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October Meeting Details

COBIT

Introduced in 1996, Control Objectives for Information and related Technology (COBIT) is a comprehensive set of resources containing the information organizations need to adopt an IT governance and control framework. COBIT provides good practices to help optimize IT-enabled investments and ensure that IT successfully supports business objectives. In this short overview of COBIT, we will explore the high level attributes of the COBIT framework, covering today's IT challenges and how the framework supports them, principles of the framework, useful implementation tips, and how COBIT fits with other popular frameworks. Additionally, a short introduction to Val-IT will be covered.

Date: Thursday, October 9, 2008

Time: 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Registration | 12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch | 1:00-3:00 PM Program

Location: Garozzo's | 9950 College Blvd | Overland Park | KS | www.garozzos.com

Price: \$35 members | \$40 guests

CPE: 2 Credits

Menu:

- Heaven & Hell (One pesto-stuffed ravioli is the heaven, one large prawn charbroiled in diablo sauce is the hell - a perfect marriage)
- Garozzo House Salad
- 1/2 Chicken Spiedini Garozzo & 1/2 Beef Spiedini Pereira
- Tiramisu Dessert

Speakers Bio:

Mark Thomas

With over 18 years of professional experience, Mark's background spans leadership roles from IT Director to Management and IT Consulting. Mark has led large teams in outsourced IT arrangements, conducted PMO, Service Management and governance activities for major project teams, managed enterprise applications implementations, and implemented governance processes across multiple industries. Mark has a wide array of industry experience with 'Big Five' type consulting in the health care, manufacturing and distribution, services, high technology, and government verticals. As the president of Escoute Consulting, Mark has forged a reputable competency as a consultative trainer and speaker in the governance space including ITIL and COBIT.

David Upsdell

David Upsdell's career in the IT Services industry is rich and varied. He has developed application software, managed the IS function at various companies, consulted in information systems to client companies and managed a portfolio of IT projects. His industry experience includes high technology, dotcom startups, publishing, telecommunications and financial services. In the past year, David designed and implemented an Information Security Program for a financial services company in metropolitan Kansas City. David earned his BS in Information Systems and post-graduate Diploma in Business and has since been certified CGEIT, CISM and PMP. He has traveled to 49 of the 50 states of the USA, Europe, UK, Australia, New Zealand and Asia – and has actually lived in several of them.



CISA and CISM Exams Information

December 2008 Registration and Fall 2008 CISA Review Course

The Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) is ISACA's cornerstone certification. The CISA certification has been earned by more than 60,000 professionals since inception and is for the IS audit, control, assurance and/or security professionals who wish to set themselves apart from their peers. Since 1978, the CISA certification has been renowned as the globally recognized achievement for those who control, monitor and assess an organization's information technology and business systems.

December 13th, 2008 CISA/CISM/CGEIT Exams Registration:

Early registration deadline for the December 13th, 2008 CISA exam is August 20, 2008. September 24th is the final registration deadline for both the December 13th CISA, CISM and CGEIT exams. Candidates are encouraged to register online through the ISACA web site (<http://www.isaca.org>) by saving \$50 off of the registration fee.

Fall 2008 CISA Review Course:

The Kansas City ISACA Chapter is holding a CISA Review Course for the December 2008 CISA Exam. The course will be based on ISACA's CISA Review Manual for 2008. We recommend that CISA candidates purchase the CISA Review Manual from ISACA International (the web link for the manual is: http://www.isaca.org/Template.cfm?Section=Browse_By_Category&Template=/Ecommerce/ProductDisplay.cfm&Productid=821).



The sessions will be held on the Webster University – Kansas City campus (near I-435 and Holmes) and as well as being presented remotely at the same time in a webinar-type format over the Internet along with a separate audio bridge. Course materials provided include a hand-out of the review presentation slides and practice quizzes with answers. Again, we recommend the purchase of the CISA Review Manual, separately since it is not included with our course.

The Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) certification is a unique management focused certification that has been earned by over 9,000 professionals since its introduction in 2003. Unlike other security certifications, CISM is for the individual who manages, designs, oversees and assesses an enterprise's information security program. CISM defines the core competencies and international performance standards that those who have information security management responsibilities must master.

