

# A MATRIX FOR ETHICAL DECISION MAKING IN A PANDEMIC

A MATRIX FOR ETHICAL DECISION MAKING IN A PANDEMIC NAVIGATING THE MORAL MAZE A DATA-DRIVEN MATRIX FOR ETHICAL DECISION-MAKING IN A PANDEMIC PANDEMICS EXPOSE THE RAW NERVE OF ETHICAL DILEMMAS THE COVID-19 CRISIS FOR INSTANCE FORCED UNPRECEDENTED CHOICES ABOUT RESOURCE ALLOCATION INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH OFTEN WITH INCOMPLETE INFORMATION AND UNDER IMMENSE PRESSURE DEVELOPING A ROBUST FRAMEWORK FOR ETHICAL DECISION-MAKING DURING SUCH CRISES IS NO LONGER A PHILOSOPHICAL EXERCISE ITS A NECESSITY THIS ARTICLE PROPOSES A DATA-DRIVEN MATRIX INCORPORATING INDUSTRY TRENDS AND EXPERT PERSPECTIVES TO NAVIGATE THE MORAL COMPLEXITIES OF FUTURE PANDEMICS THE MATRIX A FRAMEWORK FOR ETHICAL NAVIGATION OUR PROPOSED MATRIX USES FOUR KEY DIMENSIONS 1 PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT THIS ASSESSES THE POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES OF A DECISION ON THE OVERALL POPULATION'S HEALTH DATA POINTS INCLUDE INFECTION RATES MORTALITY RATES HEALTHCARE SYSTEM CAPACITY AND LONG-TERM HEALTH IMPACTS A HIGH SCORE INDICATES A SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE IMPACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH 2 INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS LIBERTIES THIS DIMENSION EVALUATES THE EXTENT TO WHICH A DECISION INFRINGES UPON INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS LIKE MOVEMENT ASSEMBLY AND PRIVACY HIGH SCORES INDICATE SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS ON INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS DATA HERE MIGHT INCLUDE LEGAL CHALLENGES TO RESTRICTIONS PUBLIC COMPLIANCE RATES AND SOCIOLOGICAL STUDIES ON THE IMPACTS OF CONFINEMENT 3 ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EQUITY THIS CRUCIAL FACTOR EXAMINES THE DISTRIBUTIONAL EFFECTS OF DECISIONS DO CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION BEAR A DISPROPORTIONATE BURDEN DATA MIGHT INCLUDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES INCOME INEQUALITY ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE RESOURCES ACROSS DIFFERENT DEMOGRAPHICS AND THE IMPACT ON ESSENTIAL SERVICES 4 TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY THIS DIMENSION ASSESSES THE OPENNESS AND JUSTIFICATIONS BEHIND DECISIONS WERE DECISIONS MADE TRANSPARENTLY WERE PROCESSES CLEAR AND AUDITABLE HIGH SCORES INDICATE A STRONG COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY UTILIZING METRICS LIKE PUBLIC ACCESS TO DATA INDEPENDENT AUDITS AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF DIVERSE 2 STAKEHOLDERS IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS VISUALIZING THE MATRIX IMAGINE A FOUR-QUADRANT GRAPH EACH QUADRANT REPRESENTS A COMBINATION OF HIGH OR LOW SCORES ACROSS TWO DIMENSIONS FOR EXAMPLE A DECISION SCORING HIGH ON PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT AND LOW ON INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS MIGHT FALL IN THE TOP-LEFT QUADRANT BY PLOTTING DECISIONS WITHIN THIS MATRIX WE CAN VISUALIZE TRADEOFFS AND IDENTIFY

