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The Race To The Top (RTTP) federal education policy fostered a new generation of state tests. This policy advocated adopting common core standards which set a higher level of learning targets for students in the US K-12 education. These standards are intended to assess higher order thinking skills and prepare students ready for college and career. In the meantime, they are aligned with those for international assessments which keep US students abreast of their international peers. Furthermore, the new generation of state tests requires the use of technology enhanced items to align student assessments with student learning environment. Computer technology is indispensable to accomplish this goal. Computer based tests related to common core standards are different from previous state computer based tests in two important aspects, one is that the current version requires accurate assessment of students along all ability levels and the other is that it promotes the use of an efficient test delivery system, essentially the use of computerized adaptive assessment in K-12 state testing programs. In addition to providing summative information about student learning, the new common core tests add formative assessment component in the whole assessment system to provide timely feedback to students and teachers during the process of student learning and teacher instruction. As with its predecessor, the new assessment policy also holds teachers and schools accountable for student learning. With the requirements by the new federal education policy, states formed two consortia: Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and Smarter-Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) to develop assessments in alignment with the new common core standards. This book is based on the presentations made at the Thirteenth Annual Maryland Assessment Research Center's Conference on "The Next Generation of Testing: Common Core Standards, Smarter-Balanced, PARCC, and the Nationwide Testing Movement". Experts from the consortia and nationwide overviewed the intention, history and the current status of this nationwide testing movement. Item development, test design, and transition from old state tests to the new consortia tests are discussed. Test scoring and reporting are specially highlighted in the book. The challenges related to standard setting for the new test, especially in the CAT environment and linking performance standards from state tests with consortium tests were explored. The issues of utilizing the consortium test results to evaluate students' college and career readiness is another topic addressed in the book. The last chapters address the critical issue of validity in the new generation of state testing programs. Overall, this book presents the latest status of the development of the two consortium assessment systems. It addresses the most challenging issues related to the next generation of state testing programs including development of innovative items assessing higher order thinking skills, scoring of such items, standard setting and linkage with the old state specific standards, and validity issues. This edited book provides a very good source of information related to the consortium tests based on the common core standards.

Qualitative Research: Data Collection & Data Analysis Techniques (2nd Edition) has been systematically revised with additional content, more in-depth explanations, and latest references to enhance the knowledge and skills required for those interested in conducting qualitative research. The reader-friendly organisation and writing style of this edition provides guaranteed accessibility to a wide array of readers ranging from established scholars to novice researchers and undergraduates. Each chapter in this edition is set to provide a clear, contextualised and comprehensive coverage of the main qualitative research methods (interviews, focus groups, observations, diary studies, archival document analysis, and content analysis) aimed at equipping readers with a thorough understanding of the design, procedures and skills to effectively undertake qualitative research. At the same time, the authors have anticipated major concerns such as ethical issues that qualitative researchers often face and addressed them in the various chapters. This effort has been made possible through the collaboration involving notable qualitative research scholars from different tertiary institutions – Assoc. Prof. Dr. Puvensvary Muthiah (ELT Consultant), Dr. R. Sivabala Naidu (Taylor's College), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mastura Badzis (International Islamic University Malaysia), Dr. Radziah Abdul Rahim (formerly attached to National Defense University of Malaysia), Dr. Noor Fadhilah Mat Nayan (University of Reading), and Assoc. Prof. Noor Hashima Abd Aziz (Universiti Utara Malaysia).

Essentials Computing for Business: Microsoft Office 2010 introduces basic computing technologies to accounting students and professionals who will find it relevant and useful. This book: - Helps you understand the actual theoretical and practical importance and relevance of Information Technology to the business community, particularly accounting practitioners. - Helps you acquire basic to advanced skills for operating office productivity programmes, including word processing, presentation, spreadsheet and database. - Gives you a step-by-step understanding of how to complete a task by using well crafted "hands-on" project samples. - Enhances your skills and abilities to operate an accounting programme by comparing the samples provided in the book to your own completed projects. - Provides additional exercises at the end of each chapter to further enhance your understanding.

