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The Government of Canada introduced Bill C-30, also known as the "Protecting Children from Predators Act" and dubbed by others as the 'internet spying bill'. Its real name is An Act to enact the Investigating and Preventing Criminal Electronic Communications Act and to amend the Criminal Code and other Acts.
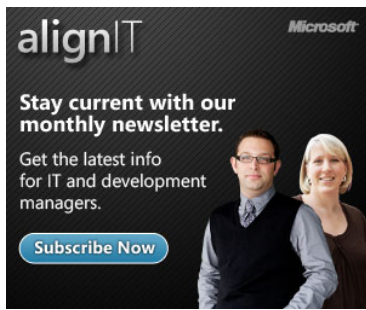
The introduction and possible passing of this legislation is of vital interest to CIPS members. Our members practice our profession under our Code of Ethics. One of the Principals of the Code of Ethics is to Protect Public Interest and Maintain Integrity. In developing and sending a position paper to all Members of Parliament in the Government of Canada and all Privacy Commissioners across Canada, CIPS stated our concern that Bill C-30 did not protect the privacy of personal information.

The NDP critic for Bill C-30 contacted CIPS to further discuss our position, but even more importantly to understand more about CIPS, what we do, who we represent, our position as the voice of the IT profession and industry --- in short what role does CIPS have in Canada.

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CIPS Volunteer of the Month

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For I.S.P. and ITCP holders:

Deborah Harrop, I.S.P., ITCP, CISSP, CBCP, CISM
Senior Manager, IT Service Delivery,
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What type of Involvement have you had with CIPS?

"I have had the privilege of working with great volunteers with CIPS in a number of capacities. I served on the local Board in Edmonton for a number of years and helped to chair the program committee for the National Conference. The friendships I developed there have lasted for many years. The past 12 years I have been involved with the Edmonton CIPS Women in IT Conference committee. We organize and host an annual conference at the University of Alberta for 350 Grade nine female students to help them understand what a wonderful, rewarding career IT can be. It is so gratifying to hear them adopt our messages that IT Careers are not just for geeks and that girls can be very successful in IT."

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Volunteer Job: CIPS Certification Council Academic Review Committee Member

CIPS is looking for volunteers to assume a position on the CIPS Certification Council Academic Review Committee.

The Certification Council is the strategic and operational arm managing the professional CIPS designations program. The operational elements of the Council include the Academic Review Committee and the Experience Review Committee.

The Education Review Committee consists of representatives from the university and college communities. It has a number of vacancies at the moment and is reaching out to the broader academic community to seek out eligible volunteers.

The general purpose of the Academic Review Committees is to:

* Review and assess academic details based on educational

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transcripts;
* Prepare detailed findings on the assessment;
* Report the findings to the Registrar's Office;
* Provide clarification and advice to the Certification Council on marginal or rejected applications;
* Provide advice to the Office of the Registrar on pre-assessments;

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CIPS Body of Knowledge (BoK) is being recognized

- Dr. Tim Lethbridge, I.S.P., ITCP, P.Eng to present a paper on the CIPS BoK at GTEC in Ottawa
- Brenda Byers, I.S.P., ITCP named as Vice-Chair ITBOK project, an international project with IEEE/CS and the Australian Computer Society

CIPS embarked in 2009 on a new project to define a more comprehensive document. Under the leadership of Dr. Tim Lethbridge, I.S.P., ITCP, the Common Body of Knowledge (CBOK) Committee was formed. The CBOK is to be used as the basis for the certification of individuals, and will also guide developers of academic programs, and accreditors of those programs.

The 2012 CBOK was developed by a committee of CIPS members from across Canada, and involved extensive public consultation with over 170 IT and computing professionals from a wide variety of industries. In addition to Dr. Lethbridge, I.S.P., ITCP, P.Eng, the committee included: Mary Lynn Manton, I.S.P; Dr. Peter King ,FCIPS, I.S.P., ITCP; Rick Penton, I.S.P., ITCP; Jon Nightingale, I.S.P., ITCP; Mukesh Kashyap, I.S.P., ITCP; Vincent Chiew, I.S.P., ITCP, P.Eng; Dr. Robert Fabian, I.S.P., ITCP; Kerry Augustine, I.S.P., ITCP; Dr. Danny Yakimchuk; Dr. Wayne Cutcliffe; Dr. Ali Ghorbani; Francois Duperron; and Anthony Upward, with Gina van Dalen, Manager Professional Standards for CIPS.

