Learn How Hardware And Software Work And How To Make Them Work For You

Freely available source code, with contributions from thousands of programmers around the world: this is the spirit of the software revolution known as Open Source. Open Source has grabbed the computer industry's attention. Netscape has opened the source code to Mozilla; IBM supports Apache; major database vendors haved ported their products to Linux. As enterprises realize the power of the open-source development model, Open Source is becoming a viable mainstream alternative to commercial software.Now in Open Sources, leaders of Open Source come together for the first time to discuss the new vision of the software industry they have created. The essays in this volume offer insight into how the Open Source movement works, why it succeeds, and where it is going.For programmers who have labored on open-source projects, Open Sources is the new gospel: a powerful vision from the movement's spiritual leaders. For businesses integrating open-source software into their enterprise, Open Sources reveals the mysteries of how open development builds better software, and how businesses can leverage freely available software for a competitive business advantage.The contributors here have been the leaders in the open-source arena: Brian Behlendorf (Apache) Kirk McKusick (Berkeley Unix) Tim O'Reilly (Publisher, O'Reilly & Associates) Bruce Perens (Debian Project, Open Source Initiative) Tom Paquin and Jim Hamerly (mozilla.org, Netscape) Eric Raymond (Open Source Initiative) Richard Stallman (GNU, Free Software Foundation, Emacs) Michael Tiemann (Cygnus Solutions) Linus Torvalds (Linux) Paul Vixie (Bind) Larry Wall (Perl) This book explains why the majority of the Internet's servers use open- source technologies for everything from the operating system to Web serving and email. Key technology products developed with open-source software have overtaken and surpassed the commercial efforts of billion dollar companies like Microsoft and IBM to dominate software markets. Learn the inside story of what led Netscape to decide to release its source code using the open-source mode. Learn how Cygnus Solutions builds the world's best compilers by sharing the source code. Learn why venture capitalists are eagerly watching Red Hat Software, a company that gives its key product -- Linux -- away.For the first time in print, this book presents the story of the open- source phenomenon told by the people who created this movement.Open Sources will bring you into the world of free software and show you the revolution.

Implement state-of-the-art deep reinforcement learning algorithms using Python and its powerful libraries Key Features Implement Q-learning and Markov models with Python and OpenAI Explore the power of TensorFlow to build self-learning models Eight AI projects to gain confidence in building self-trained applications Book Description Reinforcement learning is one of the most exciting and rapidly growing fields in machine learning. This is due to the many novel algorithms developed and incredible results published in recent years. In this book, you will learn about the core concepts of RL including Q-learning, policy gradients, Monte Carlo processes, and several deep reinforcement learning algorithms. As you make your way through the book, you'll work on projects with datasets of various modalities including image, text, and video. You will gain experience in several domains, including gaming, image processing, and physical simulations. You'll explore technologies such as TensorFlow and OpenAI Gym to implement deep learning reinforcement learning algorithms that also predict stock prices, generate natural language, and even build other neural networks. By the end of this book, you will have hands-on experience with eight reinforcement learning projects, each addressing different topics and/or algorithms. We hope these practical exercises will provide you with better intuition and insight about the field of reinforcement learning and how to apply its algorithms to various problems in real-life. What you will learn Train and evaluate neural networks built using TensorFlow for RL Use RL algorithms in Python and TensorFlow to solve CartPole balancing Create deep reinforcement learning algorithms to play Atari games Deploy RL algorithms using OpenAI Universe Develop an agent to chat with humans Implement basic actor-critic algorithms for continuous control Apply advanced deep RL algorithms to games such as Minecraft Autogenerate an image classifier using RL Who this book is for Python Reinforcement Learning Projects is for data analysts, data scientists, and machine learning professionals, who have working knowledge of machine learning techniques and are looking to build better performing, automated, and optimized deep learning models. Individuals who want to work on self-learning model projects will also find this book useful.

Authored by two of the leading authorities in the field, this guide offers readers the knowledge and skills needed to achieve proficiency with embedded software.

