CIPS CONNECTIONS
Connecting you to news affecting CIPS and the IT Profession

CIPS certification now requires completion of ethics exam
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As part of our mandate to establish Information Technology (IT) as a profession, CIPS has identified a need for testing knowledge and understanding of ethics in computing and IT. This is particularly important for those applying for CIPS’ I.S.P. and ITCP certifications.

CIPS applauds Canada’s ‘Digital Canada 150 strategy’
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CIPS applauds the development and initiative of the Government of Canada’s Digital Canada 150 strategy. CIPS congratulates Minister Moore and the Government of Canada on this initiative. This strategy is important to increase Canada’s productivity, which comes in part from the adoption and implementation of digital technology.

CIPS Saskatchewan April 16 Luncheon: ‘25 Years of Steady Change’
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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!
CIPS INTERVIEWS: Ruth Hedges

Ruth Hedges is the cofounder and CEO of CrowdfundingCollege.com and Crowdfundingroadmap, Inc. She is the creator and key architect of the Fundingroadmap and Crowdfundingroadmap.com. She has been responsible for pioneering a new and innovative virtual system for business planning, crowdfunding compliance and due diligence reporting on the cloud.

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

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.

Why consolidation doesn't solve IT security problems

Consolidation is a given in the IT industry, in part because there’s so much money floating around for acquisitions, and in part because organizations often favour suppliers who sell complete solutions or solutions that cover the IP or network stack. However, Richard Stiennon of SecurityCurrent.com argues in a recent blog that there’s an exception: security.

FEATURED ARTICLE
Rising to the challenge of Canada's skills shortage
The Globe and Mail
Canadian employment in the professional, scientific and services sector hit a record high in December, while factory jobs continued to decline. And the new jobs pay better than the old jobs being lost, noted Globe and Mail reporter Tavia Grant in assessing the data compiled by Statistics Canada for the newspaper.

TRENDING ARTICLE
Azure Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) for IT Professionals
CIPS via Microsoft TechNet
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.

MOST POPULAR ARTICLE
Why IT needs to resist the temptation to add technology
IT World Canada
I recently attended a Webinar entitled “Computing Professionalism: Do Good and Avoid Evil … and why it is complicated to do that in computing.” It was very informative and so was the Q&A session afterward. I think we all laughed when one participant asked "How do we break the temptation to just add more technology to solve the problem?"
CIPS SK Saskatoon May 1st Event: 'Strategy Required: How Customer Experience is Changing the Role of Information Technology'

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Spear phishing campaigns are more sophisticated: Symantec

IT World Canada

Cyber-criminals are getting better at using targeted attack methods and strategic planning to break into the digital data vaults of major corporations, according to Symantec. Last year set a record both in terms of the total number of data breaches and the total number of customer records that were compromised, the security vendor reports in its latest Internet Security Threat Report.

Featured Whitepaper: High-End Firewall Strategies

CIPS via IT World Canada

Infonetics conducted this survey with key decision makers from organizations of over 1,000 employees that have already deployed high-end firewalls (defined as firewalls that currently support >40G aggregate throughput). This Infonetics survey addresses the main challenges being faced and how organizations are overcoming them, and considerations when evaluating high-end firewall suppliers.

Coca-Cola serves up self-service and automated HR processes (via Shared Services Summit Canada)

CIPS via Shared Services Summit Canada

In this interview, Karla Younger, Vice President of HR Services at Coca-Cola, shares how the company increased its HR efficiency by implementing automated web requests and human resources self-service tools. Coca-Cola continues to be on the cutting edge by building out its interactive dashboards.

TRENDING ARTICLES

Missed last week’s issue? See which articles your colleagues read most.

- Azure Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) for IT Professionals (CIPS via Microsoft TechNet)
- The CIO-CMO Dialogue: Is ‘IT’s new boss’ overhyped? (IT World Canada)
- Featured I.T. Jobs (20) (CIPS)

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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

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Azure Infrastructure as a service (IaaS) for IT Professionals

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

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