Making Search Work

New Book Guides Organizations in the Evaluation and Use of Web, Intranet, and Enterprise Search Applications


Searching for information across an organization’s internal databases and public Web sites has become a business-critical function. Managers, employees, clients, and potential customers depend on the ability to search effectively, yet are often frustrated by the failure of content management systems to deliver the information they need, when they need it. Organizations have embraced software solutions that manage how their digital content is added and revised, but the distributed authorship encouraged by such applications has complicated the research process and created new challenges for tech staff. When search doesn’t work as intended, the reaction of a customer or an employee up against a deadline can put the objectives of the organization at risk.

In *Making Search Work*, search guru Martin White provides a thorough and practical discussion of the issues. He explains how search should and can work for an organization, be it on desktop computers, a public Web site, one or many corporate intranets, or at an enterprise search level. He describes search technology in clear, non-technical language and offers expert advice on evaluating and using a range of applications—from high-end systems to affordable plug-and-play software products.

“As a search expert of global repute, Martin White has taken the time and care to condense a complicated topic into an easy read,” according to Tony Byrne of CMSWatch.com. “There are a variety of different technical approaches to search in the marketplace, but this book is essential to any search manager.”

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Making Search Work includes the following chapters:

1. Search Must Work 7. Search Usability
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4. Making a Business Case for Search 10. Implementing Search for an Intranet
5. Specifying and Selecting a Search 11. Enterprise Search
   Engine 12. Multilingual Search
6. Optimizing Search Performance 13. Future Directions

In addition, the book features a directory of search software vendors, a recommended reading list, a
glossary of terms, and both a subject and a company index.

Book Launch and Signing at Enterprise Search Summit
To celebrate the U.S. launch of Making Search Work, Martin White will sign copies at Enterprise Search
Summit at the Hilton New York on Tuesday, May 15 from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. The book may be purchased
during the signing at a discounted price of $50 while quantities last.

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