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS CASE STUDIES ILLUSTRATING THE MATRIX IN ACTION MANDATING LOCKDOWNS COVID19 THIS DECISION SCORED HIGH ON PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT REDUCING TRANSMISSION BUT ALSO HIGH ON INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS RESTRICTIONS LIMITING MOVEMENT AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EQUITY SCORES VARIED DEPENDING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS IN PLACE TRANSPARENCY VARIED WIDELY ACROSS JURISDICTIONS PRIORITIZING VACCINE DISTRIBUTION COVID19 ETHICAL DEBATES RAGED OVER PRIORITIZING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS HIGH PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT HIGH EQUITY VERSUS PRIORITIZING ESSENTIAL WORKERS BALANCING PUBLIC HEALTH WITH ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS TRANSPARENCY IN ALLOCATION CRITERIA WAS CRUCIAL FOR BUILDING TRUST CONTACT TRACING APPS COVID19 THESE PRESENTED A CONFLICT BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH BENEFITS FASTER IDENTIFICATION OF CASES AND INDIVIDUAL PRIVACY CONCERNS THE SUCCESS OF THESE APPS DEPENDED HEAVILY ON THE BALANCE STRUCK BETWEEN THESE TWO DIMENSIONS ALONGSIDE TRANSPARENCY REGARDING DATA USAGE INDUSTRY TRENDS AND EXPERT INSIGHTS ETHICAL FRAMEWORKS ARE NOT STATIC THEY MUST ADAPT TO THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES POSED BY EACH PANDEMIC SAYS DR ANYA SHARMA A LEADING BIOETHICIST AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY SHE EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF INCORPORATING REALTIME DATA AND DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES IN ETHICAL DELIBERATIONS THE RISE OF AI AND BIG DATA ANALYTICS OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR CREATING MORE ROBUST DATADRIVEN MATRICES PREDICTIVE MODELING CAN ASSESS POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON DIFFERENT POPULATION GROUPS ALLOWING FOR MORE EQUITABLE DECISIONMAKING HOWEVER THE ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF USING AI IN SUCH SENSITIVE CONTEXTS MUST BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BIAS IN ALGORITHMS AND DATA PRIVACY CONCERNS REMAIN SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION EFFECTIVELY USING THIS MATRIX DEMANDS INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS 3 ETHICISTS ECONOMISTS SOCIAL SCIENTISTS AND LEGAL SCHOLARS MUST WORK TOGETHER TO COLLECT ANALYZE AND INTERPRET DATA ENSURING A HOLISTIC PERSPECTIVE CALL TO ACTION DEVELOPING AND REFINING THIS MATRIX REQUIRES A CONCERTED EFFORT FROM GOVERNMENTS RESEARCHERS AND THE PUBLIC WE NEED INVESTMENT IN DATA INFRASTRUCTURE TO COLLECT AND ANALYZE RELEVANT DATA DURING PANDEMICS DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDIZED ETHICAL GUIDELINES PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR CONSISTENT DECISIONMAKING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION TO FOSTER INFORMED DISCUSSIONS ABOUT ETHICAL TRADEOFFS CONTINUOUS EVALUATION AND ADAPTATION TO IMPROVE THE MATRIX BASED ON EXPERIENCE AND EVOLVING CIRCUMSTANCES FAQs 1 HOW CAN WE ENSURE EQUITY IN RESOURCE ALLOCATION USING THIS MATRIX BY CAREFULLY MONITORING AND ANALYZING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EQUITY DIMENSION ENSURING THAT DECISIONS DONT DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT VULNERABLE GROUPS THIS REQUIRES DISAGGREGATED DATA AND TARGETED INTERVENTIONS 2 WHAT IF DIFFERENT ETHICAL PRINCIPLES CONFLICT THE MATRIX HIGHLIGHTS POTENTIAL CONFLICTS PRIORITIZATION REQUIRES TRANSPARENT DELIBERATION CONSIDERING THE POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES AND JUSTIFICATIONS FOR EACH CHOICE 3 HOW CAN WE MITIGATE BIAS IN DATA USED FOR

DECISIONMAKING RIGOROUS DATA COLLECTION AUDITING ALGORITHMS FOR BIAS AND DIVERSE TEAMS INTERPRETING DATA ARE CRUCIAL FOR MINIMIZING BIAS 4 WHAT ROLE DOES PUBLIC TRUST PLAY IN ETHICAL DECISIONMAKING DURING A PANDEMIC HIGH TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ARE VITAL FOR BUILDING AND MAINTAINING PUBLIC TRUST WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR EFFECTIVE PANDEMIC RESPONSE 5 CAN THIS MATRIX BE USED FOR OTHER CRISES BESIDES PANDEMICS ABSOLUTELY THIS FRAMEWORK CAN BE ADAPTED TO ANALYZE ETHICAL CHALLENGES IN OTHER LARGESCALE EMERGENCIES LIKE NATURAL DISASTERS OR CLIMATE CHANGE BY MODIFYING THE DIMENSIONS TO REFLECT THE SPECIFIC CONTEXT BY ADOPTING A DATADRIVEN APPROACH AND FOSTERING OPEN DIALOGUE WE CAN NAVIGATE THE COMPLEX ETHICAL LANDSCAPE OF FUTURE PANDEMICS MAKING DECISIONS THAT PROTECT BOTH PUBLIC HEALTH AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS THE CREATION AND CONTINUOUS REFINEMENT OF THIS MATRIX REPRESENTS A CRUCIAL STEP TOWARDS A MORE ETHICAL AND EQUITABLE FUTURE 4

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ARE GOOD AND BAD OUTCOMES SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED BY THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS ITSELF INDEED THEY ARE IN THAT CERTAIN DECISION MAKING TECHNIQUES AND PRACTICES LIMIT THE ABILITY OF POLICYMAKERS TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS AND ADVANCE THE NATIONAL INTEREST THE SUCCESS OF POLICY OFTEN TURNS ON THE QUALITY OF THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS MARK SCHAFFER AND SCOTT CRICHLAW IDENTIFY THE FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO GOOD AND BAD POLICYMAKING SUCH AS THE PERSONALITIES OF POLITICAL LEADERS THE STRUCTURE OF DECISION MAKING GROUPS AND THE NATURE OF THE EXCHANGE BETWEEN PARTICIPATING INDIVIDUALS ANALYZING THIRTY NINE FOREIGN POLICY CASES ACROSS NINE ADMINISTRATIONS AND INCORPORATING BOTH STATISTICAL ANALYSES AND CASE STUDIES INCLUDING A DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE DECISION TO INVADE IRAQ IN 2003 THE AUTHORS PINPOINT THE FACTORS THAT ARE LIKELY TO LEAD TO SUCCESSFUL OR FAILED DECISION MAKING AND THEY SUGGEST WAYS TO IMPROVE THE PROCESS SCHAFFER AND CRICHLAW SHOW HOW THE STAFFING OF KEY OFFICES AND THE STRUCTURE OF CENTRAL DECISION MAKING BODIES DETERMINE THE PATH OF AN ADMINISTRATION EVEN BEFORE TOPICS ARE INTRODUCED ADDITIONALLY THEY LINK THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF LEADERS TO THE QUALITY OF THEIR DECISION PROCESSING THERE IS NO GREATER WORK AVAILABLE ON UNDERSTANDING AND IMPROVING THE DYNAMICS OF CONTEMPORARY DECISION MAKING

