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Over the past ten years, there has been growing interest in the process of strategic decision-making among both managers and researchers. Strategic decisions are important for five main reasons: They are large-scale, risky and hard to reverse; they are a bridge between deliberate and emerging strategies; they can be a major source of organizational learning; they play an

important part in the development of individual managers and they cut accross functions and academic disciplines.

Strategic Decisions

summarizes the current state of the art in research on strategic decision-making, with chapters prepared by leading strategy researchers.

The editors also present implications for current application and proposed directions for future research.

"Platform Scale explains the design of a family of emerging digital business models that enables today's startups to

achieve rapid scale: the platform business model. The many manifestations of the platform business model - social media, the peer economy, cryptocurrencies, APIs and developer ecosystems, the Internet of things, crowdsourcing models, and many others - are becoming increasingly relevant. Yet, most new platform ideas fail because the business design and growth strategies involved in building platforms are not well understood. Platform scale is a builder's manual for anyone building a platform business

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today. It lays out a structured approach to designing and growing a platform business model and addresses the key factors that lead to the success and failure of these businesses."--back cover.

Summary of Platform Revolution by Geoffrey Parker, Marshall Van Alstyne, and Sangeet Choudary | Includes Analysis Preview: Platform Revolution by Geoffrey Parker, Marshall Van Alstyne, and Sangeet Choudary is a comprehensive look at the emergence of platforms as market dominators, their competition against pipeline

businesses, and best practices in founding and managing platforms. Platforms connect two types of users in order to exchange something of value. This is different than the traditional pipeline model of business where something of value is created by transferring it from producer to producer with the consumer receiving it at the last step. Platforms are dominating production processes particularly because they reduce the costs of value creation, consumption, and quality control. Platforms serve consumer-facing

markets as well as business-to-business markets and can power rapid growth through economies of scale. Each side of the network depends on the other side to be in place in order to function, so a central challenge of any platform is to recruit users on both sides...

PLEASE NOTE: This is key takeaways and analysis of the book and NOT the original book. Inside this Instaread Summary of Platform Revolution by Geoffrey Parker, Marshall Van Alstyne, and Sangeet Choudary | Includes Analysis · Overview of the Book · Important People · Key

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Takeaways About the Author
With Instaread, you can get
the key takeaways, summary
and analysis of a book in 15
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chapter, identify the key
takeaways and analyze them
for your convenience. Visit our
website at instaread.co.
World Class IT Technology is
all around us. It is so
pervasive in our daily lives
that we may not even
recognize when we interact
with it. Despite this fact, many
companies have yet to
leverage information
technology as a strategic***

weapon. What then is an information technology executive to do in order to raise the prominence of his or her department? In World Class IT, recognized expert in IT strategy Peter High reveals the essential principles IT executives must follow and the order in which they should follow them whether they are at the helm of a high-performing department or one in need of great improvement. Principle 1: Recruit, train, and retain World Class IT people Principle 2: Build and maintain a robust IT infrastructure Principle 3: Manage projects

and portfolios effectively

Principle 4: Ensure

partnerships within the IT

department and with the

business Principle 5: Develop

a collaborative relationship

with external partners The

principles and associated

subprinciples and metrics

introduced in World Class IT

have been used by IT and

business executives alike at

many Global 1000 companies

to monitor and improve IT's

performance. Those principles

pertain as much to the leaders

of IT as they do to those

striving to emulate them.

The Business of Software

***The Lean Marketplace
Team Topologies
The 25+ Trends That are
Redefining Organizations
Platform Ecosystems
Competing in the Age of AI
Aligning Architecture,
Governance, and Strategy***

A trio of experts on high-tech business strategy and innovation reveal the principles that have made platform businesses the most valuable firms in the world and the first trillion-dollar companies. Managers and entrepreneurs in the digital era must learn to live in two worlds—the

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conventional economy and the platform economy. Platforms that operate for business purposes usually exist at the level of an industry or ecosystem, bringing together individuals and organizations so they can innovate and interact in ways not otherwise possible. Platforms create economic value far beyond what we see in conventional companies. The Business of Platforms is an invaluable, in-depth look at platform strategy and digital innovation. Cusumano,

Gawer, and Yoffie address how a small number of companies have come to exert extraordinary influence over every dimension of our personal, professional, and political lives. They explain how these new entities differ from the powerful corporations of the past. They also question whether there are limits to the market dominance and expansion of these digital juggernauts. Finally, they discuss the role governments should play in rethinking data privacy

laws, antitrust, and other regulations that could reign in abuses from these powerful businesses. Their goal is to help managers and entrepreneurs build platform businesses that can stand the test of time and win their share of battles with both digital and conventional competitors. As experts who have studied and worked with these firms for some thirty years, this book is the most authoritative and timely investigation yet of the powerful economic and technological forces that

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make platform businesses, from Amazon and Apple to Microsoft, Facebook, and Google—all dominant players in shaping the global economy, the future of work, and the political world we now face.

What unites Google and Facebook, Apple and Microsoft, Siemens and GE, Uber and Airbnb? Across a wide range of sectors, these firms are transforming themselves into platforms: businesses that provide the hardware and software foundation for others to operate on. This

transformation signals a major shift in how capitalist firms operate and how they interact with the rest of the economy: the emergence of platform capitalism. This book critically examines these new business forms, tracing their genesis from the long downturn of the 1970s to the boom and bust of the 1990s and the aftershocks of the 2008 crisis. It shows how the fundamental foundations of the economy are rapidly being carved up among a small number of monopolistic platforms, and

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how the platform introduces
new tendencies within
capitalism that pose
significant challenges to any
vision of a post-capitalist
future. This book will be
essential reading for anyone
who wants to understand
how the most powerful tech
companies of our time are
transforming the global
economy."*

*In Team Topologies DevOps
consultants Matthew
Skelton and Manuel Pais
share secrets of successful
team patterns and
interactions to help readers
choose and evolve the right*

team patterns for their organization, making sure to keep the software healthy and optimize value streams. Team Topologies will help readers discover:

- Team patterns used by successful organizations.*
- Common team patterns to avoid with modern software systems.*
- When and why to use different team patterns*
- How to evolve teams effectively.*
- How to split software and align to teams.*

Rapid technological advancements have the ability to positively or negatively impact corporate

growth and success.

