many new ideas the Toyota organization receives from its employees every year. These ideas come from every level of the organization - from the factory floors to the corporate suites. And organizations all over the world want to learn how they do it. Now Matthew May, Senior

Advisor to the University of Toyota, reveals how any company can create an environment of every day innovation and achieve the elegant solutions found only on the far side of complexity. A tactical guide for team-based innovation, THE ELEGANT SOLUTION delivers the formula to the three principles and ten practices that drive business creativity. Innovation isn't just about technology - it's about value, opportunity and impact. When a company embeds a real discipline around the pursuit of perfection, the sky is the limit. Dozens of case studies (from Toyota and other companies) illustrate the power and

universality of these concepts; a unique 'clamshell strategy' prepares managers to ensure organizational success. At once a thought-shaper, a playmaker, and a taskmaster, THE ELEGANT SOLUTION is a practical field manual for everyone in corporate life. Mit seiner Unternehmensführung ist Toyota seit langem Vorbild für Firmen aus den unterschiedlichsten Branchen. Fast alle Automobilhersteller versuchten mehr oder weniger erfolgreich das legendäre Toyota-Produktionssystem (TPS) zu kopieren, das zum Ziel hat, die Kundenzufriedenheit in den drei Bereichen Qualität, Lieferzeit und Kosten zu erhöhen. Aufgrund des

verschärften Wettbewerbs in der Automobilbranche drängt sich jetzt die Frage nach den Faktoren des Erfolgs immer mehr in den Mittelpunkt. Jeffrey K. Liker befasst sich in seinem Buch "Der Toyota Weg" ausführlich mit dem warum und wieso. Aus zahlreichen Interviews und eigenen Anschauungen filtert der Autor die 14 Managementprinzipien heraus, die den Kern des Toyota-Erfolgs ausmachen. Diese Prinzipien untermauert er eindrucksvoll mit einer Fülle von Details, Anekdoten und Interview-Auszügen. Leicht verständlich erklärt er dem Leser die Managementsysteme, die Denkweise und die Philosophie, auf denen der

Erfolg von Toyota basiert. So vermittelt er wertvolle Erkenntnisse, die sich auf jeden beliebigen Geschäftszweig bzw. jede Geschäftssituation übertragen lassen. Dieses einzigartige Buch beschreibt Toyotas Weg zu einem der weltweit führenden Unternehmen. Toyotas 14 Management-Prinzipien für höchste Qualität und Effizienz, der so genannte "Lean Management"-Ansatz, werden ausführlich und anschaulich beschrieben. Nach dem Lesen des Buches versteht jeder, ob Unternehmer oder Angestellter, warum für den Firmenerfolg neben der richtigen Strategie auch die Unternehmensphilosophie und

die Mitarbeiterverantwortung überlebenswichtig sind. Mit dem legendären Toyota-Ansatz aus der Automobilindustrie bringen Sie jedes Unternehmen auf Vordermann. - Geschäftsprozesse nachhaltig beschleunigen - Qualitätsmanagement at its best - Versteckte Kosten minimieren - So schaffen Sie eine Atmosphäre ständiger Verbesserung Winner of a 2009 Shingo Research and Professional Publication Prize. Notably flexible and brief, the A3 report has proven to be a key tool In Toyota's successful move toward organizational efficiency, effectiveness, and improvement, especially within its engineering and R&D

organizations. The power of the A3 report, however, derives not from the report itself, but rather from the development of the culture and mindset required for the implementation of the A3 system. In *Understanding A3 Thinking*, the authors first show that the A3 report is an effective tool when it is implemented in conjunction with a PDCA-based management philosophy. Toyota views A3 Reports as just one piece in their PDCA management approach. Second, the authors show that the process leading to the development and management of A3 reports is at least as important as the reports

themselves, because of the deep learning and professional development that occurs in the process. And finally, the authors provide a number of examples as well as some very practical advice on how to write and review A3 reports. The Third Edition of this market-leading text has been updated and expanded with contemporary case material and more detailed coverage of the main topics and trends in corporate communication. New to the Third Edition: - New chapters on strategic planning and campaign management, research and measurement and CSR and community relations - Greatly expanded coverage of key areas: internal

