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GUESS WHERE I AM !

Every month we will invite Newsletter readers to guess in which part of the world is the EPV explorer. The editorial staff will collect the results and at the end of the year we will send a symbolic prize to the participant with the highest number of correct answers.In case of a tie the winner will be chosen by drawing.
The real prize is that he will also decide the NGO EPV Technologies will donate 1.000,00 Euro to, choosing from: MSF (www.medicisenzafrontiere.it), TDH (www.terredeshommes.it) and WWF (www.wwf.it).

The solution of March is
Che Guevara Mausoleum in Santa Clara, Cuba.

Tech-papers

Sustainable Cost Reduction

No modern enterprise can prosper without an appropriate investment in infrastructure and information technology. It is through this technology that companies interact with their customers and business partners, and the cost of IT generally accounts for a significant portion of the total budget. The constantly rising cost of technology is leading companies to sharpen their focus on initiatives that will maximize its effectiveness.

This white paper will consider how an organization can build a business case to develop and implement a strategy for achieving sustainable cost reductions in IT. The concepts explained herein have been derived from CPT Global's years of experience helping organizations address the problem of escalating technology costs, which are often a function of background throughput and performance issues.

This paper will explain:
•   Key drivers for IT cost reductions
•   Common areas of inefficiency and poor performance
•   Root causes of technology performance problems
•   Organizational resistance to change in a cost-reduction context
•   CPT Global's recommendations for a sustainable cost-reduction strategy
•   Governance issues that can hinder an otherwise successful cost-reduction program

This paper will also discuss tactics that an IT organization should consider when implementing a cost reduction strategy, to minimize risk and maintain control of the service delivery model.

If you want to receive the paper you can write to:
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Partnership with CPT Global

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Re-inventing ICT but not the wheel (new book)

by Flavio Gaj and Silvio Antonio Varagnolo

This book – published on February 2017 by Il Sole 24 ore - was written by Flavio Gaj (independent ICT consultant) and Silvio Varagnolo (IT Function Transformation team leader in PwC Italy), with the collaboration of Francesco Ferrari, Giampiero Rado, Andrea Mazza and the Technology Competence Center of PwC Italy.

The aim of the book is to help ICT organization (both on Customer side and Outsourcer side) to face the challenge of Digitalization, also adopting new market offers such as Cloud or selective outsourcing though keeping under strict control Service quality and costs.

The book is already available for purchase on Il Sole 24 Ore store and on Amazon store.

The complexity of Information Technologies and their indissoluble connection with the business urgently requires a different and more effective way of managing Information Services. Information Services are an integral part of everyday life. Greater emphasis on quality as perceived by customers and end-users, and a different, more rigorous and quantitative, way of measuring and managing these Services will become a must over the next few years. These, together with effective cost control, will be the critical success factors for IT Service organizations that aspire to succeed.

The approach proposed here encompasses going back to basics and a Copernican revolution.

A Copernican revolution because it inverts views and priorities: the constraints and rigidity of IT no longer condition business. Rather, business priorities direct and guide, quantitatively and rigorously, the IT operations.

Back to basics because it retrieves, enhances, adopts and adapts well-established manufacturing criteria and concepts such as the Bill of Materials (i.e. the product described in its tangible and intangible components), the quantitative measurement of failures, incidents and SLA as perceived by end-users and not only intended for IT technical management.

Tech-support

WLM new functions

IBM introduced two important new functions with WLM Administrative Application level 31 in z/OS 2.1 and 2.2

• a "Honor Priority" attribute can be specified for any service class; possible values are: default and NO; if set to NO it will override the system wide IIPHONORPRIORITY value specified in OPT;

• a memory limit, in GB, can be specified for any resource group; it allows to limit the amount of memory capacity available to one or more service classes on system-level.

More details at: http://publibz.boulder.ibm.com/zoslib/pdf/OA50845.pdf

R E C I P E S

Saltimbocca alla Romana

Ingredients

4 escalopes
4 slices of Prosciutto di Parma
4 leafs of sage
50g butter
Salt
pepper
white wine

Method

To prepare the Saltimbocca alla romana you begin by arranging the meat on a cutting board, eliminating any nerves and grease, then beat with a taper.
Divide each slice in half, thus obtaining 8 pieces in all.
Put the slices of ham and then the sage leaves that you will stick with the toothpicks by entering the tip first on one side and then on the other.
Let melt the butter in the frying pan
And as soon as it is warm, lay the saltimbocca in the pan and let it brown for a couple of minutes on both sides.
Subsequently blend with white wine.
At the end of cooking add salt and pepper and finally you can serve Saltimbocca alla romana.

"Shit... You shoot me in a dream, you better wake up and apologize"
Reservoir Dogs - Mr White

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