ALL COUNTRIES CONFRONT THE PROBLEM OF PROVIDING FOR DEPENDENT NEGLECTED AND <sup>1</sup> ABUSED CHILDREN WHILE THE EXACT FORM OF INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE WILL DIFFER IN RELATION TO A COUNTRY S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURE ITS CULTURE AND ITS TRADITION THE SAME GENERAL KINDS OF CHILD WELFARE SERVICES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED <sup>2</sup> EVERYWHERE LITERATURE FROM THE UNITED STATES CANADA AND SEVERAL WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES REFLECTS A SHARED CONCERN ABOUT CHILDREN WHO RESIDE IN UNPLANNED SUBSTITUTE CARE ARRANGEMENTS AND A GROWING RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF <sup>3</sup> MAKING PERMANENT PLANS FOR THESE CHILDREN THE AMERICAN RESPONSE TO THIS PROBLEM TOOK SHAPE IN THE EARLY 1970S WHEN GOVERNMENT AT THE LOCAL STATE AND <sup>4</sup> FEDERAL LEVELS UNDERTOOK TO FUND PERMANENCY PLANNING PROJECTS PERMANENCY PLANNING PROJECTS WERE CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING AND TESTING PROCEDURES THAT WOULD INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT CHILDREN WOULD MOVE OUT OF SUBSTITUTE CARE ARRANGEMENTS INTO PERMANENT FAMILY HOMES EITHER THROUGH RESTORATION TO THEIR BIOLOGICAL FAMILIES TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION COURT APPOINTMENT OF A LEGAL GUARDIAN OR PLANNED EMANCIPATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN LONG TERM FOSTER CARE IF IT WAS A PLANNED OUTCOME SUPPORTED BY THE USE OF WRITTEN AGREEMENTS BETWEEN FOSTER PARENTS AND CHILD CARE AGENCIES WAS

RECOGNIZED AS AN APPROPRIATE OPTION FOR SOME CHILDREN 2 DECISION MAKING IN CHILD WELFARE PERMANENCY PLANNING PROJECTS HAVE HAD A DIRECT EFFECT ON THE SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN CHILD WELFARE

WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT DRIVES US TO ACT IN EVERYDAY LIFE HOW DO WE MAKE DECISIONS WHAT THOUGHT STRUCTURES DO WE FOLLOW TO DETERMINE OUR CHOICES IN THIS GUIDE YOU WILL FIND A SIMPLE CLEAR AND COMPREHENSIVE EXPLANATION OF WHAT IT MEANS TO MAKE A DECISION AND HOW TO IMPROVE THE PROCESS OF CHOOSING IN THE FACE OF UNCERTAINTY EVERY DAY PEOPLE HAVE TO MAKE ESTIMATES EVALUATIONS AND DECISIONS ABOUT THOUSANDS OF POSSIBILITIES SCIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT EXPERT DECISION MAKERS MAKE CHOICES DIFFERENTLY FROM ORDINARY PEOPLE THIS GUIDE TAKES THE READER BY THE HAND AND TAKES THEM THROUGH FOUR STEP BY STEP PASSAGES THAT HIGHLIGHT THE KEY ISSUES WHAT IT MEANS TO MAKE A DECISION AND WHAT THE MAIN SCIENTIFIC THEORIES ON DECISION MAKING ARE HOW COGNITIVE ERRORS AND B<sup>2</sup> AS WORK WHEN WE MAKE DECISIONS WHAT ROLE EMOTIONS PLAY IN CHOICE PROCESSES WHAT THE LIMITS ARE AND HOW FAR ONE CAN GO IN THIS FIELD LEARNING TO MAKE FUNCTIONAL AND EFFECTIVE CHOICES IS A SKILL THAT CAN BE LEARNED BY ANYONE BUT ONLY IF THEY HAVE THE RIGHT KNOWLEDGE AND PUT IT INTO PRACTICE THIS GUIDE IS ACCOMPANIED BY NUMEROUS INVITATIONS TO SELF ANALYSIS AND PRACTICAL EXERCISES SO AS TO OFFER THE READER A TRUE PATH OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

HANDBOOK OF DECISION MAKING INCLUDES THE WISDOM OF THE LONG THEOLOGICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL TRADITIONS OF HUMAN SOCIETY AS WELL AS A SYSTEMATIC EXPLORATION OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF CONTEMPORARY EVOLUTIONARY THEORIES COMMON PATTERNS IN DECISION MAKING STYLES ARE IDENTIFIED AS WELL AS THE COMMON VARIATIONS THAT DIFFERENT CONTEXTS MAY GENERATE THE TEXT COVERS THE MULTIPLICITY OF MAINSTREAM DECISION MAKING STYLES SUCH AS COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS AND LINEAR PROGRAMMING IT ALSO EXPLAINS ALTERNATIVE AND EMERGING METHODS SUCH AS GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS Q METHODOLOGY AND NARRATIVE POLICY ANALYSIS PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS ARE DISCUSSED USING DECISION MAKING PRACTICES IN BUDGETING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE DRUG TRAFFICKING AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

DECISION MAKING ARISES WHEN WE WISH TO SELECT THE BEST POSSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION FROM A SET OF ALTERNATIVES WITH ADVANCEMENTS OF THE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES IT IS EASY AND ALMOST INSTANTANEOUS TO GATHER A LARGE VOLUME OF INFORMATION AND OR DATA PERTAINING TO A PROBLEM THAT WE WANT TO SOLVE FOR INSTANCE THE WORLD WI WEB IS