communication, leadership and change Communication, issues management, crisis communication and corporate branding - Other topics to receive new coverage include: public affairs, social media, internal branding and issues of globalization. - New and up-to-date international case studies, including new full-length case studies and vignettes included throughout the chapters. - Further reading and new questions-for-reflection will provide the reader with a means to challenge and further their understanding of each of the topics in the book. - Online teaching material for lecturers and students including: instructors manual, PowerPoint

slides and new international case studies of varied length, SAGE Online journal readings, videos, online glossary and web links Praise for the Second Edition: "This is a must-have reference book for Chief Executives, Finance Directors, Corporate Communicators and Non-executive Directors in this "involve me" era of stakeholder engagement and corporate communications. How I wish I had had this book on my desk as a Chief Reputation Officer!" - Mary Jo Jacobi, Former Chief Reputation Officer of HSBC Holdings, Lehman Brothers and Royal Dutch Shell "This is a comprehensive and scholarly analysis of corporate communications. It will offer

students and practitioners alike a considerable aid to study and understanding which will stand the test of time in a fast changing business' - Ian Wright, Corporate Relations Director, Diageo Hospitals and health systems are facing many challenges, including shrinking reimbursements and the need to improve patient safety and quality. A growing number of healthcare organizations are turning to the Lean management system as an alternative to traditional cost cutting and layoffs. "Kaizen," which is translated from Japanese as "good change" or "change for the better," is a core pillar of the Lean strategy for today's best healthcare

organizations. Kaizen is a powerful approach for creating a continuously learning and continuously improving organizations. A Kaizen culture leads to everyday actions that improve patient care and create better workplaces, while improving the organization's long-term bottom line. The Executive Guide to Healthcare Kaizen is the perfect introduction to executives and leaders who want to create and support this culture of continuous improvement. The Executive Guide to Healthcare Kaizen is an introduction to kaizen principles and an overview of the leadership behaviors and mindsets required to create a kaizen

culture or a culture of continuous improvement. The book is specifically written for busy C-level executives, vice presidents, directors, and managers who need to understand the power of this methodology. The Executive Guide to Healthcare Kaizen shares real and practical examples and stories from leading healthcare organizations, including Franciscan St. Francis Health System, located in Indiana. Franciscan St. Francis' employees and physicians have implemented and documented 4,000 Kaizen improvements each of the last three years, resulting in millions of dollars in hard savings and softer

benefits for patients and staff. Chapters cover topics such as the need for Kaizen, different types of Kaizen (including Rapid Improvement Events and daily Kaizen), creating a Kaizen culture, practical methods for facilitating Kaizen improvements, the role of senior leaders and other leaders in Kaizen, and creating an organization-wide Kaizen program. The book contains a new introduction by Gary Kaplan, MD, CEO of Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, Washington, which was named "Hospital of the Decade" in 2012. The Executive Guide to Healthcare Kaizen is a companion book to the larger book Healthcare Kaizen:

Engaging Front-Line Staff in Sustainable Continuous Improvements (2012). Healthcare Kaizen is a longer, more complete "how to" guide that includes over 200 full color images, including over 100 real kaizen examples from various health systems around the world. Healthcare Kaizen was named a recipient of the prestigious Shingo Professional Publication and Research Award. Check out what the experts at the Franciscan St. Francis Health System have to say about Healthcare Kaizen. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcGmP5gLEPo&feature=c4-overview&list=UU7jiTxn4nkMzOE5eTbf0UpwHowCool>

Brands Stay Hot analyses Generations Y and Z, the most marketing savvy and advertising-critical generations yet. It reveals how millennials think, feel and behave, offering applicable, proven strategies to market to these age groups more effectively and remain a relevant, appealing brand. Featuring interviews with global marketing executives of successful brands such as the BBC, Converse, Coca-Cola, eBay and MasterCard along with case studies from companies including H&M, Converse, MTV and Forever21, it guides you in developing the right strategies to reach this critical age group and leave a lasting impact on your

