

White Paper Process Automation

The papers in this volume explore key challenges in identifying, building, and linking competences within and between organizations. The first paper describes a facilitated process through which managers may identify an organization's current competences and assess which of its capabilities may constitute the "core" of its distinctive competences. Subsequent papers elaborate basic issues in building organizational competence, including balancing the exploration of new competences and the exploitation of current competences, creating strategic options through competence building, linking the capabilities of alliance partners to target and build new competences, using product architectures in building and maintaining competences, the recursive nature of competence building processes, and the nature and role of management processes in competence building. A final paper analyzes the intellectual structure of and influences within the competence-based management perspective.

This is the first book to focus on emerging technologies for distributed intelligent decision-making in process planning and dynamic scheduling. It has two sections: a review of several key areas of research, and an in-depth treatment of particular techniques. Each chapter addresses a specific problem domain and offers practical solutions to solve it. The book provides a better understanding of the present state and future trends of research in this area.

This book starts with the basic premise that a service is comprised of the 3Ps-products, processes, and people. Moreover, these entities and their sub-entities interlink to support the services that end users require to run and support a business. This widens the scope of any availability design far beyond hardware and software. It also increases t This comprehensive, step-by-step guide provides a plain-English approach to planning and performing audits. In one handy resource, you'll find applicable requirements and how-to advice. This edition includes updates for the issuance of SAS No. 133, Auditor Involvement with Exempt Offering Documents. Update boxes have been added for SAS No. 134, 137, 138 and 139. You'll find illustrative examples, sample forms and helpful techniques ideal for small- and medium-sized firms.

Business Process Management (BPM) has become one of the most widely used approaches for the design of modern organizational and information systems. The conscious treatment of business processes as significant corporate assets has facilitated substantial improvements in organizational performance but is also used to ensure the conformance of corporate activities. This Handbook presents in two volumes the contemporary body of knowledge as articulated by the world's leading BPM thought leaders. This second volume focuses on the managerial and organizational challenges of BPM such as strategic and cultural alignment, governance and the education of BPM stakeholders. As such, this book provides concepts and methodologies for the integration of BPM. Each chapter has been contributed by leading international experts. Selected case studies complement their views and lead to a summary of BPM expertise that is unique in its coverage of the most critical success factors of BPM. The second edition of this handbook has been significantly revised and extended. Each chapter has been updated to reflect the most current developments. This includes in particular new technologies such as in-memory data and process management, social media and networks. A further focus of this revised and extended edition is on the actual deployment of the proposed theoretical concepts. This volume includes a number of entire new chapters from some of the world's leading experts in the domain of BPM.

By using the Migration Manager, you can migrate configuration content from one production environment to another. The typical use is to migrate configuration content from a development environment to a test environment and then on to production for the Tivoli® process automation engine and its applications, such as IBM® SmartCloud® Control Desk. The goal of migration is to ensure that your production environment fully meets the needs of your users. This IBM Redbooks® publication is an update of the existing book Migration Use Cases with the Migration Manager, SG24-7906 and covers the most common migration use cases with the Migration Manager, including the capabilities that were introduced with Tivoli's process automation engine V7.5. These use cases are only a small subset of the possible migration scenarios that can be performed by the Migration Manager, but they were chosen to be representative of the capabilities of the Migration Manager. In addition to these use cases, the book presents a migration strategy and a comprehensive chapter about troubleshooting possible migration problems when the Migration Manager is used. We strongly suggest that you read Chapter 1, "Migration strategy" on page 1 first before reading the other chapters. This chapter give syou a good foundation for all of the migration scenarios that are covered in the book. This book is a reference for IT Specialists and IT Architects working on migrating configuration content from one production environment to another by using the Migration Manager.

