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An Applied Guide to Process and Plant Design, 2nd edition, is a guide to process plant design for both students and professional engineers. The book covers plant layout and the use of spreadsheet programs and key drawings produced by professional engineers as aids to design; subjects that are usually learned on the job rather than in education. You will learn how to produce smarter plant design through the use of computer tools, including Excel and AutoCAD, " What If Analysis, statistical tools, and Visual Basic for more complex problems. The book also includes a wealth of selection tables, covering the key aspects of professional plant design which engineering students and early-career engineers tend to find most challenging. Professor Moran draws on over 20 years' experience in process design to create an essential foundational book ideal for those who are new to process design, compliant with both professional practice and the IChemE degree accreditation guidelines. Includes new and expanded content, including illustrative case studies and practical examples Explains how to deliver a process design that meets both business and safety criteria Covers plant layout and the use of spreadsheet programs and key drawings as aids to design Includes a comprehensive set of selection tables, covering aspects of professional plant design which early-career designers find most challenging The free book "Fundamentals of Computer Programming with C#" is a comprehensive computer programming tutorial that teaches programming, logical thinking, data structures and algorithms, problem solving and high quality code with

lots of examples in C#. It starts with the first steps in programming and software development like variables, data types, conditional statements, loops and arrays and continues with other basic topics like methods, numeral systems, strings and string processing, exceptions, classes and objects. After the basics this fundamental programming book enters into more advanced programming topics like recursion, data structures (lists, trees, hash-tables and graphs), high-quality code, unit testing and refactoring, object-oriented principles (inheritance, abstraction, encapsulation and polymorphism) and their implementation the C# language. It also covers fundamental topics that each good developer should know like algorithm design, complexity of algorithms and problem solving. The book uses C# language and Visual Studio to illustrate the programming concepts and explains some C# / .NET specific technologies like lambda expressions, extension methods and LINQ. The book is written by a team of developers lead by Svetlin Nakov who has 20+ years practical software development experience. It teaches the major programming concepts and way of thinking needed to become a good software engineer and the C# language in the meantime. It is a great start for anyone who wants to become a skillful software engineer. The books does not teach technologies like databases, mobile and web development, but shows the true way to master the basics of programming regardless of the languages, technologies and tools. It is good for beginners and intermediate developers who want to put a solid base for a successful career in the software engineering industry. The book is accompanied by free video lessons, presentation slides and mind maps, as well as hundreds of exercises and live examples. Download the free C# programming book, videos, presentations and other resources from http://introprogramming.info. Title: Fundamentals of Computer Programming with C# (The Bulgarian C# Programming Book) ISBN: 9789544007737 ISBN-13: 978-954-400-773-7 (9789544007737) ISBN-10: 954-400-773-3 (9544007733) Author: Svetlin Nakov & Co. Pages: 1132 Language: English Published: Sofia, 2013 Publisher: Faber Publishing, Bulgaria Web site: http://www.introprogramming.info License: CC-Attribution-Share-Alike Tags: free, programming, book, computer programming, programming fundamentals, ebook, book programming, C#, CSharp, C# book, tutorial, C# tutorial; programming concepts, programming fundamentals, compiler, Visual Studio, .NET, .NET Framework, data types, variables, expressions, statements, console, conditional statements, control-flow logic, loops, arrays, numeral systems, methods, strings, text processing, StringBuilder, exceptions, exception handling, stack trace, streams, files, text files, linear data structures, list, linked list, stack, queue, tree, balanced tree, graph, depth-first search, DFS, breadth-first search, BFS, dictionaries, hash tables, associative arrays, sets, algorithms, sorting algorithm, searching algorithms, recursion, combinatorial algorithms, algorithm complexity, OOP, object-oriented programming, classes, objects, constructors, fields, properties, static members, abstraction, interfaces, encapsulation, inheritance, virtual methods, polymorphism, cohesion, coupling, enumerations, generics, namespaces, UML, design patterns, extension methods, anonymous types, lambda expressions, LINQ, code quality, high-quality code, high-quality classes, high-quality methods, code formatting, self-documenting code, code refactoring, problem solving, problem solving methodology, 9789544007737, 9544007733 Many of the initial developments towards the Internet

