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THE GOAL

A PROCESS OF ONGOING IMPROVEMENT

Routledge Alex Rogo is a harried plant manager working ever more desperately to try and improve performance. His factory is rapidly heading for disaster. So is his marriage. He has ninety days to save his plant - or it will be closed by corporate HQ, with hundreds of job losses. It takes a chance meeting with a colleague from student days - Jonah - to help him break out of conventional ways of thinking to see what needs to be done. Described by Fortune as a 'guru to industry' and by Businessweek as a 'genius', Eliyahu M. Goldratt was an internationally recognized leader in the development of new business management concepts and systems. This 20th anniversary edition includes a series of detailed case study interviews by David Whitford, Editor at Large, Fortune Small Business, which explore how organizations around the world have been transformed by Eli Goldratt's ideas. The story of Alex's fight to save his plant contains a serious message for all managers in industry and explains the ideas which underline the Theory of Constraints (TOC) developed by Eli Goldratt. Written in a fast-paced thriller style, The Goal is the gripping novel which is transforming management thinking throughout the Western world. It is a book to recommend to your friends in industry - even to your bosses - but not to your competitors!

THE GOAL

A PROCESS OF ONGOING IMPROVEMENT

NORTH RIVER PressINC "Includes case study interviews"--Cover.

CRITICAL CHAIN

A BUSINESS NOVEL

Routledge This fast-paced business novel does for project management what The Goal and It's Not Luck have done for production and marketing. Goldratt's novels have traditionally slain sacred cows and delivered new ways of looking at processes which seem like common sense once you read them. Critical Chain is no exception. In perhaps Eli's most readable book yet, two of the established principles of project management, the engineering estimate and project milestones, are found wanting and dismissed, and other established principles are up for scrutiny - as Goldratt once more applies his Theory of Constraints. The approach is radical, yet clear, understandable and logical. New techniques are introduced, and Project Buffers, Feeding Buffers, Limit Multitasking, Improved Communications and Correct Measurements make them work. Goldratt even handles the complicated statistics of dispersed variability versus accumulated variability so deftly you won't even be aware of learning about them - they'll just seem like more common sense! Critical Chain is critical reading for anyone who deals with projects. If you use block diagrams, drawings or charts to keep track of your activities, you are managing a project - and this book is for you.

THE RACE

Routledge The Race is an unusual book. Its messages can be grasped simply by looking through the graphics. It can be understood better by reading the accompanying text. It is even more deeply grasped and useful when manufacturing people at all levels discuss its implications and application to their own environment. The Race enables you to derive a superior system - Drum-Buffer-Rope - for generating continual logistical improvements. It also illustrates how to focus on the process improvements that will have the greatest impact on your competitive edge. The epilogue and appendix quizzes will give the thoughtful reader insight in how to initiate and then extend a process of ongoing improvement into other areas like marketing and financial control.

DATA-DRIVEN MARKETING

THE 15 METRICS EVERYONE IN MARKETING SHOULD KNOW

John Wiley & Sons NAMED BEST MARKETING BOOK OF 2011 BY THE AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION How organizations can deliver significant performance gains through strategic investment in marketing In the new era of tight marketing budgets, no organization can continue to spend on marketing without knowing what's working and what's wasted. Data-driven marketing improves efficiency and effectiveness of marketing expenditures across the spectrum of marketing activities from branding and awareness, trail and loyalty, to new product launch and Internet marketing. Based on new research from the Kellogg School of Management, this book is a clear and convincing guide to using a more rigorous, data-driven strategic approach to deliver significant performance gains from your marketing. Explains how to use data-driven marketing to deliver return on marketing investment (ROMI) in any organization In-depth discussion of the fifteen key metrics every marketer should know Based on original research from America's leading marketing business school, complemented by experience teaching ROMI to executives at Microsoft, DuPont, Nisan, Philips, Sony and many other firms Uses data from a rigorous survey on strategic marketing performance management of 252 Fortune 1000 firms, capturing \$53 billion of annual marketing spending In-depth examples of how to apply the principles in small and large organizations Free downloadable ROMI templates for all examples given in the book With every department under the microscope looking for results, those who properly use data to optimize their marketing are going to come out on top every time.

IT'S NOT LUCK

Routledge There has been a shift of policy at board level. Cash is needed and Alex Rogo's companies are to be put on the block. Alex faces a cruel dilemma. If he successfully completes the turnaround of his companies they can be sold for the maximum return: if he fails they will be closed down. Either way Alex and his team will be out of work. It looks like lose-lose, both for Alex and for his team. And as if he doesn't have enough to deal with, his two children have become teenagers. As Alex grapples with problems at work and at home, we begin to understand the full scope of Eli Goldratt's powerful techniques. It's Not Luck reveals more of the Thinking Process-techniques that consistently produce win-win solutions to seemingly impossible problems.