Additionally, the session audio will be recorded and available subsequently for download by review participants. Along with the handouts, this would allow for self-paced study and/or review of the individual lecture presentations.

The 9-week course will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM **Central time** from October 1st through December 3rd (skipping the week of Thanksgiving, November 26th). The registration fee for this course is \$100 for Kansas City ISACA and other regional cooperative chapters' (currently Des Moines, Oklahoma City and Minnesota) members and \$125 for all others. Additionally, there is a mailing fee of \$10 for the course materials for those not attending locally.



The Review Course registration form can be downloaded, completed and either Emailed or ground mailed to Jerry Wistrand (http://www.isaca-kc.org/doc/Registration_Form_F08.doc) The return address is noted on the form. Please register in advance of the review course start date (October 1, 2008). The course materials will need to be ground mailed to you. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jerry Wistrand at 816-760-7813 or email at g.wistrand@att.net.

The IT Governance certification is intended to recognize a wide range of professionals for their knowledge and application of IT governance principles and practices. More than 200 CGEIT certificates have been awarded. It is designed for professionals who have management, advisory, or assurance responsibilities as defined by a "job practice" consisting of IT governance related tasks and knowledge. Earning this designation will enable professionals to respond to the growing business demand for a comprehensive IT governance program that defines responsibility and accountability across the entire enterprise.

Specific instructions for the GoToWebinar and audio-bridge will be forwarded closer to the review start date (April 2, 2008) along with the course schedule. The CISA Coordinator will confirm your Email address and send you an invitation for each webinar session. You will need to complete each webinar session registration prior to each weekly session. Additionally, please check your Email spam filters to make sure that the notices do not get stuck there. The instructions will also be available for download from the KC ISACA review course web page.

Dates and Topics for CISA Review Course

10/01/08	Intro to Review Course & IS Audit Process - #1
10/08/08	IS Audit Process – Part 2
10/15/08	IT Governance
10/22/08	Systems and Infrastructure Life Cycle – Part 1
10/29/08	Systems and Infrastructure Life Cycle – Part 2
11/05/08	IT Service Delivery & Support
11/12/08	Protection of Information Assets - Part 1
11/19/08	Protection of Information Assets - Part 2
12/03/08	Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery
12/13/08	EXAM DAY!

Wall Street's collapse may be computer science's gain

By Patrick Thibodeau and Todd R. Weiss

The collapse of Wall Street may help make computer science and IT careers attractive to students who abandoned these fields in droves after the pop of the last big bubble, the dot-com bust of 2001. William Dally, chairman of the computer science department at Stanford University, said that for the last several years, he has watched some students interested in technology go into banking and finance because those fields could be more lucrative.

"Many thought they could make more money in hedge funds," Dally said. He said students are returning to computer science because they like the field and not because it can necessarily make them rich. John Gallagher, associate professor of information systems in the Carroll School of Management at Boston College, said he's already seeing a shift in student interest.

"Students have commented to me and written on their course wikis that they're considering changing from finance [majors], both based on the appeal of IS and concern over availability of finance jobs" in the future, Gallagher said. After the dot-com bust, computer science enrollments began declining, reaching a low of 8,021 last year from 14,185 in 2003-2004, according to the Computing Research Association (CRA) in Washington, which tracks year-over-year enrollment and graduate trends at 170 Ph.D.-granting institutions.

"Current economic conditions seem to impact the choice that students make in the majors they choose -- that has been true for computer science," said Jay Vegso, a CRA analyst who studies computer science enrollment trends. "Students who are now choosing majors might be looking for safer alternatives," he said, and IT may be a safer alternative. The dot-com era was a wonderful time to be young, computer-savvy and in search of stock-option riches. Wall Street poured billions of dollars into hundreds of companies that were making little or no money. For instance, Webvan Group Inc., a grocery delivery firm in Foster City, Calif., that was founded in 1997, had so much money that it bought a rival, HomeGrocer, in 2000 for \$1.2 billion in stock. Webvan ended in Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2001.

If the dot-com meltdown wasn't enough, offshore outsourcing also scared away students from technology. In 2004, Carly Fiorina, then CEO of Hewlett-Packard Co., summed up the offshore trend this way: "There is no job that is America's God-given right anymore." Fiorina is now an adviser to Republican Sen. John McCain in his bid for the White House. Today, companies are suffering from a shortage of technology professionals and baby boomer retirements will only add to the problem.

