IC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program Overview
Mission

- Provide the Intelligence Community (IC) access to advanced research in science and technology through a postdoctoral research program

- Foster research in leading-edge technologies supporting broad IC technology needs

- Establish relationships with Postdoctoral Fellows through grants with universities, private research institutes, and national laboratories
Benefits to Postdoctoral Fellows

Each Postdoc is assigned an IC Advisor with expertise in their research area. The IC Advisor:

- Is available to consult on the direction and outcomes of the research
- Is knowledgeable about future funding and career opportunities
- Facilitates contact with potential collaborators
- Facilitates publication in the Journal of Intelligence Community Research and Development and other professional publications

Each Postdoc participates in a program that facilitates discussion and collaboration across disciplines and specialties. This is encouraged through the:

- Annual IC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Colloquium
- Password-protected website
- Ongoing discussions and collaborations with other Postdoctoral Fellows
Awards
FY 2003 – FY 2005
Annual Colloquium

- Three-day event required for all Postdoctoral Fellows and attended by Postdoctoral Fellows, Principal Investigators, IC Advisors, and other senior scientists and policymakers in the IC
- Plenary and tracked sessions, with a mix of specialties and media
- Planned events to promote science and the IC community:
  - Keynote speakers have included Nobel Laureates and heads of Federal agencies
  - Visits to the Spy Museum and the CIA Headquarters.
Sociology for Fun and Profit
By David Schung

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What are the two hottest buzzwords in information technology today? Podcasting and blogging. One might assume, (and many non-techno geeks do), that these words describe some new enabling technology, or some hot idea sprouting from the minds of those modern geniuses - engineers. In my opinion, however, these buzzwords would be more accurately described as sociological jargon.

Technologically, blogs are WEB PAGES, nothing more. The technology for encoding, saving and reading web pages has been around for quite some time. The concept that one might dictate something like a diary via the infrastructure, and that people will read it is a sociological development.

Podcasts are DOWNLOADS OF AUDIO FILES. You may have heard of this even back in the 80s. The Internet and portable digital audio players have been around a while. Again, the concept that someone might provide social audio content via this channel, and that people would listen, is sociology.

Nevertheless, people, (e.g. Adam Curry, former big-haired MJ and podcasting entrepreneur), are writing business plans, making money, and submitting patents based on these ideas. Can you really patent sociological phenomena?

Walking into my building the last few days I have passed by an auditorium where a two day podcasting symposium is going on. Two days? What would they possibly be talking about? I wondered. I walked in. What I heard was business, sociology and, of course, the fear of government intervention.

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