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My house flooded after a week of heavy rain in Colorado. Some time was lost to clean-up. I had promised to have Chapter 2 done by Wednesday night but I did not. I have a meeting with Dr Martin in the morning to explain that.

I purchased admission to the UCDMO conference technical tracks for \$600. I will be permitted to attend conference sessions when I am not running the demo for the Air Force. I submitted the quarterly progress report on time to my Air Force funding sponsor. That AFRL contract runs out at the end of the fiscal year in October; my funding will be at risk for the last three months of 2010. Fortunately, I also heard from Oxford this week that a student loan was approved.

This week I met with the systems engineering manager for my annual performance review. He validated my recent analysis that the distribution of experience in the developer's engineering staff is skewed toward long tenure on the project. They have a favourable turnover rate, something unusual, but are at risk of one person retiring in the area of systems engineering. Without reinforcement, they are 'one bad day away' from losing their systems engineering capability. We talked about how to improve coverage in that area.

I attended virtual seminars on cloud security and an IEEE/CS lecture on transforming legacy systems by Grady Booch. I met on-line with the DPhil student conference committee and agreed to act as a referee.

There are 26 weeks to submission; date not set for confirmation of status viva. I am planning a trip to the UK mid to late August.

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References