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Computing Canada (CC) "Blogged Down" – Dennis McPeak, Technical Architect, 2005 Computing Canada IT Leadership: Project Team of the Year Award

There's a new editorial feature, **Blogged Down (BD)**, in Computing Canada (CC) which features an upcoming interview that appears here in the Canadian IT Managers forum (CIM). Computing Canada (CC) is the oldest, largest, most influential bi-weekly business/technology print publication with an audience that includes 42,000 IT decision makers in medium-to-large enterprises. For more than 30 years, Computing Canada continues to serve the needs of Canada's information technology management community—you can request your free subscription at: <http://www.cornerstonewebmedia.com/plesman/main/Subscription.asp?magazine=CCA>.

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This is the 8th interview in the series, Blogged Down. The interview is with Dennis McPeak, Technical Architect, RBC Financial Group. In 2005, Dennis and his team were the recipients of the 2005 Computing Canada IT Leadership Awards: Project Team of the Year Award.

Interview: Dennis McPeak: Technical Architect, RBC Financial Group

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Dennis McPeak's Profile:

Dennis McPeak graduated with a BSC in Applied Mathematics and is currently a Project Manager and Technical Specialist with 20 years experience in Financial Information Systems application development and maintenance. Dennis is currently with the Finance Solutions team at the RBC Financial Group. In 2005, Dennis and his team were the recipients of the 2005 Computing Canada IT Leadership Awards: Project Team of the Year Award. This is a significant achievement as the Computing Canada IT Leadership Awards represent the highest of honours for the industry with an estimated size of 500,000 to 800,000 professionals:

<http://www.itbusiness.ca/it/client/en/home/News.asp?id=37899&cid=12>

Dennis can be reached at dennis.mcpeak@rbc.com

The first CC Blogged Down interview was with software architect and Microsoft MVP, Roger Sessions appearing here Jan 10, 2006:

<http://blogs.technet.com/cdnitmanagers/archive/2006/01/10/417165>

The second CC Blogged Down interview appearing Feb 7, 2006 was with cryptologist and security authority Bruce Schneier:

<http://blogs.technet.com/cdnitmanagers/archive/2006/02/07/418933>

The third CC Blogged Down interview appearing March 10, 2006 was with senior protocol analyst and security expert, Laura Chappell:

<http://blogs.technet.com/cdnitmanagers/archive/2006/03/10/421727>

The fourth CC Blogged Down interview appearing March 21st, 2006 was with Trevor Eddolls author, editor, founder and CEO of Tech-Ed Ltd.:

<http://blogs.technet.com/cdnitmanagers/archive/2006/03/21/422529>

The fifth CC Blogged Down interview appearing April 10th, 2006 was with Ben Grebinski, 2005 CC IT Executive of the Year; Superintendent of School Operations, Administrative Services and Technology, Regina Catholic Schools;

<http://blogs.technet.com/cdnitmanagers/archive/2006/04/10/424696>

The sixth CC Blogged Down interview appearing April 26th, 2006

was with Paul Bassett, I.S.P. (ret.): leading software engineer and computer science authority; senior consultant, Cutter Consortium:

<http://blogs.technet.com/cdnitmanagers/archive/2006/04/26/426437>

The seventh CC Blogged Down interview appearing May 10th, 2006 was with Dr. Norm Archer: Professor Emeritus and Leading International Authority on eBusiness:

<http://blogs.technet.com/cdnitmanagers/archive/2006/05/10/427866>

I also encourage you to share your thoughts here on these interviews or send me an e-mail at sibaraki@cips.ca.

Thank you,
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