

OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH



THE BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY

2001/02 Programme

Meetings:

- are held monthly from September to May
- take place, unless otherwise stated, at the Computing Laboratory, Wolfson Building, Parks Rd, Oxford
- begin at 7.30pm, with light refreshments usually available from 7.00pm
- end at around 9.00pm
- are mostly accredited for CPD purposes, with certificates available to attending members
- ARE OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS.

For more details, or any late changes, see <http://www.bcsoson.org/>

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Thursday 13 September 2001

KNOWLEDGE IS STATUS? KNOWLEDGE IS POWER?

Mr Matthew Ducey, CSC Ltd.

CSC has been one of the few organisations to develop corporate Knowledge Management Systems. The presentation will touch on some of the cultural, organisational and technical issues that CSC has addressed over the past five years to realise a culture of knowledge sharing within business communities. There will be a demonstration of some of the technology supporting the shift from hoarding knowledge to sharing knowledge.

Thursday 11 October 2001

LEAN FORWARD, SIT BACK: DIGITAL TV AND OTHER EMERGING CHANNELS FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES

Pete Williams, Programme Manager for AIT's activities in interactive TV and mobile devices. Interactive Digital TV (iDTV) has arrived and is already installed in 30% of UK homes. Projections suggest that it will be in 95% of homes within a decade and will overtake home PC Internet use long before that, giving the mass market access to the Web.

The presentation will look at the role of iDTV in financial services, some of the key issues in the take-up, and how iDTV will work with traditional channels to market and other emerging channels (mobile phone and PDA).

Thursday 8 November 2001

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE COMPUTING

Peter Kaminski, Civil Applications Group Manager, Meteorological Office, Bracknell
Peter has worked for over 25 years in various areas of IT within the Met Office.

He will describe what the Met Office does, its customers' needs, the computational techniques and machinery behind a weather forecast, and the telecommunications links that make it all happen.

Thursday 13 December 2001

Special Christmas Lecture: ARE SCIENTISTS MEANT TO MAKE YOU LAUGH?

Professor Heinz Wolff

Prof. Heinz Wolff has over 40 years experience in giving public lectures, TV and Radio programmes, many with the objective of making engineering and science comprehensible and exciting. A degree of 'clowning' is often very useful, in order to render some important piece of information memorable. As it is Christmas, material will be presented, in Multimedia form of course, culled from the past, some of which may even prove amusing!

Entry by ticket only. This will be a popular event. To obtain a ticket visit the Branch web site or contact the Branch Secretary.

Thursday 17 January 2002

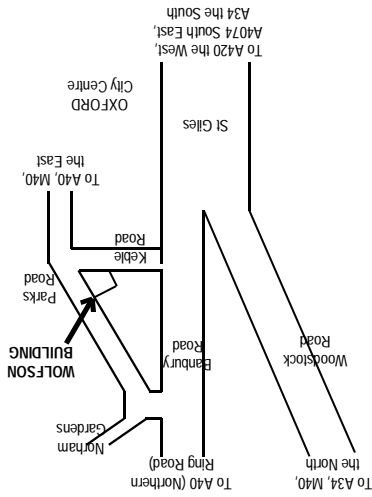
THE GLOBAL THREAT TO IT SECURITY AND ECOMMERCE

David Love, Head of Security TAG (Europe), Computer Associates Ltd.

Whilst companies selling point solutions are good at describing the particular threat against

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Location of the Wolfson Building



Car Parking

Several spaces are available at the Wolfson Building, and there are parking meters nearby.

Thursday 21 March 2002

Title to be announced.
Speaker to be announced.

Please refer to Branch website for details as they become available.

Thursday 18 April 2002

AGM (after Cheese & Wine buffet) followed by THE LAST GREAT MYTH: THE NET
CANNOT BE REGULATED.

Ray Corrigan, Staff Tutor in Technology, OU

The degree to which it can be regulated depends on the way it is programmed or structured i.e. its built environment.

The three features of the Net that make it difficult to control behaviour are: (1) Users are not always identifiable, (2) Data cannot always be classified, (3) Hence access to data cannot always be controlled.

This is a nuisance for regulators but just because perfect control is not possible does not mean effective control is not possible ...

Thursday 16 May 2002

END-OF-SEASON VISIT
Details to be announced.

Date to be confirmed.

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that which they are targeted, a consolidated view of the overall threat picture is rarely adequately depicted.

The presentation will describe the various threat areas ranging from individual hackers, through commercial electronic espionage to state sponsored commercial espionage. The expanding utilization of IT by organized crime will also be covered.

Given the increasingly sophisticated nature of tools available to attack IT systems, pointers to the future of IT protection will be extrapolated.

Thursday 21 February 2002

CENSUS: HOW TO PROCESS 30 MILLION CENSUS FORMS

Simon King, Head of Census Processing, National Statistics, www.nationalstatistics.org

The office for National Statistics set up a contract with Lockheed Martin to capture the data from the 2001 census forms.

The Talk discusses the outsourcing process, the technology selected and progress to date.

Thursday 7 March 2002

MEET THE COMMITTEE

Location to be confirmed

An informal drop-in evening. Discuss issues with your committee over a drink.

This will be an open forum, with opportunity for two-way conversations. Come with ideas for consideration, or questions for the committee.

Bring CPD documentation for help with your annual returns, or ask about Membership upgrades.