

Business Intelligence And Analytics Systems For Decision Support 10th Edition

In his research, Martin Kowalczyk empirically investigates the challenges of designing and establishing successful decision support with Business Intelligence and Analytics (BI&A). The results from his work elucidate organizational and individual perspectives of BI&A support in decision processes. The organizational perspective considers the processual aspects of decision making and addresses process phases, roles and their interactions. The individual perspective reflects upon decision making of human individuals including their cognition and behaviors involved in decision making. The support of managerial decision making with BI&A gains increasing priority for many businesses in their desire to achieve better decision outcomes and improved organizational performance.

Using Agile methods, you can bring far greater innovation, value, and quality to any data warehousing (DW), business intelligence (BI), or analytics project. However, conventional Agile methods must be carefully adapted to address the unique characteristics of DW/BI projects. In Agile Analytics, Agile pioneer Ken Collier shows how to do just that. Collier introduces platform-agnostic Agile solutions for integrating infrastructures consisting of diverse operational, legacy, and specialty systems that mix commercial and custom code. Using working examples, he shows how to manage analytics development teams with widely diverse skill sets and how to support enormous and fast-growing data volumes. Collier's techniques offer optimal value whether your projects involve "back-end" data management, "front-end" business analysis, or both. Part I focuses on Agile project management techniques and delivery team coordination, introducing core practices that shape the way your Agile DW/BI project community can collaborate toward success Part II presents technical methods for enabling continuous delivery of business value at production-quality levels, including evolving superior designs; test-driven DW development; version control; and project automation Collier brings together proven solutions you can apply right now--whether you're an IT decision-maker, data warehouse professional, database administrator, business intelligence specialist, or database developer. With his help, you can mitigate project risk, improve business alignment, achieve better results--and have fun along the way.

An A-to-Z approach for getting the most business intelligence from a company's data assets or data warehouse.

Solid business intelligence guidance uniquely designed for healthcare organizations Increasing regulatory pressures on healthcare organizations have created a national conversation on data, reporting and analytics in healthcare. Behind the scenes, business intelligence (BI) and data warehousing (DW) capabilities are key drivers that empower these functions. Healthcare Business Intelligence is designed as a guidebook for healthcare organizations dipping their toes into the areas of business intelligence and data warehousing. This volume is essential in how a BI capability can ease the increasing regulatory reporting pressures on all healthcare organizations. Explores the five tenets of healthcare business intelligence Offers tips for creating a BI team Identifies what healthcare organizations should focus on first Shows you how to gain support for your BI program Provides tools and techniques that will jump start your BI

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Program Explains how to market and maintain your BI Program The risk associated with doing BI/DW wrong is high, and failures are well documented. Healthcare Business Intelligence helps you get it right, with expert guidance on getting your BI program started and successfully keep it going.

A comprehensive guide from Oracle experts, that will act as your single point of reference for building an Oracle BI 12c system that turns data in actionable insight. About This Book Come, start your first Oracle Business intelligence system and excel in BI with this exhaustive guide An all-encompassing guide for your Oracle business intelligence needs Learn from the self-paced professional guidance and implement Oracle business intelligence using this easy-to-follow guide by our experts Who This Book Is For If your job includes working on data, improving the financial or operational performance of your organization or you are a consultant for the above, then this book is for you. If you have been placed on a business intelligence project, then this book is for you. If you are the Project Manager, Business Analyst or Data Scientist then this book is for you. If you are an end user of Oracle Business Intelligence, then this book is for you too. Having a basic understanding of databases and the use of Business Intelligence is expected, but no knowledge of Oracle BI is required. What You Will Learn Install OBIEE in Windows, including how to create the underlying Weblogic Application server and the required database Build the BI system repository, the vital engine connecting your data to the front end of Oracle BI Develop effective analysis, draw out meaning from the data, and present it to end users on interactive dashboards Build pixel-perfect, printable reports using the embedded BI Publisher feature Build agents for actionable insight and enable your users to act on Business Intelligence at their desktop or on the move Understand the various aspects of securing the Oracle BI system, from data restrictions to whole dashboard access rights Get acquainted with the system management tools and methods available for the continuous improvement of your system In Detail Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition (OBIEE) 12c is packed full of features and has a fresh approach to information presentation, system management, and security. OBIEE can help any organization to understand its data, to make useful information from data, and to ensure decision-making is supported by facts. OBIEE can focus on information that needs action, alerting users when conditions are met. OBIEE can be used for data analysis, form production, dashboarding, and workflow processes. We will introduce you to OBIEE features and provide a step-by-step guide to build a complete system from scratch. With this guide, you will be equipped with a good basic understanding of what the product contains, how to install and configure it, and how to create effective Business Intelligence. This book contains the necessary information for a beginner to create a high-performance OBIEE 12c system. This book is also a guide that explains how to use an existing OBIEE 12c system, and shows end users how to create. Style and approach This book will take you from one feature to another in a step-by-step manner and will teach how you can create effective business intelligence using Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition. You will be taught how to create BI solutions and dashboards from scratch. There will be multiple modules in the book, each module spread in chapters, that will cover one aspect of business intelligence in a systematic manner.

