

Introducing Professional SIGs of Interest to Data Professionals
Sponsored by ADA, 12 September 2018

Group	ADA
Name	Alberta Data Architecture
When	Second Wednesday of the Month from September through June - except December (this year) - June is the planning session.
Location	Downtown, Transcanada +15 Conference Room
Cost	Free
To Join?	Show up. You can also join our LinkedIn Group (Alberta Data Architecture Community), and/or our Mailing List (contact Info@AlbertaDataArchitecture.org)
Certification(s)	None.
Industry	General
Technology	General
URL	www.albertadataarchitecture.org
Log Line	The Alberta Data Architecture (ADA) Community is an informal group that wants to foster information sharing and networking amongst practitioners of Data Architecture and Information Management. Our new meeting format for 2018-19 will be more collaborative, with less presentation and more group discussion (Draft #2, by Corine)
Comments	From October onwards, our meetings will be started with a few, very brief, presentations followed by group discussion. If you would like to contribute to an upcoming meeting, please contact us at Info@AlbertaDataArchitecture.org .
Group	ARMA Calgary
Name	Association of Records Managers and Administrators
When	We have regular Board meetings, and attempt to offer monthly programs for members.
Location	Our programs take place at various venues in downtown Calgary from social environments (e.g. pubs) to the Glenbow Museum or the City Archives.
Cost	\$200 through ARMA International. However, many of our programs offer non-member rates
To Join?	
Certification(s)	ARMA International offers an Information Governance Professional (IGP) certificate, and the International Certified Records Managers offers a Certified Records Manager (CRM) designation
Industry	Records and information management crosses many industries. Many of our members work for oil and gas companies, but we have members from local and provincial governments, school boards and districts, universities, law firms, engineering firms, chemical companies, as well as consultants URL : http://armacalgary.org/
Technology	
URL	http://armacalgary.org/
Log Line	with education and training, certification, networking, and mentoring
Comments	ARMA is largely a volunteer-run organization with chapters throughout North American and Europe. Although the organization is involved in governing information overall, its primary (and historical) focus has been on unstructured content. They have an annual conference every October which takes place in different cities throughout the US. A smaller Canadian conference takes place in May. Members typically include records managers, information professionals, lawyers, etc. There are some IT and data professionals, but not many. Membership provides networking and local educational opportunities, a bimonthly magazine, and also gives you access to free online webinars. ARMA maintains a bookstore from which you can download/order books and industry standards.

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Group	ASQ
Name	American Society for Quality
When	
Location	Brentwood Co-Op Community Room – 4122 Brentwood Road NorthWest, Calgary, T2L 1K8 – Searching for new location at Downtown Library
Cost	Free
To Join?	Annual Membership is 160 USD – But membership is not mandatory for attending QDG sessions.
Certification(s)	Certified Software Quality Engineer (CSQE)
Industry	General
Technology	General
URL	info@asqcalgary.org www.asqcalgary.org
Log Line	ASQ is an international Quality Organization that offers 18 certifications. ASQ-Calgary organizes monthly Quality Discussion Groups on wide ranging Quality topics related to Manufacturing/ Service/ IT/ Health improvement topics via local/ international experts. We also organize plant tours, Annual Quality conferences and Dinner sessions.
Comments	
Group	Calgary R
Name	Calgary R meetup
When	3rd Wednesday of the month from September to June
Location	Downtown
Cost	none
To Join?	none
Certification(s)	none
Industry	General
Technology	Coding in R
URL	https://www.meetup.com/Calgary-R-User-Group/
Log Line	[CalgaryR] is the group for R users in Calgary. This group aims to get researchers together from both industry and academia in order to share experience and expertise for various statistical and analytical workflows using R. R is a programming language and free software environment for statistical computing and graphics. The R language is widely used among statisticians and data miners for developing statistical software and data analysis.
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Group	CAMUG
Name	Calgary Agile Methods User Group
When	We meet the first Thursday of every month from September - May. We take June, July and August off. We also sponsor and attend the Agile Open Canada conference that happens every year (http://agileopencanada.org/).