This management book presents value-driven business process management as a successful discipline to turn strategy into people- and technology-based execution, quickly and at minimal risk. It shows how to achieve high performance successfully in a digital business environment. Static business models do not keep pace with the dynamic changes in our digital world. Organizations need a management approach that fits this environment and capitalizes on its opportunities while minimizing the related risks. They need to execute their business strategy fast and reliably. In effect, they have to know how and when to modify or enhance their business processes, which processes are the best candidates for intervention, and how to move rapidly from strategy to execution. This means organizations need to establish business process management as a real management discipline. The importance of process innovation, digital technology and people aspects, process governance, internationalization, emerging processes and the unique situation in mid-market organizations are some of the key topics discussed in this book. It ends with a comprehensive case study and a discussion about what process engineers can learn from jazz musicians.

This book provides a comprehensive in-depth look into the practical application of AutomationML Edition 2 from an industrial perspective. It is a cookbook for advanced users and

describes re-usable pattern solutions for a variety of industrial applications and how to implement it in software. Just to name some: AutomationML modelling of AAS, MTP, SCD, OPC UA, Automation Components, Automation Projects, drive configurations, requirement models, communication systems, electrical interfaces and cables, or semantic integration aspects as eClass integration or handling of semantic heterogeneity. This book guides through the universe of AutomationML from industrial perspective. It is written by AutomationML experts that have industrially implemented AutomationML in pattern solutions for a large variety of applications. This book is structured into three major parts. • Part I: software implementation for developers • Part II: re-usable industrial pattern solutions and domain models • Part III: outlook into future AutomationML applications Additional material to the book and more information about AutomationML on the website: <https://www.automationml.org/about-automationml/publications/amlbook/>

Plant Hazard Analysis and Safety Instrumentation Systems is the first book to combine coverage of these two integral aspects of running a chemical processing plant. It helps engineers from various disciplines learn how various analysis techniques, international standards, and instrumentation and controls provide layers of protection for basic process control systems, and how, as a result, overall system reliability, availability, dependability, and maintainability can be increased. This step-by-step guide takes readers through the development of safety instrumented systems, also including discussions on cost impact, basics of statistics, and reliability. Swapan Basu brings more than 35 years of industrial experience to this book, using practical examples to demonstrate concepts. Basu links between the SIS requirements and process hazard analysis in order to complete SIS lifecycle implementation and covers safety analysis and realization in control systems, with up-to-date descriptions of modern concepts, such as SIL, SIS, and Fault Tolerance to name a few. In addition, the book addresses security issues that are particularly important for the programmable systems in modern plants, and discusses, at length, hazardous atmospheres and their impact on electrical enclosures and the use of IS circuits. Helps the reader identify which hazard analysis method is the most appropriate (covers ALARP, HAZOP, FMEA, LOPA) Provides tactics on how to implement standards, such as IEC 61508/61511 and ANSI/ISA 84 Presents information on how to conduct safety analysis and realization in control systems and safety instrumentation

"This book presents a collection of research associated with the emerging e-business technologies and applications, attempting to stimulate the advancement of various e-business frameworks and applications, and to provide future research directions"--Provided by publisher.

This textbook covers the entire Business Process Management (BPM) lifecycle, from process identification to process monitoring, covering along the way process modelling, analysis, redesign and automation. Concepts, methods and tools from business management, computer science and industrial engineering are blended into one comprehensive and inter-disciplinary approach. The presentation is illustrated using the BPMN industry standard defined by the Object Management Group and widely endorsed by practitioners and vendors worldwide. In addition to explaining the relevant conceptual background, the book provides dozens of examples, more than 230 exercises – many with solutions – and numerous suggestions for further reading. This second edition includes extended and completely revised chapters on process identification, process discovery, qualitative process analysis, process redesign, process automation and process monitoring. A new chapter on BPM as an enterprise capability has been added, which expands the scope of the book to encompass topics such as the strategic alignment and governance of BPM initiatives. The textbook is the result of many years of combined teaching experience of the authors, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels as well as in the context of professional training. Students and professionals from both business management and computer science will benefit from the step-by-step style of the textbook and its focus on fundamental concepts and proven methods. Lecturers will appreciate the class-tested format and the additional teaching material available on the accompanying website.

