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Wishing all of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Leo A. Wrobel, President
Business Resumption Planning

By Ed Devlin, Cole Emerson, Leo Wrobel and Mark Desman

Traditionally, resumption planning focused on the recovery of computer systems. But experience has shown that the ability to recover computer systems does not necessarily guarantee the survival of an organization following a disaster. Quick recovery of operations is useful only if the business units themselves are able to function — to communicate with customers and vendors, to receive and enter orders, to produce goods and services, and to collect revenue. The only way to ensure this is to plan for the resumption of all of the critical components of the business enterprise — its business operations, including personal computers and networks, the data center, and voice and data communications services. Business Resumption Planning is designed to provide a practical, hands-on guide for developing a comprehensive business recovery plan and crisis management plan.

The book consists of four modules:

• Part I: Business operations recovery
• Part II: Data center recovery
• Part III: Voice and data communications recovery
• Part IV: Crisis management

Each module provides a step-by-step approach for developing the recovery plan. Supporting checklists, questionnaires, procedures, and forms used in developing the recovery plan are provided on paper and on the accompanying CD-ROM. Each of the modules can be read and used independently of the others. For example, if your company has already established a data center recovery plan, you may want to establish a plan for communications recovery. In that case, you can turn directly to Part III of this book and begin the process of developing the communications plan; all of the procedures, checklists, and forms you will need are provided in Part III. Of course, if your company has no recovery plan in place, you can begin with any of the four modules. (In practice, however, it makes most sense to proceed in sequential order, beginning with Part I. This is because information gathered in planning for business operations recovery can be useful when planning for data center and communications recovery.) Business Resumption Planning is not only useful for developing recovery plans; it is also an invaluable source for evaluating the completeness of existing plans. For example, if your organization has already established a data center recovery plan, you might use Part II to ensure that the existing recovery plan is complete and follows the proven techniques described here. Given the step-by-step approach used in this book, it is easy to adapt specific procedures and forms to an existing plan and to the needs of specific organizations. Now that you have an idea of what this book can do for you, let's look at why you need to plan for disasters.

Defining Disaster

It is impossible to describe all of the events that might be considered disasters, but in the context of this book a disaster is any incident that causes an extended disruption of business functions. The first thoughts that come to most minds are as fire, hurricane, flood, and earthquake — catastrophic acts of nature. This isn’t surprising, given the unprecedented number of disasters the world has suffered in the past decade. The U.S., for example, has experienced three major earthquakes, several major hurricanes, and a massive flood that covered a large section of the Midwest. Hundreds of people were injured or killed in these natural disasters, tens of thousands lost their homes, and thousands of businesses were disrupted. Business and property losses
were in the billions of dollars. Despite the widespread association of disasters with natural disasters, most recovery specialists have expanded the definition to include any event that disrupts business operations. Given the variability in causes of disasters, recovery planners should not attempt to focus on specific types of disasters; rather, they should broaden their view to include any type of event that might disrupt business activity.

WHY PLAN?

Business survival is the primary rationale for planning. Avoidance of financial loss and embarrassment as well as ethical and legal obligations to employees, customers, and shareholders all support the need for planning. Without effective planning, the organization is forced to react to a disaster without an understanding of its recovery priorities, the time and resources needed to reestablish business functions, and sources of products and services needed during recovery. The delays caused by such lack of planning may be financially fatal. For example, such technical resources as hot sites and communications services require long lead times to acquire and configure. Indeed, history shows that most companies that suffer a disaster causing an extended disruption of information processing do not survive more than two years after the disaster.

THE NEED FOR FOCUS

Even with the most comprehensive plans for all major disruptions, the company can still be surprised. Therefore, experts recommend that organizations plan for the worst-case event rather than for specific types of disasters. The theory, proven many times, is that the company that is ready to respond to the worst disaster will also be able to handle lesser disruptions. If the planning team anticipates plans for, and documents the recovery requirements and the company is prepared to meet most of those requirements at the time of a disaster, the recovery will succeed. In addition, the recovery planner must plan within the scope of his or her control. It is always better to have an effective plan for one site than to be in the midst of planning for the entire world and not survive a single-site disaster. Ensuring that the highest-risk location is ready to respond and recover from an incident is always the more effective approach.

