

## Beyond Disaster Recovery: Taking Your Enterprise from High Availability to Continuous Availability

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## **Shifting to Continuous Availability**



- A little bit of history...
- Drivers
- Requirements
- Concepts
- Configurations





## **Availability and the IBM Mainframe**





Geographically Dispersed Parallel Sysplex Peer to Peer Remote Copy (GDPS/PPRC)





Continuous Availability of Data within a Data Center

> GDPS/HyperSwap Mgr RPO = 0 / RTO = 0

Single Data Center Applications remain active

Continuous access to data in the event of a storage subsystem outage



## GDPS / HyperSwap Manager

- Synchronizing copies of data within a data center using a primary and secondary storage control unit
- Provides continuous data availability by protecting against a storage outage within a data center

## ISSUE:

• No protection given for a data center level failure!

#### NOTE:

Recovery Point Objective (RPO) measures data copy latency Recovery Time Objective (RTO) measures time to "system" recovery





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Continuous Availability w/ Disaster Recovery within a Metropolitan Region

GDPS/PPRC RPO = 0 / RTO <1hr (>35 km) RPO = 0 / RTO = 0 (<35 km)

> Two Data Centers Systems remain active

Multi-site workloads can withstand site and/or storage failures



#### GDPS/PPRC

- Built on a multi-site Parallel Sysplex and synchronous disk replication
- Provides
  - Metro-area Disaster Recovery
    - Limited to ~120 miles (200 km)
    - RTO up to an hour to start applications on the remote site
  - Metro-area Continuous Availability
    - RTO of Zero but limited to ~20 miles (35 km) apart using fiber
    - Signal latency impacts OLTP thru-put and batch duration

#### Issue:

Insufficient site separation for some workloads!





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Continuous Availability of Data within a Data Center	Continuous Availability w/ Disaster Recovery within a Metropolitan Region	Disaster Recovery at Extended Distance	GDPS/XRC and GDPS/GM
GDPS/HyperSwap Mgr	GDPS/PPRC	GDPS/GM & GDPS/XRC	disk replication
RPO = 0 / RTO = 0	RPO = 0 / RTO <1hr (>20 km) RPO = 0 / RTO = 0 (<20 km)	RPO secs / RTO <1 hr	Unlimited distance for
Single Data Center	Two Data Centers	Two Data Centers	solutions
Applications remain active	Systems remain active	Rapid Systems Disaster Recovery with "seconds" of Data Loss	<ul> <li>Requires the failed site's workload to be</li> </ul>
Continuous access to data in the event of a storage subsystem outage	Multi-site workloads can withstand site and/or storage failures	Disaster recovery for out of region interruptions	restarted in the recovery site resulting in RTO of up to an
			hour
			Issue:
			Can NOT achieve an RTO of seconds
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Continuous Availability of Data within a Data Center	Continuous Availability w/ Disaster Recovery within a Metropolitan Region	Disaster Recovery at Extended Distance	Regional Continuous Availability w/ Disaster Recovery @ Extended Distance
GDPS/HyperSwap Mgr	GDPS/PPRC	GDPS/GM & GDPS/XRC	GDPS/MGM & GDPS/MzGM
RPO = 0 / RTO = 0	RPO = 0 / RTO < 1hr (>20 km) RPO = 0 / RTO = 0 (<20 km)	RPO secs / RTO <1 hr	
Single Data Center	Two Data Centers	Two Data Centers	Three Data Centers
Applications remain active	Systems remain active	Rapid Systems Disaster Recovery with "seconds" of Data Loss	High availability for site disasters
Continuous access to data in the event of a storage subsystem outage	Multi-site workloads can withstand site and/or storage failures	Disaster recovery for out of region interruptions	Disaster recovery for regional disasters
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## **Hybrid Solution**



#### **GDPS/PPRC**

- Provides a continuous availability environment by using two sites within a metro region
  - Protects against single site outages

#### GDPS/XRC

- Uses a third site to provide Disaster Recovery for both primary sites
  - Protects against a regional disaster

#### Issue:

Still can not achieve an RTO of seconds during a regional outage



# Interagency Paper on Sound Practices to Strengthen the Resilience of the U.S. Financial System

- 1. Identify clearing and settlement activities in support of critical financial markets
- 2. Determine appropriate recovery and resumption objectives for clearing and settlement activities in support of critical markets

...core clearing and settlement organizations should develop the capacity to *recover and resume* clearing and settlement activities within the business day on which the disruption occurs with the overall goal of achieving recovery and resumption *within two hours* after an event

- 3. Maintain *sufficient geographically dispersed resources* to meet recovery and resumption objectives
  - Back-up arrangements should be as far away from the primary site as necessary to avoid being subject to the same set of risks as the primary location.
  - The effectiveness of back-up arrangements in recovering from a wide-scale disruption should be confirmed through testing
- 4. Routinely use or test recovery and resumption arrangements.