Control engineering seeks to understand physical systems, using mathematical modeling, in terms of inputs, outputs and various components with different behaviors. It has an essential role in a wide range of control systems, from household appliances to space flight. This book provides an in-depth view of the technologies that are implemented in most varieties of modern industrial control engineering. A solid grounding is provided in traditional control techniques, followed by detailed examination of modern control techniques such as real-time, distributed, robotic, embedded, computer and wireless control technologies. For each technology, the book discusses its full profile, from the field layer and the control layer to the operator layer. It also includes all the interfaces in industrial control systems: between controllers and systems; between different layers; and between operators and systems. It not only describes the details of both real-time operating systems and distributed operating systems, but also provides coverage of the microprocessor boot code, which other books lack. In addition to working principles and operation mechanisms, this book emphasizes the practical issues of components, devices and hardware circuits, giving the specification parameters, install procedures, calibration and configuration methodologies needed for engineers to put the theory into practice. Documents all the key technologies of a wide range of industrial control systems Emphasizes practical application and methods alongside theory and principles An ideal reference for practicing engineers needing to further their understanding of the latest industrial control concepts and techniques

This paper details the challenges of paper-based filing and tracking systems and how automation and an end-to-end computerised system can improve the efficiency and output of patent professionals and the quality of patent documentation. It provides a future view of how the patent process can be automated similarly to factory automation, and offers a real-world example of process automation in the First to File patent automation system.

Based on the results of the study carried out in 1996 to investigate the state of the art of workflow and process technology, MCC initiated the Collaboration Management Infrastructure (CMI) research project to develop innovative agent-based process technology that can support the process requirements of dynamically changing organizations

and the requirements of nomadic computing. With a research focus on the flow of interaction among people and software agents representing people, the project deliverables will include a scalable, heterogeneous, ubiquitous and nomadic infrastructure for business processes. The resulting technology is being tested in applications that stress an intensive mobile collaboration among people as part of large, evolving business processes. *Workflow and Process Automation: Concepts and Technology* provides an overview of the problems and issues related to process and workflow technology, and in particular to definition and analysis of processes and workflows, and execution of their instances. The need for a transactional workflow model is discussed and a spectrum of related transaction models is covered in detail. A plethora of influential projects in workflow and process automation is summarized. The projects are drawn from both academia and industry. The monograph also provides a short overview of the most popular workflow management products, and the state of the workflow industry in general. *Workflow and Process Automation: Concepts and Technology* offers a road map through the shortcomings of existing solutions of process improvement by people with daily first-hand experience, and is suitable as a secondary text for graduate-level courses on workflow and process automation, and as a reference for practitioners in industry.

For more than 20 years, Network World has been the premier provider of information, intelligence and insight for network and IT executives responsible for the digital nervous systems of large organizations. Readers are responsible for designing, implementing and managing the voice, data and video systems their companies use to support everything from business critical applications to employee collaboration and electronic commerce.

This book provides an extended overview and fundamental knowledge in industrial automation, while building the necessary knowledge level for further specialization in advanced concepts of industrial automation. It covers a number of central concepts of industrial automation, such as basic automation elements, hardware components for automation and process control, the latch principle, industrial automation synthesis, logical design for automation, electropneumatic automation, industrial networks, basic programming in PLC, and PID in the industry.

Paul Harman focuses on the process change problems faced by today's managers. He summarizes the state of the art of business process analysis, presents a methodology based on best-practices and offers detailed case studies.

This book discusses the major trends in Business Process Automation (BPA) and explains how BPA technologies and tools are applied in practice. It introduces the students to the concepts of BPA and describes the need for automation in business process management. The book illustrates live examples of different functions of an enterprise where automation has been successfully implemented to reap business benefits. It elaborates the applications of BPA in various sectors such as HR and payroll, marketing, e-governance, knowledge management and banking. The text also discusses in detail the role of Chief Information Officer (CIO) as a change agent for designing and implementing automation initiatives. Return-on-Investment (ROI) calculations have been shown as a business case for automating business processes. Evaluation criteria for deciding which software package to be implemented have been thoroughly explained. Key Features : Provides case studies at the end of all chapters to help the students for easy understanding of the concepts discussed. Includes chapter-end questions to test students' comprehension of the subject. Presents a glossary of technical terms. The book is designed for the postgraduate students of management. It would be useful for the professionals and practitioners for implementation of process automation in organizations as well.