HIDDEN BENEFITS

As noted, the primary benefit of a recovery plan is ensuring the organization’s survival in the event of a disaster. Yet other, less obvious benefits are frequently overlooked. For example, in some cases a recovery plan may be a prerequisite for obtaining a business contract; conversely, lack of a plan may disqualify a company from consideration. An effective recovery plan can also provide a competitive edge. Companies that have been able to recover quickly from regional disasters are often able to increase their share of the market because competitors are unable to conduct business. For example, one company reported that it was able to book $30 million in sales following the 1988 Hinsdale central office fire during a period when its competitors were unable to recover. In developing a comprehensive plan, the recovery planner must learn how the business functions and how information, goods, and services move inside and outside the organization. This may create opportunities for identifying potential cost reductions and improved operating efficiencies. The planner may also find opportunities for cost savings in business interruption insurance coverage and in company directors’ and officers’ insurance. Insurance professionals indicate that companies with resumption plans should save at least 10 percent on the cost of insurance premiums. The planning process also forces a review of vital records management. One company was able to eliminate more than 110 tons of paper records, which in turn reduced the potential costs of restoring these records following a disaster.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Crisis management planning is an integral part of a business resumption plan. For years, crisis management professionals have been differentiating between the concepts presented in business resumption planning and the concepts used in crisis management. Crisis management planning describes a methodology used by executives to respond to and manage a crisis. The objective is to gain control of the situation quickly so a company can efficiently manage the crisis and minimize its negative impacts. The crisis management plan is also used in a disaster. The business resumption plan identifies how the business units affected by the disaster go about resuming business operations. During that time, the business units receive support from members of the executive management and crisis management teams. The concepts presented in Chapter II-4, the “Recovery Headquarters Team Section of the DCRP,” concentrate on support provided after a disaster. If a disaster struck a computer center, causing injuries to employees, damage to the equipment, or damage to the building, the IT department would need support from a team of executives with specific expertise. This team’s support was, in essence, crisis management support. Those concepts presented limited crisis management actions to support IT, and IT
would receive this limited support during the resumption of business after a disaster. The crisis management section explores in more detail the concepts of crisis management planning. Crisis management planning involves a number of crises other than a physical disaster.

- It identifies a number of types of crises. Many of these crises threaten to affect a company just as seriously as a physical disaster.
- It shows how problems in the pre-crisis stage, which are not visible outside the company, are managed to ensure that they do not become an acute crisis.
- It also shows how the crisis management team should manage a crisis once it is in the acute-crisis stage.
- It suggests how the crisis management team should manage the crisis after it has moved to the post-crisis stage.
- It indicates how to select the crisis management team.

**HOW TO USE THE BOOK AND CD-ROM**

Each part of this book is designed to provide a complete step-by-step approach to developing a plan for its respective area. Therefore, the chapters within each part should be read in sequential order. Although there are differences in methodology among the four parts, they do share a basic developmental framework:

- Obtaining senior management commitment and sponsorship of the planning project.
- Organizing the project and assembling the teams responsible for planning recovery.
- Identifying recovery priorities, assumptions, and strategies.
- Gathering information to be included in the recovery plan.
- Developing detailed recovery procedures to be followed by the recovery teams in the event of a disaster.
- Establishing a program for testing and maintaining the recovery plan and for training recovery team members.

Differences among the four planning areas reflect the unique requirements of these areas as well as the practical experience of the authors in developing plans for clients.

In addition to providing step-by-step instructions on how to create the business resumption plan for each area, supporting checklists, questionnaires, procedures, and forms used in developing the recovery plan (collectively referred to as workpapers in this book) are provided on paper and on the accompanying CD-ROM. On the CD-ROM, each workpaper is provided as a separate Microsoft Word file. The file name matches the number of the workpaper referenced in the book. The electronic files are designed so that you can easily customize the workpapers to meet the recovery planning requirements of your organization. Wherever possible, the files are formatted using Microsoft Word default settings; the base font is Courier, 10 characters per inch. Every attempt has been made to ensure that the page layout of the screen version of each workpaper matches the corresponding printed version in the book. The owner of this publication is permitted to make either paper or electronic copies of the workpapers without having to obtain permission from the publisher.