ESSENTIALISM

THE DISCIPLINED PURSUIT OF LESS

Currency "Have you ever found yourself stretched too thin? Do you simultaneously feel overworked and underutilized? Are you often busy but not productive? Do you feel your time is constantly being hijacked by other people's agendas? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the way out is the way of the Essentialist. Essentialism isn't about getting more done in less time. It's about getting only the right things done. Only once we discern what is absolutely essential and eliminate everything else can we make our highest possible contribution toward things that truly matter. By forcing us to apply more selective criteria for where to spend our precious time and energy, the disciplined pursuit of less empowers us to reclaim control of our own choices, instead of giving others the implicit permission to choose for us. Essentialism is not one more thing to do. It's a whole new way of doing less, but better, in every area of our lives"-- Back cover.

THE CHOICE

North River Press The Choice, revised edition, by Eliyahu M. Goldratt and Efrat Goldratt-Ashlag Goldratt presents his thought provoking approach, this time through a conversation with his daughter Efrat, as he explains to her his fundamental system of beliefs. The revised edition includes Efrat's own notes and maps (charts) she made during her conversations with her father, helping the reader determine the true essence of the book. From the original publication: TOC has been successfully applied in almost every area of human endeavor, from industry to healthcare to education. And while Eli Goldratt is indeed a scientist, an educator and a business leader, he is first and foremost a philosopher; some say a genius. He is a thinker who provokes others to do the same. Often characterized as unconventional, and always stimulating a slayer of sacred cows Dr. Goldratt exhorts his readers to examine and reassess their lives and business practices by cultivating a different perspective and a clear new vision.

WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED THEORY OF CONSTRAINTS AND HOW SHOULD IT BE IMPLEMENTED?

This book is written in the attempt to deal with two major questions: what are the thinking processes that enable people to invent simple solutions to seemingly complicated situations? and, the question of how to use the psychological aspects to assist rather impair, the implementation of those solutions in a mode of an ongoing process.

MEMOS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Workman Publishing The chairman of the board of Bear Stearns investment bank shares his innovative approach to business in a collection of witty, trenchant, and inspirational thoughts on success, bureaucracy, arrogance, telephone manners, and other topics.

BEYOND THE PHOENIX PROJECT

THE ORIGINS AND EVOLUTION OF DEVOPS (OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE AUDIO SERIES)

IT Revolution This is a companion transcript of the audio series, *Beyond The Phoenix Project*, intended to be used for reference and to enable further research of cited material, and not as a standalone work. In the audio series, Gene Kim and John Willis present a nine-part discussion that includes an oral history of the DevOps movement, as well as discussions around pivotal figures and philosophies that DevOps draws upon, from Goldratt to Deming; from Lean to Safety Culture to Learning Organizations. The book is a great way for listeners to take an even deeper dive into topics relevant to DevOps and leading technology organizations.

THE ART OF AGILE DEVELOPMENT

"O'Reilly Media, Inc." For those considering Extreme Programming, this book provides no-nonsense advice on agile planning, development, delivery, and management taken from the authors' many years of experience. While plenty of books address the what and why of agile development, very few offer the information users can apply directly.

LEAN SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

AN AGILE TOOLKIT: AN AGILE TOOLKIT

Addison-Wesley Lean Software Development: An Agile Toolkit Adapting agile practices to your development organization
Uncovering and eradicating waste throughout the software development lifecycle
Practical techniques for every development manager, project manager, and technical leader
Lean software development: applying agile principles to your organization
In Lean Software Development, Mary and Tom Poppendieck identify seven fundamental "lean" principles, adapt them for the world of software development, and show how they can serve as the foundation for agile development approaches that work. Along the way, they introduce 22 "thinking tools" that can help you customize the right agile practices for any environment. Better, cheaper, faster software development. You can have all three-if you adopt the same lean principles that have already revolutionized manufacturing, logistics and product development.
Iterating towards excellence: software development as an exercise in discovery
Managing uncertainty: "decide as late as possible" by building change into the system.
Compressing the value stream: rapid development, feedback, and improvement
Empowering teams and individuals without compromising coordination
Software with integrity: promoting coherence, usability, fitness, maintainability, and adaptability
How to "see the whole"-even when your developers are scattered across multiple locations and contractors
Simply put, Lean Software Development helps you refocus development on value, flow, and people-so you can achieve breakthrough quality, savings, speed, and business alignment.