business. Previous editions of How Cool Brands Stay Hot have won the prestigious 2012 Berry-AMA Book Prize for the best book in marketing and the 2011 Expert Marketing Magazine's Marketing Book of the Year award. This fully revised 3rd edition of How Cool Brands Stay Hot goes beyond the discussion of Generation Y, expanding its reach with an entirely new chapter on Generation Z and a detailed analysis of the impact that issues such as recession, social media and mobile marketing have had on these consumers. Based on new figures, case studies and interviews, it provides a fresh take on what remain critical issues for

anyone hoping to market to those who come after Generation X. Originally published in 1999 after a decade of research and extensive interviews with some of Toyota's top executives, this book examines organizational purpose: what it is, how it is crafted, how does it relate to strategy and objectives and how does it relate to decisions and actions that ultimately produce organizational results. The author explains why Toyoto Motor Corporation was selected to study corporate purpose and examines the various factors that influence purpose. An overview is given of Toyota in the 1990s and its operating environment,

particularly outlining the importance of the Japanese motor industry to Japanese society. Operational objectives of Toyota are analyzed and research findings, data and analysis related to Toyota's purpose are presented and the implications described. In the appendix, the detail of the research methodology of this study is included. Resources and activities to develop literacy skills and improve learning. Revised and updated materials and examples in the existing chapters. Less able pupils will find Basics easily accessible and will develop their literacy skill as a result of a carefully monitored language level. Teachers will benefit from

clear references to the current National Curriculum requirements. Basics is a cost-effective resource, equally useful in both smaller groups and the mixed-ability classroom. Teachers will find Basics fits easily into established schemes of work through strong links with existing Key Geography books. Pupils will improve skills and knowledge through spiral progression, revisiting and reinforcing topics and skills. The book explains the systematic structure and practical use of the new SQC application that systematically and organizationally enhances the corporate management key for the 21st century. Departing

from the conventional statistical application of SQC, this book explains the SQC application for scientific problem solving and its structural framework in which SQC is utilized for discovering the cause and effect relation from the gap between a theory and the actual, eliciting a new fact and finding, and establishing a general solution that contributes to development of innovative technology. It also reports case studies in which management technology issues were solved at Toyota Motor Corporation. Presenting an alternate approach to supply chain management, Lean Supply Chain Management Essentials:

A Framework for Materials Managers explains why the traditional materials planning environment, typically embodied by an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, is an ineffective support system for a company that wants to adopt Lean practices. It begins by defining supply chain management basics, including roles, objectives, and responsibilities from a traditional framework. Next, it describes Lean basics and explores the conflicts between Lean and the traditional framework. The book focuses on the materials management aspects of Lean, such as leveling work into the value stream, heijunka

scheduling, standard work, and the concept of intervals, including Every Part Every Interval (EPEI). By combining traditional materials management tools, such as Sales and Operations Planning (S&OP), with Lean manufacturing approaches and applying them to different manufacturing environments, the authors clarify the logic behind why you are doing what you're doing with Lean components and how they fit together as a system. Specifically, they explain how to: Determine which leveling strategy to use to smooth production Calculate interval to determine lot sizes in various production environments Apply

Lean to purchasing, warehouse, and logistics areas Use your value stream map for green initiatives and risk management Replace capacity planning and shop floor control with visual factory, operator balance charts, EPEI, and plan for every part Illustrating why balancing demand and capacity is better than trying to balance supply and demand, the book includes a definitive chart that matches Lean tools to the planning and control charts that have served as the model for ERP systems. It integrates the principles learned from Toyota's fifty-plus-year journey with Lean principles to provide the up-to-date understanding required to approach the

application of Lean to your supply chain with a methodology that allows for experimentation, learning, and continuous improvement. The Chairman of Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc. presents the remarkable history of the most efficient, most profitable automobile maker in the world and its revolutionary "just-in-time" production process, accompanied by sixteen pages of photographs. Based on Ryoji Ihara's experience as a casual worker in a Toyota factory, Japan, the author provides both a fearless exposé and a meticulous academic study firmly situated within the context of the sociology of labor. It is widely understood

that Charles Darwin's theory of evolution completely revolutionized the study of biology. Yet, according to David Sloan Wilson, the Darwinian revolution won't be truly complete until it is applied more broadly—to everything associated with the words "human," "culture," and "policy." In a series of engaging and insightful examples—from the breeding of hens to the timing of cataract surgeries to the organization of an automobile plant—Wilson shows how an evolutionary worldview provides a practical tool kit for understanding not only genetic evolution but also the fast-paced changes that are having

