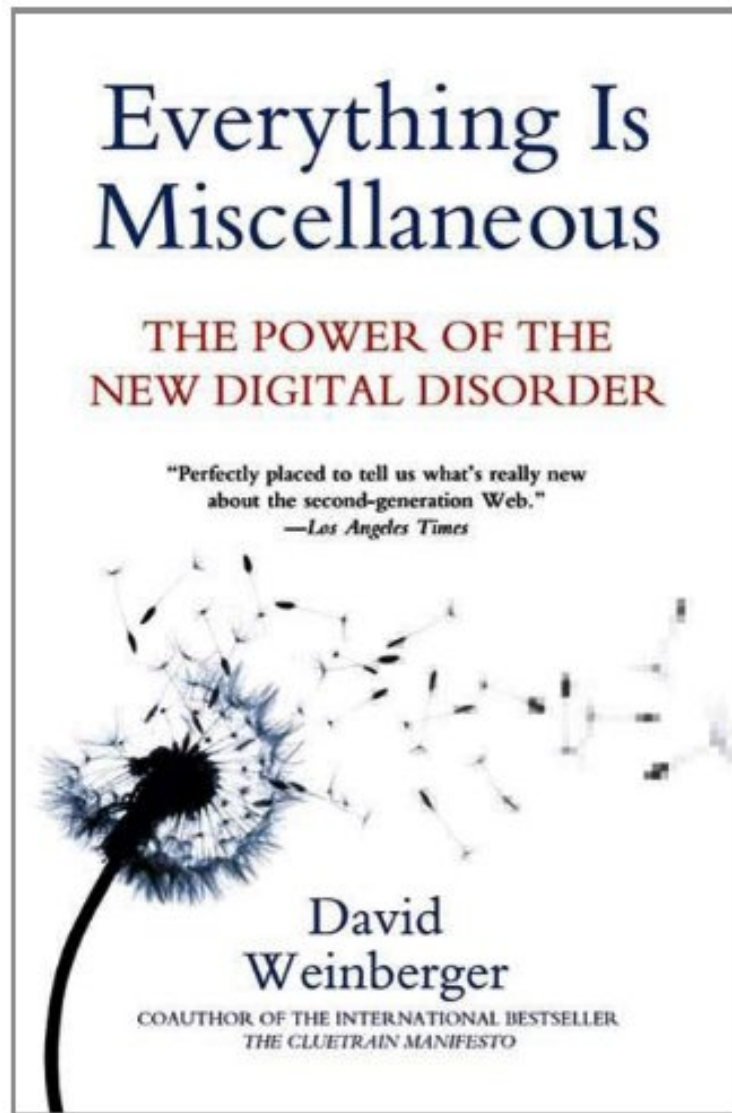


Everything Is Miscellaneous: The Power of the New Digital Disorder

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David Weinberger : Everything Is Miscellaneous: The Power of the New Digital Disorder before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Everything Is Miscellaneous: The Power of the New Digital Disorder:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. How to Categorize this book?By fill really enjoyed the book. As someone who tags everything and is really focused on keeping my iPhoto library organized the concepts presented really appealed to me. I'd jumped into tagging and never considered the fact that it does hide other information. Yet another example of extremes - somewhere in the middle is a happy medium.A couple of things that stuck with me:- Wikis reduce emails by about 75%; I want to test this theory in real life!- The discussion of org charts was interesting.

Corporate hierarchies don't seem to make sense. The social connection follows the work connection. These are the important relationships.- I really like the idea of 'Daily Me' fragments as quoted from Nicholas Negroponte.- An article is neutral when people have stopped changing it.- The idea that we're misleading CEOs by telling them it's an information business. Makes me think that it's really a relationship business. Information is used to establish, promote and measure the relationship.I read recently that 50% of internet users don't understand tagging.I would like to dive deeper into usage patterns of organization. I see 2 ways of tagging something: (1) tagging the content directly (e.g. delicious) or (2) putting the content into a container - the container is effectively the tab - this could be single or multiple containers (think iTunes)6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Hope For People Caught In The Endless Quest For A Perfect Filing SystemBy Ron TarroThis book speaks to the aching sense of futility experienced by all you organizational freaks. The reason your office or computer desktop folders are never perfect, and as a result you are not perfectly organized, is that you have not had perfect tools. Alas, the world does not fit into nested folders and file drawers ... no matter how clever you name them. We've always intuitively known this but David Wienberger gets specific about it. Along the way you'll learn that the folks managing the Dewey Decimal System have a more frustrating (hopeless?) organizational/taxonomical job than you do ... so you should feel better (or at least you should not feel alone).David Wienberger goes deep on what software and more generally the internet has done to help us organize knowledge in the world. He illuminates our movement from first order organization (the library shelf), to second order (creating a library card catalogue to find that book), to third order (collective development and meta tagging of information as found in online tools like flickr, delicious, wikipedia, and others). The book begins to describe how mankind will keep intellectual order given the explosion of constantly changing information. The short answer to that "how" question is: we will no longer simply put information into discrete real or virtual folders. Instead we will actually begin to create broad information about each element of information (meta-data). More importantly we will do this collectively and share it widely.Wienberger's sense is that we are organizing the worlds information steadily into structures that actually better mimic how the human mind works. We are bringing our information toolsets closer to us and as a result are making information and knowledge more accessible and useful. Wienberger's implication is that we will all spend less time organizing and more time making use of information. Great news unless you're a compulsive obsessive organizer. Read this book to find out what's driving many things you see on the internet including meta tagging, wikipedia, flickr, google, digg, and beyond.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One of two that matterBy BillDavid Weinberger's "Everything is Miscellaneous" and his "Too Big to Know" are two books everyone should read in my opinion. Both have to do with the nature of knowledge and communication in the age of the internet and the World Wide Web. Those of us who are older spent a good deal of time during elementary education learning top-down, sectional searching. Weinberger's point is that today, that may be inefficient or simply fail. Case in point, tell Google what you want to know about or Apple instead of looking in the likely section and then the likely sub-section, etc. You can find many instances where Google goes right to the spot you want while you get lost among the sub-sections otherwise. His point relates to putting everything in one big Miscellaneous folder instead of separate ones for each topic. Electronic searching is different from what we learned.

Business visionary and bestselling author David Weinberger shows how the digital revolution is radically changing the way we make sense of our livesHuman beings are information omnivores: we are constantly collecting, labeling, and organizing data. But today, the shift from the physical to the digital is mixing, burning, and ripping our lives apart. In the past, everything had its one placemdash;the physical world demanded itmdash;but now everything has its places: multiple categories, multiple shelves. Simply put, everything is suddenly miscellaneous.In Everything Is Miscellaneous, David Weinberger charts the new principles of digital order that are remaking business, education, politics, science, and culture. In his rollicking tour of the rise of the miscellaneous, he examines why the Dewey decimal system is stretched to the breaking point, how Rand McNally decides what information not to include in a physical map (and why Google Earth is winning that battle), how Staples stores emulate online shopping to increase sales, why your children's teachers will stop having them memorize facts, and how the shift to digital music stands as the model for the future in virtually every industry. Finally, he shows how by "going miscellaneous," anyone can reap rewards from the deluge of information in modern work and life.From A to Z, Everything Is Miscellaneous will completely reshape the way you thinkmdash;and what you knowmdash;about the world.