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### International Standardization and the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade IBM Redbooks

The very word "digital" has acquired a status that far exceeds its humble dictionary definition. Even the prefix digital, when associated with familiar sectors such as radio, television, photography and telecommunications, has reinvented these industries, and provided a unique opportunity to refresh them with new start-up companies, equipment, personnel, training and working practices - all of which are vital to modern national and international economies. The last century was a period in which new media stimulated new job opportunities, and in many cases created totally new sectors: video competed with film, CDs transformed LPs, and computer graphics threatened traditional graphic design sectors. Today, even the need for a physical medium is in question. The virtual digital domain allows the capture, processing, transmission, storage, retrieval and display of text, images, audio and animation

without familiar materials such as paper, celluloid, magnetic tape and plastic. But moving from these media to the digital domain introduces all sorts of problems, such as the conversion of analog archives, multimedia databases, content-based retrieval and the design of new content that exploits the benefits offered by digital systems. It is this issue of digital content creation that we address in this book. Authors from around the world were invited to comment on different aspects of digital content creation, and their contributions form the 23 chapters of this volume.

### Chemical Abstracts Springer Science & Business Media

The fourth edition of this work provides a readable, tutorial based introduction to the subject of computer hardware for undergraduate computer scientists and engineers and includes a companion website to give lecturers additional notes.

### Technical Abstract Bulletin Taylor & Francis Group

This volume is the Proceedings of the First International Conference on Advanced Multimedia Content Processing (AMCP '98). With the remarkable advances made in computer and communication hardware/software system technologies, we can now easily obtain large volumes of multimedia

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data through advanced computer networks and store and handle them in our own personal hardware. Sophisticated and integrated multimedia content processing technologies, which are essential to building a highly advanced information based society, are attracting ever increasing attention in various service areas, including broadcasting, publishing, medical treatment, entertainment, and communications. The prime concerns of these technologies are how to acquire multimedia content data from the real world, how to automatically organize and store these obtained data in databases for sharing and reuse, and how to generate and create new, attractive multimedia content using the stored data. This conference brings together researchers and practitioners from academia, industry, and public agencies to present and discuss recent advances in the acquisition, management, retrieval, creation, and utilization of large amounts of multimedia content. Artistic and innovative applications through the active use of multimedia content are also subjects of interest. The conference aims at covering the following particular areas: (1) Dynamic multimedia data modeling and intelligent structuring of content based on active, bottom up, and self organized strategies. (2) Access architecture, querying facilities, and distribution mechanisms for multimedia content.

*Canadian Sales Management Manual* Apress

Privatization has been on the right-wing agenda for years. Health care, schools, Social Security, public lands, the military, prisons-all are considered fair game. Through stories, analysis, impassioned argument-even song lyrics-Si Kahn and Elizabeth Minnich show that corporations are, by their very nature, unable to fulfill effectively what have traditionally been the responsibilities of government. They make a powerful case that the market is not the measure of all things, and that a vital public sector is an indispensable component of a healthy democracy.

*Advanced Multimedia Content Processing* Binh Nguyen

The 1999 international conference on Information Processing in Medical Imaging (IPMI '99) was the sixteenth in the series of biennial meetings and followed the successful meeting in Poultney, Vermont, in 1997. This year, for the first time, the conference was held in central Europe, in the historical Hungarian town of Visegrád, one of the most beautiful spots not only on the Danube Bend but in all Hungary. The place has many historical connections, both national and international. The castle was once a royal palace of King Matthias. In the middle ages, the Hungarian, Czech, and Polish kings met here. Recently, after the summit meeting of reestablished democracies in the area, it became a symbol

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for the cooperation between central European countries as they approached the European Union. It was thus also symbolic to bring IPMI, in the year of the 30th anniversary of its foundation, to this place, and organize the meeting with the close cooperation of local and traditional western organizers. It also provided a good opportunity to summarize briefly a history of IPMI for those who were new to the IPMI conference. This year we received 82 full paper submissions from all over the world. Of these, 24 were accepted as oral presentations. These were divided into 6 sessions. In spite of our efforts, it was found to be impossible to make these sessions fully balanced and homogeneous.

Creative Community Organizing Cambridge University Press

The introduction of the microprocessor in computer and system engineering has motivated the development of many new concepts and has simplified the design of many modern industrial systems. During the first decade of their life, microprocessors have shown a tremendous evolution in all possible directions (technology, power, functionality, I/O handling, etc). Of course putting the microprocessors and their environmental devices into properly operating systems is a complex and difficult task requiring high skills for melding and integrating hardware, and systemic components, software. This book was motivated by the editors' feeling that a cohesive reference is needed providing a good coverage of modern industrial applications of microprocessor-based real time control, together with latest advanced methodological issues. Unavoidably a single volume cannot be exhaustive, but the present book contains a sufficient number of important real-time applications. The book is divided in two sections. Section I deals with general hardware, software and systemic topics, and involves six chapters. Chapter 1, by Gupta and Toong, presents an overview of the development of microprocessors during their first twelve years of existence. Chapter 2, by Dasgupta, deals with a number of system software concepts for real time microprocessor-based systems (task scheduling, memory management, input-

output aspects, programming language requirements.

