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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Modelling Coordination in Organizations: Kevin Coordination Science Mit Sloan School of Management December 1990 What good are organizations? Obviously, organizations exist for many reasons. One of the most important is to channel the efforts of the organizations members in ways that allow the organization to accomplish things that no individual working alone could do. For example, a computer operating system is such a complex product that no one individual can be said to know how to design or build one, yet several organizations routinely do exactly that. This ability has a cost; much of the work done by members of a software company has little to do with actually writing software. Instead, these workers spend their time coordinating their actions and the actions of others. As yet, however, we have only a vague understanding of what coordination work is or how it is useful. The end goal of my research is to provide a more principled definition of coordination and coordination work. To do so, however, requires the development of better analysis techniques. In this...



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