One of the lessons learned from September 11, 2001 - is that testing of business recovery arrangements should be expanded



# How much interruption can your business tolerate?



#### **Ensuring Business Continuity:**

- Standby Disaster Recovery
  - Restore business after an unplanned outage
  - High-Availability
    - Meet Service Availability objectives
      - 99.9% availability

Active/Active

- 8.8 hours of down-time a year
- Continuous Availability
  - No downtime (planned or not)

Global Enterprises that operate across timezones no longer have any 'off-hours' window, making Continuous Availability a requirement!

# Cost of 1 hour of downtime during core business hours

Cost of Downtime by Industry				
Industry Sector	Loss per Hour			
Financial	\$8,213,470			
Telecommunications	\$4,611,604			
Information Technology	\$3,316,058			
Insurance	\$2,582,382			
Pharmaceuticals	\$2,058,710			
Energy	\$1,468,798			
Transportation	\$1,463,128			
Banking	\$1,145,129			
Chemicals	\$1,071,404			
Consumer Products	\$989,795			

Source: Robert Frances Group 2006, "Picking up the value of PKI: Leveraging z/OS for Improving Manageability, Reliability, and Total Cost of Ownership of PKI and Digital Certificates."



# **Disruptions affect more than the bottom line**



September 9, 2008 London Stock Exchange Paralyzed by Glitch

## THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

InformationWeek

August 4, 2010



September 6, 2010 Virginia Grapples with IT Outage

April 21. 2011 Failure at Amazon data center takes down sites across Internet; AP Associated Press millions of Web users affected,

#### Enormous impact on the business

- Downtime costs can equal up to 16 percent of revenue <sup>1</sup>
- 4 hours of downtime severely damaging for 32 percent of organizations, <sup>2</sup>
- Data is growing at explosive rates growing from 161EB in 2007 to 988EB in 2010<sup>3</sup>
- Regulatory compliance implications as fines associated with downtime are common in some industries
- Downtime ranges from 300–1,200 hours per year, depending on industry<sup>1</sup>

1 Infonetics Research, The Costs of Enterprise Downtime: North American Vertical Markets 2005, Rob Dearborn and others, January 2005. 2 Continuity Central, "Business Continuity Unwrapped," 2006, http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0358.htm 3 The Expanding Digital Universe: A Forecast of Worldwide Information Growth Through 2010, IDC white paper #206171, March 2007



## **Customer Requirements**

RTO near zero, Replace roll-your-own, Leverage all resources

#### Shift focus from failover to nearly-continuous availability

- "Recover my business rather than my platform technology"
  - Multi-sysplex, multi-platform solution
  - No application changes
  - Access data from any site with unlimited distance between sites
  - Provide application level granularity rather than the current "all-or-nothing" model
    - Some workloads may require immediate access from every site
    - Some workloads may only need to update other sites every 24 hours
- Minimize costs and Optimize resource utilization
  - Automated recovery processes (similar to GDPS technology today) Minimizing operator learning curve
  - Provide workload distribution between sites
    - Dynamically select sites based on their ability to handle workload
    - Route around failed sites





#### **Active/Active concepts**







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Two or more sites, separated by <u>unlimited</u> distances, running the same applications & having the same data to provide:

- Cross-site Workload Balancing
- Continuous Availability
- Disaster Recovery

Data at geographically dispersed sites are kept in sync via software-based data replication

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#### **Active/Active concepts**







## **GDPS/Active-Active**



#### Configurations

- Active/Standby announce 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011, GA 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011
- Active/Query statement of direction
- Active/Active intended direction

#### • Specify configuration on a "workload" consisting of:

Software:

user written applications (e.g., COBOL program) and the middleware run time environment (e.g., CICS region)

#### Data:

related set of objects that must preserve transactional consistency and optionally referential integrity constraints *(e.g., DB2 Tables)* 

#### Network connectivity: one or more TCP/IP addresses & ports (e.g., 10.10.10.1:80)



# What is a GDPS/Active-Active environment?

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#### Active-Standby Configuration Today

#### • Two Production Sysplex environments ("sites")

- One active, one standby for <u>each</u> defined workload
- Either site can be active or standby for specific workloads
- Sites can be widely geographically dispersed
- Software-based replication between the two sites
  - IMS and DB2 databases are supported now

#### Two Controller Systems

- Primary and Backup
- Typically one in each of the production locations, but there is no requirement that they are co-located in this way
- Workload balancing/routing switches
  - Must be Server/Application State Protocol compliant (SASP)
    - RFC4678 describes SASP





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# What Software comprises a GDPS/Active-Active environment?