of Things have focused on the combination of Auto-ID and networked infrastructures in business-to-business logistics and product lifecycle applications. However, the Internet of Things is more than a business tool for managing business processes more efficiently and more effectively – it will also enable a more convenient way of life. Since the term Internet of Things first came to attention when the Auto-ID Center launched their initial vision for the EPC network for automatically identifying and tracing the flow of goods within supply-chains, increasing numbers of researchers and practitioners have further developed this vision. The authors in this book provide a research perspective on current and future developments in the Internet of Things. The different chapters cover a broad range of topics from system design aspects and core architectural approaches to end-user participation, business perspectives and applications. Wastewater and Biosolids Management covers a wide range of current, new and emerging topics in wastewater and biosolids. The book addresses the theoretical and practical aspect of the reuse and looks to advance our knowledge on wastewater reuse and its application in agricultural production. The book aims to present existing modern information about wastewater reuse management based on earlier literature on the one hand and recent research developments, many of which have not so far been implemented into actual practice on the other. It combines the practical and theoretical knowledge about ' wastewater and biosolids management' and in this sense it is useful for researchers, students, academicians as well as for professionals. "LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging), also often referred to as '3D laser scanning', is an emerging three-dimensional mapping technology that employs a laser and a rotating mirror or housing to rapidly scan and image volumes and surficial areas such as rock slopes and outcrops, buildings, bridges and other natural and man-made objects. Ground-based or terrestrial LiDAR refers to tripod-based measurements, as opposed to airborne LiDAR measurements made from airplanes or helicopters. The purpose of this report was to determine whether the new technology of ground-based LiDAR could assist FHWA with highway rock slope stability. This report includes discussions of currently available LiDAR hardware and software, the current state of LiDAR for highway geotechnical applications (rock mass characterization, rockfall characterization, as-built 3D measurements), best-practices for field scanning and for point cloud data processing, and expected trends in the industry in the near future."--Technical report documentation page Business innovation and industrial intelligence are paving the way for a future in which smart factories, intelligent machines, networked processes and Big Data are combined to foster industrial growth. The maturity and growth of instrumentation, monitoring and automation as key technology drivers support Industry 4.0 as a viable, competent and actionable business model. This book offers a primer, helping readers understand this paradigm shift from industry 1.0 to industry 4.0. The focus is on grasping the necessary pre-conditions, development & technological aspects that conceptually describe this transformation, along with the practices, models and real-time experience needed to achieve sustainable smart manufacturing technologies. The primary goal is to address significant questions of what, how and why in this context, such as:What is Industry 4.0?What is the current status of its implementation?What are the pillars of Industry 4.0?How can Industry 4.0 be effectively implemented?How are firms exploiting the

Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data and other emerging technologies to improve their production and services?How can the implementation of Industry 4.0 be accelerated?How is Industry 4.0 changing the workplace landscape?Why is this melding of the virtual and physical world needed for smart production engineering environments?Why is smart production a game-changing new form of product design and manufacturing? This book addresses the topic of integrated digitization of plants on an objective basis and in a holistic manner by sharing data, applying analytics tools and integrating workflows via pertinent examples from industry. It begins with an evaluation of current performance management practices and an overview of the need for a "Connected Plant" via digitalization followed by sections on "Connected Assets: Improve Reliability and Utilization," "Connected Processes: Optimize Performance and Economic Margin " and "Connected People: Digitalizing the Workforce and Workflows and Developing Ownership and Digital Culture," then culminating in a final section entitled "Putting All Together Into an Intelligent Digital Twin Platform for Smart Operations and Demonstrated by Application cases." Tough-but-beautiful plant picks There's a growing demand for dependably hardy plants that require less maintenance and less water, but look no less beautiful in the garden. Plant Select—the leading purveyor of plants designed to thrive in difficult climates—meets this need by promoting plants that allow gardeners everywhere to have stunning, environmentally-friendly gardens that use fewer resources. Pretty Tough Plants highlights 135 of Plant Select's top plant picks. Each profile features a color photograph and specific details about the plant's size, best features, and bloom season, along with cultural needs, landscape features, and design ideas. The plant list includes perennials and annuals, groundcovers, grasses, shrubs, and trees. A chart at the end of the book makes it easy to choose