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Do you remember the last major initiative you watched die in your organisation? Did it go down with a loud crash? Or was it slowly and quietly suffocated by other competing priorities? By the time it finally disappeared, it's likely no-one even noticed. What happened? The whirlwind of activity required to keep things running day to day devoured all the time and energy you needed to invest in executing your strategy for tomorrow. The 4 Disciplines of Execution can change all that forever. The 2nd Edition, with more than 30 percent new content, presents a simple, repeatable, and proven formula for executing your most important strategic priorities. Used by more than 100,000 teams around the world in business, government, and education, the 4 Disciplines are forever changing how teams and organisations achieve their most important goals. It represents a new way of thinking essential to thriving in today's competitive climate, making this a book that no business leader can afford to miss. Excellence in Execution is about how to execute strategy. Leaders today recognize that they need to have the ability to craft strategy and that they require the skills to execute it. But almost all books, blogs, talks, articles and other material discuss "why" execution is important, not how to achieve excellence in execution. Excellence in Execution aims to start where almost all leave off. It takes the reader on the implementation journey and is in two parts. Part One addresses "Transforming the Approach." It focuses on changing the current thinking and attitude of leaders. Two thirds of strategy execution still fail and a different approach is required. A new language and terms are introduced such as, Strategy Cadence, Execution Juxtaposition, Decoding the Execution Challenge, Mavericks Network, Review Rhythm and the Three Themes Broad of Execution. Part Two is about "Making It Your Own" and explains how to do this by providing the required mindset, skillset and toolset. It explains in detail what is required to: How to build a culture of high performance within your organization The U.S. military in general, and its many elite organizations in particular, possesses a culture of high performance. Courage to Execute outlines the six basic principles that operate at the foundation of high performance, which include leadership, organization, communication, knowledge, experience, and discipline, known together as LOCKED. When all are practiced effectively, teamwork emerges. But the most elusive quality that exists at the heart of all elite military teams, the element that organizations and businesses deeply desire to perform more efficiently and effectively, is trust. Trust is easily spent, but hard won. Author James Murphy, an employer of approximately fifty senior military officers that have served in elite units such as the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, U.S. Navy SEALs, and U.S. Army Rangers, shares a multitude of personal leadership stories that illustrates the principles of LOCKED.

