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Technology Professionals

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Chapter Newsletter

Three Myths of Information Security

Information security is a subject that all IT and business management should be concerned with in developing information systems. We should also review existing systems from a security standpoint as changes are made to the systems. Our September program is a quick review of the important points about information security.

Our speaker, Frederick Scholl, is a highly accomplished Global Senior Information Security Risk Manager qualified by 20+ years of experience in multiple industries. Dr. Scholl earned a Ph.D. and a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Cornell University. He also completed an Internet Law Program at Harvard University, and holds CISM, CISSP, and CHP security certifications. Fred currently is the Visiting Professor of Information Security in the School of Computing & Informatics at Lipscomb University.

In 1991, Fred founded Monarch Information Networks and advises business on how to protect their information. Clients include many well-branded corporations. He is acknowledged as a subject matter expert in information security best practices, information security operational procedures, compliance and audit compliance management, threat and vulnerability management, corporate security strategic planning, security risk evaluations, security and privacy requirements analysis, and Sarbanes Oxley, JSOX, HIPAA and ISO 27001.

Fred was retained as the Senior Manager of Information Security and Control for Nissan Americas from 2006 to 2008. He led a six-person IT Security and Compliance Team in charge of safeguarding IT assets including more than 19,000 PCs, and established Nissan America's first Enterprise Security Program.

Previously, he co-founded Codenoll Technology Corporation in 1980, and served as a Senior Vice President and Board Member until 1991. He played a pivotal role in the company being listed on NASDAQ.

Career accomplishments also include 13 US patents related to network technology and fiber optics. Fred has presented or authored over 30 publications on security, privacy, and data communications systems.

Fred has served as an expert witness on 15 occasions. He has provided expert witness testimony related to unauthorized use of network resources, service level agreements, Internet trespassing, e-commerce, forensic analysis, and other information security related matters.



Fred's career is also complemented by numerous honors and professional activities. He is currently a member of The Advisory Council, was an Adjunct Professor at Polytechnic University for eight years, and was elected Community Outreach Director of Middle Tennessee's ISSA Chapter in 2009. In 2010 he co-founded the Nashville Chapter of the Society for Information Management.

Our September program will also include a brief presentation on "Academic-Industry Partnerships" by Jeff Crawford, Ph.D., PMP, who is an Associate Professor of Information Technology Management in the School of Computing & Informatics at Lipscomb University.

REMEMBER

**Dinner Cost Reduced With Early Registration:
\$15 – Members, \$25 - Guests**

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AITP members will be notified by electronic mail one week prior to the Chapter meeting. Reservations can be made by responding to the electronic notice or by calling *Mary Simpson at 615/367-8083 fax: 615/367-7775* Dinner reservations can be canceled up to 24-hours prior to the meeting without cost.

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:*

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September Chapter Meeting

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President's Message



John Plunkett

Last month we had to find a pinch speaker due to circumstances outside our control. Well the speaker, John Plunkett from Video Gaming Technology did a phenomenal job of putting together a very informative and entertaining presentation; with less than 24 hours' notice!!



VGT are moving their operations from Virginia to Nashville and have dozens of open positions for IT professionals. Check out their website if you or someone you know is looking for employment right now. Take a look at the careers section at vgt.net.

VGT manufacturer and manage 'Class II' gaming machines, which includes the Hardware, Software and services. VGT have customers in 14 states and employ 650 employees. They advertise themselves as a 21st century digital company, gone are the days of standalone slot machines. Modern gaming machines are networked and serviced by large data centers providing both VGT and their customers with insight and control of the gaming systems. VGT's data Center is 98% virtualized and has an impressive 99.999% uptime track record. They support over 20,000 gaming devices and their workforce is very mobile in order to install and service these devices.

The move from Virginia to Tennessee has provided John with several challenges. The transition has meant he will lose some critical skills, quite a high proportion of employees chose to remain in Virginia. This impacted morale as many are now facing a job search and an uncertain future. Relocating individuals is challenging for sure, but John has also had to relocate his data center as well, which is not a minor undertaking. He is using the services of a local Nashville company Peak 10.

Despite the challenges there are also opportunities for John to restructure his organization and refresh his data center hardware and software offerings, such as beefing up their BI tools and services.

