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Carbon Black Science and Technology, Second Edition Routledge *The second edition of this reference provides comprehensive examinations of developments in the processing and applications of carbon black, including the use of new analytical tools such as scanning tunnelling microscopy, Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy and inverse gas chromatography.; Completely rewritten and updated by numerous experts in the field to reflect the enormous growth of the field since the publication of the previous edition, Carbon Black: discusses the mechanism of carbon black formation based on recent advances such as the discovery of fullerenes; elucidates micro- and macrostructure morphology and other physical characteristics; outlines the fractal geometry of carbon black as a new approach to characterization; reviews the effect of carbon black on the electrical and thermal conductivity of filled polymers; delineates the applications of carbon black in elastomers, plastics, and zerographic toners; and surveys possible health consequences of exposure to carbon black.; With over 1200 literature citations, tables, and figures, this resource is intended for physical, polymer, surface and colloid chemists; chemical and plastics engineers; spectroscopists; materials scientists; occupational safety and health physicians; and upper-level undergraduate and graduate students in these disciplines.*

Snail Farming in West Africa A Practical Guide Wireless Networking **Absolute Beginner's Guide** Que Publishing *Make the most of your wireless network...without becoming a technical expert! This book is the fastest way to connect all your wireless devices, get great performance with everything from streaming media to printing, stay safe and secure, and do more with Wi-Fi than you ever thought possible! Even if you've never set up or run a network before, this book will show you how to do what you want, one incredibly clear and easy step at a time. Wireless networking has never, ever been this simple! Who knew how simple wireless networking could be? This is today's best beginner's guide to creating, using, troubleshooting, and doing more with your wireless network...simple, practical instructions for doing everything you really want to do, at home or in your business! Here's a small sample of what you'll learn:*

- Buy the right equipment without overspending
- Reliably connect Windows PCs, Macs, iPads, Android tablets, game consoles, Blu-ray players, smartphones, and more
- Get great performance from all your networked devices
- Smoothly stream media without clogging your entire network
- Store music and movies so you can play them anywhere in your home
- Keep neighbors and snoopers out of your network
- Share the files you want to share—and keep everything else private
- Automatically back up your data across the network
- Print from anywhere in the house—or from anywhere on Earth
- Extend your network to work reliably in larger homes or offices
- Set up a “guest network” for visiting friends and family
- View streaming videos and other web content on your living room TV
- Control your networked devices with your smartphone or tablet
- Connect to Wi-Fi hotspots and get online in your car
- Find and log onto hotspots, both public and hidden
- Quickly troubleshoot common wireless network problems

Michael Miller is the world's #1 author of beginning computer books. He has written more than 100 best-selling books over the past two decades, earning an international reputation for his friendly and easy-to-read style, practical real-world advice, technical accuracy, and exceptional ability to demystify complex topics. His books for Que include Computer Basics Absolute Beginner's Guide; Facebook for Grown-Ups; My Pinterest; Ultimate Digital Music Guide; Speed It Up! A Non-Technical Guide for Speeding Up Slow PCs, and Googlepedia: The Ultimate Google Resource. Category: Networking Covers: Wireless Networking User Level: Beginning

Theory and Design of CNC Systems Springer Science & Business Media *Computer Numerical Control (CNC) controllers are high value-added products counting for over 30% of the price of machine tools. The development of CNC technology depends on the integration of technologies from many different industries, and requires strategic long-term support. “Theory and Design of CNC Systems” covers the elements of control, the design of control systems, and modern open-architecture control systems. Topics covered include Numerical Control Kernel (NCK) design of CNC, Programmable Logic Control (PLC), and the Man-Machine Interface (MMI), as well as the major modules for the development of conversational programming methods. The concepts and primary elements of STEP-NC are also introduced. A collaboration of several authors with considerable experience in CNC development, education, and research, this highly focused textbook on the principles and development technologies of CNC controllers can also be used as a guide for those working on CNC development in industry.*

Raw Materials Supply Chain for Rubber Products Overview of the Global Use of Raw Materials, Polymers, Compounding Ingredients, and Chemical Intermediates Hanser Pub Incorporated *The rubber industry is a vital part of the world economy. In this age of constantly changing economics and raw material “shortages of the week,” this book should help the reader understand the overall technical and economic problems that are emerging which are beginning to affect the overall availability of many raw materials, chemical intermediates and final rubber products on the world scene. This book is truly unique in that it is the only one that traces all the important organic and inorganic synthesis routes for the manufacture of synthetic rubbers, various fillers, plasticizers, oils, curatives, antidegradants, adhesion promoters, flame retardants, tackifiers, and blowing agents through their respective intermediates to the base raw materials from earth extractions and agriculture.*