Business intelligence (BI) software is the code and tools that allow you to view different components of a business using a single visual platform, making comprehending

mountains of data easier. Applications that include reports, analytics, statistics, and historical and predictive modeling are all examples of BI applications. Currently, we are in the second generation of BI software, called BI 2.0. This generation is focused on writing BI software that is predictive, adaptive, simple, and interactive. As computers and software have evolved, more data can be presented to end users with increasingly visually rich techniques. Rich Internet application (RIA) technologies such as Microsoft Silverlight can be used to transform traditional user interfaces filled with boring data into fully interactive analytical applications to deliver insight from large data sets quickly. Furthermore, RIAs include 3D spatial design capabilities that allow for interesting layouts of aggregated data beyond a simple list or grid. BI 2.0 implemented via RIA technology can truly bring out the power of BI and deliver it to an average user via the Web. Next-Generation Business Intelligence Software with Rich Internet Applications provides developers, designers, and architects a solid foundation of BI design and architecture concepts with Microsoft Silverlight. This book covers key BI design concepts and how they can be applied without requiring an existing BI infrastructure. The author, Bart Czernicki, will show you how to build small BI applications by example that are interactive, highly visual, statistical, predictive, and most importantly, intuitive to the user. BI isn't just for the executive branch of a Fortune 500 company; it is for the masses. Let Next-Generation Business Intelligence Software with Rich Internet Applications show you how to unlock the rich intelligence you already have. The intensified use of data based on analytical models to control digitalized operational business processes in an intelligent way is a game changer that continuously disrupts more and more markets. This book exemplifies this development and shows the latest tools and advances in this field Business Analytics for Managers offers real-world guidance for organizations looking to leverage their data into a competitive advantage. This new second edition covers the advances that have revolutionized the field since the first edition's release; big data and real-time digitalized decision making have become major components of any analytics strategy, and new technologies are allowing businesses to gain even more insight from the ever-increasing influx of data. New terms, theories, and technologies are explained and discussed in terms of practical benefit, and the emphasis on forward thinking over historical data describes how analytics can drive better business planning. Coverage includes data warehousing, big data, social media, security, cloud technologies, and future trends, with expert insight on the practical aspects of the current state of the field. Analytics helps businesses move forward. Extensive use of statistical and quantitative analysis alongside explanatory and predictive modeling facilitates fact-based decision making, and evolving technologies continue to streamline every step of the process. This book provides an essential update, and describes how today's tools make business analytics more valuable than ever. Learn how Hadoop can upgrade your data processing and storage Discover the many uses for social media data in analysis and communication Get up to speed on the latest in cloud technologies, data security, and more Prepare for emerging technologies and the future of business analytics Most businesses are caught in a massive, non-stop stream of data. It can become one of your most valuable assets, or a never-ending flood of missed opportunity. Technology moves fast, and keeping up with the cutting edge is crucial for wringing even more value from your data—Business Analytics for Managers brings you up to date, and

shows you what analytics can do for you now.

