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**The Swedish School of Competitive Intelligence** Abacus Software Incorporated  
 Competitive intelligence is key to competitive strategy; without competitor intelligence there is no strategy - only a stab in the dark (or an ice-pick through the head!) This is a book for business executives, not insiders in the CI trade. It is both a strategic treatment of the need for competitor intelligence, and, uniquely, a tactical guide to how to go about obtaining the same - whether you do it yourself or employ a specialist consultancy. It also offers advice and devices that allow your organisation to shield itself from prying eyes. Author : Andrew Pollard is managing partner of EMP Intelligence Service, a full service competitor intelligence consultancy.  
**Using Competitive Intelligence for Better Strategy and Execution** Wiley

What do you really know about your competitors, and potential competitors? What are the real threats your business faces in the next two years? What do your competitors know about you, how did they find out about it and how can you stop them finding out more?

**Proven Strategies in Competitive Intelligence** Financial Times Management  
 Acquiring new market share whilst retaining existing share is what most businesses strive for, Competitive Intelligence helps position your business to maximise profitability  
**Business and Competitive Analysis** John Wiley & Sons  
 Cutting through the hype, a practical guide to using artificial intelligence for business benefits and competitive advantage. In *The AI Advantage*, Thomas Davenport offers a guide to using artificial intelligence in business. He describes what technologies are available and how companies can use them for business benefits and competitive advantage. He cuts through the hype of the AI craze—remember when it seemed plausible that IBM's Watson could cure cancer?—to explain how businesses can put artificial intelligence to work now, in the real world. His key recommendation: don't go for the “moonshot” (curing cancer, or synthesizing all investment knowledge); look for the

“low-hanging fruit” to make your company more efficient. Davenport explains that the business value AI offers is solid rather than sexy or splashy. AI will improve products and processes and make decisions better informed—important but largely invisible tasks. AI technologies won't replace human workers but augment their capabilities, with smart machines to work alongside smart people. AI can automate structured and repetitive work; provide extensive analysis of data through machine learning (“analytics on steroids”), and engage with customers and employees via chatbots and intelligent agents. Companies should experiment with these technologies and develop their own expertise. Davenport describes the major AI technologies and explains how they are being used, reports on the AI work done by large commercial enterprises like Amazon and Google, and outlines strategies and steps to becoming a cognitive corporation. This book provides an invaluable guide to the real-world future of business AI. A book in the *Management on the Cutting Edge* series, published in cooperation with MIT Sloan Management Review.  
*How to See Through and Stay Ahead of Business Disruptions, Distortions, Rumors, and Smoke Screens* Kirk Tyson International Limited

Every business manager needs intelligence to find suppliers, mobilize capital, win customers and fend off rivals. Obtaining this is often an unplanned, instinctive process. The manager who has a conscious, systematic approach to acquiring intelligence will be better placed to recognize and seize opportunities whilst safeguarding the organization against the competitive risks that endanger its prosperity - and sometimes even its survival. Christopher Murphy's *Competitive Intelligence* explains: ¢ the theory of business competition ¢ how companies try to get ahead of their rivals ¢ methods of research and sources of information that generate the raw material for creating intelligence ¢ analytical techniques which transform the mass of facts and opinions thus retrieved into a platform of sound, useable knowledge to support informed business decision making. The text includes plenty of examples and experiences from the author's own consulting experience. He draws on a wide variety of disciplines, including literary criticism (or how to read between the lines of company reports, announcements and media stories) and anthropology (understanding corporate culture), as well as the more obvious ones such as financial analysis, management theory and business forecasting techniques. This fusion of insights from many fields of expertise provides a very readable, practical and imaginative framework for anyone seeking to gather and make effective use of market and company data. While focused on the British business environment, the lessons drawn are of universal application, and examples are taken from across the globe. In addition a chapter is devoted to researching industries and companies in other countries. Although primarily concerned with commercial enterprises, many of the principles and techniques will also be of considerable practical relevance to managers in the public sector or not-for-profit organizations. *Competitive Intelligence* also provides a legal [How to Get It, Use it and Profit from it](#) CRC Press

In the modern world of business management, the aim of Competitive Intelligence (CI) is to gain competitive advantage through the investigation and analysis of market and competitive information. This book offers a fundamental and practical introduction to the conceptions, techniques and practice of CI. A number of case studies on international companies highlight the different aspects of CI in practice. The book looks at methods of resolution, ideas and techniques including how to carry out research effectively, manage information overload and use analysis tools intelligently. The CI implementation process is also a key theme within the book. Strategic competitive analysis is essential in order to develop a successful business strategy, plan ahead and eventually gain measurable competitive advantage. The Competitive Intelligence approach is geared towards this. This book is a practical introduction to the concepts, techniques and uses of CI.

