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Denver is buried under blizzard conditions this week, but I met with
Dr Martin by video teleconference yesterday.  Before our meeting, at
Security Reading Group, I introduced the paper by Johnson, et al. on
'Security through Information Risk Management' (2009), which resulted in
some good discussion.  It would be interesting to compare that paper,
which is mostly a collection of opinions from practitioners at the CIO
level in commercial organisations, with the article by Parnas and Curtis
(2009) on 'Empirical Research in Software Engineering' and the paper
by Kitchenham, et al. (2002) or the presentation by Greg Wilson about
the 'low standards for proof' in empirical computer science research.
I put it on the wiki and sent a query to the reading group mailing list
to see if there is interest.

Dr Martin and I discussed progress last week which was small.  I had to
rewrite a Lockheed report that was sent back for insufficient technical
detail.  The manager was satisfied with the revised report, but writing
it took all my time.  I did not get the Crosstalk article written and
sent to Dr Martin last Friday as I had promised because of it.

Not getting enough sleep.  I am working on the Crosstalk paper again
and will have that written by 4th November.  Next week the US government
certifier will be in town for the kick-off of 'alpha' testing of a major
revision of a software system at Lockheed.  I have obtained permission to
be involved in that from the beginning and consequently able to observe
the application of a new C&A process (NIST Special Publication 800-53)
where both the certifier (Defence Intelligence Agency [DIA]) and the
developer (Lockheed) are unfamiliar with the process.  The opportunity
only appeared on 16th October, and I got permission on 26th October,
so I am now planning to use it as another validation example for the
tool I am developing for C&A of existing systems.

Primary concern: maintaining progress

Next meeting planned for: Wednesday, 4th November after Reading Group.
I will have the Crosstalk article written.

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