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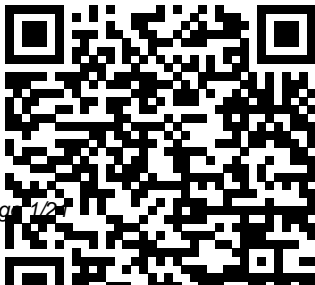
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Thanks to today ' s busy lifestyles, nearly 4,500 institutions of higher learning, and more than 21 million students, the need for college admissions consulting services continues to grow. The experts at Entrepreneur detail how education enthusiasts and/ or those with a passion for counseling others can take advantage of this home-based business opportunity. Coached by our experts, entrepreneurs learn how to identify their specialty or services—from steering high school students towards acceptance to assisting in filing admission and financial applications and other market needs. They also

learn business basics such as establishing their company as a legal entity, outfitting a home office, handling the finances, promoting your services and the like. Given contact lists, resource lists, sample documents, and even interviews from practicing entrepreneurs sharing money-saving tips, pitfalls to avoid, and tricks of the trade, entrepreneurs gain all the intel they need to make their business startup and launch a success.

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twice-monthly publication, focused conference series and custom research form the hub of the world's largest global IT media network.

### Building Professional Services Prometheus Books

It's taken as gospel that superior service leads to higher profits and faster growth. The Internet has changed how customers both shop and relate their experiences, but the foundations of exceptional service remain constant. Now, readers can find new tips, tools, and techniques for the world they live in today.

### Computerworld Amacom Books

This practical guide provides a philosophical framework and a basic set of problem-solving skills that can make successful collaboration a

reality.

### **How to Win Client Business When You Don't Know Where to Start** John Wiley & Sons

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*The IT Consultant* Corwin Press Consulting is one of the fastest growing occupational groups in business today. For many talented individuals

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around the world, starting a consulting practice offers great opportunity for income growth and job satisfaction. Yet, consulting does have its unique set of challenges including lack of professional respect from potential clients and a high business failure rate. This book, *Building a Successful Consulting Practice*, will be helpful to anyone starting down this exciting and challenging road. It presents 12 case studies that analyze the success of consulting organizations. This book focuses particularly on small consulting practices, and specifically on those

consulting practices closely related to the field of human resource development. You will find value in this book no matter where you are in the process of starting or running a consulting practice. No matter how you plan to use this book, the impressive group of contributors represented in this collection of case studies will be invaluable as you work to achieve your own level of success in the consulting business.

**Computerworld** CRC Press  
In this new and revised edition of the landmark book *High-Impact Consulting*, Robert H. Schaffer reveals how senior managers

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unwittingly collude with their consultants to perpetuate the great waste inherent in "the five fatal flaws of conventional consulting." Drawing on his own work with companies-- Motorola, Rio Tinto, IBM, General Reinsurance Corporation, The World Bank, and other successful organizations-- Schaffer offers a field-tested approach to working with consultants that has proven to get results. He identifies the key elements of an effective project design?particularly that project objectives are defined in terms of client results rather than just consultant deliverables. The process enables clients to be certain that the work is carried out in ways that ensure success.

*Signal Ecotone Publishing*

In this groundbreaking book, Tom Wolff spells out six proven principles for creating collaborative solutions for healthy communities. *The Power of Collaborative Solutions* addresses contemporary social problems by helping people of diverse circumstances and backgrounds work together to solve community challenges. Filled with clear principles, illustrative stories, and practical tools, this book shows how to make lasting change really happen. Praise for *The Power of Collaborative Solutions* "This is a truly transformative book and a must-read. Tom Wolff crafts a path to change that is at once visionary and achievable."

