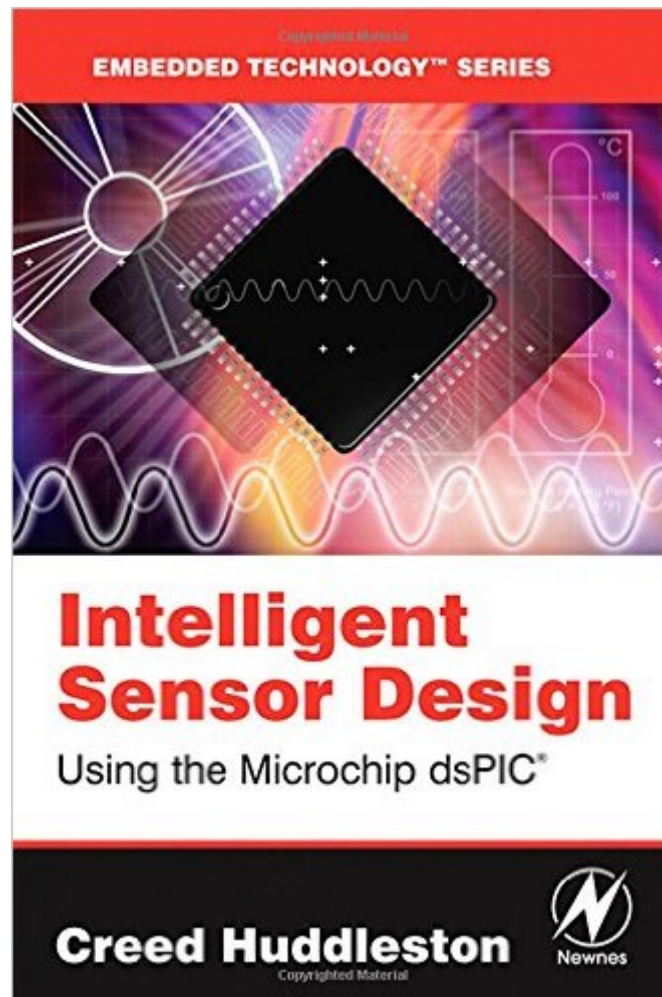


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This is an Excellent Book for the dsPIC Enthusiast Interested in Intelligent Sensor Design. The book really does deserve 5 stars. The reason I rated the book 4 stars is that there are a few errors that, once corrected will go a long way to a 5 star rating. I sometimes get frustrated with an author that makes errors. This book is not riddled with errors like some I've read. In this case, the errors are forgivable as it is obvious that they were made in the effort to get this book to print. The first error has to do with the Nyquist theorem. The author states, "As one can easily see, a problem arises when the highest frequency component in the original signal is greater than twice the sampling frequency, a sample rate known as the Nyquist rate." Opps; the maximum frequency in an analog signal, f_1 , is often referred to as the 'Nyquist frequency'. The minimum sampling rate ($2 * f_1$ samples per second) at which a signal can be recovered is known as the 'Nyquist rate'. The 'folding frequency', which is one-half the sampling frequency used, is the highest frequency which can be recovered according to the Sampling Theorem (See Lynn and Fuerst, "Introductory to Digital Signal Processing, 2nd ed., p11). Hence, I believe the author meant to say, "As one can easily see, a problem arises when the highest frequency component in the original signal is greater than one-half the sampling frequency, a sample rate known as the Nyquist rate." The other factual error I found was stating that the dsPICDEM Demo board has a temperature sensor with SPI. The board I believe the author is referring to (dsPICDEM 1.1) has a TC1047A which is an analog sensor, not SPI. Neither error is worth rating a book lower, I just wanted to point out two errors that may, at first, puzzle a reader.

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