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The IT skills shortage — fact or myth?
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For some years now, I have been seeing a reasonably large number of articles about the "impending skills shortage" in IT. Based partly on my own recent experience and also on that of numerous IT practitioners I have interacted with in recent months, I have come to several startling conclusions, and this blog is intended to acquaint its' readers with them and hopefully spark some discussion about this subject.

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Gisèle Yasmeen, Senior Fellow UBC Institute of Asian Research
IT World Canada

Computing is at the foundation for all domains such as science, business, government, education, media, non-profits, society and consumers. It is helpful for enterprises to learn lessons from these diverse domains as a key part of enterprise success. To provide this multi-domain perspective, I had an enlightening talk with Gisèle Yasmeen.

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Moira de Roche is an independent consultant with a focus on helping business and educational organizations design and develop learning programs, and measure the impact and return of these programs. She is currently working with a large university, as technical lead for a small team who are designing and developing E-Learning modules for a diploma course. Moira also works with small companies, especially non-profit companies, to develop strategies and measure the achievement of strategic goals and objectives.

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