Appropriate for all courses in Decision Support Systems (DSS), computerized decision making tools, and management support systems. Decision Support and Business Intelligence Systems 9e provides the only comprehensive, up-to-date guide to today's revolutionary management support system technologies, and showcases how they can be used for better decision-making. The 9th edition focuses on Business Intelligence (BI) and analytics for enterprise decision support in a more streamlined book.

AVOID THE MISTAKES THAT OTHERS MAKE – LEARN WHAT LEADS TO BEST PRACTICE AND KICKSTART SUCCESS This groundbreaking resource provides comprehensive coverage across all aspects of business analytics, presenting proven management guidelines to drive sustainable differentiation. Through a rich set of case studies, author Evan Stubbs reviews solutions and examples to over twenty common problems spanning managing analytics assets and information, leveraging technology, nurturing skills, and defining processes. Delivering Business Analytics also outlines the Data Scientist's Code, fifteen principles that when followed ensure constant movement towards effective practice. Practical advice is offered for addressing various analytics issues; the advantages and disadvantages of each issue's solution; and how these solutions can optimally create organizational value. With an emphasis on real-world examples and pragmatic advice throughout, Delivering Business Analytics provides a reference guide on: The economic principles behind how business analytics leads to competitive differentiation The elements which define best practice The Data Scientist's Code, fifteen management principles that when followed help teams move towards best practice Practical solutions and frequent missteps to twenty-four common problems across people and process, systems and assets, and data and decision-making Drawing on the successes and failures of countless organizations, author Evan Stubbs provides a densely packed practical reference on how to increase the odds of success in designing business analytics systems and managing teams of data scientists. Uncover what constitutes best practice in business analytics and start achieving it with Delivering Business Analytics.

As technology continues to advance, it is critical for businesses to implement systems that can support the transformation of data into information that is crucial for the success of the company. Without the integration of data (both structured and unstructured) mining in business intelligence systems, invaluable knowledge is lost. However, there are currently many different models and approaches that must be explored to determine the best method of integration. Integration Challenges for Analytics, Business Intelligence, and Data Mining is a relevant academic book that provides empirical research findings on increasing the understanding of using data mining in the context of business intelligence and analytics systems. Covering topics that include big data, artificial intelligence, and decision making, this book is an ideal reference source for professionals working in the areas of data mining, business intelligence, and analytics; data scientists;

IT specialists; managers; researchers; academicians; practitioners; and graduate students.

"The chapters in this volume offer useful case studies, technical roadmaps, lessons learned, and a few prescriptions to 'do this, avoid that.'" —From the Foreword by Joe LaCugna, Ph.D., Enterprise Analytics and Business Intelligence, Starbucks Coffee Company With the growing barrage of "big data," it becomes vitally important for organizations to make sense of this data and information in a timely and effective way. That's where analytics come into play. Research shows that organizations that use business analytics to guide their decision making are more productive and experience higher returns on equity. Big Data and Business Analytics helps you quickly grasp the trends and techniques of big data and business analytics to make your organization more competitive. Packed with case studies, this book assembles insights from some of the leading experts and organizations worldwide. Spanning industry, government, not-for-profit organizations, and academia, they share valuable perspectives on big data domains such as cybersecurity, marketing, emergency management, healthcare, finance, and transportation. Understand the trends, potential, and challenges associated with big data and business analytics Get an overview of machine learning, advanced statistical techniques, and other predictive analytics that can help you solve big data issues Learn from VPs of Big Data/Insights & Analytics via case studies of Fortune 100 companies, government agencies, universities, and not-for-profits Big data problems are complex. This book shows you how to go from being data-rich to insight-rich, improving your decision making and creating competitive advantage. Author Jay Liebowitz recently had an article published in The World Financial Review. www.worldfinancialreview.com/?p=1904

