

## The Last Mile

The user access part of the end-to-end broadband communication system is often called the "last-mile." Bringing together academic and industrial experts from communications, networking, computing, and signal processing, Jayant (Georgia Tech) presents nine papers that discuss technological issues of last mile access, including physical transmission.

This book addresses major issues facing postal and delivery services throughout the world. Worldwide, there is currently a considerable amount of interest in postal and delivery economics. The industry is reacting to a state of near crisis and is implementing different drastic changes. The European Commission and member States are still wrestling with the problem of how to implement entry liberalization into postal markets, how to address digital competition, and how to maintain the universal service obligation (USO). The Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006 in the U.S. has perhaps created and exacerbated the problems faced by USPS. Digitalisation, technological development and online platforms are strongly affecting both the way postal and delivery operators are managing their services as well as their role on the market. Strong emphasis was attributed to the assets of Postal Operators (POs) and their added value in the digital age as well as on new business

strategies. This volume presents original essays by prominent researchers in the field, selected and edited from papers presented at this year's 26th Conference on Postal and Delivery Economics held in Split, Croatia, from May 30- June 2, 2018. Topics addressed by this volume include quality of service, last mile solutions, and competition in the liberalized market. This book will be a useful tool not only for graduate students and professors, but also for postal administrations, consulting firms, and federal government departments.

Officially launched in July 2013, GoGoVan is a mobile application platform that connects individuals and businesses directly to thousands of drivers for fast and reliable last-mile deliveries. In August 2017, the company merged with 58 Suyun, one of China's largest intra-city logistics platforms, to become the first technology unicorn in Hong Kong. Since then, the company has extended its presence to more than 300 cities across Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, India, mainland China, and Taiwan. But what is their next move? This case provides students with an opportunity to understand the business model of GoGoVan, to analyze customer needs in the context of transporting goods, and to identify risks in GoGoVan's strategic directives. How should GoGoVan mitigate these risks and move forward to become the world's number one intra-city logistics platform?

For nine days in early May, Ryan Watkins along with two brothers, Jeremy and Chris Jones, backpack the world-famous Appalachian Trail through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. From his very first steps into the Smokies, Ryan quickly learns the seventy-mile stretch of trail is far more difficult than he ever imagined. The trio battles through torrential rains, lightning, snow, fatigue, multiple encounters with bears and a standoff with a timber rattlesnake as they march more than eighty miles from Standing Bear Farms, a small hostel north of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, to Fontana Dam on the park's southern tip. Along the way, the group meets a colorful cast of hikers while experiencing the most physically demanding and personally rewarding nine days of their lives. This story is a painfully honest, unadulterated and sometimes raunchy retelling of a hike that is definitely not suitable for readers of all ages.

This book presents selected papers from the 7th International Conference on Advances in Energy Research (ICAER 2019), providing a comprehensive coverage encompassing all fields and aspects of energy in terms of generation, storage, and distribution. Themes such as optimization of energy systems, energy efficiency, economics, management, and policy, and the interlinkages between energy and environment are included. The contents of this book will be of use to researchers

and policy makers alike. .

The story of a Pony Express rider with a very smart horse.

"Clark Gable is a man de-classed. You can't guess in any way where he came from or what he was."

Frank Taylor, producer of Gable's last film, *The Misfits* (1961), said this of the man who, to many people, will forever be Southern gentleman Rhett Butler of *Gone with the Wind*. This work tells Gable's life story, from his birth in 1901 in Cadiz, Ohio, to his death in 1960 in Hollywood. It chronicles his stage career, and of course gives information on every one of his films. His family background, his development as a person, the many romances including five marriages, and his relationships with friends and co-workers are all explored in detail. The sources used and the bibliography are fully annotated.

Channeling Indiana Jones, New York Times bestselling author Kat Martin pairs a woman in search of her family's truth with a hard-hitting professional treasure hunter for the second *Blood Ties* romantic thriller. As an unknown assailant stalks then across the treacherous Sierra Madre wilderness, they race to follow their treasure map's directions to a hidden trove of gold... A novel of taut suspense and danger from the New York Times bestselling mistress of Romantic Thrillers, Kat Martin. When Abigail Holland awakes to the sound of a nighttime intruder in her rambling Denver Victorian, she knows exactly what the black shrouded figure is after--the map she recently inherited from her grandfather. Whoever he is, the man who grapples with her, then escapes, is willing to kill for the location of a treasure King Farrell hunted for more

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than ten years. The Devil's Gold has claimed hundreds of lives, and it was her grandfather's obsession. With a killer pursuing her and her own family not to be trusted, Abby decides to take up the search herself. But she'll need help to do it, and there's no one better than renowned explorer and treasure hunter Gage Logan. Despite the instant chemistry between them, Gage is reluctant. Innocent people have been hurt on his watch before. But when Abby shows him a genuine gold ingot she found with the map, his curiosity is piqued. Before long they're heading into the flash floods and brutal winds of the Superstition Mountains, straight into a passionate entanglement--and the dark heart of danger.