This textbook for a one-semester course in Digital Systems Design describes the basic methods used to develop "traditional" Digital Systems, based on the use of logic gates and flip flops, as well as more advanced techniques that enable the design of very large circuits, based on Hardware Description Languages and Synthesis tools. It was originally designed to accompany a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) created at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), currently available on the Coursera platform. Readers will learn what a digital system is and how it can be developed, preparing them for steps toward other technical disciplines, such as Computer Architecture, Robotics, Bionics, Avionics and others. In particular, students will learn to design the synthesis of a simple processor, leaving the student in a position to enter the world of Computer Architecture and Embedded Systems. All concepts introduced are reinforced by plentiful illustrations, examples, exercises, and applications. For example, as an applied example of the design techniques presented, the authors demonstrate the synthesis of a simple processor, leaving the student in a position to enter the world of Computer Architecture and Embedded Systems.

A no-nonsense, practical guide to current and future processor and computer architectures, enabling you to design computer systems and develop better software applications across a variety of domains Key Features Understand digital circuitry with the help of transistors, logic gates, and sequential logic Examine the architecture and instruction sets of x86, x64, ARM, and RISC-V processors Explore the architecture of modern devices such as the iPhone X and high-performance gaming PCs Book Description Are you a software developer, systems designer, or computer architecture student looking for a methodical introduction to digital device architectures but overwhelmed by their complexity? This book will help you to learn how modern computer systems work, from the lowest level of transistor switching to the macro view of collaborating multiprocessor servers. You'll gain unique insights into the internal behavior of processors that execute the code developed in high-level languages and enable you to design more efficient and scalable software systems. The book will teach you the fundamentals of computer systems including transistors, logic gates, sequential logic, and instruction operations. You will learn details of modern processor architectures and instruction sets including x86, x64, ARM, and RISC-V. You will see how to implement a RISC-V processor in a low-cost FPGA board and how to write a quantum computing program and run it on an actual quantum computer. By the end of this book, you will have a thorough understanding of modern processor and computer architectures and the future directions these architectures are likely to take. What you will learn Get to grips with transistor technology and digital circuit principles Discover the functional elements of computer processors Understand pipelining and superscalar execution Work with floating-point data formats Understand the purpose and operation of the supervisor mode Implement a complete RISC-V processor in a low-cost FPGA Explore the techniques used in virtual machine implementation Write a quantum computing program and run it on a quantum computer Who this book is for This book is for software developers, computer engineering students, system designers, reverse engineers, and anyone looking to understand the architecture and design principles underlying modern computer systems from tiny embedded devices to warehouse-size cloud server farms. A general understanding of computer processors is helpful but not required.

Deep learning is often viewed as the exclusive domain of math PhDs and big tech companies. But as this hands-on guide demonstrates, programmers comfortable with Python can achieve impressive results in deep learning with little math background, small amounts of data, and minimal code. How? With fastai, the first library to provide a consistent interface to the most frequently used deep learning applications. Authors Jeremy Howard and Sylvain Gugger, the creators of fastai, show you how to train a model on a wide range of tasks using fastai and PyTorch. You'll also dive progressively further into deep learning theory to gain a complete understanding of the algorithms behind the scenes. Train models in computer vision, natural language processing, tabular data, and collaborative filtering Learn the latest deep learning techniques that matter most in practice Improve accuracy, speed, and reliability by understanding how deep learning models work Discover how to turn your models into web applications Implement deep learning algorithms from scratch Consider the ethical implications of your work Gain insight from the foreword by PyTorch cofounder, Soumith Chintala