Enterprises have to adapt their business processes quickly and efficiently to new business environments to ensure business success and long term survival. It is not sufficient to apply best business practices but new practices have to be developed and executed. These requirements are met by new business process automation technologies, based on concepts like web services, EAI, workflow, enterprise service architectures, and automation engines. Business process automation becomes a key enabler for business process excellence. This book explains major trends in business process automation and shows how new technologies and solutions are applied in practice. It outlines how process automation becomes an element of an overall process lifecycle management approach, structured on the basis of the ARIS House of business excellence and implemented through software tools like the ARIS toolset.

In this volume Gerold Riempp examines the interaction of different workflow management systems (WFMS) in geographically-distributed and legally-separate organisations. This is an emerging field of research known as Wide Area Workflow Management (WAWM). He examines the technical and managerial aspects of workflow management via a framework which he has developed to describe the problems involved in WAWM and to find viable solutions. Based on this theoretical framework, the author also develops a prototype software framework - the Wide Area GroupFlow System - to demonstrate the solutions via practical software tools. The tools will be available to the reader via the WWW. Also included are the results of case studies from some of the 15 developers who have been using this software over the past two years.

This book brings together experts from research and practice. It includes the design of innovative Robot Process Automation (RPA) concepts, the discussion of related research fields (e.g., Artificial Intelligence, AI), the evaluation of existing software products, and findings from real-life implementation projects. Similar to the substitution of physical work in manufacturing (blue collar automation), Robotic Process Automation tries to substitute intellectual work in office and administration processes with software robots (white-collar automation). The starting point for the development of RPA was the observation that – despite the use of process-oriented enterprise systems (such as ERP, CRM and BPM systems) – additional manual activities are still indispensable today. In the RPA approach, these manual activities are learned and automated by software robots, either by defining rules or by observing manual activities. RPA is related to business process management, machine learning, and artificial intelligence. Tools for RPA originated from dedicated stand-alone software. Today, RPA functionalities are also integrated into elaborated process management suites. From a conceptual perspective, RPA can be structured into input components (sensors in the wide sense), an intelligence center, and output components (actuators in the wide sense). From a strategic perspective, the impact of RPA can be related to the support of existing tasks, the complete substitution of human activities, and the innovation of processes as well as business models. At present, high expectations are related to the use of RPA in the improvement of software-supported business processes. Manual

activities are learned and automated by software robots that interact with existing applications via the presentation layer. In combination with artificial intelligence (AI) as well as innovative interfaces (e. g., voice recognition) RPA creates a novel level of automation for office and administration processes. Its benefit potential reaches a return on investment (ROI) up-to 800% that is documented in various case studies.

In this study, Kunio Odaka discusses the complex attitudes of Japanese workers toward management, unions, work, and leisure. The results of his scholarly surveys indicate a trend toward the democratization of Japanese industrial management. In part, the book is a presentation of Odaka's belief in the necessity for greater worker participation in the decisions that affect their working lives, a belief that is indeed radical in the Japanese setting.

The field of Business Process Management (BPM) is marred by a seemingly endless sequence of (proposed) industry standards. Contrary to other fields (e.g., civil or electronic engineering), these standards are not the result of a widely supported consolidation of well-understood and well-established concepts and practices. In the BPM domain, it is frequently the case that BPM vendors opportunistically become involved in the creation of proposed standards to exert or maintain their influence and interests in the field. Despite the initial fervor associated with such standardization activities, it is no less frequent that vendors either choose to drop their support for standards that they earlier championed on an opportunistic basis or elect only to partially support them in their commercial offerings. Moreover, the results of the standardization processes themselves are a concern. BPM standards tend to deal with complex concepts, yet they are never properly defined and all-too-often not informed by established research. The result is a plethora of languages and tools, with no consensus on concepts and their implementation. They also fail to provide clear direction in the way in which BPM standards should evolve. One can also observe a dichotomy between the "business" side of BPM and its "technical" side. While it is clear that the application of BPM will fail if not placed in a proper business context, it is equally clear that its application will go nowhere if it remains merely a motivational exercise with schemas of business processes hanging on the wall gathering dust.