Location	We meet in the Atrium at Innovate Calgary (3553 31 St NW, Calgary, AB T2L 2K7). It's located just behind the Brentwood C-Train station
Cost	Free, including pizza and pop / water at our meetups. We cover our costs through sponsors.
To Join?	None. Sign-up on our Meetup site to stay informed about what's going on (https://www.meetup.com/Calgary-Agile-Methods-User-Group/).
Certification(s)	n/a
Industry	Our meetup is focused on any and all topics relevant to Agile, which cut across industries and technologies.
Technology	Our meetup is focused on any and all topics relevant to Agile, which cut across industries and technologies.
URL	Find the latest events on our Meetup site (https://www.meetup.com/Calgary-Agile-Methods-User-Group/) Email us at: calgaryagile@gmail.com Join our Slack channel: https://calgaryagile-slackin.herokuapp.com/
Log Line	The Calgary Agile Methods User Group is a meetup group that provides a focal point for the use of agile methods in software development organizations in Calgary. The group has a local focus and our meetings promote networking within Calgary's agile community. We encourage members to ask questions, to offer to speak, to propose alternative meeting styles, and to participate fully. Each meeting starts with a half-hour "meet and greet" session where members can socialize and have fun. This is followed by a one hour talk by a distinguished guest.
Comments	
Group	CEAF
Name	Canadian Enterprise Architecture Forum
When	Typically Monthly but have been on hold with the down turn
Location	Bellatrix Conference Center downtown
Cost	No charge and we typically buy Pizza
To Join?	
Certification(s)	Interested in any type of architecture role, best practices and topics
Industry	General
Technology	General
URL	www.enterprisearchitecture.ca
Log Line	The Canada Enterprise Architecture Forum was founded in 2006 and talks about Business, Information, Application and Technology architecture roles, best practices, jobs, etc
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Group	CIPS Alberta
Name	The Canadian Information Processing Society – Alberta & Northwest Territories
When	Annual General Meeting (Generally a virtual meeting), plus various events held around the province
Location	Various – depending upon function and member interests
Cost	Annual Membership Fees: Non-certified: \$235.00; Students: Free; Certified: \$348.00
To Join?	<p>§ An interest in Information Technology defined broadly and a commitment to professionalism within the practice of those disciplines</p> <p>§ Information Technology Professional (AITP) and the Information Technology Certified Professional (ITCP) The ITCP is recognized internationally.</p> <p>§ Each member of CIPS must agree to and sign off on a Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct. The Standard of Conduct for CIPS Alberta members is articulated in the Information Systems Professional Regulation.o</p>
Certification(s)	<p>§ CIPS certification consists of the Information Systems Professional (I.S.P.) designation The I.S.P. is legislated and regulated provincially. Graduates from a degree or diploma program or passing profession examinations approved by the CIPS Alberta Board may apply to be registered as a Candidate member for the ISP.</p> <p>§ Computer Science Accreditation Council: responsible for accreditation of academic programs at the technical school/college and university levels</p>
Industry	General – accreditation and professional practices/standards
Technology	General – all fields related to Information Technology/Computer Science-Engineering
URL	https://www.cipsalberta.ca
Log Line	<p>§ CIPS Alberta has three main focuses –serving the public, certification and recertification of IT professionals and continuing education.</p> <p>§ A CIPS membership provides ways to foster your professional career and assists with education and training, certification, networking, and mentoring.</p>
Comments	<p>Since 1958, CIPS has helped strengthen the Canadian IT industry by establishing standards and sharing best practices for the benefit of individual IT professionals and the sector as a whole. As Canada’s Association of Information Technology Professionals, we represent thousands of members across the country.</p> <p>CIPS offers:</p> <p>§ Networking opportunities</p> <p>§ Certification of IT professionals (I.S.P. and ITCP designations)</p> <p>§ Accreditation of IT university and college programs</p> <p>§ A niche IT Job Board</p> <p>§ A voice to government on issues that affect the profession and industry</p>

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Group	CNGM
Name	Calgary Neo4j Graph Meetup
When	4 times a year
Location	Downtown – in the Arcurve space – 300, 901 11 Ave SW Calgary
Cost	Free
To Join?	A passion for data, analytics
Certification(s)	None
Industry	General
Technology	ore theme is related to the graph database approach, but we explore into analytics, ml, unstructured data and adjacent domains and technologies etc.