Professional leaders and decision makers must consider such advancements when designing and implementing new policies in preparation for the sustainable future of the business environment. Multi-Sided Platforms (MSPs) and Sharing Strategies in the Digital Economy: Emerging Research and Opportunities is a critical scholarly resource that examines platform strategies and business models with a focus on multi-sided platform business models. Featuring

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coverage on a broad range of topics, such as digital collaboration, business ecosystem, and platform value chain, this book is an ideal resource for managers, researchers, academics, practitioners, and students interested in recent trends in business models in the digital age.

by Geoffrey Parker, Marshall Van Alstyne, and Sangeet Choudary | Includes Analysis Strategy in the Age of Digital Competition, Innovation, and Power Platform Business Models Transforming Organizations

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*by Integrating Ecosystems
in Business Design*

Domain-driven Design

*Tackling Complexity in the
Heart of Software*

*The Impact of the Sharing
Economy on Business and
Society*

Inspired by the success of platforms such as Airbnb, Etsy or Fiverr? Want to know how to build an online marketplace business? This is the book for you. In this step by step guide, we will go through everything you need to know about developing your idea into a sustainable business, offering lots of practical advice and actionable ideas along the way. This book is the result of two experts putting almost two decades of

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experience together, in order to create a repeatable method for creating a successful online marketplace. The applicable tactics and techniques can be studied in advance, helping you avoid the most common pitfalls. It's a handbook for anyone building an online marketplace. The same methods will apply whether your organization is a startup, a cooperative, a non-profit, or a big brand. Not every marketplace will be as big as Airbnb and Uber, but we believe there are thousands of marketplace ideas out there that can make for great, sustainable businesses. With the help of this book, you're one step closer to building the next one. Critical acclaim "Juho and Cristóbal have written a practical in-the-weeds guide on marketplace execution that will prove

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invaluable for all entrepreneurs looking to start a marketplace. No fluff, just actionable ideas." - Sangeet Paul Choudary, best-selling author of Platform Revolution and Platform Scale "Building marketplaces can be hard. The Lean Marketplace is a very useful step-by-step guide to help entrepreneurs think through the challenges and solutions to create the next Uber or Airbnb." - Boris Wertz, Founder and General Partner, Version One Ventures "Must read for every marketplace entrepreneur. I'm going to ask everyone in our team to read this book." - Bram de Zwart, Co-founder and CEO, 3D Hubs "As I'm friends with both authors, I know first hand that the information in their book is hard won from long experience helping dozens of marketplaces succeed and consulting

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the top experts from around the world. However, the quality and comprehensiveness of the content speaks for itself. It covers all the essentials of growing an online marketplace, and in the most straightforward way possible. It is an impressively practical, must read resource for any current or aspiring marketplace entrepreneur. I can't recommend it highly enough, but please see for yourself." - Neal Gorenflo, Co-founder of Shareable

"The essential guide to building an essential marketplace." - Tristan Pollock, Co-founder, Storefront, Partner, 500 Startups "Reading Juho's and Cristobal's advice online before launching our platform helped us save so much time and avoid the most common mistakes. If you're considering building a marketplace

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business, read this book first.

Seriously." - Agne Milukaite, Co-founder and CEO, Cycle.land

"Envisioning, validating, building and growing a marketplace is no small challenge: the most important aspect to nailing this challenge down is all about avoiding losing time and energy in the myriad of wrong directions that can come up your way.

This book is an essential guide, the lifeboat for the marketplace founder that faces the ocean of

bootstrapping." - Simone Cicero, platform strategist and consultant, creator of Platform Design Toolkit "I bootstrapped my marketplace business from launch to profitability in 6 months. Reading this book will help you do the same." - Mike

Williams, CEO and Founder, Studiotime

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The authors of the bestselling *Competing on Internet Time* (a Business Week top 10 book) analyze the strategies, principles, and skills of three of the most successful and influential figures in business—Bill Gates, Andy Grove, and Steve Jobs—offering lessons for all managers and entrepreneurs on leadership, strategy and execution. In less than a decade, Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, and Andy Grove founded three companies that would define the world of technology and transform our lives. At their peaks, Microsoft, Apple, and Intel were collectively worth some \$1.5 trillion. *Strategy Rules* examines these three individuals collectively for the first time—their successes and failures, commonalities and differences—revealing the business

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strategies and practices they pioneered while building their firms. David B. Yoffie and Michael A. Cusumano have studied these three leaders and their companies for more than thirty years, while teaching business strategy, innovation and entrepreneurship at Harvard and MIT. In this enlightening guide, they show how Gates, Grove, and Jobs approached strategy and execution in remarkably similar ways—yet markedly differently from their erstwhile competitors—keeping their focus on five strategic rules. *Strategy Rules* brings together the best practices in strategic management and high-tech entrepreneurship from three path-breaking entrepreneurs who emerged as CEOs of huge global companies. Their approaches to formulating strategy and building

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organizations offer unique insights for start-up executives as well as the heads of modern multinationals. During the last decade, platform businesses such as Uber, Airbnb, Amazon and eBay have been taking over the world. In almost every sector, traditional businesses are under attack from digital disrupters that are effectively harnessing the power of communities. But what exactly is a platform business and why is it different? In Platform Strategy, Laure Claire Reillier and Benoit Reillier provide a practical guide for students, digital entrepreneurs and executives to understand what platforms are, how they work and how you can build one successfully. Using their own "rocket model" and original case studies (including Google, Apple, Amazon),

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they explain how designing, igniting and scaling a platform business requires learning a whole new set of management rules. Platform Strategy also offers many fascinating insights into the future of platforms, their regulation and governance, as well as how they can be combined with other business models. Benoit Reillier and Laure Claire Reillier are co-founders of Launchworks, a leading advisory firm focused on helping organizations develop and scale innovative business models.