Shares compelling anecdotes from leaders in elite units of the U.S. Military Written by James D. Murphy, founder and CEO of Afterburner, Inc., which has trained over 1.5 million executives, sales professionals, and business people from every industry in Afterburner's Flawless Execution Model, and its unique, high-energy programs Courage to Execute will help you develop effective leadership skills and build high-performance teams that out-compete your rivals every time. Two strategic initiatives out of three fail. They are actually a huge challenge for more-of-the-same, better-and-better, companies. Indeed, their cross-organization scope violates all principles of silo efficiency. Strategic initiatives are precisely not more of the same. Smarter Execution identifies seven key steps that managers need to get to grips with if they are to reap the full benefits of their strategic initiatives: Focus first - less is more Pick the best possible team - don't compromise Set the course - learn to navigate to a destination that is not yet fully defined Set up to win. A hands-on guidebook for making your strategy work with effective Balanced Scorecard design, deployment, and maintenance Execution Excellence is the practitioner's guide to real-world implementation. Designed by a Balanced Scorecard (BSC) thought leader with 30 years of experience and over 300 global implementations under his belt across a range of industry sectors, this guide gives you a hands-on framework for putting the BSC methodology into action. Clear, concise, and easy to read, this book skips the theoretical exposition to get right to the point—how can companies use BSC to effectively deploy strategy and drive individual and enterprise performance? You'll find the answers here. The discussion outlines the ways in which firms commonly fail in implementing BSC. These failures can be traced back to common design and implementation flaws: making the process too complicated and focusing on the BSC process rather than the outcome. The discussion will also cover design optimization across a range of key industry sectors. You'll gain expert insight into avoiding these missteps and the practical tools and perspective you need to implement BSC correctly the first time. While the Balanced Scorecard framework is widely accepted and praised, about half of firms that implement it fail to realize the full benefits. The fault lies not with the framework, but with the design, and more importantly—execution. This book gives you the information and tools you need to adopt BSC successfully. Design a BSC that truly and simply reflects your strategy Customize the BSC to reflect your industry's uniqueness Define clear measurements and ownership that suit your strategy Develop a framework for efficient data collection and reporting Implement effective reviews to keep your business on track Use your Balanced Scorecard data to close performance gaps Developed in the early 1990s, the Balanced Scorecard framework has been recognized as one of the most seminal business ideas in the last 75 years. Thousands of companies around the world use BSC to create and maintain a performance-oriented enterprise, yet just as many try and fail. Execution Excellence shows you what you need to know and do to become a BSC success story. 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They share numerous examples of companies that have done just that, not once, but over and over again. This is a book that every leader should read! (Clayton Christensen, Professor, Harvard Business School, and author of "The Innovator's Dilemma.") Do you remember the last major initiative you watched die in your organization? Did it go down with a loud crash? Or was it slowly and quietly suffocated by other competing priorities? By the time it finally disappeared, it's likely no one even noticed. What happened? The whirlwind of urgent activity required to keep things running day-to-day devoured all the time and energy you needed to invest in executing your strategy for tomorrow. "The 4 Disciplines of Execution" can change all that forever. Corporate executives can meet for days putting together a strategy that is not only brilliant in concept, but complete in design. A company can have this plan in the palm of their hands, knowing success is imminent if it is properly applied. The problem occurs when this type of plan is executed in a manner that is far less from complete, systematic, or desirable. The opposite can be true as well: Even with the very best team assembled and prepared to begin taking the planned

steps toward the goal, if the strategy is lacking, the company and its stakeholders are going to suffer in one way or another. The solution is simple: By getting your organization's departments, their routines, and their schedules to coincide with an excellent plan of attack, and if you prioritize the tasks before you properly and with wisdom, you will be able to take successful steps that lead to the end result you and your team are seeking for your organization.

