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Synopsis
Offering concise, readable coverage of information technology auditing, this new book helps readers understand the impact of information and communication technologies on organizations and accountants, and shows how to apply IT-auditing techniques using computer-assisted auditing tools. The book also explores security issues, legal and ethical issues, and more.* Describes the use of computer assisted audit techniques and computer fraud auditing * Explains IT audit in the context of the CobiT(r) framework. * Accompanied by a CD with ACL software, and an appendix contains an audit case requiring its usage. There is also an appendix of IT audit terminology and definitions.

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Although this is a college-level text, it can be effectively used by newly minted IT auditors to quickly learn the key knowledge and skill factors needed to function within their roles. I like and highly recommend this book because of the emphasis on COBIT (Control Objectives for IT), which is the basis for auditing per the IT Governance Institute, which is, in turn under the aegis of Information Systems Audit and Control Association. As stated by a previous reviewer, this book is wide in scope. The first three chapters cover the basics in clear prose and sufficient detail to give both students and on-the-job new practitioners all of the information needed to orient themselves in the role of an IT auditor. The emphasis on risk management in different domains is another strong point. The
chapters covering risks associated with network and telecommunications, e-business systems, and system deployments are both technically accurate and portray realistic scenarios. Chapters 9 (Conducting the IT Audit), and 10 (Fraud and Forensic Auditing) round out the topic areas, leaving no gaps in the knowledge required to be an IT auditor. The accompanying CD ROM has a software application to be used in conjunction with Appendix B case study. I did not work the case study, nor did I thoroughly exercise the application, so will refrain from making judgments about the usability or value of the application. The case study, though, was well put together and realistic, making it an ideal adjunct for class exercises, as well as working practicing auditors through real world scenarios.

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