"a provocative new book" -- The New York Times AI-centric organizations exhibit a new operating architecture, redefining how they create, capture, share, and deliver value. Marco lansiti and Karim R. Lakhani show how reinventing the firm around data, analytics, and AI removes traditional

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constraints on scale, scope, and learning that have restricted business growth for hundreds of years. From Airbnb to Ant Financial, Microsoft to Amazon, research shows how AI-driven processes are vastly more scalable than traditional processes, allow massive scope increase, enabling companies to straddle industry boundaries, and create powerful opportunities for learning--to drive ever more accurate, complex, and sophisticated predictions. When traditional operating constraints are removed, strategy becomes a whole new game, one whose rules and likely outcomes this book will make clear. Iansiti and Lakhani: Present a framework for rethinking business and operating models Explain how "collisions" between AI-driven/digital and

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traditional/analog firms are reshaping competition, altering the structure of our economy, and forcing traditional companies to rearchitect their operating models Explain the opportunities and risks created by digital firms Describe the new challenges and responsibilities for the leaders of both digital and traditional firms Packed with examples--including many from the most powerful and innovative global, AI-driven competitors--and based on research in hundreds of firms across many sectors, this is your essential guide for rethinking how your firm competes and operates in the era of AI.

Business Made Simple

Strategic Decisions
For A Post-Pandemic World

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Frameworks, Concepts and Design

Staying Power

Matchmakers

Describes ways to incorporate domain modeling into software development.

The Business of Platforms Strategy in the Age of Digital Competition, Innovation, and

Innovation, and

Power Harper Collins

It is the fundamental challenge of the high-tech sector: A firm must innovate internally to succeed-yet its success may equally depend on corresponding innovations by external firms. Whether a company develops a ubiquitous operating system or the software that runs on it, a VCR or the movies we play on it, every participant in a high-tech

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network is vulnerable to the innovative moves of its partners and competitors. Yet, in spite of this perilous situation, some firms have developed strategies that have made them industry powerhouses and world-class innovators. How? By becoming platform leaders -companies that provide the technological foundation on which other products, services, and systems are built. Platform leadership is the Holy Grail of high-tech industries, but it is difficult to achieve. In Platform Leadership , high-tech strategy experts Annabelle Gawer and Michael A. Cusumano reveal how Intel, Microsoft, and Cisco, as well as companies including Palm and NTT

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DoCoMo, have orchestrated industry innovations to support their products-and, in the process, established dominant market positions. Based on these in-depth case studies and on incisive analysis, the authors present their Four Levers Framework for designing and implementing a successful platform strategy-or for improving an existing strategy: 1. Determine the scope of the firm : Is it preferable to create product complements internally or let the "market" produce them? 2. Design product technology strategically : What degree of modularity is appropriate? Should product interfaces be open or closed? What information should leaders disclose

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to outside firms? 3. Shape relationships with external complementors : How can the company balance competition and collaboration with outside players? 4. Optimize internal organizational structures : What processes and systems will allow the company to manage internal and external conflicts of interest most effectively? For executives, strategists, and entrepreneurs in many high-tech arenas, this book shows how firms can orchestrate innovation to ensure their own competitive futures-and drive the evolution of their industry.

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The co-author of Microsoft Secrets links issues related to strategy and organization to those of managing technology, arguing that companies must chose a business model that will capitalize on good times and survive more difficult periods, and presenting the success stories of such companies as IBM, Toshiba, and Motorola. 25,000 first printing.

Platform Capitalism

Strategy and Leadership When

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Algorithms and Networks Run the
World

Business Trends in Practice

Digital Transformation and the Rise
of Platform Businesses

The New Economics of Multisided
Platforms

World Class IT

Competing On Internet Time

**A practical guide to the new
economy that is transforming
the way we live, work, and play.
Uber. Airbnb. Amazon. Apple.
PayPal. All of these companies
disrupted their markets when
they launched. Today they are
industry leaders. What's the
secret to their success? These
cutting-edge businesses are
built on platforms: two-sided**

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markets that are revolutionizing the way we do business. Written by three of the most sought-after experts on platform businesses, Platform Revolution is the first authoritative, fact-based book on platform models. Whether platforms are connecting sellers and buyers, hosts and visitors, or drivers with people who need a ride, Geoffrey G. Parker, Marshall W. Van Alstyne, and Sangeet Paul Choudary reveal the what, how, and why of this revolution and provide the first “owner’s manual” for creating a successful platform business. Platform Revolution teaches newcomers how to start and run a successful platform business,

explaining ways to identify prime markets and monetize networks. Addressing current business leaders, the authors reveal strategies behind some of today's up-and-coming platforms, such as Tinder and SkillShare, and explain how traditional companies can adapt in a changing marketplace. The authors also cover essential issues concerning security, regulation, and consumer trust, while examining markets that may be ripe for a platform revolution, including healthcare, education, and energy. As digital networks increase in ubiquity, businesses that do a better job of harnessing the power of the

platform will win. An indispensable guide, Platform Revolution charts out the brilliant future of platforms and reveals how they will irrevocably alter the lives and careers of millions.