ESSAYS ON THE THEORY OF CONSTRAINTS

SYSTEMS, SOFTWARE AND SERVICES PROCESS IMPROVEMENT

17TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE, EUROSPI 2010, GRENOBLE, FRANCE, SEPTEMBER 1-3, 2010. PROCEEDINGS

Springer Science & Business Media A typical characterization of EuroSPI is reflected in a statement made by a company: ". . . the biggest value of EuroSPI lies in its function as a European knowledge and experience exchange mechanism for SPI and innovation. " Since its beginning in 1994 in Dublin, the EuroSPI initiative has outlined that there is not a single silver bullet to solve SPI issues, but that you need to understand a combination of different SPI methods and approaches to achieve concrete benefits. The-fore each proceedings volume covers a variety of different topics, and at the conference we discuss potential synergies and the combined use of such methods and -proaches. These proceedings contain selected research papers for five topics: Section I: SPI Tools Section II: SPI Methods Section III: SPI in SMEs Section IV: Economic Aspects of SPI Section V: The Future of SPI Section I presents studies on SPI tools. The authors provide an insight into new tools which can be used for SPI. Willem Bekkers et al. present a new assessment method and tool for software product management. Ismael Edrei-Espinosa-Curiel et al. illustrate a graphical approach to support the teaching of SPI. Paul Clarke and coworkers deal with an analysis and a tool to help real adoption of standards like ISO 12207 and they focus on SPI implementation and practices. Esparanca Amengual et al. present a new team-based assessment method and tool.

THINKING FOR A CHANGE

PUTTING THE TOC THINKING PROCESSES TO USE

CRC Press The book begins with an overview of the constraint-based perspective on systems and organizations, commonly referred to as the theory of constraints or synchronous management. The first section will guide you through the fundamental principles and processes that are the backbone of the thinking process application tools. The second section contains the step-by-step guidelines for each of the five thinking process application tools. These tools utilize sufficient cause thinking and necessary condition thinking. Third section introduces two ways that two or more of the thinking process application tools are combined, providing robust processes for the understanding and communicating problems and solutions. This book can be used as a field guide to learning the five thinking process application tools as needed, based on their own particular issues. You will have a full understanding of the theory and practical application of these powerful processes, including when and when not to use each tool. The total benefit is

not just to apply the thinking process, but to develop intuition and have the ability to combine logic and intuition in the same thinking process.

LEADERSHIP BY VIRTUE

Trafford Publishing The story is showing from a first-person perspective the internal growing up of a leadership process based on non-Western approach. The main character, brought up in Europe and therefore used to Western "cultural background noise" although practicing Chinese martial arts, has to learn and understand the differences brought by Far East principles if he wants to grasp leadership from a different angle. On the whole, a Western leadership is thought and understood as an external process of a person that influences others. Most of leadership and management books that deal with leadership and managers describe what and how to do it to be more efficient and successful. They describe tools to use to do it. This is called an external process. Outward, because others see leaders as how they behave or how they use those tools in a leadership style and/or process. But we all live our lives and perceive surrounding environment only from our internal eyes. Therefore, the focal questions raised in a book are the following: Do all leaders have the same fears, problems, and difficulties or happiness, pleasure, and delight in being what they are? What are their feelings when leading people, making decisions, or taking responsibility? How do they sense and perceive their subordinates? In a book, those are called internal issues and are dealt with and described through a different approach—an approach that is based on the Far East mentality and shown through Chinese martial arts and Chinese philosophy. The book has eighteen (18) chapters. Chapters one to five are dedicated to the background setting and the evolution of the story and characters; Chapters six to nine are devoted to open different approaches and mentality that is coming from Far East and Martial arts philosophy and in parallel gradually introducing difficulties in leadership process and (miss)understanding of those Far East concepts; in a Chapter ten main character is pushed to the limits of solving leadership dilemma and private concerns; Chapter eleven is dedicated to "open the eyes" about the new concepts; in a Chapter twelve the foundation of Far East philosophy behind Martial arts is described that would be further on used for the "Leadership by Virtue" principle; Chapters thirteen to seventeen are telling one by one and thus portraying internal concepts used in Martial arts principles and Eastern philosophy and how to transfer those into (internal) leadership development; final Chapter eighteen is dedicated to merge those Far East and Martial arts concepts and philosophies with "known" Western ones and thus opening a new entanglement approach proposed with the use of the Leadership by Virtue.

