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I am working on my transfer report, which I intend to have ready by this summer.

I have decided that my thesis is going to be about IT certification and accreditation (C&A) schemes including the Common Criteria: why it's so hard, and how it can be done better. I have a case study, a recent evaluation effort that went disastrously wrong. This week I got permission from my employer to use that data.

I met with Dr Martin last week and we discussed how to look for a good thesis problem in it. It has to be something achievable, and there has to be a likely method of attack. I think I'm on something good, but the problem and attack need to be developed more. Just getting access to the data was a significant worry, because failures tend to want to be buried. But engineering learns from failures, and I finally convinced the owners of the data that publication would work to their advantage.

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References