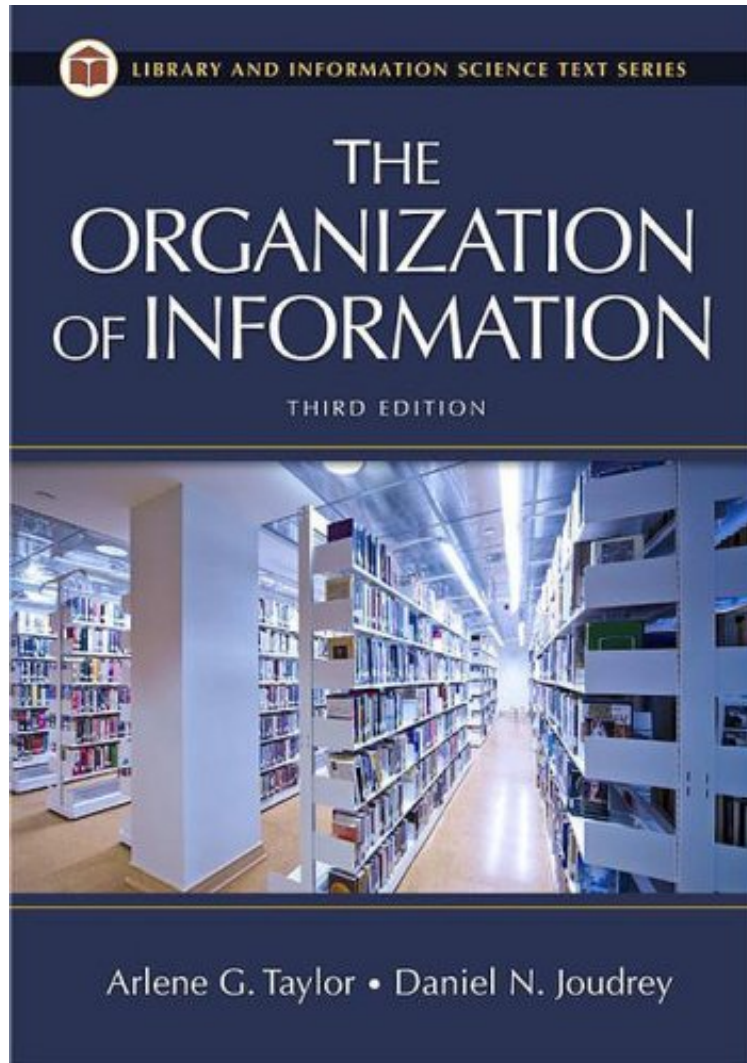


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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Not very clear. Better, perhaps, for those with some previous cataloging experience. By K. Swope As a student nearly finished with her ALA accredited MLIS, I felt that this was not a clear textbook. There were frequent editing issues that, at times, made comprehending the material distracting or, at worse, difficult. The lack of examples and flow made it difficult for me, personally, to feel I learned from the book.

While I am aware of the discussion/debate about terms and meanings such as "cataloging" and "metadata," many of the other terms in the book are not solidly defined and terms with variations are not used with a consistent tone for better comprehension. This book may work better for those that have some previous experience in cataloging or metadata. I would not suggest it for those that learn better with examples, as the book tends to try and write out many explanations that could have better been conveyed with comparative illustrated examples. As the subject matter largely covers digital cataloging and metadata, encoding standards, and systems and system design, visual examples of entries would be of greater help than attempting to write a description of an entry out. I would not consider this a textbook for beginners/novices. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Overview on Library Topics By Stacey B. This is one of the first books that I've used for my MLIS degree that I've started recently. I'm actually really enjoying reading it. The writing is presented in a way that isn't boring or hard to read and it's one of the few books that I've been required to read for school that actually keeps my attention and doesn't make me want to take a nap. The points discussed in it are interesting and I like the lists of suggested readings at the end of each chapter. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Solid Introductory Text By TheDoc Though it's not a page turner (what textbook is?), this is a really solid introduction to cataloging and information organization. It was the most useful of my MLIS textbooks by far and one I'll keep as a reference for a long time to come.

This third edition of Taylor's modern classic continues to articulate the theory, principles, standards, and tools behind information organization. As with previous editions, it begins with strong justification for the continued importance of organizing principles and practice. Following a broad overview of the concept and its role in human endeavors, Taylor and Joudrey provide a detailed and insightful discussion of such basic retrieval tools as inventories, bibliographies, catalogs, indexes, finding aids, registers, databases, major bibliographic utilities, and other organizing entities; and subsequently trace the development of the organization of recorded information in Western civilization from 2000 B.C.E. to the present. Standards of codification (MARC, SGML, and various DTDs), controlled vocabularies and ontologies, and Web 2.0 technologies are but a sample of its extensive topical coverage. The Organization of Information remains the title of choice for students and professionals eager to embrace the heritage, immediacy, and future of this fascinating field of study.

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