This book provides a framework and real case analyses concerning business architecture strategy and platform-based ecosystems. Firstly, the book introduces a framework of business architecture strategy and suggests an engineering process that employs a business architecture analysis system in which the various business best-practices information technology

(IT) tools are integrated into an interface. More specifically, this architecture analysis provides the means to realize two essential features: a strategy that allows global firms to sense changing market needs, and a tool that combines mechanical engineering with electronics and software IT tools. Secondly, the book discusses platform-based ecosystems. Crucial issues for today's firms are associated with value creation through their platform and ecosystem framework. With a major emphasis on modular product architecture, US firms have focused heavily on platform development in modular

industries. Their base is operation system (OS) software, so that IT firms in general focus on software capabilities—and digital control in particular. In contrast, the advantage for Japanese firms is not digital but analog control. Without any drastic changes in their industry practices, Japanese firms are likely to sustain their analog platform advantage. The book subsequently puts forward a holistic view through the connection of business architecture strategy and platform-based ecosystems. The theoretical framework and case illustrations are especially useful to firms involved in a variety of

industries that must respond to the turbulent environmental changes of the digital era. Most of the cases target not only Japanese firms but also many other global firms. Readers are systematically shown how to balance technological competence and customer competence by using the framework of business architecture strategy and platform-based ecosystems. Platform Scale is a maker's guide for entrepreneurs, innovators and educators looking to understand and implement the inner workings of highly scalable platform business models. The pandemic

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has accelerated the very grounds on which BigTech was supposed to be regulated. Data access, privacy and usage laws are being revisited to counter the pandemic through contact tracing and other surveillance mechanisms. The pandemic has reinforced the importance of the platform economy. In the 2020s, we will see the platform economy gain further strength as the post-pandemic world uncovers new value pools for platforms to exploit. This book provides a compelling framework for building platforms, networks and marketplaces.

Digital platforms are changing

the rules of competition in the global economy. Until recently, it took Fortune 500 companies an average of 20 years to reach billion-dollar market valuations. Successful platforms now reach that milestone in an average of four years. In *The Platform Paradox: How Digital Businesses Succeed in an Ever-Changing Global Marketplace*, Wharton professor Mauro F. Guillén highlights a key incongruity in this new world. Most platforms considered to be successful have triumphed in only some, rather than all, parts of the world. There are very few truly global digital platforms. In more than three decades of studying

multinational firms, Guillén has found they often misunderstand key aspects of what it takes to succeed globally, from culture and institutions to local competitive dynamics and pursuing markets in a logical sequence. Seeing multibillion-dollar companies like Amazon flounder in certain markets has led Guillén to research what it takes to create a successful global strategy. In The Platform Paradox, Guillén details: How the COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated digitization and forced companies like Airbnb to pivot and adapt; How platforms like Tinder and Uber have used local advantages to grow rapidly

in different countries; How traditional companies have transformed themselves into digital platforms, like Lego undertaking a digital revolution to emerge from bankruptcy and become the "Apple of toys"; and The possibilities and limits to global expansion, as illustrated by companies like Zoom and Skype. In The Platform Paradox, Guillén offers an integrated framework for these platforms to identify and implement a digital platform strategy on a truly global scale.

HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy (including featured article "What Is Strategy?" by Michael E. Porter)

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**60 Days to Master Leadership,
Sales, Marketing, Execution and
More**

**The Business of Platforms
Emerging Research and
Opportunities**

**Why Businesses Succeed When
IT Triumphs**

**HBR's 10 Must Reads on
Platforms and Ecosystems (with
bonus article by "Why Some
Platforms Thrive and Others
Don't" By Feng Zhu and Marco
Iansiti)**

**How to Unlock the Power of
Communities and Networks to
Grow Your Business**

***Many of the most dynamic
public companies, from
Alibaba to Facebook to***

Visa, and the most valuable start-ups, such as Airbnb and Uber, are matchmakers that connect one group of customers with another group of customers.

Economists call matchmakers multisided platforms because they provide physical or virtual platforms for multiple groups to get together.

Dating sites connect people with potential matches, for example, and ride-sharing apps do the same for drivers and riders.

Although matchmakers have been around for millennia, they're becoming

more and more popular—and profitable—due to dramatic advances in technology, and a lot of companies that have managed to crack the code of this business model have become today's power brokers. Don't let the flashy successes fool you, though. Starting a matchmaker is one of the toughest business challenges, and almost everyone who tries to build one, fails. In Matchmakers, David Evans and Richard Schmalensee, two economists who were among the first to analyze

multisided platforms and discover their principles, and who've consulted for some of the most successful platform businesses in the world, explain how matchmakers work best in practice, why they do what they do, and how entrepreneurs can improve their chances for success. Whether you're an entrepreneur, an investor, a consumer, or an executive, your future will involve more and more multisided platforms, and Matchmakers—rich with stories from platform winners and losers—is the

one book you'll need in order to navigate this appealing but confusing world.

The first book on platforms that concisely incorporates path-breaking insights in economics over the last twenty years.

Is your company spending too much time on strategy development—with too little to show for it? If you read nothing else on strategy, read these 10 articles (featuring “What Is Strategy?” by Michael E. Porter). We've combed through hundreds of Harvard Business Review

articles and selected the most important ones to help you catalyze your organization's strategy development and execution. HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy will inspire you to: Distinguish your company from rivals Clarify what your company will and won't do Craft a vision for an uncertain future Create blue oceans of uncontested market space Use the Balanced Scorecard to measure your strategy Capture your strategy in a memorable phrase Make priorities explicit Allocate resources

**early Clarify decision rights
for faster decision making**

**This collection of best-
selling articles includes:
featured article "What Is
Strategy?" by Michael E.
Porter, "The Five
Competitive Forces That
Shape Strategy," "Building
Your Company's Vision,"
"Reinventing Your Business
Model," "Blue Ocean
Strategy," "The Secrets to
Successful Strategy
Execution," "Using the
Balanced Scorecard as a
Strategic Management
System," "Transforming
Corner-Office Strategy into
Frontline Action," "Turning**

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Great Strategy into Great Performance," and "Who Has the D? How Clear Decision Roles Enhance Organizational Performance."

Platforms Everywhere: Transforming Organizations by Integrating Ecosystems in Business Design presents a new comprehensive paradigm for platform businesses and a practical methodology for platforming organizations across sectors and industries.