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resilience to play the long game and hardwire change throughout systems and organizational structures to maintain momentum. In the final chapter, the authors illustrate their process in action through a detailed case study of BPB PLC--a century-old building material company that applied these five steps to make extraordinary strategic change happen. You can lead positive change in your company. A strategy is just words on paper until it's executed with care and smarts. Use *The Strategy of Execution* as a blueprint for long-term business success. There are a lot of smart people coming up with innovative business strategies today. Very few of them, however, are executing them. The gap between strategy and execution has never been wider. *The Strategy of Execution* provides a practical approach to the work that must be done after a business strategy is agreed upon. "This is a highly readable guide to one of the most under-researched areas of strategy; execution. Strategists have always had more solutions than there are problems, but the issue of what to do when they leave the building has not been satisfactorily addressed. Liz Mellon and Simon Carter have put together a clear framework for execution illustrated with countless examples. Industry leaders are called 'executives' for a reason. This crisp and accessible book should be their mandatory reading." -- PAUL WILLMAN, Professor of Management, London School of Economics "This is a clearly written and very readable book, with key insights into the challenges of implementing a strategy and good examples from individuals and organizations that have brought about successful change." -- ANDREW HOBDAY, Chief Sustainability Officer, Mars Incorporated "One aspect of leadership that has always puzzled me is how a leader directs change for the good of the organization and the people. Too often, when a leader talks about change, employees expect the worst. This insightful book lays out a step-by-step guide on how to execute a strategy with warmth and conviction, bringing people with you rather than dragging them, fearful, behind you." -- KEVIN KELLY, former CEO, Heidrick & Struggles "Discovering Execution" by Kierson and Tomlinson is the definitive book on discovering execution. It can be said that every individual and every organization executes, and whether it is done well or not so well makes all the difference in terms of the outcome. Getting better at execution is the solution to getting better at everything. Turn Strategy into Performance! In today's world of rapid, disruptive change, strategy can't be separate from execution—it has to emerge from execution. You have to continually adjust your strategy to fit new realities. But if your organization isn't set up to be fast on its feet, you could easily go the way of Blockbuster or Borders. Laura Stack shows you how to quickly drive strategic initiatives and get great results from your team. Her LEAD Formula outlines the Four Keys to Successful Execution: the ability to Leverage your talent and resources, design an Environment to support an agile culture, create Alignment between strategic priorities and operational activities, and Drive the organization forward quickly. She includes a leadership team assessment, group reading guides, and bonus self-development resources. Stack will equip you with the knowledge, skills, and inspiration to help you hit the ground running! There's no lack of good ideas in today's business world, yet 50% of them are doomed to failure. Executives will often greenlight a strategic initiative based on a business case and financial analyses alone, with no idea whether their company has the ability to execute it successfully. But there's a better way to make corporate decisions. Alex Castro has developed the ReM Score(TM), a data-driven measurement for determining a company's execution capability (or readiness) for each strategic initiative it is considering. Using this groundbreaking approach, business leaders can effectively evaluate potential acquisitions, new product concepts, new market expansions, and back-office optimizations by separating ideas that will actually work for them from those that are great in theory alone, while continuously measuring a business's adaptability to evolving strategies. You don't get two or three chances to make a strategy work in our rapidly shifting business environment. Measure, Execute, Win will help your company proceed on initiatives with full confidence that they will deliver the results you want. This insightful book presents new and innovative business models that are increasingly becoming a key to business success in a rapidly changing world. It details new and appropriate analytics, frameworks, insights, and forecasts for strategy and execution. At the intersection of disruptive and accelerated change, business leaders around the world are trying to embrace change and incorporate innovative business models in the basics of their businesses. Increasing emphasis is being placed on rethinking how customer value is developed and delivered, rethinking the profit formula and the financial model, and making corresponding changes to the core resources. Fed up with taxes? Angered and disappointed by corrupt leaders? *How to Stage a Military Coup* lays down practical strategies that have proven themselves around the globe. David Hebditch and Ken Connor examine, with a critical eye, successful as well as failed coup attempts throughout the

twentieth century with the aim of showing their readers just what it takes to swiftly and soundly overthrow a government. Exploring coups from Nigeria, to Cuba, to Iraq, and with true stories of SAS combat written by Ken Connor, the book gives an insightful glimpse into this violent and rarely-seen world of shifting power. *How to Stage a Military Coup* is a unique textbook for the armchair revolutionary, as well as a practical guide for the idealist with a soft spot for the sound of artillery fire. From evaluation of the political climate and investigation of potential allies, to recruiting and training personnel, to strategies for ensuring timely transfer of power, the book leaves no aspect of the coup unexamined. This new edition features a new introduction from the authors and a new foreword from an expert in the field, and also includes appendixes, notes, and a world map of coups.

Power of Execution is your go-to productivity guide on how to tackle your goals effectively so that you can live the life of your dreams. You will discover the truth about why most people fail at reaching their goals. Find out how the select few stay true to their goals and achieve all their wildest dreams. You will learn: The secret that helps highly successful people smash their goals. Why willpower is not enough and why you need to work smarter, instead of harder. How to work productively non-stop and not feel tired or demotivated by using the momentum of good feelings. Why goals like “lose some weight” and “earn more money” NEVER works. How to finally kill the fear of failure so that you can live as a winner. Stop chasing hot trends and start driving real growth

