



## Message to Membership

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There are many advantages to becoming an active ISACA member. Our Chapter has many active members that make it possible to provide quality local educational programs and professional social opportunities. The Board has developed the schedule of topics and locations based on the results of our last Chapter survey. We are trying different meeting times and even hosting our first webinars. We appreciate your feedback and are trying new things to meet the needs of more of our members.

We are also excited to inform you that **Audit Command Language (ACL) "Advanced"** training will be provided to members in February. Please do not hesitate to take advantage of this opportunity because seating is limited. See page 5 – 7 for more detail.

Overall, ISACA membership has grown to over 47,000 professionals that live and work in over 140 countries. ISACA and its affiliated IT Governance Institute aim to be the leading source of professional information for all IT Governance professionals, whether in IT, information security or audit. The CISA certification is globally recognized among IT professionals and the CISM designation continues to grow in prominence among IT management.

One Chapter goal for this year is reaching out to student members. We are making contact with academic institutions and have eliminated the meeting charge for students. We hope to grow this area over this year and continue its enhancement in future years.

As many professional organizations do, we depend on volunteers to operate the Chapter successfully. If you are not able to commit to being a board member, you are welcome to try serving on a committee position where you can assist with a specific activity or event. Contact one of the Board members if you would like to get more involved.

Lastly, the meeting on December 14 was full of good information on Application Security. We've posted the presentation on our web site so you can take advantage of it, whether or not you were able to attend the meeting. Please visit our web site at [wmisaca.org](http://wmisaca.org) and click the presentation link to view the webinar presentation.

On behalf of the Western Michigan Chapter's Board of Directors, we hope you get a great deal of value from our program this year!

Have a happy and safe Holiday Season,

Richard Rosenthal  
President, ISACA Western Michigan Chapter



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Chapter Financial Update  
As of September 30, 2005

Account	7/1/2005	9/30/2005
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	10,554.51	8,588.45
NC CD - 12 month	2,680.10	
NC CD - 6 month		5,000.00
	<u>13,234.61</u>	<u>13,588.45</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Temporarily Restricted	2,680.10	5,000.00
Unrestricted	10,554.51	8,588.45
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<u>13,234.61</u>	<u>13,588.45</u>

**ISACA West Michigan Statement of Cash Flow**  
**7/01/2005 through 09/30/2005**

Net Assets, Beginning (7/01/2004)	13,234.61
Change in Net Assets	353.84
Net Assets, Ending (09/30/2005)	<u>13,588.45</u>



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## January Monthly Meeting (Webinar) Topic

- Location:** Your work station
- Date:** January 2005 (Date is to be determined; will notify membership via e-mail)
- Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Cost:** No charge
- Presenter:** Clint Hatton, S.P.I. Dynamics Incorporated
- Registration:** You can register for this meeting on-line at [wmisaca.org](http://wmisaca.org) or by contacting Joe Campbell at [cobit@nextel.blackberry.net](mailto:cobit@nextel.blackberry.net) or 269-695-4949.
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Start Secure. Stay Secure.  
Security Assurance Throughout the Application Lifecycle

Clint Hatton  
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Clint Hatton is a senior security engineer for SPI Dynamics, ([www.spidynamics.com](http://www.spidynamics.com)), the expert in Web application security assessment and testing. He has over 20 years experience in the information technology industry. Prior to joining SPI Dynamics, Clint worked for Sanctum (which was acquired by Watchfire in 2004) where his roles included Web application security auditor, strategic alliances partner development, trainer, and sales engineer. Prior to his role at Watchfire, Clint was also the director of Data Center Operations at Pilot Network Services where he was responsible for the day to day technical operations of a security focused ISP. In addition, Clint was a senior project manager for IBM Global Services, and manager of network and telecom technologies at GTECH Corporation. In his spare time, Clint recently founded an organization that refurbishes used and donated corporate computer equipment, provides the equipment, training, and support to the elderly and needy.

See page 4 for more detail related to accessing January's webinar.

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#### Accessing the Webinar Meeting:

[Click Here to Join Live Meeting](#)

Subject: Western Michigan ISACA Meeting  
Meeting URL: <https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/spi/join>  
Meeting ID: RT7TBQ  
Meeting Key: 9-%3FpPcp  
Role: Attendee

**First-time users:** [Click here](#) to install the Windows-based Meeting Console before your meeting.

\*Note: The first time you use the Microsoft Placeware service will require the user to download some ActiveX components. This might add a couple of minutes to the login time so please have your members join a bit early.

