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from 60 of the 80 businesses in the building, including a CPA whose computer had the tax documents of 800 clients.

What would you do if this happened to you? Panic? Sure. Rely on the backups you should have had? Hopefully. Apologize and try to reconstruct the data? Of course.

While incidents like this one are really awful, they reinforce what I talk about in my presentations and in previous blog entries: You just can't underestimate the importance of the virtual office and SaaS solutions.

Why not let someone else host your applications and maintain your data? Security is no longer an issue thanks to encryption, so why burden yourself with a possible loss of data – either through theft or even worse, disasters.

Yes, for all of my friends who live in the Gulf states, June 1 is the official start of hurricane season – and you don't want to be caught short. Thanks to advanced technologies, we can work any place, anytime – without worrying about maintaining the information.

Isn't that worth peace of mind?

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