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This book provides a comprehensive and balanced review of Customer Relationship Management. It explains what CRM is, the benefits it delivers, the contexts in which it is used, the technologies that are deployed, and how it can be implemented. Rather than being tied to any single perspective, the book identifies and explores four different forms of CRM - strategic, operational, analytical and collaborative. Technology is a key attribute of CRM, but this book puts that technology into a managerial and operational context. Although a number of chapters are dedicated to technology issues, and technology is considered throughout the book, the book is not about technology, per se. Rather it is about how CRM technologies can be used to enhance the achievement of marketing, sales, and service objectives, and support broader organizational goals.

To ensure it is both theoretically sound and managerially relevant, the book draws on academic and independent research. Findings from a wide range of academic disciplines contribute to the book, including marketing, sales, customer service, human resources, technology management, strategy, change management, project management, leadership, operations, management accounting, finance, and organisational behaviour. Supplementing these academic credentials, the book also makes use of research conducted by independent analysts such as Gartner and Forrester, two organizations that conduct leading-edge, state-of-the-art research into CRM and related areas.

The book explains how CRM can be used throughout the customer life-cycle stages of customer acquisition, retention and development. It is liberally illustrated both with screenshots from CRM software applications, and case illustrations of CRM in practice.

Ideal for use as a core textbook by students on CRM or related courses such as relationship marketing, database marketing or key account management, the book is equally valuable for industry professionals. This includes those pursuing professional qualifications or accreditation in marketing, sales or service management, and mid-level to senior managers who are involved in CRM programs and system implementations, whether in a marketing department, the sales force or the service centre.

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