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-MEREDITH MINKLER, professor of health and social behavior, University of California, Berkeley, and coauthor, *Community-Based Participatory Research for Health* (Jossey-Bass, 2008) "If you want to bring about sustained positive change in your community, read this book. The stories will inspire you, and the lessons will shine a light on your leadership path." -TYLER NORRIS, founding president, Community Initiatives "Here you'll find not just theory, but also the hard-won, down-to-earth detail on how to make collaboration work where you live and act." -BILL BERKOWITZ, professor emeritus of psychology, University of Massachusetts Lowell "Tom has a tremendous fount of knowledge, and

he knows just what to do with it and how to help others use it. His kind and commonsensical manner means that his intellect is accessible." -LINDA BOWEN, executive director, Institute for Community Peace, Washington, D.C. **Computerworld** John Wiley & Sons THE WAY EXECUTIVES USE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IS DYING. Are you ready to get the most out of what comes next? The longstanding business model of professional services is facing change unlike any other in its century-long history. Over the next 15 years, unrelenting advances in technology, data science, and corporate culture will fundamentally disrupt your "trusted advisors." Exciting

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opportunities lie ahead for forward-thinking organizations, while disastrous threats await any buyer that's unprepared to adopt a new service delivery model. **MICROSLICES** is a timely, eye-opening look at the changes that are already revolutionizing the professional services industry. It provides specific steps you must take as a buyer of those services to protect your organization from wasted consulting fees, outdated advice, and generic solutions. Consulting is dying. Your top adversaries will react to the future; will you? "Microslices is a great dive into understanding exactly why the boom in data sciences will completely change the way you use professional services. It's, quite simply, a must-read." Keith Ferrazzi author of *Never Eat Alone* and the #1 NY Times bestseller *Who's Got Your Back* "The book provides an excellent view into the future for everyone that provides or utilizes professional services. It predicts the changes coming to the industry and how to embrace the changes in order to increase productivity and profitability." Major General Steven W. Smith (Ret.) CEO of S.W. Smith & Associates For more information about Big Sky, visit [www.bigskyassociates.com](http://www.bigskyassociates.com).

**The Business of Consulting**  
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doctor: run a few tests, offer a neat diagnosis of the "problem," and recommend a solution. With the pace of change accelerating and globalization and specialization adding new layers of complexity, there is no time for diagnoses. Canned answers from outsiders have become useless. Well-meaning consultants often end up working on the wrong problem, misunderstanding the client organization's culture, or ignoring the fact that constant change makes today's solutions obsolete tomorrow. In *Humble Consulting*, Edgar Schein outlines the basics of a new approach. He argues that consultants and coaches have to jettison the old idea of professional distance and work with their clients in a more personal way, emphasizing authentic openness, curiosity, and humility. Schein shows how to create an atmosphere of genuine trust and caring so that clients can share what's really on their minds. Consultants and clients can then jointly discover what needs to be done. Working together from the outset like this speeds things up as it obviates the need for elaborate diagnostic tests and avoids solutions that might look good on paper but don't fit an organization's on-the-ground reality. Schein draws deeply on his own decades of experience, offering over two dozen case studies that illuminate each stage of the humble consulting process. Just as he did with *Process Consultation* nearly

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fifty years ago, Schein has once again revolutionized the field, enabling consultants to be more genuinely helpful and vastly more effective.

**The Practice of Professional Consulting** McGraw Hill

Professional

McKenzie and his associates at DMR Consulting Center for Strategic Leadership provide managers with a clear, comprehensive view of customer relationship management and a solid framework for designing and implementing business solutions that make customer relationship management

profitable. 52 illustrations.

**Nonprofit Consulting Essentials** McGraw-Hill  
Education

Although the nature of service delivery varies significantly from profession to profession, the way the service is delivered tends to be fairly consistent among professions—or, at least, it should be. A step-by-step guide, *Managing Professional Service Delivery—9 Rules for Success* describes in detail how to achieve the internal discipline and control necessary to manage

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professional service engagements and long-term success in the professional services industry. It details engagement-tested methods for success at every step in delivering a professional service and includes real-life examples from a number of professional service organizations. Here's What You Get: The steps for how to develop your niche in the marketplace A structure for how to manage professional service delivery, from start to finish Tips on how to set up an environment and develop a culture that will result in superior service delivery—such that the delivery process incorporates rigorous internal discipline and control Discussion of rapid implementation and deployment concepts that can be attained without compromising internal discipline and control Examples of documentation standards for professional service proposals and deliverables (reports) Discussion of application of the 9 Rules for Success in two engagements conducted by the authors The authors draw on

