Synopsis

This book is directed primarily towards providing students and practitioners with a basic grounding in the use of computers by quantity surveyors. It is divided into two parts, the first part (Chapters I to 8) dealing with general concepts of information technology, and the latter part (Chapters 9 to 13) dealing with specific quantity surveying issues. Covers a wide range of topics: computer hardware; operational and management implications of computer systems; legal issues; general purpose software such as word processors, spreadsheet systems and micro-computer based data manipulation packages; public information software; development of in-house software; artificial intelligence and expert systems; the use of computers in cost planning, production of bills of quantity, post contract work and project management and computer aided design. The book is extensively referenced.

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