Thoughtful Interaction Design: A Design Perspective on Information Technology (Paperback)

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MIT Press Ltd, United States, 2007. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The authors of Thoughtful Interaction Design go beyond the usual technical concerns of usability and usefulness to consider interaction design from a design perspective. The shaping of digital artifacts is a design process that influences the form and functions of workplaces, schools, communication, and culture; the successful interaction designer must use both ethical and aesthetic judgment to create designs that are appropriate to a given environment. This book is not a how-to manual, but a collection of tools for thought about interaction design. Working with information technology -- called by the authors the material without qualities -- interaction designers create not a static object but a dynamic pattern of interactivity. The design vision is closely linked to context and not simply focused on the technology. The authors action-oriented and context-dependent design theory, drawing on design theorist Donald Schoen s concept of the reflective practitioner, helps designers deal with complex design challenges created by new technology and new knowledge. Their approach, based on a foundation of thoughtfulness that acknowledges the designer s responsibility not only for the functional qualities of the design product but for the...

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