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→ The KIT is Two Years Old!

It wasn't clear when I started this newsletter that it would work well to send two issues a month, but I seem to never lack material. The number of recipients is currently hovering around 750.
Please send me feedback on what you'd like to see more or less of, and don't hesitate to contribute material from time to time.
One of my smaller projects in the coming months is to build (and maintain!) a *topic index* of the entire KIT archive, so you can find old articles more easily. I hope this will be useful.
Meanwhile, enjoy this anniversary issue!
-- Claude Baudoin

→ Oops!

The last issue of the KIT has a typo ("Quuen Mary") and strange indentations. We'll try to make sure it doesn't happen again.

→ AIIM "State of the ECM Industry" Report

AIIM has published its annual report on the state of the Electronic Content Management industry. It "shows a much more mature user base, integrating existing and new ECM and Records Management suites, SharePoint portals and vertical market add-ons into genuinely universal information access and content management infrastruc-tures."

→ Projecting Images onto Objects

Research done by Prof. Bruce Thomas at the University of South Australia in Adelaide has obvious potential for advertising and other media applications, but Intel is looking into the technology because it would allow alerts and instructions to be projected onto 3D objects to make them easier to use. This makes the technology (which requires "bending" the image so that it will look right once projected onto the object) an additional form of "augmented reality" with significant industrial applications including training and safety.
For more information, read this BusinessWeek article.

Most Popular ACM Online Books

ACM has once again issued a list of its most popular online books, available for free to subscribers of the ACM Digital Library or Safari Books. Here are five key titles, with links to the abstracts and order form:

- Cloud Computing: Web-Based Applications That Change the Way You Work and Collaborate Online, by Michael Miller, 312 pages. (Technically, the title is incorrect, since the subtitle refers only to Software as a Service, which is only one form of cloud computing.)
- Visualizing Data, by Ben Fry, 384 pp.
- JavaScript: The Definitive Guide, by David Flanagan, 5th ed., 1032 pp.
- Fundamentals of WiMax: Understanding Broadband Wireless Networking, by Jeffrey Andrews, 496 pp.
- Head First Design Patterns, by Bert Bates, 688 pp.

Managing Enterprise Vocabularies

The increasing attention to information governance means that tools to manage vocabularies and taxonomies are becoming important to avoid information silos and definition conflicts. TopQuadrant, the makers of the TopBraid suite of products, has released a Flash video that demonstrates their Enterprise Vocabulary Net management tool.
(Retweeted by Michael Elkins, @KestralGroup)

Seen Recently...

"If you give me one more productivity tool, I won't have time to do my job anymore!"
                -- Anonymous, quoted by Ed Krebs, Enterprise Architect at Ford