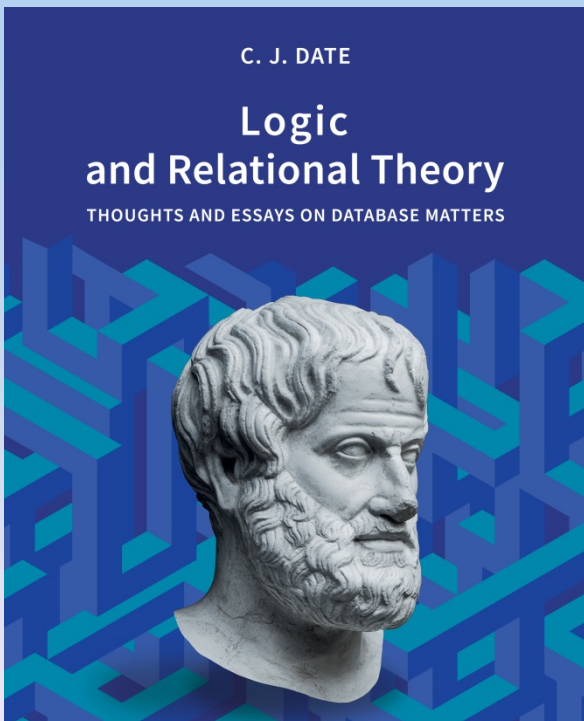


Logic and Relational Theory

This book is a revised, upgraded, and hugely improved version of an earlier one called *Logic and Databases*. Although it's effectively a brand new book, therefore, the following remarks from that earlier book are still relevant here. First, logic and databases are inextricably intertwined. The relational model itself is essentially just elementary logic, tailored to database needs. Now, if you're a database professional, this won't be news to you—but you still might not realize just how much everything we do in the database world is (or should be!) affected by logic. Logic is fundamental, and everywhere.



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