It's Not Rocket Science blasts through the trends and false promises permeating the business world to help you and your company get back to basics and get things done. Why doggedly pursue the "next big thing" when the most effective drivers of growth are right under your nose? This book asserts that you've already heard, been taught, and know well the key fundamentals that spell business success, and presents a compelling, four strategy blueprint for returning your business culture and strategies to a rock solid foundation of execution excellence. Each chapter opens with *The Challenge*, which outlines a current condition that exists due to a departure from common sense behaviors, and tasks you with following the appropriate execution principles to get your business on the right track. After a thorough explanation of "what" and "why," each chapter gives you the actionable "how" so you can implement these valuable steps and master the art of execution in your organization. Shifting sands do not make for a sustainable structure. If your organization is to be robust and strong enough to weather any storm, the strength must come from the very core; the ability for each member of your team to execute daily and effectively towards your organization's most compelling goals. Frankly, the last things most organizations need is another goal they'll miss because they can't execute well. This book reminds you of the four timeless execution methods and strategies that have proven themselves over centuries, and shows you how they are implemented in today's business environment. Get the leaders right Get the culture right Get the people right Get the process right Today's flash in the pan may be superficially intriguing, but is it really that much different from yesterday's "hot tip"? Fundamentals are fundamental for a reason, and *It's Not Rocket Science* is the common sense guide to putting away flavor-of-the-month toys and getting down to business. How to close the gap between strategy and execution Two-thirds of executives say their organizations don't have the capabilities to support their strategy. In *Strategy That Works*, Paul Leinwand and Cesare Mainardi explain why. They identify conventional business practices that unintentionally create a gap between strategy and execution. And they show how some of the best companies in the world consistently leap ahead of their competitors. Based on new research, the authors reveal five practices for connecting strategy and execution used by highly successful enterprises such as IKEA, Natura, Danaher, Haier, and Lego. These companies:

- Commit to what they do best instead of chasing multiple opportunities
- Build their own unique winning capabilities instead of copying others
- Put their culture to work instead of struggling to change it
- Invest where it matters instead of going lean across the board
- Shape the future instead of reacting to it

Packed with tools you can use for building these five practices into your organization and supported by in-depth profiles of companies that are known for making their strategy work, this is your guide for reconnecting strategy to execution. Companies must innovate to grow, but they often forget to look beyond their own brands. Take Sony, for example. Its success with consumer innovations like the Walkman blinded it to obvious changes in how, when, and where people wanted their music. Apple capitalized on those changes in demand with the iPod, providing a new way of listening to music and of managing one's entire music library. This book explains how you can spot these opportunities that are hidden in plain sight. It introduces the demand-first innovation and growth model that will show you how to become an unbiased observer of people's consumption and usage behaviors. Refining this skill helps companies

generate organic growth through new products, services, solutions, and experiences that truly enhance peoples' lives. Revealing the innovative processes of such organizations as BMW, Proctor and Gamble, GE Healthcare, and Frito-Lay, *Hidden in Plain Sight* offers you a new approach to identifying and executing your company's growth strategy. Presumptions? or Facts! The State operates on presumptions. Courts operate on presumptions. But what binds me to their presumptions? Where's the contract? What obligations in the contract am I allegedly bound to perform? Did I agree to it? Was the contract valid? Was mutual consideration exchanged? What type of consideration was exchanged? What is in the contract that I am supposed to perform? Was I aware of the contract? Was the contract fully disclosed? Did I sign the contract with my autograph in ink? Statutory laws are public servant codes for society's slaves; for agents of government. We're all presumed to be employees and servants of the state. But, we're servants of God instead; students of the earth, charged with its cultivation and care. #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • More than two million copies in print! The premier resource for how to deliver results in an uncertain world, whether you're running an entire company or in your first management job. "A must-read for anyone who cares about business."—The New York Times When *Execution* was first published, it changed the way we did our jobs by focusing on the critical importance of "the discipline of execution": the ability to make the final leap to success by actually getting things done. Larry Bossidy and Ram Charan now reframe their empowering message for a world in which the old rules have been shattered, radical change is becoming routine, and the ability to execute is more important than ever. Now and for the foreseeable future:

