Best Practices for Data Access
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Session Abstract

The most frequent challenge to data analysis is gaining access to the required data. This session will inform participants of the proven practices that will support your quest for access as well as the key documentation requirements once access has been established. You'll understand the major components of a successful roadmap for data access as well as the maintenance of your access.

Target Audience

- Data analysts
- Audit leadership
- SOX teams
- Fraud investigators

COBIT Objectives

ME1 – Monitor and evaluate IT performance
ME2 – Monitor and evaluate internal control
PO9 – Assess and manage IT risks

Speaker Bio

Michael Kano is implementing data analysis at eBay's internal audit department. As an organization that is heavily dependent on technology, eBay faces critical needs in the area of IT audit, particularly since its technology environment is complex. Among the key tools that Michael is implementing are ACL, Arbutus Analyzer, and Teradata SQL Assistant.

Michael began his career as an internal auditor at a Kuwaiti bank. He then moved on to join ACL Services Ltd. In Vancouver as a senior consultant/trainer, after which he was asked to lead the training department for many years. In 2008, Michael formed his own data analysis consultancy to work closer with clients on the successful application of DA tools to their audit, SOX, and fraud investigation efforts. He joined eBay in July 2010 to address the needs of one of the fastest-growing companies in the technology sector through continuous auditing/monitoring and ad hoc testing.