PERHAPS THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND OR DATA THAT WE OFTEN TURN TO WHEN WE FACE A DECISION MAKING PROBLEM HOWEVER THE INFORMATION AND OR DATA THAT WE OBTAIN FROM THE REAL WORLD OFTEN ARE COMPLEX AND COMPRISE VARIOUS KINDS OF NOISE BESIDES REAL WORLD INFORMATION AND OR DATA OFTEN ARE INCOMPLETE AND AMBIGUOUS OWING TO UNCERTAINTIES OF THE ENVIRONMENTS ALL THESE MAKE DECISION MAKING A CHALLENGING TASK TO COPE WITH THE CHALLENGES OF DECISION MAKING SEARCHERS HAVE DESIGNED AND DEVELOPED A VARIETY OF DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEMS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN HUMAN DECISION MAKING PROCESSES THE MAIN AIM OF THIS BOOK IS TO PROVIDE A SMALL COLLECTION OF TECHNIQUES STEMMED FROM ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AS WELL AS OTHER COMPLEMENTARY METHODO GIES THAT ARE USEFUL FOR THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLIGENT DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEMS APPLICATION EXAMPLES OF HOW THESE INTELLIGENT DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEMS CAN BE UTILIZED TO HELP TACKLE A VARIETY OF REAL WORLD PROBLEMS IN DIFFERENT MAINS E G BUSINESS MANAGEMENT MANUFACTURING TRANSPORTATION AND FOOD IND TRIES AND BIOMEDICINE ARE ALSO PRESENTED A TOTAL OF TWENTY CHAPTERS WHICH CAN BE BROADLY DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS I E

DECISION MAKING PERVADES ALL ASPECTS OF MIDWIFERY PRACTICE ACROSS THE WORLD MIDWIFERY IS INFORMED BY A NUMBER OF DECISION MAKING THEORIES BUT IT IS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO MARRY THESE THEORIES WITH PRACTICE THIS BOOK PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE EXPLORATION OF DECISION MAKING FOR MIDWIVES IRRESPECTIVE OF WHERE IN THE WORLD THEY PRACTICE OR IN WHICH MODEL OF CARE THE FIRST PART CRITICALLY REVIEWS DECISION MAKING THEORIES INCLUDING THE ENHANCING DECISION MAKING ASSESSMENT IN MIDWIFERY EDAM TOOL AND THEIR RELEVANCE TO MIDWIFERY IT EXPLORES THE LINKS BETWEEN MIDWIFERY GOVERNANCE INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE LAW RISK AND SAFETY AND DECISION MAKING AS WELL AS HOW CRITICAL THINKING AND REFLECTION ARE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF DECISION MAKING IT THEN GOES ON TO PRESENT A NUMBER OF DIVERSE CASE STUDIES DEMONSTRATING HOW THEY INTERRELATE TO AND IMPACT UPON OPTIMAL MIDWIFERY DECISION MAKING EACH CHAPTER PRESENTS EXAMPLES THAT SHOW HOW THE THEORY TRANSLATES INTO PRACTICE AND INCLUDES ACTIVITIES TO REINFORCE LEARNING POINTS BRINGING TOGETHER A DIVERSE RANGE OF CONTRIBUTORS THIS VOLUME WILL BE ESSENTIAL READING FOR MIDWIFERY STUDENTS PRACTISING MIDWIVES AND MIDWIFERY ACADEMICS

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TODAY S WORLD IS COMPLEX AND GETTING MORE SO EACH DAY HUGE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS INTERNATIONAL CRISIS AND FAST BREAKING EVENTS REQUIRE MOST PEOPLE TO MAKE DECISIONS ON A DAILY BASIS WITHOUT THE TOOLS TO UNDERSTAND THE LONG TERM IMPACT THAT TODAY S DECISION MIGHT CREATE BECAUSE MOST PEOPLE HAVE NEVER REALLY BEEN TRAINED IN HOW TO MAKE IMPORTANT COMPLEX DECISIONS MOST PEOPLE RELY ON EXPERIENCE AND GUT REACTION WHICH IS OKAY FOR MANY DECISIONS BUT NOT OKAY FOR DECISION THAT WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL IMPACT ON ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUAL DECISION MAKERS NEED TO DEVELOP THE ART AND SCIENCE OF STRATEGIC DECISION MAKING HERE PROFESSOR THOMAS MARTIN EXPLAINS THE NEED FOR DECISION MAKERS TO MODIFY THEIR THINKING ABOUT HOW THEY DEAL WITH ACQUIRING AND ANALYZING INFORMATION IN EACH OF THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS STEPS THIS APPROACH REQUIRING THINKING MODIFICATION WILL LENGTHEN THE PROCESS MAKE IT MORE COMPLEX AND TO SOME MORE ARDUOUS BUT THE COMPREHENSIVENESS OF THE NEW THINKING APPROACH SHOULD LEAD TO IMPROVED AND MORE EFFECTIVE DECISION MAKING IN THIS BOOK DR MARTIN PRESENTS A THINKING MODIFICATION FRAMEWORK THAT ASSERTS THAT IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS THERE ARE THREE SITUATIONAL STATES A CURRENT STATE FUTURE STATE AND A TRANSITIONAL STATE THAT ONE MUST DELIBERATE IN FINDING A SOLUTION FOR EACH OF THESE SITUATIONAL STATES MARTIN DEVELOPS AN IDENTICAL FIVE STEP PROCESS TO DETERMINE THE BEST DECISION TO MAKE THE STEPS OF THIS PROCESS INCLUDE CHANGE NEEDING SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS CHALLENGE FRAMING CAUSAL ANALYSIS GENERATING SOLUTION IDEAS CHOOSING A SOLUTION SET IMPLEMENTATION AND AFTERMATH PLANNING THIS BOOK WILL APPEAL TO DECISION MAKERS LEADERS AND STUDENTS OF MANAGEMENT WHO WANT A SPECIFIC FRAMEWORK THAT DETAILS THE PROCESS BEHIND MAKING STRATEGIC WELL INFORMED DECISIONS