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What makes students struggle with accounting process with SST? This module offers a solution by providing awesome guidelines for preparing financial statements and processing SST return (SST-02) with SQL.

In recent years, our world has experienced a profound shift and progression in available computing and knowledge sharing innovations. These emerging advancements have developed at a rapid pace, disseminating into and affecting numerous aspects of contemporary society. This has created a pivotal need for an innovative compendium encompassing the latest trends, concepts, and issues surrounding this relevant discipline area. During the past 15 years, the Encyclopedia of Information Science and Technology has become recognized as one of the landmark sources of the latest knowledge and discoveries in this discipline. The Encyclopedia of Information Science and Technology, Fourth Edition is a 10-volume set which includes 705 original and previously unpublished research articles covering a full range of perspectives, applications, and techniques contributed by thousands of experts and researchers from around the globe. This authoritative encyclopedia is an all-encompassing, well-established reference source that is ideally designed to disseminate the most forward-thinking and diverse research findings. With critical perspectives on the impact of information science management and new technologies in modern settings, including but not limited to computer science, education, healthcare, government, engineering, business, and natural and physical sciences, it is a pivotal and relevant source of knowledge that will benefit every professional within the field of information science and technology and is an invaluable addition to every academic and corporate library.

Qualitative Research: Data Collection & Data Analysis Techniques is especially written for anyone who is interested in doing or learning more about qualitative research methods. The reader-friendly organisation and writing style of the book makes it accessible to everyone—academics, professionals, undergraduates, postgraduates, researchers, and even for those who are just beginning to explore the field of qualitative research. Each chapter provides a clear, contextualized and comprehensive coverage of the main qualitative research methods (interviews, focus groups, observations, diary studies, archival document, and content analysis) and will thus equip readers with a thorough understanding of the steps and skills to undertake qualitative research effectively. Bringing together qualitative research scholars from three different tertiary institutions in the country – Associate Prof Dr. Puvensvary Muthiah, Dr. Radziah Abdul Rahim, Puan Noor Hashima Abd Aziz, and Noor Fadhilah Mat Nayan, from Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mastura Badzis from Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) and R. Sivabala Naidu from Darulaman Teacher Training Institute, this book addresses some of the most important questions facing students and researchers in qualitative research

The purpose of this book is to share successful instructional and learning processes with educators. The focus is on three types of variables in classroom learning and instruction: (1) active learning time; (2) feedback and corrective procedures; and (3) instructional cues. The

literature on the nature of each variable is discussed, and the conditions for successful implementation, the reasons for their powerful effects on learning, and the different ways they can be used are outlined. A section on evaluating instruction examines the roles of classroom observation, rating scales, student questionnaires, content analysis and techniques for self examination. A review of the implications arising from new demands on the educational system cites the classroom climate and the concept of individual differences as major areas that need research. An annotated bibliography of research articles written since 1960 emphasizes the feasibility of implementing the ideas discussed in the book. (FG)

Wafa Berhad was registered as a trademark in Malaysia in 1984 and is now registered in more than 20 countries, thus laying the foundation for global expansion. In 1988, the Wafa Group commenced manufacturing and marketing of Electrical Home Appliances under the Wafa Berhad brand. Henceforth, this Malaysian owned-and-grown and operated brand entered history as the nation's first "Made in Malaysia" electrical home appliances. For the first time, a locally conceived and produced range of electrical products took its place among established brands from Japan, Europe and the United States. The Wafa Group: Case Studies in Auditing is very useful to accounting students as it mirrors both the accounting profession and a complete auditing cycles. The cases in this book aim to create a realistic view of how an auditor organizes and performs an audit examination. These cases provide a simulation that permits students to put the abstract and difficult concepts of auditing into practice.

