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In 2009, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) released the report Warfighter Support: Independent Expert Assessment of Army Body Armor Test Results and Procedures Needed Before Fielding, which commented on the conduct of the test procedures governing acceptance of body armor vest-plate inserts worn by military service members. This GAO report, as well as other observations, led the Department of Defense Director, Operational Test & Evaluation, to request that the National Research Council (NRC) Division on Engineering and Physical Sciences conduct a three-phase study to in-

vestigate issues related to the testing of body armor materials for use by the U.S. Army and other military departments. Phase I and II resulted in two NRC letter reports: one in 2009 and one in 2010. This report is Phase III in the study. Testing of Body Armor Materials: Phase III provides a roadmap to reduce the variability of clay processes and shows how to migrate from clay to future solutions, as well as considers the use of statistics to permit a more scientific determination of sample sizes to be used in body armor testing. This report also develops ideas for revising or replacing the Prather study methodology, as well as reviews comments on methodologies and technical ap-

proaches to military helmet testing. Testing of Body Armor Materials: Phase III also considers the possibility of combining various national body armor testing standards. This book combines semi-physical simulation technology with an Internet of Things (IOT) application system based on novel mathematical methods such as the Fisher matrix, artificial neural networks, thermodynamic analysis, support vector machines, and image processing algorithms. The dynamic testing and semi-physical verification of the theory and application were conducted for typical IOT systems such as RFID systems, Internet of Vehicles systems, and two-dimensional barcode recognition

systems. The findings presented are of great scientific significance and have wide application potential for solving bottlenecks in the development of RFID technology and IOT engineering. The book is a valuable resource for post-graduate students in fields such as computer science and technology, control science and engineering, and information science. Moreover, it is a useful reference resource for researchers in IOT and RFID-related industries, logistics practitioners, and system integrators.

A project of the Committee on Science, Arms Control, and National Security of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in cooperation with the Center for International Security and Arms Control, Stanford University.

For every weapons system being developed, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) must make a critical decision: Should the system go forward to full-scale production? The answer to that question may involve not only tens of billions of dollars but also the nation's security and military capabilities. In the milestone process used by DOD to answer the basic acquisition ques-

tion, one component near the end of the process is operational testing, to determine if a system meets the requirements for effectiveness and suitability in realistic battlefield settings. Problems discovered at this stage can cause significant production delays and can necessitate costly system redesign. This book examines the milestone process, as well as the DOD's entire approach to testing and evaluating defense systems. It brings to the topic of defense acquisition the application of scientific statistical principles and practices.

Investigates charges that Army Ordnance Corps tire-testing program at Camp Bullis, Tex., involved unnecessary and wasteful expenditures and a duplication of commercial testing programs.

Stated more formally, we offer this definition: Human factors test and evaluation is the measurement and characterization of the interaction of human-system components, hardware, software, procedures, and humans, in terms of performance and user satisfaction. How those interactions are measured and characterized, and how the results are conveyed to others in the system development process is the subject of

this book.

This document has been assembled as an Annex for use in conjunction with the manual: 'Performance Test Development for Skill Qualification Testing' by Robert Vineberg and Elaine N. Taylor; (Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences, July 1975). It contains brief comments on a selected sample of tests now in use at U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Service Schools. Its purpose is to amplify the principles of performance test construction contained in the parent manual through an analysis and criticism of existing tests. (Author).

Although ability testing has been an American preoccupation since the 1920s, comparatively little systematic attention has been paid to understanding and measuring the kinds of human performance that tests are commonly used to predict—such as success at school or work. Now, a sustained, large-scale effort has been made to develop measures that are very close to actual performance on the job. The four military services have carried out an ambitious study, called the Joint-Service Job Performance Mea-