Revised to cover new advances in business intelligence—big data, cloud, mobile, and more—this fully updated bestseller reveals the latest techniques to exploit BI for the highest ROI. "Cindi has created, with her typical attention to details that matter, a contemporary forward-looking guide that organizations could use to evaluate existing or create a foundation for evolving business intelligence / analytics programs. The book touches on strategy, value, people, process, and technology, all of which must be considered for program success. Among other topics, the data, data warehousing, and ROI comments were spot on. The 'technobabble' chapter was brilliant!" —Bill Frank, Business Intelligence and Data Warehousing Program Manager, Johnson & Johnson "If you want to be an analytical competitor, you've got to go well beyond business intelligence technology. Cindi Howson has wrapped up the needed advice on technology, organization, strategy, and even culture in a neat package. It's required reading for quantitatively oriented strategists and the technologists who support them." —Thomas H. Davenport, President's Distinguished Professor, Babson College and co-author, *Competing on Analytics* "Cindi has created an exceptional, authoritative description of the end-to-end business intelligence ecosystem. This

is a great read for those who are just trying to better understand the business intelligence space, as well as for the seasoned BI practitioner.” —Sully McConnell, Vice President, Business Intelligence and Information Management, Time Warner Cable “Cindi’s book succinctly yet completely lays out what it takes to deliver BI successfully. IT and business leaders will benefit from Cindi’s deep BI experience, which she shares through helpful, real-world definitions, frameworks, examples, and stories. This is a must-read for companies engaged in – or considering – BI.” —Barbara Wixom, PhD, Principal Research Scientist, MIT Sloan Center for Information Systems Research Expanded to cover the latest advances in business intelligence such as big data, cloud, mobile, visual data discovery, and in-memory computing, this fully updated bestseller by BI guru Cindi Howson provides cutting-edge techniques to exploit BI for maximum value. Successful Business Intelligence: Unlock the Value of BI & Big Data, Second Edition describes best practices for an effective BI strategy. Find out how to: Garner executive support to foster an analytic culture Align the BI strategy with business goals Develop an analytic ecosystem to exploit data warehousing, analytic appliances, and Hadoop for the right BI workload Continuously improve the quality, breadth, and timeliness of data Find the relevance of BI for everyone in the company Use agile development processes to deliver BI capabilities and improvements at the pace of business change Select the right BI tools to meet user and business needs Measure success in multiple ways Embrace innovation, promote successes and applications, and invest in training Monitor your evolution and maturity across various factors for impact Exclusive industry survey data and real-world case studies from Medtronic, Macy’s, 1-800 CONTACTS, The Dow Chemical Company, Netflix, Constant Contact, and other companies show successful BI initiatives in action. From Moneyball to Nate Silver, BI and big data have permeated our cultural, political, and economic landscape. This timely, up-to-date guide reveals how to plan and deploy an agile, state-of-the-art BI solution that links insight to action and delivers a sustained competitive advantage. All business organizations strive for increasing their growth by seizing new opportunities, reducing enterprise costs, attracting new customers and retaining old customers. In doing so, business intelligence and analytics allow business organizations to make better plans, informed decisions, and monitor their progress towards planned goals and objectives. The more disruptive power of IT technologies comes synergistically. Individual IT technologies do not work in isolation. Business intelligence systems are built on other digital technologies, such as mobile and collaborative technologies, cloud computing, virtualization, and enterprise resource planning and enterprise information systems. This volume presents sixteen of the most insightful research papers amongst the various contributions accepted for presentations at the International Conference on Information Systems and Technologies (ICIST 2013) and the International Conference on Software Engineering and New Technologies (ICSENT’12), held in Tangier, Morocco, and Hammamet, Tunisia respectively. These papers truly

represent what today's CIOs see as the top-priority disruptive IT technologies that will help business organizations seize digital opportunities to increase their growth and reduce operating costs.

A guide to business intelligence provides information on ways to effectively choose technology to make better business decisions about products, customers, and competitors.

For courses on Business Intelligence or Decision Support Systems. A managerial approach to understanding business intelligence systems. To help future managers use and understand analytics, Business Intelligence provides students with a solid foundation of BI that is reinforced with hands-on practice.