Master IT hardware and software installation, configuration, repair, maintenance, and troubleshooting and fully prepare for the CompTIA® A+ 220-901 and 220-902 exams. This all-in-one textbook and lab manual is a real-world guide to learning how to connect, manage, and troubleshoot multiple devices in authentic IT scenarios. Thorough instruction built on the CompTIA A+ 220-901 and 220-902 exam objectives includes coverage of Linux, Mac, mobile, cloud, and expanded troubleshooting and security. For realistic industry experience, the author also includes common legacy technologies still in the field along with non-certification topics like Windows 10 to make this textbook THE textbook to use for learning about today's tools and technologies. In addition, dual emphasis on both tech and soft skills ensures you learn all you need to become a qualified, professional, and customer-friendly technician. Dozens of activities to help "flip" the classroom plus hundreds of labs included in the book provide an economical bonus-no need for a separate lab manual. Learn more quickly and thoroughly with all these study materials and review tools: Learning Objectives provide the goals for each chapter plus chapter opening lists of A+ Cert Exam Objectives ensure full coverage of these topics Hundreds of photos, figures, and tables to help summarize and present information in a visual manner in an all-new full color design Practical Tech Tips give real-world IT Tech Support knowledge Soft Skills best practice advice and team-building activities in each chapter cover all the tools and skills you need to become a professional, customer-friendly technician in every category Review Questions, including true/false, multiple choice, matching, fill-in-the-blank, and open-ended questions, assess your knowledge of the learning objectives Hundreds of thought-provoking activities to apply and reinforce the chapter content and "flip" the classroom if you want More than 140 Labs allow you to link theory to practical experience Key Terms identify exam words and phrases associated with each topic Detailed Glossary clearly defines every key term Dozens of Critical Thinking Activities take you beyond the facts to complete comprehension of topics Chapter Summary provides a recap of key concepts for studying Certification Exam Tips provide insight into the certification exam and preparation process

Hardware Accelerator Systems for Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Volume 122 delves into artificial Intelligence and the growth it has seen with the advent of Deep Neural Networks (DNNs) and Machine Learning. Updates in this release include chapters on Hardware accelerator systems for artificial intelligence and machine learning, Introduction to Hardware Accelerator Systems for Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Deep Learning with GPUs, Edge Computing Optimization of Deep Learning Models for Specialized Tensor Processing Architectures, Architecture of NPU for DNN, Hardware Architecture for Convolutional Neural Network for Image Processing, FPGA based Neural Network Accelerators, and much more. Updates on new information on the architecture of GPU, NPU and DNN Discusses In-memory computing, Machine intelligence and Quantum computing Includes sections on Hardware Accelerator Systems to improve processing efficiency and performance

Intelligent readers who want to build their own embedded computer systems-- installed in everything from cell phones to cars to handheld organizers to refrigerators-- will find this book to be the most in-depth, practical, and up-to-date guide on the market. Designing Embedded Hardware carefully steers between the practical and philosophical aspects, so developers can both create their own devices and gadgets and customize and extend off-the-shelf systems. There are hundreds of books to choose from if you need to learn programming, but only a few are available if you want to learn to create hardware. Designing Embedded Hardware provides software and hardware engineers with no prior experience in embedded systems with the necessary conceptual and design building blocks to understand the architecture of embedded systems. Written to provide the depth of coverage and real-world examples developers need, Designing Embedded Hardware also provides a road-map to the pitfalls and traps to avoid in designing embedded systems. Designing Embedded Hardware covers such essential topics as: The principles of developing computer hardware Core hardware designs Assembly language concepts Parallel I/O Analog-digital conversion Timers (internal and external) UART Serial Peripheral Inter-Integrated Circuit Bus Controller Area Network (CAN) Data Converter Interface (DCI) Low-power operation This invaluable and eminently useful book gives you the practical tools and skills to develop, build, and program your own application-specific computers.

A discussion of the history and future of coding theory celebrates the ingenuity of language systems and their uses from Braille and Morse code through binary codes to 32-bit operating systems.

This book thoroughly explains how computers work. It starts by fully examining a NAND gate, then goes on to build every piece of a small, fully operational computer. The necessity and use of codes is presented in parallel with the operative pieces of hardware. The book can be easily understood by anyone whether they have a technical background or not. It could be used as a textbook.

Electrical units - Measuring devices - Direct-current circuit - Resistors - Cells and batteries - Magnetism - Inductance - Capacitance - Phase - Transformers - Semiconductors - Diodes - Amplifiers - Oscillators - Data transmission.