A Practical Guide to Building a Successful Online Marketplace

Business

**What Alibaba's Success
Reveals about the Future of
Strategy**

Smart Business

Platform Strategy

**Lessons From Netscape and
Its Battle With Microsoft**

**How Intel, Microsoft, and
Cisco Drive Industry**

Innovation

Modern Monopolies

This book develops an
interwoven framework for
the strategic and financial
valuation of digital business
designs and platform
companies which became
game changers for a

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multitude of ecosystems in the 21st century. But, also incumbents of traditional industries are challenged by those digital natives and have therefore either to revitalize their business design or facing the risk to be marginalized. The business design twin of innovation is resilience to create lasting competitive advantage and capture value for the post-pandemic world of the 20s. The ultimate idea of the book rests on the hypothesis that only the combination of business design analytics - 10C

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Business Design and the 8 strategic levers of platform strength - with intense financial modeling - Reverse DCF - enables a true understanding of the competitive advantage and value of such business designs. Based on a tailored strategic-financial conceptual framework a set of high-profile, new case studies will highlight the working principles and application of the concept. Is this blue book more valuable than a business degree? Most people enter their professional careers not

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understanding how to grow a business. At times, this makes them feel lost, or worse, like a fraud pretending to know what they're doing. It's hard to be successful without a clear understanding of how business works. These 60 daily readings are crucial for any professional or business owner who wants to take their career to the next level. New York Times and Wall Street Journal bestselling author, Donald Miller knows that business is more than just a good idea made profitable - it's a system of

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unspoken rules, rarely taught by MBA schools. If you are attempting to profitably grow your business or career, you need elite business knowledge—knowledge that creates tangible value. Even if you had the time, access, or money to attend a Top 20 business school, you would still be missing the practical knowledge that propels the best and brightest forward. However, there is another way to achieve this insider skill development, which can both drastically improve your career earnings and the

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satisfaction of achieving your goals. Donald Miller learned how to rise to the top using the principles he shares in this book. He wrote *Business Made Simple* to teach others what it takes to grow your career and create a company that is healthy and profitable. These short, daily entries and accompanying videos will add enormous value to your business and the organization you work for. In this sixty-day guide, readers will be introduced to the nine areas where truly successful leaders and their businesses excel: Character:

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What kind of person succeeds in business?
Leadership: How do you unite a team around a mission? Personal
Productivity: How can you get more done in less time?
Messaging: Why aren't customers paying more attention? Marketing: How do I build a sales funnel?
Business Strategy: How does a business really work?
Execution: How can we get things done? Sales: How do I close more sales?
Management: What does a good manager do? Business Made Simple is the must-

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have guide for anyone who feels lost or overwhelmed by the modern business climate, even if they attended business school. Learn what the most successful business leaders have known for years through the simple but effective secrets shared in these pages. Take things further: If you want to be worth more as a business professional, read each daily entry and follow along with the free videos that will be sent to you after you buy the book.

Competing on Internet time

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means competitive advantage can be won and lost overnight. In this penetrating analysis of strategy-making and product innovation in the dynamic markets of commercial cyberspace, bestselling Microsoft Secrets co-author Michael Cusumano and top competitive strategy expert David Yoffie draw vital lessons from Netscape, the first pure Internet company, and how it has employed the techniques of "judo strategy" in its pitched battle with Microsoft, the world's largest software producer. From on-

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site observation and more than 50 in-depth interviews at Netscape and other companies, Cusumano and Yoffie construct a blueprint meticulously detailing how the fastest-growing software company in history has competed on Internet time by moving rapidly to new products and markets, staying flexible, and exploiting leverage that uses the weight of its giant rival Microsoft against it. The main source of Netscape's leverage, they argue, has been its skill in designing products that run on multiple

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operating systems. Microsoft has responded with judo techniques in kind. Managers in every high-tech industry will discover a wealth of new ideas on how to create and scale-up a new company quickly; how to compete in fast-paced, unpredictable industries; and how to design products for rapidly evolving markets. The lessons that Cusumano and Yoffie derive from Netscape's contest with Microsoft go far beyond start-ups and Internet software. Small companies in any industry and powerful, established

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firms alike will welcome the principles the authors formulate from this David-and-Goliath-like struggle. Competing on Internet Time is essential and instructive reading for all managers, engineers, and entrepreneurs who want to succeed in ultra-fast-paced markets.

This open access book explores the global challenges and experiences related to digital entrepreneurial activities, using carefully selected examples from leading companies and economies

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that shape world business today and tomorrow. Digital entrepreneurship and the companies steering it have an enormous global impact; they promise to transform the business world and change the way we communicate with each other. These companies use digitalization and artificial intelligence to enhance the quality of decisions and augment their business and customer operations. This book demonstrates how cloud services are continuing to evolve; how cryptocurrencies are traded

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in the banking industry; how platforms are created to commercialize business, and how, taken together, these developments provide new opportunities in the digitalized era. Further, it discusses a wide range of digital factors changing the way businesses operate, including artificial intelligence, chatbots, voice search, augmented and virtual reality, as well as cyber threats and data privacy management. “Digitalization mirrors the Industrial Revolution’s impact. This book provides a

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complement of perspectives on the opportunities emanating from such a deep seated change in our economy. It is a comprehensive collection of thought leadership mapped into a very useful framework. Scholars, digital entrepreneurs and practitioners will benefit from this timely work.” Gina O’Connor, Professor of Innovation Management at Babson College, USA “This book defines and delineates the requirements for companies to enable their businesses to succeed in a

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post-COVID19 world. This book deftly examines how to accomplish and achieve digital entrepreneurship by leveraging cloud computing, AI, IoT and other critical technologies. This is truly a unique “must-read” book because it goes beyond theory and provides practical examples.” Charlie Isaacs, CTO of Customer Connection at Salesforce.com, USA "This book provides digital entrepreneurs useful guidance identifying, validating and building their venture. The international authors developed new

