SHARE:

The KIT — Knowledge & Information Technology
No. 247 - 3 September 2019

In This Issue

Consulting Services

- IT Strategy
- Enterprise Architecture Roadmap
- Business Process Modeling & Analysis
- Enterprise Software Selection
- IT Innovation Briefings
- IT Due Diligence
- Executive IT Seminars
- Cloud Computing
- Security Maturity
- Software Process
- Knowledge Strategy
- Technical Communities
- Knowledge Capture
- Taxonomy development
- Enterprise Social Media

Publication Schedule

In observance of the paradoxically named "Labor Day" holiday in the U.S., this issue of The KIT is being sent on September 3. Issue 248 will come out on September 16.

Upcoming Event Reminders

The Industrial Internet Consortium is holding its members meeting on Sep. 9-12 in Anaheim, Calif., ending with an "Industry IoT in Action" forum, open to non-members, on Thursday 12th from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. If you are in Southern California, it is well worth attending it. This forum is free, but registration is required at the above link.

On Sep. 23-26, the Object Management Group meets in Nashville, Tennessee. There are several sessions of interest to people who don't necessarily want to take part directly in the "sausage making" of standards:

- A "meet-and-greet" demonstration of interoperability between implementers of the Data Distribution Service (DDS) standard -- Monday, 5:00-7:00 pm.
- A launch meeting of a "BPM+ Health Community, which will promote the use of OMG's business process management and case management standards to share clinical care pathways -- also on Monday, 5:30 to 7:30 pm.
- A Cloud Working Group meeting, chaired by Claude Baudoin, where we will review recent deliverables (also see the next article) and plan the next phase of work.
- A workshop on Augmented Reality (AR) needs and standards in industry, led by Christine Perey of AREA (Augmented Reality Enterprise Association.

For details on the OMG sessions, click here. Don't let the price tag scare you -- this is for full-week attendees. Contact us for guest passes and special deals.

Cloud Service Agreements Paper up for Review

July and August saw a flurry of work by an impressive number of dedicated collaborators on the 3rd version of the OMG's white paper, *"Public Cloud Standard Agreements: What to Expect and What to Negotiate."* A final draft is now available for public comment and will be voted on (with any changes requested between now and then) on September 26. Feel free to review any section of the paper you wish (it is 57 pages long, including references and appendices), and invite others to do so. Please send comments to Claude Baudoin by September 20.

Blockchain and Smart Contracts

The Government Blockchain Association (GBA) is holding a fall symposium entitled "The Future of Money, Governance, and the Law" on September 14-15 (warning: this is an entire week-end). This sounds very interesting for people interested in or impacted by distributed ledger technology (DLT), of which the best-known is blockchain, and regulations or legislation governing its use for digital currencies.

On a related topic, the July-August issue of *acmqueue* contains an interview of Shaul Kfir, co-founder of Digital Asset, entitled DAML: The Contract Language of Distributed Ledgers. DAML, the Digital Asset Modeling Language, is a foundation for a system that allows transactions to take place between parties that employ distinct DLTs.

The Power of Video

Recent discussions on the margins of a conference reminded us of the importance of video in conveying all kinds of messages.

- In this age of short attention spans, a library of video clips can be used for knowledge management and training, especially if combined with instructional design as done by Phil Lindauer's iCap Leverage Inc., a company we mentioned many issues ago.
- It can be for storytelling in cultural and social projects.
- It can be for corporate marketing and communications -- we recently saw the excellent work done by Trevor Rappleye's company, CorporateFilming.net, headquartered in Long Beach.
- Or it can be the acquisition of drone footage to augment a company's website and social marketing, as offered by our partner Chris Ring's 678pc, based in Atlanta.

Seen Recently...

"Use intrusion detection and/or intrusion-prevention techniques to detect and/or prevent intrusions into the network."

-- Excerpt of a document being edited by Mike Pope (@mikepope), who tweeted: "Unfortunately we can't improve this text, because it is quoted from another source." Amused readers tweeted back about the "department of redundancy department."