the right plants for specific conditions and needs. This DE Users Manual is designed to help potential users of digital elevation data understand and articulate their requirements in a way that their expectations are satisfied. if you have a dream that DEM's can help you do a better job, or you need to know more about DEM technologies and applications then this manual is for you. Discover how to build your own Intelligent Internet of Things projects and bring a new degree of interconnectivity to your world. About This Book Build intelligent and unusual IoT projects in just 7 days, Create home automation, smart home, and robotic projects and allow your devices to do smart work Build IoT skills through enticing projects and leverage revolutionary computing hardware through the RPi and Arduino. Who This Book Is For If you're a developer, IoT enthusiast, or just someone curious about Internet of Things, then this book is for you. A basic understanding of electronic hardware, networking, and basic programming skills would do wonders. What You Will Learn Learn how to get started with intelligent IoT projects Explore various pattern recognition and machine learning algorithms to make IoT projects smarter. Make decisions on which devices to use based on the kind of project to build. Create a simple machine learning application and implement decision system concepts Build a smart parking system using Arduino and Raspberry Pi Learn how to work with Amazon Echo and to build your own smart speaker machine Build multi-robot cooperation using swarm intelligence. In Detail Intelligent IoT Projects in 7 days is about creating smart IoT projects in just 7 days. This book will help you to overcome the challenge of analyzing data from physical

devices. This book aims to help you put together some of the most exciting IoT projects in a short span of time. You'll be able to use these in achieving or automating everyday tasks—one project per day. We will start with a simple smart gardening system and move on to a smart parking system, and then we will make our own vending machine, a smart digital advertising dashboard, a smart speaker machine, an autonomous fire fighter robot, and finally look at a multi-robot cooperation using swarm intelligence Style and approach A clear step-by-step instruction guide to completing fully-fledged projects in just 7 days The book informs about agricultural landscapes, their features, functions and regulatory mechanisms. It characterizes agricultural production systems, trends of their development, and their impacts on the landscape. Agricultural landscapes are multifunctional systems, coupled with all nexus problems of the 21th century. This has led to serious discrepancies between agriculture and environment, and between urban and rural population. The mission, key topics and methods of research in order to understanding, monitoring and controlling processes in rural landscapes is being explained. Studies of international expert teams, many of them from Russia, demonstrate approaches towards both improving agricultural productivity and sustainability, and enhancing ecosystem services of agricultural landscapes. Scientists of different disciplines, decision makers, farmers and further informed people dealing with the evolvement of thriving rural landscapes are the primary audience of this book. Christoph Jan Bartodziej examines by means of an empirical study which potential Industry 4.0 technologies do have regarding end-to-end digital integration in production logistics based on their functions. According to the relevance of the concept Industry 4.0 and its early stage of implementation it is essential to clarify terminology, explain relations and identify drivers and challenges for an appropriate use of Industry 4.0 technologies. The results will constitute a profound basis to formulate recommendations for action for technology suppliers and technology users. This book emphasizes on cutting-edge next-generation smart plant breeding approaches for maximizing the use of genomic resources generated by high-throughput genomics in the post-genomic era. Through this book the readers would learn about the recent development in the genomic approaches such as genotype by sequencing (GBS) for genomic analysis (SNPs, Single Nucleotide Polymorphism), whole-genome re-sequencing (WGRS) and RNAseq for transcriptomic analysis (DEGs, Differentially Expressed Genes). To maximize the genetic gains in the cereal/food crops, the book covers topics on transgenic breeding, genome editing, high-throughput phenotyping, reliable/precision phenotyping and genomic information-based analysis. In the era of climate change and the ever-increasing population, food security and nutritional security are the primary concern of plant breeders, growers, and policymakers to address the UN's sustainable development goals. Chapters of this book cohere around these goals and covers techniques such as (QTL mapping, association studies, candidate gene identification), omics, RNAi [through micro RNA (miRNA), small interfering RNA (siRNA) and artificial micro RNA (amiRNA)]. It also covers other genomic techniques like antisense technology, genome editing (CRISPR/cas9, base editing) and epigenomics that assist the crop improvement programmes to fulfil the UNs sustainable development goals. It explores the influence of rapidly available sequencing data assisting in the next generation breeding programmes. This volume