Fundamentals of Astrodynamics Courier Corporation *Teaching text developed by U.S. Air Force Academy and designed*

as a first course emphasizes the universal variable formulation. Develops the basic two-body and n -body equations of motion; orbit determination; classical orbital elements, coordinate transformations; differential correction; more. Includes specialized applications to lunar and interplanetary flight, example problems, exercises. 1971 edition. **The Mixing of Rubber** Springer Science & Business Media Despite mature applications, advanced technology, and high volume, rubber compounding has never had a book of its own. Today, emerging applications such as tire reclamation and smoke-resistant cables combine with an industry push into engineering materials to create new kinds of compounds with new quality control problems. The *Mixing of Rubber* has been developed over several years in conjunction with the Farrel Corp./Connecticut Rubber Group course to educate the hands-on compounder and the end user as well. It covers machinery, mixing, process control, quality control, plant operations and mixing advice for specific compounds. Like the course, the book assumes no prior knowledge of rubber compounding but leads the technologist through the process from mix procedure to test. **Practical Reliability Engineering Solutions Manual** Wiley This classic textbook/reference contains a complete integration of the processes which influence quality and reliability in product specification, design, test, manufacture and support. Provides a step-by-step explanation of proven techniques for the development and production of reliable engineering equipment as well as details of the highly regarded work of Taguchi and Shainin. New to this edition: over 75 pages of self-assessment questions plus a revised bibliography and references. The book fulfills the requirements of the qualifying examinations in reliability engineering of the Institute of Quality Assurance, UK and the American Society of Quality Control. **Rubber Technology** Springer Science & Business Media About ten years after the publication of the Second Edition (1973), it became apparent that it was time for an up-date of this book. This was especially true in this case, since the subject matter has traditionally dealt mainly with the structure, properties, and technology of the various elastomers used in industry, and these are bound to undergo significant changes over the period of a decade. In revising the contents of this volume, it was thought best to keep the original format. Hence the first five chapters discuss the same general subject matter as before. The chapters dealing with natural rubber and the synthetic elastomers are up-dated, and an entirely new chapter has been added on the thermoplastic elastomers, which have, of course, grown tremendously in importance. Another innovation is the addition of a new chapter, "Miscellaneous Elastomers," to take care of "old" elastomers, e.g., polysulfides, which have decreased somewhat in importance, as well as to introduce some of the newly-developed synthetic rubbers which have not yet reached high production levels. The editor wishes to express his sincere appreciation to all the contributors, without whose close cooperation this task would have been impossible. He would especially like to acknowledge the invaluable assistance of Dr. Howard Stephens in the planning of this book, and for his suggestion of suitable authors. **ICT Innovations for Sustainability** Springer ICT Innovations for Sustainability is an investigation of how information and communication technology can contribute to sustainable development. It presents clear definitions of sustainability, suggesting conceptual frameworks for the positive and negative effects of ICT on sustainable development. It reviews methods of assessing the direct and indirect impact of ICT systems on energy and materials demand, and examines the results of such assessments. In addition, it investigates ICT-based approaches to supporting sustainable patterns of production and consumption, analyzing them at various levels of abstraction – from end-user devices, Internet infrastructure, user behavior, and social practices to macro-economic indicators. Combining approaches from Computer Science, Information Systems, Human-Computer Interaction, Economics, and Environmental Sciences, the book presents a new, holistic perspective on ICT for Sustainability (ICT4S). It is an indispensable resource for anyone working in the area of ICT for Energy Efficiency, Life Cycle Assessment of ICT, Green IT, Green Information Systems, Environmental Informatics, Energy Informatics, Sustainable HCI, or Computational Sustainability. **Mental Imagery** Frontiers E-books Our ability to be conscious of the world around us is often discussed as one of the most amazing yet enigmatic processes under scientific investigation today. However, our ability to imagine the world around us in the absence of stimulation from that world is perhaps even more amazing. This capacity to experience objects or scenarios through imagination, that do not necessarily exist in the world, is perhaps one of the fundamental abilities that allows us successfully to think about, plan, run a dress rehearsal of future events, re-analyze past events and even simulate or fantasize abstract events that may never happen. Empirical research into mental imagery has seen a recent surge, due partly to the development of new neuroscientific methods and their clever application, but also due to the increasing discovery and application of more objective methods to investigate this inherently internal and private process. As the topic is cross hosted in *Frontiers in Perception Science* and *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, we invite researchers from different fields to submit opinionated but balanced reviews, new empirical, theoretical, philosophical or technical papers covering any aspect of mental imagery. In particular, we encourage submissions focusing on different sensory modalities, such as olfaction, audition somatosensory etc. Similarly, we support submissions focusing on the relationship between mental imagery and other neural and cognitive functions or disorders such as visual working memory, visual search or disorders of anxiety. Together, we hope that collecting a group of papers on this research topic will help to unify theory while providing an overview of the state of the field, where it is heading, and how mental imagery relates to other cognitive and sensory functions. **Mechanical Behavior of Materials** Cambridge University Press This is a textbook on the mechanical behavior of materials for mechanical and materials engineering. It emphasizes quantitative problem solving. This new edition includes treatment of the effects of texture on properties and microstructure in Chapter 7, a new chapter (12) on discontinuous and inhomogeneous deformation, and treatment of foams in Chapter 21. **Detecting Concealed Information and Deception Recent Developments** Academic Press *Detecting Concealed Information and Deception: Recent Developments* assembles contributions from the world's leading experts on all aspects of concealed information detection. This reference examines an array of different methods—behavioral, verbal interview and physiological—of detecting concealed information. Chapters from leading legal authorities address how to make use of detected information for present and future legal purposes. With a theoretical and empirical foundation, the book also covers new human interviewing techniques, including the highly influential Implicit Association Test among others. Presents research from Concealed Information Test (CIT) studies Explores the legal implications and admissibility of the CIT Covers EEG, event-related brain potentials (ERP) and autonomic detection measures Reviews multiple verbal lie detection tools Discusses ocular movements during deception and evasion Identifies how to perceive malicious intentions Explores personality dimensions associated with deception, including religion, age and gender **TMS 2017 146th Annual Meeting & Exhibition Supplemental Proceedings** Springer This collection features papers presented at the 146th Annual

