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### **IT Security**

Our May program is a presentation on current trends in penetration techniques of IT security systems and techniques for penetration testing. This is an excellent opportunity to learn how “bad” people are trying to get into your IT systems and what can be done about their various schemes.

Our speaker is Thomas Lewis, CISSP, CISA, who is a Partner in Risk Services with Lattimore Black Morgan & Cain, PC, a CPA/Financial Planning Firm headquartered in Brentwood, Tennessee. Thomas has many stories of what has been tried in penetrating a company’s security and what audit personnel have tried as penetration testing. These stories range from E-Mail spoof with fake Web Site, to fake badges, to forgotten purse/wallet, to free Flash USB drives, and other situations. Thomas’s stories are sure to make you sit up and think about your company’s security.

Thomas will discuss current trends in penetration testing and the significance of these trends. He will note what is practical for your in-house staff to perform.

Thomas has over 13 years experience assisting Fortune 500 clients and government entities with the development of security solutions for complex environments. Thomas’s work has focused on integrating the key elements of environment, physical, and logical security to achieve the appropriate amount of operational security. Thomas’s areas of expertise are security architecture design, network security, UNIX security, attack and penetration assessments, and intrusion detection/prevention solutions.

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In addition to Thomas’s information security consulting experience, he also has several years experience with three of the “Big 5” accounting firms conducting information systems audits. Thomas is a frequent speaker for local and national organizations, including the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA), MIS Institute, Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA), and the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). He is the founding president of the Middle Tennessee ISSA Chapter.



Thomas holds a Bachelor’s degree in Finance/Economics from David Lipscomb University and a Master of Accountancy from the University of Tennessee. He is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE), and Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA).

Thomas is a native of Nashville and resides in Hendersonville with his wife and four daughters. For fun, he plays golf and coaches the local select soccer team.

Thomas is a great speaker and has many entertaining stories about the security environment. You should not miss this meeting.

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**Since the Chapter pays for reserved meals, No Shows will be billed at the reservation price of \$20.00 for Members, and \$30.00 for Guests.**

Members are responsible for their guests' reservations. *If you are a member and have not been receiving this notification, please contact Mary Simpson at:*

**615/367-8083 fax: 615/367-7775**  
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### May Chapter Meeting:

**Holiday Inn Brentwood**  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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How many times have you said it's hard to get good help? If you're like me you say this most often when dealing with children doing their chores. JG Carver, Vice President of Marketing and Strategic Planning with ITAC Solutions may not be able to get my children to do their chores properly, but he could probably help if I wanted to contract it out. Mr Carver spoke at the April meeting of AITP about the reasons for using recruiting firms and the pros and cons of contracting from two perspectives—that of a company and that of an individual.

From a company's standpoint there are several reasons to hire a recruiting firm. One of the primary reasons is to complete work in an accelerated or urgent timeframe. If I have guests arriving at my house this weekend, as a manager I realize my children do not have the required bandwidth to clean my house quickly. I may need to turn to a recruiting firm whose business is to quickly find and place the resources required to get jobs done. Another important reason to hire a recruiting firm is to access unique skills. In my example, my children may not have some of the "unique" skills such as vacuuming, sweeping, or dusting. Recruiting firms know where to find people with special skills and how to place them where they can be used productively. A third rationale for employing a recruiting firm is the working interview. If I plan on having someone clean my home on a regular basis, the contract job to clean for this weekend serves an excellent method to evaluate the potential employee's skills. For companies, it is an effective way to see if the person fits the culture. Other reasons to hire a recruiting firm include a lack of company resources and unusual situations such as a short duration project or uncertain future.

A company in one or more of these situations considering using a recruiting firm to find a contractor should know the pros and cons. Mr Carver provided a solid list of what a company should consider. As mentioned above, a contractor offers the company the ability to get a specific set of skills for a specific situation while having a great deal of flexibility in the terms and duration of employment. Moreover, the contractor requires much lower overhead. The company does not pay benefits and faces a lot fewer hurdles in human resources. On the other hand, there is a price to pay. The company will pay a higher direct labor cost and will probably have to pay more for a turnkey system. It will have less control and the contractor may not be as loyal as its employees. All this must be considered when making the contracting decision.

