

# Book Review Column

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In this issue of SIGMOD RECORD we present three new reviews.

**Fundamentals of Data Warehouses** by Matthias Jarke, Maurizio Lenzerini, Yannis Vassiliou, Panos Vassiliadis. Review by *Vernon Hoffner*. Despite the large number of books in the area of data warehousing this is among the first that takes an academic approach to this increasingly important area and is suitable as textbook.

**Peer-to-Peer: Harnessing the Power of Disruptive Technologies** by Andy Oram (Ed.). Review by *Mario A. Nascimento*. This edited book provides an overview of the numerous aspects that underly the concept of P2P. It is a standard book for everyone interested in the topic.

**Information Rules** by Carl Shapiro and Hal R. Varian. Review by *Dale Stirling*. This book is an excellent reading for those who are interested in an economic perspective on the role of information and information technology in today's society.

For the next issue I am proposing for the special database topics a number of more recent books in areas related to advanced query processing. Please note that a growing number of books proposed for review are available at

[www.acm.org/sigmod/record/bookreviews.html](http://www.acm.org/sigmod/record/bookreviews.html)

Use this list just as a suggestion and feel free to also select other books among your favorite books for reviews. In particular I am awaiting still reviews on standard database textbooks. Our community is surely interested in learning about good textbooks and experiences made when using them for teaching. At the Web page you also find book review guidelines.

If you are interested in submitting a book review for either proposed books or books you have selected on your own contact me by E-mail ([karl.aberer@epfl.ch](mailto:karl.aberer@epfl.ch)). I will try to obtain a copy of a book from the

publisher, if needed. Reviews for the forthcoming September 2003 issue should be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003. The length of a book review should not exceed 2 pages.

If you would like to contribute to this column, to propose other books for review or to express your opinion on this column in general, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am looking forward to your contributions.

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New books proposed for the next issue:

*SPECIAL DATABASE TOPICS*

**Principles of Database Query Processing for Advanced Applications** Clement T. Yu and Weiyi Meng, Morgan Kaufmann, 1997.

**Materialized Views: Techniques, Implementations, and Applications** Ashish Gupta and Inderpal Singh Mumick (eds.), MIT Press, 1999.

**Spatial Databases: Application to GIS** Philippe Rigaux, Michel O. Scholl, Morgan Kaufmann, 2001.

**Erratum.** Upon request of the authors the following correction is made: In the Vol 31(2) June 2002 issue of this publication a review of the book *Mining the World Wide Web: An Information Search Approach* by George Chang, Marcus J. Healey (Editor), James A. M. McHugh, Jason T. L. Wang has been published, stating that the review is by Aris Ouksel, University of Illinois at Chicago. This is incomplete. The review was done by Aris Ouksel and Kevin DeSouza, University of Illinois at Chicago.