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perspectives on digital entrepreneurship that can support to create impact ventures.” Felix Staeritz, CEO FoundersLane, Member of the World Economic Forum Digital Leaders Board and bestselling author of FightBack, Germany Platform Leadership Open for Business Harnessing the Power of Platform Ecosystems An Integrated Strategic and Financial Valuation Framework Six Enduring Principles for Managing Strategy and Innovation in an Uncertain

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World (Lessons from
Microsoft, Apple, Intel,
Google, Toyota and More)
Business Architecture
Strategy and Platform-Based
Ecosystems

A Beginners Guide to the
Platform Business Model

What Every Manager,
Programmer, and
Entrepreneur Must Know to
Thrive and Survive in Good
Times and Bad

Platform Ecosystems is a hands-on
guide that offers a complete roadmap
for designing and orchestrating vibrant
software platform ecosystems. Unlike
software products that are managed,
the evolution of ecosystems and their

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myriad participants must be orchestrated through a thoughtful alignment of architecture and governance. Whether you are an IT professional or a general manager, you will benefit from this book because platform strategy here lies at the intersection of software architecture and business strategy. It offers actionable tools to develop your own platform strategy, backed by original research, tangible metrics, rich data, and cases. You will learn how architectural choices create organically-evolvable, vibrant ecosystems. You will also learn to apply state-of-the-art research in software engineering, strategy, and evolutionary biology to leverage ecosystem dynamics unique to

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platforms. Read this book to learn how to: Evolve software products and services into vibrant platform ecosystems Orchestrate platform architecture and governance to sustain competitive advantage Govern platform evolution using a powerful 3-dimensional framework If you're ready to transform platform strategy from newspaper gossip and business school theory to real-world competitive advantage, start right here!

Understand how architecture and strategy are inseparably intertwined in platform ecosystems Architect future-proof platforms and apps and amplify these choices through governance Evolve platforms, apps, and entire ecosystems into vibrant successes and spot platform opportunities in almost

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any—not just IT—industry

What do Google, Snapchat, Tinder, Amazon, and Uber have in common, besides soaring market share? They're platforms - a new business model that has quietly become the only game in town, creating vast fortunes for its founders while dominating everyone's daily life. A platform, by definition, creates value by facilitating an exchange between two or more interdependent groups. So, rather than making things, they simply connect people. The Internet today is awash in platforms - Facebook is responsible for nearly 25 percent of total Web visits, and the Google platform crash in 2013 took about 40 percent of Internet traffic with it. Representing the ten most trafficked sites in the U.S., platforms

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are also prominent over the globe; in China, they hold the top eight spots in web traffic rankings. The advent of mobile computing and its ubiquitous connectivity have forever altered how we interact with each other, melding the digital and physical worlds and blurring distinctions between "offline" and "online." These platform giants are expanding their influence from the digital world to the whole economy. Yet, few people truly grasp the radical structural shifts of the last ten years. In *Modern Monopolies*, Alex Moazed and Nicholas L. Johnson tell the definitive story of what has changed, what it means for businesses today, and how managers, entrepreneurs, and business owners can adapt and thrive in this new era.

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This book introduces platform firms as unique business models. Leveraging on the early literature on network economics and strategy frameworks, this book explores how platform business firms evolve in the modern business world. Taking a strategic perspective, this book engages the reader with core concepts, case studies, and frameworks for analyzing platform business firms. This book differentiates platform business firms from traditional pipeline firms; explores engagement with different actors, value creation, and operations of platforms; elucidates resources and capabilities of platform firms that provide them sustained competitive advantage; analyzes performance levers in operating platform business

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models, including complementarities with other business models; and discusses the sustainability of platform business models, in the face of regulatory and societal challenges, among others. The book is designed as a primer for entrepreneurs setting up and operating platform business firms, senior managers in large corporations repurposing their resources to initiate network dynamics in their businesses, early career managers, and professionals engaging with myriad platform firms for their professional and personal needs. This book intends to provide a decision-maker with a portfolio of decisions to make to create, operate, sustain, and generate value out of a platform business firm. It is also useful for policy professionals to

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appreciate the economics and policy implications of regulating and governing platforms in a post-digital world.

We have never lived at a time of faster and more transformative technological and societal changes. It can be hard for executives to keep up with the developments and shifts. This book cuts through all of the hype and presents the key business trends anyone should be aware of now as they will shape businesses into the foreseeable future. *Business Trends in Practice* includes case studies across all industries, with companies such as: Tesla, Ocado, Netflix, Microsoft, Google, Alibaba, Rolls Royce, Mercedes Benz, Apple, and many more. Some of the key trends the author will examine include: The

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AI revolution Robots and business
processes automation Remote working,
working from home and new flexibility
Social & environmental Responsibility
Increased Diversity As part of Bernard
Marr's popular 'In Practice' series,
Business Trends in Practice will help
you identify the key business trends
that will keep you one step ahead of the
competition.

Multi-Sided Platforms (MSPs) and
Sharing Strategies in the Digital
Economy: Emerging Research and
Opportunities

A Crisis Wasted

Platform Scale

Barack Obama's Defining Decisions

Five Timeless Lessons from Bill Gates,
Andy Grove, and Steve Jobs

How an Emerging Business Model

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Helps Startups Build Large Empires
with Minimum Investment

The Economics of Platforms

How Strategy Works in an
Interconnected, Automated
World Leaders already know
that the classic approach
to strategy--analyze,
plan, execute--is losing
relevance. But they don't
yet know what replaces it.
As everyone and everything
becomes more

interconnected and
digitized, how do you
operate, compete, and win?
Ming Zeng, the former
Chief of Staff and
strategy adviser to
Alibaba Group's founder

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Jack Ma, explains how the latest technological developments, such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, the mobile internet, and cloud computing are redefining how value is created. Written especially for those outside the technology industry or the startup arena, this book introduces a simple, overarching framework to guide strategy formulation and execution in this data-rich and highly interactive environment. Revealing the revolutionary practices

