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Das Buch richtet sich primär an Designer und Informations-Manager im Umfeld von Data-Warehouse-Anwendungen. Diese Zielgruppe erhält Ratschläge und Handlungsanleitungen, um deren Anforderungen optimal zu bewältigen. Dabei ist der ganzheitliche Ansatz zu betonen, der eine evolutionäre Weiterentwicklung besser als singuläre Schnellschüsse unterstützen kann. Auch der zugrundeliegende Architekturcharakter trägt zur Festigung dieser Intension bei. Zu knapp werden die Themen Data Mining und Parallelverarbeitung angesprochen; ebenfalls fehlen zur Vertiefung weiterführende Literaturhinweise. Insbesondere SMP und MPP bieten für die praktische Realisierung wichtige Unterstützungshilfen. Wobei zur Verbesserung der Performance die Fähigkeit einiger DBMS Abfragen zu optimieren und parallel zu verarbeiten nützlich ist.

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**With substantial new and updated content, this second edition of *The Data Warehouse Lifecycle Toolkit* again sets the standard in data warehousing for the next decade. It shows you how to:**

- Identify and prioritize data warehouse opportunities
- Create an architecture plan and select products
- Design a powerful, flexible, dimensional model
- Build a robust ETL system
- Develop BI applications to deliver data to business users
- Deploy and sustain a healthy DW/BI environment

The authors are members of the Kimball Group. Each has focused on data warehousing and business intelligence consulting and education for more than 15 years; most have written other books in the Toolkit

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