URL	https://www.meetup.com/Calgary-Neo4j-Graph-Meetup/events/237621040/
Log Line	Mike has relentlessly pursued creating innovative software designed to harness enterprise data both as an entrepreneur and intrapreneur. Data is universal so Mike's career has led him to explore diverse industries and domains including mining, advertising, oil and gas, environmental, banking, legal, geotechnical and architectural. In all cases, the goal was to give people the best possible experience with the highest quality data possible. May 24, 2016 Mike started Menome Technologies to pursue the vision of creating a universal data harvesting, machine learning and knowledge delivery platfor
Comments	Examples of our presentations: Neo4j Online Meetup #33: Breaking down enterprise data silos with Neo4j https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZhQMeP6AI4 Neo4j Online Meetup #38: Text Analytics With Neo4j Graph Database: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oanP2HYLIbQ
Group	DAMA
Name	Data Management Association
When	9 x per year, monthly, 3rd Thursday, 8AM, hopefully a year-end-social in December with summers off
Location	varies, Groundswell (11th ave), Microsoft (9th ave), Arcurve (10th ave)
Cost	\$50/year CAD local membership only \$50/year USD International membership only (with discounts and other benefits) \$95/year USD International membership + Electronic Copy of DMBok (for personal use)
To Join?	Interest in Data Advocacy
Certification(s)	CDMP (Certified Data Management Professional) at one of 4 levels: Associate, Practitioner, Master, Fellow
Industry	General - all industries
Technology	General
URL	www.dama-calgary.org
Log Line	Formed in 2015, we are the local chapter of DAMA International, formed in 1998. DAMA is 30 years old! Our Mission: To provide a non-profit, vendor-independent association where data professionals can go for help and assistance. To provide the best practice resources such as the DMBok and DM Dictionary of Terms in a mechanism that reaches as many DM professionals as possible. To create a trusted environment for DM professionals to collaborate and communicate.
Comments	We provide a forum for DM/IM professionals in Calgary. Learning from each other, networking, sharing best practice. We hope to attract *all* industries, all vertical markets.... we all have data, and there is more to Calgary than Big Oil. Banking, Commerce, Defense, Research, Marketing, all three levels of Government are here. And with us.

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Group	Data for Good
Name	<i>Data for Good</i>
When	Monthly (except summer) – usually 4th Thursday of month
Location	University of Calgary – Taylor Family Digital Library
Cost	None
To Join?	None
Certification(s)	None
Industry	Technology and Nonprofit sectors
Technology	General analytics and visualization
URL	Calgary Chapter - https://www.meetup.com/Data-for-Good-Calgary/ National website - https://dataforgood.ca/
Log Line	Data For Good is a collective of volunteers who help nonprofit and social organizations harness the power of their data through analytics and visualizations in order to leverage their impact in the community.
Comments	We partner with organizations through DataThons that are weekend events involving a large number of volunteers focusing on analytics & visualizations and smaller DataCorps projects where a group of Data Ambassadors will work with organizations that need help with data fundamentals at any stage of the Data Lifecycle.
Group	DMC
Name	Data Management Conference (Canada, USA)
When	Locally in Alberta, conferences take place around late April in Calgary, October in Edmonton. We also run events in the United States (eg. Chicago, Denver). We are currently exploring new events in Vancouver, Toronto and are exploring opening events in South America in Lima, Peru, possibly in 2019/20.
Location	Currently University of Calgary (Calgary) and NAIT (Edmonton)
Cost	Since we value continuing learning, we have a fairly extensive range of discounts to ensure our events remain affordable for the Data Community, in particular with special subsidies for Students and the Unemployed (we strongly support education as a means to increase marketability for our data colleagues to help get them back to work). Base Cost (free of discounts) currently in Alberta for 2 days of Conference plus one of Workshops is \$950 + GST. See our website for more information.