#### Adjusting the Display:

Use the F5 key to toggle in and out of the full screen display mode. This should provide full display without the need for scrolling.

#### To Submit Questions:

Toggle out of full screen by pressing F5.

If the Question and Answer window is not displayed open it by clicking the "View" drop-down menu, select "Panels" and then "Questions and Answers."

In the Questions and Answers Pane, enter your question and submit it.

The questions will be collected by an alternate presenter. This way questions will not interrupt the presentation. The alternate presenter may respond to the questions directly; however, if the subject might be of interest to others in the group, then we will collect, organize and present and respond to the questions at the end of the presentation.

Thank you and we hope you can join us during the January webinar!

Richard Rosenthal, President

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## **“Advanced” ACL Training**

Presented by the Western Michigan ISACA Chapter

Date: February 1 – 2, 2006 – 8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. – 16 CPEs

Instructor: Bob Makowski, Data Analysis International

Location: Steelcase – 901 44th Street, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508

Learn how to improve your technical skills using the ACL software package. Not only will you be taught in an exciting hands-on fashion, you will be provided additional course materials to help you on your next audit, which will include:

- ACL Scripts that provide a model for use in continuous data monitoring routines
- Suggestions for determining what tests should be performed
- List of suggested tests to be performed

### **“Advanced” ACL Course Content:**

- An explanation on updates to the ACL document structure, *including updates on the newest version of ACL.*
- Resolve questions from the users about problems/questions the class attendees have regarding prior use of ACL.
- A questionnaire will be forwarded to class attendees to solicit any issues/problems they have with ACL.
- As a result of participation and completion of the exercises conducted in the hands-on ACL “advanced” training course, attendees will gain a comprehensive understanding in the following topic areas:

Define ACL Tables, formerly called “Input File Definitions” using difficult data file structures, for example:

- IBM Mainframe files (also AS400)
- Standard and non-standard delimited files
- Difficult print files, etc. requiring the use of “static” conditionals
- ODBC compliant files and databases
- Multi-record files

You will be instructed how to handle complex data field types, including:

- “Packed” numeric and date fields
- “Float”, “Zoned”, etc. numeric fields



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### "Advanced" ACL Course Content (cont.):

Understand how to properly 'Link' the ACL Table to their respective data files and to properly create, duplicate and modify Tables.

Also, learn how to update (import) your data using ODBC source files/databases including the "Refresh" command. You will receive a detailed understanding of how to create, modify and copy ACL 'Workspaces'

- Detailed explanations, of ACL program preference settings required in advanced applications will be provided
- Advanced reporting techniques, including multi-line reporting
- Perform difficult file 'Joins'. This will include an explanation on differences between "Join" and "Relations" commands
- Use ACL functions, in various ways; to manipulate how ACL processes your data. We will utilize ACL functions that adjust data fields, bytes and bits. Detailed examples will be provided to all attendees.
- Learn how to create, apply, retain and delete ACL variables. The use of variables will be applied in the creation of ACL scripts
- Learn how to build, edit and execute "interactive" scripts, formerly called batches; using a front-end dialogue screen that contains prompts, pull-down boxes, radial buttons etc. A case study will be used to show how to properly document and organize your script

### Course Requirements:

- Attendees will need to bring a laptop (with a CD reader) with the ACL software, "version 8" already installed. Note: Version 8.4 is the most current release as of this notification.
- Training files will be provided to you via Email approximately two weeks before the start of the training session.
- **You will need to bring your own ACL "stand-alone hardware key (yellow, white or USB key).** Note: The "red" ACL network key will not work on individual PC's. A limited number of ACL hardware keys will be made available, for use in the training session, to the earliest applicants that require a "stand-alone" key.



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Registration Form

Participant's Name	Employer	Phone Number	Email Address	Amt. Paid

Cost:

Member: \$400

Nonmember: \$450

Program cost includes 16 hours of CPE, and lunch.

If paying by check send payment to:

Western Michigan ISACA

P.O. Box 19013

Lansing, MI 48901-9013

You can register for ACL training on-line at [wmisaca.org](http://wmisaca.org) or by contacting Joe Campbell at [cobit@nextel.blackberry.net](mailto:cobit@nextel.blackberry.net) or 269-695-4949.

Please note that a \$50 cancellation fee will be applied for all cancellations made after 5:00 p.m. January 18, 2005.

