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Strategic intelligence (SI) has mostly been used in military settings, but its worth goes well beyond that limited role. It has become invaluable for improving any organization's strategic decision making process. The author of *Strategic Intelligence: Business Intelligence, Competitive Intelligence, and Knowledge Management* recognizes synergies amo

This volume explores how new practices in competitive intelligence are emerging in a global business environment. Contributions from researchers, scholars, and practioners specializing in competitive intelligence reveal the most current practices in the

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develop a framework for determining which types fit special needs, and evaluate means of communicating CI up and down the line. They discuss the most common raw data source categories--the bases of support for all CI analyses--and the workings of metrics in general. CI professionals and related end users are provided with a process they can employ immediately, right out of the box, which will not only help them select the right metric but will prove invaluable as they seek to evaluate the future metrics that are sure to come. Learn the fundamentals, practices and models of intellectual capital management with this essential resource. Providing a business-oriented, critical review of the

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evaluated for scholars and practitioners in the volatile field of competitive intelligence.

"This qualitative research attempts to answer calls for research into competitive intelligence (CI) measurement. Its objectives are: first, to clarify discourse related to CI value and measurement, as first step to addressing methodological challenges; second, to understand from senior managers and executives who use CI how CI is valued, and the challenges facing CI measurement and the implementation of measures in their organizations; and third, to establish a critical framework which can be used as a starting point to evolve from prescriptive CI measures best practices in CI measurement. Individual semi-

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structured interviews and negotiated shared texts were used to investigate two groups: experts in intelligence measurement from a variety of intelligence fields; and users of CI who are employed in senior management roles within their organizations. Participants were asked to discuss their measurement practices, and their conceptualizations of measurement and value. The findings of this research are that CI is used at multiple stages of the decision as an input into organizational decision-making by senior managers and executives of organizations, who believe that CI is most suited to strategic planning activities. When CI is used, perceived outcomes and benefits are individual and cognitive, and organizational.

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Anticipated beneficial organizational outcomes are both 'active', such as improved customer relationships, and 'latent', such as organizational preparedness. A revised conceptual model presented in the discussion encapsulates these outcomes and benefits, and the role of CI within the organization. From the responses of the research participants an evaluation framework was developed as a tool to foster the critical evaluation of prescriptive measurement models and support comparative discussion. The framework, presented here, is applied to four prescriptive models in the literature. A determination is made that a flexible multi-method approach that supports a multi-faceted perspective of CI use and CI effectiveness is



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required. This research confirms the findings of other researchers that CI measurement is infrequently used, and that when it is in use process and user satisfaction measures substitute for outcome and impact measurement. It also confirms that there is a relationship between CI and organizational strategy, and that the value of CI is realized through decision-making. Discussions of anticipated outcomes, which would inform the selection of measures of effectiveness (MOEs) were however in conflict with the findings of other studies, indicating that more research needs to be done. Unexpected findings include: the discovery of CI practices not discussed elsewhere in the literature; the pre-eminence of responsiveness in

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determining user satisfaction; the tension for organizations between the cost-effectiveness of measurement activities and the acceptance of inaccurate measurement; and the extraordinarily close parallels in value conceptualizations between CI and other information services, which indicates a possibility for shared measurement tools. Contributions and significance of this research include a rare account of CI users, a unique comparative discussion of intelligence measurement experts, a conceptual model that accounts for the role of CI in organizational decision-making and its varied benefits, and an evaluation framework for prescriptive CI measurement which potentially provides a starting point for the

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"Companies operating in today's roller-coaster economy have increasingly turned to competitive intelligence (CI) as an effective means of building and maintaining a business edge. Revealing their secrets for monitoring competitive forces and keeping on top of the trends, opportunities, and threats within their industries, this book presents 15 leading CI researchers and their hard-earned secrets. These CI researchers are from such Fortune 100 firms as Compaq Computer, Dell Computer, Lockheed Martin, Merck, and United Technologies. The tips,

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- the theory of business competition
- how companies try to get ahead of their rivals
- methods of research and sources of information that generate the raw material for creating intelligence
- analytical techniques

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which transform the mass of facts and opinions thus retrieved into a platform of sound, useable knowledge to support informed business decision making. The text includes plenty of examples and experiences from the author's own consulting experience. He draws on a wide variety of disciplines, including literary criticism (or how to read between the lines of company reports, announcements and media stories) and anthropology (understanding corporate culture), as well as the more obvious ones such as financial analysis, management theory and business forecasting techniques. This fusion of insights from many fields of expertise

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provides a very readable, practical and imaginative framework for anyone seeking to gather and make effective use of market and company data. While focused on the British business environment, the lessons drawn are of universal application, and examples are taken from across the globe. In addition a chapter is devoted to researching industries and companies in other countries. Although primarily concerned with commercial enterprises, many of the principles and techniques will also be of considerable practical relevance to managers in the public sector or not-for-profit organizations. Competitive Intelligence also provides a legal