Meeting & Exhibition of The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society. **Rotunda Music in Eighteenth-century Dublin Globalization, Democracy and Oil Sector Reform in Nigeria** Springer The Nigerian state has been oil-rich for decades, and yet perennially incapable of converting its oil resources into wealth for ordinary Nigerians. Adeoye O. Akinola tackles this "vexed" oil question by examining the political economy of efforts to deregulate the Nigerian downstream oil industry. Focusing on themes of globalization and democratization, this book considers how a resource-rich developing country like Nigeria can exploit the opportunities of globalization and navigate the pressures of democratization and the challenges of liberalization. Pairing sophisticated theoretical frameworks with firsthand accounts from actors in the oil industry, this book identifies the root causes of Nigeria's development struggles and offers practical policy solutions for successfully deregulating the oil sector. For public officials and policymakers as well as researchers, this book offers a critical new lens on the future of natural resource management in Nigeria and the Global South. **Sound - Perception - Performance** Springer Science & Business Media Musical Performance covers many aspects like Musical Acoustics, Music Psychology, or motor and prosodic actions. It deals with basic concepts of the origin of music and its evolution, ranges over neurocognitive foundations, and covers computational, technological, or simulation solutions. This volume gives an overview about current research in the foundation of musical performance studies on all these levels. Recent concepts of synchronized systems, evolutionary concepts, basic understanding of performance as Gestalt patterns, theories of chill as performance goals or historical aspects are covered. The neurocognitive basis of motor action in terms of music, musical syntax, as well as therapeutic aspects are discussed. State-of-the-art applications in performance realizations, like virtual room acoustics, virtual musicians, new concepts of real-time physical modeling using complex performance data as input or sensor and gesture studies with soft- and hardware solutions are presented. So although the field is still much larger, this volume presents current trends in terms of understanding, implementing, and perceiving performance. **Three-Dimensional Integrated Circuit Design EDA, Design and Microarchitectures** Springer Science & Business Media We live in a time of great change. In the electronics world, the last several decades have seen unprecedented growth and advancement, described by Moore's law. This observation stated that transistor density in integrated circuits doubles every 1.5-2 years. This came with the simultaneous improvement of individual device performance as well as the reduction of device power such that the total power of the resulting ICs remained under control. No trend remains constant forever, and this is unfortunately the case with Moore's law. The trouble began a number of years ago when CMOS devices were no longer able to proceed along the classical scaling trends. Key device parameters such as gate oxide thickness were simply no longer able to scale. As a result, device on-state currents began to creep up at an alarming rate. These continuing problems with classical scaling have led to a leveling off of IC clock speeds to the range of several GHz. Of course, chips can be clocked higher but the thermal issues become unmanageable. This has led to the recent trend toward microprocessors with multiple cores, each running at a few GHz at the most. The goal is to continue improving performance via parallelism by adding more and more cores instead of increasing speed. The challenge here is to ensure that general purpose codes can be efficiently parallelized. There is another potential solution to the problem of how to improve CMOS technology performance: three-dimensional integrated circuits (3D ICs). **Verilog HDL A Guide to Digital Design and Synthesis** Prentice Hall Professional VERILOG HDL, Second Edition by Samir Palnitkar With a Foreword by Prabhu Goel Written for both experienced and new users, this book gives you broad coverage of Verilog HDL. The book stresses the practical design and verification perspective of Verilog rather than emphasizing only the language aspects. The information presented is fully compliant with the IEEE 1364-2001 Verilog HDL standard. Among its many features, this edition: bull; bull; Describes state-of-the-art verification methodologies bull; Provides full coverage of gate, dataflow (RTL), behavioral and switch modeling bull; Introduces you to the Programming Language Interface (PLI) bull; Describes logic synthesis methodologies bull; Explains timing and delay simulation bull; Discusses user-defined primitives bull; Offers many practical modeling tips Includes over 300 illustrations, examples, and exercises, and a Verilog resource list. Learning objectives and summaries are provided for each chapter. About the CD-ROM The CD-ROM contains a Verilog simulator with a graphical user interface and the source code for the examples in the book. What people are saying about Verilog HDL - "Mr. Palnitkar illustrates how and why Verilog HDL is used to develop today's most complex digital designs. This book is valuable to both the novice and the experienced Verilog user. I highly recommend it to anyone exploring Verilog based design." -Rajeev Madhavan, Chairman and CEO, Magma Design Automation "This book is unique in its breadth of information on Verilog and Verilog-related topics. It is fully compliant with the IEEE 1364-2001 standard, contains all the information that you need on the basics, and devotes several chapters to advanced topics such as verification, PLI, synthesis and modeling techniques." -Michael McNamara, Chair, IEEE 1364-2001 Verilog Standards Organization This has been my favorite Verilog book since I picked it up in college. It is the only book that covers practical Verilog. A must have for beginners and experts." -Berend Ozceri, Design Engineer, Cisco Systems, Inc. "Simple, logical and well-organized material with plenty of illustrations, makes this an ideal textbook." -Arun K. Somani, Jerry R. Junkins Chair Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Iowa State University, Ames PRENTICE HALL Professional Technical Reference Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458 www.phptr.com ISBN: 0-13-044911-3 **Buildings for Education** Springer Nature This open access book presents theoretical and practical research relating to the vast, publicly financed program for the construction of new schools and the reorganization of existing educational buildings in Italy. This transformative process aims to give old buildings a fresh identity, to ensure that facilities are compliant with the new educational and teaching models, and to improve both energy efficiency and structural safety with respect to seismic activity. The book is divided into three sections, the first of which focuses on the social role of the school as a civic building that can serve the needs of the community. Innovations in both design and construction processes are then analyzed, paying special attention to the Building Information Modeling (BIM) strategy as a tool for the integration of different disciplines. The final section is devoted to the built heritage and tools, technologies, and approaches for the upgrading of existing buildings so that they meet the new regulations on building performance. The book will be of interest to all who wish to learn about the latest insights into the challenges posed by, and the opportunities afforded by, a comprehensive school building and renovation program. **IMS Customer Satisfaction** BSI British Standards Institution Management, Management operations, Consumer-supplier relations, Consumers, Quality assurance systems, Performance Quality and Management **Vehicular Ad Hoc Networks Standards, Solutions, and Research** This book presents vehicular ad-hoc networks (VANETs) from their onset, gradually going into technical details, providing a clear understanding of both theoretical foundations and more