- Growth will be slower. But the company that executes well will have the confidence, speed, and resources to move fast as new opportunities emerge.
- Competition will be fiercer, with companies searching for any possible advantage in every area from products and technologies to location and management.
- Governments will take on new roles in their national economies, some as partners to business, others imposing constraints. Companies that execute well will be more attractive to government entities as partners and suppliers and better prepared to adapt to a new wave of regulation.
- Risk management will become a top priority for every leader. Execution gives you an edge in detecting new internal and external threats and in weathering crises that can never be fully predicted. Execution shows how to link together people, strategy, and operations, the three core processes of every business. Leading these processes is the real job of running a business, not formulating a "vision" and leaving the work of carrying it out to others. Bossidy and Charan show the importance of being deeply and passionately engaged in an organization and why robust dialogues about people, strategy, and operations result in a business based on intellectual honesty and realism. With paradigmatic case histories from the real world—including examples like the diverging paths taken by Jamie Dimon at JPMorgan Chase and Charles Prince at Citigroup—*Execution* provides the realistic and hard-nosed approach to business success that could come only from authors as accomplished and insightful as Bossidy and Charan. You think you have a winning strategy. But do you? Executives are bombarded with bestselling ideas and best practices for achieving competitive advantage, but many of these ideas and practices contradict each other. Should you aim to be big or fast? Should you create a blue ocean, be adaptive, play to win—or forget about a sustainable competitive advantage altogether? In a business environment that is changing faster and becoming more uncertain and complex almost by the day, it's never been more important—or more difficult—to choose the right approach to strategy. In this book, The Boston Consulting Group's Martin Reeves, Knut Haanaes, and Janmejaya Sinha offer a proven method to determine the strategy approach that is best for your company. They start by helping you assess your business environment—how unpredictable it is, how much power you have to change it, and how harsh it is—a critical component of getting strategy right. They show how existing strategy approaches sort into five categories—Be Big, Be Fast, Be First, Be the Orchestrator, or simply Be Viable—depending on the extent of predictability, malleability, and harshness. In-depth explanations of each of these approaches will provide critical insight to help you match your approach to strategy to your environment, determine when and how to execute each one, and avoid a potentially fatal mismatch. Addressing your most pressing strategic challenges, you'll be able to answer questions such as:

- What replaces planning when the annual cycle is obsolete?
- When can we—and when should we—shape the game to our advantage?
- How do we simultaneously implement different strategic approaches for different business units?
- How do we manage the inherent contradictions in formulating and executing different strategies across multiple businesses and geographies?

Until now, no book brings it all together and offers a practical tool for understanding which strategic approach to apply. Get started today. *The Four Disciplines*