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that he and his team have developed at Alibaba, Zeng shows how to: Automate decisions through machine learning Create products informed by real-time data from customers Determine the right strategic positioning to maximize value from platforms and suppliers Repurpose your organization to further human insight and enable creativity Lead your company's transformation into a smart business With insights into the strategies and tools used by leaders at Alibaba and other companies such as

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Ruhan and Red Collar, in a variety of industries from furniture making to banking to custom tailoring, Smart Business outlines a radically new approach to strategy that can be applied everywhere. If you want to generate passive revenue, multiple cash flows, control your industry's innovation, know more about your customers and market trends, and steer your competition to your favor, then keep reading. Everywhere you look you see platforms. You must buy a gift, you do it on

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Amazon or a used one on eBay. You do not have your car; so you go with Uber or Lyft: platforms. Most of your social life is done on either direct messages, Facebook, WhatsApp, or Twitter, again: platforms. When you need to unwind from a hard day's work you fire up either Netflix, entertainment: platforms. While ordering food to arrive from either UberEats, JustEat, or Deliveroo, you guessed it, all: platforms. Even that you are seeing this on a platform is a shiny irony

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in of itself. The platform business model is not new. It can be traced back to the agricultural revolution of farmers markets. But through a digital transformation, of putting your business into an online platform, substantial benefits will start to show. You will experience significant organic growth; you will gain organic insights into your industry and customers to directly aid you in your R&D and strategy development; you will through your producers on your platform

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be able to control compatibility and standardization in your industry, and thus, larger, innovation. In other words, you will be able to steer competition to your favor. But with everything there are complications. A platform is the meeting place of producers and consumers. But the producers do not come if there are no consumers, and the consumers do not come if there are nothing to purchase. How do you get over this interdependency? How do you manage both a

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producing side and your consumer side? Are you hands-on or hands-off? Where in the platform business model are the pitfalls? This book will give you the answers to all those questions and then some. It is meant as a thorough introduction to the Platform Business Model - to show you the model, its benefits, the challenges; ultimately for you to see if you should launch one, or if it would be a grave detriment. Get acquainted with the Platform Business Model and discover if you are

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missing out on it. What category of the Platform Business Model would suit you best? You will be able to answer the question of how do you get the independent producers if you cannot get customers and vice versa? Whether you should or should not launch a platform, in this book you will know how to determine that. You will know how the Platform Business Model can both bring you soft and direct control over your industry and your competitors. You will know what unique alteration the Platform

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Business Model hold, that few know about - not even the Big Technology Platforms. You have heard of 'Too Big To Fail', but here you will discover 'Too Big SO You Fail', and how to avoid it. In this book you will discover what the business model is, how to launch it, when not to launch it, how to manage it, and if a unique variant of the model is more for you. I have done the research; I hold two master's degrees in international business and management. And, it would be foolish to not learn

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about it and consider it, because huge opportunity costs could be attached to whatever you decide right now. So, if you want to not miss out and rake in the cash flows, control, insights, and organic growth, then scroll up and click the Add to Cart Button.

“The blow by blow story of a president and his team wasting the ‘opportunity’ of the Great Recession to change the fundamentals of the economy.”—Steven Brill, New York Times bestselling author This book is the compelling

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story of President Obama's domestic policy decisions made between September 2008 and his inauguration on January 20, 2009.

Barack Obama determined the fate of his presidency before he took office. His momentous decisions led to Donald Trump, for Obama the worst person imaginable, taking his place eight years later.

This book describes these decisions and discusses how the results could have been different. Based on dozens of interviews with actors in the Obama transition, as well as the

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author's personal observations, this book provides unique commentary of those defining decisions of winter 2008-2009. A decade later, the ramifications of the Great Recession and the role of government in addressing the crisis animate the ideological battle between progressivism and neoliberalism in the Democratic Party and the radical direction of the Republican Party. As many seek the presidency in the November 2020 election, all candidates and of

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course the eventual winner will face decisions that may be as critical and difficult as those confronted by Barack Obama. This book aims to provide the guidance of history. "A powerfully lucid, compelling and surprising achievement . . . makes a subtle but irresistible argument that, given the conservative undertow of American politics, liberals and progressives who are serious about change can't just wing it but must prepare detailed economic policy analyses

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and prescriptions long in advance of taking power.”—Congressman Jamie Raskin, Representative from Maryland’s 8th District

The emergence of new platform business models, notably the sharing economy, is impacting the economy in various ways, altering the structure of many industries, and raising a number of economic and political issues. This book investigates the widespread influence of the sharing economy on businesses and society, as

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well as examining its underpinning economic principles and development. This volume presents an exhaustive review of the existing knowledge on the sharing economy and addresses several major areas of concern for incumbent businesses. It also explains the business models for those who are interested in embarking on their own ventures and provides an excellent source for further research. It takes an in-depth look at controversial labour

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policies, such as using labour as self-employed contractors or using regulatory grey areas to expand in markets. It is highly multidisciplinary, establishing links between economics, finance, marketing and consumer behaviour. This contribution on the sharing economy will enable researchers and graduate and doctoral students to expand and improve their understanding of this topic and identify new research problems in all of these areas. The book

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will also appeal to policy makers, regional and local government decision makers, and those interested in labour markets transformation.