The only Oracle Press guide to creating effective visual presentations of business intelligence data quickly and easily Data Visualization for Oracle Business Intelligence 11g reveals the best practices for creating graphs, tables, maps, and other methodologies for presenting data-driven insights using one of the most common business intelligence front-end systems in the world, Oracle Business Intelligence 11g. This information-rich guide offers clear instructions for building top-quality dashboards, analyses, and visualizations from real-world implementers and respected data visualization experts. You'll learn everything from improving the readability of your tables to implementing the latest Advanced Trellis Chart features and from adding native map views of BI data to designing optimal dashboard layout strategies. You'll see how to produce accurate, compelling, and professional graphics that will immediately enhance corporate decision making. Shows proven steps for extracting maximum impact from native features that are little known to the majority of BI users Covers dashboard strategy, including layout, design, navigation, master detail linking, action links, and prompts Addresses how to extend Oracle Business Intelligence 11g with advanced languages and visualization systems such as JavaScript-based D3 and JQuery, R, and Oracle Application Development Framework Includes an associated web gallery showcasing the colors and graphics that render best digitally

This book examines the managerial dimensions of business intelligence (BI) systems. It develops a set of guidelines for value creation by implementing business intelligence systems and technologies. In particular the book looks at BI as a process - driven by a mix of human and technological capabilities - to serve complex information needs in building insights and providing aid in decision making. After an introduction to the key concepts of BI and neighboring areas of information processing, the book looks at the complexity and multidimensionality of BI. It tackles both data integration and information integration issues. Bodies of knowledge and other widely accepted collections of experience are presented and turned into lessons learned. Following a straightforward introduction to the processes and technologies of BI the book embarks on BI maturity and agility, the components, drivers and inhibitors of BI culture and soft BI factors like attention, sense and trust. Eventually the book attempts to provide a holistic view

on business intelligence, possible structures and tradeoffs and embarks to provide an outlook on possible developments in BI and analytics. .

This revised edition is targeted to busy managers and MBA students who need to grasp the basics of computerized decision support. Some of the topics covered include: What is a DSS? What do managers need to know about computerized decision support? And how can managers identify opportunities to create innovative DSS? Overall the book addresses 35 fundamental questions that are relevant to understanding computerized decision support.

Uncovering and analyzing data associated with the current business environment is essential in maintaining a competitive edge. As such, making informed decisions based on this data is crucial to managers across industries. Integration of Data Mining in Business Intelligence Systems investigates the incorporation of data mining into business technologies used in the decision making process. Emphasizing cutting-edge research and relevant concepts in data discovery and analysis, this book is a comprehensive reference source for policymakers, academicians, researchers, students, technology developers, and professionals interested in the application of data mining techniques and practices in business information systems.

Way more than traditional web shop analysis technology VR analytics promises to deliver even deeper insights into the consumer's psyche. As powerful as immersive media itself are the new possibilities of gathering behavioural user data during VR experiences and utilizing them alongside traditional data warehouse information. VR is only the first of three visual computing waves heading our direction in the next several years. It is followed by the AR wave (Augmented Reality) and then the USEMIR wave (Ubiquitous SEnsory MIxed Reality). Each wave will develop it's own kind of specialized analytics enhancing today's Business intelligence systems. And each wave will turn what we now call Big Data into even more Gigantic Data (GiganData). This dossier is co-authored by industry experts to allow you a first deeper look into the brave new world of Virtual Reality Analytics and beyond: Carsten Frisch, Chuck Gordon, Krzysztof Izdebski, Petr Legkov, Max Maschmann, Joerg Osarek, Alexander Scholz, Frank Sommerer, Kevin Williams. Jan Tussing, Journalist and Silicon Valley Expert says: "This dossier shows the game changing mechanisms of Virtual Reality Analytics in a fascinating way."

Technological developments in recent years have been tremendous. This evolution is visible in companies through technological equipment, computerized procedures, and management practices associated with technologies. One of the management practices that is visible is related to business intelligence and analytics (BI&A). Concepts such as data warehousing, key performance indicators (KPIs), data mining, and dashboards are changing the business arena. This book aims to promote research related to these new trends that open up a new field of research in the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) area. Features Focuses on the more recent research findings occurring in the fields of BI&A

Conveys how companies in the developed world are facing today's technological challenges
Shares knowledge and insights on an international scale
Provides different options and strategies to manage competitive organizations
Addresses several dimensions of BI&A in favor of SMEs

