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Richard is Chief Technology Officer of **Denovo**, a Managed Service Provider, specializing in transforming the Business of IT.

Richard is a recognized SME and world renowned award-winning industry speaker specializing in, Cloud Computing Architecture, Business Resiliency, Disaster Recovery Planning and Backup & Recovery Program Design. He leads a team of dedicated, highly-skilled professionals transcending organizations through the new era of technology, achieving the desired, successful business outcomes.

Denovo keeps business and information connected. We deliver business-driven technology solutions by modernizing architecture designs with resiliency, security, and an "always on" methodology. In today's application-centric environments, your integrations are crucial to your business. Information feeds every business process your organization operates on.

Denovo's mission is to keep your business in business.

Our transformational solutions demonstrate dynamic convergence for resilient infrastructure management. We move organizations towards tomorrow's IT. Information availability helps people, technology, and businesses stay connected to ensure your enterprise keeps running smoothly, productively, and profitably.

Denovo delivers information availability experience to serve your needs:

- Performed over 350 DR tests & supported 20 computer room and FEMA-related disasters
- Delivered DR Plans for organizations across the US, Canada, and Mexico
- Fully-certified enterprise high availability support team
- Data Center architecture solutions supporting today's ERP requirements
- Go-to partner at conferences: IBM, Oracle, and CIO Summits
- Industry leader, SME for DR and Cloud architecture at industry events and publications
- 40 International Speaking Recognition Awards

2016 Presentations

"Breaking Bad" DR Habits!

Investigate everyday exposures in disaster recovery today. Hear actual lessons learned from the computer room, regional disasters, and near misses, so you can avoid making the same disastrous recovery assumptions others have made. The mistakes are common and plenty. Witness the good, the obvious, and the ugly. This session is a compilation of assumptions, technical gaps, blunders, and good practice recommendations to help you recover successfully.

DR Tears for Fears – Noah and the Flood

This session examines multiple computer room and regional disasters. Come and hear about the actual account of the events, actions, and challenges faced by real companies in real world situations. Disasters are real and deadly to your business. Review step-by-step timelines and events surrounding the disasters, the declarations, and the remedies. Discuss the internal and external influences (especially the human elements) that came into play as the scenarios unfolded. Were they ready? You be the judge.

HA Business Resiliency - Driving the Value

Companies can dramatically transform their data protection techniques and enhance availability requirements to address today's business challenges as they relate to resiliency and continuity of business operations. Examine best practices specific to traditional backup and recovery, critical points of failure in a disaster, replication strategies, and delivering a ROI from HA/DR architecture.

IBMi in the Cloud on Your Terms

Cloud computing is the norm for everything in today's business. IBMi has been the enabler your business has counted on forever. Do not compromise with a traditional non-virtualized deployment. Empower your business, whether big or small, to compete in today's marketplace. Significantly increase your IT agility, availability, and scale. Gain insight into aligning your IBM Power strategy with Cloud as the default position for today's customers looking to build new applications and services quickly and economically.

Transitioning your DC to Private Cloud

Learn how an IBMi shop got their head into the Cloud. Transitioning from a traditional data center to a secure, internally hosted, private cloud architecture is no easy task. Explore the best practices for implementing new technologies that support virtualization, agility, resiliency, and how to manage the costs associated with cloud computing. See how they demonstrated Availability, and managed the fear of change. Cloud - enabling your IBMi solution thought process must be front of mind.

Presenting Through Visual Innovation

Are your presentations not getting the desired results? Learn the art of delivering an impactful presentation. Powerpoint does not need to be boring. Make your slides tell the story that sells your business with success. Learn new techniques, presentation concepts, and how to effectively communicate with your audience. Stand up and get the management support you deserve!

Building a DR Plan for Today's Business

Do you have a disaster recovery plan? Are you really prepared? The difference in surviving in business depends on how well you prepare for the unexpected. If a disaster struck, how would your company do? Using the Business Continuity Model, this session examines various components of the recovery planning as it relates to the availability and recovery of computing services.