Hospitality and Tourism - Synergizing creativity and innovation in research contains 116 accepted papers from the International Hospitality and Tourism Postgraduate Conference 2013 (Shah Alam, Malaysia, 2-3 September 2013). The book presents trends and practical ideas in the area of hospitality and tourism, and is divided into the sections below: - Hospitality and tourism management - Hospitality and tourism marketing - Current trends in hospitality & tourism - Technology, advancement and innovation in hospitality and tourism - Green hospitality and tourism - Food service and food safety - Relevant areas in hospitality and tourism Hospitality and Tourism - Synergizing creativity and innovation in research will be useful to postgraduate students, academia and professionals involved in the area of hospitality and tourism. Businesses consistently work on new projects, products, and workflows to remain competitive and successful in the modern business environment. To remain zealous, businesses must employ the most effective methods and tools in human resources, project management, and overall business plan execution as competitors work to succeed as well. Advanced Methodologies and Technologies in Business Operations and Management provides emerging research on business tools such as employee engagement, payout policies, and financial investing to promote operational success. While highlighting the challenges facing modern organizations, readers will learn how corporate social responsibility and utilizing artificial intelligence improve a company's culture and management. This book is an ideal resource for executives and managers, researchers, accountants, and financial investors seeking current research on business operations and management.

Design research is grounded on the iterative Triangulation Methodology (ITM), where theoretical, development and empirical research approaches are triangulated to accomplish the design research objectives. Constructing and associating research gaps, questions, objectives, methods and outcomes are imperative in a research. However, not linking all these and choosing the wrong and poorly designed methods are common especially among inexperienced researchers and students. Therefore, researchers should practice strategies in identifying the right methods to collect data or perform experiment that can meet the predefined objectives and determined research problems. This book is aimed at providing some of the likely strategies. It contains personalized strategies and examples that are useful for starting a design research in any field particularly in software and application development. The examples described are real studies that we conducted together with our research team members.

Dalam konteks pengurusan dan penganjuran acara, syarikat pengurusan dan penganjuran acara dilihat lebih memberi fokus kepada keuntungan hasil daripada perkembangan pelancongan dan acara. Namun, di sebalik keghairahan itu, syarikat pengurusan dan penganjuran acara seolah-olah lupa akan kesan negatif acara kepada alam sekitar. Dalam konteks pengunjung acara pula, selain menikmati kegembiraan, pengalaman dan kepuasan berhibur; pengunjung acara harus mengambil tanggungjawab untuk sama-sama meminimumkan kesan negatif acara kepada alam sekitar. Secara adilnya, alam sekitar yang dipinjamkan ini harus sama-sama dijaga agar kekal lestari untuk generasi akan datang. Buku ini dihasilkan dengan tujuan memberi kesedaran, pengetahuan, di samping membincangkan beberapa kaedah yang boleh diguna pakai oleh syarikat pengurusan dan penganjuran acara dalam menghasilkan acara hijau.

First series, books 1-43, includes "Notes on U.S. reports" by Walter Malins Rose.

This book presents the thoroughly refereed post-conference proceedings of the International Conference on Formal Verification of Object-Oriented Software, FoVeOOS 2011, held in Turin, Italy, in October 2011 – organised by COST Action IC0701. The 10 revised full papers presented together with 5 invited talks were carefully reviewed and selected from 19 submissions. Formal software verification has outgrown the area of academic case studies, and industry is showing serious interest. The logical next goal is the verification of industrial software products. Most programming languages used in industrial practice are object-oriented, e.g. Java, C++, or C#. FoVeOOS 2011 aimed to foster collaboration and interactions among researchers in this area.

Vols. for 1970-71 includes manufacturers' catalogs.

