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According to a survey released today by Microsoft Canada Co., Canadian IT professionals feel successful IT careers require a deep understanding of security. As well, with the combination of emerging security threats and the daily time crunch, the survey found that many IT professionals are now seeking additional information from outside their individual organizations, utilizing a variety of resources to obtain the most current IT security information available.

Microsoft Canada worked with the Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance (CATA) to produce the survey to help kick off IT Security Week, a week-long conference being held in Toronto from November 19-23, with events, forums, training sessions and presentations by speakers from around the world.

"The national IT Security Week initiative highlights the continued commitment from Microsoft Canada to provide IT professionals across the country with educational support and information resources designed to help them build secure organizations," said Bruce Cowper, Senior Program Manager, Security Initiative, Microsoft Canada. "The primary goal of IT Security Week is to enable Canadian IT professionals to share their experiences and learn more about the innovative solutions available to solve today's IT security challenges."

According to the survey, only 18 per cent of IT professionals said they use their colleagues as an IT security resource compared with 40 per cent of respondents who look at online user/community groups, personal IT expert contacts, and/or security IT blogs. Out of all the information sources provided, the number one most trusted resource cited, at 37 per cent, was personal IT expert contacts.

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