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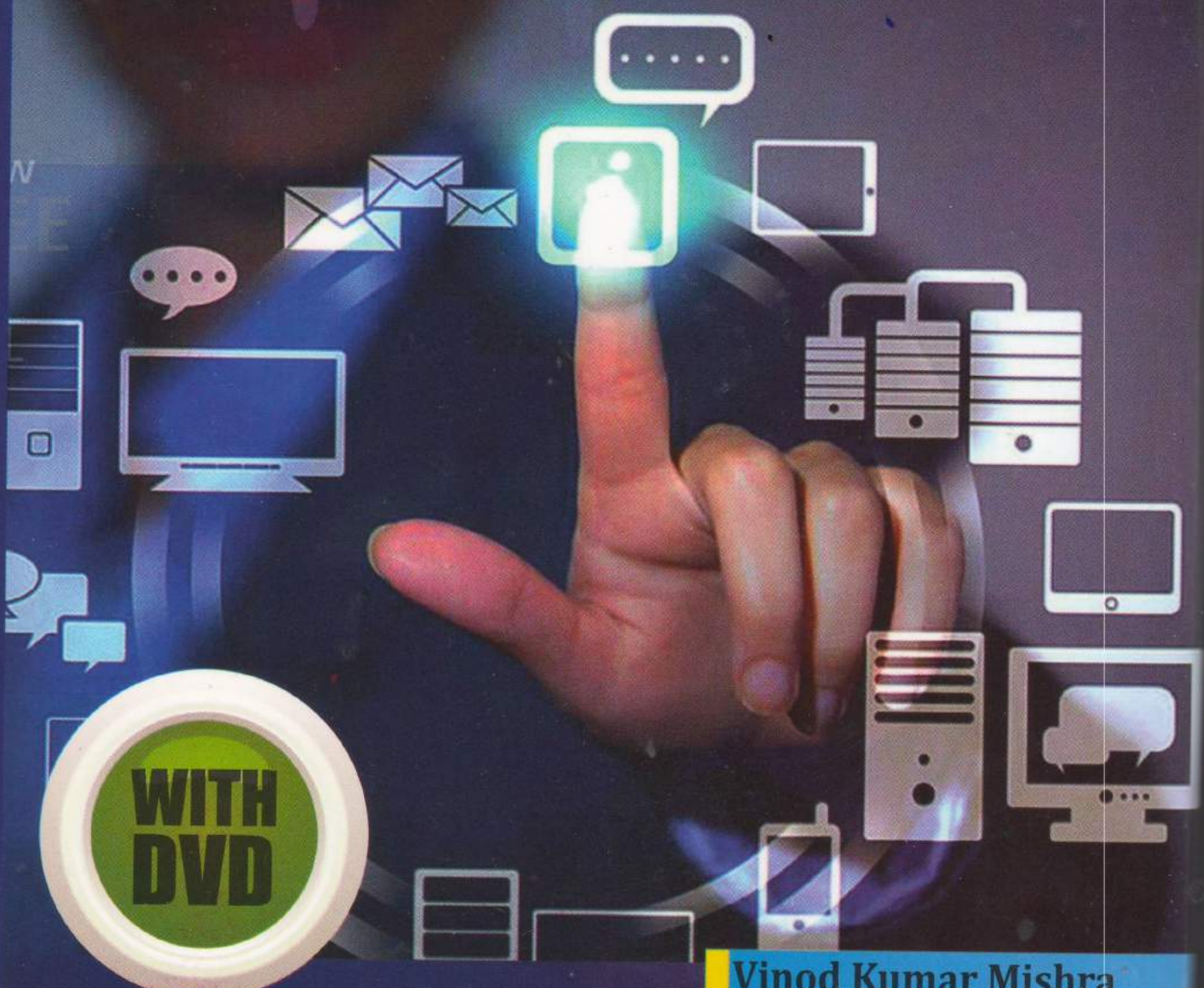

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Preface

The book "Basics of Library Automation, Koha Library Management software, and data migration: challenges with case studies" is an outcome of authors approximately ten years of practical experience in the field of library automation. The idea of writing this book came into mind after gaining rich experience of Koha implementation at various reputed institutes of India and helping libraries abroad through remote login and telephonic upports on a voluntary basis. More than twenty libraries have invited the author for data migration, and implementation of Koha ILMS at their institutes apart from this many workshops has been organized by the author and served as a resource person in workshops as well as delivered many lectures related to library automation and open source solution for libraries.

This book fulfills the academic requirement for all level of students and faculties of Library and information science as well as research scholars who wish to do research in Library Automation and related open source solutions. Apart from above, this is equally written and very useful for Koha workshop trainers, computer professionals, Koha vendors and who wish to implement the Koha software and migrate data from existing software/Excel. The book contains all the basics of library automation, Koha library management system, and data migration skills. Many successful case studies of implementation of the Koha software and migration of

data from excel and other software have been included in the book.

This book deald with real practical problems involving in library automation and their solutions for the cost-effective and efficient use of ILMS. The author is sharing his expertise with the various social media and personal website which is available at http://mishravk.com/, the book includes the ideas and tips and tricks of Koha implementations as well as data migrations which were gained from various community support forums. This book is divided into eight chapters and includes bibliography at the end of the book for further studies. One of the main benefits of reading and procuring the book is its accompanying material (LiveDVD of Koha) which is very popular on the entire globe and used by thousands of people for learning Koha as well as implementations in the libraries without any technical issues. Many people from library and information science domain requested the author to share the ideas of library automation, Koha implementations and data migrations in the form of a book so that entire LIS fraternity may get the benefit of huge expertise gained in the said area.

Hence, this book is a complete solution for basics of library automation and developing expertise on Koha, ILMS. The readers are suggested to read the book since chapter one and install the Koha ILMS on any test machine for practicing as per the instructions provided in the book. The current book does not only fulfill the theoretical requirements of LIS professionals as per their academic curriculum in automation, but it also provides a lot of practical materials/instructions for practice and developing IT-based skills.

The book ensures the reader that after consulting the book, they will be able to understand all the basic skills which need to be required for successful implementation of automation tools and techniques in

libraries. As the book is written by real practical/working experiences gained by the author in Indian top level institutes/Libraries like IIT's, NIT's and ISRO, etc. hence the content provides the real life problems and their solutions for efficient and successful implementation of automation solutions. Koha has been chosen as it is the world most popular open source solution and libraries are willing to adopt it because of its state of the art features, but due to lack of expertise and knowledge in the said field many libraries are handicapped. Koha has also been incorporated in all level of study in the field of library and information science too, hence keeping all in view author felt the requirement of such book in the public domain which can be used for gaining knowledge in the said field and their implications for the real world.

The book is written in a very simple English language which can be understood by any persons having little knowledge of English. The students of Bachelor/ Master of library and information science will get a clear theoretical as well as practical idea about the library automation, Koha, data migrations, etc. as per their academic requirements. Any reader of this book may contact the author in case of any difficulty in understanding the concepts theoretically as well as practically, the author always welcome their feedback to improve the contents. At last author would like to share that the royalty received from this book will be contributed to Koha community for its further development and poor children's of India.

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