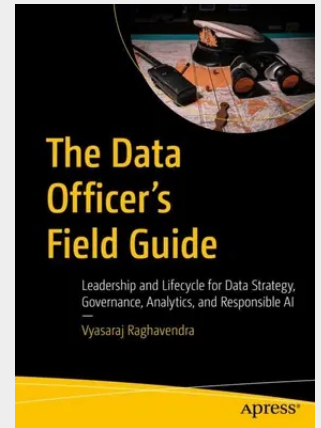


The Data Officer's Field Guide

Leadership and Lifecycle for Data Strategy, Governance, Analytics, and Responsible AI

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