To Join?	Purchase a ticket to attend the Conference OR be Accepted as a Speaker or Workshop presenter
Certification(s)	Education is core to our Mission, and as such, all participants have the opportunity to become ICCP Certified during the Conference on the last day (Workshops). In this way, attendees have the opportunity to add substantial professional equity to their CV and profile.
Industry	Interest group is General – Content is broadly Data Industry focused
Technology	Depends on Speaker and Workshop content at any given event.
URL	www.dmc-conf.com
Log Line	The Data Management Conference is an exciting multi-day learning opportunity comprised of two days of industry expert speakers and one day of hands education-focused workshops and Certification opportunities for Business, Data and Computing Professionals. This year the workshops provide a pre-conference workshop featuring both lecture based and hands on learning opportunities on subject matter including methodology, professional certification, and software.
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Group	IIBA
Name	International Institute of Business Analysis
When	Monthly Event: 3rd Tuesday of the Month Quarterly Networking Breakfast: 2nd Wednesday morning of each quarter
Location	Monthly: usually TransCanada for Information Events, Township Bar & Grill for Networking Events Breakfast: Sunterra in TC Tower
Cost	All meetings are open to the public, membership is not required, discounts are available for members Monthly: Varies: some are free Breakfast: No charge, buy your own breakfast
To Join?	To join the chapter, first get an international IIBA membership https://www.iiba.org/ , then chapter membership is \$30
Certification(s)	3 levels of certification for Business Analysis (ECBA, CCBA, CBAP)
Industry	General
Technology	General
URL	https://calgary.iiba.org/
Log Line	The International Institute of Business Analysis™ (IIBA®) is a non-profit professional association dedicated to the business analysis (BA) profession. With a global mandate to unite a community of professionals to create better business outcomes, the Calgary Chapter facilitates the networking, education and certification of business analysis in Calgary and the surrounding area.
Comments	
Group	PPDM
Name	Professional Petroleum Data Management Association
When	Three times a year in Calgary, more than 30 times a year around the globe. Luncheons run during the noon hour (twice a year in Calgary), and our Annual Symposium is a two/three day event each year in October (This year October 22-24, 2018)
Location	Luncheons are downtown, Symposium has been at the Telus Spark the last few years
Cost	Luncheons are free for members/\$25 for non-members, Symposium starts at \$99 for members
To Join?	Acceptance of membership agreement/following of bylaws, Annual Fee (free for Students/Corporate members, \$100 for individuals, Corporate rates based on revenue), Students need valid Student ID, not on any Trade Restriction lists
Certification(s)	Certified Petroleum Data Analyst (CPDA)
Industry	Oil & Gas
Technology	General
URL	www.ppdm.org
Log Line	The PPDM Association is the global, not-for-profit society within the petroleum industry that provides leadership for the professionalization of petroleum data management through the development and dissemination of best practices and standards, education programs, certification programs and professional development opportunities
Comments	PPDM is so much more than the data model – visit www.ppdm.org to learn more about what we do including our Standards and Best Practices (IPDS), Training, Events, Certification and more. Membership is only \$100/year. PPDM appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with the ADA.

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Group	PyData Calgary
Name	PyData Calgary
When	We'll be meeting every 2-3 months, Wednesday the last week of the month, in the evening 6:30pm-8:30pm
Location	University of Calgary
Cost	None
To Join?	None. We are open to all who are interested in conducting data analytics using cutting edge tools and technologies
Certification(s)	None
Industry	General
Technology	General with a focus on open source data analytics and modeling tools, such as Python, R, Julia, Spark, etc.
URL	https://www.meetup.com/PyData-Calgary/
Log Line	PyData provides a forum for users and developers of data analysis tools to share ideas and learn from each other. The global PyData network promotes discussion of best practices, new approaches, and emerging technologies for data management, processing, analytics, and visualization.
Comments	
Group	SQDG
Name	Software Quality Discussion Group
When	Last Wednesday of the Month, Sept to May
Location	Downtown, Bow Valley Square
Cost	Free
To Join?	Participation in discussions
Certification(s)	ISTQB and other QA certifications, but none through SQDG
Industry	General
Technology	General
URL	sqdg.ca
Log Line	We meet to discuss how to ensure quality
Comments	