is a productive resource for the students, researchers, scientists, teachers, public and private sector stakeholders involved in the genetic enhancement of cereal crops. INSTANT NATIONAL BESTSELLER NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER *WINNER of the 2021 Banff Mountain Book Prize in Mountain Environment and Natural History* *WINNER of the National Outdoor Book Award for Natural History Literature* *SHORTLISTED for the 2022 BC and Yukon Hubert Evans Non-Fiction Book Prize* *SHORTLISTED for the 2022 BC and Yukon Bill Duthie Booksellers' Choice Award* *SHORTLISTED for the 2021 Science Writers and Communicators of Canada Book Award* A world-leading expert shares her amazing story of discovering the communication that exists between trees, and shares her own story of family and grief. Suzanne Simard is a pioneer on the frontier of plant communication and intelligence; she's been compared to Rachel Carson, hailed as a scientist who conveys complex, technical ideas in a way that is dazzling and profound. Her work has influenced filmmakers (the Tree of Souls in James Cameron's Avatar), and her TED talks have been viewed by more than 10 million people worldwide. Now, in her first book, Simard brings us into her world, the intimate world of the trees, in which she brilliantly illuminates the fascinating and vital truths—that trees are not simply the source of timber or pulp but are a complicated, interdependent circle of life; that forests are social, cooperative creatures connected through underground networks by which trees communicate their vitality and vulnerabilities with communal lives not that different from our own. Simard describes up close—in revealing and accessible ways—how trees, living side by side for hundreds of years, have evolved; how they perceive one another, learn and adapt their behaviors, recognize neighbors, and remember the past; how they have agency about their future; how they elicit warnings and mount defenses, compete and cooperate with one another with sophistication: characteristics previously ascribed to human intelligence, traits that are the essence of civil societies. And, at the center of it all, the Mother Trees: the mysterious, powerful forces that connect and sustain the others that surround them.Simard, born and raised in the rain forests of British Columbia, spent her days as a child cataloging the trees from the forest; she came to love and respect them and embarked on a journey of discovery and struggle. Her powerful story is one of love and loss, of observation and change, of risk and reward. And it is a testament to how deeply human scientific inquiry exists beyond data and technology: it's about understanding who we are and our place in the world. In her book, as in her groundbreaking research, Simard proves the true connectedness of the Mother Tree to the forest, nurturing it in the profound ways that families and humansocieties nurture one another, and how these inseparable bonds enable all our survival. Plan how to build a better app, grow it into a business, and earn money from your hard work using Firebase. In this book, Laurence Moroney, Staff Developer Advocate at Google, takes you through each of the 15 Firebase technologies, showing you how to use them with concrete examples. You'll see how to build cross-platform apps with the three pillars of the Firebase platform: technologies to help you develop apps with a real-time database, remote configuration, cloud messaging, and more; grow your apps with user sharing, search integration, analytics, and more; and earn from your apps with in-app advertising. After reading The Definitive Guide to Firebase, you'll come away empowered to make the most of this technology that helps you build

better cross-platform mobile apps using either native Android or JavaScript-based web apps and effectively deploy them in a cloud environment. What You'll Learn Use the real-time database for a codeless middleware that gives online and offline data for syncing across your users' devices Master Firebase Cloud Messaging, a technology that delivers to connected devices in less than 500ms Grow your app organically with technologies such App Indexing, App Invites, and Dynamic Links Understand problems when they arise with crash reporting Fix user problems without direct access to users' devices Tie it all together with analytics that give you great intelligence about how users interact with your app Who This Book Is For Experienced Android, mobile app developers new to Firebase. This book is also for experienced web developers looking to build and deploy web apps for smartphones and tablets, too, who may be new or less experienced with mobile programming. This 10th edition, of the acclaimed reference work, has more than 21,000 entries, and provides the most complete listing available of generic names of fungi, their families and orders, their attributes and descriptive terms. For each genus, the authority, the date of publication, status, systematic position, number of accepted species, distribution, and key references are given. Diagnoses of families and details of orders and higher categories are included for all groups of fungi. In addition, there are biographic notes, information on well-known metabolites and mycotoxins, and concise accounts of almost all pure and applied aspects of the subject (including citations of important literature). Co-published by: Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) With near-universal internet access and ever-advancing electronic devices, the ability to facilitate interactions between various hardware and software provides