GOLDRATT'S THEORY OF CONSTRAINTS

A SYSTEMS APPROACH TO CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

ASQ Quality Press H. William Dettmer goes beyond the theory of constraints introduced by Eliyahu M. Goldratt in his best-selling books *The Goal* and *It's Not Luck* by describing the action steps that follow the theory. Loaded with application examples, these unique problem-solving tools will teach you how to analyze and arrive at a variety of solutions. Much of the content focuses on the author's understanding and interpretation of Goldratt's logical thinking processes. It clarifies the five focusing steps and teaches the mechanics of all the thinking tools.

THEORY OF CONSTRAINTS HANDBOOK

McGraw Hill Professional The definitive guide to the theory of constraints In this authoritative volume, the world's top Theory of Constraints (TOC) experts reveal how to implement the ground-breaking management and improvement methodology developed by Dr. Eliyahu M. Goldratt. *Theory of Constraints Handbook* offers an in-depth examination of this revolutionary concept of bringing about global organization performance improvement by focusing on a few leverage points of the system. Clear explanations supplemented by examples and case studies define how the theory works, why it works, what issues are resolved, and what benefits accrue, and demonstrate how TOC can be applied to different industries and situations. *Theory of Constraints Handbook* covers: Critical Chain Project Management for realizing major improvements in delivering projects on time, to specification, and within budget Drum-Buffer-Rope (DBR), Buffer Management, and distribution for maximizing throughput and minimizing flow time Performance measures for applying Throughput Accounting to improve organizational performance Strategy, marketing, and sales techniques designed to increase sales closing rates and Throughput Thinking Processes for simple and complex environments TOC methods to ensure that services actions support escalating demand for services while retaining financial viability Integrating the TOC Thinking Processes, the Strategy and Tactic Tree, TOC measurements, the Five Focusing Steps of TOC, and Six Sigma as a system of tools for sustainable improvement

THE PHOENIX PROJECT

A NOVEL ABOUT IT, DEVOPS, AND HELPING YOUR BUSINESS WIN

IT Revolution ***Over a half-million sold! The sequel, *The Unicorn Project*, is coming Nov 26*** "Every person involved in a failed IT project should be forced to read this book."—TIM O'REILLY, Founder & CEO of O'Reilly Media "The Phoenix Project is a must read for business and IT executives who are struggling with the growing complexity of IT."—JIM WHITEHURST, President and CEO, Red Hat, Inc. Five years after this sleeper hit took on the world of IT and flipped it on its head, the 5th Anniversary Edition of *The Phoenix Project* continues to guide IT in the DevOps revolution. In this newly updated and expanded edition of the bestselling *The Phoenix Project*, co-author Gene Kim includes a new afterword and a deeper delve into the Three Ways as described in *The DevOps Handbook*. Bill, an IT manager at Parts

Unlimited, has been tasked with taking on a project critical to the future of the business, code named Phoenix Project. But the project is massively over budget and behind schedule. The CEO demands Bill must fix the mess in ninety days or else Bill's entire department will be outsourced. With the help of a prospective board member and his mysterious philosophy of The Three Ways, Bill starts to see that IT work has more in common with a manufacturing plant work than he ever imagined. With the clock ticking, Bill must organize work flow streamline interdepartmental communications, and effectively serve the other business functions at Parts Unlimited. In a fast-paced and entertaining style, three luminaries of the DevOps movement deliver a story that anyone who works in IT will recognize. Readers will not only learn how to improve their own IT organizations, they'll never view IT the same way again. "This book is a gripping read that captures brilliantly the dilemmas that face companies which depend on IT, and offers real-world solutions."—JEZ HUMBLE, Co-author of Continuous Delivery, Lean Enterprise, Accelerate, and The DevOps Handbook ——— "I'm delighted at how The Phoenix Project has reshaped so many conversations in technology. My goal in writing The Unicorn Project was to explore and reveal the necessary but invisible structures required to make developers (and all engineers) productive, and reveal the devastating effects of technical debt and complexity. I hope this book can create common ground for technology and business leaders to leave the past behind, and co-create a better future together."—Gene Kim, November 2019

UNTAPPED AGILITY

SEVEN LEADERSHIP MOVES TO TAKE YOUR TRANSFORMATION TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Berrett-Koehler Publishers This balanced guide to agility gets past the hype and frustration to help frustrated leaders transform their agile transformations. Agile transformations are supposed to make organizations modern, competitive, and relevant. But in the well-intentioned effort to move into the future, change leaders find themselves frustrated by pushback, limited impact, poor practices, and unfair criticism. What's going on? Jesse Fewell's book cuts through the "quick-fix" hype of agile theory and explains a recurring transformational pattern that unpacks what holds organizations back. The boost is the initial gains from logical first steps; the barrier is the unavoidable roadblock that must come next; and the rebound is the way forward to further gains by leaning against the concept of the original boost. With these counterintuitive rebounds, Fewell identifies seven leadership moves that can be used to unblock stalled agile transformations. No, your transformation is not a failure. It turns out the buy-in, the talent, the alignment, and the growth you need to break through are already in front of you; it's all simply hidden under the surface—undiscovered, unutilized, and untapped.