practical investigation. The editors gathered top-ranking authors to provide comprehensiveness and timely content; the invited authors were carefully selected from a list of who's who in the respective field of interest: there are as many from Academia as from Standardization and Industry sectors from around the world. The covered topics are organized around five Parts starting from an historical overview of vehicular communications and standardization/harmonization activities (Part I), then progressing to the theoretical foundations of VANETs and a description of the day-one standard-compliant solutions (Part II), hence going into details of vehicular networking and security (Part III) and to the tools to study VANETs, from mobility and channel models, to network simulators and field trial methodologies (Part IV), and finally looking into the future of VANETs by investigating alternative, complementary communication technologies, innovative networking paradigms and visionary applications (Part V). The way the content is organized, with a differentiated level of technical details, makes the book a valuable reference for a large pool of target readers ranging from undergraduate, graduate and PhD students, to wireless scientists and engineers, to service providers and stakeholders in the automotive, ITS, ICT sectors.

PIC Basic Projects 30 Projects using PIC BASIC and PIC BASIC PRO Elsevier Covering the PIC BASIC and PIC BASIC PRO compilers, PIC Basic Projects provides an easy-to-use toolkit for developing applications with PIC BASIC. Numerous simple projects give clear and concrete examples of how PIC BASIC can be used to develop electronics applications, while larger and more advanced projects describe program operation in detail and give useful insights into developing more involved microcontroller applications. Including new and dynamic models of the PIC microcontroller, such as the PIC16F627, PIC16F628, PIC16F629 and PIC12F627, PIC Basic Projects is a thoroughly practical, hands-on introduction to PIC BASIC for the hobbyist, student and electronics design engineer. Packed with simple and advanced projects which show how to program a variety of interesting electronic applications using PIC BASIC Covers the new and powerful PIC16F627, 16F628, PIC16F629 and the PIC12F627 models

Radio Network Planning and Optimisation for UMTS John Wiley & Sons Radio Network Planning and Optimisation for UMTS, Second Edition, is a comprehensive and fully updated introduction to WCDMA radio access technology used in UMTS, featuring new content on key developments. Written by leading experts at Nokia, the first edition quickly established itself as a best-selling and highly respected book on how to dimension, plan and optimise UMTS networks. This valuable text examines current and future radio network management issues and their impact on network performance as well as the relevant capacity and coverage enhancement methods. In addition to coverage of WCDMA radio access technology used in UMTS, and the planning and optimisation of such a system, the service control and management concept in WCDMA and GPRS networks are also introduced. This is an excellent source of information for those considering future cellular networks where Quality of Service (QoS) is of paramount importance. Key features of the Second Edition include: High-Speed Downlink Packet Access (HSDPA) – physical layer, dimensioning and radio resource management Quality of Service (QoS) mechanisms in network for service differentiation Multiple Input – Multiple Output (MIMO) technology Practical network optimisation examples Service optimisation for UMTS and GPRS/EDGE capacity optimisation The 'hot topic' of service control and management in WCDMA and GPRS networks, that has evolved since the first edition Companion website includes: Figures Static radio network simulator implemented in MATLAB® This text will have instant appeal to wireless operators and network and terminal manufacturers. It will also be essential reading for undergraduate and postgraduate students, frequency regulation bodies and all those interested in radio network planning and optimisation, particularly RF network systems engineering professionals.

Recent Advances on Green Concrete for Structural Purposes The contribution of the EU-FP7 Project EnCoRe Springer This book is mainly based on the results of the EU-funded UE-FP7 Project EnCoRe, which aimed to characterize the key physical and mechanical properties of a novel class of advanced cement-based materials incorporating recycled powders and aggregates and/or natural ingredients in order to allow partial or even total replacement of conventional constituents. More specifically, the project objectives were to predict the physical and mechanical performance of concrete with recycled aggregates; to understand the potential contribution of recycled fibers as a dispersed reinforcement in concrete matrices; and to demonstrate the feasibility and possible applications of natural fibers as a reinforcement in cementitious composites. All of these aspects are fully covered in the book. The opening chapters explain the material concept and design and discuss the experimental characterization of the physical, chemical, and mechanical properties of the recycled raw constituents, as well as of the cementitious composite incorporating them. The numerical models with potentialities for describing the behavior at material and structural level of constructions systems made by these composites are presented. Finally, engineering applications and guidelines for production and design are proposed.

A grammar of contemporary English Handbook of Elastomers, Second Edition, CRC Press "Provides the latest authoritative research on the developments, technology, and applications of rubbery materials. Presents structures, manufacturing techniques, and processing details for natural and synthetic rubbers, rubber-blends, rubber composites, and thermoplastic elastomers. 80% revised and rewritten material covers major advances since publication of the previous edition."

