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→ **Happy Holidays!**

This is the last KIT of 2012; we will be back on January 2 with No. 87. In it, we plan to include a number of colleagues' predictions for IT in 2013 (feel free to send us your own!), news of Coursera's expansion of its amazingly successful offering of free online courses, and more!

→ **All You Wanted to Know About Taxonomy**

Heather Hedden, the author of "The Accidental Taxonomist," has just revealed a [blog](#) she has been working on for a year, now containing 18 substantial, extremely well-written posts on why and how to develop a taxonomy. The posts include practical advice on what the difference is between facets and subtypes, what standards to follow and when to depart from them, whether SharePoint folder structures can be aligned with an enterprise taxonomy, how ontologies differ from taxonomies, and more.

→ **CNIL Data Protection Guides in English**

Setting up enterprise databases (or even customer mailing lists) in France always gives shivers to global companies, because of the rules of the CNIL, Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Libertés (National Commission on Information Systems and Liberties). If the rules remain burdensome, at least some help just came along in the form of English versions of its two compliance guides for businesses:

- [Methodology for Privacy Risk Management](#)
- [Measures for Privacy Risk Treatment](#)

*(Credits: this news came to us from Hogan Lovells' "[Chronicle of Data Protection](#)" via Vince Polley's [MIRLN newsletter](#).)*

→ **Three Cutter Papers**

Three recent publications from the Cutter Consortium may interest you:

- Brian Dooley wrote "[Blossoms Beyond the Wall: SaaS in China](#)," a three-page Executive Update on the growth of cloud services in that country.
- Michael Rosen, Cutter's Enterprise Architecture Practice Director, wrote a short paper entitled "[Defining Architectural Deliverables](#)," in which he addresses the common question, "What should architecture look like?"
- Claude Baudoin wrote a 5-page Executive Update, "[Strategic Adoption of New Collaboration Technologies](#)."



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These papers are free to clients of the Cutter Consortium. Others will only be able to read a short abstract at the above links. If you are not a client but are willing to consider the benefits of becoming one, let cobe know and we can get you free copies of the papers.

### → Save the Dates... and Save Money!

The 2013 edition of the always popular Cutter Summit will take place in Boston on November 4-6. There is a "super-early" discount if you buy your ticket before the end of 2012. Pay \$1495 only (or \$2645 for two seats) for three days of in-depth discussions on the confluence of business and IT with successful CIOs, business school professors, and senior Cutter consultants.

To exercise this offer, register at the above link, and use the coupon code SUPEREARLY.

See you in Boston in November (pack a sweater and an umbrella!).

### → Seen Recently...

*"Contrary to popular belief, the Enterprise Architect's most important field of expertise is... people."*

-- Paul Jansen, HR and Change Management consultant  
(Web site and tweets are mostly in Dutch)