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their many years of experience in the field of management science to lay out procedures, tools, and techniques that address each step of the life cycle of an engagement—from definition of the services to be delivered, to evaluation of the results with the client. They take a back-to-basics approach that can be used in any size organization, from a sole practitioner to a firm of up to 75 practitioners and support staff as well as larger firms that also may be experiencing sustainability issues with their process improvement initiatives. The book guides you—starting with the 9 Rules—through the maze of obstacles in delivering your professional service. Leading Through Collaboration  
EGBG Services LLC  
The Practice of Professional Coaching Change is the life-blood of consulting just as organizations endure only through successful change. The reality of this mutual need lies at the heart of what consulting is all about. Consultants solve problems created by the powerful forces of change in an organization's environment and in so doing,

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create change themselves. The Practice of Professional Consulting is a comprehensive examination of what has been called "the world's newest profession." In this practical resource Edward Verlander offers an overview of the industry and includes the most useful processes, tools, and skills used by successful consultants to produce solutions for their clients. The book also reveals why consulting is a growing and attractive career option. The best practices used by leading consulting firms are included in the book as well as the capabilities skillful consultant use in each stage of engagement. Verlander also recommends ways to ensure a consultant can solve a client's problems in a systematic, professional way. At the very heart of the book is the emphasis he puts on what is needed to become a truly trusted consultant. Filled with a wealth of must-have information from a wide range of consulting professionals, the book includes: a model of the consulting cycle; a diagnostic instrument for assessing consulting roles; ideas of how to develop political intelligence to navigate client organizations; tools for

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managing consulting meetings, risk assessment, and skills transfer; techniques in communications, emotional intelligence, presentations, and listening; and much more. Written for anyone wishing to start a consulting business, new employees at established consulting firms, facilitators of consulting training programs, and faculty at business schools, this important resource provides an easy way to understand the stages, roles, and tasks of consulting found in any type of consulting and it provides simple and easy-to-use techniques and templates for

implementation.

*Computerworld* John Wiley & Sons

Join the thousands of professionals who have already gotten Inside the Technical Consulting Business – and discover how to channel your technical know-how into an exciting career as an independent consultant. This Third Edition of Harvey Kaye's bestselling guide gives you the focused, no-nonsense help you need to start and run your own consulting practice in today's ultracompetitive

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environment. What's inside:  
Setting up your consulting  
business. The lowdown on  
finances, record-keeping,  
office space, taxes, and  
choosing the form of business  
organization that's right for  
you. Insider's guide to  
proposals and contracts. Gives  
plenty of examples to use in  
your own consulting practice.  
Marketing secrets your boss  
never told you. Tips on  
creating demand for your  
services and keeping your  
clients coming back for repeat  
business. PLUS ALL-NEW  
MATERIAL ON: Creating your  
personal strategic marketing  
plan. A step-by-step guide to  
developing and maintaining  
your competitive edge. Learn  
from the pros. "Meet the Pros"  
interviews show how successful  
consultants handled some of  
the very problems you're  
likely to encounter. Building  
successful client  
relationships. The inside  
scoop on keeping clients happy  
while protecting your own  
professional interests. The  
technical challenges of  
consulting. A consultant's  
primer on problem-solving,  
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explosion, and organizing for maximum productivity.