Parallel Computers 2 Routledge

Since the publication of the first edition, parallel computing technology has gained considerable momentum. A large proportion of this has come from the improvement in VLSI techniques, offering one to two orders of magnitude more devices than previously possible. A second contributing factor in the fast development of the subject is commercialization. The supercomputer is no longer restricted to a few well-established research institutions and large companies. A new computer breed combining the architectural advantages of the supercomputer with the advance of VLSI technology is now available at very attractive prices. A pioneering device in this development is the transputer, a VLSI processor specifically designed to operate in large concurrent systems. Parallel Computers 2: Architecture, Programming and Algorithms reflects the shift in emphasis of parallel computing and tracks the development of supercomputers in the years since the first edition was published. It looks at large-scale parallelism as found in transputer ensembles. This extensively rewritten second edition includes major new sections on the transputer and the OCCAM language. The book contains specific information on the various types of machines available, details of computer architecture and technologies, and descriptions of programming languages and algorithms. Aimed at an advanced undergraduate and postgraduate level, this handbook is also useful for research workers, machine designers, and programmers concerned with parallel computers. In addition, it will serve as a guide for potential parallel computer users, especially in disciplines where large amounts of computer time are regularly used.

Signal Analysis Stackpole Books

Handgun enthusiasts, gun-owning do-it-yourself, law enforcement officials, and gunsmiths here is the ultimate one-volume guide to acquiring and developing all the necessary skills for making pistol repairs at home, from

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helpful hints on work space and setting up a small shop, to the tools needed and how to use them properly, to welding, hardening, and gun finishing. All this valuable information, plus much more, is contained in this easy-to-use reference for handgun aficionados.

Visual Control of Robots Springer Science & Business Media

The author has maintained two open-source MATLAB Toolboxes for more than 10 years: one for robotics and one for vision. The key strength of the Toolboxes provide a set of tools that allow the user to work with real problems, not trivial examples. For the student the book makes the algorithms accessible, the Toolbox code can be read to gain understanding, and the examples illustrate how it can be used —instant gratification in just a couple of lines of MATLAB code. The code can also be the starting point for new work, for researchers or students, by writing programs based on Toolbox functions, or modifying the Toolbox code itself. The purpose of this book is to expand on the tutorial material provided with the toolboxes, add many more examples, and to weave this into a narrative that covers robotics and computer vision separately and together. The author shows how complex problems can be decomposed and solved using just a few simple lines of code, and hopefully to inspire up and coming researchers. The topics covered are guided by the real problems observed over many years as a practitioner of both robotics and computer vision. It is written in a light but informative style, it is easy to read and absorb, and includes a lot of Matlab examples and figures. The book is a real walk through the fundamentals of robot kinematics, dynamics and joint level control, then camera models, image processing, feature extraction and

epipolar geometry, and bring it all together in a visual servo system. Additional material is provided at <http://www.petercorke.com/RVC>  
Sensor Fusion Springer Science & Business Media  
It is a great privilege and pleasure to write a foreword for a book honoring Wolfgang Gaul on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday. Wolfgang Gaul is currently Professor of Business Administration and Management Science and the Head of the Institute of Decision Theory and Management Science, Faculty of Economics, University of Karlsruhe (TH), Germany. He is, by any measure, one of the most distinguished and eminent scholars in the world today. Wolfgang Gaul has been instrumental in numerous leading research initiatives and has achieved an unprecedented level of success in facilitating communication among researchers in diverse disciplines from around the world. A particularly remarkable and unique aspect of his work is that he has been a leading scholar in such diverse areas of research as graph theory and network models, reliability theory, stochastic optimization, operations research, probability theory, sampling theory, cluster analysis, scaling and multivariate data analysis. His activities have been directed not only at these and other theoretical topics, but also at applications of statistical and mathematical tools to a multitude of important problems in computer science (e.g., w-mining), business research (e.g., market segmentation), management science (e.g., decision support systems) and behavioral sciences (e.g., preference measurement and data mining). All of his endeavors have been accomplished at the highest level of professional excellence.