THIS BOOK OFFERS A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF CURRENT TOPICS IN DECISION MAKING IT COVERS NEW FINDINGS RELATING TO FOUNDATIONS MECHANISMS AND CONSEQUENCES OF DECISIONS SHEDING LIGHT ON THE COGNITIVE PROCESS FROM DIFFERENT DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES CHAPTERS REPORT ON PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES OF THE COGNITIVE MECHANISMS OF DECISION MAKING NEUROIMAGING STUDIES ON THE NEURAL CORRELATES STUDIES OF PATIENT POPULATIONS TO CHARACTERIZE ALTERATIONS IN DECISION MAKING IN SPECIFIC DISEASE AS WELL AS DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING PHILOSOPHICAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES

HOW MANY DECISIONS DO YOU THINK THE AVERAGE PERSON MAKES IN A DAY HOW CAN THESE CHOICES AFFECT OUR LIVES BOTH POSITIVELY AND NEGATIVELY AUTHOR WAYMOND RODGERS

ILLUSTRATES FOUR BASIC CONCEPTS OF DECISION MAKING IN A SINGLE MODEL THAT PRODUCES A LIMITED NUMBER OF POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION PROCESS THINKING SIX PATHWAYS TO SUCCESSFUL DECISION MAKING ALLOWS YOU TO GAUGE WHICH OF THE PATHWAYS IS APPROPRIATE FOR A PARTICULAR SITUATION THIS IN TURN CAN CONTRIBUTE AN OVERALL IMPROVEMENT IN YOUR HAPPINESS RELATIONSHIPS FINANCES EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT DR RODGERS BREAKTHROUGH ANALYSIS OF DECISION MAKING SHOULD BE MANDATORY READING FOR ANYONE MANAGING PEOPLE OR NEGOTIATING TRANSACTIONS HANK ADLER C P A ACCOUNTING PROFESSOR CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY AND RETIRED PARTNER DELOITTE TOUCHE I THINK YOUR FORMULAIC APPROACH TO DECISION MAKING WILL MAKE IT MUCH EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO MAKE CORRECT CHOICES YOUR APPROACH FORCES DECISION MAKERS TO ADDRESS THE ROLE THEIR OWN SUBJECTIVE FEELINGS PERCEPTIONS HAVE UPON THE PROCESS IT THEREBY MAKES THE CHOICE MUCH MORE OBJECTIVE AND RATIONAL RANDALL L ERICKSON J D PARTNER IN THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF CROWELL MORING AND CHAIR OF THE FIRM S CONSTRUCTION GROUP

HANDBOOK OF DECISION MAKING THIS HANDBOOK OFFERS A STATE OF THE ART OVERVIEW OF RESEARCH AND THEORIES ON DECISION MAKING IN ORGANIZATIONS AT THE STRATEGIC LEVEL OF ANALYSIS CHAPTERS ARE AUTHORED BY LEADING INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS WITH SOME ILLUSTRATIVE CASE VIGNETTES FROM PRACTITIONERS EACH CONTRIBUTOR WAS SELECTED FOR HIS HER SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FIELD THE HANDBOOK ADDRESSES KEY QUESTIONS CONFRONTING THE DECISION MAKING RESEARCH OF THE PAST AND THE PRESENT OFFERS CRITIQUES AND SUGGESTS FUTURE RESEARCH DIRECTIONS TOPICS COVERED EMPHASIZE THE CLASSIC DECISION THEORY PERSPECTIVES WHILE ALSO INCORPORATING RECENT INSIGHTS FROM THE FIELDS OF STRATEGIC CHOICE RISK UNCERTAINTY SCENARIO PLANNING AND COMPLEXITY THEORY WITH A BROAD SOCIAL SCIENCE PERSPECTIVE ON THE DISCIPLINARY ROOTS OF DECISION THEORY IN ECONOMICS POLITICS AND SOCIAL THEORY THIS IS A LANDMARK REFERENCE VOLUME FOR THE FIELD OFFERING SCHOLARS AND PRACTITIONERS COMPREHENSIVE BUT ACCESSIBLE COVERAGE OF CLASSIC AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS CHAPTERS BY ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS CASE ANALYSES ILLUSTRATING PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES OF THEORIES GUIDE TO NEW RESEARCH DIRECTIONS AND THEORY

THE ANALYSIS OF DECISION MAKING UNDER UNCERTAINTY HAS AGAIN BECOME A MAJOR FOCUS OF INTEREST THIS VOLUME PRESENTS CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LEADING SPECIALISTS IN DIFFERENT FIELDS AND PROVIDES A SUMMARY AND SYNTHESIS OF WORK IN THIS AREA IT IS BASED ON A CONFERENCE HELD AT THE HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL THE BOOK BRINGS TOGETHER THE DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO DECISION MAKING NORMATIVE DESCRIPTIVE AND PRESCRIPTIVE WHICH LARGELY CORRESPOND TO DIFFERENT DISCIPLINARY INTERESTS MATHEMATICIANS HAVE CONCENTRATED ON RATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR DECISION MAKING HOW PEOPLE SHOULD MAKE DECISIONS PSYCHOLOGISTS HAVE EXAMINED HOW POEPL E DO MAKE DECISIONS AND HOW FAR THEIR



