After-DinnerIT Episode #1

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Julius discusses his background, the activities of his department and positions the activities of GITOC. Having had a long history, rising through the ranks in IT he's well positioned to comment on the difficulties government faces with IT implementation, including the growing shifts into Mobile government, and the work being done on SOA. He also comments on the impact of politics on IT activities.

Finally, we had to ask: where was GITOC when e-Natis got it so wrong?

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