of Execution is about a simple, proven formula for reaching the goals you want to reach as a business or individual. In Covey's experience, the thing that most undermines the ability to execute goals is what he calls the Whirlwind: those urgent tasks that must be done simply to keep an organization alive. As Covey shows, the only way to execute new, important goals is to separate those goals from the Whirlwind. The Four Disciplines allow leaders to create a strategy that requires a change in behaviour, since only by ensuring that everyone on the team understands the goal, knows what to do to reach it and knows whether progress is being made, will a leader produce consistent breakthrough results while sustaining the urgent work of the Whirlwind. The Four Disciplines of Execution are: 1. Focus on the Wildly Important; 2. Act on the Lead Measures; 3. Keep a Compelling Scoreboard; 4. Create a Cadence of Accountability. For more than a decade Franklin Covey has been studying what it takes to achieve important goals, and in this book they share success stories from a wide range of companies that have implemented the Four Disciplines to result in greater profits, increased market share and improved customer satisfaction. This way of thinking is essential to any company that wants to not only weather, but thrive in this economy. Ari Meisel and Nick Sonnenberg recently launched a profitable Virtual Assistant (VA) business in just one day - challenging the startup mentality that every new venture requires months of planning and a large investment of capital. Their VA business was born from scribbled notes on a cocktail napkin during dinner and was an up-and-running less than 24 hours later. By following their 3 step process: Optimize, Automate, Outsource, they leveraged free, readily available digital tools and apps with no outlay of cash whatsoever. Meisel and Sonnenberg reveal tactics for building a scalable business in today's world. This fascinating and informative book chronicles their first year in business together. An essential read for any entrepreneur. It follows their journey from idea to execution, detailing a bold new approach to 21st century business based on a fearless ingenuity and a willingness to rewrite the rules. Explores how the pastor can turn visions into reality. While most other titles on Sun Tzu emphasize the strategic or philosophical nature of Sun Tzu's writings, this guide will show readers how to implement The Art of War tactically and operationally. It promotes savvy strategic principles from Sun Tzu such as: share rewards, coordinate resources, and choose your timing. "Sun Tzu for Execution" enables readers to achieve results and improve their bottom line. 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But the company that executes well will have the confidence, speed, and resources to move fast as new opportunities emerge. • Competition will be fiercer, with companies searching for any possible advantage in every area from products and technologies to location and management. • Governments will take on new roles in their national economies, some as partners to business, others imposing constraints. Companies that execute well will be more attractive to government entities as partners and suppliers and better prepared to adapt to a new wave of regulation. • Risk management will become a top priority for every leader. Execution gives you an edge in detecting new internal and external threats and in weathering crises that can never be fully predicted. Execution shows how to link together people, strategy, and operations, the three core processes of every business. 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rapidly changing world. It seems so basic. Why is it so hard to actually get right? According to innovation expert Phil McKinney, the real problem is that we're teaching people to ask the wrong questions about their businesses--or none at all. There has to be a better way. In *Beyond the Obvious*, McKinney will help you use his proven FIRE (Focus, Ideation, Rank, Execution) Method to dig deeper and get back to asking the right questions--the ones all companies must ask to survive. Full of real-world examples, this book will change the way you operate, innovate, and create, and it all begins with battle-tested questions Phil has gathered on note cards throughout his career. Shared for the first time here, these "Killer Questions" include: What are the rules and assumptions my industry operates under? What if the opposite were true? What will be the buying criteria used by my customer in 5 years? What are my unshakable beliefs about what my customers want? Who uses my product in ways I never anticipated? These questions will reframe the way you see your products, your customers, and the way the two interact. Whether you're a company of thousands or a lean startup, *Beyond the Obvious* will give you the skills and easy-to-follow plan you need to make both the revolutionary changes and nuanced tweaks required for success. Praise for *Beyond the Obvious* "Human beings are creatures of habit, so getting ourselves and our teams to think beyond the obvious is a challenge we face all the time. Phil McKinney is an innovation expert, and his killer questions and hit-the-spot anecdotes provide a great way to get out in front of opportunities we otherwise won't see." --Geoffrey Moore, author of *Crossing the Chasm* and *Escape Velocity* "I've always believed that asking the right questions is the essence of design. Phil McKinney proves that point with this wonderful set of killer questions that will jumpstart-or greatly enhance- your innovation efforts." --B. Joseph Pine II, co-author, *The Experience Economy & Infinite Possibility*. "Product Innovation is a prerequisite to building great brands. Phil's questions are a prerequisite to building innovative products." --Satjiv S. Chahil, former global marketing chief, Apple Reprint of the original, first published in 1866. The best plan is useless without effective execution The future of business has become so unpredictable that your five-year plan may be irrelevant next week. To succeed in the modern market, you must constantly assess your progress and adapt on the fly. Agility, flexibility, continual learning, and adaptation are the new rules of business success. A differentiating strategy is crucial, but it will only lead to competitive advantage if you execute it flawlessly. You'll succeed only if you have the right insight for strategic planning and the agility to execute your plan. *Balanced Scorecard Evolution: A Dynamic Approach to Strategy Execution* provides the latest theory and practice from strategic planning, change management, and strategy execution to ensure your business is flexible, future ready, and primed for exceptional execution. Author Paul R. Niven guides you through the new principles of *The Balanced Scorecard* and shows you how to apply them to your planning and strategy execution endeavors. 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Many other organizations employ Lean and Six Sigma methodologies to eliminate waste and reduce process variation only to find they are not moving the big bars that measure success for the organization. *Driving Strategy to Execution Using Lean Six Sigma: A Framework for Crea* The must-read summary of James Murphy's book: "Flawless Execution: Use the Techniques and Systems of America's Fighter Pilots to Perform at Your Peak and Win the Battles of the Business World" This complete summary of the ideas from James Murphy's book "Flawless Execution" describes flawless execution as "a trainable, learnable repeatable process – bred in military aviation – that improves execution." This summary shows that there is one thing military organisations do well which general business practice has not yet picked up on. Military organisations carry out extensive briefings before attempting to act and then have systematic debriefs afterwards to figure out what went well and what did not for next time. Briefing and debriefing are areas many businesses are weak at. Flawless execution is all about generating predictable results time and again. Added-value of this summary: • Save time • Understand the key concepts • Increase your business knowledge To learn more, read "Flawless Execution" and you will realise that your business can take a lesson from the US military's