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This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue "Emerging Technologies for Electric and Hybrid Vehicles" that was published in energies

Wanna Read But Not Enough Time? Then, grab a SpeedyReads of The Last Mile by David Baldacci now! Here's a sample of what you'll see in this book: Background Information about The Last Mile Publication and other Details The Last Mile was published on the 19th of April, 2016. The Last Mile is part of the Amos Decker series by David Baldacci. David Baldacci introduced his readers to the character of Amos Decker in Memory Man, a New York Times #1 Bestseller. David Baldacci has been praised to be excellent at plot-sketching and character development and dialogue. The novel is about a man on death row who is nearing his execution and gets released because another death row inmate confesses to the murder of his parents two decades ago. This gives rise to a riveting tale with several

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twists and turns and a secret that is considerably larger than the picture. \*this is an unofficial summary of The Last Mile by David Baldacci. It is not endorsed, affiliated by The Last Mile or David Baldacci. It is not the full book. Download And Start Reading Now - Even if it's 3 AM! Hurry, Limited Quantities Available! \*Bonus Section Included\* 100% Satisfaction Guaranteed or your money back!

Broadband Last Mile: Access Technologies for Multimedia Communications provides in-depth treatments of access technologies and the applications that rely upon them or support them. It examines innovations and enhancements along multiple dimensions in access, with the overarching goal of ensuring that the last mile is not the weak link in the broadband chain. Written by experts from the academic and commercial segments of the field, the book's self-contained sections address topics related to the disciplines of communications, networking, computing, and signal processing. The core of this treatment contains contemporary reviews of broadband pipes in the classes of copper, cable, fiber, wireless, and satellite. It emphasizes the coexistence of these classes within a network, the importance of optical communications for unprecedented bandwidth, and the flexibility and mobility provided by wireless. The book also includes perspective on the increasingly important topic of network management, providing insights that are true regardless of the nature of the pipe. The text concludes with a discussion of newly emerging applications and broadband services. This book offers an all-in-one treatment of the physical pipes and network architectures that make rich and increasingly personalized applications possible. It serves as a valuable resource for researchers and practitioners working in the increasingly pervasive field of broadband.

How to have a better life by finishing things at work and in your personal life for success, happiness, personal

satisfaction, and tranquility.

Luiz Augusto de Carvalho WANOPT Wide area network Specialist Benjamin Naude Magna international Telecommunications is usually responsible for a large percentage of the IT infrastructure costs, usually only surpassed by personnel. Therefore identifying savings, even small in terms of percentage in a large corporate network may mean hundreds of thousands of dollars per month. The techniques described in this book already helped and continuous helping hundreds of organizations to save millions of dollars with their telecommunications infra-structures.

Contents Presents the concepts of the WAN design algorithms Provides practical examples of algorithms and demonstrates how to deploy them Discusses cases where the techniques described were deployed with favorable results Discusses negotiating and managerial strategies Presents a practical guide about how to implement and manage a large WAN

When a convicted killer is saved by another man's confession, Amos Decker, now an FBI special task force detective, must find the truth in this "utterly absorbing" #1 New York Times bestseller (Associated Press). Convicted murderer Melvin Mars is counting down the last hours before his execution--for the violent killing of his parents twenty years earlier--when he's granted an unexpected reprieve. Another man has confessed to the crime. Amos Decker, newly hired on an FBI special task force, takes an interest in Mars's case after discovering the striking similarities to his own life: Both men were talented football players with

promising careers cut short by tragedy. Both men's families were brutally murdered. And in both cases, another suspect came forward, years after the killing, to confess to the crime. A suspect who may or may not have been telling the truth. The confession has the potential to make Melvin Mars--guilty or not--a free man. Who wants Mars out of prison? And why now? But when a member of Decker's team disappears, it becomes clear that something much larger--and more sinister--than just one convicted criminal's life hangs in the balance. Decker will need all of his extraordinary brainpower to stop an innocent man from being executed.