This step-by-step, highly visual text provides a comprehensive introduction to managing and maintaining computer hardware and software. Written by best-selling author and educator Jean Andrews, A+ Guide to IT Technical Support, 9th Edition closely integrates the CompTIA A+ Exam objectives to prepare you for the 220-901 and 220-902 certification exams. The new Ninth Edition also features extensive updates to reflect current technology, techniques, and industry standards in the dynamic, fast-paced field of PC repair and information technology. Each chapter covers both core concepts and advanced topics, organizing material to facilitate practical application and encourage you to learn by doing. The new edition features more coverage of updated hardware, new coverage of cloud computing, Linux and Mac OS, and increased emphasis on mobile devices. Supported by a wide range of supplemental resources to enhance learning with Lab Manuals, CourseNotes online labs and the optional MindTap that includes online labs, certification test prep and interactive exercises and activities, this proven text offers students an ideal way to prepare for success as a professional IT support technician and administrator. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

An updated edition of the best tips and tools to plan, build, and execute a structured test operation In this update of his bestselling book, Rex Black walks you through how to develop essential tools and apply them to your test project. He helps you master the basic tools, apply the techniques to manage your resources, and give each area just the right amount of attention so that you can successfully survive managing a test project! Clearly written and revised for real-world testing, this book gives a thorough review of the tools and resources you will need to manage both large and small projects for hardware and software, this book prepares you to adapt the concepts across a broad range of settings. Simple and effective, the tools comply with industry standards and bring you up to date with the best test management practices and tools of leading hardware and software vendors. Rex Black draws from his own numerous testing experiences-- including the bad ones, so you can learn from his mistakes-- to provide you with insightful tips in test project management. He explores such topics as: Dates, budgets, and quality-expectations versus reality Fitting the testing process into the overall development or maintenance process How to choose and when to use test engineers and technicians, contractors and consultants, and external test labs and vendors Setting up and using an effective and simple bug-tracking database Following the status of each test case The companion Web site contains fifty tools, templates, and case studies that will help you put these ideas into action--fast!

Atmel's AVR microcontrollers are the chips that power Arduino, and are the go-to chip for many hobbyist and hardware hacking projects. In this book you'll set aside the layers of abstraction provided by the Arduino environment and learn how to program AVR microcontrollers directly. In doing so, you'll get closer to the chip and you'll be able to squeeze more power and features out of it. Each chapter of this book is centered around projects that incorporate that particular microcontroller topic. Each project includes schematics, code, and illustrations of a working project. Program a range of AVR chips Extend and re-use other people's code and circuits Interface with USB, I2C, and SPI peripheral devices Learn to access the full range of power and speed of the microcontroller Build projects including Cylon Eyes, a Square-Wave Organ, an AM Radio, a Passive Light-Sensor Alarm, Temperature Logger, and more Understand what's happening behind the scenes even when using the Arduino IDE

If you look around you will find that all computer systems, from your portable devices to the strongest supercomputers, are heterogeneous in nature. The most obvious heterogeneity is the existence of computing nodes of different capabilities (e.g. multicore, GPUs, FPGAs, ...). But there are also other heterogeneity factors that exist in computing systems, like the memory system components, interconnection, etc. The main reason for these different types of heterogeneity is to have good performance with power efficiency. Heterogeneous computing results in both challenges and opportunities. This book discusses both. It shows that we need to deal with these challenges at all levels of the computing stack: from algorithms all the way to process technology. We discuss the topic of heterogeneous computing from different angles: hardware challenges, current hardware state-of-the-art, software challenges, available software tools and solutions, domain-specific examples, and more. This is a very good introductory book for anyone in the computer science/engineering field to understand the issue, how to make the best use of the current heterogeneous systems, and what lies ahead. The aim of this book is to introduce the big picture of heterogeneous computing. Whether you are a hardware designer or a software developer, you need to know how the pieces of the puzzle fit together. The main goal is to bring researchers and engineers to the forefront of the research frontier in the new era that started a few years ago and is expected to continue for decades. We believe that academics, researchers, practitioners, and students will benefit from this book and will be prepared to tackle the big wave of heterogeneous computing that is here to stay.

