



Organizing Knowledge

An Introduction to Managing Access to Information

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The fourth edition of this standard student text, *Organizing Knowledge*, incorporates extensive revisions reflecting the increasing shift towards a networked and digital information environment, and its impact on documents, information, knowledge, users and managers.

Offering a broad-based overview of the approaches and tools used in the structuring and dissemination of knowledge, it is written in an accessible style and well illustrated with figures and examples. The book has been structured into three parts and twelve chapters and has been thoroughly updated throughout.

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This is a key introductory text for undergraduate and postgraduate students of information management.

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