THE GOAL

A PROCESS OF ONGOING IMPROVEMENT BY ELIYAHU M. GOLDRATT AND JEFF COX | KEY TAKEAWAYS, ANALYSIS & REVIEW

Instaread Summaries The Goal by Eliyahu M. Goldratt and Jeff Cox | Key Takeaways, Analysis & Review Preview: The Goal: A Process of Ongoing Improvement by Eliyahu Goldratt and Jeff Cox describes a process by which an unprofitable manufacturing operation can be made profitable. It conveys proven factory turnaround principles through a fictional story... PLEASE NOTE: This is key takeaways and analysis of the book and NOT the original book. Inside this Instaread of The Goal:Overview of the bookImportant PeopleKey TakeawaysAnalysis of Key Takeaways

PROJECT TO PRODUCT

HOW TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE IN THE AGE OF DIGITAL DISRUPTION WITH THE FLOW FRAMEWORK

IT Revolution As tech giants and startups disrupt every market, those who master large-scale software delivery will define the economic landscape of the 21st century, just as the masters of mass production defined the landscape in the 20th. Unfortunately, business and technology leaders are woefully ill-equipped to solve the problems posed by digital transformation. At the current rate of disruption, half of S&P 500 companies will be replaced in the next ten years. A new approach is needed. In Project to Product, Value Stream Network pioneer and technology business leader Dr. Mik Kersten introduces the Flow Framework—a new way of seeing, measuring, and managing software delivery. The Flow Framework will enable your company's evolution from project-oriented dinosaur to product-centric innovator that thrives in the Age of Software. If you're driving your organization's transformation at any level, this is the book for you.

NECESSARY BUT NOT SUFFICIENT

A THEORY OF CONSTRAINTS BUSINESS NOVEL

Routledge After reading the newspapers and following the sharp oscillations of the stock market, it becomes apparent that hi-tech companies are of a different breed. Never before have the chances of making a fortune been so realistic and never before have large companies been so fragile. What is really going on inside these hi-tech companies? What types of pressures and challenges are they facing? And how do they cope? Computer software providers, especially the ones that specialise in handling the data needs of organizations, are prime examples of these volatile companies. In the nineties we witnessed their growth from small businesses into multi-billion dollar giants. No wonder investors were attracted. In 1998 it was easy for such companies to raise as much money as they wanted. But now, investment funds have dried up. Why? And more importantly, is there a way to reverse the trend? This book gives the answers.

MANAGEMENT DYNAMICS

MERGING CONSTRAINTS ACCOUNTING TO DRIVE IMPROVEMENT

John Wiley & Sons Here's an in-depth, step-by-step analysis defining the critical ingredients essential to achieving ongoing improvement and a robust bottom line! Focusing on practical, dynamic solutions for weaknesses in the interdependent parts of an organization, Management Dynamics provides a comprehensive introduction to the Theory of Constraints (TOC) in profit-oriented organizations, complete with the crucial but oft-missing pieces of the constraint theory—a fully integrated and supporting accounting system and the dynamic motivator to drive ongoing improvement in the bottom line. Order your copy today!

ACHIEVING HR EXCELLENCE THROUGH SIX SIGMA

CRC Press Although world-class firms like GE and Motorola have relied on Six Sigma to build their performance cultures, these processes are all too often left out of human resources (HR) functions. This lack of Six Sigma principles is even more surprising because preventing errors and improving productivity are so critical to the people management processes

GREEN PROJECT MANAGEMENT

CRC Press Winner of PMI's 2011 David I. Cleland Project Management Literature Award Detailing cutting-edge green techniques and methods, this book teaches project managers how to maximize resources and get the most out of limited budgets. It supplies proven techniques and best practices in green project management, including risk and opportunity assessments.