#### Integration of multiple software products

- z/OS 1.11 or higher
- IBM Multi-site Workload Lifeline v1.1
- IBM Tivoli NetView for z/OS v6.1
- IBM Tivoli Monitoring v6.2.2 FP3
- IBM InfoSphere Replication Server for z/OS v10.1
- IBM InfoSphere IMS Replication for z/OS v10.1
- System Automation for z/OS v3.3
- GDPS/Active-Active v1.1
- Optionally the OMEGAMON suite of monitoring tools to provide additional insight



#### **High level architecture**







## **Functional breakdown**



#### IBM Multi-site Workload Lifeline v1.1

- <u>Advisor</u>.....runs on the Controllers & provides information to the external load balancers on where to send transactions and information to GDPS on the health of the environment. There is one primary and one secondary advisor
- <u>Agent</u>.....runs on all production images with active/active workloads and provides information to Lifeline Advisor on health of that system

#### IBM Tivoli NetView for z/OS v6.1

- Runs on all systems, providing automation and monitoring functions.
- NetView Enterprise Master normally runs on the Primary Controller

### • IBM Tivoli Monitoring v6.2.2 FP3

- Run on the Controllers, or Linux on System z, or distributed servers
- Monitoring infrastructure & portal plus alerting/situation management via:
  - Tivoli Enterprise Portal
  - Tivoli Enterprise Portal Server
  - Tivoli Enterprise Monitoring Server



## **Functional breakdown**



- IBM InfoSphere Replication Server for z/OS v10.1
  - Runs on production images where required to capture (active) and apply (standby) data updates for DB2 data.
  - Relies on MQ as the data transport mechanism (QREP).

#### IBM InfoSphere IMS Replication for z/OS v10.1.1

- Runs on production images where required to capture (active) and apply (standby) data updates for IMS data.
- Relies on TCPIP as the data transport mechanism.

#### System Automation for z/OS v3.3

- Runs on all images, providing many critical functions, e.g.:
  - BCPii (communicate with consoles)
  - System Automation infrastructure for workload and server management
  - Remote communications capability to enable GDPS to manage sysplexes from outside the sysplex



## **Functional breakdown**



#### GDPS/Active-Active v1.1:

Runs only on the Controllers. Provides the following functions:

- Workload management (e.g.: start/stop of workloads)
- Replication management (e.g.: start/stop replication between sites)
- Routing management (e.g.: start/stop routing to a site)
- System & Server management (e.g.: STOP, LOAD, RESET, CBU/OOCoD)
- Monitoring of the environment
- Alerting based on any unexpected deviations
- Planned/Unplanned situation management & control
- Complex/compound scenario automation via scripting capability

#### **Optional:**

OMEGAMON suite of monitoring tools for additional insight



## **Functional Breakdown**







## Sample environment –

All workloads active in Site 1, Site 2 is only for stand-by





#### Sample scenario – Unplanned workload outage



- Failure is detected and an alert is issued
- GDPS receives the alert and runs a monitor to check the status of both sites
- If GDPS monitor finds an issue that could prevent a switch to the standby site, a prompt is generated on the console
- If all is OK, transactions are automatically routed to the stand-by site, making it active, as the workload is already available to process work
  - There is a policy option to prompt the operator for a switch decision rather than automatic switching.
- Once the switch takes place, GDPS schedules an unplanned workload switch script to carry out any post switch actions that may be required such as adding capacity via CBU/OOCoD.





#### Sample scenario – Site1 planned outage



- Stop routing transactions to workloads active in Site1
- Stop replication from Site1 to Site2
- Stop replication for Site2 active workloads sending updates to Site1 (if any)
- Start routing transactions for workloads previously active in Site1 to Site2

The workloads are now processing transactions in Site2 for all workloads, with no replication to Site1

- Then, as required by the scenario:
  - Stop workloads in Site1
  - Close down all systems in Site1



## Positioning



- GDPS/Active-Active is for mission critical workloads that have stringent recovery objectives that can not be achieved using existing GDPS solutions.
  - RTO measured in seconds for unplanned outages
  - RPO measured in seconds for unplanned outages
  - Non-disruptive site switch of workloads for planned outages
  - At any distance
  - NOT intended to substitute for local availability solutions (eg: Parallel Sysplex enabled applications)





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RPO – recovery point objective RTO – recovery time objective