If you are on the other side of the equation as someone with a unique set of skills or just generally looking for work, a contracted job may be the best avenue. Contracted work offers you more flexibility and usually higher pay. It can be a working interview for a more permanent job and gives you a chance to evaluate the company as they evaluate you. However, you may have to seek out your own benefits which will undoubtedly cost more and some hiring managers may perceive instability in your career if you hop around a lot. If you decide to seek a contracted position, recruiting firms are an excellent source of information about the opportunities that exist at any point in time. I encourage using their services.

ITAC's mission is "...recruitment and placement of talented individuals..." Your mission is to recruit IT professionals to become a part of AITP Nashville, *where IT professionals meet*.

Marshall B. Messamore

AITP President

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## New Board Member Profile

### Jeffrey Stewart



Our New Member Profile this month is on Jeffrey Stewart. Jeff is not only a relatively new AITP member, but he has also joined this year's Board as Director of Publicity.

Jeff presently works as a Software Application Programmer and Web Developer for SCSI Business Solutions in Columbia, Tennessee. SCSI Business Solutions is an IT company that offers networking, web development, web hosting, cabling services, and on-line data backup. Jeff has been with them for over two years and develops applications with Visual Basic, .Net, ASP.Net, ASP, HTML, and Java Script. Several applications connect to SQL Server and Microsoft Great Plains. Jeff has also been developing Pocket PC Smart Applications using Visual Basic.Net.

Jeff holds certifications as MCAD (Visual Basic.Net), MCP (Visual Basic 6.0), and CompTia A+. He graduated from ITT Technical Institute with an Associate Degree in Software Applications Programming. Jeff tries to keep up with technology through certification and continuing education. Jeff says that attending AITP meetings is a great way of learning about a variety of new things in the IT world.

Jeff previously worked for Bates Fabricating Company in Lobelville, Tennessee. Bates manufactures automotive parts for Chrysler, Ford, and Nissan. Jeff spent over ten years with Bates working in a number of jobs including Quality Control Supervisor.

Jeff says that his long-term goal is to have his own IT company. At the present, he enjoys developing web sites and playing video games. He also likes to hike and mountain climb, especially in foreign countries. So far, Jeff had been to Scotland, England, and most of Europe.

Jeff lives in Columbia, Tennessee. He says that membership in AITP gives him an opportunity to interact with fellow IT professionals and to meet people who will be in the IT field in the future.

Join us at the next AITP dinner meeting and ask Jeff about mountain climbing in strange places.

# Calendar of Upcoming Events 2008

Date	Event	Location	Information
May 8	Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Brentwood	IT Security, Thomas Lewis, LBM&C
June 3	Mini Field Trip*	ADS Security	Tuesday Lunch Session
June 12	Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Brentwood	TBA

\*There will be a mini-field trip held on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> to visit the ADS Security facility. It will be a lunch event with a \$5.00 cost for members and \$10.00 for guests. This is an additional event, and there will be a regular chapter dinner meeting held on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

## SPEAKERS

We are always interested in good speakers to make presentations at our AITP Chapter Meetings. If you know someone who is interested in making a presentation on a topic, on their company, or company's products, please contact Paul Saunders at (615) 367-1717 or [Paul@SaundersSystems.com](mailto:Paul@SaundersSystems.com).

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**June Special Event**

**ADS Security Mini Field Trip**

We will visit on Tuesday, June 3, 2008.

This will be a luncheon session, and will be in addition to our regular dinner meeting on the second Thursday of the month.

The schedule will be approximately:

- 11:30 am – Attendees arrive and sign in
- 11:45 am – Lunch
- 12:00 – 12:20 pm – Presentation by ADS personnel
- 12:20 – 12:40 pm – Tour of facility
- 12:45 pm – Everyone out/gone

We will have our standard pre-registration procedure, i.e. no walk-ins. We will provide ADS with an attendee list at least 24 hours in advance. ADS will complete their security clearance forms and have the forms ready for us (or ADS) to have attendees sign as they check in. Attendees will have to provide Driver's License as ID.

We will charge our members \$5.00 for lunch and \$10.00 for guests. ADS Security will arrange and pay for a box lunch or other suitable food.

We anticipate having about 30 people sign up for this event. We will advertise this as a mini Field Trip and emphasize that this visit to ADS Security is in addition to our regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday sessions.

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