The Power of Collaborative Solutions Entrepreneur Press

The third volume in the internationally bestselling McKinsey Trilogy, The McKinsey Engagement is an action guide to realizing the consistently high level of business solutions achieved by the experts at the world's most respected consulting firms. Former consultant Dr. Paul Friga distills the guiding principles first presented in the bestselling The McKinsey Way and the tested-in-the-trenches methodologies outlined in The McKinsey Mind, and combines them with many of the principles and procedures implemented by the

military and other organizations. The result is nothing less than the business equivalent of a Special Forces Field Manual. True to its stated goal of arming consultants and corporate problem solvers with a blueprint for achieving consistently phenomenal results, The McKinsey Engagement is short on theory and long on action. Each chapter focuses on one element in the celebrated TEAM FOCUS problem-solving model and features a concise discussion of a key concept or principle, followed by: Clear rules of engagement A set of operating tactics Sophisticated problem solving tools Easy-to-follow action steps Exercises, checklists, and training tips War stories and best practices case



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studies A toolkit for bringing clarity, discipline, and purpose to all your problem-solving and change management initiatives, The McKinsey Engagement is an indispensable guide for consultants, as well as for executives, managers, students, and corporate trainers.

*Who's Green 2007* John Wiley & Sons

Consultants are playing an increasingly important role in the challenging world of nonprofits. Yet despite the demand for consulting services, nonprofit professionals often lack the necessary insight into how best to choose and work with a consultant. Nonprofit

Consulting Essentials is a vital resource both for nonprofit leaders selecting and working with a consultant to guarantee the best use of their agency's resources, as well as consultants seeking a clear understanding of the more subtle dynamics that define a successful consulting practice working with social sector organizations. Drawing on Penelope Cagney's years of experience as a top-level nonprofit consultant, *Nonprofit Consulting Essentials* is filled with keen insights and in-depth interviews with the founders and leaders of influential

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consulting firms. Throughout the book, Cagney outlines a number of concrete consulting strategies that can serve as additional tools for managers seeking to resolve complex organizational development issues. *Nonprofit Consulting Essentials* also offers recommendations to nonprofit leaders and consultants to make their relationship the best it can be. Once a solid alliance is formed, they can tackle complex organizational challenges together, such as fundraising and marketing, governance and management, and organizational development. Cagney explores what it takes to make the consulting experience a success and covers vital topics such as: the key differences between consulting with nonprofits versus for-profit organizations, the primary areas of nonprofit consultation, making the consulting relationship work, the special ethical considerations of consulting in the sector, and understanding emerging trends in consulting. *Nonprofit Consulting Essentials* reviews the best practices and thinking in the nonprofit consulting practice, providing leaders and consultants a way to ensure a robust organization in

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the future.

The National Skills Development Handbook 2007/8 Advantage Media Group

In *The Solutions Factory*, Arun Maira digs deep into his experiences as a consultant and presents twenty human-led business stories that cover all kinds of problem-solving techniques told through carefully picked personal experiences and anecdotes. By distilling the essence of the work that consultants do, he offers a management handbook that is unique to Indian business practices. From cultural understanding to

communication skills, this book illustrates the applicability of simple tips for a diverse range of business roles and levels.

Maira's down-to-earth and insightful approach, keenly oriented towards respectful and ethical business practices, illustrates his signature mix of idealism and pragmatism—be it is about managing an unexpected crisis or about learning more about another company's culture. In this age of financial uncertainty due to the pandemic, a book like this is as essential for small-business owners as it is for the heads of major corporations. Maira's focus on

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excellence through ethics, success through learning, and valuation through value brings to the fore his people-centric and back-to-basics approach-an approach that every modern corporation will need in order to prepare for the future ahead of us.

**Microslices** Jossey-Bass

Become a successful information technology consultant! This is the only book on the market that will teach you the crucial "soft skills" of communication, facilitation, and presentation, plus a methodology for applying IT analysis skills to meet your client's business needs. Using an organized, common sense approach

based on his 15 years experience as an IT consultant, Rick Freedman presents this landmark method for partnering with clients, collecting and analyzing data, creating recommendations, and delivering business benefits to clients. You'll learn how to: Develop rewarding and mutually beneficial client relationships Help clients visualize the end product of IT systems consulting projects Negotiate projects that have clear goals, specifications, budgets, and schedules Market proposals to executives, managers, and users Plus, the companion website provides you with customizable job aids for use in your own work. Never again will you be simply a "technician-for-hire." Whether

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you're a newcomer to consulting or a seasoned professional, The IT Consultant provides you with a blueprint for developing your advisory skills, providing quality services, and building successful client relationships.