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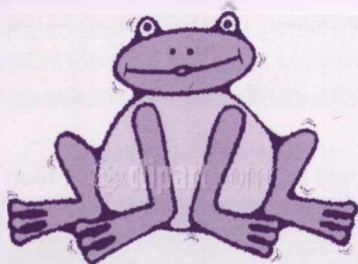
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Vanity - People should not forget the mama whale's advice to her baby: "Remember, it is only when you spout off that you get harpooned."

A frog gets to meet a beautiful young girl



A frog telephones a psychic hot line and is told, "You're going to meet a beautiful young girl who will want to know everything about you." "Great!" says the frog. "Will I meet her at a party?" "No," said the psychic, "Next year in biology class."

Digital Hunters

Prabha Ramakrishnan

The human race dominates all forms of life on the planet. It's a grand feeling. Let us enjoy it while it lasts and while nobody tells us who are the real masters of the universe. It is just great we are still the masters of the Earth, the third friendly rock from the sun.

One of the critical factors fuelling this domination is the human wisdom; a magical distillate produced from a potent brew of knowledge, experience and reflection. From the days of Stone Age, our forefathers gathered knowledge even as they gathered food. Knowledge gradually fashioned for them powers that went beyond their feeble bodies and limbs. As we journey into the rocky terrains of the 21st century, the quest for knowledge has become even more intriguing than of the quest for forbidden love.

This article focuses on the modern jungle where tall trees are called skyscrapers and the multicolored roots of the trees are known as computer network cables. In these jungles live the digital hunters. They capture and bring home massive catch of knowledge using vast high-speed nets. The UiTM Kota Samarahan's Local Area Network (LAN) within the campus is such a net for all knowledge-hunters here. Composed of leading-edge computer networking devices and the finest cables, the UiTM's network configuration is as good as or better than the multitude of LANs across Sarawak.

That's not all. The campus network turns truly awesome when our brains interface with it via various intelligent devices (such as computers systems, wireless PDAs, or the humble mobile phone). Suddenly the entire computer grid becomes us. Our senses are extended into the grid to intercept and capture information beyond all borders and across the minds of millions of humans. Which is why "network availability" is such an important issue not only within the network administrators but also within societies that place a great deal of emphasis on access to information for education, social development of knowledge citizens and much more.

According to Cisco Systems Inc, "Network availability is often confused with network reliability. Reliability is the ability of a

device or system to perform its function without failure when called upon to do so. Availability means the system is ready for immediate use. Reliable components certainly contribute to having a reliable network, but network availability is also controlled by other factors, including how rapidly a network can recover from a failure."

Network availability is an issue that the campus needs to look into. Cisco Systems Inc., adds that high network availability results from attention to three key points:

1. Choice of high-availability network elements, hardware, and software (UiTMKS has some of the best equipment available. We have passed this test.)
2. Creation and maintenance of a high-availability environment, including security. (Good work is being done on this area too at the campus.)
3. Use of network design and operations practices that emphasize high availability

Zirairatul Mohaini Mohamat (Pegawai Sistem Maklumat, UiTM Sarawak) has been in touch with Puan Ezianti Kamal (Head of Network Division, UiTM Shah Alam) and assures that this aspect is being reviewed by Unit IT and Network Division (UiTM Shah Alam) for improvement. UiTM will be implementing DRC (Disaster Recovery Center) in the near future. DRC is considered a very critical necessity for a very large network enterprises. In case of unexpected events such as a fire breakout or extended power outage in the existing server farm, data is still available to user and the event will pass transparent to the user.

Efforts in all the above three areas must consider the entire network, including LAN and campus networks, the data centers and WAN services provided by carriers or other network service providers. This end-to-end perspective is the only way to minimize the chances and frequency of failure, to minimize the duration of inevitable outages, and to achieve employee productivity and customer service and satisfaction.

One thing is sure: the campus LAN is ready to hum and resonate merrily to the march of trillions of knowledge bits. It should be music to the ears of students, lecturers, administrators and anyone who values modern digital lifestyle. Good hunting!

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Syabas!

kepada mereka yang dipilih untuk meneruskan pengajian mereka dalam program ijazah sarjana muda di UiTM.

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