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Forthcoming Design Science Symposium and Systems Administration

Ever since I started doing systems administration, I've been interested in applying [Buckminster "Bucky" Fuller's comprehensive anticipatory design science](#) to the task. Bucky extolled the virtues of a comprehensive approach. Put bluntly, the *comprehensive* perspective says "since what you don't attend to will get ya, you had better consider *everything*. Or said positively: only by considering all elements in a system and all its interrelationships with other (relevant) systems can you ensure reliable on-going operation. In addition, the proactive or *anticipatory* approach is essential to prevent system complexities from impacting operations. I think of *design* as human initiative-taking to provide a service or artifact and *science* as experience-based learning. Evidently, *design science* is implicit in the work of systems administrators. I think the discipline of *comprehensive anticipatory design science* can be positively applied to the practice of systems administration.

So I am excited that on November 14 & 15, I will be attending the [Synergetics Collaborative's](#) two-day Symposium on "Design Science" at the [Rhode Island School of Design \(RISD\)](#). Together with the organizing committee, we (I serve as volunteer Executive Director of the Synergetics Collaborative) have put together a program that will develop a deeper understanding of design science. So even though computer systems administration is not on the agenda, I think anyone with a problem-solving focus in their work (including systems administrators) would benefit by attending.

To find out more about this exciting event visit the [Design Science: Nature's Problem Solving Method Symposium home page here](#).

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