.NET DEVOPS FOR AZURE

A DEVELOPER'S GUIDE TO DEVOPS ARCHITECTURE THE RIGHT WAY

Apres Use this book as your one-stop shop for architecting a world-class DevOps environment with Microsoft technologies. .NET DevOps for Azure is a synthesis of practices, tools, and process that, together, can equip a software organization to move fast and deliver the highest quality software. The book begins by discussing the most common challenges faced by developers in DevOps today and offers options and proven solutions on how to implement DevOps for your team. Daily, millions of developers use .NET to build and operate mission-critical software systems for organizations around the world. While the marketplace has scores of information about the technology, it is completely up to you to put together all the blocks in the right way for your environment. This book provides you with a model to build on. The relevant principles are covered first along with how to implement that part of the environment. And while variances in tools, language, or requirements will change the needed implementation, the DevOps model is the architecture for the working environment for your team. You can modify parts of the model to customize it to your enterprise, but the architecture will enable all of your teams and applications to accelerate in performance. What You Will Learn Get your .NET applications into a DevOps environment in Azure Analyze and address the part of your DevOps process that causes delays or bottlenecks Track code using Azure Repos and conduct acceptance tests Apply the rules for segmenting applications into Git repositories Understand the different types of builds and when to use each Know how to think about code validation in your DevOps environment Provision and configure environments; deploy release candidates across the environments in Azure Monitor and support software that has been deployed to a production environment Who This Book Is For .NET Developers who are using or want to use DevOps in Azure but don't know where to begin

DEMING AND GOLDRATT

THE THEORY OF CONSTRAINTS AND THE SYSTEM OF PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE : THE DECALOGUE

DEVOPS FOR DIGITAL LEADERS

REIGNITE BUSINESS WITH A MODERN DEVOPS-ENABLED SOFTWARE FACTORY

Apres Learn to design, implement, measure, and improve DevOps programs that are tailored to your organization. This concise guide assists leaders who are accountable for the rapid development of high-quality software applications. In DevOps for Digital Leaders, deep collective experience on both sides of the dev-ops divide informs the global thought leadership and penetrating insights of the authors, all three of whom are cross-portfolio DevOps leaders at CA Technologies. Aruna Ravichandran, Kieran Taylor, and Peter Waterhouse analyze the organizational benefits, costs, freedoms, and constraints of DevOps. They chart the coordinated strategy of organizational change, metrics, lean thinking, and investment that an enterprise must undertake to realize the full potential of DevOps and reach the sweet spot where accelerating code deployments drive increasing customer satisfaction, revenue, and profitability. Digital leaders are charged to bridge the dev-ops disconnect if their organizations are to survive and flourish in a business world increasingly differentiated by the degree to which dynamic application software development harmonizes with operational resilience and reliability. This short book applies the DevOps perspective to the competitive challenge, faced by every high-performance IT organization today, of integrating and automating open source, cloud, and enterprise tools, processes, and techniques across the software development life cycle from

requirements to release. **What You Will Learn:** Remove dependencies and constraints so that parallel practices can accelerate the development of defect-free software Automate continuous delivery across the software life cycle to eliminate release bottlenecks, manual labor waste, and technical debt accumulation Generate virtualized production-style testing of applications through real-time behavioral analytics Adopt agile practices so operations teams can support developer productivity with automated feedback, streamline infrastructure monitoring, spot and resolve operations issues before they impact production, and improve customer experience Identify the DevOps metrics appropriate to your organization and integrate DevOps with your existing best practices and investment **Who This Book Is For:** IT leaders in large companies and government agencies who have any level of responsibility for the rapid development of high-quality software applications. The secondary readership is members of development and operations teams, security professionals, and service managers.

FACTORY PHYSICS

FOUNDATIONS OF MANUFACTURING MANAGEMENT

McGraw-Hill/Irwin Comprehensive Introduction to Manufacturing Management text covering the behavior laws at work in factories. Examines operating policies and strategic objectives. Hopp presents the concepts of manufacturing processes and controls within a "physics" or "laws of nature" analogy--a novel approach. There is enough quantitative material for an engineer's course, as well as narrative that a management major can understand and apply.

