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Presently adding new material from earlier papers into chapters 1, 2 and 7. The inter-accreditor communication model is separable from the risk market concept and fits well into the motivating example section near the beginning of the dissertation. Further, it presents a supporting contribution in evidence of the main thesis early on to the reader. In contrast, the 'overlapping domains of responsibility and authority' example from VALID 2010 is more descriptive in nature and is explained in a later chapter, although it may be shown briefly in the first chapter in support of the main argument.

When I got 'stuck' at one point in writing this week, I went back to coding and categorising more of the R'' case study evidence. I have to get chapters 1--3 written as soon as possible but also I need to show progress on the analysis in Chapter 4 for the assessors this summer. I owe chapters to Dr Martin more urgently. I will work on those.

Other activity: the MPLS division graduate office notified me Thursday that paperwork for confirmation of status had not yet been received in their office and I was in danger of missing the deadline; I made some calls and a few hours later the lost forms were found and sent onward with signatures intact. All necessary approvals are in place now.

I wrote some web pages for Cory Doctorow for a talk he will be giving in Oxford next week.

In my field research, the R'' developer, to encourage uptake of DoD 8570.01-M amongst software engineers and installers on the programme, has begun giving gifts to those passing the IAT or IAM Level II exams. This seems to be an initiative at the level of the site engineering manager; it not happening at the business unit level or higher in the building. I recommended again to the systems engineering manager that the department, because it is a CDS software developer with customers in the defence department and IC, needs at least one more IASAE III certification on programme, and preferably two, to meet the minimum requirement. The developer, however, is pressing for IAT Level II certs everywhere in hopes of claiming those are sufficient later.

I will be attending the 5th UCDMO Conference, 1st to 4th August 2011 in Chicago, demonstrating the Air Force redaction project.

Status: writing and rewriting on Ch. 1--3.

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