

ICS Privacy Forum

IN 2008 the Irish Computer Society (ICS) launched the ICS Privacy Forum, an independent group dedicated to issues surrounding data protection and to complement the wealth of information available on the Data Protection Commissioner's website.

The ICS Privacy Forum provides a platform for professionals across all industries to learn about the latest data-protection best practices through regular seminars, workshops and online resources. It also provides the opportunity for the Data Protection Commissioner to engage with data-protection professionals.

"Amid the turmoil around data-protection breaches, the ICS has created this forum to address the need for individuals to keep informed of best practice and current legislation concerning privacy and the treatment of personal information," says Jim Friars, CEO of the ICS. "The ICS Privacy Forum complements the work of the Data Protection Commissioner's office and our own training programmes," he explains.

The forum holds regular evening events that are free to ICS members and cost €25 for non-members. Each event focuses on one aspect of the data-protection legislation; previous events have covered data retention, access requests, data breaches, etc. Speakers have

included the Data Protection Commissioner Billy Hawes, Peter Oakes from Compliance Ireland, Brian Hozan from BH Consulting and many more.

Keep an eye on the ICS events calendar (www.ics.ie) for future ICS Privacy Forum events. For further information, email events@ics.ie.

ICS partner keepITsafe and Relate Software sign partnership agreement

Relate Software, one of the largest suppliers of software to the accountancy profession, has signed on to the keepITsafe partner programme, allowing it to offer the online backup solution to its customers.

Accountancy firms' reputations are built on providing excellence and sound financial advice to businesses. Increasing data-protection legislation that states a firm should retain clients' records for a longer period of time has made data protection a top priority. Relate Software has been supplying software solutions to accountants for over 20 years, with products such as CRM, Practice Management and compliance software. To complement its award-winning range of services, Relate Software has



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Eoin Blacklock, managing director, keepITsafe

signed a partnership agreement with keepITsafe to offer online backup to its 5,000 accounting customers.

Accountants need top security and military-level encryption for their data because much of it holds a large volume of sensitive client details. As keepITsafe provides multiple layers of protection for client data, it seemed the perfect fit for this profession. It also provides instant backup and, more importantly, restores instantaneously, if that service is required.

"As data controllers, accountants deal with large amounts of their clients' data on a continuous basis. In this instance, backup is not just used for restoring lost files, but also to roll back to previous versions speedily when mistakes are made," explains Eoin Blacklock, managing director, keepITsafe.

"The risk of losing files is far too great for our clients. We will be offering keepITsafe in addition to our core product range and hope to see a 150pc increase in online backup sales for the remainder of 2009. It will give our customers peace of mind in knowing that their data is safe 24/7 and is available for restore at the click of a button," states Ray Rogers, Relate Software.

For more information, log onto www.keepitsafe.ie. For up to date news on the backup industry, log onto www.onlinebackup.ie.

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