A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO LARGE-SCALE AGILE DEVELOPMENT

HOW HP TRANSFORMED LASERJET FUTURES M FIRMWARE

Pearson Education Today, even the largest development organizations are turning to agile methodologies, seeking major productivity and quality improvements. However, large-scale agile development is difficult, and publicly available case studies have been scarce. Now, three agile pioneers at Hewlett-Packard present a candid, start-to-finish insider's look at how they've succeeded with agile in one of the company's most mission-critical software environments: firmware for HP LaserJet printers. This book tells the story of an extraordinary experiment and journey. Could agile principles be applied to re-architect an enormous legacy code base? Could agile enable both timely delivery and ongoing innovation? Could it really be applied to 400+ developers distributed across four states, three continents, and four business units? Could it go beyond delivering incremental gains, to meet the stretch goal of 10x developer productivity improvements? It could, and it did—but getting there was not easy. Writing for both managers and technologists, the authors candidly discuss both their successes and failures, presenting actionable lessons for other development organizations, as well as approaches that have proven themselves repeatedly in HP's challenging environment. They not only illuminate the potential benefits of agile in large-scale development, they also systematically show how these benefits can actually be achieved. Coverage includes:

- Tightly linking agile methods and enterprise architecture with business objectives
- Focusing agile practices on your worst development pain points to get the most bang for your buck
- Abandoning classic agile methods that don't work at the largest scale
- Employing agile methods to establish a new architecture
- Using metrics as a "conversation starter" around agile process improvements
- Leveraging continuous integration and quality systems to reduce costs, accelerate schedules, and automate the delivery pipeline
- Taming the planning beast with "light-touch" agile planning and lightweight long-range forecasting
- Implementing effective project management and ensuring accountability in large agile projects
- Managing tradeoffs associated with key decisions about organizational structure
- Overcoming U.S./India cultural differences that can complicate offshore development
- Selecting tools to support quantum leaps in productivity in your organization
- Using change management disciplines to support greater enterprise agility

EVALUATING PROJECT DECISIONS

CASE STUDIES IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Addison-Wesley Professional Effective decisions are crucial to the success of any software project, but to make better decisions you need a better decision-making process. In *Evaluating Project Decisions*, leading project management experts introduce an innovative decision model that helps you tailor your decision-making process to systematically evaluate all of your decisions and avoid the bad choices that lead to project failure. Using a real-world, case study approach, the authors show how to evaluate software project problems and situations more effectively, thoughtfully assess your alternatives, and improve the decisions you make. Drawing on their own extensive research and experience, the authors bridge software engineering theory and practice, offering guidance that is both well-grounded and actionable. They present dozens of detailed examples from both successful and unsuccessful projects, illustrating what to do and what not to do. *Evaluating Project Decisions* will help you to analyze your options and ultimately make better decisions at every stage in your project, including:

- Requirements-Elicitation, description, verification, validation, negotiation, contracting, and management over the software life cycle
- Estimates-Conceptual solution design, decomposition, resource and overhead allocation, estimate construction, and change management
- Planning-Defining objectives, policies, and scope; planning tasks, milestones, schedules, budgets, staff and other resources; and managing projects against plans
- Product-Proper product definition, development process management, QA, configuration management, delivery, installation, training, and field service
- Process-Defining, selecting, understanding, teaching, and measuring processes; evaluating process performance; and process improvement or optimization

In addition, you will see how to evaluate decisions related to risk, people, stakeholder expectations, and

global development. Simply put, you'll use what you learn here on every project, in any industry, whatever your goals, and for projects of any duration, size, or type.

HOW TO REDUCE THE COST OF SOFTWARE TESTING

CRC Press Plenty of software testing books tell you how to test well; this one tells you how to do it while decreasing your testing budget. A series of essays written by some of the leading minds in software testing, *How to Reduce the Cost of Software Testing* provides tips, tactics, and techniques to help readers accelerate the testing process, improve the performance of the test teams, and lower costs. The distinguished team of contributors—that includes corporate test leaders, best paper authors, and keynote speakers from leading software testing conferences—supply concrete suggestions on how to find cost savings without sacrificing outcome. Detailing strategies that testers can immediately put to use to reduce costs, the book explains how to make testing nimble, how to remove bottlenecks in the testing process, and how to locate and track defects efficiently and effectively. Written in language accessible to non-technical executives, as well as those doing the testing, the book considers the latest advances in test automation, ideology, and technology. Rather than present the perspective of one or two experts in software testing, it supplies the wide-ranging perspectives of a team of experts to help ensure your team can deliver a completed test cycle in less time, with more confidence, and reduced costs.