surement/Enlistment Standards (JPM) Project, that brings new sophistication to the measurement of performance in work settings. Volume 1 analyzes the JPM experience in the context of human resource management policy in the military. Beginning with a historical overview of the criterion problem, it looks closely at substantive and methodological issues in criterion research suggested by the project: the development of performance measures; sampling, logistical, and standardization problems; evaluating the reliability and content representativeness of performance measures; and the relationship between predictor scores and performance measures—valuable information that can also be useful in the civilian workplace. This study examines the Army's top-down performance evaluation system. Many claim that it drives behavior in organizations that not only inhibits the exercise of mission command, but also rewards image management over organizational leadership. Colonel Curtis Taylor takes a hard look at this system, its benefits and its cultural incentives. More importantly, he asks if the current system pro-

motes or impedes the exercise of mission command. After examining the history of the Army's performance evaluation system and alternative models outside the military, Colonel Taylor concludes that a more holistic system that combines top-down evaluations, peer and subordinate evaluation, and objective testing might be a better approach. The Strategic Studies Institute offers this monograph to enable its readers to assess whether the recommended system may balance incentives more carefully, ensuring that the very best organizational leaders are easier to identify, assign, and promote. In 2014, the National Defense Authorization Act directed the Department of Defense to reconsider the way the Army evaluates and selects leaders. This call for reform came after repeated surveys from the Center for Army Leadership suggested widespread dissatisfaction with the current approach. The U.S. Army today is seeking to inculcate a philosophy of mission command across the force based on a culture of mutual trust, clear intent, and decentralized initiative. It is, therefore, reasonable to ask if our cur-

rent performance evaluation system contributes or detracts from such a culture. This monograph seeks to answer this question by considering the essential leader attributes required for the exercise of mission command and then considering practical methods for evaluating this behavior. It then reviews the history of the existing Army performance evaluation system and analyzes how well this system conforms to the attributes of mission command. Finally, it examines other methods of performance evaluation outside of the Army to determine if those methods could provide a better model. This examination included a variety of best practice models in private business and the public sector and identified alternative approaches to performance evaluation. Three alternative models were chosen for scrutiny because they demonstrated an ability to specifically identify and select for the leader attributes essential to mission command. The monograph concludes that the U.S. Army's current officer evaluation system is ill-suited to evaluate mission command attributes. The author's findings suggest that our current system is not wrong,

but rather is incomplete. The research suggests that a combination of top-down evaluations, peer and subordinate reviews, and objective testing of critical skills might equip U.S. Army boards to identify better the best practitioners of the mission command philosophy. Two specific proposals are suggested for further research in the appendix. The first proposes to conduct background investigations for command select positions modelled after the single scope background investigation security clearance interviews. The second proposes the creation of assessment centers within the U.S. Army to evaluate potential to perform in future assignments.

This advanced textbook presents an almost complete overview of techniques for hardware verification. It covers all approaches used in existing tools, such as binary and word-level decision diagrams, symbolic methods for equivalence and temporal logic model checking, and introduces the use of higher-order logic theorem proving for verifying circuit correctness. Each chapter contains an introduction and a summary as well as a section

for the advanced reader, aiding an understanding of the advantages and limitations of each technique. Backed by many examples and illustrations, this text will appeal to a broad audience, from beginners in system design to experts. XXXXXXXX Neuer Text This is a complete overview of existing techniques for hardware verification. It covers all approaches used in existing verification tools, such as symbolic methods for equivalence checking, temporal logic model checking, and higher-order logic theorem proving for verifying circuit correctness. The book helps readers to understand the advantages and limitations of each technique. Each chapter contains a summary as well as a section for the advanced reader.

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Systems Engineering--an interdisciplinary, multi-stage-driven approach to the design and implementation of any large-scale or complex engineered product or service--has found its way from aerospace into general manufacturing as well as the

services industry. It has been found to be particularly useful in such applications as software engineering, the bio- and medical industries, and large, multi-component projects like those found in energy-generation. Following on the author's previous book *System Requirements Analysis*, this new book will lay out the steps and procedures needed to implement a quality check of the system being proposed or designed...the "Verification? stage of a full systems engineering program. Systems engineering usually begins with defining a product that will satisfy a customer need and then rationally building a set of required components, personnel, and financial resources. The testing and evaluating of a proposed design solution is known as Verification, and this will guide the systems engineer and his engineering and management team in setting up the detailed protocols for a step-by-step quality control check of each stage of a proposed system design.

