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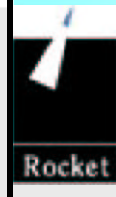
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Legacy nuggets

Yes, they don't call our hockey team the Hurricanes for no reason. Fortunately, everyone was safe at Dignus and came through Isabel with minimal damage. Not a highly recommended way to test your UPS system and your mainframes power supplies but it does confirm the reason we have always been vigilant on our backup procedures. Dignus houses some 18 servers, 3 of which are mainframe systems and so power backup is essential to ensure our excellent customer response times for turnaround on any issue related to a particular operating system.

The North Carolina power grid is generally reliable unless we are getting storms of any kind. We may get power spikes on a normal sunny day just to liven things up. With the normal coastal weather the way it is, Dignus has been quite fortunate to only be off the air for a day during the serious ice storm late last year when power was out in some areas for 10 days.



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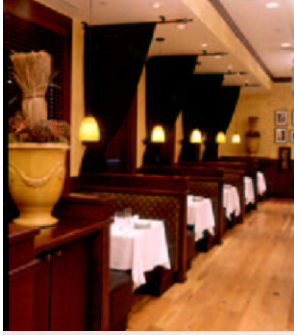
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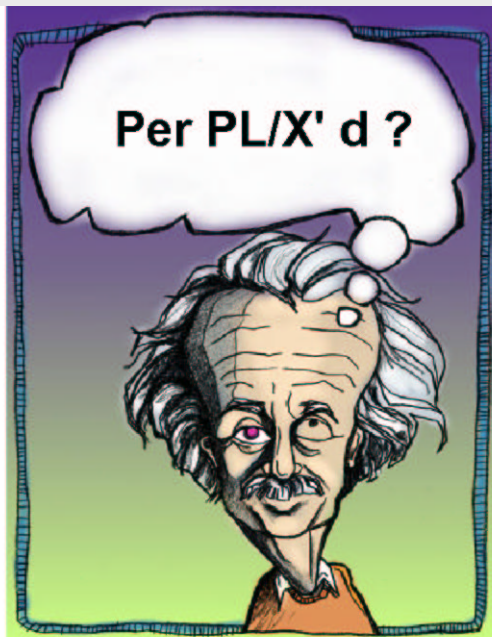
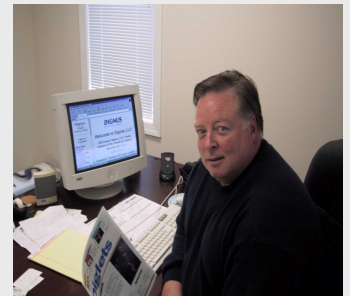


"From the second you are escorted to your spacious table, you are treated like family - the typical Italian way to treat everyone. Soon to grace the crisp, white linen is a paradise of food that will leave anyone full and satisfied, and ensure several return visits." The unique aromatic bread with olive oil to dip and then the sea bass. Momma Mia. Fresh fillet of moist and flaky Chilean sea bass brushed with herb-garlic oil and seared on iron. Served with a roasted red pepper cream sauce, sautéed spinach and garlic mashed potatoes. Who can resist? When Dignus takes their guests to Biaggi's, customer service takes on a whole new look. "Bon Appetit!"

Marketing Dimensions

PartnerWorld for Developers members who are qualified for mainframe server benefits were invited to attend the Fall 2003 zSeries technical disclosure meeting which was held at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel in Poughkeepsie, NY on September 30th, 2003.

This meeting is the primary means for vendors to get in-depth, technical, pre-general availability knowledge that is not available to the public.



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This non-disclosure meeting covers strategy, trends, and directions for the IBM eServer zSeries 990 architecture and its key technologies. The intent of this meeting was to share methods for exploiting the latest functions in software and hardware technology. To that end, Dave Rivers and our Principal Architect, Mike Arnold, booked the trip to meet at LaGuardia with our stealth operative in New York, Greg Alexander.

The trip was very successful in that we were able to meet with many different development companies, many of which benefit from the Dignus Compilers and Assembler. Neon Systems, Rocket Software, StorageTek, Software AG, and IBM just to mention a few. Presentations were made by IBM about the futures of many software products and even brushed on PL/X. Ergo the Dignus promotion.



Dave's Corner

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There is just something about fall, and hurricanes, that can really make you think. The weather changes, and a new wind can "blow in" new things. Throughout the summer we strived to get our new Systems/ASM 1.70 out the door. The greatest features being its ability to help transition any ASM program from a traditional mainframe environment to the new mainframe Linux environments.

In concert with Systems/ASM 1.70 we have just released the 1.70 Release of Systems/C and Systems/C++. The new Systems/C and Systems/C++ **PLINK** utility has been totally rewritten, to meet the demand of more modern Systems/C and Systems/C++ programs. In particular, this version of **PLINK** supports "weak" definitions, allowing for automatic instantiation of C++ templates without the need for cumbersome build machinations or bloated load modules. This new version of **PLINK** can also function as a replacement for the IBM pre-linker. IBM compatible objects, generated by Systems/C and Systems/C++, can now be pre-linked on cross-platform hosts, greatly improving the build management process. Systems/C C runtime also now includes new ASCII/EBCDIC translation routines which aid in interoperability with ASCII systems. Systems/C has been enhanced to provide language features compatible with SAS/C(tm), easing the transition from a SAS/C programming environment to a new Systems/C programming environment.

So - let the winds of change blow, and bring in new features that help everyone!



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Rocket Software is an innovative, outsourced software product development firm providing new product development and legacy product support to major OEM software and hardware vendors.

Rocket developers have utilized a unique capability of the Dignus Systems/C product called "Direct Call" to enable an assembler interface to pre-existing libraries developed in 'C'. " It just works. We were able to immediately add an assembler interface to an existing C library component of the Rocket Agent for SecurID and z/OS by simply recompiling the 'C' library with the Dignus Systems/C compiler using the 'Direct Call' capability," commented Chris Bailey, Senior Architect.

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Get With It !

by Mike

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When my son, Jacob (driving Duke the Wonder Pony) and my wife, Penny, ended the day with a blue ribbon in the "Pick Your Own Route" obstacle competition, I could have just busted out of my braces. Wow, what a day at the Carolina Fall Classic Pleasure Driving Show. We took home several blue ribbons as well as a couple of trophies for high-point single horse and high-point Morgan (with our Morgan - Spring Hollow Dark Shadow).

I hope you all get a chance to be outdoors in the fresh air with your families.

Go Duke! He's way cool, y'all !



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