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Big Data is one of the hottest topics today because of the large-scale data generation and distribution in computing products. It is tightly integrated with other cutting-edge networking technologies, including cloud computing, social networks, Internet of things, and sensor networks.

Characteristics of Big Data may be summarized as four Vs, that is,

- volume (great volume),
- variety (various modalities),
- velocity (rapid generation), and
- value (huge value but very low density).

Many countries are paying high attention to this area. As an example, in the United States in March 2012, the Obama Administration announced a US $200 million investment to launch the “Big Data Research and Development Plan,” which was a second major scientific and technological development initiative after the “Information Highway” initiative in 1993. Because Big Data is a relatively new field, there are many challenging issues to be addressed today:

1. **Storage** — How do we aggregate heterogeneous types of data from numerous sources, and then use fast database management technology to store the Big Data?
2. **Sharing** — How do we use cloud computing to share the Big Data among large groups of people?
3. **Security** — How do we protect the privacy of Big Data during the network sharing?

This book covers the above 3S designs, through the detailed description of the concepts and implementations. This book is unlike any other similar books. Because Big Data is such a new field, there are very few books covering its implementation. Although a few similar books are already published, they are mostly about the basic concepts and society impacts. They are thus not suitable for R&D people. Instead, this book will discuss Big Data management from an R&D perspective.

Targeted Audiences:

1. **Industry** — company engineers can use this book as a reference for the design of Big Data processing and protection. There are many practical design principles covered in the chapters.
2. **Academia** — researchers can gain much knowledge on the latest research topics in this area. Graduate students can resolve many issues by reading the chapters. They will gain a good understanding of the status and trend of Big Data management.

Book Architecture: The book consists of two sections:

Section I. Big Data management: In this section we cover the following important topics:

- Spatial management: In many applications and scientific studies, there is a growing need to manage spatial entities and their topological, geometric, or geographic properties. Analyzing such large amounts of spatial data to derive values and guide decision making has become essential to business success and scientific progress.
- Data transfer: A content delivery network with large data centers located around the world requires Big Data transfer for data migration, updates, and backups. As cloud computing becomes common, the capacity of the
data centers and both the intranetwork and internetwork of those data centers increase.

Data processing: Dealing with “Big Data” problems requires a radical change in the philosophy of the organization of information processing. Primarily, the Big Data approach has to modify the underlying computational model to manage uncertainty in the access to information items in a huge nebulous environment.

Section II. Big Data Security: Security is a critical aspect after Big Data is integrated with cloud computing. We will provide technical details on the following aspects:

Security: To achieve a secure, available, and reliable Big Data cloud-based service, we not only present the state-of-the-art of Big Data cloud-based services, but also a novel architecture to manage reliability, availability, and performance for accessing Big Data services running on the cloud.

Privacy: We will examine privacy issues in the context of Big Data and potential data mining of that data. Issues are analyzed based on the emerging unique characterizations associated with Big Data: the Big Data Lake, “thing” data, the quantified self, repurposed data, and the generation of knowledge from unstructured communication data, that is, Twitter Tweets. Each of those sets of emerging issues is analyzed in detail for their potential impact on privacy.

Accountability: Accountability of user data access on a specific application helps in monitoring, controlling, and assessing data usage by the user for the application. Data loss is the main source of leaking information that may possibly compromise the privacy of individual and/or organization. Therefore, the naive question is, “how can data leakages be controlled and detected?” The simple answer to this would be audit logs and effective measures of data usage.

The chapters have detailed technical descriptions of the models, algorithms, and implementations of Big Data management and security aspects. There are also accurate descriptions on the state-of-the-art and future development trends of Big Data applications. Each chapter also includes references for readers’ further studies. Thank you for reading this book. We believe that it will help you with the scientific research and engineering design of Big Data systems. We welcome your feedback.