- Complete overview of the basic principles involved in setting up a System Verification program
- Follows a proven pattern of "Define the problem, "Solve the Problem," and

"Prove it" ·Covers a variety of approaches to Qualification Verification, System Test and Evaluation, and Acceptance Verification, as well as Process Verification

Every year, the U.S. Army must select from an applicant pool in the hundreds of thousands to meet annual enlistment targets, currently numbering in the tens of thousands of new soldiers. A critical component of the selection process for enlisted service members is the formal assessments administered to applicants to determine their performance potential. Attrition for the U.S. military is hugely expensive. Every recruit that does not make it through basic training or beyond a first enlistment costs hundreds of thousands of dollars. Academic and other professional settings suffer similar losses when the wrong individuals are accepted into the wrong schools and programs or jobs and companies. Picking the right people from the start is becoming increasingly important in today's economy and in response to the growing numbers of applicants. Beyond cognitive tests of ability, what other attributes should selectors

be considering to know whether an individual has the talent and the capability to perform as well as the mental and psychological drive to succeed? *Measuring Human Capabilities: An Agenda for Basic Research on the Assessment of Individual and Group Performance Potential for Military Accession* examines promising emerging theoretical, technological, and statistical advances that could provide scientifically valid new approaches and measurement capabilities to assess human capability. This report considers the basic research necessary to maximize the efficiency, accuracy, and effective use of human capability measures in the military's selection and initial occupational assignment process. The research recommendations of *Measuring Human Capabilities* will identify ways to supplement the Army's enlisted soldier accession system with additional predictors of individual and collective performance. Although the primary audience for this report is the U.S. military, this book will be of interest to researchers of psychometrics, personnel selection and testing, team dynamics, cognitive ability, and measurement methods and tech-

nologies. Professionals interested in of the foundational science behind academic testing, job selection, and human resources management will also find this report of interest.

In accordance with the Army's emphasis on performance-oriented instruction, this project was undertaken (1) to continue the conversion of the Basic Law Enforcement Course (BLEC) offered by the US Military Police School at Fort McClellan, Alabama, to a performance-oriented, self paced mode; (2) to develop an internal course monitoring system; and (3) to conduct a field validation study of the preparedness of BLEC graduates to perform entry level tasks at their first duty assignments. The study demonstrated that: (1) Graduates of the new BLEC were rated by their first-line supervisors and by themselves as 'prepared' or 'well prepared' to perform 41 to 43 subtasks at this level; (2) 'soft' skill subtasks were found to be more difficult than 'hard' skill subtasks with respect to achieving job preparedness; and (3) Performance-oriented, self paced training produced more effective 'hard' skill learning than traditional group-paced instruction.

Greater emphasis on repeated task level performance training and testing interspersed with subtask training was recommended.

The Dept. of Homeland Security's Secure Border Initiative Network (SBInet) is a multiyear, multibillion dollar program to deliver surveillance and decision-support technologies that create a virtual fence and situational awareness along the nation's borders with Mexico and Canada. Managed by DHS's Customs and Border Protection (CBP), SBInet is to strengthen CBP's ability to identify, deter, and respond to illegal breaches at and between border points of entry. This report determined: (1) whether SBInet testing has been effectively managed, including the types of tests performed and whether they were well planned and executed; and (2) what the results of testing show. Includes recommendations. Charts and tables.

