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Business Value in a Risky World

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Abstract

With the advent of new technologies like the internet, wireless computer communications and cell-phones, the pace of business has significantly speeded up over the last two decades. With this has come impressive productivity gains and in turn increased risk. As a result, the importance of risk management has risen over this period, but not all companies perform this function as well as they should.

This discussion will look at the management of risks within Information Technology, but with particular attention on the risks that are inherent in IT Projects. When talking about IT projects, it has been said there are two types of people who participate in projects - those that have worked on a failed IT project and those who are going to work on a failed IT project. Therefore, although this subject is well documented, it is important that it is reviewed periodically, to ensure that companies derive the best value from any IT development effort.

Biography

Ivan has been involved in the IT industry for over 20 years, starting out initially in system development in the old NBS Bank. He then changed focus within the Bank moving into the realm of IT Audit and Risk. NBS Bank merged with BoE and eventually Ivan headed up the IT Audit and then the IT Risk functions within BoE Bank. When Nedbank bought BoE he moved into the process division but later left the Bank and moved to the software development company Derivco as a senior business analyst. Currently he is providing business analysis and business continuity planning services as an independent contractor.
