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Assistive Technology for Visually Impaired and Blind People

Springer Science & Business Media Equal accessibility to public places and services is now required by law in many countries. For the vision-impaired, specialised technology often can provide a fuller enjoyment of the facilities of society, from large scale meetings and public entertainments to reading a book or making music. This volume explores the engineering and design principles and techniques used in assistive technology for blind and vision-impaired people. This book maintains the currency of knowledge for engineers and health workers who develop devices and services for people with sight loss, and is an excellent source of reference for students of assistive technology and rehabilitation.

Assistive Technology for Blindness and Low Vision

CRC Press Assistive technology has made it feasible for individuals with a wide range of impairments to engage in many activities, such as education and employment, in ways not previously possible. The key factor is to create consumer-driven technologies that solve the problems by addressing the needs of persons with visual impairments. Assistive Technology for Blindness and Low Vision explores a broad range of technologies that are improving the lives of these individuals. Presenting the current state of the art, this book emphasizes what can be learned from past successful products, as well as what exciting new solutions the future holds. Written by world-class leaders in their field, the chapters cover the physiological bases of vision loss and the fundamentals of orientation, mobility, and information access for blind and low vision individuals. They discuss technology for multiple applications (mobility, wayfinding, information access, education, work, entertainment), including both established technology and cutting-edge research. The book also examines computer and digital media access and the scientific basis for the theory and practice of sensory substitution. This volume provides a holistic view of the elements to consider when designing assistive technology for persons with visual impairment, keeping in mind the need for a user-driven approach to successfully design products that are easy to use, well priced, and fill a specific need. Written for a broad audience, this book provides a comprehensive overview and in-depth descriptions of current technology for designers, engineers, practitioners, rehabilitation professionals, and all readers interested in the challenges and promises of creating successful assistive technology.

Assistive Technology for Students who are Blind Or Visually Impaired

A Guide to Assessment

American Foundation for the Blind Collaborative Assessment: Working with Students Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired, Including Those with Additional Disabilities. Stephen A. Goodman and Stuart H. Wittenstein, Editors Collaborative Assessment provides a framework for developing a cooperative, interactive team of professionals from a variety of disciplines to achieve an accurate evaluation of the needs and strengths of students who are visually impaired in every area, from vision to speech and language to technology. Itinerant Teaching: Tricks of the Trade for Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments, second edition. Jean E. Olmstead This classic guide to managing the fast-moving job of an itinerant teacher of visually impaired students is completely revised and updated, with new sections on young children, children with multiple disabilities, orientation and mobility, assistive technology, and stress management.

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Access Technology for Blind and Low Vision Accessibility

APH Press "Access Technology for Blind and Low Vision Accessibility, the second edition of 2008's Assistive Technology for Students Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired: A Guide to Assessment, uses clear language to describe the range of technology solutions that exists to facilitate low vision and nonvisual access to print and digital information. Part 1 gives teachers, professionals, and families an overview of current technologies including refreshable braille displays, screen readers, 3D printers, cloud computing, tactile media, and integrated development environments. Part 2 builds on this foundation, providing readers with a conceptual and practical framework to guide a comprehensive technology evaluation process. As did its predecessor, Access Technology for Blind and Low Vision Accessibility is focused on giving people who are blind or visually impaired equal access to all activities of self-determined living, allowing them to be seamlessly integrated within their home, school, and work communities"--

Mobility of Visually Impaired People

Fundamentals and ICT Assistive Technologies

Springer This book discusses the design of the new mobility assistive information and communication technologies (ICT) devices for the visually impaired. The book begins with a definition of the space concept, followed by the concept of interaction with a space during mobility and this interaction characteristics. The contributors will then examine the neuro-cognitive basis of space perception for mobility and different theories of space perception. The text presents the existing technologies for space perception (sense recovery with stem and iPS cells, implants, brain plasticity, sensory substitution devices, multi modal technologies, etc.), the newest technologies for mobility assistance design, the way the feedback on environment is conveyed to the end-user. Methods for formative and summative evaluations of the mobility devices will also be discussed. The book concludes with a look to the future trends in research and technology development for mobility assistive information and communication technologies.

