

related subject areas and gives some hints about how to integrate HCI into existing courses. In addition, it contains information about class activities such as practical work, role-playing games and homework assignments. Sources for obtaining additional resources, such as video, hyper- and multimedia and book lists are included in the Instructor's Guide.

### How to study with this book

Most chapters are quite short so that they are convenient to study and can be worked through easily in an evening. Each chapter also has a number of special features to help you study more effectively. These include:

- **Aims and objectives** are listed at the beginning of each chapter to tell you what you should be able to do after studying the chapter.
- **Key points** are listed at the end of the chapter so that you can check the main things that you should know after studying the chapter.
- **An overview and mini-contents list** are provided at the beginning of each chapter to give you a preview of what to expect in the chapter.
- **Exercises and questions** are included in the text to help you study more effectively. The aim of the exercises is to encourage you to apply the concepts that have just been taught to a particular example or they may just ask you to reflect. Comments are provided after the exercises. These exercises are an important part of your learning and you should not omit them, because they often contribute key ideas to the flow of the text. Questions are different. There are fewer questions and they are there to encourage you to revise important concepts as you study to ensure that you have learnt these concepts before proceeding through the text. The answers to questions are placed at the end of the book.
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- **Part introductions** provide an overview of the part.
- **Interviews** with some well known researchers in the field are included so that you can read about their ideas and see the faces that belong with some of the frequently cited references.

Whether you are using this book as a main text for an undergraduate course or to dip into during your graduate studies we hope that these features will help to make it easy and enjoyable to study.

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