Presents an introduction to the open-source electronics prototyping platform.

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Provides information on writing a driver in Linux, covering such topics as character devices, network interfaces, driver debugging, concurrency, and interrupts.

PC Hardware in a Nutshell is the practical guide to buying, building, upgrading, and repairing Intel-based PCs. A longtime favorite among PC users, the third edition of the book now contains useful information for people running either Windows or Linux operating systems. Written for novices and seasoned professionals alike, the book is packed with useful and unbiased information, including how-to advice for specific components, ample reference material, and a comprehensive case study on building a PC.In addition to coverage of the fundamentals and general tips about working on PCs, the book includes chapters focusing on motherboards, processors, memory, floppies, hard drives, optical drives, tape devices, video devices, input devices, audio components, communications, power supplies, and maintenance. Special emphasis is given to upgrading and troubleshooting existing equipment so you can get the most from your existing investments.This new edition is expanded to include: Detailed information about the latest motherboards and chipsets from AMD, Intel, SiS, and VIA Extensive coverage of the Pentium 4 and the latest AMD processors, including the Athlon XP/MP Full details about new hard drive standards, including the latest SCSI standards, ATA/133, Serial ATA, and the new 48-bit "Big Drive" ATA interface Expanded coverage of DVD drives, including DVD-RAM, DVD-R/RW, and DVD+R/RW Details about Flat Panel Displays, including how to choose one and install one Updated coverage of video adapters and monitors, including the new AGP standards Why you might not want to buy New chapters on serial communications, parallel communications, and USB communications (including USB 2.0) Enhanced troubleshooting coverage PC Hardware in a Nutshell, 3rd Edition provides independent, useful and practical information in a no-nonsense manner with specific recommendations on components. Based on real-world testing over time, it will help you make intelligent, informed decisions about buying, building, upgrading, and repairing PCs in a cost effective manner that will help you maximize new or existing computer hardware systems. It's loaded with real-world advice presented in a concise style that clearly delivers just the information you want, without your having to hunt for it.

General literature -- Introductory and Survey.

Would you like to control switch, LED, and so on by simply programming them with a single board, even without changing the board itself when something goes wrong? Arduino is a fascinating platform used to build electronic projects. It is preferred by a lot of experts just starting out electronic projects. That is because of the ease of operation that it offers and its wide range of single versions that you can try. The Arduino board is processed to use simple chips called Microcontrollers. It uses these with in Arduino program can make it pretty easy to control your electronics. You may control switch, LED, and so on by simply programming them with Arduino board. Your don't have to change the whole board when something goes wrong, each faulty microchip can be easily replaced. Besides these, it is cost effective than other most of the other programs. The surprising news is that despite being a very thrilling program, a lot of people do not understand how Arduino program works. Many tried to operate it without learning, they found it impossible so they gave up. Similarly, research shows that a lot of interested amateurs tried to learn Arduino programming too, but they made no breakthrough because their teachers knew too little or could not break things down for them. Arduino is too intriguing to be dumped. It is for the purpose of those who do not have any background in Arduino programming that the Matthew Python and the editorial team has put together a masterpiece that can give a bit by bit guide to beginner interested in learning Arduino. "Arduino Programming for Beginners: How to learn and understand Arduino hardware and software as well as the fundamental concepts with this beginner's guide. getting started Arduino Sketches" by Matthew Python This books can teach you every basic knowledge you need to have about Arduino programming. Ranging from the keywords to the terms and operation. It is packed with a lot of installation, sketching and control steps that makes it hard for anyone to miss the lessons. You will find help on how you can troubleshoot when you need to, the function of I/O, FTDI chips and so on. If all you knew was the term 'Arduino program' earlier, this book provides details of everything you are missing. Among others, you will learn: What is Arduino? Understanding of Arduino anatomy of Arduino Board Arduino Family Explanation of Arduino Components. Getting started with Arduino Basic digital Arduino programs Arduino programming tools Inputs, outputs and sensor. Arduino function libraries Computer interfacing with an Arduino C language basics Arduino clones and similar boards. Troubleshooting. Wouldn't you like more to know more about this operation? Getting this book is how you can learn it all yourself, you will realize how the full concept of Arduino and you can try it out yourself. Scroll up and add to cart "Arduino Programming for beginners" by Matthew Phyton!

