

### **Discontinuation of Safari Tech Books Subscription**

The Dal Libraries, in consultation with the Faculty of Computer Science, the Department of Engineering Mathematics & Internetworking, and the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, have decided not to renew our subscription to Safari Tech Books, a subscription that provided access to 69 titles.

Early in September, the Libraries learned the content of the Safari eBooks subscription would change significantly to include many more titles; however, this positive news was overshadowed by a significant price increase. Over the course of three years, the price of the subscription would increase by more than 100%. Given this increase, and with input from the departments mentioned above, we've decided not to renew this subscription.

We have identified the most highly used titles in the package and we are buying replacement copies. In most cases, we will be able to purchase digital versions of the books, but in a handful of cases we will need to purchase print copies. In addition, we are collaborating with the Faculty of Computer Science to purchase additional books to further develop and strengthen the Libraries' collection in this area.

If you have suggestions for items to purchase or feedback about this decision, please contact Sarah Stevenson.