Wearable and Autonomous Biomedical Devices and Systems for Smart Environment

Issues and Characterization

Springer Science & Business Media This book is dedicated to wearable and autonomous systems, including devices, offers to variety of users, namely, master degree students, researchers and practitioners, An opportunity of a dedicated and a deep approach in order to improve their knowledge in this specific field. The book draws the attention about interesting aspects, as for instance, advanced wearable sensors for enabling applications, solutions for arthritic patients in their limited and conditioned movements, wearable gate analysis, energy harvesting, physiological parameter monitoring, communication, pathology detection , etc..

User-Centered Software Development for the Blind and Visually Impaired: Emerging Research and Opportunities

Emerging Research and Opportunities

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computer interaction, this book is ideally designed for software developers, computer engineers, designers, academics, researchers, professionals, and educators interested in current research on usable and accessible technologies.

Assistive Technologies for People with Diverse Abilities

Springer Science & Business Media The familiar image of the disabled tends to emphasize their limitations and reduced quality of life. However, many people with cognitive, motor, and other difficulties also have the capacity to enhance their social interactions, leisure pursuits and daily activities with the aid of assistive technology. Assistive devices from the simple to the sophisticated, have become essential to intervention programs for this population. And not surprisingly the numbers of devices available are growing steadily. Assistive Technologies for People with Diverse Abilities offers expert analysis of pertinent issues coupled with practical discussion of solutions for effective support. Its comprehensive literature review describes current and emerging devices and presents evidence-based guidelines for matching promising technologies to individuals. Program outcomes are assessed, as are their potential impact on the future of the field. In addition, chapters provide detailed descriptions of the personal and social needs of the widest range of individuals with congenital and acquired conditions, including: Acquired brain damage. Communication impairment. Attention and learning difficulties (with special focus on college students). Visual impairment and blindness. Autism spectrum disorders. Behavioral and occupational disorders. Alzheimer's disease. Severe, profound and multiple impairments. The scope and depth of coverage makes Assistive Technologies for People with Diverse Abilities an invaluable resource for researchers, professionals and graduate students in developmental psychology, rehabilitation medicine, educational technology, occupational therapy, speech pathology and clinical psychology.

Vision on Assistive Technology

A Guide for the Blind and Visually Impaired and Their Assistants

Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness

Emerging Trends in IoT and Integration with Data Science, Cloud Computing, and Big Data Analytics

IGI Global The internet of things (IoT) has emerged to address the need for connectivity and seamless integration with other devices as well as big data platforms for analytics. However, there are challenges that IoT-based applications face including design and implementation issues; connectivity problems; data gathering, storing, and analyzing in cloud-based environments; and IoT security and privacy issues. Emerging Trends in IoT and Integration with Data Science, Cloud Computing, and Big Data Analytics is a critical reference source that provides theoretical frameworks and research findings on IoT and big data integration. Highlighting topics that include wearable sensors, machine learning, machine intelligence, and mobile computing, this book serves professionals who want to improve their understanding of the strategic role of trust at different levels of the information and knowledge society. It is therefore of most value to data scientists, computer scientists, data analysts, IT specialists, academicians, professionals, researchers, and students working in the field of information and knowledge management in various disciplines that include but are not limited to information and communication sciences, administrative sciences and management, education, sociology, computer science, etc. Moreover, the book provides insights and supports executives concerned with the management of expertise, knowledge, information, and organizational development in different types of work communities and environments.

Handbook of Research on Emerging Trends and Applications of Machine Learning

IGI Global As today's world continues to advance, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a field that has become a staple of technological development and led to the advancement of numerous professional industries. An application within AI that has gained attention is machine learning. Machine learning uses statistical techniques and algorithms to give computer systems the ability to understand and its popularity has circulated through many trades. Understanding this technology and its countless implementations is pivotal for scientists and researchers across the world. The Handbook of Research on Emerging Trends and Applications of Machine Learning provides a high-level understanding of various machine learning algorithms along with modern tools and techniques using Artificial Intelligence. In addition, this book explores the critical role that machine learning plays in a variety of professional fields including healthcare, business, and computer science. While highlighting topics including image processing, predictive analytics, and smart grid management, this book is ideally designed for developers, data scientists, business analysts, information architects, finance agents, healthcare professionals, researchers, retail traders, professors, and graduate students seeking current research on the benefits, implementations, and trends of machine learning.