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The 7 Qualities of Highly Secure Software

By Mano Paul

Internationally recognized, respected leadership authority, family expert, teacher, and renowned author, Dr. Stephen Covey is no stranger to those in the business world. His #1 bestseller, The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, is rightfully recognized as one of the most influential business books of the twentieth century with more than twenty million copies sold in thirty-eight languages. I wondered what it would be like if I met Dr. Covey and asked him to write a book on software security that is prevalent or emerging today. Interestingly, what I believe he would write is that there is a striking parallel between The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and The 7 Qualities of Highly Secure Software. Using anecdotes and analogies from Aesop’s fables, athletics, architecture, biology, nursery rhymes, video games, etc., I have attempted to take what would otherwise be deemed complex and dry and highlighted the qualities of highly secure software in an informative and interesting way. This book is about the seven qualities of highly secure software; and once you understand what these qualities are, you will notice that those who design, develop, and deploy highly secure software are also highly effective in their personal and professional lives. Each chapter in my CRC Press book of the same title book describes one of the seven highly secure software qualities, and the synopsis of each chapter is given here.

Quality #1: Security Is Built In, Not Bolted On
Habit #1 of highly effective people is to “Be Proactive.” Quality #1 of highly secure software is that security controls are built in from the initial stages of its design, through development to deployment, and not bolted on at a later stage in the software development life cycle (SDLC). The cost of fixing software defects (including security defects) discovered after it has been released is estimated to be significantly greater than if discovered earlier in the SDLC. This chapter in my book starts out by dispelling common security myths and covers the reasons and value of being proactive; incorporating security from the initial phases of your SDLC, instead of bolting it on at a later phase.

Quality #2: Functionality Maps to a Security Plan
Habit #2 of highly effective people is to “Begin with the End in Mind.” Quality #2 of highly secure software is that the functionality of the software maps to a security plan. This means that a plan needs to exist in the first place, a plan not just for the functionality of your software but one for security as well. This chapter covers the elements of an effective security plan for software, beginning with the end in mind, and also covers the mechanisms to construct and track your software security controls on how they map to the plan.

Quality #3: Includes Foundational Assurance Elements
Habit #3 of highly effective people is to “Put First Things First.” Quality #3 of highly secure software is that your software includes certain foundational elements of protection. This means that the software is built on a strong foundation and is secure by design, in development, and in deployment. This chapter covers putting first things first; addressing the foundational assurance elements of confidentiality, integrity, availability, authentication, authorization, and auditing; and the importance of data protection.

Quality #4: Is Balanced
Habit #4 of highly effective people is to “Think Win–Win.” Quality #4 of highly secure software is that it is balanced: balancing risks and investment to return, functionality with assurance, threats with controls. This chapter
explores what it takes to create a win–win situation with a balanced approach to security in the software being designed, developed, and deployed.

**Quality #5: Incorporates Security Requirements**
Habit #5 of highly effective people is to “Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood.” Quality #5 of highly secure software is that it incorporates security requirements adequately. Requirements may be externally imposed or internally mandated, and regulatory, private, or compliant in nature. This chapter starts by covering the types of requirements that need to be incorporated into the software from a security perspective and then discusses different techniques to elicit security requirements from these sources. It ends by discussing the importance of tracking these requirements as an effective step to seek first to understand and then to be understood.

**Quality #6: Is Developed Collaboratively**
Habit #6 of highly effective people is to “Synergize.” Quality #6 of highly secure software is that it is collaboratively developed. It is important to take into account the perspectives of the different stakeholders. These stakeholders include the client, security, management, development, legal, privacy team, auditors, and vendors as well. Development team members can act as liaisons to the security organization. This chapter discusses the need for synergy between the various stakeholders as they collaborate in building highly secure software.