Please contact John Juarez at 517-241-2713 if there are any special dietary needs or other requirements

**About the Instructor:**

Bob Makowski is a consultant for **Data Analysis International (DAI)**, a consulting firm that specializes in providing data analysis support to Audit, Investigations and Operational functions. DAI is recognized as a leading firm in the areas of computerized data analysis and support. Mr. Makowski has conducted over 300 ACL training sessions.

Specific directions will be forwarded to all attendees via an email at least 1 week before the start of the training session.



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**February 1 – 2, 2006**

**Topic: Audit Command Language (ACL) Advanced Training**

Location: Steelcase – 901 44th Street, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508

Time: 8:15 – 4:45 (both days)

Presenter: Robert T. Makowski

**March 30, 2006**

**Topic: Understanding Group Policy in Active Directory**

Location: Grand Rapids

Time: TBD

Presenter: Derek Melber, Braincore

**April 12, 2006**

**Topic: Auditing Windows 2000**

Location: Grand Rapids, Crowne Plaza

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Presenter: Clayton Snyder, Deloitte

**May 17, 2006**

**Topic: IT's 2006 Oxymoron: Reduce IT Cost by Modernization IT Code, Privatize IT Data, and Testing it all Thoroughly**

Location: Grand Rapids

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Presenter: Gary Deneszczuk, Compuware



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## CISA/CISM

ISACA offers two certification programs, Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and Certified Information Security Manager (CISM). More than 35000 professionals world wide have obtained their CISA since its introduction in 1978. Along with the CISA, the CISM has grown considerably with over 5000 certifications issued in the past 3 years. ISACA recently expanded their examination dates for the CISA/CISM certifications to include an exam in December to accommodate the large volume of testing candidates. Although early registration has passed, you can still sign up for the December Exam in Detroit. A \$35 dollar savings can be redeemed by registering online at ISACA.org.

For more information on the CISA/CISM certifications, follow the link below.

[www.isaca.org/Template.cfm?Section=Certification1&CONTENTID=19934&TEMPLATE=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm](http://www.isaca.org/Template.cfm?Section=Certification1&CONTENTID=19934&TEMPLATE=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm)



### Worldwide Recognition

Although certification may not be mandatory for you at this time, a growing number of organizations are recommending that employees become certified. To help ensure success in the global marketplace, it is vital to select a certification program based on universally accepted technical practices. CISA delivers such a program. CISA is recognized worldwide, by all industries, as the preferred designation for IS audit, control and security professionals.

More than 40,000 professionals have earned the CISA since inception, so clearly many people agree: earning the CISA is a good career move.



### [CISM Receives ANSI Accreditation](#)

The Certified Information Security Manager® (CISM®) certification program is developed specifically for experienced information security managers and those who have information security management responsibilities. The CISM certification is for the individual, who manages, designs, oversees and/or assesses an enterprise's information security (IS). The CISM certification promotes international practices and provides executive management with assurance that those earning the designation have the required experience and knowledge to provide effective security management and consulting services. Individuals earning the CISM certification become part of an elite peer network, attaining a one-of-a-kind credential. The CISM job practice also defines a global job description for the information security manager and a method to measure existing staff or compare prospective new hires.



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## ANSI Accreditation Awarded to CISA and CISM Certifications

**Rolling Meadows, IL, USA (19 September 2005)**—The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has awarded accreditation under ISO/IEC 17024 to the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) certification programs offered by the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA).

Accreditation by ANSI signifies that ISACA's procedures meet ANSI's essential requirements for openness, balance, consensus and due process. To maintain ANSI accreditation, certification bodies such as ISACA are required to consistently adhere to a set of requirements or procedures related to quality, openness and due process.

"Achieving ANSI accreditation is a major undertaking and maintaining it requires annual reports and onsite assessment," said Roy A. Swift, Ph.D., program director, ANSI. "Professionals holding or planning to achieve CISA and CISM can be sure these certifications meet ANSI's requirements for openness, balance, consensus and other due process safeguards. ISACA can be very proud of this accomplishment."

The CISA designation has been a globally accepted standard of achievement in the information systems (IS) audit, control and security field since 1978, and has been recognized by many governments and major business groups around the world. More than 40,000 people have attained the CISA certification since inception. The CISA exam achieved record-breaking registration for the 12th consecutive year in 2005—creating the first-ever need for two exams to be administered in one year. Worldwide, more than 19,000 professionals registered for the June 2005 CISA exam, a 40 percent increase from 2004. The next CISA exam is scheduled for 10 December 2005.