Advances in Robotics and Virtual Reality

Springer Science & Business Media A beyond human knowledge and reach, robotics is strongly involved in tackling challenges of new emerging multidisciplinary fields. Together with humans, robots are busy exploring and working on the new generation of ideas and problems whose solution is otherwise impossible to find. The future is near when robots will sense, smell and touch people and their lives. Behind this practical aspect of human-robotics, there is a half a century spanned robotics research, which transformed robotics into a modern science. The Advances in Robotics and Virtual Reality is a compilation of emerging application areas of robotics. The book covers robotics role in medicine, space exploration and also explains the role of virtual reality as a non-destructive test bed which constitutes a premise of further advances towards new challenges in robotics. This book, edited by two famous scientists with the support of an outstanding team of fifteen authors, is a well suited reference for robotics researchers and scholars from related disciplines such as computer graphics, virtual simulation, surgery, biomechanics and neuroscience.

Universal Access in Human-Computer Interaction. Design for All and Inclusion

6th International Conference, UAHCI 2011, Held as Part of HCI International 2011, Orlando, FL, USA, July 9-14, 2011, Proceedings

Springer Science & Business Media

Adaptive Technology for the Internet

Making Electronic Resources Accessible to All

Amer Library Assn Provides product information on such technologies as Braille screen, voice recognition systems, and hearing assistance devices necessary to meet Americans with Disabilities Act stipulations.

On the Special Needs of Blind and Low Vision Seniors

Research and Practice Concepts

IOS Press Main headings: I. Basic positions. - II. Epidemiology and medical-ophthalmological research. - III. Psychosocial issues and daily living skills in different settings: empirical and conceptual contributions. - IV. Intervention and rehabilitation: empirical and conceptual contributions. - V. Educational issues: programs, media, self-help and new technologies. - VI. Learning from each other in an international perspective. - VII. Look into the future.

The Visually Handicapped Child in School

John Day Company, Incorporated

Collaborative Assessment

Working with Students Who Are Blind Or Visually Impaired, Including Those with Additional Disabilities

American Foundation for the Blind Collaborative Assessment is designed to help all professionals who work with visually impaired students understand the impact of visual impairment on assessing students' learning potential. Written by the expert assessment team at the California School for the Blind, this book focuses on evaluating students in a variety of areas, including psychology, speech and language, orientation and mobility, and technology, and provides a framework for developing a cooperative, interactive team of professionals from a variety of disciplines to achieve accurate evaluation of the needs and strengths of students. School psychologists, speech and language pathologists, administrators, teachers, and parents will find this book invaluable. Includes helpful forms and checklists and annotated lists of assessments in each area.

To Be Honest

Lead with the Power of Truth, Justice and Purpose

Kogan Page Publishers Under what conditions will people tell the truth, behave fairly and act with purpose at work? And when will they lie, cheat and be selfish? Based on 15 years of research, *To Be Honest* explains how four factors (Clear Identity, Accountability, Governance and Cross-Functional Relationships) affect honesty, justice and purpose within a company. When these factors are absent or ineffective, the organizational conditions compel employees to choose dishonesty and self-interest. But when done well, the organization is 16 times more likely to have people tell the truth, behave fairly and serve a greater good. *To Be Honest* shares the stories of leaders who have acted with purpose, honesty and justice even when it was difficult to do so. In-depth interviews with CEOs and senior executives from exemplar companies such as Patagonia, Cabot Creamery, Microsoft and others reveal what it takes to build purpose-driven companies of honesty and justice. Interviews with thought leaders like Jonathan Haidt, Amy Edmondson, Dan Ariely and James Detert offer rich insights on how leaders can become more honest and purposeful. You'll learn how Hubert Joly took Best Buy from a company on the brink of bankruptcy to one that is profitable, thriving and purposeful. Filled with real-life examples, *To Be Honest* offers actionable steps, practical tools and approaches that any leader or manager can use to create a culture of purpose, honesty and justice.