Advanced U.S. Army technology and hardware systems place a higher cognitive demand on the individual soldier than ever before. Sophisticated weaponry and hostile mission environments of modern conflict threaten to

overwhelm the capacities of the human operator. New selection and training instruments are being developed to (a) select people most likely to perform well under high cognitive demands, (b) identify weaknesses in people, and (c) alter or train the person to improve response to the increased cognitive work load. The primary goals of this Phase I SBIR effort were to develop a new conceptual model and to suggest new testing and training approaches to handle the cognitive complexity of many Army tasks. Such approaches may enhance the identification and training of people to perform cognitive tasks efficiently during conditions of extremely high work load. To begin this process, a general nonlinear model of performance was first developed by exploring performance theory; this theoretical orientation was then translated into practical assessment and training tools to select and enhance people likely to excel at tasks demanding particular combinations of skills. A nonlinear approach to combining these procedures into a practical test battery and a specific training approach based on this model were proposed. AH-64

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The U.S. Army engages in firing activities on Army reservations throughout the United States. These activities are essential for research, equipment performance verification tests, personnel training, and the disposal of obsolete ammunition. Unfortunately, persons who reside nearby are subjected to side effects in the form of noise, vibrations, and occasionally, property damage. When a particular Army reservation is informed that property damage has occurred the Army advises that a claim for restitution can be submitted. The claim is then processed through a procedure which leads to final settlement. This report is concerned with describing the major facets of the technical review process which has been instituted to develop an opinion as to Army responsibility. Blast effects, Muzzle blast, Civilian damage, Sound propagation, Ground shock.

; the relationships between testing program, training content and

method, and utilization on the job are probed; and the methodology is explained by which the validity of the tests is established. Analysis of measures of performance in job training programs and rating of job performance reveals that training performance is more satisfactory than job ratings for evaluating test effectiveness. How well tests predict performance in training programs and the relation between test scores and other indexes of success are examined separately for blacks and whites. Selection and classification tests are effective in identifying potential failures in Army training programs and for assigning men to jobs where their potential is best used and where they can best serve the Army. Aptitude test scores are useful indicators of the proficiency and grade a man can attain, of the time required to bring a trainee to a minimum level of performance, and in identifying general categories---men eligible for o

This book examines the human factors issues associated with the development, testing, and implementation of helmet-mounted display technology in the 21st Century

Land Warrior System. Because the framework of analysis is soldier performance with the system in the full range of environments and missions, the book discusses both the military context and the characteristics of the infantry soldiers who will use the system. The major issues covered include the positive and negative effects of such a display on the local and global situation awareness of the individual soldier, an analysis of the visual and psychomotor factors associated with each design feature, design considerations for auditory displays, and physical sources of stress and the implications of the display for affecting the soldier's workload. The book proposes an innovative approach to research and testing based on a three-stage strategy that begins in the laboratory, moves to controlled field studies, and culminates in operational testing.

George C. Marshall once called him "the brains of the army." And yet General Lesley J. McNair (1883-1944), a man so instrumental to America's military preparedness and Army modernization, remains little known today, his papers purportedly lost, destroyed by his wife

in her grief at his death in Normandy. This book, the product of an abiding interest and painstaking research, restores the general Army Magazine calls one of "Marshall's forgotten men" to his rightful place in American military history. Because McNair contributed so substantially to America's war preparedness, this first complete account of his extensive and varied career also leads to a reevaluation of U.S. Army effectiveness during WWII. Born halfway between the Civil War and the dawn of the 20th century, Lesley McNair—"Whitey" by his classmates for his blond hair—graduated 11th of 124 in West Point's class of 1904 and rose slowly through the ranks like all officers in the early twentieth century. He was 31 when World War I erupted, 34 and a junior officer when American troops prepared to join the fight. It was during this time, and in the interwar period that followed the end of the First World War, that McNair's considerable influence on Army doctrine and training, equipment development, unit organization, and combined arms fighting methods developed. By looking at the whole of McNair's career—not just his service in WWII as

chief of staff, General Headquarters, 1940-1942, and then as commander, Army Ground Forces, 1942-1944—Calhoun reassesses the evolution and extent of that influence during the war, as well as McNair's, and the Army's, wartime performance. This in-depth study tracks the significantly positive impact of McNair's efforts in several critical areas: advanced officer education; modernization, military innovation, and technological development; the field-testing of doctrine; streamlining and pooling of assets for necessary efficiency; arduous and realistic combat training; combined arms tactics; and an increasingly mechanized and mobile force. Because McNair served primarily in staff roles throughout his career and did not command combat formations during WWII, his contribution has never received the attention given to more public—and publicized—military exploits. In its detail and scope, this first full military biography reveals the unique and valuable perspective McNair's generalship offers for the serious student of military history and leadership.