The Case for Mental Imagery Oxford University Press Mental imagery has been a controversial topic in psychology. The major problem has been the inherently private nature of mental images. This book summarises the arguments and positions, puts them in context, and shows how modern neuroscientific methods can illustrate the representational nature of mental imagery.

Professional SQL Server 2012 Internals and Troubleshooting John Wiley & Sons Hands-on troubleshooting methods on the most recent release of SQL Server The 2012 release of SQL Server is the most significant one since 2005 and introduces an abundance of new features. This critical book provides in-depth coverage of best practices for troubleshooting performance problems based on a solid understanding of both SQL Server and Windows internals and shows experienced DBAs how to ensure reliable performance. The team of authors shows you how to master the use of specific troubleshooting tools and how to interpret their output so you can quickly identify and resolve any performance issue on any server running SQL Server. Covers the core technical topics required to understand how SQL Server and Windows should be working Shares best practices so that you know how to proactively monitor and avoid problems Shows how to use tools to quickly gather, analyze, and effectively respond to the source of a system-wide performance issue Professional SQL Server 2012 Internals and Troubleshooting helps you to quickly become familiar with the changes of this new release so that you can best handle database performance and troubleshooting.

Pro SQL Server Wait Statistics Apress Pro SQL Server Wait Statistics is a practical guide for analyzing and troubleshooting SQL Server performance using wait statistics. Whether you are new to wait statistics, or already familiar with them, this book will help you gain a deeper understanding on how wait statistics are generated and what they can mean for