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Cyber Security Management: A Governance, Risk and Compliance Framework by Peter Trim and Yang-Im Lee has been written for a wide audience. Derived from research, it places security management in a holistic context and outlines how the strategic marketing approach can be used to underpin cyber security in partnership arrangements. The book is unique because it integrates material that is of a highly specialized nature but which can be interpreted by those with a non-specialist background in the area. Indeed, those with a limited knowledge of cyber security will be able to develop a comprehensive understanding of the subject and will

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be guided into devising and implementing relevant policy, systems and procedures that make the organization better able to withstand the increasingly sophisticated forms of cyber attack. The book includes a sequence-of-events model; an organizational governance framework; a business continuity management planning framework; a multi-cultural communication model; a cyber security management model and strategic management framework; an integrated governance mechanism; an integrated resilience management model; an integrated management model and system; a communication risk management

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strategy; and recommendations for counteracting a range of cyber threats. Cyber Security Management: A Governance, Risk and Compliance Framework simplifies complex material and provides a multi-disciplinary perspective and an explanation and interpretation of how managers can manage cyber threats in a pro-active manner and work towards counteracting cyber threats both now and in the future.

The purpose of the study is to investigate the needs, awareness and implementation of competitive intelligence and the role competitive intelligence plays in the formulation of marketing strategy by South

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African companies. There is a need for competitive intelligence programmes, with high awareness at senior management level but needs to be filtered down to all employees. The study does offer some insight into current competitive intelligence practices by South African companies in terms of competitive intelligence with particular reference to the sources of competitive intelligence, the types of information gathered and analysis tools used by South African companies. Responding to the needs of market researchers, business analysts, CI professionals, and others who understand and use the online information resources of the

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Internet, Vibert provides a structured set of frameworks to help solve business problems fast, successfully, and in real time. He explains how to use the content of specific Web sites to undertake specific tasks, and he provides academics and trainers with a powerful tool to help them develop the online analytical skills of their students, clients, and colleagues. The result is an important resource for executives seeking to protect their own knowledge while gaining insight about their competitors and for academics teaching in such fields as marketing, sales, and product development.

Competitive intelligence (CI) is

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about gathering and analyzing environmental information for strategic purposes. This work shows that to select the right information and communication technology (ICT) tools for CI, an organization needs to understand the role of ICT in the CI-process.

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*across a wide range of business functions, including marketing and sales, market research and forecasting, product development, and teams. The only book on the subject offering a comprehensive view of CI, from the CEO down to the tactical CI team Numerous case studies vividly illustrating cutting-edge CI techniques in action*

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*A powerful "how-to-do-it-better" book, this is the first guidebook on competitive intelligence that uses case studies to provide behind-the-scenes insights into how professionals improve competitive intelligence processes. • Provides readers with practical tools and strategies to immediately identify and address their CI problems • Enables businesses to realize discernible improvements in performance, planning, competitiveness, and agility • Offers helpful checklists and other easy-to-use aids to make improving CI operations a straightforward process • Serves leaders in any organization—for profit or*

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*A practical introduction to the necessity of competitive intelligence for smarter business decisions—from a leading CI expert and speaker In Competitive Intelligence Advantage, Seena Sharp, founder of one of the first Competitive Intelligence firms in the US, provides her expert analysis on the issues and benefits of CI for today's businesses. CI is critical for making smarter business decisions and reducing risks when formulating strategies, leading to more profits and fewer mistakes. This is a practical guide that*

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*explains what CI is, why data is not intelligence, why competitor intelligence is a weak sibling to competitive intelligence, when to use it, how to find the most useful information and turn it into actual intelligence, and how to present findings in the most convincing manner. Importantly, Sharp argues that businesses would benefit from shifting their perspective on CI from viewing it as a cost to viewing it as an investment that saves money and provides immediate value. Author Seena Sharp is a noted CI expert who established Sharp Market Intelligence in 1979*  
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*and corporate social responsibility, as well as those interested in strategic management more generally. It will be of interest to research students, as well as more experienced academics, worldwide, and may also serve as a secondary text for courses in these areas.*

*In the fast-paced world of international business, competitive intelligence is necessary for the daily survival of small firms and national economies alike. In *Competitive Intelligence and Senior Management*, veteran consultant Joseph H. A. M. Rodenberg argues that business leaders should devote more of their time and attention to seeking out and interpreting information about*

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*framework of strategic knowledge management called the “Knowledge House” and gives the employees a context they can orientate towards. The objective is to actively anchor the strategic cultivation of knowledge in the company which promotes knowledge sharing. Beyond this strategic approach, knowledge sharing from the employees’ view is outlined. In addition, it is also outlined what preconditions – which go beyond the organizations’ influence – have to be set to make the employees work in a knowledge sharing- promoting environment. In this compelling new book by a former diplomat, readers will learn the secrets to developing an*

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