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- Includes contributions from leading scholars of technology and organization
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- Consolidates and defines an area of inquiry that is becoming increasingly important with the development of web-based and 'network' industries.
- Sensitizes readers to the complexity of issues surrounding new modular products and systems created by e-business
- Encourages readers to make connections among different levels and disciplines.
• Initiates a debate around issues of modularity.

• Includes a commentary co-authored by the late Nobel Laureate Herbert A. Simon to whom the book is dedicated.

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