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## How Sci Fi teaches IT Ethics

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Science fiction is a genre that most IT professionals know, and we consider it mostly to be about good guys and bad guys. Things are very black and white. And technology is always in the right. Well, with the notable exceptions when it goes very wrong (HAL, Skynet, etc). Our famous local science fiction writer in Regina is Edward Willet. He gave me another way to think about science fiction characters.

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## CIPS BC Victoria Nov. 25 Luncheon recap and photos — Guest speaker: BC Minister of Technology, Innovation & Citizen's Services

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The Honourable Andrew Wilkinson, Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services, Government of British Columbia, addressed a luncheon meeting for CIPS Victoria on Nov. 25.

Speaking to a large audience, the Minister described several technology-driven initiatives of his ministry.

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## Call for CIPS Representative to IFIP

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CIPS, Canada's Association of IT Professionals, seeks a representative to IFIP. Reporting to the CIPS National Board, the representative will be responsible to CIPS interests at General Assembly and in all other relevant ways. At the same time they are members of the IFIP team and should work for the benefit of IFIP so that the value of its activities is enhanced to the ultimate benefit of all its Members.

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## 5th Annual CIPS Saskatchewan/UR Computer Science CSEdWeek Luncheon













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There is an increasing focus on enabling students, of all ages, to experience computer programming. The Hour of Code event, begun last year, seeks to reach 100 million students around the world this year.

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### Cisco: Majority of Canadian firms not prepared for cyber threats

IT World Canada

As many as 60 per cent of Canadian businesses do not have a security strategy or are unsure how to prepare their networks for potential cyber attacks, according to a recent report from network gear vendor Cisco. Cisco commissioned analyst firm IDC Canada to conduct two online surveys of 2,000 Canadians and 498 Canadian organizations across different sectors and business sizes through August and September this year to determine the security posture of local businesses.

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### CIPS AB Edmonton Dec. 11 Event

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**December 11  
Edmonton Petroleum Club  
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

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