an impact on our world and ourselves. What emerges is an incredibly empowering argument: If we can become wise managers of evolutionary processes, we can solve the problems of our age at all scales—from the efficacy of our groups to our well-being as individuals to our stewardship of the planet Earth. As the American Big Two, GM & Ford, continue to lose market share in the world, Japan's leading auto-makers--Toyota and Honda--are expanding their global share and increasing their profits by presenting high-quality, credible and highly efficient automobiles. The recent oil price hike is sure to accelerate the trend towards

clean car technology, which will be a key to survival in the global automobile industry. Toyota recently became the world's number one automobile company and looks set to further extend its lead. Consumers have shown tremendous interest in Japanese cars, especially for their clean and efficient technology. This book offers insights into the Japanese car industry and its future direction.--From publisher description. In March 1999, Renault bought a controlling interest in Nissan. Only months before Renault's foray into the Japanese market, Toyota, Japan's most profitable car maker, announced its decision

to build its latest European production facility in northern France. Although greeted with less media attention, Toyota's investment decision was equally remarkable. The author analyzes liberalization trends in both the Japanese and the European automotive markets and the reaction of manufacturers to such trends. Japanese Auto Transplants in the Heartland Numerous books have been written about Toyota's approach to workplace improvement; however, most describe Toyota's practices as case studies or stories. Designed to aid in the implementation of Lean manufacturing, The Modern Theory of the Toyota

Production System: A Systems Inquiry of the World's Most Emulated and Profitable Management System explains that your organization already has what it takes to succeed with TPS and what's probably missing is balance. Bridging the gap between implementation and theory, this text is the first of its kind to use systems theory to study how the pieces of the Toyota Production System (TPS) work together to achieve this much needed balance. Lean practitioners will learn how to use system theory to improve overall decision making when applying Lean or Toyota-like management systems. Explaining that the glue that

holds the pieces of TPS together is just as important as the pieces themselves, the book provides you with invaluable guidance in the implementation of Lean manufacturing from a management perspective. It outlines a blueprint to help you develop a clear understanding of how the pieces of TPS need to come together so you can achieve something greater than what's possible with the individual pieces. There are many books on the market that discuss the Toyota Production System but few that insightfully analyze its marketing strategy. Authored by former Toyota marketing executives, this is the first book of its kind to detail how Toyota's thinking

habits go beyond the shop floor and influence and guide Toyota's marketing function. Toyota has expanded from a venture enterprise to one of the biggest global enterprises because of its innovative mindset (Toyota thinking habits) using Breakthrough Thinking, which supports a new philosophical approach to problem solving, turning 180 degrees away from conventional thinking. Written by Toyota's former executive managing director and founder of Breakthrough Thinking, Toyota's Global Marketing Strategy: Innovation through Breakthrough Thinking and Kaizen: Explores Toyota's "Breakthrough Thinking"

Examines how Toyota conducts information gathering. Illustrates how Toyota builds and maintains its unique business culture Shows how Toyota "goes to the customer" and comprehensively studies how customers use their products Reveals Toyota's cars have become some of the biggest selling models in the USA The authors of this book explore Toyota thinking habits as well as Toyota's global marketing strategy, which, since the 1980sa, has been expanding exponentially. The reader will understand the importance of thinking habits in the workplace and will know how to apply them using Toyota as the prime case study.

Inhaltsangabe: Abstract: This Master thesis explores the organisational change, as performed by Toyota after World War II which, within decades, made this company the most successful automobile producer in the world and a model of corporate governance. Since the Toyota Production System (TPS) was born and continuously developed, it gave such a boost of productivity to the Japanese automobile industry that soon it was copied all over the world. The details of this system, which is to a huge amount based on practical experience and which requires a huge amount of preparatory work, are sufficiently known within the

industry. Nevertheless, other Japanese companies and, in particular, international companies fail to catch up with Toyota. The question is, why? Quite a number of car manufacturers already produce according to lean principles, as the TPS instruments are sometimes called, quite successfully, as it seems, and nevertheless they lag behind the performance of Toyota. A highly saturated North American and European automobile market requires thorough change, since companies, due to an increasing global competition, need to undergo some kind of change to survive in the market. Experts assume further