Do you enjoy completing puzzles? Perhaps one of the most challenging (yet rewarding) puzzles is delivering a successful data warehouse suitable for data mining and analytics. The Analytical Puzzle describes an unbiased, practical, and comprehensive approach to building a data warehouse which will lead to an increased level of business intelligence within your organization. New technologies continuously impact this approach and therefore this book explains how to leverage big data, cloud computing, data warehouse appliances, data mining, predictive analytics, data visualization and mobile devices. Here are the main objectives for each of the book's 19 chapters:

- Chapter 1: Develop a foundational knowledge of data warehousing, business intelligence and analytics
- Chapter 2: Build the business case needed to sell your data warehousing project, and then produce a project plan that avoids common pitfalls
- Chapter 3: Elicit and organize business intelligence and data warehousing business requirements
- Chapter 4: Specify the technical architecture of the data warehousing system, including software and infrastructure components, technology stack, and non-functional requirements. Gain an understanding of cloud based data warehousing and data warehouse appliances
- Chapter 5: Learn about data attributes including metrics and key performance indicators (KPIs), the raw material of data warehousing and business intelligence
- Chapter 6: Learn about data modeling and how to apply design patterns for each part of the data warehouse
- Chapter 7: Speak the dimensional modeling language of measures, dimensions, facts, cubes, stars, and snowflakes
- Chapter 8: Organize a successful data governance program. Learn how to manage metadata for your data warehousing and business intelligence project
- Chapter 9: Identify useful data sources and implement a data quality program
- Chapter 10: Use database technology for your data warehousing project, and understand the impact of data warehouse appliances, big data, in memory databases, columnar databases and OnLine Analytical Processing (OLAP)
- Chapter 11: Apply data integration and understand the role data mapping, data cleansing, data transformation, and loading data play in a successful data warehouse
- Chapter 12: Use the business intelligence (BI) operations of slice, dice, drill down, roll up, and pivot to analyze and present data
- Chapter 13: Learn about descriptive and predictive statistics, and calculate mean, median, mode, variance and standard deviation
- Chapter 14: Harness analytical methods such as regression analysis, data mining, and statistics to make profitable decisions and anticipate the future
- Chapter 15: Appreciate the components and design patterns that compose a successful analytic application
- Chapter 16: Gain an understanding of the uses and benefits of scorecards and dashboards including support of mobile device users
- Chapter 17: Gain insight into applications of

business intelligence that could profit your organization, including risk management, finance, marketing, government, healthcare, science and sports •

Chapter 18: Perform customer analytics to better understand and segment your customers • Chapter 19: Test, roll out, and sustain the data warehouse

Use the latest data mining best practices to enable timely, actionable, evidence-based decision making throughout your organization! Real-World Data Mining demystifies current best practices, showing how to use data mining to uncover hidden patterns and correlations, and leverage these to improve all aspects of business performance. Drawing on extensive experience as a researcher, practitioner, and instructor, Dr. Dursun Delen delivers an optimal balance of concepts, techniques and applications. Without compromising either simplicity or clarity, he provides enough technical depth to help readers truly understand how data mining technologies work. Coverage includes: processes, methods, techniques, tools, and metrics; the role and management of data; text and web mining; sentiment analysis; and Big Data integration. Throughout, Delen's conceptual coverage is complemented with application case studies (examples of both successes and failures), as well as simple, hands-on tutorials. Real-World Data Mining will be valuable to professionals on analytics teams; professionals seeking certification in the field; and undergraduate or graduate students in any analytics program: concentrations, certificate-based, or degree-based.

The field of business intelligence is evolving and quickly becoming a shared commodity by managers, analysts, and top executives across organizations.

Business Intelligence: A Managerial Approach introduces the reader to the most current technologies found in today's business world and presents the fundamental techniques, construction, and usage of BI systems.

This is the eBook of the printed book and may not include any media, website access codes, or print supplements that may come packaged with the bound book. For courses on Business Intelligence or Decision Support Systems. A managerial approach to understanding business intelligence systems. To help future managers use and understand analytics, Business Intelligence provides students with a solid foundation of BI that is reinforced with hands-on practice.

