



Most people can define their main goals in an enterprise. It is then relatively easy to identify various other things on whose contributions success depends. In turn, these can - like the proverbial fleas - depend “ad infinitum” on yet other dependencies in a fractal-like way. To help ensure we achieve our goal, we need to identify this critical network of dependencies and ensure they deliver.

But at some point they move outside our sphere of influence and control. These uncontrollable, but critical dependencies are what, in today’s complicated world, catch us out more and more frequently. The recent financial chaos is a classical example.

The new software tool **iDepend®** allows you to capture and manage all dependencies quantitatively, and provides measures of risk and cost benefit. It can even seek out and incorporate real time dependency status - such as power, utilities, and supply chain - globally from the cloud.

The technology has been developed by a University spin-off company – **Intradependency Ltd.**, from CNI/TSB funded research. The protocols for exchanging risk information securely are being rolled out by **The Open Group** as a global standard. A series of workshops is currently helping customise the tool for specific applications, from Cyber security to Scenario building.

Because of its simple elegance and intuitive ease of use, this will become the tool of choice in addressing the problems that today’s complex systems throw at us.