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An analysis of the failure of U.S. broadband policy to solve the rural–urban digital divide, with a proposal for a new national rural broadband plan. As much of daily life migrates online, broadband—high-speed

internet connectivity—has become a necessity. The widespread lack of broadband in rural America has created a stark urban–rural digital divide. In *Farm Fresh Broadband*, Christopher Ali analyzes the promise and the failure of national rural broadband policy in the United States and proposes a new national broadband plan. He examines how broadband policies are enacted and implemented, explores business models for broadband providers, surveys the technologies of rural broadband, and offers case studies of broadband use in the rural Midwest. Ali argues that rural broadband policy is both broken and incomplete: broken because it lacks coordinated federal leadership and incomplete because it fails to recognize the important roles of communities, cooperatives, and local providers in broadband access. For example, existing policies favor large telecommunication companies, crowding out smaller, nimbler providers. Lack of competition drives prices up—rural broadband can cost 37 percent more than urban broadband. The federal government subsidizes rural broadband by approximately \$6 billion. Where does the money go? Ali proposes democratizing policy architecture for rural broadband, modeling it after the wiring of rural America for electricity and telephony. Subsidies should be equalized, not just going to big companies. The result would be a multistakeholder system, guided by thoughtful public policy and

funded by public and private support.

The Last Mile to Huesca  
An Australian Nurse in the Spanish Civil War  
UNSW Press  
The Last Mile

Creating Social and Economic Value from Behavioral Insights  
University of Toronto Press

This book presents a diverse set of decision-making methodologies to solve some of the most important decisions that most organizations face today. It is an excellent demonstration of some great challenges in our society in the area of sustainability. These great challenges, ranging from sustainability in logistics to the use of renewable energies, needs to be urgently addressed. Sustainability has become one of the most important topics in management and many organizations are taking big steps towards sustainability. Organizations are attempting to use cleaner production technologies and renewable energies sources, to improve health and safety issues within their industries and the products and services they offer. These points involve several important strategic and managerial decisions, highlighted in this book. The book can be used by decision-makers and policy-makers as exemplary guidelines to solve sustainability problems.

Here's a practical cost management guide to the complex world of voice, data and wireless telecommunications for the non-technical business professional. Examining the complex, highly technical telecommunications industry from an

insider's point of view, it sifts through all the technical jargon, offers a comprehensive education on the applications, services and procurement of telecom products, and provides a strategy to effectively manage the costs of those products and services. The book enables you to: understand telecom services; audit phone bills; reduce the cost of existing services and eliminate unnecessary ones; and efficiently negotiate new contracts and services. This informative resource explains how providers of telecommunications services interwork and compete, focusing on pricing structures and options. Each section of this volume contains cost management advice, explains the technologies and service offerings of carriers, and illustrates complex concepts with case studies of companies in today's marketplace. Filled with cost management charts and graphics, problems to solve, and featuring an extensive reference section with terms and PIC codes, the book gives you the necessary tools to understand and reduce telecommunication costs. The two-volume set LNCS 6852/6853 constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 17th International Euro-Par Conference held in Bordeaux, France, in August/September 2011. The 81 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 271 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on support tools and environments; performance prediction and evaluation; scheduling

and load-balancing; high-performance architectures and compilers; parallel and distributed data management; grid, cluster and cloud computing; peer to peer computing; distributed systems and algorithms; parallel and distributed programming; parallel numerical algorithms; multicore and manycore programming; theory and algorithms for parallel computation; high performance networks and mobile ubiquitous computing.

The last mile is the longest... In the final book in the acclaimed Lithia Trilogy, Kat has new losses to mourn but also new reasons to live. On the brink of new beginnings, she is back together with Roman, their relationship deepening more and more even as she wonders whether she may still harbor feelings for Alex. Yet Kat finds it difficult to focus on such things as college and romance, with terror still haunting the hills of Lithia and threatening the entire town. As several recent earthquakes baffle scientists and put residents on edge, it seems that something more dangerous may be looming in Lithia's future. Trying to balance a busy life while keeping Lithia safe isn't easy—and soon Kat realizes that nothing is a higher priority than saving her hometown, along with its abundance of land and animals, from devastation. The only problem is that she can't find a way to do this without leaving Lithia forever—or risking her own life and the lives of those she loves. And her future with Roman appears as unsteady as the ground under her feet... In a novel that weaves together stories of love, the environment, and

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Shakespeare, the natural and supernatural worlds collide in this stunning conclusion to the Lithia Trilogy. Don't miss the other two books in the Lithia Trilogy: *Out of Breath* and *The Ghost Runner*.