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"This book provides research on business intelligence in cloud computing and explores its applications in conjunction with other tools"--

The Profit Impact of Business Intelligence presents an A-to-Z approach for getting the most business intelligence (BI) from a company's data assets or data warehouse. BI is not just a technology or methodology, it is a powerful new management approach that – when done right – can deliver knowledge, efficiency, better decisions, and profit to almost any organization that uses it. When BI first came on the scene, it promised a lot but often failed to deliver. The missing element was the business-centric focus

explained in this book. It shows how you can achieve the promise of BI by connecting it to your organization's strategic goals, culture, and strengths while correcting your BI weaknesses. It provides a practical, process-oriented guide to achieve the full promise of BI; shows how world-class companies used BI to become leaders in their industries; helps senior business and IT executives understand the strategic impact of BI and how they can ensure a strong payoff from their BI investments; and identifies the most common mistakes organizations make in implementing BI. The book also includes a helpful glossary of BI terms; a BI readiness assessment for your organization; and Web links and extensive references for more information. A practical, process-oriented book that will help organizations realize the promise of BI

Written by Nancy and Steve Williams, veteran consultants and instructors with hands-on, "in the trenches" experience in government and corporate business intelligence applications Will help senior business and IT executives understand the strategic impact of BI and how they can help ensure a strong payoff on BI investments

Between the high-level concepts of business intelligence and the nitty-gritty instructions for using vendors' tools lies the essential, yet poorly-understood layer of architecture, design and process. Without this knowledge, Big Data is belittled – projects flounder, are late and go over budget. Business Intelligence Guidebook: From Data Integration to Analytics shines a bright light on an often neglected topic, arming you with the knowledge you need to design rock-solid business intelligence and data integration processes. Practicing consultant and adjunct BI professor Rick Sherman takes the guesswork out of creating systems that are cost-effective, reusable and essential for transforming raw data into valuable information for business decision-makers. After reading this book, you will be able to design the overall architecture for functioning business intelligence systems with the supporting data warehousing and data-integration applications. You will have the information you need to get a project launched, developed, managed and delivered on time and on budget – turning the deluge of data into actionable information that fuels business knowledge. Finally, you'll give your career a boost by demonstrating an essential knowledge that puts corporate BI projects on a fast-track to success. Provides practical guidelines for building successful BI, DW and data integration solutions. Explains underlying BI, DW and data integration design, architecture and processes in clear, accessible language. Includes the complete project development lifecycle that can be applied at large enterprises as well as at small to medium-sized businesses Describes best practices and pragmatic approaches so readers can put them into action. Companion website includes templates and examples, further discussion of key topics, instructor materials, and references to trusted industry sources.

This book presents a comprehensive and systematic introduction to transforming process-oriented data into information about the underlying business process, which is essential for all kinds of decision-making. To that end, the authors develop step-by-step models and analytical tools for obtaining high-quality data structured in such a way that complex analytical tools can be applied. The main emphasis is on process mining and data mining techniques and the combination of these methods for process-oriented data. After a general introduction to the business intelligence (BI) process and its constituent tasks in chapter 1, chapter 2 discusses different approaches to modeling in BI applications. Chapter 3 is an overview and provides details of data provisioning,

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including a section on big data. Chapter 4 tackles data description, visualization, and reporting. Chapter 5 introduces data mining techniques for cross-sectional data. Different techniques for the analysis of temporal data are then detailed in Chapter 6. Subsequently, chapter 7 explains techniques for the analysis of process data, followed by the introduction of analysis techniques for multiple BI perspectives in chapter 8. The book closes with a summary and discussion in chapter 9. Throughout the book, (mostly open source) tools are recommended, described and applied; a more detailed survey on tools can be found in the appendix, and a detailed code for the solutions together with instructions on how to install the software used can be found on the accompanying website. Also, all concepts presented are illustrated and selected examples and exercises are provided. The book is suitable for graduate students in computer science, and the dedicated website with examples and solutions makes the book ideal as a textbook for a first course in business intelligence in computer science or business information systems. Additionally, practitioners and industrial developers who are interested in the concepts behind business intelligence will benefit from the clear explanations and many examples.