This title gives students an integrated and rigorous picture of applied computer science, as it comes to play in the construction of a simple yet powerful computer system.

"This book offers concepts of the teaching and learning of computer networking and hardwar eby offering undamental theoretical concepts illustrated with the use of interactive practical exercises"--Provided by publisher.

Kick start your journey into computing and prepare for your IC3certification With this essential course book you'll be sending e-mails,surfing the web and understanding the basics of computing in notime. Written by Faithe Wempen, a Microsoft Office MasterInstructor and author of more than 120 books, this complete guideto the basics has been tailored to provide comprehensiveinstruction on the full range of entry-level computing skills. Itis a must for students looking to move into almost any profession,as entry-level computing courses have become a compulsoryrequirement in the modern world. This great resource brings readers up to speed on computingbasics, and helps them achieve competency on a computer quickly andeasily. The book covers everything from computer hardware andsoftware to the underlying functionality of a computer, and helpsreaders gain the skills and knowledge they need to move forward intheir careers, or to successfully prepare for the IC3 Exam. Learn about computer hardware, software and other basicfunctions Get a full introduction to Windows and Microsoft Office Create polished documents and presentations in Microsoft Excel,PowerPoint and Word 2010 Gain an understanding of web basics, connectivity, security andprivacy Written especially for students and those interested in learningmore about computing, the book includes bonus questions, PowerPointslides and bonus tasks to help put new skills into practiceimmediately.

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO HARDWARE FUNDAMENTALS Embedded Systems Hardware for Software Engineers describes the electrical and electronic circuits that are used in embedded systems, their functions, and how they can be interfaced to other devices. Basic computer architecture topics, memory, address decoding techniques, ROM, RAM, DRAM, DDR, cache memory, and memory hierarchy are discussed. The book covers key architectural features of widely used microcontrollers and microprocessors, including Microchip's PIC32, ATMEL's AVR32, and Freescale's MC68000. Interfacing to an embedded system is then described. Data acquisition system level design considerations and a design example are presented with real-world parameters and characteristics. Serial interfaces such as RS-232, RS-485, PC, and USB are addressed and printed circuit boards and high-speed signal propagation over transmission lines are covered with a minimum of math. A brief survey of logic families of integrated circuits and programmable logic devices is also contained in this in-depth resource. COVERAGE INCLUDES: Architecture examples Memory Memory address decoding Read-only memory and other related devices Input and output ports Analog-to-digital and digital-to-analog converters Interfacing to external devices Transmission lines Logic families of integrated circuits and their signaling characteristics The printed circuit board Programmable logic devices Test equipment: oscilloscopes and logic analyzers

The Architecture of Computer Hardware, Systems Software and Networking is designed help students majoring in information technology (IT) and information systems (IS) understand the structure and operation of computers and computer-based devices. Requiring only basic computer skills, this accessible textbook introduces the basic principles of system architecture and explores current technological practices and trends using clear, easy-to-understand language. Throughout the text, numerous relatable examples, subject-specific illustrations, and in-depth case studies reinforce key learning points and show students how important concepts are applied in the real world. This fully-updated sixth edition features a wealth of new and revised content that reflects today's technological landscape. Organized into five parts, the book first explains the role of the computer in information systems and provides an overview of its components. Subsequent sections discuss the representation of data in the computer, hardware architecture and operational concepts, the basics of computer networking, system software and operating systems, and various interconnected systems and components. Students are introduced to the material using ideas already familiar to them, allowing them to gradually build upon what they have learned without being overwhelmed and develop a deeper knowledge of computer architecture.

