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Would Your Business Continue?

Let us run your network
while you run your business
March 30, 2007

Dear Mark,

In this issue, I will focus on **Business Continuity**, which according to Wikipedia, is..."a progression of disaster recovery, aimed at allowing an organization to continue functioning after (and ideally, during) a disaster, rather than simply being able to recover after a disaster."

Disasters take many forms. They can be natural, such as fires, earthquakes and tsunamis. They can also be man-made, such as airplane crashes, power failures and terrorist acts.

Regardless of the source, your business has to continue operations. Would your business continue after a disaster?

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Backups Should Be Automatic



How are you backing up your data. I am deploying the Intronis eSureIT online backup service at clients up and down the US50 corridor. This service lets you choose which folders to backup, schedule the backups after-hours and send a notification via email. This notification tells if the backup succeeded, failed or didn't run at all.

Backups have to work. They have to run automatically and they have to save data offsite. You never know

Time for a quiz



Which disasters happened within the past 7 years?

1. A tsunami strikes Indonesia.
2. Two hijacked airplanes crash into New York City.
3. A hurricane and levee failures destroy New Orleans.
4. A chemical plant in Massachusetts explodes. Buildings within 1/2 mile are knocked off their

when you'll need data from the backups. When you need to restore data from a backup, it is obviously too late to perform a backup.

Backing up to CD, in my experience, just doesn't work. We don't know if the data is really getting backed up. Even if it is, people don't manually backup every day. They usually leave CDs in the same office as the computer. If a fire knocked out the computer, it would also destroy the backup media.

[For a real data backup solution, see...](#)

Ready Sacramento is Coming

The Sacramento Regional Office of the Department of Homeland Security is hosting Ready Sacramento on Thursday, April 12, 2007.

This conference will provide us with the practical tools to create a disaster preparedness plan to help ensure the continuity of your operations.

I am planning to attend. Keeping businesses in business is part of my profession. I hope to see you there.

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CompTIA Security+



Security+™ Certified If you've visited

my web site lately, you've probably noticed a new logo at the bottom. This is the CompTIA Security+ certification, which I achieved in early January.

CompTIA Security+ validates knowledge of communication security, infrastructure security, cryptography, operational security, and general security concepts. It is an international, vendor-neutral certification.

In layman's terms, this knowledge helps me identify when somebody is trying to break into your network, view network traffic or crack passwords. It helps me keep your business in business.

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foundations.

5. A power failure in the northeast U.S. affects 40,000,000 people.
6. A fire closes downtown San Diego

The answer: all. We are not isolated from natural disasters. For those of us in El Dorado County, we hope fires won't sweep down the hill. For those of us west of Folsom Dam, we hope the dam will continue holding the Sierra snowmelt in Folsom Lake.

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