endless possibilities. Though internet of things (IoT) technology is becoming more popular among individual users and companies, more potential applications of this technology are being sought every day. There is a need for studies and reviews that discuss the methodologies, concepts, and possible problems of a technology that requires little or no human interaction between systems. The Handbook of Research on the Internet of Things Applications in Robotics and Automation is a pivotal reference source on the methods and uses of advancing IoT technology. While highlighting topics including traffic information systems, home security, and automatic parking, this book is ideally designed for network analysts, telecommunication system designers, engineers, academicians, technology specialists, practitioners, researchers, students, and software developers seeking current research on the trends and functions of this life-changing technology. Many of the books on construction risk management concentrate on theoretical approaches to the accurate assessment of the overall risks of taking on a new project. Less attention is paid to the typical risks to which the operational level of a project is exposed and how operational managers should approach those risks during project implementation. This book identifies precisely where the major EPC/Design-Build risks occur within an operational framework and shows how best to deal with those risks. The book attempts to offer practical advice, approaches and tools for dealing with risks to which the various operational departments are exposed. Process Plant Layout, Second Edition, explains the methodologies used by professional designers to layout process equipment and pipework, plots, plants, sites, and their corresponding environmental features in a safe, economical way. It is supported with

tables of separation distances, rules of thumb, and codes of practice and standards. The book includes more than seventy-five case studies on what can go wrong when layout is not properly considered. Sean Moran has thoroughly rewritten and re-illustrated this book to reflect advances in technology and best practices, for example, changes in how designers balance layout density with cost, operability, and safety considerations. The content covers the 'why' underlying process design company guidelines, providing a firm foundation for career growth for process design engineers. It is ideal for process plant designers in contracting, consultancy, and for operating companies at all stages of their careers, and is also of importance for operations and maintenance staff involved with a new build, guiding them through plot plan reviews. Based on interviews with over 200 professional process plant designers Explains multiple plant layout methodologies used by professional process engineers, piping engineers, and process architects Includes advice on how to choose and use the latest CAD tools for plant layout Ensures that all methodologies integrate to comply with worldwide risk management legislation "Climate-smart agriculture, forestry and fisheries (CSA), contributes to the achievement of sustainable development goals. It integrates the three dimensions of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental) by jointly addressing food security and climate challenges. It is composed of three main pillars: sustainably increasing agricultural productivity and incomes; adapting and building resilience to climate change; reducing and/or removing greenhouse gases emissions, where possible. The purpose of the sourcebook is to further elaborate the concept of CSA and demonstrate its potential, as well as limitations. It aims to help decision makers at a number of levels (including political administrators and natural resource managers) to understand the different options that are available for planning, policies and investments and the practices that are suitable for making different agricultural sectors, landscapes and food systems more climate-smart. This sourcebook is a reference tool for planners, practitioners and policy makers working in agriculture, forestry and fisheries at national and subnational levels." -- Back cover. This book shows a vision of the present and future of Industry 4.0 and identifies and examines the most pressing research issue in Industry 4.0. Containing the contributions of leading researchers and academics, this book includes recent publications in key areas of interest, for example: a review on the Industry 4.0: What is the Industry 4.0, the pillars of Industry 4.0, current and future trends, technologies, taxonomy, and some case studies (A.U.T.O 4.0, stabilization of digitized process). This book also provides an essential tool in the process of migration to Industry 4.0. The book is suitable as a text for graduate students and professionals in the industrial sector and general engineering areas. The book is organized into two sections: 1. Reviews 2. Case Studies Industry 4.0 is likely to play an important role in the future society. This book is a good reference on Industry 4.0 and includes some case studies. Each chapter is written by expert researchers in the sector, and the topics are broad; from the concept or definition of Industry 4.0 to a future society 5.0. Documents the first year spent by the Harvard-graduate author with her new husband on their sustainable farm in the Adirondacks, describing how she withdrew from big-city life to be married in their barn loft, the difficult obstacles they faced attempting to provide a whole diet for one hundred locals, and the rewards of a physical-labor lifestyle. "Simplify your outdoor space

