

File 20100121.0700: Notes from meeting with Dr Martin this morning:

To reiterate, the plan is to have this chapter (methodology) completely written by 19th February. Dr Martin asked what level of detail to expect: bullet points or prose, and I said all prose—completely written and finished by the 19th. I think Dr Martin is skeptical of it really being done that far by then, but we'll see.

I am on a roll, and Dr Martin cautioned me not to fall off the roll by getting distracted reading safety critical books. They are fun to read, full of stories of explosions (we don't have enough explosions in computer science), but don't get distracted reading them and lose the momentum you've got.

I mentioned that [1] has some good stuff in it on the 'principles' I am looking for in Chapter 8, but really I need time to read the whole book. It also occurred to me that Ross Anderson's book might have something in there (in that two thousand pages, somewhere). M-a-y-b-e, said Dr Martin, but don't spend too much time looking in there. It's unlikely you'll find what you want in there.

The ENISA report on Cloud Computing is really good. They describe their whole risk assessment process in there, plus they did a survey of SMEs and I want to look at how they did that. Useful stuff in there for what I am trying to do.

Dr Martin cautioned me not to get distracted reading safety critical books. Stay on your roll, finish the methodology.

Lockheed is still a problem. I am trying to get them off my back. That is my problem, not yours.

Next meeting: Thursday, 28th January 2010 at 1400 Oxford time. It is on the Google calendar.

Not too much to report due to the short time since our last meeting, so it was a short call. Call ended 0708. I sent a follow-up email to apologise for sounding wired. These calls always get me fired up. It was good to see Dr Martin's face. It keeps me motivated.

References

- [1] Nancy Leveson. *Safeware: System Safety and Computers*. Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, Boston, Massachusetts, 1995.