Book a Test with your DR Plan

Exercising the recovery elements that make up your Disaster Recovery Plan is an integral part of any effective business strategy. Testing your plan is essential. Listen and learn from someone with over 350 recovery tests and simulations performed to see how to do it right. Learn why People, Technology, and Geography are common critical points of failure. Test because your business depends on it.

Disaster Recovery WORKSHOPS



Do you have a disaster recovery plan?

The difference in surviving in business depends on how well you prepare for the unexpected. If a disaster struck, **how would your company do?**

This workshop investigates exposures in Disaster Recovery Planning and the "Critical" execution pitfalls in Disaster Recovery. Examine actual lessons learned from computer room and regional disasters so you too do not make the same recovery planning assumptions others have made.

Using the Business Continuity Model, the session breaks down the various components of the recovery planning as it relates to the availability and recovery of computing services.

Brought to you by Richard Dolewski, a recognized SME and world renowned award-winning speaker specializing in Business Resiliency, Cloud Computing Architecture, Disaster Recovery Planning, and Backup and Recovery Program Design. Richard has invested 30 years into IT and practical experience supporting numerous computer room and FEMA region disasters.

He is a frequent technical contributor to industry publications, and the author of System i Disaster Recovery Planning, a book on Disaster Recovery Planning. Richard has held positions as Advisory Committee panelist for IBM Business Resiliency, an international speaker, and a subject matter expert at COMMON, where he is a highly decorated speaker and a member of the Speaker Excellence Hall of Fame.

COURSE AGENDA

This will be an interactive session with an emphasis on classroom participation.

Part 1: DRP Overview

- The Changing Face of DR Planning Today
- Disaster Recovery Preparedness - The Need
- Disaster Recovery Process - Getting Started

Part 2: Needs Assessment

- What is a Disaster
- Identifying Business Objectives
- Vulnerability Assessment
- Systems Availability - RTO vs RPO
- Critical Server Definition

Part 3: Building the plan

- Team Building
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Plan Elements
- Mission Statement and Scope
- Information Gathering
 - Plan Activation Matrix
 - Disaster Notification
 - Recovery Script
 - Steps to Recovery
 - Vital Records

Part 4: Exercising the Plan

- Testing - Passive (table top exercise)
- Testing - Active (test 'till you get it right)
- Plan Maintenance

Experience



Awards

- Impact Speaker Award & Lifetime Achievement – Common
- 45 International Speaker Awards
- Top rated sessions – IBM Events
- Best New Speaker – Common New Orleans
- Best Session Rated Speaker – CIO Summit
- Speaker of Merit – Conference Mexico City
- Best New Session – 3 time winner
- Inducted into the IBM Common Speaker Hall of Fame
- Top International Speaker Presidents Award

Keynotes

- CIO Summit – 2015 - Los Angeles
- IBM Sweden – European IT Congress
- Get your Head in the Cloud – WMCPA – 2014
- Data Center Down – Hostkonferenzen Zurich 2012, 2013
- Presented over **145 sessions** at IBM, Oracle, EMC, VMWare, CIO Summits and POWER Systems Events
- IBM Common – Fall 2000 – 2006, Spring 2001 – 2015
- IBM Mexico – November 2001, 2003
- IBM Europe – Stockholm 2006, 2010, 2014, UK 2013
- Help Systems Conferences 1999 – 2005, 2010, 2012
- Toronto Users Group – 2000 – 2005, Spring – 2006, 2007
- JDE User Group – September 2002, February 2003, June 2005, 2008, 2010 – 2013, 2015
- Emergency Response & Business Continuity Planning Conference – Toronto Jan 2005
- Emergency Response & Business Continuity Planning Conference – Ottawa Jan 2006, 2009

Technical Pubic Speaking Engagements

- 911 DR Summit – 2014 Manhattan, NY
- COLLABORATE- 2009 - 2015 - Oracle Community
- IT Executive Leadership Summit – 2013 Austin TX

Disaster Recovery Workshops

- IBM Events: 2007 - 2013, Europe 2012 - 2014, NY 2014
- Regional User Groups – 2007 - 2015