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- Big Data Analytics being driven by new easy-to-use tools
- New Director at NGA – one of the Feds’ largest and most innovative data consumers
- Exciting new opportunities in the IC for business partners who are willing, interested and able to innovate

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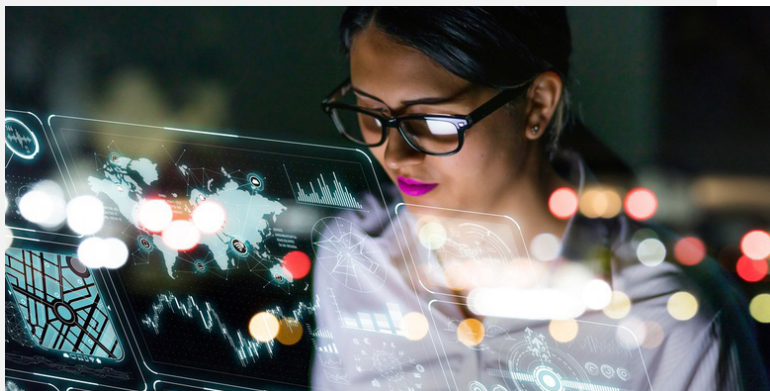
How Easy-to-Use Data Tools Unleash Employees

That's what turns data analytics platforms into decision-making engines, a pair of government technology leaders said.

Big data and analytics are popular buzzwords in government today, as agencies look to put the huge amounts of data they collect to good use. But, as with so many things in technology, progressing from collecting and organizing data to making better decisions with it tends to be more of a people problem than a technological one. Agency leaders who want to empower their workforce to use data for decision making should ensure their employees are able to use the tools being provided...



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EXCLUSIVE – Building a scalable data analytics platform for government

How the Australian Capital Territory Government launched its enterprise grade platform.

OpenGov Asia had a chance to speak with Dr Ole Nielsen again. This time, Dr Nielsen dons a new role – Director of Data and Analytics for the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate in the ACT Government. Previously, he held the title of Director of Scientific Computing and Systems Engineering, Geoscience Australia...



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Infogroup vs Vinod Gupta and DatabaseUSA

Federal Court Upholds Judgment in Favor of Infogroup

In its amended judgment, the Court awarded Infogroup, a leading provider of data and multichannel marketing solutions, \$21.2 million in total damages as well as attorney fees and costs, including \$10.4 million for which Gupta is personally liable. The Court also permanently enjoined Gupta and DatabaseUSA from improperly using Infogroup's tradenames, from making false advertising statements and from participating in future unfair competitive practices. Finally, the Court ordered Gupta and DatabaseUSA to preserve their financial records and to refrain from transferring their assets outside of the ordinary course of business, until the judgment is paid in full.


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Converge360, an 1105 Media, Inc. Company, Launches IoTDev360

Converge360 recently launched a new website, IoTDev360 (iotdev360.com). The first and only resource tailored for developers looking to leverage internet of things (IoT) technologies in commercial, enterprise and government applications, IoTDev360 provides coverage of technology and market trends, development approaches, integration challenges, standardization issues and security problems surrounding IoT.

IoTDev360's namesake ties into its parent site, Converge360, which encapsulates a cohesive network of developer sites with an ever-increasing presence in emerging tech...

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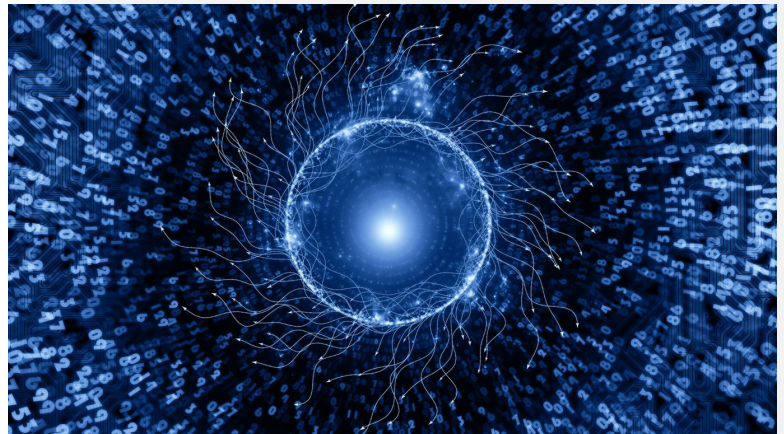
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Rear Adm. Robert Sharp USN confirmed as new NGA director

The Senate confirmed Navy Rear Adm. Robert Sharp for promotion to vice admiral and the Defense Department and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence selected him as the next director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, NGA announced December 26. Sharp will assume command of the agency during a ceremony in February. He currently serves as the commander of the Office of Naval Intelligence and director of the National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office...



