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We have a wide variety of articles in this edition of *CompAct*. There are several articles that will introduce you to tools to use the Web effectively. The Technology Section has put together a "quick guide" to get you started with Linked-In, a social networking tool geared for individuals in the business world. We want you to join Linked-In to give you access to actuarial discussion groups, and encourage you to participate in information exchange on topics that are relevant to you. These forums are very new, and only have value if people participate. Please give this a try!

In addition, Howard Callif wrote an article on ethics, which we hope will generate some discussion, or at least raise awareness on issues that are many times not considered when working on projects. Eddie Smith has written an article about "Instapaper," a utility to save articles on the Web for viewing later. There are other utilities like this, but we think it is important to highlight applications and utilities that we have real experience with, and find very useful. We encourage you to write us about utilities you use and would recommend Beyond Compare and Ultra-Edit/Ultra-Compare for example.

We have an article summarizing the Technology Section Annual Meeting sessions. The meeting was also covered "real time" on Twitter, so those not attending could get a summary of what was being covered.

The Technology Section is always looking for ways to help its

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members understand and use technology. We are working on a set of articles to define and explain common terms. Look for the first of this series titled "Speaking Data" in future editions. Please contact us with any comments, and submit articles on how you are using technology!

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