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#### Review

"...an excellent introductory textbook..." (Agent Link News, November 2002)

#### From the Back Cover

Multiagent systems represent a new way of conceptualising and implementing distributed software. *An Introduction to MultiAgent Systems* is the first modern textbook on this important topic. It provides a comprehensive introduction to intelligent agents and multiagent systems. The book assumes no specialist knowledge. It introduces the idea of agents as software systems that can act autonomously, and leads the reader through a detailed discussion of:

\* ways that agents can be built

\* how agents can reach agreements

\* the languages that agents can use to communicate with one-another

\* co-operation and co-ordination in agent systems  
and

\* the applications of agent technology.

Designed and written specifically for undergraduates and computing professionals, the book is supported by extensive online teaching resources, including a complete set of lecture slides. Illustrated with many informal examples, and packed with more than 500 references, *An Introduction to MultiAgent Systems* is a must-read for students and practitioners of agent systems alike.

#### About the Author

Michael Wooldridge is a Professor of Computer Science at the University of Liverpool, England. He obtained his PhD in 1992 for work in the theory of multiagent systems, and has, since then, been an active in multiagent systems research.

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