Azure Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) for IT Professionals

Cloud adoption is a greatly discussed topic, particularly in regards to its capability and scalability. The enablement offered through proper adoption of cloud technology provide further customer reach and/or greater informational depth internally.

As organizations wrap their heads around cloud adoption, they frequently ask the following question: "Which cloud service is right for my organization?"

CIPS Saskatchewan April 16 Luncheon: '25 Years of Steady Change'

In January 2014, ESTI Consulting Services was excited and thankful to be celebrating 25 years of operations. Having run an ICT consulting organization with clients across Canada since before the Web existed, we have seen significant change in the industry and in a number of industries that directly impact ICT — we still remember Canadian Airlines and yes, they impacted our service delivery greatly! We have seen many good changes, some bad changes, but all were interesting.

CIPS Regina April 30th Event: 'Strategy Required: How Customer Experience is Changing the Role of Information Technology'

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Over the last decade, the art and science of application development has evolved significantly as organizations seek to maximize the value from their information technology investments. There is a fresh wave of thinking in the technology industry today — one that focuses on how to use technology to support a Customer Experience Strategy that engages customers and drives value through greater revenues and reduced cost.

The CIO-CMO Dialogue: Is 'IT's new boss' overhyped?
IT World Canada
You knew it was coming: the CMO may not only end up outspending the CIO, but some believe they should be the IT department's new boss, too. In a recent story on CMSWire, for example, it was pointed out that this hierarchy is already in place at companies like Marriott International, but some suggested this is entirely the wrong approach and a premature move by senior management.

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Featured Whitepaper: Extending next generation firewalls
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Today's enterprises are increasingly looking to upgrade security at the edge of their networks. This upgrade is not just to match higher network speeds with higher security performance. It is primarily designed to introduce a deeper level of inspection, beyond traditional port and protocol firewalls, for greater visibility into and control over network traffic.

CIPS INTERVIEWS: Simon Dixon, Co-Founder, CEO and Author of 'Bank to the Future,' Global Top Innovation Leader and Entrepreneur
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Simon Dixon was originally trained as an economist before starting his career in investment banking. In his career he was originally a trader before moving into corporate finance where he helped venture capitalists exit their companies onto the London Stock Exchange.
### Survey: Half of Canadian businesses lacking in mobile apps

**ITBusiness.ca**

For many businesses, having a mobile-first strategy seems like a "must" — and it follows logically that businesses would have some kind of mobile presence. However, in a new survey of more than 270 IT professionals in Canada, 54 per cent of CIOs said they don't have a mobile app in place for their organizations.

### Is your professional development stuck in a polar vortex?

**IT World Canada**

Is your professional development stuck? Then it's time to turn up the heat. Now’s the time to focus down hard and add to your professional arsenal. The great news is today there are so many options and many are low cost, even free.

### Interview: CapLinked's Eric Jackson

**IT World Canada**

Eric Jackson, who headed the marketing team at PayPal and is now CEO and co-founder of CapLinked, a platform for securely managing business transactions, complex deals and projects in the cloud, has strong positions and key insights on many areas, which led to this podcast interview — portions of which are extracted here.

### Featured I.T. Jobs

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- **System Analyst (Oracle DBA), Guelph, Ontario**
- **Team Leader - Infrastructure Services, Edmonton, Alberta**
- **Network Analyst - Security Specialist, St. Albert, Alberta**
- **Oracle BRM (Billing and Revenue Management) Architect, Calgary, Alberta**
- **Senior Oracle BRM (Billing and Revenue Management) Developer, Calgary, Alberta**
- **Quality Assurance Leader, Vancouver, British Columbia**
- **Associate Director, IT Operations & Infrastructure, Guelph, Ontario**
- **Director, Enterprise Architecture, Regina, Saskatchewan**
- **Senior Software Developer, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory**
- **Municipal Information Analyst (Program Services 3), Edmonton, Alberta**
- **Senior Systems Analyst, Calgary, Alberta**
- **IT Business Analyst, Melville, Saskatchewan**
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- **BRM Technical DBA, Calgary, Alberta**
- **Manager of IT Applications, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**
- **Chief Technology & Information Officer, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory**

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**CIPS via Microsoft TechNet**

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