If you missed this presentation, you missed one of the best this year. Just because the upcoming topic or speaker may or may not peak your interest, you never know the actual speaker and topic maybe different and straight up your alley. All the more reason as a guest or member of AITP to come to every chapter meeting you are able to, they are both informative and entertaining.

Be sure to mark a place on your calendars for September 13th. I hope to see you all there J

JP White

President, AITP Nashville Chapter

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From the AITP website:

IT Jobs Hard to Fill as Unemployment Rates Drop for Most Occupations

Sunday, August 26, 2012

Posted by: TechServe Alliance

A recent post on TechRepublic discussed the challenges that organizations are having filling jobs requiring a variety of IT skills. The common theme in the blog post was that IT executives and managers are challenged to find IT professionals with the right experience to staff openings at the higher end of the skills spectrum. Although real-world demand and job descriptions often do not align perfectly with government defined occupational titles, federal data seem to support developments reported by IT industry observers.

Occupations	Q1 2012	Q2 2012
Computer and information systems managers	3.1	3.1
Computer hardware engineers	4.4	0.5
Computer network architects	2.5	0.8
Computer programmers	4.3	3.7
Computer support specialists	7.1	8.2
Computer systems analysts	4.2	2.9
Database administrators	5.2	5.7
Network and computer systems administrators	5.5	4.7
Software developers, applications and systems software	3.6	2.5
Web developers	5.9	3.0

Source: unpublished tabulations of Current Population Survey data furnished by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The extreme low unemployment rates for most IT occupations were for IT and computer-related jobs requiring a high level of expertise and skills in the second quarter. For ten major IT occupations examined by TechServe Alliance, seven experienced lower or significantly lower rates of unemployment in Q2 2012 compared to Q1 2012.

TechServe Alliance estimates that in Q2 2012, the number of IT jobs reached almost 4.2 million, which was a 1.1% increase from the previous period and a 2.8% rise from Q2 2011. (Chart on page one.)

According to a survey of IT professionals that plan to add IT staff in the next six months, 57% expect looking for programmers, developers, and engineers, 55% want analysts and technical specialists, 49% foresee hiring more network, systems or database administrators, 40% will need project leaders and projects managers, 39% anticipate needing more help desk and technical support, and only 18% will be looking for more senior management.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events 2012

AITP Calendar of Upcoming Events - 2012

Date	Event	Location	Information
September 3	Labor Day	U.S.A.	Enjoy the Day
September 13	Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Vanderbilt	Three Myths of Information Security, Fred Scholl, Ph.D. Lipscomb University
September 27	Folding Party	Saunders' House	Come network with other AITP folks
October 11	Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Vanderbilt	Healthcare Solutions Darin Moore, CIO Parental Health

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.



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Unemployed Member Initiative: Reduced association dues for those members who are temporarily unemployed, on family leave, on medical leave or on education leave.

Enterprise Membership Program: Significant dues discount for companies with 3 or more employees as AITP members.

Student to Professional Membership: Upon graduation, students are able to join AITP with all the rights and privileges of a Professional Member at a significantly discounted rate for 3 years.

Student Membership Dues Reduced to \$30: Take advantage of the new lower rate to join and participate in an AITP Student chapter, attend the National Collegiate Conference, and apply for scholarships exclusively for AITP student members.

Faculty Advisor Membership Initiative: Significant reduction in Association dues for faculty members who agree to serve as a student chapter faculty advisor for a year.

AITP Membership Discounts Updated

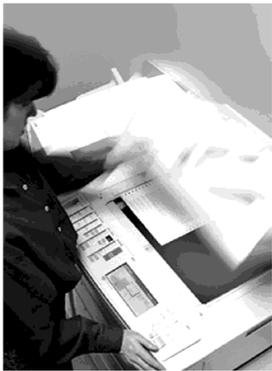
Thursday, August 16, 2012

Posted by: Julian Wade, Association Director

The AITP Association Board of Directors recently approved an extension of the Unemployed Membership Initiative through 12/31/2013. The discount is now \$35 off Association dues. It also made permanent a \$35 Faculty Advisor Discount.

AITP has several membership initiatives to help chapters recruit more members. Please read through our various programs and try to take advantage of them.

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