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- MIT Doctoral, Master's and Bachelor's theses by well known practitioners
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Using the Literature Collection

The MIT System Dynamics Group Literature Collection contains over 3600 D-memos, along with theses, publications, the Guided Study Program, the Road Map series and miscellaneous papers selected by Jay W. Forrester. This comprehensive collection was selected to include substantive and historical materials.

The D-memos are part of a filing and archiving system that began with D-0 in 1956. The “D” indicates “document” and the “memo” segment identifies the paper.

The collection’s lists are searchable by author and words in the titles, but due to the electronic scanning and compression process used, the pdf files cannot be searched for text.

Also included is a searchable and sortable Excel spreadsheet for the collection’s D-memos only - not the entire collection.

The DVD runs directly from a DVD drive. (No installation on hard drive required.) There is a ReadMe file with full user instructions.

Some works are in draft form and were later published. It is recommended that for citing purposes, the final, published work be used.

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“An essential historical reference for anyone serious about system dynamics.”

John Sterman, MIT

“The definitive source for the serious practitioner – this is a ‘must have’ reference for regular use.”

Nick Pudar, General Motors Corporation

“Fascinating history, significant now, helpful in the future.”

George Richardson, University at Albany

“This is a gem.”

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