This collection of short expository, critical and speculative texts offers a field guide to the cultural, political, social and aesthetic impact of software. Experts from a range of disciplines each take a key topic in software and the understanding of software, such as algorithms and logical structures.

In From Concept to Consumer, renowned product developer Phil Baker reveals exactly what it takes to create great products and bring them to market. Baker's product successes range from Apple's PowerBook to the Stowaway portable keyboard, the most successful PDA accessory ever created. Here, he walks you through the entire development process, showing how to develop products holistically, reflecting the crucial linkages between product design, engineering, testing, manufacturing, marketing, and distribution. You'll discover what makes a winning product, and why great ideas are just 5% of the process...the easiest 5%! You'll find practical guidance for planning, establishing teams, creating marketing requirements, avoiding "feature creep," prototyping, protecting intellectual property, market testing and positioning, preparing for customer service, implementing the optimal distribution strategy, and much more. After you've delivered your first breakthrough product, Baker shows how to follow up with another winner! Optimize your entire product development process Make everything work together seamlessly: from planning and engineering through distribution and marketing Get breakthrough industrial design without overpaying for it Deliver products that create a powerful emotional bond with your customer Time product delivery for maximum competitive advantage Make sure you don't reach your market too late—or too early, either Leverage Asian manufacturing without falling victim to its pitfalls Successfully coordinate even the most complex worldwide product delivery programs

This book describes novel software concepts to increase reliability under user-defined constraints. The authors' approach bridges, for the first time, the reliability gap between hardware and software. Readers will learn how to achieve increased soft error resilience on unreliable hardware, while exploiting the inherent error masking characteristics and error (stemming from soft errors, aging, and process variations) mitigations potential at different software layers.

You've bested creepers, traveled deep into caves, and maybe even gone to The End and back—but have you ever transformed a sword into a magic wand? Built a palace in the blink of an eye? Designed your own color-changing disco dance floor? In Learn to Program with Minecraft®, you'll do all this and more with the power of Python, a free language used by millions of professional and first-time programmers! Begin with some short, simple Python lessons and then use your new skills to modify Minecraft to produce instant and totally awesome results. Learn how to customize Minecraft to make mini-games, duplicate entire buildings, and turn boring blocks into gold. You'll also write programs that: -Take you on an automated teleportation tour around your Minecraft world -Build massive monuments, pyramids, forests, and more in a snap! -Make secret passageways that open when you activate a hidden switch -Create a spooky ghost town that vanishes and reappears elsewhere -Show exactly where to dig for rare blocks -Cast a spell so that a cascade of flowers (or dynamite if you're daring!) follows your every move -Make mischief with dastardly lava traps and watery curses that cause huge floods Whether you're a Minecraft megafan or a newbie, you'll see Minecraft in a whole new light while learning the basics of programming. Sure, you could spend all day mining for precious resources or building your mansion by hand, but with the power of Python, those days are over! Requires: Windows 7 or later; OS X 10.10 or later; or a Raspberry Pi. Uses Python 3

Be smarter than your computer If you don't understand computers, you can quickly be left behind in today's fast-paced, machine-dependent society. Computer Science Made Simple offers a straightforward resource for technology novices and advanced techies alike. It clarifies all you need to know, from the basic components of today's computers to using advanced applications. The perfect primer, it explains how it all comes together to make computers work. Topics covered include: * hardware * software * programming * networks * the internet * computer graphics * advanced computer concepts * computers in society Look for these Made Simple titles: Accounting Made Simple Arithmetic Made Simple Astronomy Made Simple Biology Made Simple Bookkeeping Made Simple Business Letters Made Simple Chemistry Made Simple Earth Science Made Simple English Made Simple French Made Simple German Made Simple Inglés Hecho Fácil Investing Made Simple Italian Made Simple Keyboarding Made Simple Latin Made Simple Learning English Made Simple Mathematics Made Simple The Perfect Business Plan Made Simple Philosophy Made Simple Physics Made Simple Psychology Made Simple Sign Language Made Simple Spanish Made Simple Spelling Made Simple Statistics Made Simple Your Small Business Made Simple www.broadway.com