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Business Intelligence Strategy and Big Data Analytics is written for business leaders, managers, and analysts - people who are involved with advancing the use of BI at their companies or who need to better understand what BI is and how it can be used to improve profitability. It is written from a general management perspective, and it draws on observations at 12 companies whose annual revenues range between \$500 million and \$20 billion. Over the past 15 years, my company has formulated vendor-neutral business-focused BI strategies and program execution plans in collaboration with manufacturers, distributors, retailers, logistics companies, insurers, investment companies, credit unions, and utilities, among others. It is through these experiences that we have validated business-driven BI strategy formulation methods and identified common enterprise BI program execution challenges. In recent years, terms like "big data" and "big data analytics" have been introduced into the business and technical lexicon. Upon close examination, the newer terminology is about the same thing that BI has always been about: analyzing the vast amounts of data that companies generate and/or purchase in the course of business as a means of improving profitability and competitiveness. Accordingly, we will use the terms BI and business intelligence throughout the book, and we will discuss the newer concepts like big data as appropriate. More broadly, the goal of this book is to share methods and observations that will help companies achieve BI success and thereby increase revenues, reduce costs, or both. Provides ideas for improving the business performance of one's company or business functions Emphasizes proven, practical, step-by-step methods that readers can readily apply in their companies Includes exercises and case studies with road-tested advice about formulating BI strategies and program plans Praise for the First Edition "This is the most usable decision support systems text. [i]t is far better than any other text in the field" —Computing Reviews Computer-based systems known

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as decision support systems (DSS) play a vital role in helping professionals across various fields of practice understand what information is needed, when it is needed, and in what form in order to make smart and valuable business decisions. Providing a unique combination of theory, applications, and technology, *Decision Support Systems for Business Intelligence, Second Edition* supplies readers with the hands-on approach that is needed to understand the implications of theory to DSS design as well as the skills needed to construct a DSS. This new edition reflects numerous advances in the field as well as the latest related technological developments. By addressing all topics on three levels—general theory, implications for DSS design, and code development—the author presents an integrated analysis of what every DSS designer needs to know. This Second Edition features: Expanded coverage of data mining with new examples Newly added discussion of business intelligence and transnational corporations Discussion of the increased capabilities of databases and the significant growth of user interfaces and models Emphasis on analytics to encourage DSS builders to utilize sufficient modeling support in their systems A thoroughly updated section on data warehousing including architecture, data adjustment, and data scrubbing Explanations and implications of DSS differences across cultures and the challenges associated with transnational systems Each chapter discusses various aspects of DSS that exist in real-world applications, and one main example of a DSS to facilitate car purchases is used throughout the entire book. Screenshots from JavaScript® and Adobe® ColdFusion are presented to demonstrate the use of popular software packages that carry out the discussed techniques, and a related Web site houses all of the book's figures along with demo versions of decision support packages, additional examples, and links to developments in the field. *Decision Support Systems for Business Intelligence, Second Edition* is an excellent book for courses on information systems, decision support systems, and data mining at the advanced undergraduate and graduate levels. It also serves as a practical reference for professionals working in the fields of business, statistics, engineering, and computer technology.

Data analysis is an important part of modern business administration, as efficient compilation of information allows managers and business leaders to make the best decisions for the financial solvency of their organizations. Understanding the use of analytics, reporting, and data mining in everyday business environments is imperative to the success of modern businesses. *Applying Business Intelligence Initiatives in Healthcare and Organizational Settings* incorporates emerging concepts, methods, models, and relevant applications of business intelligence systems within problem contexts of healthcare and other organizational boundaries. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics such as rise of embedded analytics, competitive advantage, and strategic capability, this book is ideally designed for business analysts, investors, corporate managers, and entrepreneurs seeking to advance their understanding and practice of business intelligence.

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solutions and how they fit into existing infrastructure Assessing new options such as SaaS and cloud-based technologies Avoiding technology biases and other “project killers” Developing effective RFIs/RFPs and proofs of concept Setting up competency centers and planning for skills development Crafting a better experience for all your business users Supporting the requirements of senior executives, including performance management Cost-justifying BI solutions and measuring success Working with enterprise content management, text analytics, and search Planning and constructing portals, mashups, and other user interfaces Previewing the future of BI

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