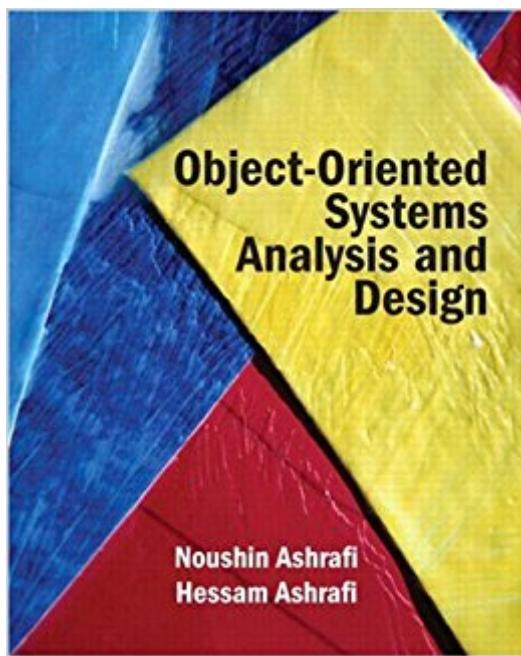


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KEY BENEFIT: This text teaches students object-oriented systems analysis and design in a highly practical and accessible way.**KEY TOPICS:** Information systems, information technology, the concept of "applications", information systems as products, the enterprise of software development, and infrastructural information systems. For business professionals who would like a firm grounding in object-oriented systems and theory.

This is the most poorly-written textbook I have ever read. Since I bought it for a course I'm taking to change careers after having already received two previous four-year degrees, I've read a lot of them. It's poorly-written, confusing, replete with unnecessary and unrelated extended metaphors, and contains numerous grammatical and even orthographical mistakes. Much of the "text" is taken up with extended quotations of other authors or "adaptations" of other authors, and, when the author needs to take up more space, he fills numerous half pages with useless "diagrams" that tell the reader nothing that the text didn't already explain (except, perhaps, that the author bought some bargain-bin clipart CD-ROM back in 1993). For instance, to show what "stakeholders" means, he includes a random (and hideous) clipart sketch of a bunch of soulless people wearing 80's business

wear sitting around a table. Yeah, thanks, that helped a lot. . . no, wait, it didn't. In short, the whole work has the feel of an essay written by a middle-schooler that needed to be a certain length, but for which the poor middle-schooler only had one page worth of useful information. So, he went back, padded the margins, reworded every single sentence to be as long as possible, added every redundant quotation he could think of, added unnecessary and unhelpful analogies every other paragraph, and then, in desperation, filled up entire half pages with illustrations. . . seriously. The author (or, rather authors) of this book may know what they're doing in their work, but they clearly have no idea how to write about it.

This book was honestly one of the more confusing textbooks I've read. The definitions were unclear and relied too much on assumed knowledge. Moreover, the diagrams were never well explained and the authors took too long to make a point. When your chapter sub-headings need a tl;dr to make a point, you know that you have a problem. The book also fails to recognize Agile management style, opting to only write ONE paragraph about it then move back into waterfall. Poorly written book. Find either an online resource (IBM has free documentation on their website) or a book written in more concise language.

This is the most painful book I have ever had to read. It drones on and on in circles rather than getting to the point. Pretty much every chapter has multiple instances where the book takes multiple paragraphs to convey a point that can be made in 3 sentences or less. This book wouldn't be worth the price tag at 25% of its cost. If it were not for a class I would return it promptly. Alas, I am stuck with it.

This was THE worst textbook I ever had to read for a class. It's too wordy, explanations have no point (and make no damn sense)... even the outlines and review questions/answers are horrible. A few of the test questions refer to examples in the book... which is terrible (how can we remember every detail from the book during a TEST.. without any references?!?!) It was really frustrating to read this book for a class that I had high interest in.

I've read computer science text books and business text books, but this book, which tries to be both is horrible. As a senior in college, I'm sad to say that is this is the worst text book I've ever had to read. After reading several chapters I don't have a grasp on any topic covered thus far, nor do I understand anything the writers are trying to describe. At several points in the book I have had to

scratch my head and wonder what the sentence I just read means. I re-read the sentence, and still have no clue. The book feels bloated with double-speak and over-wordiness in an effort to simply make it longer. My class required the book for assignments, and I only bought the book for that purpose. I'm completing the assignments and never reading this again. Purchased the Kindle version for \$62 which is an outrage. No electronic book should ever cost more than \$20 because IT'S JUST BITS. There's no printing, there's no paper, there's no shipping and there's no reason I should have to pay that much.

When a book has a section at the back of every chapter called "Confusing Terms," what does that say about how well the book explains the material? No wonder information system design is a chaotic mess. With textbooks like these, I'm scared to see what the next generation of System developers will come up with.

I'm trying to get through this books for class, but am getting pretty fed up w the authors' use unnecessary words and improper use of English. Example: "The road to finding classes is not a clear-cut route with unambiguous signposts. Some points along the road have to be revisited after the first encounter. False steps and blind alleys await us. But it is not a pointless or random journey (Ashrafi 2009. p.261.)." It reads more like a fortune cookie than an academic text. How this book ever got to be published is beyond comprehension. Or as the authors might have put it: "Reading of this textbook is not expected to be clear-cut and unambiguous. Many paragraphs along the way will need to be revisited many times after the first encounter. But it is indeed a pointless or random journey..."

Terribly written. Dry, technical and painful.

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