with smart design solutions and plant choices"--Cover. AutoCAD Plant 3D 2021 for Designers book introduces the readers to AutoCAD Plant 3D 2021, one of the world's leading application, designed specifically to create and modify P&ID's and plant 3D models. In this book, the author emphasizes on the features of AutoCAD Plant 3D 2021 that allow the user to design piping & instrumentation diagrams and 3D piping models. Also, the chapters are structured in a pedagogical sequence that makes this book very effective in learning the features and capabilities of AutoCAD Plant 3D 2021. Special emphasis has been laid in this book on tutorials and exercises, which relate to the real world projects, help you understand the usage and abilities of the tools available in AutoCAD Plant 3D 2021. You will learn how to setup a project, create and edit P&IDs, design a 3D Plant model, generate isometric/orthographic drawings, as well as how to publish and print drawings. Salient Features: - Consists of 10 chapters that are organized in a pedagogical sequence. - Comprehensive coverage of AutoCAD Plant 3D 2021 concepts and techniques. - Tutorial approach for better learning. - Detailed explanation of all commands and tools. - Summarized content on the first page of every chapter. - Hundreds of illustrations for easy understanding of concepts. - Step-by-step instructions to guide the users through the learning process. - Real-world mechanical engineering designs as tutorials. - Additional information in the form of notes and tips. - Self-Evaluation Tests and Review Questions at the end of each chapter to help the users assess their knowledge. Table of Contents Chapter 1: Introduction to AutoCAD Plant 3D Chapter 2: Creating Project and P&IDs Chapter 3: Creating Structures Chapter 4: Creating Equipment Chapter 5: Editing Specifications and Catalogs Chapter 6: Routing Pipes Chapter 7: Adding Valves, Fittings, and Pipe Supports Chapter 8: Creating Isometric Drawings Chapter 9: Creating Orthographic Drawings Chapter 10: Managing Data and Creating Reports Project: Thermal Power Plant (For free download) Index Take a journey through the vast edible plant kingdom with a thoughtful collection of colorful collages and illuminating passages traversing the benefits of plant nutrition. Exploring essential elements of the plant-based diet, V Musings Deux guides your plant food choices and invigorates your loftiest health goals. From the investigated power of cauliflower, anecdotes about vegan sweets and wine to the rise of popular plant burger trends and data on smart plant textiles, part two in the V Musings series offers a whimsical look at the save-life-on-planet-Earth, plant-based lifestyle. In concert with its repertoire of fruit and veggie nutrient profiles, a review of the unique V Musings ten plant food groups provides an organic blueprint for building a nutrient-rich diet. The artful layout of plant-based fundamentals and scientific data joyfully unearths gems and creative trends, giving a new dimension to the wondrous world of plant nutrition. Treating such contemporary design and development issues as identifying customer needs, design for manufacturing, prototyping, and industrial design, Product Design and Development, 3/e, by Ulrich and Eppinger presents in a clear and detailed way a set of product development techniques aimed at bringing together the marketing, design, and manufacturing functions of the enterprise. The integrative methods in the book facilitate problem solving and decision making among people with different disciplinary perspectives, reflecting the current industry trend to perform product design and development in cross-functional teams. Plants' ability to turn sunlight into energy makes them the basis for all life; without them there is no

life. And they are more than just a food source—they provide us with fuel, fibers, and pharmaceuticals. Global warming and the destruction of natural habitats are a serious threat to many plants, and there are worldwide efforts to mitigate the disaster. Plant Conservation tackles this essential topic head on. Timothy Walker, as the director of the Oxford Botanical Garden, a leader in the field of plant conservation, plays a key role in this effort. He highlights what is happening now, from cataloging the world's flora to conservation efforts like protecting plants from overcollecting. He also shows home gardeners how they can become involved, whether by growing their own food to decrease reliance on large agriculture or by making smart plant choices by growing natives and avoiding invasives. Plant Conservation treats a critical topic in an accessible and optimistic way. It is required reading for students, professionals, and anyone with a keen interest in the importance of plants. A comprehensive guide to everything a tree owner needs to know about planting and maintaining trees. YOUR GUIDE TO A FULFILLING BUSINESS AND PERSONAL FUTURE Based on research by one of the world's largest growth-consulting companies, New Mega Trends identifies the ten most important global trends that will define our future, including business models, smart technology, connectivity and convergence and radical social trends. New Mega Trends will give you the tools to not only identify and evaluate these game-changing trends, but also help you to translate them into market opportunities for your everyday business and personal life. How will we travel