fighter pilots. In this second part of *The Strategy Handbook*, Jeroen Kraaijenbrink offers a refreshing and practical approach to strategy execution that completes the strategy process outlined in Part 1. Grounded in both research and practical experience, the book provides a structured approach to making strategy execution work. In an enjoyable and to-the-point style, *The Strategy Handbook* guides you through a four-step approach to strategy execution and shows you how this approach can be tailored to the specific needs of an organization. Like Part 1, the book comes with a wealth of advice, tools and checklists that can be applied immediately in the everyday practice of any organization wanting to execute strategy. The book serves as a complement to Part 1 but can also be used separately. The book is again easy to understand and to apply. Rooted in research though, it demonstrates a deep awareness of the complexity and difficulty of strategy execution in practice. Through this effective combination of simplicity and depth, Part 2 of *The Strategy Handbook* is a must-read for novices and more seasoned executives, managers and entrepreneurs. There is no more powerful relationship for the executive than one where you can gain objective, unvarnished feedback on your performance from a live human being who is wholly invested in your success. This book is about the art and science of making things happen from the top. The ability to execute with excellence is one of the major markers of a great executive. Conversely, poor execution results in short-term employment. You could say that consistently positive execution is table stakes to playing at the executive level. If you are reading this, and are an executive, you likely have significant expertise in this area. However, chances are you could stand to improve in a few of these competencies. This book will look at various aspects of executive execution and give you ways to capitalize on your strengths, address areas of weakness, and hopefully uncover any blind spots you may have.

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CLOSING THE EXECUTION GAP Once upon a time strategy was king. Leaders immersed themselves in the matter of planning how best to achieve their company's goals. The subject dominated the attention of senior executives and the writings of consultants and management gurus. Experts of various stripes weighed in on how to put strategic planning processes in place and transform employees at all levels into strategic thinkers. Naturally, leaders assumed all this strategizing would pay off. And yet, for too many organizations the promised results never came to pass. Quite simply, they couldn't execute. Now, the business world has shifted its focus to the consistent delivery of results. If an organization can't execute its plans and initiatives, nothing else matters: not the most solid, well thought-out strategy, not the most innovative business model, not even technological breakthroughs that could transform an industry. As it turns out, the "conventional wisdom" about what it takes to implement strategy and deliver results isn't all that wise. So what really differentiates the companies that are able to get things done day-to-day and deliver consistent results? The answer is found in the pages of Richard Lepsinger's ground-breaking book, *Closing the Execution Gap*. Based on extensive research and years of practical experience, the book outlines five prerequisites for effective execution and five "Bridges" that differentiate companies that do it best. It also describes six "Bridge Builders" leaders at all levels can use to close the execution gap in their company or team and help people get things done. Specifically, it addresses: What really gets in the way of getting things done—for individuals, teams and entire companies What leaders can do to enhance their organization's ability to close the execution gap and achieve solid business results What it takes to consistently execute plans and initiatives at a day-to-day operational level The book features many case studies of companies that have a track record of effective execution (Hewlett-Packard, Costco, Procter & Gamble) and those who have struggled with closing the gap between creating a vision and delivering results (Dell, American Airlines, GM). As the business world becomes more competitive and less forgiving, execution matters more than ever. This is a book for the times we live in—and one that for many companies could mean the difference between success and failure. A hands-on guidebook for making your strategy work with effective Balanced Scorecard design, deployment, and maintenance *Execution Excellence* is the practitioner's guide to real-world implementation. Designed by a Balanced Scorecard (BSC) thought leader with 30 years of experience and over 300 global implementations under his belt across a range of industry sectors, this guide gives you a hands-on framework for putting the BSC methodology into action. Clear, concise, and easy to read, this book skips the theoretical exposition to get right to the point—how can companies use BSC to effectively deploy strategy and drive individual and enterprise performance? You'll find the answers here. The