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Human factors measurement has characteristics that set it apart from psychological or engineering measurement and for that reason, human factors testing and evaluation deserves special treatment. The many excellent texts available in the behavioral area do not give an adequate picture of this topic, and this is particularly unfortunate because testing and evaluation (T&E) is an integral part of human-machine system design and operation. The emphasis in this book is on why and how to conduct such testing. One of its outstanding features is its pragmatism; based on his past experience in system testing, the author recognizes the difficulties that occur in testing and indicates



how these may be overcome or minimized. Special attention has been paid to the context in which T&E is conducted. Although the book contains detailed procedures for performing T&E, the logic and the conceptual foundation of testing have not been overlooked. Comparisons are made with laboratory-centered experimentation. For those with research interests, the author points out the many research questions that can be answered by system testing. An illustrative case history of a T&E program for a fictional system has been included to provide "real life" context. Special problem areas in T&E are emphasized, in particular human error data collection, the evaluation of computerized systems and software, the measurement of maintenance technician and team performance; workload and training effectiveness testing. Special attention is also paid to environmental testing (e.g. temperature, lighting, noise, vibration, etc.). One chapter reviews all the relevant T&E literature including government documents that may not be readily available to the general reader. As part of the preparation for writing this text a survey was

made of 45 distinguished T&E specialists in order to determine their characteristic T&E practices. The book will be useful not only to the human factors professional who specializes in T&E, but to all students and practitioners interested in human factors and work measurement.

In September 1934 two-thirds of the southern textile labor force walked off their jobs, inspired by Roosevelt's New Deal to protest employer harassment and massive industry restructuring. After three weeks, the union that led the strike called it off in return for government promises that remained unfulfilled. Thousands of workers were blacklisted and conditions in the southern mills deteriorated rapidly. Humiliated and demoralized, strike participants maintained a sixty-year silence that virtually eliminated the event from historical memory. Janet Irons steps into this historical vacuum to explore the community and workplace dynamics of southern mill towns in the years leading up to the strike, as well as the links among worker insurgency, organized labor, and governmental policy in the New Deal's crucial first years. Drawing on in-

dustry and union records, newspaper sources, oral histories, records of the New Deal bureaucracy, and thousands of letters written by southern laborers to President Roosevelt about their working conditions, Irons reveals the dual nature of the New Deal's impact on the South. While its rhetoric mobilized the poor to challenge local established authority, the New Deal's political structure worked in the opposite direction, reinforcing the power of the South's economic elite. A powerful rendering of a pivotal event, Testing the New Deal stands as a major reassessment of southern labor in the 1930s. This document has been assembled as an Annex for use in conjunction with the manual "Performance test development for skill qualification testing" by Robert Vineberg and Elaine N. Taylor; (Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences, July 1975. It contains brief comments on a selected sample of tests now in use at U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) service schools. Its purpose is to amplify the principles of performance test construction contained in the parent manual through an analysis and criticism of

existing tests.

The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) is responsible for the operational testing and evaluation of Army systems in development. ATEC requested that the National Research Council form the Panel on Operational Test Design and Evaluation of the Interim Armored Vehicle (Stryker). The charge to this panel was to explore three issues concerning the IOT plans for the Stryker/S-

BCT. First, the panel was asked to examine the measures selected to assess the performance and effectiveness of the Stryker/SBCT in comparison both to requirements and to the baseline system. Second, the panel was asked to review the test design for the Stryker/SBCT initial operational test to see whether it is consistent with best practices. Third, the panel was asked to identify the advantages

and disadvantages of techniques for combining operational test data with data from other sources and types of use. In a previous report (appended to the current report) the panel presented findings, conclusions, and recommendations pertaining to the first two issues: measures of performance and effectiveness, and test design. In the current report, the panel discusses techniques for combining information.