Summary of Platform
Revolution

The Business Model That
Amazon, Google, Apple,
Microsoft, and Facebook
Share and That You Are
Missing Out On

How Digital Businesses
Succeed in an Ever-
Changing Global
Marketplace

Organizing Business and
Technology Teams for Fast
Flow

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Impact on Business and
Society

Platforms Everywhere

Digital Entrepreneurship

Help your company adapt to the new rules of competition. If you read nothing else on creating value with business platforms and ecosystems, read these 10 articles. We've combed through hundreds of Harvard Business Review articles and selected the most important ones to help you reap the rewards of multisided platforms (MSPs)—or defend your company against these

formidable opponents. This book will inspire you to:
Assess the threat of disruption from platforms in your industry Decide whether and how to play with increasingly powerful platform businesses Choose the right strategy for transforming your product into a platform Harness network effects to maximize value for the partners in your ecosystem Shift from managing products to managing interactions Learn when moving first and growing fast will work—and when it won't Manage winner-take-all

dynamics This collection of articles includes "Pipelines, Platforms, and the New Rules of Strategy," by Marshall W. Van Alstyne, Geoffrey G. Parker, and Sangeet Paul Choudary; "Strategies for Two-Sided Markets," Thomas R. Eisenmann, Geoffrey Parker, and Marshall W. Van Alstyne; "Finding the Platform in Your Product," by Andrei Hagiu and Elizabeth Altman; "What's Your Google Strategy?," by Andrei Hagiu and David B. Yoffie; "In the Ecosystem Economy, What's Your Strategy?," by Michael G.

**Jacobides; "Right Tech,
Wrong Time," by Ron Adner
and Rahul Kapoor;
"Managing Our Hub
Economy," by Marco Iansiti
and Karim R. Lakhani;
"Why Some Platforms
Thrive and Others Don't,"
by Feng Zhu and Marco
Iansiti; "Spontaneous
Deregulation," by Benjamin
Edelman and Damien
Geradin; "Alibaba and the
Future of Business," by
Ming Zeng; and "Fixing
Discrimination in Online
Marketplaces," by Ray
Fisman and Michael Luca.
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definitive collection of books for new and experienced leaders alike. Leaders looking for the inspiration that big ideas provide, both to accelerate their own growth and that of their companies, should look no further. HBR's 10 Must Reads series focuses on the core topics that every ambitious manager needs to know: leadership, strategy, change, managing people, and managing yourself. Harvard Business Review has sorted through hundreds of articles and selected only the most essential reading on each

topic. Each title includes timeless advice that will be relevant regardless of an ever-changing business environment.

As we continue in an era of simultaneous innovation and commoditization, enabled by digital technologies, managers around the world are asking themselves "how can we both adapt to rapid changes in technology and markets, and still make enough money to survive - and thrive?" To provide answers to these important and urgent questions, MIT Sloan School of

Management Professor Michael Cusumano draws on nearly 30 years of research into the practices of global corporations that have been acknowledged leaders and benchmark setters - including Apple, Intel, Google, Microsoft, Toyota, Sony, Panasonic, and others in a range of high-technology, services, and manufacturing industries. These companies have also encountered major challenges in their businesses or disruptions to their core technologies. If we look deeply enough, he

contends, we can see the ideas that underpin the management practices that make for great companies, and drive their strategic evolution and innovation capabilities. From his deep knowledge of these organizations, Cusumano distils six enduring principles that he believes have been - in various combinations - crucial to their strategy, innovation management practices, and ability to deal with change and uncertainty. The first two principles - platforms (not just products), and services (especially for

product firms) - are relatively new and broader ways of thinking about strategy and business models, based on Cusumano's latest research. The other four - capabilities (not just strategy or positioning), the "pull" concept (not just push), economies of scope (not just scale), and flexibility (not just efficiency) - all contribute to agility, which is a mix of flexibility and speed. Many practices associated with these ideas, such as dynamic capabilities, just-in-time production, iterative or

prototype-driven product development, flexible design and manufacturing, modular architectures, and component reuse, are now commonly regarded as standard best practices. These six enduring principles are essential in a new world dominated by platforms and technology-enabled services. In her pioneering book Platform Leadership (with Michael Cusumano), Gawer gave us the strategy of building coalitions of customers, suppliers, and complementors. Now, she brings together a number

of the leading researchers in the area of platform strategy to give us a book that will be a key reference for both practitioners and academics. Adam Brandenburger, New York University, US Annabelle Gawer s collected volume of research shows that a vibrant community of scholars has arisen around platforms and innovation. Each of the chapters is first rate, with top researchers offering some of their latest work. This will be an indispensable book for students of innovation and technology management

everywhere. Henry Chesbrough, University of California, Berkeley, US Annabelle Gawer s Platforms, Markets and Innovation is the first serious exploration of the critical but subtle role that platforms play in business, society and our personal lives. As digital technologies penetrate every nook and cranny of the world around us, we rely on platforms to both help us use the new technologies, as well as to organize new markets of innovation that add applications on top of the

platforms and make them far more valuable. Dr Gawer's excellent book is designed to help us understand the mysterious nature of platforms. It brings together the insights of twenty-four experts around the world who contributed to the fourteen chapters of the book. Dr Gawer's book is invaluable to anyone trying to understand the nuanced nature of platforms, and their implications for the evolution of innovation in the 21st century. Irving Wladawsky-Berger, IBM Academy of Technology, US

The emergence of platforms is a novel phenomenon impacting most industries, from products to services. Industry platforms such as Microsoft Windows or Google, embedded within industrial ecosystems, have redesigned our industrial landscapes, upset the balance of power between firms, fostered innovation and raised new questions on competition and innovation. Annabelle Gawer presents cutting-edge contributions from 24 top international scholars from 19 universities across Europe, the USA and Asia,

from the disciplines of strategy, economics, innovation, organization studies and knowledge management. The novel insights assembled in this volume constitute a fundamental step towards an empirically based, nuanced understanding of the nature of platforms and the implications they hold for the evolution of industrial innovation. The book provides an overview of platforms and discusses governance, management, design and knowledge issues. With a multidisciplinary approach,

this book will strongly appeal to academics and advanced students in management, innovation, strategy, economics and design. It will also prove an enlightening read for business managers in IT industries.

Strategy Rules

The Platform Paradox

Platforms, Markets and Innovation

Platform Revolution: How Networked Markets Are Transforming the

Economy and How to Make Them Work for You

What It Takes to Dominate the 21st Century Economy

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Valuing Digital Business Designs and Platforms