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➔ **Anniversary**

The KIT is six years old. Approaching the age of reason, perhaps? Please send your thoughts and wishes about what subjects should be covered more, less, or differently. While the familiarity of the look-and-feel of the newsletter may justify keeping it (do you ever get irritated when a Web site changes its image just as you had grown accustomed to it?), the content should certainly evolve to reflect not only the new trends that we learn about, but your expectations as readers.

➔ **The Industrial Internet Energy Summit**

Do you want to learn more about the impact of "Internet of Things" concepts and technology are impacting the production and delivery of energy? The [Industrial Internet Consortium](#) presents this free event to bring together thought leaders to explore how Industrial Internet innovation is transforming every segment of the energy industry.

When: Tuesday, June 23, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Where: Hewlett Packard campus, Lone Star College Conference Center, 20515 State Hwy 249, Houston
Contact: info@iiconsortium.org
Agenda and registration [here](#).

➔ **Inventory of Risk Management Efforts and Standards**

The [Global University Alliance](#), an international consortium of academic institutions that build extensive reference libraries of business and enterprise architecture-related materials, has published a significant [study of risk management standards and initiatives](#).

➔ **Survey of Taxonomists**

Heather Hedden, the author of *The Accidental Taxonomist*, is running a new survey to better understand who is doing taxonomy (or, more generally, classification of concepts and terms) for an organization, in whatever capacity. if you have engage in this kind of work, please [contribute here](#).

➔ **Big Technical Data, the Cloud and Data Residency**

The subject of *data residency*, and how the cloud often puts the owners of the data at risk of conflict with transborder data regulations, is heating up. It was discussed in the context of privacy and the public sector during the CSCC Privacy Summit in March. The Object Management Group is convening a formation meeting for a Data Residency working group on June 16 in Berlin. And the Industrial Internet Consortium is looking into the issues generated by the acquisition, storage and processing of sensor data.

Reflecting on all these trends, in particular in the energy industry, the ODBMS journal published an [article](#) by [Claude Baudoin](#) entitled "Big Technical Data, the Cloud and Data Residency" in a recent issue.

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Alation

This San Francisco Bay Area startup company has just come out of the secret phase of its development with a launch event. To simplify, their product is a natural language interface to structured data, which allows the user to ask a question in English about the data *without knowing the underlying database schema*.



Seen Recently...

"Our wretched species is so made that those who walk on the well-trodden path always throw stones at those who are showing a new road."

-- Voltaire, in his *Dictionnaire Philosophique*

"If 'a camel is a horse designed by committee,' then this organization is going to design an entire caravan."

-- Claude Baudoin. writing to a colleague about an RFP for a federated IT governance framework, in which the requester showed an organization chart with 18 distinct councils and committees