Electronic Travel AIDS

New Directions for Research

National Academies Press

Assistive Technology for the Hearing-impaired, Deaf and Deafblind

Springer Science & Business Media Affirmative legislative action in many countries now requires that public spaces and services be made accessible to disabled people. Although this is often interpreted as access for people with mobility impairments, such legislation also covers those who are hearing or vision impaired. In these cases, it is often the provision of advanced technological devices and aids which enables people with sensory impairments to enjoy the theatre, cinema or a public meeting to the full. *Assistive Technology for the Hearing-impaired, Deaf and Deafblind* shows the student of rehabilitation technology how this growing technical provision can be used to support those with varying reductions in auditory ability and the deafblind in modern society. Features: instruction in the physiology of the ear together with methods of measurement of hearing levels and loss; the principles of electrical engineering used in assistive technology for the hearing impaired; description and demonstration of electrical engineering used in hearing aids and other communications enhancement technologies; explanation of many devices designed for every-day living in terms of generic electrical engineering; sections of practical projects and investigations which will give the reader ideas for student work and for self teaching. The contributors are internationally recognised experts from the fields of audiology, electrical engineering, signal processing, telephony and assistive technology. Their combined expertise makes *Assistive Technology for the Hearing-impaired, Deaf and Deafblind* an excellent text for advanced students in assistive and rehabilitation technology and to professional engineers and medics working in assistive technology who wish to maintain an up-to-date knowledge of current engineering advances.

Fully Present

The Science, Art, and Practice of Mindfulness

Da Capo Lifelong Books Explores the practical art and science of mindfulness as it relates to the traditions of Buddhism with a helpful guide to improving a mindful stance and an awareness of life experiences in any situation or circumstance.

Computers Helping People with Special Needs

13th International Conference, ICCHP 2012, Linz, Austria, July 11-13, 2012, Proceedings, Part I

Springer The two-volume set LNCS 7382 and 7383 constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 13th International Conference on Computers Helping People with Special Needs, ICCHP 2012, held in Linz, Austria, in July 2012. The 147 revised full papers and 42 short papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 364 submissions. The papers included in the first volume are organized in the following topical sections: universal learning design; putting the disabled student in charge: user focused technology in education; access to mathematics and science; policy and service provision; creative design for inclusion, virtual user models for designing and using inclusive products; web accessibility in advanced technologies, website accessibility metrics; entertainment software accessibility; document and media accessibility; inclusion by accessible social media; a new era for document accessibility: understanding, managing and implementing the ISO standard PDF/UA; and human-computer interaction and usability for elderly.

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The Marrakesh Treaty – Helping to end the global book famine

WIPO This short leaflet introduces the Marrakesh Treaty and explains how WIPO is working with partner organizations to promote inclusive publishing.

Cook & Hussey's Assistive Technologies

Elsevier Health Sciences It's here: the latest edition of the one text you need to master assistive strategies, make confident clinical decisions, and help improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. Based on the Human Activity Assistive Technology (HAAT) model, *Assistive Technologies: Principles and Practice, 4th Edition* provides detailed coverage of the broad range of devices, services, and practices that comprise assistive technology, and focuses on the relationship between the human user and the assisted activity within specific contexts. Updated and expanded, this new edition features coverage of new ethical issues, more explicit applications of the HAAT model, and a variety of global issues highlighting technology applications and service delivery in developing countries. Human Activity Assistive Technology (HAAT) framework demonstrates assistive technology within common, everyday contexts for more relevant application. Focus on clinical application guides you in applying concepts to real-world situations. Review questions and chapter summaries in each chapter help you assess your understanding and identify areas where more study is needed. Content on the impact of AT on children and the role of AT in play and education for children with disabilities demonstrates how AT can be used for early intervention and to enhance development. Coverage of changing AT needs throughout the lifespan emphasizes how AT fits into people's lives and contributes to their full participation in society. Principles and practice of assistive technology provides the foundation for effective decision-making. NEW! Global issues content broadens the focus of application beyond North America to include technology applications and service delivery in developing countries. NEW! Ethical issues and occupational justice content exposes you to vital information as you start interacting with clients. NEW! More case studies added throughout the text foster an understanding of how assistive technologies are used and how they function. NEW! Updated content reflects current technology and helps keep you current. NEW! Explicit applications of the HAAT model in each of the chapters on specific technologies and more emphasis on the interactions among the elements make content even easier to understand.

Handbook of Special Education Technology Research and Practice

Design Books An authoritative single-volume reference documenting the latest research and practice developments in special education technology. Features 41 chapters by over 90 internationally renowned authors. Essential reading for special education teachers, administrators, teacher educators, graduate students, technology specialists, researchers, and policy makers.

The Digital Scholar: Academic Communication in Multimedia Environment

Frank & Timme GmbH The forms and genres of academic communication have changed considerably over the past decades - from standardised ways of producing texts on/for paper to a (less?) standardised way of communication in Web 2.0. Published papers are now available to a greater number of readers, interaction among colleagues can take place in real time via written, audio or visual formats, and it has become much more comfortable for students as well as for those outside the scientific community to access academic information and to contact its authors. It seems, however, that many aspects of academic communication have not yet changed, and its participants - either in the „old“ or in the „new“ generation - are ill-equipped to work within the multimedia context. This volume, therefore, takes a look at academic communication in the multimedia environment, in order to throw light on how these processes are linked to new multimedia affordances, while at the same time encapsulating old genre conventions and participant interaction with the medium.

