Welcome to IT Professional magazine’s 10th year. IT Pro is one of the IEEE Computer Society’s most widely read publications, and is especially popular with IT practitioners looking for solutions to today’s challenges.

Our goal is the same as it was when we began this magazine 10 years ago: to help you keep up with the latest IT theories, research results, critical issues, products, and services. We’ll do so with articles, columns, and news briefs that provide high-quality overviews and surveys of new technologies, trends, and best practices. As an example, we were among the first to warn readers about the impact of changes in US Daylight Saving Time on IT systems in our January/February 2007 issue—and we continue to publish reliable information and solutions on topics like dealing with service-oriented architectures or minimizing security risks.

What’s Coming in 2008

I’d like to note that in honor of our 10-year anniversary, we’ve redesigned the look of the magazine, which I hope you’ll find aesthetically pleasing. But of course our primary focus is still on offering reliable, relevant articles.

In 2008, we’ll build on our core strengths—IT practices, processes, methods, technologies, and tools—with six themes. We begin with Green Computing in this issue—led by guest editors Joseph Williams and Lewis Curtis (Microsoft). We’ll continue with:

- a comprehensive systems and technology perspective of Healthcare IT in the March/April issue,
- Information Assurance and Quality Assurance in the May/June issue,
- Wireless Broadband Technologies—Access, Security, and Applications in the July/August issue,
- Open Access and Open Source Publishing in the September/October issue, and
- IT as a Profession in the November/December issue.

Each issue of IT Pro will also highlight one or more technology focus areas, with articles on topics such as:

- services computing,
- security and privacy,
- virtualization,
- risk, and vulnerability.

We’ll continue our popular CIO Corner, with practical advice from world-class CIOs, and feature an interesting way of getting IT issues properly weighed in our new department called IT Pro/Con. We’ll also continue presenting our readers’ well-considered opinions in our Perspectives columns.

Conferences and Symposia

We’ll continue cosponsoring established international conferences that are the most relevant to IT practitioners—such as Enterprise Computing (EDOC 2008), and Services Computing and Web Services (ICWS 2008)—as well as timely symposia that focus on today’s critical issues (for example, the joint CENDI/IT Pro Transition to IPv6 Symposium that was held in December 2007). Watch for summaries, highlights, and excerpts of the best papers from these conferences and symposia in upcoming issues.

A Respected Publishing Opportunity

Our magazine aims to represent multiple points of view and raise questions or provide solutions to IT professionals who
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need reliable resources. With this in mind, we’d like to invite our readers to help their colleagues by writing an article for our magazine.

IT Pro covers the entire IT spectrum—best practices, technologies, applications, strategies (planning and evaluation), tactical issues (operations and deployment), and IT’s value proposition. We publish an eclectic mix of relevant, high-quality, and peer-reviewed articles, columns, and opinion pieces. And we’re nimble enough to move “hot topic” articles from manuscript to publication in a matter of weeks. (One of the articles in this issue began as a letter to the editor.)

We’re always looking for informative, up-to-date editorial content from every area of IT. If you’re interested in writing an article, opinion piece, or column, please see our author guidelines at www.computer.org/itpro/author.html for details (and send me an email with “IT Pro magazine article” in the title). We look forward to hearing from you!

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