*The Last Mile* helps lay readers not only to understand behavioral science, but to apply its lessons to their own organizations' last mile problems, whether they work in business, government, or the nonprofit sector.

Viewed from a global scale, steady progress has been made in reducing extreme poverty—defined by the \$1.25-a-day poverty line—over the past three decades. This success has sparked renewed enthusiasm about the possibility of eradicating extreme poverty within a generation. However, progress is expected to become more difficult, and slower, over time. This book will examine three central changes that need to be overcome in traveling the last mile: breaking cycles of conflict, supporting inclusive growth, and managing shocks and risks. By uncovering new evidence and identifying new ideas and solutions for spurring peace, jobs, and resilience in poor countries, *The Last Mile in Ending Extreme Poverty* will outline an agenda to inform poverty reduction strategies for governments, donors, charities, and foundations around the world.

Contents Part I:  
Peace: Breaking the Cycle of Conflict External finance for state and peace building, Marcus Manuel and Alistair McKechnie, Overseas Development Institute Reforming international cooperation to improve the sustainability of peace, Bruce Jones, Brookings and New York University Bridging state and local communities through livelihood improvements, Ryutaro Murotani, JICA, and Yoichi Mine,

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Due to the latest catastrophes caused by both man and nature, humanitarian logistics has received increasing interest from academics, practitioners and specialists. These interests are increased as well by an expanding market of disaster relief and by the fact that disaster relief supply chains are complex and dynamic, not to mention that they have a lot of uncertainties that make operations very complicated. Especially in disaster relief, the supply chains have to be fast, agile and flexible in order to rapidly provide the appropriate amount, and type of emergency supplies, to minimize human suffering or death. The last mile distribution is the final stage of the disaster relief supply chain, i.e. the delivery of relief







comrade makes his way back to the UK to settle the score once and for all. But with Sam off the grid, Mac is willing to go to extreme lengths to draw him out, putting those Sam holds dearest in terrifying danger.

B2C e-commerce is still one of the fastest growing marketing channels in almost all product categories yielding to less bundled direct-to-consumer deliveries. Last mile deliveries cause costs and emissions especially in urban areas with a high density of e-customers. Therefore, stakeholders in the context of last mile parcel deliveries are interested in implementing efficient, innovative and ecological last mile concepts. Additionally, such concepts must fulfill the requirements and expectations of online customers as parcel recipients because last mile delivery is the critical link between an online purchase and the delivery to the address stated by the customer. In our customer-driven central last mile micro depot (CMD) project a potential analysis was carried out for the implementation of a CMD with the aim of environmentally-friendly and bundled last mile delivery. Our paper tries to close a research gap by examining acceptance and willingness-to-pay for an alternative last mile delivery concept from the perspective of the customer. Our empirical results based on a survey among German major city residents indicate that city residential areas are potentially more suitable for the realization of a CMD-project than other areas. Furthermore, younger and employed inhabitants are most willing to use the CMD. Based on our statistical model we are able to predict values for the willingness to pay per parcel for a specific population of urban

inhabitants. A high proportion of the population in cities (60%) would be interested in participating. However, only 36% are willing to pay in addition to the usual parcel delivery charges. 26% are willing to pay €1.00 or more.

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This edited volume aims to describe the transformation of supply chain management (SCM) and logistics services by merging sustainable logistics, SCM, sustainable consumption and lifestyle research. This assessment of the transformation potential serves the development of sustainable business models and optimized decision-making systems for achieving sustainable economic value creation within a green economy. In 5 sections, the volume takes a unique transdisciplinary approach to assess sustainable business practices within SCM and the logistics sector, and to understand the interactions between logistics services and consumer lifestyles while creating transparency within the decision making process. This book will be of particular interest to academics, policymakers, planners, and politicians. Section 1 introduces readers to the importance of blended research and innovation between sustainable SCM and consumer

lifestyles for transformation towards a green economy. Section 2 addresses the question of how trends and developments in consumption behavior and lifestyles influence the development of sustainable logistics. Section 3 discusses the transformation potential towards sustainable logistics using the food sector as an example. Section 4 focuses on strategic decision making in SCM, and how long-term improvements of sustainability performance can be achieved. Section 5 concludes with policy recommendations as well as research and innovation perspectives for future sustainable development with SCM and logistics.

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