Homeownership in Hong Kong Springer  
This book treats visual feedback control of mechanical systems, mostly robot manipulators. It not only deals with image processing techniques and robot control schemes but also covers the latest investigation of the design of the visual servo mechanism based on modern linear and nonlinear control theory, the adaptive

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control scheme, fuzzy logic, and neural networks. New concepts for utilizing visual sensory information for real-time manipulator control are derived and the performances are evaluated through simulations and/or experiments. The contributors to this book are robotics specialists from all over the world. The book gives a practical perspective on visual servoing to researchers, engineers, and students working in this area.

Things and Places UNESCO Publishing

The familiar yellow Technical Instruction series from Bosch have long proved one of their most popular instructional aids. They provide a clear and concise overview of the theory of operation, component design, model variations, and technical terminology for the entire Bosch product line, and give a solid foundation for better diagnostics and servicing. Clearly written and illustrated with photos, diagrams and charts, these books are equally at home in the vocational classroom, apprentices toolkit, or enthusiasts fireside chair. If you own a car, especially a European one, you have Bosch components and systems. Covers:-Lambda closed-loop control for passenger car diesel engines- Functional description-Triggering signals  
ESD CRC Press

This work examines the international standardization system generally, with a specific focus on some of the bodies within this system. It also questions the lack of definition regarding several features related to the system, notably an international standardizing body and international standards in the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.

Full Steam Ahead! Springer Science & Business Media

This IBM® Redbooks® publication demonstrates and documents that IBM Power Systems™ high-performance computing and technical computing solutions deliver faster time to value with powerful solutions. Configurable into highly scalable Linux clusters, Power Systems offer extreme performance for demanding workloads such as genomics, finance, computational chemistry, oil and gas exploration,

and high-performance data analytics. This book delivers a high-performance computing solution implemented on the IBM Power System S822LC. The solution delivers high application performance and throughput based on its built-for-big-data architecture that incorporates IBM POWER8® processors, tightly coupled Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs) and accelerators, and faster I/O by using Coherent Accelerator Processor Interface (CAPI). This solution is ideal for clients that need more processing power while simultaneously increasing workload density and reducing datacenter floor space requirements. The Power S822LC offers a modular design to scale from a single rack to hundreds, simplicity of ordering, and a strong innovation roadmap for graphics processing units (GPUs). This publication is targeted toward technical professionals (consultants, technical support staff, IT Architects, and IT Specialists) responsible for delivering cost effective high-performance computing (HPC) solutions that help uncover insights from their data so they can optimize business results, product development, and scientific discoveries

Fuzzy Control Springer Science & Business Media

The second edition of a comprehensive introduction to all aspects of mobile robotics, from algorithms to mechanisms. Mobile robots range from the Mars Pathfinder mission's teleoperated Sojourner to the cleaning robots in the Paris Metro. This text offers students and other interested readers an introduction to the fundamentals of mobile robotics, spanning the mechanical, motor, sensory, perceptual, and cognitive layers the field comprises. The text focuses on mobility itself, offering an overview of the mechanisms that allow a mobile robot to move through a real world environment to perform its tasks, including locomotion, sensing, localization, and motion planning. It synthesizes material from such fields as kinematics, control theory, signal analysis, computer vision, information theory, artificial intelligence, and probability theory. The book presents the techniques and technology that enable mobility in a series of interacting modules. Each chapter treats a different aspect of mobility, as the book

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moves from low-level to high-level details. It covers all aspects of mobile robotics, including software and hardware design considerations, related technologies, and algorithmic techniques. This second edition has been revised and updated throughout, with 130 pages of new material on such topics as locomotion, perception, localization, and planning and navigation. Problem sets have been added at the end of each chapter. Bringing together all aspects of mobile robotics into one volume, *Introduction to Autonomous Mobile Robots* can serve as a textbook or a working tool for beginning practitioners. Curriculum developed by Dr. Robert King, Colorado School of Mines, and Dr. James Conrad, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, to accompany the National Instruments LabVIEW Robotics Starter Kit, are available. Included are 13 (6 by Dr. King and 7 by Dr. Conrad) laboratory exercises for using the LabVIEW Robotics Starter Kit to teach mobile robotics concepts.

Intelligent Control Systems Springer Science & Business Media

Combustion Engines Development nowadays is based on simulation, not only of the transient reaction of vehicles or of the complete driveshaft, but also of the highly unsteady processes in the carburation process and the combustion chamber of an engine. Different physical and chemical approaches are described to show the potentials and limits of the models used for simulation.

