

Preparing for a Disaster: Tips and Techniques

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Senior Engineer Hughes Network Systems "dis-as-ter ...noun A grave occurrence having ruinous results."

Webster's II Office Dictionary



"re-cov-ery verb To get back, regain"

Webster's II Office Dictionary



- Is how you feel during a disaster
- Is how you feel after discovering the disaster
- Is how you feel during the recovery process after the disaster



- Identify different types of IT disasters
- How to identify the risks and costs associated with each type of disaster
- How to prepare for a disaster
- General up-front decisions with management
- Recovery specific items for the HP3000
- Recovery suggestions for the 9000 environment
- Questions and answers



- Different types of IT disasters
 - Internal
 - External
 - Hardware malfunction
 - Acts of nature
 - Government Agency



- Internal Disaster
 - Programmer oops
 - End user oops
 - Computer operator oops
 - Un-planned corporate audits
 - Administrator oops
 - Undocumented network changes
 - Disgruntled Employee not an oops



- External Disaster
 - Contract Programmer oops
 - End user oops
 - Customer oops
 - Web service attack
 - Email virus attacks
 - Hackers



- Hardware Malfunction
 - Disk crashes
 - CPU failures
 - Memory corruption
 - Network failures
 - Disgruntled Employee not an oops



- Acts of nature
 - Blizzards
 - Ice storms
 - Earthquakes
 - Hurricanes
 - Tornadoes
 - Airplanes falling out of the sky
- HNS
 - Our Maryland facility is subject to all of the above except for earthquakes



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HNS

- Our San Diego, CA and Mexico facilities are subject to earthquakes
- Our international facilities are subject to other types of weather phenomenon
- Your facility is next to what?
 - A gas station?
 - On top of a fault line?
 - A military base?



- Government Agencies
 - IRS asking for back tax data
 - SEC asking for Sarbanes-Oxley (SAR-OX) data
 - HIPAA changes
 - DOJ seeking ITAR data
 - US Customs regarding Import/Export data
 - Various state agency requirements, depending on what states you have business functions in



- Identifying Risks and Costs
 - Risks, costs, and penalties are unique to each business
 - Can a disaster impact my ability to do my business functions, if so, how long?
 - Can a programmer wipe out critical files? Can a user do the same? Can we recover a missing order?
 - Can we be sued? If so by whom and for what financial exposure?
 - Can we provide SAR-OX data? Do we have US Customs documentation? Can Senior Management face consequences?
 - Can we survive a natural disaster?



- Identifying Risks and Costs
 - What will it cost my organization to recover from any of the types of disasters?
 - It depends....



- Identifying Risks and Costs
 - It depends....
 - What the disaster is...
 - What preparation is taken in advance
 - What decisions your management makes
 - How much liability your management can assume
 - How much value is placed on data by your management
 - What federal and state laws apply to your business



- Preparing for Disaster
 - Identify areas of risk and exposure
 - Itemize what is important to your business
 - Document everything
 - Get a SERIOUS commitment from your management



- Areas of risk and exposure
 - Your computing facility
 - Your system
 - Your application
 - Your network
 - Your printing capabilities
 - Your data storage
 - Your back-ups
 - Your data
 - Your HR department



- What is important to running my Business?
 - My data
 - My applications
 - Service level agreements with management to prioritize what is deemed business/mission critical
 - My network to remote facilities
 - My staff's well being



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Documentation is crucial

- Identify the risks and exposures for Senior Management in a formal document to present your D/R business case
- Identify and record what is business critical in terms of your systems, applications, network requirements, personnel requirements
- Identify what type of resources and facilities you'll need to do the job
- Use a D/R specialist to guide you initially



- Up front resources Major Disaster
 - Your regularly scheduled backups
 - Daily, Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, and annual
 - Hot site / Cold Site company owned
 - Hot site / Cold Site D/R contract
 - Direct to D/R contractor



- Major Disaster Recovery items for the 3000
 - Documentation on your production system
 - Customized SLT's
 - A HP3000 with equivalent operating system
 - A HP3000 with performance capacity, based on business requirements
 - A HP3000 with appropriate licensing and third party software
 - A portable copy of your data
 - Trained staff
 - Recovery procedures



- Major Disaster Recovery items for the 3000
 - Documentation on your production system
 - Up to date hardcopy of SYSGEN
 - Up to date hardcopy of SYSINFO data
 - Up to date hardcopy of NMMGR output
 - Up to date hardcopy of HP contact info
 - Up to date hardcopy of a list of your third party vendors information, including your licensing agreements
 - Up to date copy of your application documentation
 - Electronic copy of everything above at your D/R site



Third Party Info list

Items needed

Company <u>Dates</u>	Product	JUPITER	7.0 pp1 <u>Ready</u>	Phone <u>Number</u>	Contact	Web addr
Adager 7/1 - 6/30						
	Adager	010621	Yes	800-533-7346 Tec	h. Support	adager.con
Allegro	X-Over	20021007		408-252-2330 Tec	h Support	
						allegro.con
Bradmark						Ŭ
	DBAudit	3.3.00		800-275-2723		bradmark.c

- Major Disaster Recovery items for the 3000
 - Customized SLT's
 - Your system unique files
 - Required files for parallel restores
 - EDITOR.PUB.SYS to create batch restore jobs
 - Your accounting structure job outputs (BULDJOB1 and 2)
 - Add your system files via SYSGEN's sysfile utility