**Quality #7: Is Adaptable**
Habit #7 of highly effective people is to “Sharpen the Saw.” Quality #7 of highly secure software is that it is adaptable: adaptable to changing technologies, threats, and the talent pool. This means that the software’s ability to withstand attack is continuously being improved to ensure that software developed today is secure not only after its release but that it is designed to address new and emerging threats. This chapter starts out by describing the law of resiliency degradation and then discusses what software adaptability is. It concludes by highlighting the fact that secure software requires security savvy people and highlights the importance of awareness, training, and education to keep the saw sharpened. I trust that this book will be useful in your efforts to help your company build highly secure software.

I hope you found these tips interesting and that you enjoy reading my book as much as I enjoyed writing it.

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~ David Rockefeller

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Anti-Spam Techniques Based on Artificial Immune System

By Dr. Ying Tan

With the rapid development of the Internet and mobile Internet, e-mails and instant messages have become the most common and convenient media for our daily communication. However, spam, usually defined as unsolicited commercial or bulk e-mails, has been considered as an increasingly serious challenge to the infrastructure of the Internet and has severely affected people’s normal communication both at the workplace and in personal life. According to the statistics from the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), about 70% to 85% of the present e-mails on the Internet are spam. Numerous spam e-mails not only occupy valuable communications bandwidth and storage space but also threaten the security of networking computer systems when used as a carrier of viruses and malicious codes.

Simple approaches such as munging, listing, aliasing, and challenging can be easily implemented, but they are prone to be deceived by the tricks of spammers. Intelligent approaches have been playing an increasingly important role in anti-spam in recent years due to their self-learning ability and good performance. However, a single anti-spam shield with one technique alone can be easily intruded in practice. Consequently, hybrid approaches, combining two or more techniques, are proposed to improve overall performance that can overcome the limitations of a single technique. Among the varieties of anti-spam techniques, the artificial immune system (AIS), inspired by the biological immune system (BIS), shows its excellence in performance and is increasingly becoming one of the most important methods to filter spam.

The BIS is a dynamically adjusting system that is characterized by the abilities of learning, memory, recognition, and cognition, which make it good at recognizing and removing antigens effectively for the purpose of protecting an organism. Generally, the AIS is an adaptive system inspired by theoretical immunology and observed immune functions, principles, and models for problem solving and is a dynamic, adaptive, robust, and distributed learning system. AIS has been developed mimicking BIS’s mechanisms and functions and is now widely used in time-varying unknown environments for anomaly detection, fault detection, pattern recognition, optimization, learning, spam filtering, and so on. AIS features are just what an information security system such as a spam filtering system needs, while the functions of BIS and information security system are very similar to some extent. Therefore, biological immune principles provide effective solutions to computer security issues. The development of AIS-based information security systems, especially AIS-based anti-spam systems, is increasingly receiving extensive attention.

The application of immune principles and mechanisms can protect our computer and Internet network environments greatly. Filtering spam from e-mail traffic is essentially a typical pattern recognition problem. To address the problem, many approaches have been proposed. In most cases, spam filtering involves three stages: term selection, feature extraction, and classifier design. My CRC Press book presents these stages in detail. Specifically, for term selection, my book presents a term space partition (TSP) approach AND then a novel feature construction approach based on TSP, for the purpose of establishing a mechanism to make terms play more sufficient and rational roles in e-mail categorization. As for feature construction, this book emphasizes on AIS-based feature construction.
methods that contain several feature construction approaches based on a variety of immune concentrations.

As for classifier design, this book shows that the mechanisms of danger theory are effective in combining classifiers. Finally, online implementation strategies of an immune-based intelligent e-mail server are developed under the Linux operating system environment.

