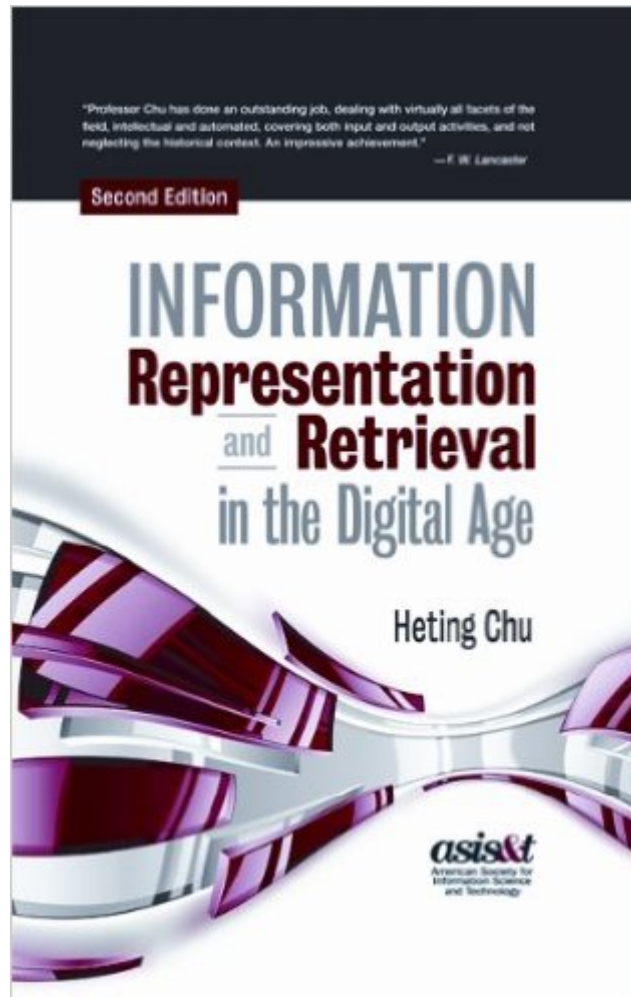


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I just wrapped up my first semester in the Master of Library Science program at Texas Woman's University. This text was one selected for my Information Storage and Retrieval course. Let me preface this review by simply admitting that after an extensive undergraduate career (read: I changed majors three times) and one semester of graduate school, this is only the second non-literature textbook I have actually read in its entirety. I am not a computer science person. At best, I just haven't been afraid of exploding my hard drive or the internet by messing with stuff I don't understand. Therefore, my background does not exactly predispose me to favoring this book. That being said, Dr. Heting Chu is an obviously gifted writer. She succinctly explains everything, but that's the idea--she strikes the perfect balance between adequate explanation and boring overkill. Chu writes an informative text that dares to even be entertaining at times. She handles her topics

with an amazing grasp of language. Most of this book covers radically abstract concepts, yet she brings it down for those of us who don't speak information as a first language. Chu made the difference in my course: she gave me a foundation for all of the fun. The book opens with an adequate overview and history of Information Science. She moves on to basic approaches in Chapters 2 and 3, then language use in Chapter 4. Chapters 5 and 6 go over queries (searches), and Chapters 7 and 8 continue with information models and systems. Chapter 9 addresses unique situations (like multimedia), and Chapter 10 looks at the user dimension in information retrieval. Chapter 11 looks at evaluation, and Chapter 12 addresses the future: artificial intelligence and IRR.

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