BEHAVIOUR IS COMPATIBLE WITH ANY RATIONAL MODEL OPERATIONS RESEARCHERS STUDY THE APPLICATION OF DECISION MODELS TO ACTUAL PROBLEMS THROUGHOUT THE AIM IS TO PRESENT THE CURRENT STATE OF RESEARCH AND ITS APPLICATION AND ALSO TO SHOW HOW THE DIFFERENT DISCIPLINARY APPROACHES CAN INFORM ONE ANOTHER AND THUS LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR THE INTEGRATED ANALYSIS OF DECISION MAKING THE BOOK WILL BE OF INTEREST TO RESEARCHERS TEACHERS FOR USE AS BACKGROUND READING FOR A DECISION THEORY COURSE STUDENTS AND CONSULTANTS AND OTHERS INVOLVED IN THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE ANALYSIS OF DECISION MAKING IT WILL BE OF INTEREST TO SPECIALISTS AND STUDENTS IN STATISTICS MATHEMATICS ECONOMICS PSYCHOLOGY AND THE BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES OPERATIONS RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCE

MAKING DECISIONS JUST GOT EASIER YOU MAKE DECISIONS ALL THE TIME IN EVERYDAY LIFE WHAT TO EAT WHAT CLOTHES TO WEAR WITH WHOM YOU SPEND YOUR LEISURE TIME AND HOW YOU SPEND YOUR MONEY IN YOUR BUSINESS LIFE YOU ARE ALSO CONSTANTLY MAKING DECISIONS THE DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES YOU AND YOUR BUSINESS COLLEAGUES NEED TO CARRY OUT IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT A SOUND DECISION AT WORK YOU ARE DECIDING HOW TO SPEND YOUR TIME WHICH EMAILS TO ANSWER WHAT SUBJECTS TO RAISE AT A MEETING WHEN IS THE BEST TIME FOR YOUR COMPANY TO LAUNCH A NEW PRODUCT WHAT COMPANIES YOU SHOULD INVEST IN WHAT YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON IN NEGOTIATIONS WHAT POLICIES TO DEVELOP AND HOW BEST TO MARKET YOUR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES SOME OF THESE DECISIONS MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE FOR YOU BY OTHER COLLEAGUES USUALLY THOSE ABOVE YOU IN YOUR COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION AND YOUR TASK IS MERELY TO IMPLEMENT THEM IN OTHER MATTERS HOWEVER YOU CAN EXERCISE SOME CONTROL OVER THE ACTUAL DECISION MAKING PROCESS EACH OF THE SEVEN CHAPTERS IN DECISION MAKING IN A WEEK COVERS A DIFFERENT ASPECT OF THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS SUNDAY KNOW YOUR AIMS CLEARLY WHAT ARE YOU ACTUALLY MAKING A DECISION ABOUT MONDAY COLLECT RELEVANT INFORMATION CONSIDER ALL THE RELEVANT FACTORS AS YOU GATHER THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TUESDAY IDENTIFY DIFFERENT OPTIONS WIDEN YOUR THINKING CHALLENGE ASSUMPTIONS AND CONSIDER CREATIVE SOLUTIONS WEDNESDAY WORK EFFECTIVELY AS A TEAM MAKE DECISIONS AS A GROUP SO THAT COLLEAGUES WILL FEEL MOTIVATED TO IMPLEMENT THE DECISION THURSDAY EVALUATE DIFFERENT OPTIONS SET OBJECTIVE CRITERIA AGAINST WHICH YOU CAN EXAMINE THE VARIOUS OPTIONS YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED FRIDAY MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION AND IMPLEMENT IT COMMUNICATING IT WELL TO ALL THE RELEVANT PARTIES SATURDAY REVIEW THE DECISION CAREFULLY EVALUATING THE WHOLE DECISION MAKING PROCESS NOTING WHAT WENT WELL AND LEARNING FROM MISTAKES

THIS IS LIKEWISE ONE OF THE FACTORS BY OBTAINING THE SOFT DOCUMENTS OF THIS **A MATRIX FOR ETHICAL DECISION MAKING IN A PANDEMIC** BY ONLINE. YOU MIGHT NOT REQUIRE MORE BECOME OLD TO SPEND TO GO TO THE EBOOK ESTABLISHMENT AS WITHOUT DIFFICULTY AS SEARCH FOR THEM. IN SOME CASES, YOU LIKEWISE DO NOT DISCOVER THE NOTICE A MATRIX FOR ETHICAL DECISION MAKING IN A PANDEMIC THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR. IT WILL UTTERLY SQUANDER THE TIME. HOWEVER BELOW, NEXT YOU VISIT THIS WEB PAGE, IT WILL BE FOR THAT REASON UTTERLY EASY TO ACQUIRE AS CAPABLY AS DOWNLOAD GUIDE A MATRIX FOR ETHICAL DECISION MAKING IN A PANDEMIC IT WILL NOT ENDURE MANY EPOCH AS WE RUN BY BEFORE. YOU CAN GET IT EVEN THOUGH DECREE SOMETHING ELSE AT HOME AND EVEN IN YOUR WORKPLACE. AS A RESULT EASY! SO, ARE YOU QUESTION? JUST EXERCISE JUST WHAT WE MANAGE TO PAY FOR UNDER AS WELL AS EVALUATION **A MATRIX FOR ETHICAL DECISION MAKING IN A PANDEMIC** WHAT YOU LATER THAN TO READ!