[Business and Competitive Analysis](#) Routledge

Transform data into action for competitive advantage "The knowledge assets of an organization are becoming increasingly important for competitive advantage, and therefore, the way in which knowledge is created, renewed, and communicated is critical. This book provides practical insights into how this may be achieved through the establishment of a Business Intelligence Competency Centre and is a valuable read for 'information professionals.'" --Bill Sturman, Information Architecture Project Manager The Open University, United Kingdom "BI is more than technology and projects. BI must live in the organization--as a BICC. This book helps to make BI tangible and understandable, bringing it to life." --Miriam Eisenmann, Project Manager (PMP) CSC Ploenzke AG, Germany "This book is a must-read for planning and implementing your BICC. It is a pragmatic guide that addresses a lot, if not all, of the questions you'll be asking yourself. Don't miss out on getting a head start from the people who thought this through from start to finish . . . Pray your competitors don't get hold of this book!" --Claudia Imhoff, President Intelligent Solutions, Inc., USA "Creating a BICC forces the organization to focus on the importance of centralizing the gathering, interpreting, and analyzing of information to create business insight." --Anne Ulyate, Group Manager Business Intelligence Mutual & Federal, South Africa "BI is a highly visible element in the 'business value' trend for IT investments. Initiatives, such as competency centers, should empower user organizations to drive even more value out of their BI investments." --Marianne Kolding, Director, European ServicesIDC, United Kingdom *Lessons from the Trenches* "O'Reilly Media, Inc."

THE ART OF SMART . . . how not to get blindsided by the competition Your key competitor has a cost advantage and you can't for the life of you figure out why or how. • A new technology or competitor is on the horizon that will completely upset the applecart in your business as Google is now doing in advertising and Wal-Mart has done in retailing. • You think a key competitor may drastically drop prices or perhaps roll out a significant new product. What can you do to ascertain

what their major moves will be? Competitive intelligence, the ability to see through or stay ahead of your competition, is the unspoken, hidden key to success. It is the means to knowing a customer's strategic thinking, a rival's cost structure when making a bid, or a competitor's new product plans. Much as in a game of chess, you must think many moves ahead of your rivals—exactly the advantage competitive intelligence can give you. Leonard Fuld provides the tools to cut through the smoke screens and rumors that distort reality and shows: • How to avoid becoming your own worst enemy by removing blinders that can hide a competitor's threatening moves • How to see your competitor's vulnerability and take advantage of the easily exploitable opportunities it presents • How to run a war game to anticipate a rival's pricing moves, new product introduction, or distribution strategy, and even to avoid being surprised by new entrants who play by different rules altogether For more than twenty-five years, Leonard Fuld has been developing groundbreaking ways for managers to stay two steps ahead of the competition, providing effective ways of finding out about pricing, new product rollouts, strategic alliances, outsourcing, and cost of operations. In *The Secret Language of Competitive Intelligence* he shows how to take data that is widely available to everyone, think critically about it, and convert it into highly refined intelligence that leads to effective market-based decisions. Table of Contents DISRUPTIONS, DISTORTIONS, RUMORS, AND SMOKE SCREENS: Page 1 Just Another Day in the Office Chapter 1 THE ART OF SMART: Page19 How Intelligence Insight Helps Win the Game of Risk and Reward Chapter 2 REALITY BITES: Page 45 Remove the Blinders Chapter 3 WILL GOOGLE BEAT MICROSOFT?: Page 69 Using War Games to See Three Moves Ahead Chapter 4 MAKE ME INTO A PEPPERONI: Page 119 Seeing the Trees to Understand the Forest Chapter 5 EARLY WARNING: Page 135 Getting Intelligence on Competitors That May Not Exist in a World That Has Not Arrived Chapter 6 THE INTERNET HOUSE OF MIRRORS: Page 165 Seeing Through the Confusion to Gather Intelligence Gems Chapter 7 COMPETITIVE FOG: Page 211 How Rothschild, Buffett, Walton, Dell, and Branson Saw Clearly and Others Did Not Chapter 8 DAY TO DAY: Page 237 Integrating Intelligence with Your Work Chapter 9 THE BIG UNANSWERED QUESTIONS: Page269 Notes 285 Acknowledgments 293 Index 297 From the Hardcover edition.