consolidation among Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) until 2010. Although everything seems to be known about TPS, there is obviously a remainder, because otherwise there would be more Toyotas than just one. There must be something in TPS that has not been identified or has been left out so far by the majority of OEMs all over the world. (Judging from the current competition in the automotive industry, it is more likely that this something has been unintentionally ignored). This is the case although the whole system, without any restrictions, is made accessible to competitors and anyone interested in TPS. Obviously,

the knowledge of this mostly missing aspect or link in TPS is restricted, because in the current situation in the automotive industry no company can afford giving away any chances. This master thesis aims at identifying and preparing the above mentioned, apparently hidden or unintentionally ignored, aspects of the Toyota Production System (TPS) which make Toyota more successful than other car makers. Problem definition: Although everything seems to be known about TPS, there is obviously a remainder, because otherwise there would be more Toyotas than just one. There must be something in TPS that has not been

identified or has [...] This groundbreaking and innovative text addresses the deep ontological and epistemological commitments that underpin conventional positivist methods and then demonstrates how "method" can be understood in much broader and more interesting ways. Drawing on a broad range of philosophical and methodological theory as well as a wide variety of artistic sources from fine art to cinema and from literature to the blues, leading contemporary thinker Michael Shapiro shows the reader how a more open understanding of the concept of method is rewarding and enlightening. His notion of 'writing-as-method' is enacted

throughout the text and offers a stimulating alternative for students to positivist social science methods. This is essential reading for all students and faculty with an interest in post-positivist methods. What is the true source of a firm's long-term competitive advantage in manufacturing? Through original field studies, historical research, and statistical analyses, this book shows how Toyota Motor Corporation, one of the world's largest automobile companies, built distinctive capabilities in production, product development, and supplier management. Fujimoto asserts that it is Toyota's evolutionary

learning capability that gives the company its advantage and demonstrates how this learning is put to use in daily work. The original point that differentiates this text from otherwise similar texts is that it looks at the building of smart cities from the viewpoint of an interchange of knowledge among companies in different industries, or “Ba” as shared context in motion, and emphasizes that the resulting value becomes a source of new corporate competitive advantage. In recent years numerous publications have appeared that analyze smart cities from various perspectives including urban planning and administration, network theory,

and innovation. However, few are academic texts that approach the subject from the viewpoint of corporate competitive advantage against a theoretical background in management studies, as this one does. This book is the first full-scale academic work to analyze smart cities from the viewpoint of corporate competitive advantage. Research into corporate competitive advantage includes the positioning and the resource-based views, with the former focusing on companies’ external environment and the latter on their internal resources. Although these theories’ foci of attention necessarily differ, they both

developed as tools for analyzing companies’ relative merits and their chances of succeeding in the marketplace, and they take the common premise that competitive advantage is built through competition among companies. In contrast, this book sees corporate competitive advantage as arising not through competition but through “co-creation” among companies. It differs in its approach from existing theories in thinking that emphasizing co-creation over competition enables an analysis that better describes actual conditions when considering smart cities and corporate competitive advantage. Put

another way, when new values arise from attempts to exchange and fuse knowledge, expertise, and other factors at the “ba” where companies from different industries collaborate, these values are surely brought about through co-creation among companies. Another point regarding this book’s original perspective on competitive advantage is its emphasis on the relationship between the creation of social value and competitive advantage. The question of the extent to which socially useful values can be created in the markets of the 21st century is closely linked to corporate competitive advantage. The issues of building smart cities

and corporate competitive advantage are themes that this perspective can firmly grasp. This book intends to take up three different projects from among the smart-city building developments taking shape in Japan, and undertake case studies based on the theoretical framework outlined above. The central themes will analyze the mechanism of co-creation among companies and the relationship of created value to competitive advantage. This analysis aims to demonstrate one model relating to corporate competitive advantage in the 21st century. SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT MARKETING. 3E incorporates

feedback from instructors across the country and has expanded by three chapters. The popular sports and entertainment topics continue to be the foundation for teaching marketing concepts. Each marketing function is incorporated throughout the text and is highlighted with an icon to indicate how it is used in the marketing process. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

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