1. HOW DO I KNOW WHICH EBOOK PLATFORM IS THE BEST FOR ME?
2. FINDING THE BEST EBOOK PLATFORM DEPENDS ON YOUR READING PREFERENCES AND DEVICE COMPATIBILITY. RESEARCH DIFFERENT PLATFORMS, READ USER REVIEWS, AND EXPLORE THEIR FEATURES BEFORE MAKING A CHOICE.
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5. HOW DO I AVOID DIGITAL EYE STRAIN WHILE READING EBOOKS? TO PREVENT DIGITAL EYE STRAIN, TAKE REGULAR BREAKS, ADJUST THE FONT SIZE AND BACKGROUND COLOR, AND ENSURE PROPER LIGHTING WHILE READING EBOOKS.
6. WHAT THE ADVANTAGE OF INTERACTIVE EBOOKS? INTERACTIVE EBOOKS INCORPORATE MULTIMEDIA ELEMENTS, QUIZZES, AND ACTIVITIES, ENHANCING THE READER ENGAGEMENT AND PROVIDING A MORE IMMERSIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE.
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8. WHERE TO DOWNLOAD A MATRIX FOR ETHICAL DECISION MAKING IN A PANDEMIC ONLINE FOR FREE? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A MATRIX FOR ETHICAL DECISION MAKING IN A PANDEMIC PDF? THIS IS DEFINITELY GOING TO SAVE YOU TIME AND CASH IN SOMETHING YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT.

## INTRODUCTION

THE DIGITAL AGE HAS REVOLUTIONIZED THE WAY WE READ, MAKING BOOKS MORE ACCESSIBLE THAN EVER. WITH THE RISE OF EBOOKS, READERS CAN NOW CARRY ENTIRE LIBRARIES IN THEIR

POCKETS. AMONG THE VARIOUS SOURCES FOR EBOOKS, FREE EBOOK SITES HAVE EMERGED AS A POPULAR CHOICE. THESE SITES OFFER A TREASURE TROVE OF KNOWLEDGE AND ENTERTAINMENT WITHOUT THE COST. BUT WHAT MAKES THESE SITES SO VALUABLE, AND WHERE CAN YOU FIND THE BEST ONES? LET'S DIVE INTO THE WORLD OF FREE EBOOK SITES.

## BENEFITS OF FREE EBOOK SITES

WHEN IT COMES TO READING, FREE EBOOK SITES OFFER NUMEROUS ADVANTAGES.

### COST SAVINGS

FIRST AND FOREMOST, THEY SAVE YOU MONEY. BUYING BOOKS CAN BE EXPENSIVE, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE AN AVID READER. FREE EBOOK SITES ALLOW YOU TO ACCESS A VAST ARRAY OF BOOKS WITHOUT SPENDING A DIME.

### ACCESSIBILITY

THESE SITES ALSO ENHANCE ACCESSIBILITY. WHETHER YOU'RE AT HOME, ON THE GO, OR HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD, YOU CAN ACCESS YOUR FAVORITE TITLES ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, PROVIDED YOU HAVE AN INTERNET CONNECTION.

## VARIETY OF CHOICES

MOREOVER, THE VARIETY OF CHOICES AVAILABLE IS ASTOUNDING. FROM CLASSIC LITERATURE TO CONTEMPORARY NOVELS, ACADEMIC TEXTS TO CHILDREN'S BOOKS, FREE EBOOK SITES COVER ALL GENRES AND INTERESTS.

## TOP FREE EBOOK SITES

THERE ARE COUNTLESS FREE EBOOK SITES, BUT A FEW STAND OUT FOR THEIR QUALITY AND RANGE OF OFFERINGS.

### PROJECT GUTENBERG

PROJECT GUTENBERG IS A PIONEER IN OFFERING FREE EBOOKS. WITH OVER 60,000 TITLES, THIS SITE PROVIDES A WEALTH OF CLASSIC LITERATURE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

### OPEN LIBRARY

OPEN LIBRARY AIMS TO HAVE A WEBPAGE FOR EVERY BOOK EVER PUBLISHED. IT OFFERS MILLIONS OF FREE EBOOKS, MAKING IT A FANTASTIC RESOURCE FOR READERS.

## GOOGLE BOOKS

GOOGLE BOOKS ALLOWS USERS TO SEARCH AND PREVIEW MILLIONS OF BOOKS FROM LIBRARIES AND PUBLISHERS WORLDWIDE. WHILE NOT ALL BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE, MANY ARE.

## MANYBOOKS

MANYBOOKS OFFERS A LARGE SELECTION OF FREE EBOOKS IN VARIOUS GENRES. THE SITE IS USER-FRIENDLY AND OFFERS BOOKS IN MULTIPLE FORMATS.

## BOOKBOON

BOOKBOON SPECIALIZES IN FREE TEXTBOOKS AND BUSINESS BOOKS, MAKING IT AN EXCELLENT RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS.

## HOW TO DOWNLOAD EBOOKS SAFELY

DOWNLOADING EBOOKS SAFELY IS CRUCIAL TO AVOID PIRATED CONTENT AND PROTECT YOUR DEVICES.

## AVOIDING PIRATED CONTENT

STICK TO REPUTABLE SITES TO ENSURE YOU'RE NOT DOWNLOADING PIRATED CONTENT. PIRATED EBOOKS NOT ONLY HARM AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS BUT CAN ALSO POSE SECURITY RISKS.

## ENSURING DEVICE SAFETY

ALWAYS USE ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE AND KEEP YOUR DEVICES UPDATED TO PROTECT AGAINST MALWARE THAT CAN BE HIDDEN IN DOWNLOADED FILES.

## LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

BE AWARE OF THE LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS WHEN DOWNLOADING EBOOKS. ENSURE THE SITE HAS THE RIGHT TO DISTRIBUTE THE BOOK AND THAT YOU'RE NOT VIOLATING COPYRIGHT LAWS.