SPECIAL WARFARE

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THE END OF PROJECT OVERRUNS

LEAN AND BEYOND FOR ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT, AND CONSTRUCTION

Universal-Publishers Applying the principles in this book unleashes ingenuity that achieves, solidifies and perpetuates a new performance culture of mutual benefit. In this culture, project teams will prepare their work in task packages and enable workflow necessary to leave inefficiency of time and resource, literally, no place to hide. Project examples will help teams implement the principles that shorten cycle times, eliminate error, improve quality and reduce costs to succeed in meeting project commitments. Emerging Lean enterprise relationships between clients, EPC contractors and their entire supply chain will advance what constitutes the new, market-differentiating performance of individuals, project teams and companies - justifying high levels of trust and inter-organizational efforts to improve. Client executives will learn to recognize root causes of risk and sources of excellence to mitigate them. Well-developed strategic improvement is often constrained because the traditional way - current means and methods - fit squarely in everyone's comfort zone. By learning to ask the right questions, top-client leadership will soon render overruns from the best traditional systems as "not-good enough" and strive for a new level of excellence. EPC executives will better engage creative voices from their best resources and stakeholders to resolve all concerns and define a unified vision for how to deliver on clients' expectations without overruns during capital project delivery. Lean methods will effectively assure that vision, principles and best expectations are understood and implemented at the workplace. Department, discipline and stakeholder leaders will align and no longer frustrate each other and their clients. They will plan and execute with increased efficiency and effectiveness. Cost reduction will accelerate, retaining only client-valued quality - enabling a nimble response to market opportunities and threats. Project and program managers will confidently accept intense, market-induced cost and schedule-reduction efforts. They will apply new metrics, measure potential and extract, align and pilot improvements. They will make workplace progress transparent to simplify resource balancing, full utilization and workplace flow during all project phases. The results will differentiate team members and their project's performance on the world stage. Project professionals and the skilled labor force will gain confidence to make and keep increasingly difficult commitments and experience thereby increasing opportunity in an organization known for excellence. They will fully engage heart and mind for leaders who expect excellence and they trust to enable and reward best practice performance while they jointly eliminate root causes of problems before they happen. This book guides readers through each essential role for the transformation to Lean...not just at the lowest levels but of the entire business model and all the supporting processes. Resulting market recognition of sustained excellence of people, their systems and they way they work together will create a market-leading force.

MONEY AND POWER

HOW GOLDMAN SACHS CAME TO RULE THE WORLD

Anchor The bestselling author of the acclaimed *House of Cards* and *The Last Tycoons* turns his spotlight on to Goldman Sachs and the controversy behind its success. From the outside, Goldman Sachs is a perfect company. The Goldman PR machine loudly declares it to be smarter, more ethical, and more profitable than all of its competitors. Behind closed doors, however, the firm constantly straddles the line between conflict of interest and legitimate deal making, wields

significant influence over all levels of government, and upholds a culture of power struggles and toxic paranoia. And its clever bet against the mortgage market in 2007—unknown to its clients—may have made the financial ruin of the Great Recession worse. *Money and Power* reveals the internal schemes that have guided the bank from its founding through its remarkable windfall during the 2008 financial crisis. Through extensive research and interviews with the inside players, including current CEO Lloyd Blankfein, William Cohan constructs a nuanced, timely portrait of Goldman Sachs, the company that was too big—and too ruthless—to fail.

LEAN EXECUTION

THE BASIC IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE FOR MAXIMIZING PROCESS PERFORMANCE

CRC Press Many books explain how to construct a value stream map, but few explain the process conditions and characteristics required to ensure a value stream map can be completed successfully. *Lean Execution: The Basic Implementation Guide for Maximizing Process Performance* fills this need. Although the book explains Lean methods and tools that maximize process performance, its main focus is on providing readers with detailed guidelines, process conditions, and helpful tips for ensuring successful implementation. Based on Clifford Fiore's insights and experiences gained through years of firsthand application and implementation of Lean methods, the book supplies easy-to-understand explanations of proven Lean tools, methods, and concepts. For example, the concept of flow/theory of constraints is reviewed using a garden hose analogy. The text introduces material in a manner that mirrors the natural sequence for general implementation. It provides simple calculations, worksheets, and examples to reinforce the key concepts involved with determining production rates and process variation. In addition to explaining how to apply Lean tools correctly, the book provides the big picture perspective required to select and apply the appropriate Lean tool at the right time, while gaining helpful insight about the process under review. Sharing valuable lessons learned by trial and error, the book can help practitioners save valuable time and resources by not repeating similar mistakes. The book concludes with a summary that outlines a blueprint for maximizing success during implementation. Clifford Fiore has spent more than 30 years at a Fortune 500 company and is a recognized leader in applying Lean and Six Sigma methodologies. He is also a certified black belt and Lean expert. Through his work in adapting process improvement techniques in engineering, manufacturing, and the supply chain, he has emerged as an industry leader in implementing concepts towards reducing product cost, quality defects, and development cycle times.