Record Nr. UNINA9910956251703321 Autore Borgmann Albert Titolo Holding on to reality: the nature of information at the turn of the millennium / / Albert Borgmann Chicago,: University of Chicago Press, c1999 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 9786611223168 9780226066226 0226066223 9781281223166 1281223166 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (286 p.) Disciplina 302.2 Soggetti Communication - Philosophy Information theory Reality Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 235-263) and index. Front matter -- Contents -- Introduction. Information vs. Reality --Nota di contenuto Part One. Natural Information. Information about Reality -- Part Two. Cultural Information. Information for Reality -- Part Three. Technological Information. Information as Reality -- Conclusion: Information and Reality -- Notes -- Index Sommario/riassunto Holding On to Reality is a brilliant history of information, from its inception in the natural world to its role in the transformation of culture to the current Internet mania and is attendant assets and liabilities. Drawing on the history of ideas, the details of information technology, and the boundaries of the human condition, Borgmann illuminates the relationship between things and signs, between reality and information. "[Borgmann] has offered a stunningly clear definition of information in

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