The 4 Habits of All Successful Relationships

A Handbook for Improving Your Relationships at Home at Work and in Life

Grace and Down Publishing Successful relationships take work and wisdom. TEDx speakers, Jon and Andrea Taylor-Cummings share the four habits demonstrated by every successful relationship. By learning the principles and techniques that underpin these 4 habits, we can all change our behaviours from habits that damage relationships to habits that strengthen them, on purpose.

Efficacy of Assistive Technology Interventions

Emerald Group Publishing The Advances in Special Education Technology series is designed to focus international attention on applications of technology for individuals with disabilities.

Remote Research

Real Users, Real Time, Real Research

Rosenfeld Media Remote studies allow you to recruit subjects quickly, cheaply, and immediately, and give you the opportunity to observe users as they behave naturally in their own environment. In Remote Research, Nate Bolt and Tony Tulathimutte teach you how to design and conduct remote research studies, top to bottom, with little more than a phone and a laptop.

Assistive Technology Assessment Handbook

CRC Press Assistive Technology Assessment Handbook, Second Edition, proposes an international ideal model for the assistive technology assessment process, outlining how this model can be applied in practice to re-conceptualize the phases of an assistive technology delivery system according to the biopsychosocial model of disability. The model provides reference guidelines for evidence-based practice, guiding both public and private centers that wish to compare, evaluate, and improve their ability to match a person with the correct technology model. This second edition also offers a contribution to the Global Cooperation on Assistive Technology (GATE) initiative, whose activities are strongly focused on the assistive products service delivery model. Organized into three parts, the handbook: gives readers a toolkit for performing assessments; describes the roles of the assessment team members, among them the new profession of psychotechnologist; and reviews technologies for rehabilitation and independent living, including brain-computer interfaces, exoskeletons, and technologies for music therapy. Edited by Stefano Federici and Marcia J. Scherer, this cross-cultural handbook includes contributions from leading experts across five continents, offering a framework for future practice and research.

Cognitive Infocommunications (CogInfoCom)

Springer This book describes the theoretical foundations of cognitive infocommunications (CogInfoCom), and provides a survey on state-of-the-art solutions and applications within the field. The book covers aspects of cognitive infocommunications in research fields such as affective computing, BCI, future internet, HCI, HRI, sensory substitution, and virtual/augmented interactions, and also introduces newly proposed paradigms and initiatives under the field, including CogInfoCom channels, speechability and socio-cognitive ICT. The book focuses on describing the merging between humans and information and communications technology (ICT) at the level of cognitive capabilities with an approach towards developing future cognitive ICT.

User-Centered Software Development for the Blind and Visually Impaired: Emerging Research and Opportunities

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Ict And Special Educational Needs

A Tool for Inclusion

McGraw-Hill Education (UK) A reference for teachers interested in the uses of ICT as a tool to promote the inclusion of learners with special educational needs. It considers the role of technology in overcoming barriers of access to the curriculum and offers examinations of ICT as a teaching tool to raise standards for all.

Students Who Are Blind Or Have Low Vision

A Resource for Educators = Nga Akonga Kapo, He Kaha Kore Te Aheinga Kite Ranei: He Rauemi Ma Te Kaiwhakaako

"This booklet examines how blindness and low vision can influence learning and provides strategies teachers can use in the classroom"--Page 3.

Teaching Learners with Visual Impairment

AOSIS This book, **Teaching Learners with Visual Impairment**, focuses on holistic support to learners with visual impairment in and beyond the classroom and school context. Special attention is given to classroom practice, learning support, curriculum differentiation and assessment practices, to mention but a few areas of focus covered in the book. In this manner, this book makes a significant contribution to the existing body of knowledge on the implementation of inclusive education policy with learners affected by visual impairment.

Human Rights and Disability Advocacy

University of Pennsylvania Press Human Rights and Disability Advocacy brings together perspectives from civil society representatives who played key roles in the drafting of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, shedding light on the emergent practices of a "new diplomacy" and the larger enterprise of human rights advocacy at the international level.