discussion outlines the ways in which firms commonly fail in implementing BSC. These failures can be traced back to common design and implementation flaws: making the process too complicated and focusing on the BSC process rather than the outcome. The discussion will also cover design optimization across a range of key industry sectors. You'll gain expert insight into avoiding these missteps and the practical tools and perspective you need to implement BSC correctly the first time. While the Balanced Scorecard framework is widely accepted and praised, about half of firms that implement it fail to realize the full benefits. The fault lies not with the framework, but with the design, and more importantly—execution. This book gives you the information and tools you need to adopt BSC successfully. Design a BSC that truly and simply reflects your strategy Customize the BSC to reflect your industry's uniqueness Define clear measurements and ownership that suit your strategy Develop a framework for efficient data collection and reporting Implement effective reviews to keep your business on track Use your Balanced Scorecard data to close performance gaps

Developed in the early 1990s, the Balanced Scorecard framework has been recognized as one of the most seminal business ideas in the last 75 years. Thousands of companies around the world use BSC to create and maintain a performance-oriented enterprise, yet just as many try and fail. Execution Excellence shows you what you need to know and do to become a BSC success story. Praise for EXECUTION EXCELLENCE "Execution Excellence is a very clear roadmap for any manager serious about improving performance with a team. Sanjiv has decades of experience solving problems with real-world companies and the challenges they face. This is a superb summary of his learning, communicated in concise, specific and easy to understand steps. I highly recommend it." —RON SANDERS, President, Warner Bros. Worldwide Home Entertainment "This book is full of sensible, practical advice on how to improve your business using the powerful tools of the Balanced Scorecard. Businesses of all types can see how to achieve their goals more effectively and quickly if they adopt the techniques shown here. Read and prosper!" —JON MOULTON, Founder and Managing Partner, Better Capital "Sanjiv certainly did not disappoint. The book is certainly a compendium of incredible experience he has had as a Consultant in different circumstances. It makes for extremely interesting reading. It is full of substance with practical and implementable suggestions and explains in an incredibly simple and straight forward manner how a tool like the Balance Scorecard can help in terms of framing and implementing business strategy in today's complex and multi dimensional business world." —AKHIL GUPTA, Vice Chairman, Bharti Enterprises "If you ever wondered how great generals manage their troops, this is your chance. Sanjiv is the general when it comes to implementing the BSC, having seen him in board rooms. If you are passionate about execution, then this is your back pocket guide. If you want more, read between the lines." —SALEH LOOTAH, Chairman, Ssl Holdings, Former Board Member, Dubai Islamic Bank "Sanjiv's thirty year experience in helping firms drive enterprise and individual performance, and bringing alignment between these components comes clearly through in this book. The insights are practical, global, and across industry sectors. A must read!" —LEENA NAIR, Chief Hr Officer, Unilever

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