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Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

The father of the data warehouse incorporates the latest technologies into his blueprint for integrated decision support systems

Having invented the corporate information factory (CIF) to help IT and database managers cut through the jungle of information technologies out there, bestselling author Bill Inmon again teams up with experts Claudia Imhoff and Ryan Sousa to show you how to integrate all key components of the modern information system architecture in a way that meets your evolving business needs.

You'll get clear explanations on how to integrate the enterprise data warehouse with a host of new technologies and solutions that have emerged since this groundbreaking work was first published in 1998. You'll also discover how to leverage these technologies to ensure broad access to information for end users, while reducing costs and improving scalability across the enterprise. Ultimately, you'll learn to design, build, and implement a company-wide information ecosystem that:

- * Integrates with legacy systems and the Web
- * Leverages third-party ERP, CRM, and eBusiness applications
- * Exploits the latest in data exploration and mining technologies
- * Takes advantage of low-cost alternative storage
- * Scales across the enterprise through the use of data marts and operational data stores
- * Accommodates the use of multiple data warehouses
- * Can start small and grow incrementally

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