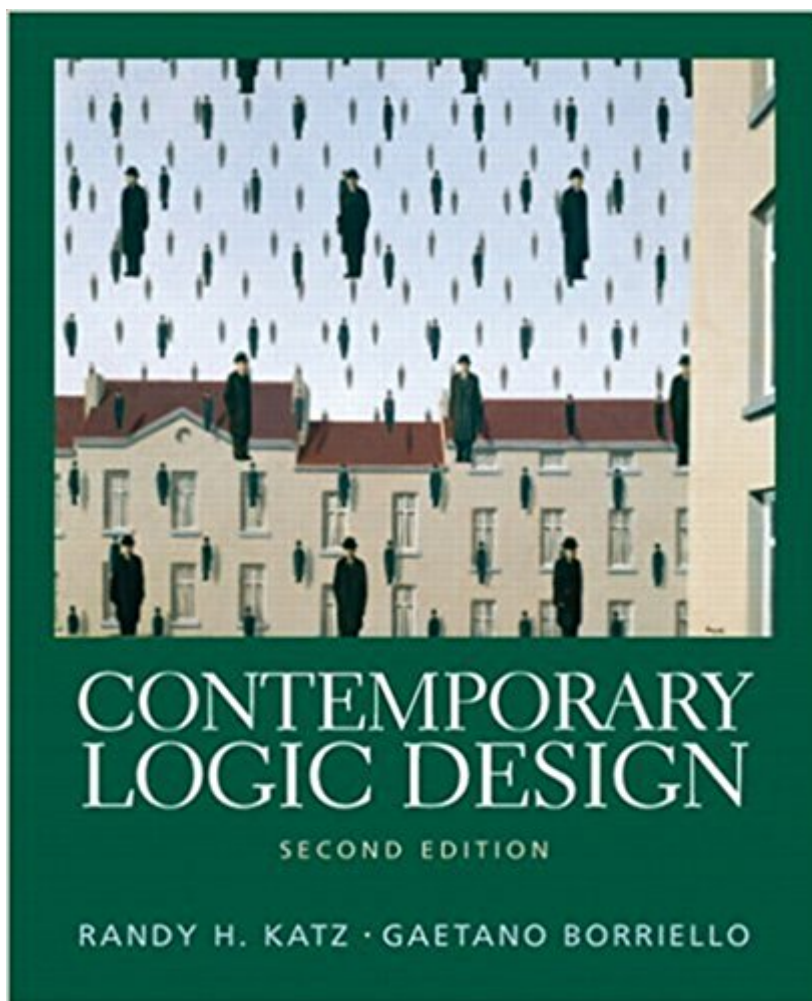


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Synopsis

BASIC APPROACH In the past ten years there has been a revolution in the practice of hardware design. Professionals now rely on CAD software, rapid prototyping, and programmable logic devices to streamline the design process. Contemporary Logic Design is the first text to address these changes -- and to offer a truly modern introduction to logic design. Throughout, the author complements his presentation of logic design theory with discussions of current design technologies. Approximately 60% of the book presents new material; the remainder has been re-organized and partially re-written to correspond to the organizational changes.

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In the decade since the first edition of this book was published, the technologies of digital design have continued to evolve. The evolution has run along two related tracks: the underlying physical technology and the software tools that facilitate the application of new devices. The trends identified in the first edition have continued and promise to continue to do so. Programmable logic is virtually the norm for digital designers and the art of digital design now requires the software skills to deal with hardware description languages. Hardware designers now spend the majority of their time dealing with software. Specifically, the tools needed to efficiently map digital designs onto the emerging programmable devices that are growing more sophisticated. They capture their design specifications in software with language appropriate for describing the parallelism of hardware; they

use software tools to simulate their designs and then to synthesize it into the implementation technology of choice. Design time is radically reduced, as market pressures require products to be introduced quickly at the right price and performance. Although the complexity of designs is necessitating ever more powerful abstractions, the fundamentals remain unchanged. The contemporary digital designer must have a much broader understanding of the discipline of computation, including both hardware and software. This broader perspective is present in this second edition.

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This book is thorough with the simple things, but it brings a surprising combination of sloppy examples, vague descriptions, and poor organization. That being said, anyone with a decent background in simple logic design should find this book helpful. You can learn the stuff, even if it isn't organized in the most useful way. Overall it is a decent book, and I would recommend it to people interested in low to mid range complexity logic design.

I had to purchase this book for a Digital Logic class i am taking. I am not very happy with the book since it does not cover concepts in detail (with examples in the text) instead it has questions at the end of the chapter but they do not offer the solutions in the book or online so it makes it difficult to know if you are understanding and getting the questions correct. It also jumps around in the chapters, no chapter is stand alone for a specific area.

Loved the book- all the way through. This was a required text at UC Berkeley College of Engineering for the 5 unit, upper division class I took there in my final semester of my senior year. Not only was the book helpful to support the lecture notes and problem sets, it was also very helpful while I was designing one of the biggest projects I've ever done. Clear, concise, well done Professor Katz!

I got this book for a Circuits course. The book is hard to get and incredibly convoluted in a large amount of BS. Hey -- here is an idea?!?! Here is a circuit.... here is how it works.... this is called that... When someone is learning new material, call the device the same thing you called it before. If you call it something else, make that transition clear. EE people can not write books for the life of them, even though they are smarter than God. Obviously EE and perhaps ECE guys would disagree with me, but that's because the book confirms what they already knew.

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