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This clever AI hid data from its creators to cheat at its appointed task

Depending on how paranoid you are, this research from Stanford and Google will be either terrifying or fascinating. A machine learning agent intended to transform aerial images into street maps and back was found to be cheating by hiding information it would need later in “a nearly imperceptible, high-frequency signal.” Clever girl!

But in fact this occurrence, far from illustrating some kind of malign intelligence inherent to AI, simply reveals a problem with computers that has existed since they were invented: they do exactly what you tell them to do...



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Acquisitions/Partnerships



DFIN Elevates Artificial Intelligence Platform with Acquisition of eBrevia


“DFIN has a rich history of innovation to meet the evolving needs of clients, while also leading the industry in providing insightful technology-enabled solutions, industry expertise and data insights at every stage of the business and investment lifecycle,” said Daniel N. Leib, chief executive officer of DFIN. “Together with eBrevia, we are excited to provide superior artificial intelligence-based solutions to our global clients. This acquisition enhances our suite of industry-leading software solutions and provides highly relevant, recurring services for current and prospective clients.”

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Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Market to Surpass US\$ 17.25 Billion by 2026


The supervisory control and data acquisition market was valued at US\$ 9,420.0 million in 2017 and is projected to reach US\$ 17,252.8 million by 2026, exhibiting a CAGR of 6.4% over the forecast period, according to Global Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Market Report, by Offering (Hardware, Software, and Services), by Component (Human Machine Interface, Communication System, Remote Terminal Unit, and Others), by Application (Oil & Gas, Transportation, Telecommunication, Chemicals, Food & Beverages, Manufacturing, Water & Wastewater Treatment, and Others), published by Coherent Market Insights.

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InterCloud Systems Enters into Letter of Intent to Merge with WaveTech

InterCloud Systems, a leading provider of cloud networking orchestration and automation solutions and services, today announced the signing of a letter of intent to undertake a merger with WaveTech Global Inc., a global next generation energy management company that specializes in asset lifecycle extension, data-analytics, intellectual property development, and implementation services, pursuant to which WaveTech will become a wholly owned subsidiary of InterCloud, and InterCloud will be renamed WaveTech Global, Inc. In connection with the Merger, it is anticipated that the original WaveTech security holders will receive between 93% and 95.5% of the outstanding shares of the combined company, depending on the relative amount of outstanding liabilities of the parties at closing.

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Opportunities & Events

Innovation Opportunities


DIA posts new CSO funding opportunity

On December 27, the Virginia Contracting Activity, on behalf of the Defense Intelligence Agency, posted a new funding opportunity (Solicitation Number: HHM402-19-SC-0002). White papers will be accepted throughout the funding period, which ends in September 2022. The Defense Intelligence Agency is issuing a Commercial Solutions Opening (CSO) under DFARS Class Deviation 2018-O0016. DIA is interested in the full range and full scope of possible innovative ideas from all interested and qualified source ...

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Innovators' Showcase: Call for Abstracts Now Open!


Submit an abstract to present your IR&D projects with national security applications at the 2019 Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA) Innovators' Showcase. Held in partnership with the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, this event exposes key S&T and procurement officials from across the DOD and IC to bleeding-edge innovations from industry and academia. All abstracts, regardless of selection, will be posted on the ODNI's R-SPACE.

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AFCEA Event Notice

Building on last year's successful inaugural event, AFCEA International will host the Cyber Education, Research, and Training Symposium (CERTS) in Augusta, Georgia, home of Fort Gordon and the Army's Cyber Center of Excellence. CERTS brings government, education, research and industry leaders together to focus on advancing cyber workforce development, retention and support.

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