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Developing a BOK for the field of Information Technology - Get Involved!

Following the successful completion of its CBOK project, CIPS has now started exploratory discussions with the IEEE Computer Society concerning the development of a Guide to the Information Technology Body of Knowledge (ITBOK is the working title). The scope of the ITBOK project is to develop a guide that will bridge the gap between the IEEE/ACM core computing curricula, the CIPS Guide to the Common Body of Knowledge for Computing and IT© and the Australian Computer Society's (ACS) ICT Profession Body of Knowledge and can be used by IT practitioners worldwide as a common reference point and as a basis for compatible competency models and certifications. It is the intent that the ITBOK will use the same format, terminology, and style as the IEEE-CS Software Engineering Body of Knowledge (SWEBOK).

The preliminary vision for the ITBOK is that it will provide information on the management and operation of Information Technology (IT) and provide a guide for the IT profession that defines the

key knowledge areas, embodies concepts that are recognized as good practice in the IT domain and is applicable to most IT efforts.

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Tick, Tock...Getting Close to the End of the XP Clock

via Microsoft TechNet

April 8, 2014. No it's not the predicted end of the world, thought it may seem that way for some. It's the end of support for Windows XP SP3.

Windows XP has been a great Operating System and feedback I get is that it's stable and who doesn't like stable. Of course Windows XP is over 11 years old now and it's time to seriously consider upgrading from Windows XP to Windows 7.

If I had to name the top three reasons to upgrade from Windows XP, they'd be:

- **End of Support -** support ends on April 8, 2014. No more security updates (among other things).
- **New Capabilities -** PCs and technology have changed a lot in 11 years, but with XP you may not be taking full advantage of those changes.
- **Lower Operational costs -** Older technology costs more to maintain, so putting off an upgrade because of cost may actually cost you more.

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Help Improve the Curriculum of the BCIT Bachelor of Technology - Computer Systems program

via BCIT

The purpose of the Bachelor of Technology - Computer Systems (CST BTech) program is to provide students with an education that focuses on software development, to increase the depth of knowledge and practical skills of computer system technologists, and to assist them in widening their career opportunities or advancing their career paths. Graduates from the program will be business analysts, project managers, system architects, data experts, or in a position which requires a higher degree of specialized training in both technical and management areas.

BCIT is in the process of reviewing the curriculum for the Bachelor of Technology - Computer Systems program (see http://www.bcit.ca/study/programs/cstbtechfts). The purpose of this review is to ensure that the content of our courses covers the skills and technologies used in industry today and into the near future. You can help us by taking the time to answer a few questions at this link: http://survey.bcit.ca/wsb.dll/s/8g1d1.

Volunteers Needed - Managing Information Systems Development Projects: Exposing the Mosaic Mind of IS Professionals

via
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In the enormously popular book, "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus", Dr. Gray identifies innate differences between men and women in terms of the ways of thinking, feeling, and responding. He suggests that we should understand the communication styles and emotional needs of the opposite gender to improve relationships. In the information system development (ISD) world, we face similar, or even tougher, challenges in our project teams. There is no lack of stories about the resistance to new work practices and conflict between IS team members. Often these conflicts result from fundamental differences in the way that information systems (IS) professionals view ISD. Without an appropriate understanding of such differences, people are apt to propose ISD work practices and make decisions that are technically, politically, or otherwise unacceptable to other people, thereby reducing synergistic potential of diverse expertise and creating confusion and conflict. Despite the importance of solving the problems that arising from our differences, little is known about differences among IS professionals. In this research, we seek to develop a way to assess IS professionals' beliefs and preferences of ISD concepts and reveal deeper insights about how to manage products, processes, and personnel. As Dr. Gray says, recognizing and appreciating differences between each other is essential to maintaining a happy and healthy relationship. We hope that by understanding the mosaic mind of IS professionals, teams will be more effective since project participants will be more cognizant of individual differences, begin conversations on common ground, and find ways of addressing discrepancies.

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