to work in the cities of the future? Will Zero be the new big thing? How will we stay connected in the Mega Trends World? Will our Wellness and Well-Being top business agenda? If you are a leader with a corporate vision, or a strategic planner within your organization, or just plain curious about your future, New Mega Trends will provide you with stimulating stories, startling facts and thought-provoking case studies that will not only inform your future but entertain you today. The global biodiversity and climate emergencies demand transformative changes to human activities. For example, food production relies on synthetic, industrial and non-sustainable products for managing pests, weeds and diseases of crops. Sustainable farming requires approaches to managing these agricultural constraints that are more environmentally benign and work with rather than against nature. Increasing pressure on synthetic products has reinvigorated efforts to identify alternative pest management options, including plant-based solutions that are environmentally benign and can be tailored to different farmers' needs, from commercial to small holder and subsistence farming. Botanical insecticides and pesticidal plants can offer a novel, effective and more sustainable alternative to synthetic products for controlling pests, diseases and weeds. This Special Issue reviews and reports the latest developments in plant-based pesticides from identification of bioactive plant chemicals, mechanisms of activity and validation of their use in horticulture and disease vector control. Other work reports applications in rice weeds, combination biopesticides and how chemistry varies spatially and influences the effectiveness of botanicals in different locations. Three reviews assess wider questions around the potential of plant-based pest management to address the global challenges of new, invasive and established crop pests and as-yet underexploited pesticidal plants. This book is open access under a CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO license. The book uses an economic lens to identify the main features of climate-smart agriculture (CSA), its likely impact, and the

challenges associated with its implementation. Drawing upon theory and concepts from agricultural development, institutional, and resource economics, this book expands and formalizes the conceptual foundations of CSA. Focusing on the adaptation/resilience dimension of CSA, the text embraces a mixture of conceptual analyses, including theory, empirical and policy analysis, and case studies, to look at adaptation and resilience through three possible avenues: ex-ante reduction of vulnerability, increasing adaptive capacity, and ex-post risk coping. The book is divided into three sections. The first section provides conceptual framing, giving an overview of the CSA concept and grounding it in core economic principles. The second section is devoted to a set of case studies illustrating the economic basis of CSA in terms of reducing vulnerability, increasing adaptive capacity and ex-post risk coping. The final section addresses policy issues related to climate change. Providing information on this new and important field in an approachable way, this book helps make sense of CSA and fills intellectual and policy gaps by defining the concept and placing it within an economic decision-making framework. This book will be of interest to agricultural, environmental, and natural resource economists, development economists, and scholars of development studies, climate change, and agriculture. It will also appeal to policy-makers, development practitioners, and members of governmental and non-governmental organizations interested in agriculture, food security and climate change. Provides an authoritative review of the latest research in the development and application of plant factories with artificial lighting (PFALs) throughout an array of agricultural settings Assesses the environmental impact of urban vertical farms and how the use of energy and other resources can be optimised to minimise this impact Considers the application of machine vision, plant phenotyping and spectral imaging in plant factories to monitor plant health and growth Koch Industries' chairman and CEO explains how self-actualization is the key to fulfillment and creating benefit for all. Included are numerous examples from Koch's own history as well as quick and easy reminders of how to apply Koch's concepts. Although this book was originally written for employees, its applications and insights are universal. This book is a collection of best selected research papers presented at the 6th International Conference on Opto-Electronics and Applied Optics (OPTRONIX 2020) organized by the University of Engineering & Management, Kolkata, India, in June 2020. The primary focus is to address issues and developments in optoelectronics with particular emphasis on communication technology, IoT and intelligent systems, information processing and its different kinds. The theme of the book is in alignment with the theme of the conference " Advances in Smart Communication Technology and Information Processing." The purpose of this book is to inform the scientists and researchers of this field in India and abroad about the latest developments in the relevant field and to raise awareness among the academic fraternity to get them involved in different activities in the years ahead – an effort to realize knowledge-based society.

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