"Through the perspectives of selected novels from the end of World War II to the end of the 20th century this book examines crucial issues for Americans during those decades. These novels represent the voices of popular conversations, as Americans considered issues of family, class, racism and sexism, feminism, economic ambition, sexual violence, war, law, religion and science"--Provided by publisher.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 6th European Semantic Web Conference, ESWC 2009, held in Heraklion, Crete, Greece, in May/June 2009. The 45 revised full papers of the research track presented together with the abstracts of 4 keynote lectures were carefully reviewed and selected from more than 250 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on applications, evaluation and benchmarking, ontologies and natural language, ontology alignment, ontology engineering, query processing, reasoning, search and identities, semantic Web architectures, semantic Web services, and tagging and annotation. In addition to the technical research track, this book presents 8 contributions to the ESWC 2009 PhD symposium, 24 system demo papers, as well as 8 contributions to the semantic Web in-use track.

Includes music.

SQL Account Made Easy: A Practical Approach (UUM Press)UUM Press

Microsoft Excel: Preparing Data, Analysing Data and Designing a Business Model – A Practical Guide will be a useful manual for readers who intend to master various functionalities offered in a spreadsheet application. The module serves as a teaching material, mainly for accounting program students, lecturers, financial analysts, accountants, and other interested parties. This textbook that comprises of eight chapters employs the Microsoft Excel, one of the most commonly used and popular spreadsheet applications, to demonstrate the applications of essential functionalities available in the spreadsheet applications. This application becomes one of the primary analytical tools in today's business. Excel functions, if used wisely and effectively, are capable of transforming business data into meaningful and valuable information.

This book examines the challenges of the implementation of Islamic law in Malaysia. Malaysia is a pertinent jurisdiction to explore such challenges given its global focus, colonial history and institutions, and the intersection of the Shari'ah and

secularism/multiculturalism. The resultant implementation challenges are underpinned by three factors that make Malaysia an important jurisdiction for those interested in understanding the place of Islamic law in the global context. First, Malaysia is often considered as a model Islamic country. Islamic law is a source of law in Malaysia. The Islamic law legal system in Malaysia operates in parallel with a common law legal system. The two systems of law generally are in harmony with one another. Nevertheless, occasional cross-jurisdictional issues do arise, and when they do, the Malaysian judiciary has been quite efficient in solving them. The Malaysian experience in maintaining such harmony between the two legal systems provides lessons for a number of countries facing such challenges. Second, Malaysia has a developed Shari'ah court system that interprets and applies Islamic law predominantly based on the Shafi'i school of thought. While, for the most part, the approach has been successful, there have been times when the implementation of the law has raised concerns as to the compatibility of Islamic law with modern principles of human rights and common law-based values. Third, there have been cases where Islamic law implementation in Malaysia has gained global attention due to the potential for wider international implications. To do justice to this complex area, the book calls on scholars and practitioners who have the necessary expertise in Islamic law and its implementation. As such, this book provides lessons and direction for other countries that operate a dual system of secular and Islamic laws.

This book discusses the provisions and legal principles under the Insolvency Law in Malaysia in face of the issue of abandoned housing projects and its rehabilitation. Apart from the Malaysian Insolvency Law, this book also analyses comparatively between the insolvency legal provisions and legal principles under the United Kingdom and Singapore Insolvency Laws. The approach of this book is by way of legal analyses over the relevant insolvency legal provisions in Malaysia, the United Kingdom and the Republic of Singapore. The discussion is further enriched and collaborated by the case studies conducted over several abandoned housing projects in Malaysia that have been subject to the insolvency administration. In addition, the author also provides relevant official statistics and reports of abandoned housing projects and numerous examples of abandoned housing project cases illustrating the diverse problems, complications, issues and grievances. The outcome and proposals of this book will be beneficial to the legal practitioners, judicial and legal services, insolvency practitioners, housing developers, financial institutions, contractors, housing consultants, technical agencies, land and state authorities, purchasers of units in abandoned housing projects, consumers' associations, relevant private and government agencies and Federal and States Ministries, students and policy makers in the insolvency legal administration in Malaysia, particularly for those who are directly involved in abandoned housing projects and its rehabilitation in Malaysia.

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