your SQL Server's performance. Besides the most common wait types, *Pro SQL Server Wait Statistics* goes further into the more complex and performance threatening wait types. The different wait types are categorized by their area of impact, and include CPU, IO, Lock, and many more different wait type categories. Filled with clear examples, *Pro SQL Server Wait Statistics* helps you gain practical knowledge of why and how specific wait times increase or decrease, and how they impact your SQL Server's performance. **Smart Intelligent Computing and Applications Proceedings of the Second International Conference on SCI 2018, Volume 1** Springer The proceedings covers advanced and multi-disciplinary research on design of smart computing and informatics. The theme of the book broadly focuses on various innovation paradigms in system knowledge, intelligence and sustainability that may be applied to provide realistic solution to varied problems in society, environment and industries. The volume publishes quality work pertaining to the scope of the conference which is extended towards deployment of emerging computational and knowledge transfer approaches, optimizing solutions in varied disciplines of science, technology and healthcare. **Oil and Insurgency in the Niger Delta Managing the Complex Politics of Petro-violence** Zed Books Ltd. The recent escalation in the violent conflict in the Niger Delta has brought the region to the forefront of international energy and security concerns. This book analyses the causes, dynamics and politics underpinning oil-related violence in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria. It focuses on the drivers of the conflict, as well as the ways the crises spawned by the political economy of oil and contradictions within Nigeria's ethnic politics have contributed to the morphing of initially poorly coordinated, largely non-violent protests into a pan-Delta insurgency. Approaching the issue from a number of perspectives, the book offers the most up-to-date and comprehensive analysis available of the varied dimensions of the conflict. Combining empirically-based and analytic chapters, it attempts to explain the causes of the escalation in violence, the various actors, levels and dynamics involved, and the policy challenges faced with regard to conflict management/resolution and the options for peace. It also examines the role of oil as a commodity of global strategic significance, addressing the relationship between oil, energy security and development in the Niger Delta. **New Advances in the Internet of Things** Springer This book presents a selection of highly relevant works concerning the Internet of Things, including: IoT Architectures, Standardization, Smart Cities, Smart Health, the communication of Smart Things, and outstanding IoT use cases. Some of these works present important future lines for the evolution of IoT systems. Thanks to its unique structure, the book allows authors to describe their works at an unprecedented level of detail. The special chapters contain extended versions of prominent and/or high-impact IoT projects that have laid the foundations of many subsequent IoT systems due to their level of innovation, and reflect highly relevant and innovative trends in the development of a new generation of IoT Systems. **Growing Media for Ornamental Plants and Turf** UNSW Press This is a comprehensive revision of *Growing Media*, first published in 1984 and last revised in 2002. Since its first publication the book has been a core text for Horticulture students at TAFE colleges and universities as well as an important reference title. **R Data Mining Blueprints Professional SQL Server 2008 Internals and Troubleshooting** John Wiley & Sons A hands-on resource for SQL Server 2008 troubleshooting methods and tools SQL Server administrators need to ensure that SQL Server remains running 24/7. Authored by leading SQL Server experts and MVPs, this book provides in-depth coverage of best practices based on a deep understanding of the internals of both SQL Server and the Windows operating system. You'll get a thorough look at the SQL Server database architecture and internals as well as Windows OS internals so that you can approach troubleshooting with a solid grasp of the total processing environment. Armed with this comprehensive understanding, readers will then learn how to use a suite of tools for troubleshooting