Service Automation Framework Van Haren

This book constitutes the proceedings of the 8th International Symposium on Business Modeling and Software Design, BMSD 2018, held in Vienna, Austria, in July 2018. The 14 full papers and 21 short papers selected for inclusion in this book deal with a large number of research topics: (i) Some topics concern Business Processes (BP), such as BP modeling / notations / visualizations, BP management, BP variability, BP contracting, BP interoperability, BP modeling within augmented reality, inter-enterprise collaborations, and so on; (ii) Other topics concern Software Design, such as software ecosystems, specification of context-aware software systems, service-oriented solutions and micro-service architectures, product variability, software development monitoring, and so on; (iii) Still other topics are crosscutting with regard to business modeling and software design, such as data analytics as well as information security and privacy; (iv) Other topics concern hot technology / innovation areas, such as blockchain technology and internet-of-things. Underlying with regard to all those topics is the BMSD'18 theme: Enterprise Engineering and Software Engineering - Processes and Systems for the Future. Service Automation is the concept of achieving customer loyalty by the use of automated technologies and builds upon a large demographic and sociological trend. We are the self-service generation, who are able to make our own decisions. The self-service generation is nowadays used to search, evaluate and purchase products online for a number of years now. This book will give you deep insight into the concept of Service Automation, the concept by which you can automate customer service in your organization. If you adequately apply Service Automation in your organization, you will see both employee and customer satisfaction rise and significantly increase the number of people who 'like' your company. The Service Automation Framework (SAF®) has been created to find a methodical way to discuss Service Automation. It offers a simplistic version of any organization, which includes a number of processes that every organization can think of to systematically enhance its Service. As with any model, it is a simplified version of reality, but it structures the mind and provides uniform terminology when discussing the contents with co-workers and colleagues. Nothing more, nothing less. We encourage you to adapt and apply the model in any way that you see fit and which helps you and your organization. This book is intended for anyone who has ever experienced that the level of Service in his organization can be increased and is looking for guidance on a step-by-step model to achieve this, whether you are an entrepreneur, executive, consultant or work in the field of academia.

This book introduces the fundamentals of DCS, and shows how to include wireless technology in their design while guaranteeing the desired operation characteristics. The text also presents insights and results gained from extensive practical experience in implementing and testing systems within a specific industrial setting. Features: examines the operations that the DCS implements, covering human-machine interfaces, diagnostics and maintenance interfaces, and controllers; discusses industrial control system and wireless network protocols; reviews scheduling in wireless sensor networks; describes a latency model for heterogeneous DCS with wired and wireless parts, that predicts monitoring, command, and closed loop latencies; explains how to plan operation timings systematically; introduces measures and metrics for performance monitoring and debugging, and describes how to add these to a system; presents experimental results to validate the planning approach, based on an application test-bed.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Industrial Applications of Holonic and Multi-Agent Systems, HoloMAS 2019, held in Linz, Austria, in August 2019. The 14 full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 15 submissions, and 2 invited papers were also included. The papers are organized in the following topical sections: invited talks; methodologies and framework; agent-based production scheduling and control; data and knowledge; and MAS in various areas.

The ninth book in the IBM Endowment Series on the Business of Government, The Procurement Revolution continues the tradition of timely and vital information dissemination, which the series has come to stand for. Focusing on the profound and revolutionary changes the government has had and will have to make in its approach to procuring goods and services, this book strives to capture the creativity and energy that can and should be brought to government procurement.

In today's IT architectures, microservices and serverless functions play increasingly important roles in process automation. But how do you create meaningful, comprehensive, and connected business solutions when the individual components are decoupled and independent by design? Targeted at developers and architects, this book presents a framework through examples, practical advice, and use cases to help you design and automate complex processes. As systems are more distributed, asynchronous, and reactive, process automation requires state handling to deal with long-running interactions. Author Bernd Ruecker demonstrates how to leverage process automation technology like workflow engines to orchestrate software, humans, decisions, or bots. Learn how modern process automation compares to business process management, service-oriented architecture, batch processing, event streaming, and data pipeline solutions Understand how to use workflow engines and executable process models with BPMN Understand the difference between orchestration and choreography and how to balance both

This alert provides auditors with an overview of recent economic, industry, technical, regulatory, and professional developments that may affect how auditors conduct audits and other engagements. An entity's internal management can also use this alert to address areas of audit concern. Updates include: Economic and Industry Developments Legislative and Regulatory Developments Audit and Attestation

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Provides research on e-government and its implications within the global context. Covers topics such as digital government, electronic justice, government-to-government, information policy, and cyber-infrastructure research and methodologies.