Designed for experienced information security managers, the CISM designation is a groundbreaking credential earned by more than 5,200 professionals in its first two years. More than 1,500 professionals registered for the June 2005 CISM exam, a 125 percent increase from 2004. A recent study by the Foote Partners LLC named CISM one of the "hot" certifications to watch over the next 12 months.

"We look at what's important to firms, and [CISM] matches perfectly," said David Foote, president and chief research officer, in the 9 November 2004 edition of SC Magazine.

### **About ANSI**

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is a private, nonprofit organization that administers and coordinates the US voluntary standardization and conformity assessment system. Its mission is to enhance both the global competitiveness of US business and the US quality of life by promoting and facilitating voluntary consensus standards and conformity assessment systems, and safeguarding their integrity.



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## EDUCATION AND CONFERENCES



International Conference  
28 July - 3 August 2006  
Adelaide Convention Centre  
North Terrace, Adelaide, South Australia 5000



### The world's leading conference for IT assurance, security and governance professionals

ISACA® is pleased to present its 34th annual International Conference which will be held in Adelaide, South Australia. The International Conference has long been recognized throughout the world for providing in-depth coverage of the leading edge technical and managerial issues facing IT governance, control, security and assurance professionals. The International Conference gathers a cadre of international industry experts. These world-class presenters bring together a wealth of experience and knowledge on best practices, system security, audit tools and processes, and other topics that impact not only those in a given geographic area, but all IT professionals, the world over.

This is an extraordinary opportunity to network with peers and discover the differing ways in which similar problems are solved around the globe.

### COBIT User Convention



### Overview and Schedule

Information Systems Audit and Control Association® (ISACA®) and the IT Governance Institute® (ITGI) are pleased to announce a new and unique educational event exclusively designed for users of *Control Objectives for Information and related Technology* (COBIT®). This two-day event will feature case studies and facilitated discussion groups that will address how COBIT is employed from both a governance and assurance perspective. Erik Guldentops, chair of the ITGI's COBIT Steering Committee, and Gary Hardy, a prominent member of the COBIT Steering Committee, will join a number of COBIT users to present implementation strategies, lead discussions, answer questions and provide COBIT updates. For more information on COBIT User Conventions, click on one of the upcoming events below.

Please check back for 2006 event information.



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## Description

First Advantage Corporation has an immediate opening for a Director – Security Operations to join our Information Security Team in Poway, CA. This position will be responsible for the implementation of information security measures over the network and the resources attached to it.

Essential Functions:

- Provides technical expertise to establish and implement security related standards, procedures, and guidelines appropriate to securing the existing environment in partnership with various Business Segments and the Office of IT
- Ensures published security standards, procedures, and guidelines are adhered to by conducting security assessments over the network and the resources attached to it
- Documents and follows-up on all security exceptions relating to the network and the resources attached to it
- Reports vulnerability findings and other security-related gaps to the CSO and other key stakeholders such as the CIO
- Certifies that all outstanding findings and gaps are resolved by the various Business Segments and the Office of IT
- Provides technical briefings to the CSO and other key stakeholders such as the CIO on current security issues
- Serves as a technical communication channel to the CSO
- Manages security technical staff and/or “virtual” security Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)
- Oversees all security-related projects, initiatives, and/or task force as needed

**NOTES:** Relocation expenses are negotiable.

## Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science or related field
- 5+ years experience in network and/or operation system admin/management
- 8+ years experience in performing analysis and design of secure network/operating system solutions as well as in deploying security solutions on a large scale
- Security certification a plus
- Strong working knowledge of networking protocols, LDAP/Active Directory, ACE/SecurID, RADIUS, IPSec, VPN, Voice Authentication, PKI, .NET security, firewalls, IPSes, IDSes, SIMs, etc.
- Strong knowledge in Windows and/or Unix required
- Must be very familiar with risk analysis and risk management methodologies
- Understanding of the security implications of the major regulations such as Sarbanes-Oxley and CA Privacy Law SB 1386 a strong plus
- Excellent communication skills both verbal and written

## Employer Information

About [First Advantage Corporation](#)

First Advantage is a leading risk mitigation and business solutions provider, with tens of thousands of clients globally. We offer a dynamic array of innovative, information-driven solutions, infused with insight and enhanced by leading-edge technologies that you can rely on. First Advantage has 3,000 employees and is continuing to grow rapidly due a very aggressive growth strategy.