**Competitive Intelligence** Ft Press

Competitive intelligence is the analytical process that transforms disaggregated market and competitor data into accurate, relevant and actionable strategic information about competitors' capabilities, intentions, performance and position.

*Competitor Intelligence* FT Press

Competitive Intelligence AdvantageHow to Minimize Risk, Avoid Surprises, and Grow Your Business in a Changing WorldJohn Wiley & Sons

**Competitive Intelligence** Amacom Books

This volume provides the tools for designing and implementing a credible, cost-effective, and reliable system for keeping track of technical trends and new developments. The emphasis throughout is on practical methods which can form the basis for decisions about industry strategies and research. The book includes numerous examples and will be useful for both new and experienced practitioners.

*How to Acquire and Use Corporate Intelligence and Counter-intelligence* FT Press

User experience (UX) strategy requires a careful blend of business strategy and UX design, but until now, there hasn't been an easy-to-apply framework for executing it. This hands-on guide introduces lightweight strategy tools and techniques to help you and your team craft innovative multi-device products that people want to use. Whether you're an entrepreneur, UX/UI designer, product manager, or part of an intrapreneurial team, this book teaches simple-to-advanced strategies that you can use in your work right away. Along with business cases, historical context, and real-world examples throughout, you'll also gain different perspectives on the subject through interviews with top strategists. Define and validate your target users through provisional personas and customer discovery techniques Conduct competitive research and analysis to explore a crowded marketplace or an opportunity to create unique value Focus your team on the primary utility and business model of your product by running structured experiments using prototypes Devise UX funnels that increase customer engagement by mapping desired user actions to meaningful metrics

[Competitive Intelligence](#) Dog Ear Publishing

Effective strategies for outsmarting the competition and driving better bottom-line results In this groundbreaking book, T.J. Waters has turned his experience collecting and analyzing competitive intelligence for the CIA into effective strategies for businesses wanting to stay on the leading edge

of their industries. The book describes a practical process from planning (identifying competitive threats and determining the resources needed to counter them) through implementation (creating an organizational strategy) to execution (collecting key information and turning it into bottom-line results). The book is filled with illustrative examples of companies from start-ups to multi-nationals that have used similar strategies successfully. Offers a key resource for gaining competitive advantage in tough times Outlines a proven strategy for planning, implementing, and executing a strategic plan for bottom-line results Written by T.J. Waters who has combined his intelligence expertise with his years of business experience This book clearly shows that it's no longer a question of becoming the next Google, IBM, or Coca-Cola-it's all about knowing what your competitors are doing.

**Effective Application of New and Classic Methods** Harvard Business Press

Diploma Thesis from the year 2010 in the subject Business economics - General, grade: 1,7, Leipzig Graduate School of Management, language: English, abstract: "Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful." Samuel Johnson (1709 - 1784) Nowadays knowledge is the economic basis of each company. One needs to know the product, the technology behind it, but also the customer, the competitor and other circumstances that influence the business . The scientific term for the necessity of information gathering and its transformation into applicable knowledge is Competitive Intelligence (CI). This thesis focuses on three questions regarding CI which are linked in a model. Firstly it gives an overview about the most important types of CI. Based on three types, namely Market Intelligence, Competitor Intelligence and Internal Intelligence, it raises the question if there are industry-specific requirements and general key aspects of the activity. The focus group consists of 15 multinational companies from 6 different industries which were analysed with respect to information gathering and types of CI activities. Secondly the thesis considers legal aspects. It asks how effective international treaties and European laws are in terms of criminal prosecution of unfair competition and protection of intellectual property rights. The considerations are limited to those facts that might be taken into account for CI actions. In addition it analyzes if the results from the first part of the thesis are legally allowed or if some activities are legally questionable. Thirdly it looks at the strategic relevance of the legally gathered information. Therefore it assesses the opportunities of CI activities for strategic implementation based on the existing strategic tool "Scenario Planning" and proves that the fit of CI and Scenario Planning has potential to create a sustainable Competitive Advantage (CA).

