

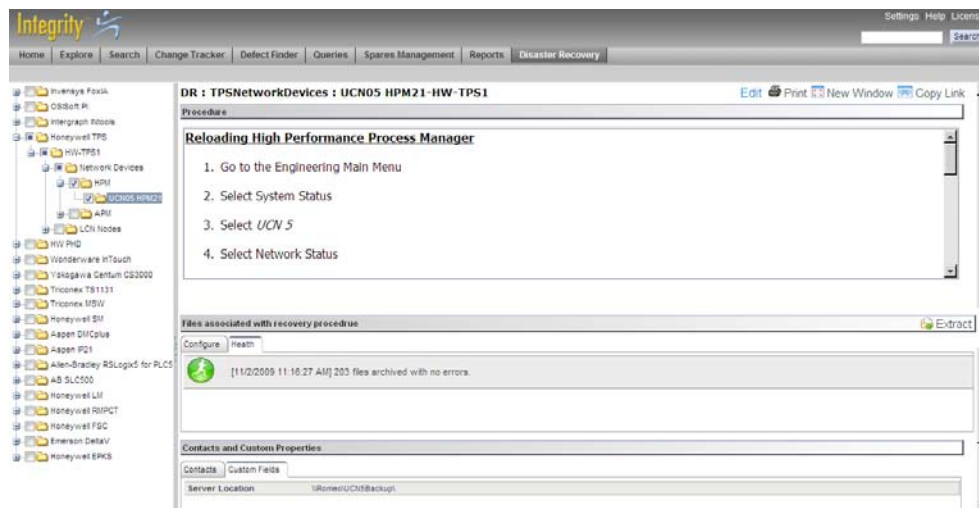


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Disaster Recovery Breakthrough

Comprehensive solution dramatically reduces automation system downtime after a disaster.

Houston, TX – November 11th, 2009 – PAS, a leading provider of automation and operational effectiveness solutions to process industries worldwide has introduced Integrity Disaster Recovery, a new solution to accelerate the restoration of processing plants to commission in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.



Simple menu driven recovery process

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Automation systems are crucial to plant operations, and delays in restarting these systems after a disaster is always costly, particularly in the refining and petrochemical industry. For example, based upon typical operating margins, a

250,000 barrel-per-day oil refinery may lose as much as \$67,000 per hour downtime. Recognizing this threat, PAS has developed a comprehensive solution that combines expert services with its Integrity™ Software to enable the fastest and most robust automation recovery possible.

“The Integrity Disaster Recovery solution is very different from conventional backup regimes in that we are able to provide a centralized recovery mechanism for all automation systems, including legacy systems that are not supported by standard IT tools,” said Chris Lyden, PAS President.

The Integrity Disaster Recovery solution from PAS includes a complete survey of all automation assets within the plant and creates a site-specific recovery plan. This plan includes the details of the backup and restoration processes and a comprehensive restoration procedure for all of a plant’s automation systems. Data collection and archiving is scheduled for each system based upon its individual need.

The new solution also puts in place essential measures to protect and validate recovery data. A disaster recovery change management process, together with recurrent validations of the procedure, is established to ensure successful execution when the time comes.

Capabilities of Integrity are fundamental to the solution. The software enables the automatic capture and backup of each automation system’s configuration to enable a restart in the same state as before the emergency, the ability to store backup images both on site and at a secure remote facility, and the performance of regular health checks on the backup image to ensure its viability.

About PAS

PAS (www.pas.com) improves the automation and operational effectiveness of power and process plants worldwide by aggregating, contextualizing and simplifying relevant information and making it universally accessible and useful. We provide software and services that ensure safe running operations, maximize situational awareness, and reduce plant vulnerabilities. Our comprehensive portfolio includes

solutions for Alarm Management, Automation Genome Mapping, Control Loop Performance Optimization, and High-Performance Human-Machine Interfaces. PAS solutions are installed in over 1000 process industry plants worldwide.

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