What You Need to Know about Computers, the Internet, Privacy, and Security, Second Edition

There are many books on computers, networks, and software engineering but none that integrate the three with applications. Integration is important because, increasingly, software dominates the performance, reliability, maintainability, and availability of complex computer and systems. Books on software engineering typically portray software as if it exists in a vacuum with no relationship to the wider system. This is wrong because a system is more than software. It is comprised of people, organizations, processes, hardware, and software. All of these components must be considered in an integrative fashion when designing systems. On the other hand, books on computers and networks do not demonstrate a deep understanding of the intricacies of developing software. In this book you will learn, for example, how to quantitatively analyze the performance, reliability, maintainability, and availability of computers, networks, and software in relation to the total system. Furthermore, you will learn how to evaluate and mitigate the risk of deploying integrated systems. You will learn how to apply many models dealing with the optimization of systems. Numerous quantitative examples are provided to help you understand and interpret model results. This book can be used as a first year graduate course in computer, network, and software engineering; as an on-the-job reference for computer, network, and software engineers; and as a reference for these disciplines.

The companion Complete A+ Guide to IT Hardware and Software Lab Manual provides students hands-on practice with various computer parts, mobile devices, wired networking, wireless networking, operating systems, and security. The 155 labs are designed in a step-by-step manner that allows students to experiment with various technologies and answer questions along the way to consider the steps being taken. Some labs include challenge areas to further practice the new concepts. The labs ensure students gain the experience and confidence required to succeed in industry.

A brand-new edition of the popular introductory textbook that explores how computer hardware, software, and networks work Computers are everywhere. Some are highly visible, in laptops, tablets, cell phones, and smart watches. But most are invisible, like those in appliances, cars, medical equipment, transportation systems, power grids, and weapons. We never see the myriad computers that quietly collect, share, and sometimes leak personal data about us. Governments and companies increasingly use computers to monitor what we do. Social networks and advertisers know more about us than we should be comfortable with. Criminals have all-too-easy access to our data. Do we truly understand the power of computers in our world? In this updated edition of Understanding the Digital World, Brian Kernighan explains how computer hardware, software, and networks work. Topics include how computers are built and how they compute; what programming is; how the Internet and web operate; and how all of these affect security, privacy, property, and other important social, political, and economic issues. Kernighan touches on fundamental ideas from computer science and some of the inherent limitations of computers, and new sections in the book explore Python programming, big data, machine learning, and much more. Numerous color illustrations, notes on sources for further exploration, and a glossary explaining technical terms and buzzwords are included. Understanding the Digital World is a must-read for readers of all backgrounds who want to know more about computers and communications.

Use your Raspberry Pi to get smart about computing fundamentals In the 1980s, the tech revolution was kickstarted by a flood of relatively inexpensive, highly programmable computers like the Commodore 64. Now, a second revolution in computing is beginning with the Raspberry Pi. Learning Computer Architecture with the Raspberry Pi is the premier guide to understanding the components of the most exciting tech product available. Thanks to this book, every Raspberry Pi owner can understand how the computer works and how to access all of its hardware and software capabilities. Now, students, hackers, and casual users alike can discover how computers work with Learning Computer Architecture with the Raspberry Pi. This book explains what each and every hardware component does, how they relate to one another, and how they correspond to the components of other computing systems. You'll also learn how programming works and how the operating system relates to the Raspberry Pi's physical components. Co-authored by Eben Upton, one of the creators of the Raspberry Pi, this is a companion volume to the Raspberry Pi User Guide An affordable solution for learning about computer system design considerations and experimenting with low-level programming Understandable descriptions of the functions of memory storage, Ethernet, cameras, processors, and more Gain knowledge of computer design and operation in general by exploring the basic structure of the Raspberry Pi The Raspberry Pi was created to bring forth a new generation of computer scientists, developers, and architects who understand the inner workings of the computers that have become essential to our daily lives. Learning Computer Architecture with the Raspberry Pi is your gateway to the world of computer system design.