**How to Keep Your Strategy Moving as Fast as Your Business** Conference Board

In the New Economy, intelligence will be essential for firms to gain competitive advantage—not just information or knowledge. Competitive intelligence, or the strategic gathering of knowledge about competitors, climate, trends, new products, has a long and successful history of generating competitive advantage. In this book, Rothberg and Erickson demonstrate how corporations can combine their competitive intelligence gathering with their internal knowledge management gathering into one dynamic system. Using real-world cases from the corporate world, the authors show how the strategic use of this combined system generates measurable competitive advantage. Topics covered include how to develop your strategy for sharing and gathering knowledge across the value chain, sustainable product development and innovation, manufacturing improvement, CRM and marketing, and developing a corporate-wide global knowledge strategy.

**Competitive Intelligence Advantage** Routledge

For specialists and nonspecialists alike, this perceptive selection of the newest and the up and coming tools and techniques of competitive intelligence picks up where other books leave off, offering a well balanced combination of theory and practice. It shows how advances in computers and technology have accelerated progress in CI management, and the ways in which CI has affected (and been affected by) major business functions and processes. It explores applications to organizations of various sizes and types. Analysts, strategists and organizational decision makers will find the book especially valuable, as they seek to make sense of the business environment and assess their organizations' evolving, dynamic places in it.

*Business Intelligence Competency Centers* MIT Press

Competitive Intelligence for the Competitive Edge unlocks the secrets to competitive intelligence - the process of collecting, analyzing, and acting upon information about your competitors and the competitive environment. This book shows you how to improve the effectiveness of your marketing efforts by understanding what your competitors are really up to and then making that knowledge

work to your (and your company's) advantage. Apply, Competitive Intelligence for the Competitive Edge offers professional marketers, researchers, and account managers a detailed introduction to the professional practice of competitive intelligence and provides numerous examples of competitive. Plus, author Alan Dutka gives insight into the most effective data-gathering, analysis, and storage techniques; research strategies; and the latest tools available to business professionals for competitive intelligence pursuits.

*How to Devise Innovative Digital Products that People Want* Greenwood Publishing Group  
Discover Your Competitor's Most Profitable Secrets And Secure An Unfair Advantage In Today's Cut-Throat World Of Business! What if you could (legally) find out what your competitors don't want you to know? Imagine the advantage you'd have if you always knew your competitors next move... In his book, Gavin Bird, Founder and CEO of Avian Competitive Intelligence, explains how any company can easily start their own Competitive Intelligence programme and turn insider secrets into an unstoppable competitive advantage Here is a preview of what you will learn... How Competitive Intelligence Can Help You Increase Your Profits Without Compromising Your Ethics

Why Most Companies Today Still Make Their Decisions On Assumptions (Even When They Think They're Not) The 6 Simple Steps Needed To Gather Competitor Secrets And How To Implement Them In Your Business How to use Intelligence to gain a clear Advantage (And More Market Share) By Next Quarter How You Can Protect Your Business's Sensitive Information From Your Most Aggressive Competitors Much, Much more Don't Let Your Competitors Take More Market Share! Instead, Learn How To Outsmart And Outperform The Competition By Downloading this book today! Tags: Competitive Advantage

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*Fast, Cheap & Ethical* John Wiley & Sons

What is your competition doing right now? What tools can you use to predict what your competition will do next? How can you get and keep a competitive advantage? If you can't answer

these questions, you need this book. Whether you're an innovator, entrepreneur or manager, Competitive Intelligence: Fast, Cheap & Ethical will help you make smart decisions that lead to profit and success. To make smart decisions about your business, you need intelligence. Not the kind of intelligence measured with IQ tests, but the kind that involves your ability to find, interpret and respond to the information around you. It is vital for entrepreneurs, innovators and managers to be able to understand what their competitors are doing, how they think and what they are likely to do in the future. Intelligence is everywhere, but do you know how to find and make use of it? Competitive Intelligence: Fast, Cheap & Ethical shows you how to use all your senses and mental powers to develop an in-depth picture of the competition and the broader business environment. This book gives you a wealth of easy to understand tools to help you keep tabs on your competitors and predict how they will behave in the future. You can use all of the techniques presented in this book at virtually no cost and in a legal and ethical manner. Let Rob Duncan show you how to create a vibrant CI process, one that is constantly being challenged, updated and refocused and one that is sure to lead you toward competitive success.