- Major Disaster Recovery items for the 3000
 - Customized SLT's

```
CCIESINS.SYS:sysgen
SYSGEN version E.02.01: catalog version E.02.01 FRI, JUL 9, 2004, 1:56 PM
Copyright 1987 Hewlett-Packard Co. All Rights Reserved.
        **note** Retrieving NMMGR configuration data...
        ** First level command **
       io
                         log (lo)
                                        misc (mi)
                                                         spu (sp)
       sysfile (sy)
       basegroup (ba)
                         keep(ke)
                                        permyes (pe)
                                                         show (sh)
       tape (ta)
       clear (cl) (c) exit (ex) (e)
                                       help (he)(h)
                                                         oclose (oc)
       redo
```

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```
sysgen> sy
        ** SYSFILE configurator commands **
        aauto (aa)
                        aboot (ab)
                                        acmsl (ac)
                                                           asprog (as)
        cmsl (cm)
                                                           dcmsl (dc)
                        dauto (da)
                                        dboot (db)
        dsproq (ds)
                       lcmsl (lc)
                                        rauto (ra)
                                                           rboot (rb)
        rcat (rc)
                       rcmsl (rcm)
                                        rdcc (rd)
                                                           ripl (ri)
        rnmlib (rn)
                        rsprog (rs)
                                        show (sh)
        clear (cl)(c)
                       exit (ex)(e)
                                        help (he) (h)
                                                           hold (ho)
```



- Major Disaster Recovery items for the 3000
 - Customized SLT's

```
sysfile> sh
        DISC AUTOBOOT = AUTOBOOT.MPEXL.SYS
        TAPE AUTOBOOT = NONE
        SYSTEM CATALOG = CATALOG.PUB.SYS
                       = SL.PUB.SYS
        NMCONFIG FILE = NMCONFIG.PUB.SYS
        NM LIB
                       = NL.PUB.SYS
BOOT FILE
                            FILENAME
                                                                      TYPE
START.MPEXL.SYS
                            START.MPEXL.SYS
                                                                      disc boot
SAT.MPEXL.SYS
                            SAT.MPEXL.SYS
                                                                      disc boot
DUMP.MPEXL.SYS
                            DUMP.MPEXL.SYS
                                                                      disc boot
STAGEISL.MPEXL.SYS
                            STAGEISL.MPEXL.SYS
                                                                      disc boot
UPDATE.MPEXL.SYS
                           UPDATE.MPEXL.SYS
                                                                      tape boot
```



- Major Disaster Recovery items for the 3000
 - An equivalent 3000 for performance
 - Buy or lease now as the availability is diminishing
 - Get appropriate user licensing from HP for your disaster scenario
 - Make sure it is working on a periodic basis
 - Fire it up at least twice a month
 - Pre-make arrangements with hardware vendors to provide additional equipment during your disaster
 - Trained staff at D/R facility on your D/R system
 - Disk and tape mediums MUST be compatible
 - Recovery / restore procedures documented and updated on a periodic basis



- Major Disaster Recovery items for the 3000
 - A portable copy of your data
 - Good current back-ups
 - Backups created with 'DIRECTORY' option and all volume sets are included
 - Off-site storage of your backups
 - Make sure that your staff and D/R staff have access to the
 - off-site storage facility
 - Trained staff at D/R facility
 - Recovery / restore procedures documented



- Major Disaster Recovery items for the 3000
 - Shadowed Data is better than a portable copy of your data
 - Printing and printers
 - Networking staff and network connectivity
 - Key staff members if available
 - apps, technical staff, operations, and management
 - Housing, transportation
 - Recovery / restore documentation



- Major Disaster Trained Staff
 - Will it be my staff performing the recovery?
 - Probably not
 - Verify that the D/R facility staff is trained in MPE/iX
 - Make sure they know basic system manager commands
 - If it is your staff
 - Arrange for transportation
 - Temporary housing
 - Employee health benefits



- Major Disaster Recovery Procedures
 - Senior Administrator should provide ahead of time
 - Hard and electronic copy at D/R Site. Preferably in .doc format
 - Restore procedures tested in-house on a development system
 - Getting access to the portable copy of your data
 - Senior Administrator should verify the trained staff at the D/R site or provide customized training
 - All documented and updated on a periodic basis



- Major Disaster TEST, TEST, TEST
 - Establish a test date which has the least impact on your business
 - Expect that the first test will probably fail
 - Document the successes and failures
 - Update documentation
 - Test again this is not a one time process
 - Repeat, Repeat, Repeat



- HP9000 Recommendations
 - Implement MCServiceGuard
 - BCV volume technology and data storage replication
 - Create two 'Ignite' tapes on a periodic basis
 - keep one on-site and one off-site
 - Networking documentation
 - Database specific technology
 - Add your database administrator(s) to your key personnel list
 - Add 'Basis' if using SAP



- HP9000 Recommendations
 - Download/upload patch analysis from ITRC on a regular basis
 - Keep as current as possible based on your applications
 - Create new 'Ignite' tapes after patching
 - Additional tools available from your HP ASC for the asking
 - SYSINFO for documenting your hardware





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