Advances in Electronic Business advances the understanding of management methods, information technology, and their joint application in business processes. The applications of electronic commerce draw great attention of the practitioners in applying digital technologies to the buy-and-sell activities. This timely book addresses the importance of management and technology issues in electronic business, including collaborative design, collaborative engineering, collaborative decision making, electronic collaboration, communication and cooperation, workflow collaboration, knowledge networking, collaborative e-learning, costs and benefits analysis of collaboration, collaborative transportation and ethics.

The State of the Art in Intrusion Prevention and Detection analyzes the latest trends and issues surrounding intrusion detection systems in computer networks, especially in communications networks. Its broad scope of coverage includes wired, wireless, and mobile networks; next-generation converged networks; and intrusion in social networks. Presenting cutting-edge research, the book presents novel schemes for intrusion detection and prevention. It discusses tracing back mobile attackers, secure routing with intrusion prevention, anomaly detection, and AI-based techniques. It also includes information on physical intrusion in wired and wireless networks and agent-based intrusion surveillance, detection, and prevention. The book contains 19 chapters written by experts from 12 different countries that provide a truly global perspective. The text begins by examining traffic analysis and management for intrusion detection systems. It explores honeypots, honeynets, network traffic analysis, and the basics of outlier detection. It talks about different kinds of IDSs for different infrastructures and considers new and emerging technologies such as smart grids, cyber physical systems, cloud computing, and hardware techniques for high performance intrusion detection. The book covers artificial intelligence-related intrusion detection techniques and explores intrusion tackling mechanisms for various wireless systems and networks, including wireless sensor networks, WiFi, and wireless automation systems. Containing some chapters written in a tutorial style, this book is an ideal reference for graduate students, professionals, and researchers working in the field of computer and network security.

This book reports on the latest advances in the modeling, analysis and efficient management of information in Internet of Things (IoT) applications in the context of 5G access technologies. It presents cutting-edge applications made possible by the implementation of femtocell networks and millimeter wave communications solutions, examining them from the perspective of the universally and constantly connected IoT. Moreover, it describes novel architectural approaches to the IoT and presents the new framework possibilities offered by 5G mobile networks, including middleware requirements, node-centrality and the location of extensive functionalities at the edge. By providing researchers and professionals with a timely snapshot of emerging mobile communication systems, and highlighting the main pitfalls and potential solutions, the book fills an important gap in the literature and will foster the further developments of 5G hosting IoT devices.

Fieldbuses, particularly wireless fieldbuses, offer a multitude of benefits to process control and automation. Fieldbuses replace point-to-point technology with digital communication networks, offering increased data availability and easier configurability and interoperability. Fieldbus and Networking in Process Automation discusses the newest fieldbuses on the market today, detailing their utilities, components and configurations, wiring and installation methods, commissioning, and safety aspects under hostile environmental conditions. This clear and concise text: Considers the advantages and shortcomings of the most sought after fieldbuses, including HART, Foundation Fieldbus, and Profibus Presents an overview of data communication, networking, cabling, surge protection systems, and device connection techniques Provides comprehensive coverage of intrinsic safety essential to the process control, automation, and chemical industries Describes different wireless standards and their coexistence issues, as well as wireless sensor networks Examines the latest offerings in the wireless networking arena, such as WHART and ISA100.11a Offering a snapshot of the current state of the art, Fieldbus and Networking in Process Automation not only addresses aspects of integration, interoperability, operation, and automation pertaining to fieldbuses, but also encourages readers to explore potential applications in any given industrial environment.

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