Principles of Computer Hardware Now Publishers Inc

*Software Engineering with OBJ: Algebraic Specification in Action* is a comprehensive introduction to OBJ, the most widely used algebraic specification system. As a formal specification language, OBJ makes specifications and designs more precise and easier to read, as well as making maintenance easier and more accurate. OBJ differs from most other specification languages not just in having a formal semantics, but in being executable, either through symbolic execution with term rewriting, or more generally through theorem proving. One

problem with specifications is that they are often wrong. OBJ can help validate specifications by executing test cases, and by proving properties. As well as providing a detailed introduction to the language and the OBJ system that implements it, *Software Engineering with OBJ: Algebraic Specification in Action* provides case studies by leading practitioners in the field, in areas such as computer graphics standards, hardware design, and parallel computation. The case studies demonstrate that OBJ can be used in a wide variety of ways to achieve a wide variety of practical aims in the system development process. The papers on various OBJ systems also demonstrate that the language is relatively easy to understand, implement, and use, and that it supports formal reasoning in a straightforward but powerful way. *Software Engineering with OBJ: Algebraic Specification in Action* will be of interest to students and teachers in the areas of data types, programming languages, semantics, theorem proving, and algebra, as well as to researchers and practitioners in software engineering.

Electronic Diesel Control (EDC) MIT Press

This book studies the cultural framework of the connections between homeownership and social stability in Hong Kong. In the post-war period, homeownership became the most preferable housing choice in developed societies, such as Australia, Britain, Japan, Spain, and the United States. In the financialization era, its proliferation aggregated enormous wealth and debt in the housing and mortgage markets, affecting social stability by creating inequality and housing unaffordability. Hong Kong is the most extreme example of this among developed societies — in recent years, the city has made international headlines both for its housing problem and its social instability. By studying the history of homeownership in Hong Kong over a period of four decades, Chung-kin Tsang proposes that homeownership is inseparable from the social imagination of the future, conceptualizing this framework as "hope mechanism". This perspective helps trace the connections between ' House Buying ' as a hope mechanism — one which is central to subject formation, life goals, and temporal

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mapping for socially shared life planning — and social stability. Given its unique approach, specifically its use of "hope" as an analytical category, this book will prove to be a useful resource for scholars in economic culture and financialization, and Asian Studies, especially those working on the cultural, sociopolitical, and economic history of Hong Kong. *Software Engineering with OBJ* Princeton University Press

*Computational Studies of Human Motion: Part 1, Tracking and Motion Synthesis* reviews methods for kinematic tracking of the human body in video. The review confines itself to the earlier stages of motion, focusing on tracking and motion synthesis. There is an extensive discussion of open issues. The authors identify some puzzling phenomena associated with the choice of human motion representation --- joint angles vs. joint positions. The review concludes with a quick guide to resources and an extensive bibliography of over 400 references.

*Computational Studies of Human Motion: Part 1, Tracking and Motion Synthesis* is an invaluable reference for those engaged in computational geometry, computer graphics, image processing, imaging in general, and robotic.

*Robotics, Vision and Control* John Wiley & Sons

*RMAN Recipes for Oracle Database 12c* is an example-driven approach to the Oracle database administrator's #1 job responsibility: Be able to recover the database. Of all the things you are responsible for as database administrator, nothing is more important than the data itself. Like it or not, the fearsome responsibility of protecting your organization's most critical data falls squarely upon your shoulders: Lose that data and your company could fail. Lose that data and you could be out of a job. Oracle's flagship database product fortunately implements a wide-ranging feature set to aid you in the all-important task of safeguarding against data loss. Recovery Manager, or RMAN, is at the

heart of that feature set, and is the tool most-often used to initiate database backup and recovery operations. In this book, well-known authors and database experts Darl Kuhn, Sam Alapati, and Arup Nanda have created a set of examples encompassing the gamut of backup and recovery tasks that you might need to perform. Sometimes, especially when the heat is on, a good example is what you need to get started towards a solution. *RMAN Recipes for Oracle Database 12c* delivers. It 'll be the book you reach for when that dreaded call comes in at 3:00am some dreary morning. It 'll be the book that lets you sleep at night knowing that no matter what transpires, that you've done your job well and can recover from any outage. *RMAN Recipes for Oracle Database 12c* gets right to the point with quick and easy-to-read, step-by-step solutions that can help you backup and recover your data with confidence. What you 'll learn Reliably back up and recover your database using Oracle's Recovery Manager Let Oracle Database manage your backup files via the Fast Recovery Area Automate backup and recovery tasks by writing scripts Troubleshoot RMAN problems and optimize RMAN performance Recover from the loss of a control file, loss of an online redo log, and from other unusual situations Who this book is for *RMAN Recipes for Oracle Database 12c* is aimed squarely at Oracle database administrators responsible for database backup and recovery operations. Table of Contents Backup and Recovery 101 Jump-Starting RMAN Using the Fast Recovery Area Using RMAN Configuring the RMAN Environment Using the Recovery Catalog Making Backups with RMAN Maintaining RMAN Backups and the Repository Scripting RMAN Restoring the Control File Performing Complete Recovery Performing Incomplete

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