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What's New in TOGAF 9.1

Mike Rosen. head of the Enterprise Architecture practice at Cutter Consortium, has long been a critic of the Open Group's Architecture Framework (TOGAF). He is however praising the changes in TOGAF 9.1 released at the end of 2011. He writes that it "cleans up ambiguous sections, improves consistency and readability, and adds better references and context." Read the abstract of his review and, if you're not a Cutter client, let us know if you would like to receive his full assessment.

Barry Devlin on Big Data and BI

The Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) is offering a free hour-long webinar, "2012 - Big Data: End of the World or End of BI?" on June 28 at noon EDT (1600 GMT). The speaker, Barry Devlin of 9sight Consulting, has been an authority on business intelligence (BI) for over 20 years. He claims that decision-making has become very different in a highly collaborative world, and asks the question: "After 20 years, is BI still fit for purpose? Can it deliver the type of support needed for decision-making in the next decade?" Click here for more information and to register.

Best Practices in Social Business Solutions

On June 7, KMWorld published a white paper with the above title. The paper concludes that "Social is the new KM" and states that "KM got off course by focusing on the vendors' message of 'KM is content management,' 'KM is document management' and 'KM is a software solution.' Many people fell for that, and were disappointed. Well, it's back, with a single difference: KM was forced onto the workforce, social is welcomed by it."

Not to brag, but this message is similar to what Claude Baudoin wrote in a Cutter Executive Update in Sep. 2010 entitled "It's Not (Just) What You Know, It's Who You Know."

So while you should of course buy your "social business" consulting from cobo, you may want to read the KMWorld white paper for an independent concurring opinion.

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Highlights from AIIM 2012 Conference

The non-profit information management society AIIM held its annual conference in March in San Francisco, with a series of replays of key talks given over the Web on June 7. According to AIIM's President John Mancini, the key takeaways of the conference were:

- 1. Engagement is the objective
- 2. Mobilize everything
- 3. Make the business social
- 4. Digitize everything that moves
- 5. Commit to the cloud
- 6. Prepare for "extreme information management"
- 7. The maturation of platforms
- 8. Old ways of thinking don't work
- 9. Information professionals matter
- 10. In-person events aren't dead

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"It's 2012. Can we please stop building sites that load with music?"

- Shoshana Shafran, photographer (@itzuvi) retweeted by Aleks Buterman (@aleksb6)

"Dear <redacted>:if your 'Top 10 thought leaders in cloud' are all vendor folks, then you're probably doing it wrong."

- Christian Reilly, photographer (@reillyusa) retweeted by Brenda Michelson (@bmichelson)