"The pipeline is inadequate for IT professionals," said Jerry Luftman, who is involved in academics and business as associate dean at the Stevens Institute of Technology's Howe School of Technology Management in Hoboken, N.J., and vice president for academic affairs at the Society for Information Management in Chicago.

he big difference between today and the heyday period of the late 1990s is the type of student that businesses need, Luftman said. Technical skills are still important, but businesses also want to hire students with management and industry training, strong communications abilities, marketing and negotiation skills, he said.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, IT jobs are among the fastest growing. On the top of the bureau's list of fast-growing career areas is network systems and data communications analysts, which it is forecasting will grow from 262,000 jobs in 2006 to 402,000 jobs by 2008, a 53% increase. Computer software engineers, applications, is expected to increase from 507,000 to 733,000 or 45%; while computer scientists and database administrators will rise from 542,000 to 742,000, a 37% increase. Randal Bryant, dean of the School of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, said his school saw student applications drop to a low of 1,700 from a peak of 3,200 in 2001 at the end of the dot-com boom.

But the situation has been turning around in the past few years, with 2,300 applications coming in last year, he said. Bryant said he expects that the troubles on Wall Street will likely influence some students to switch majors in the coming months from business to other fields, including computer science. He also urges caution to those students.

"I like to tell students that if you make your career choice that quickly based on what is hottest this month, you're going to be graduating in four years and that field may not be hot anymore," Bryant said. "I tell them to major in something they like and not what's a likely short-term fluctuation in the job market."

"Our peak at the dot-com [period] included people in computer science who had no particular aptitude in it, but they thought they'd get rich," he said.



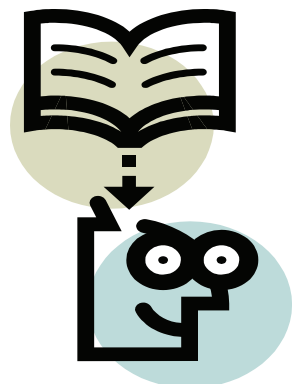
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- Word or text Document format.
- 500 or less words
- Relevant to ISACA, IT Governance, IT Audit, Security, etc.)
- References to all applicable sources.
- Include the title, author, and date written.

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ISACA's Network Security Conference is uniquely designed to meet the education and training needs of the seasoned IT practitioner as well as the newcomer. Whether you are an experienced information security professional keeping pace with complex network environments, an IS auditor looking to gain detailed knowledge and competencies on specific topics, an IS control professional seeking information on guarding one of your organization's most important assets or otherwise involved with information security, this year's Network Security Conference will benefit you.



Information Security Management Conference Strategic vision for information security managers

ISACA® is pleased to announce its fourth annual Information Security Management Conference, designed for experienced information security managers and those who have information security management responsibilities. The event will feature a variety of sessions dealing with information security managerial issues and information security programme issues. The combination of management focus and highly detailed content will provide the attendee with an opportunity to customize the conference experience to his/her specific interests and professional needs. Experienced professionals as well as new or aspiring Certified Information Security Manager® (CISM®) holders will find great value in the conference.

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CPEs!!

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More information to come in the future newsletter with CPE options.

Job Postings

Company	Job Title	Post Date
Grant Thornton	IT Audit—Advisory Services Manager	August 19, 2008
Cerner	Security Analyst	August 19, 2008
Cerner	Sr. Security Analyst	August 19, 2008

Visit our website for further details of each posting: <http://www.isaca-kc.org/job.htm>

NOTE: All job postings will be removed from the website after 90 days. For more information, please contact Julie Govaker at (816)-997-5485 or jgovaker@kcp.com

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Save the date for future Monthly Meetings:

10/9/08	Mark Thomas - "COBIT and a short introduction to Val-IT"
11/13/08	Bill McSpadden - "IT Governance"
12/11/08	John Mallery - "Computer Forensics"
1/8/09	Special joint meeting with the IIA - Motivational speaker Mercedes Ramirez Johnson - "Get It Right Today, Not Tomorrow"
2/12/09	TBD
3/12/09	TBD
4/9/09	TBD
5/7/09	TBD

Feedback Forum

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