My book consists of 13 chapters. Chapters 1 and 2 briefly introduce anti-spam techniques and artificial immune systems, respectively. From Chapters 3 through 9, immune-inspired feature extraction methods from a variety of immune principles are elaborated, which include the feature extraction or construction approaches based on term space partition, global concentration, local concentration, multi-resolution concentration, adaptive concentration selection, variable length concentration, and parameter optimization of concentrations. Chapters 10 and 11 address two kinds of classifiers based on immune danger theory: immune danger theory–based ensemble method and immune danger zone principle–based dynamic learning method. Finally, Chapters 12 and 13 describe immune-based dynamic updating algorithm and AIS-based spam filtering systems and their implementation. All the material in this book is the result of our research work and the academic papers published by me and my guided PhD and master’s students over the past decade. This book gives a panoramic image of spam filtering based on artificial immune system, which applies immune principles to feature attraction, classifier combination, and classifier updating, as well as online implementation for the purpose of demonstrating the rationality of AIS methods for spam filtering. In addition, the author presents AIS-based anti-spam techniques using a didactic approach with detailed material and shows their excellent performance through a number of experiments and comparisons with the state-of-the-art anti-spam techniques. Furthermore, a collection of references and resources can be found in the website of Computational Intelligence Laboratory of Peking University: http://www.cil.pku.edu.cn/resources/ and http://www.cil.pku.edu.cn/publications/. Nevertheless, there is still a long way to go for us to apply immune-based antispam techniques to real-world mail filtering systems for their advancement. The aim of this book is to provide a single source for all our models and algorithms of anti-spam based on artificial immune systems proposed in the past decade, which are scattered in a variety of academic journal papers and international conference papers, for academia, researchers, and practitioners interested in AIS-based solutions to spam filtering. This book is intended for those who wish to learn about state-of-the-art AIS-based anti-spam techniques. In order to understand the contents of this book comprehensively, readers should have some fundamental knowledge in computer architecture and software, computer security and spam filtering, artificial intelligence, computational intelligence, pattern recognition, and machine learning. A few errors, typos, and inconsistencies may remain in this book due to my limited specialty knowledge and capability. Critical comments and valuable suggestions are always welcome. All comments and suggestions can be sent to ytan@pku.edu.cn. Finally, I express my heartfelt thanks to all who have helped and will help in improving the quality of this book.

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“Big Data” is discussed with increasing importance and urgency every day in boardrooms and in other strategic and operational meetings at organizations across the globe. My book starts where the many excellent books and articles on Big Data end — we accept that Big Data will materially change the way businesses and organizations make decisions.

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This book is not a warning against the use of Big Data. To the contrary, we view Big Data as having the most significant impact on how decisions are made in organizations since the advent of the spreadsheet. Instead, this book is designed to

(1) help you think more broadly about the implications of the use of Big Data and
(2) assist organizations in establishing procedures to ensure or validate that legal considerations are part of their efforts to harness the power of Big Data.

We have also observed that executives, managers, and counsel may have very different understandings of what Big Data is as compared to the technologists and data scientists in their organizations. The propensity for these different understandings is magnified by the lack of a single accepted definition of Big Data. There is an even less-common understanding among executives, managers, and counsel not involved with technology on a day-to-day basis about how Big Data works. To help address this gap in understanding of Big Data, in Chapter 1 we discuss the definition of Big Data we used in this book, as well as several other popular definitions for comparison. We also provide a Big Data primer, in plain English (from a nontechnical perspective), discussing the characteristics that distinguish Big Data from traditional database models.

Why We Wrote This Book

Chapters 2 through 11 each take on a specific topic and provide guidance on questions such as

• Can we use Big Data to collect information about our competitors and use it in our pricing decisions without violating antitrust laws?
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• How can you mitigate security and privacy risks in your organization?
• How can you include health information as part of your Big Data without violating the patchwork of federal and state laws governing the disclosure and use of health data?
• Can my organization anonymize health information so we can use it with fewer restrictions?
• Can my organization minimize its legal risks by maintaining a clear record of the business purposes of its Big Data analytic efforts?
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• Does our insurance provide appropriate coverage for Big Data risks?
• How can we legally leverage Big Data in our hiring decisions?
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A final note on how to use this book. The chapters are designed to flow in a logical order, enabling the reader to develop an understanding of how to think about legal issues in connection with Big Data even if a particular law or topic is not specifically addressed. Readers looking for guidance on a particular topic can also refer directly to the relevant chapter. Each chapter stands on its own with regard to its subject matter. Caution should be used in selectively reading chapters as key recommendations and mitigation strategies may be missed.

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