IBM mainframes and the MVS operating system are flourishing in greater numbers than ever before. Now that they are being connected to the Internet, many of the security assumptions we have relied on are no longer valid.

This class will show you how to evaluate your organization's MVS security. It explains the three hardware controls which form the basis of all MVS security, how MVS uses the hardware controls, and why IBM gave us backdoors to these controls. You will learn how back doors are often left uncontrolled, how such back doors can be hacked (including a specific example of a common hackers' approach), and how to control the back doors. You will learn a systematic approach to auditing all this and to making practical recommendations for improvement in MVS security.

You will learn:

- How MVS security works and why there are backdoors
- How the hardware controls work, what backdoors exist, and how to find them
- Where the control points are and how to evaluate them
- What data to collect and how to interpret it
- How to conduct the audit, from planning and scoping through follow-up
- What all the related buzzwords and acronyms mean
- How to conduct the audit rapidly and efficiently, with maximum benefit to your organization

To learn more about this event and to register to attend, click here.
Cloud computing is the layman’s term for technology that control professionals have grappled with as they were introduced into enterprise infrastructure: grid, cloud, utility computing, virtualization, Service Oriented Architecture (SOA), and Software as a Service (SaaS).

SaaS-like acronyms has been employed to differentiate Infrastructure and Platform clouds (i.e., IaaS and PaaS) from cloud services which offer only end-user application software. Cloud environments may be hosted both internally and externally, but the concept of “cloud” typically refers not just to the technology but also to the fact that the technology is outsourced. These types of outsourcing arrangements may be large-scale or small-scale. This seminar introduces technology control professional to various perspectives on cloud computing and recommends approaches to minimize enterprise risk.

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Other Chapter News

NJ ISACA Seeks New Jersey Photos for Our Chapter Website
Every few months we change our website photo about NJ. We thought it might be fun if some of these photos were taken by our members.

Do you have a special photo showing a wintery scene in NJ that you’d like to share? Send it to us and it may show up in the next InfoNet! Send your photo to president@njisaca.org by December 20, 2012. Your email should include your name, phone number, email address, and the specific location where the photo was taken. The photo must be taken by you or a family member. Send a separate email for each photo. No more than three entries per member. Photos must be a 500 px size jpg in landscape orientation.

Join Our Linkedin Groups

Membership in the group continues to grow. We currently have over 700 members who can share contact information, post questions and comments, and view job postings. Membership crosses all levels of experience and seniority in the profession. Don’t miss this opportunity to interact with your fellow professionals. Check us out here.

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26th World Continuous Auditing and Reporting Symposium

January 16 & 17
8:00 AM - 5:15 PM

Topics to include:
Advanced Analytics and Big Data
Do the old standards apply to Continuous Audit (CA) and Continuous Monitoring (CM)? How do CA/CM interrelate?
High Level KPIs
Forensics and continuous audit
The evolving world of continuous internal audit
Public accounting and continuous audit

An estimated 14 CPE credits will be given for this 2-day program.

The 26th World Continuous Auditing & Reporting Symposium (WCARS 26) is the leading forum for the discussion of research and practice into the application of technology to auditing and reporting. This is a full 2-day event is hosted by Rutgers Accounting Research Center at the Rutgers Business School and is sponsored by NJ ISACA and other leading corporations.

The general symposium fee is $345 for members and $395 for non-members. Click here for more information or to register for the 26th WCARS.

June 2013 Certification Exams
Registration Now Open

Take advantage of our early bird rate and save USD $50 when you register by February 13, 2013 for the Certified Information Systems Auditor® (CISA®), Certified Information Security Manager® (CISM®), Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT® (CGEIT®), or Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control™ (CRISC™) exam.

Click here to register for an exam.

Philadelphia Chapter
Academic Scholarship Competition

The Philadelphia ISACA Chapter invites essay entries for their 2012 - 2013 Academic Scholarship Competition. Full-time graduate and undergraduate students in good standing, who are living in NJ, PA, or DE or enrolled in college in NJ, PA, or DE, are invited to write an essay on one of the following IT audit and controls-related topics:

1. Identifying Fraud With Technology
2. Future Risks in Cybercrime & Cyberwar
3. Privacy Regulation Auditing

Submissions will be reviewed by the Philadelphia ISACA Chapter Grants & Scholarships Committee. Essays will be evaluated based on innovation and originality, ideas, relevance, clarity of thought, demonstrated understanding of the subject matter, organization, spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Scholarships will be awarded to the top two submissions.

1st Place Winner: $1,500.00
2nd Place Winner: $1,000.00

Our scholarship award winners will have their essay published in the Philadelphia ISACA Chapter Newsletter. The students will also receive a one-year membership to the ISACA organization.

Deadline for essay submissions is March 1, 2013.
Please review the Scholarship Announcement document for detailed participation criteria and required forms. If you have any questions, please contact Agnes Peraino, Philadelphia Chapter Scholarship Committee Chair, at aperaino@sengatech.com.

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