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PREFACE

This book is intended for anyone who is interested in computers. It is designed to meet the needs of beginners as well as advanced learners who wish to deal with computers. As computers are being used today in every walk of life, this book can be used by students of computer science, business administration, management, engineering, and general science as well. At the undergraduate level, where an introductory course on computers is included as a part of the curriculum, this book can be used as a textbook. The book can also serve as course material for participants of short-term course conducted by various training organizations. Programmers and other computer professionals will also find the book helpful and informative. In short, this book is for everyone who is either excited about computers or interested in knowing about computers.

A knowledge of computers is not a prerequisite to follow the contents of the book. It assumes no background in computers or computer programming. Starting with an introductory chapter, the book goes on to cover all facets of digital computers. It uses the simple-to-complex and easy-to-learn approach throughout. Special attention has been paid to remove unwanted details and to make the material comprehensive, concise and practical. Simple and plain English has been used throughout and the use of computer jargons has been avoided as far as practicable.

All the concepts presented in the book are illustrated with suitable examples as and when required. This will enable the readers to use the book effectively for self-study. In addition to this, each chapter contains a number of review questions and exercises which are carefully designed to provide an insight into the subject matter.

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