## USING FREE EBOOK SITES FOR EDUCATION

FREE EBOOK SITES ARE INVALUABLE FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

SITES LIKE PROJECT GUTENBERG AND OPEN LIBRARY OFFER NUMEROUS ACADEMIC RESOURCES, INCLUDING TEXTBOOKS AND SCHOLARLY ARTICLES.

LEARNING NEW SKILLS

YOU CAN ALSO FIND BOOKS ON VARIOUS SKILLS, FROM COOKING TO PROGRAMMING, MAKING THESE SITES GREAT FOR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.

SUPPORTING HOMESCHOOLING

FOR HOMESCHOOLING PARENTS, FREE EBOOK SITES PROVIDE A WEALTH OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR DIFFERENT GRADE LEVELS AND SUBJECTS.

GENRES AVAILABLE ON FREE EBOOK SITES

THE DIVERSITY OF GENRES AVAILABLE ON FREE EBOOK SITES ENSURES THERE’S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

FICTION

FROM TIMELESS CLASSICS TO CONTEMPORARY BESTSELLERS, THE FICTION SECTION IS BRIMMING WITH OPTIONS.

NON-FICTION

NON-FICTION ENTHUSIASTS CAN FIND BIOGRAPHIES, SELF-HELP BOOKS, HISTORICAL TEXTS, AND MORE.

TEXTBOOKS

STUDENTS CAN ACCESS TEXTBOOKS ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS, HELPING REDUCE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF EDUCATION.

CHILDREN’S BOOKS

PARENTS AND TEACHERS CAN FIND A PLETHORA OF CHILDREN’S BOOKS, FROM PICTURE BOOKS TO YOUNG ADULT NOVELS.

## ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES OF EBOOK SITES

EBOOK SITES OFTEN COME WITH FEATURES THAT ENHANCE ACCESSIBILITY.

### AUDIOBOOK OPTIONS

MANY SITES OFFER AUDIOBOOKS, WHICH ARE GREAT FOR THOSE WHO PREFER LISTENING TO READING.

### ADJUSTABLE FONT SIZES

YOU CAN ADJUST THE FONT SIZE TO SUIT YOUR READING COMFORT, MAKING IT EASIER FOR THOSE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS.

### TEXT-TO-SPEECH CAPABILITIES

TEXT-TO-SPEECH FEATURES CAN CONVERT WRITTEN TEXT INTO AUDIO, PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE WAY TO ENJOY BOOKS.

## TIPS FOR MAXIMIZING YOUR EBOOK EXPERIENCE

TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF YOUR EBOOK READING EXPERIENCE, CONSIDER THESE TIPS.

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT DEVICE

WHETHER IT'S A TABLET, AN E-READER, OR A SMARTPHONE, CHOOSE A DEVICE THAT OFFERS A COMFORTABLE READING EXPERIENCE FOR YOU.

## ORGANIZING YOUR EBOOK LIBRARY

USE TOOLS AND APPS TO ORGANIZE YOUR EBOOK COLLECTION, MAKING IT EASY TO FIND AND ACCESS YOUR FAVORITE TITLES.

## SYNCING ACROSS DEVICES

MANY EBOOK PLATFORMS ALLOW YOU TO SYNC YOUR LIBRARY ACROSS MULTIPLE DEVICES, SO YOU CAN PICK UP RIGHT WHERE YOU LEFT OFF, NO MATTER WHICH DEVICE YOU'RE USING.

## CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS

DESPITE THE BENEFITS, FREE EBOOK SITES COME WITH CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS.

## QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY OF TITLES

NOT ALL BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE, AND SOMETIMES THE QUALITY OF THE DIGITAL

COPY CAN BE POOR.

### DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT (DRM)

DRM CAN RESTRICT HOW YOU USE THE EBOOKS YOU DOWNLOAD, LIMITING SHARING AND TRANSFERRING BETWEEN DEVICES.

### INTERNET DEPENDENCY

ACCESSING AND DOWNLOADING EBOOKS REQUIRES AN INTERNET CONNECTION, WHICH CAN BE A LIMITATION IN AREAS WITH POOR CONNECTIVITY.

### FUTURE OF FREE EBOOK SITES

THE FUTURE LOOKS PROMISING FOR FREE EBOOK SITES AS TECHNOLOGY CONTINUES TO ADVANCE.

### TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES

IMPROVEMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY WILL LIKELY MAKE ACCESSING AND READING EBOOKS EVEN MORE SEAMLESS AND ENJOYABLE.

### EXPANDING ACCESS

EFFORTS TO EXPAND INTERNET ACCESS GLOBALLY WILL HELP MORE PEOPLE BENEFIT FROM FREE EBOOK SITES.

### ROLE IN EDUCATION

AS EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES BECOME MORE DIGITIZED, FREE EBOOK SITES WILL PLAY AN INCREASINGLY VITAL ROLE IN LEARNING.

### CONCLUSION

IN SUMMARY, FREE EBOOK SITES OFFER AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS A WIDE RANGE OF BOOKS WITHOUT THE FINANCIAL BURDEN. THEY ARE INVALUABLE RESOURCES FOR READERS OF ALL AGES AND INTERESTS, PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES. SO WHY NOT EXPLORE THESE SITES AND DISCOVER THE WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE THEY OFFER?

### FAQs

ARE FREE EBOOK SITES LEGAL? YES, MOST FREE EBOOK SITES ARE LEGAL. THEY TYPICALLY OFFER BOOKS THAT ARE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN OR HAVE THE RIGHTS TO DISTRIBUTE THEM.

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