performance problems whether they originate on the database server or operating system side. Topics Covered: SQL Server Architecture Understanding Memory SQL Server Waits and Extended Events Working with Storage CPU and Query Processing Locking and Latches Knowing Tempdb Defining Your Approach To Troubleshooting Viewing Server Performance with PerfMon and the PAL Tool Tracing SQL Server with SQL Trace and Profiler Consolidating Data Collection with SQLDiag and the PerfStats Script Introducing RML Utilities for Stress Testing and Trace File Analysis Bringing It All Together with SQL Nexus Using Management Studio Reports and the Performance Dashboard Using SQL Server Management Data Warehouse Shortcuts to Efficient Data Collection and Quick Analysis Note: CD-ROM/DVD and other supplementary materials are not included as part of eBook file. **Bratva Vow a FREE dark mafia romance prequel** Bell Press Monsters aren't born, they are created. Katya. After spending years in hospitals, I can finally have a life. Then my mom abandons me to the care of the most breathtaking man I've ever seen. He's like the embodiment of Death, a Greek tragedy waiting to unfold. Can I break through the darkness that has a hold on him? Kristoff. My soul is black as tar. I'm a cold-hearted killer, the leader of my own Bratva. What mother in her right mind would leave a teenage daughter on my doorstep? A desperate one who's willing to make a deal with the devil. Note: This is the free prequel novella to the Bratva Royalty duet. Trigger warning: this book contains some traumas and scenes of violence. For fans of Natasha Knight, Julia Sykes, CD Reiss, Aleatha Romig, Skye Warren, Anna Zaires, Renee Rose, Carrie Ann Ryan, Penelope Ward, Lauren Blakely, Hannah Hill, Meghan March, Katee Robert. Topics: adult romance, alpha male, romantic suspense, romance series, bad boy romance, emotional read, contemporary romance, free romance books, mafia romance, novels for free romance, series books free, revenge romance, age gap romance, steamy romance books free. **Two Decades of Legislative Politics and Governance in Nigeria's National Assembly Issues, Achievements, Challenges and Prospects** Springer Nature This book unpacks two decades of Nigeria's National Assembly spanning 4th-8th legislative sessions. It focuses on the core areas of legislative functions - lawmaking, appropriation, oversight and representation - in examining the achievements, challenges and prospects of the legislature. This is particularly important because Nigeria being the most populous country in Africa is a crucial bastion of democratic governance in the region. Therefore, conducting deep diagnostics of the federal legislature as the custodian of popular mandate and the anchor of accountability offered immense opportunity for learning that would catalyze further institutional reforms and democratic consolidation. **The Luxury Strategy Break the Rules of Marketing to Build Luxury Brands** Kogan Page Publishers The *Luxury Strategy*, written by two world experts on the subject, provides the first rigorous blueprint for the effective management of luxury brands and companies at the highest level. It rationalizes those business models that have achieved profitability and unveils the original methods that were used to transform small family businesses such as Ferrari, Louis Vuitton, Cartier, Chanel, Armani, Gucci, and Ralph Lauren into profitable global brands. By defining the differences between premium and luxury brands and products, analysing the nature of true luxury brands and turning established marketing 'rules' upside down, it has established itself as the definitive work on the essence of a luxury brand strategy. This fully revised second edition of The

*Luxury Strategy explores the diversity of meanings of 'luxury' across different markets. It also now includes a section on marketing and selling luxury goods online and the impact of social networks and digital developments, cementing its position as the authority on luxury strategy. **Rubber Compounding Chemistry and Applications** CRC Press Highlighting more than a decade of research, this one-of-a-kind reference reviews the production, processing, and characteristics of a wide range of materials utilized in the modern tire and rubber industry. Rubber Compounding investigates the chemistry and modification of raw materials, elastomers, and material compounds for optimal formulation an*