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→ CSCC Public Sector Cloud Summit

The Cloud Standards Customer Council will hold a special full-day event about the adoption and use of cloud solutions in the public sector on March 24 in Reston, Va. (collocated with the week-long technical meeting of the Object Management Group). [Agenda and registration here.](#)

→ Process and Information Integration in the Oil & Gas Industry

The Feb. 25-26 event in Houston, sponsored by Energistics and the Object Management Group and hosted by IBM, was a success with 30 attendees from oil companies, oilfield services companies, IT companies, industry consultants, and modeling tool suppliers. We discussed process and information integration scenarios that might benefit from standards-based modeling approaches, and selected two:

- paperless management of large asset development projects
- management of alerts and alarms for increased safety

Case studies from aerospace, telecom and automotive industries were also presented. An initial roadmap was created, and will be expanded after [our next event in Utrecht, Netherlands](#), on March 30-31. An interim report on the results of the Houston meeting will be published in a few days. [Contact us](#) to obtain a copy.

→ Security and the Internet of Things

Last chance: [register here](#) for Claude Baudoin's webcast on "Security and the Internet of Things," presented by the Cutter Consortium on Wednesday, March 5, at noon Eastern US time.

→ Agile Training and Certifications

Two agile experts from Cutter will teach two consecutive 2-day courses leading to certifications in Denver, Colorado. Hubert Smits will prepare you to be a Certified ScrumMaster (CSM) on March 31-April 1, and Lynn Winterboer will teach you how to use agile analytics and become a Certified Scrum Product Owner (CSPO) on April 2-3. [More details here.](#) Each class costs \$1695, both classes together are \$2990. Early bird discounts are gone, but shhh... if don't tell anyone else, we may be able to still get you a deal if you [contact us rapidly](#).

→ Igloo Software's Social Intranet Tour

Igloo Software, the Canadian company whose cloud-based "social intranet" powers groups such as the Cloud Standards Customer Council, is holding an event in Austin on March 12, 3:30-6:30 p.m., during the South-by-Southwest convention. [Details and registration here.](#)

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Niklaus Wirth's Birthday Symposium Videos

Alright, we understand that most of you did not make it to Zurich to celebrate Niklaus Wirth's 80th birthday at the ETH on Feb. 20. Shame on you! But at least, you can now view video recordings of the talks, including one by Vint Cerf of Google, several talks on programming methods and languages, and a closing keynote by the honoree himself on "Reviving a computer system of 25 years ago." The title refers to the Oberon object-oriented programming system and the associated but now-defunct hardware. In the course of his lecture, Wirth also gives an overview of the history of programming languages and computer systems in the 1960s and 1970s.



Seen Recently...

"Want to visit an incomplete version of our website where you can't zoom? Download our app!"

-- sarcastic cartoon in the "App-pocalypse Now" entry of the Coding Horror blog by Jeff Atwood

"Perfection is achieved not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away."

-- Antoine de Saint-Exupery, in "L'Avion"
quoted by DevOps expert Arno Baudu (@arnobaudu)
as an early example of the "lean" discipline