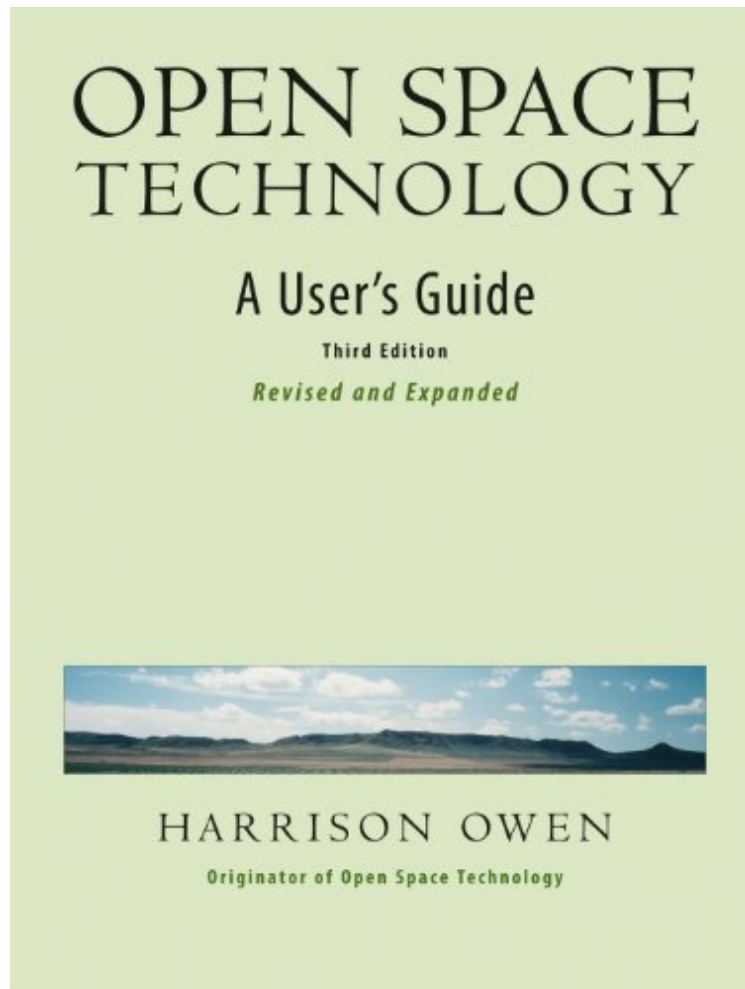


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About the Author Harrison Owen is president of H.H. Owen and Company. His academic background and training centered on the nature and function of myth, ritual, and culture. In the mid-1960s, he left academe to work with a variety of organizations, including small West African villages, urban community organizations (both in the United States and in Africa), the Peace Corps, regional medical programs, the U.S. National Institutes of Health, and the U.S. Veterans Administration. Along the way, he discovered that his study of myth, ritual, and culture had direct application to these social systems. In 1977, he created H.H. Owen and Company in order to explore the culture of organizations in transformation as a theorist and practicing consultant. Harrison convened the First International Symposium on Organization Transformation and is the originator of Open Space Technology. He is the author of *Spirit: Transformation and Development in Organization*; *Leadership Is*; *Riding the Tiger*; *The Millennium Organization*; *Tales From Open Space*; and *Expanding Our Now: The Story of Open Space Technology*.