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Spring Time-Change can Cause Issues

Although not as big as Y2k, this time-change could make your calendar seem like a disaster.

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On March 11, 2007, Daylight Savings Time will start three weeks earlier and will end one week later than what has traditionally occurred. This change is typically referred to as DST 2007. Under the DST 2007 rules, in the United States, clocks change at 02:00 local time. Along with this change on November 4, 2007, clocks will move backward from 01:59 to 01:00.

Microsoft products affected by this change:

- » Microsoft Windows
- » Microsoft Windows SharePoint Services
- » Microsoft Exchange Server
- » Microsoft Office Outlook
- » Microsoft Office Live Meeting
- » Microsoft Dynamics CRM
- » Microsoft SQL Server Notification Services
- » Microsoft Entourage



You can download and install patches from Microsoft to update your hand held, laptop or computer.

Microsoft has already released patches for most of the products on the above list. The patches can be easily downloaded off Microsoft's site by clicking the link on their home page titled Daylight Savings Time updates.

Computers set up to receive automatic updates most likely already have the updates. For updates to other Microsoft products just do a simple search for DST updates on Microsoft's site.

The two main processes likely to be affected by the change in DST are appointment scheduling and payroll hours calculations. In addition to operating system updates, Outlook users should run the Outlook Time Zone Update Tool. Users should also double-check appointments that fall into these date ranges and communicate with all meeting invitees to make sure that the item shows up correctly on everyone's calendar both internally and externally.

If you're using our Ultimate IT service you have nothing to worry about as we've already taken care of these Microsoft patches for you.

Here are some steps to help prevent errors on your calendars:

- » Include the time of the meeting in the e-mail request so that invitees can double check the correct meeting time (such as, "Project brainstorming - 11:00 A.M. Central Time").
- » Exercise caution with the appointments and meetings in the extended DST period. When in doubt, verify the correct time with the appointment organizer.
- » Consider printing out your weekly calendars during the extended DST period prior to applying the Windows patch containing the updated time zone definitions and running the Outlook Time Zone Update tool so that you can keep track of which meetings were scheduled before and after you run the tool.

Other programs may be affected by the change in DST as well. It's best to check with the software vendor to see if patches are available. Custom developed programs and in-house applications typically may not have a patch readily available. If your company has any programs that you think will need to be patched, Ignus has a talented programming group available to help out. If you have any other questions just give Ignus a call at 280-9040.

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Silver ADDY® Winner

A tough competition for tough competitors

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Hours and hours of hard work has paid off. Back in January Ignus submitted the website www.ignus.com to be judged in the regional ADDY® awards put on by the Fargo Moorhead area Advertising Federation (FM ADFED).

After the judging weekend Ignus received a letter stating that we won an ADDY® award. The letter had left out the level of award and which of our submissions had won.

A phone call was made to FM ADFED inquiring about the award level and all we got was "It's a surprise, you'll find out at the gala".

The gala, held Friday, February 23rd, took place at the Holiday Inn in Fargo. There were over 444 entries this year. We were proud to receive a Silver ADDY® award in the Business-to-Business website category for our own website.

The Fargo region has many excellent design and advertising firms. Winning an award, whether silver or gold, is no small feat.

Ignus Technologies was one of the few non-advertising companies to win. Some other non-ad agencies were MeritCare and Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota.

To view Ignus' ADDY® award winning web site visit www.ignus.com.

To learn more about the FM ADFED visit www.fmadfed.org.

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Expanding Horizons

New faces help us continue growing

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At Ignus we're proud to serve our clients in the Fargo-Moorhead community and grateful to them for our continued growth.

We have recently expanded by an additional two team members. Chad Wegner of Fargo

and Eric Zwingel of Fargo have joined Ignus to help meet our growing demand.



Chad Wegner

Chad joins the Ignus eBusiness division as an eBusiness Consultant. Chad brings a diversified background with experience and interest in all business value chain activities to the Ignus team. He spent four years in the United States

Army and also has several years of experience in sales, marketing, and logistical operations.

Chad holds a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration and a minor in Logistics Management from North Dakota State University. He will meet with our new and existing clients to help them leverage technology to improve their sales, marketing, and overall efficiency through web sites, software development, and web hosting.

You can reach Chad or get more information about web design, hosting, or software development by calling 701-280-9040 ext. 2403 or via email at: chad.wegner@ignus.com.



Eric Zwingel


Eric joined our Surveillance division and will help small and large businesses alike with surveillance, security, fraud, and loss prevention needs.

Eric brings diversity to Ignus with his experience and knowledge of Criminal Justice and operational knowledge of surveillance equipment through his years of experience in loss prevention. Eric earned bachelor's degrees in Criminal Justice and Sociology at the University of North Dakota.

You can reach Eric or get more information about our IP surveillance solutions by calling 701-280-9040 ext. 2701 or via email at: eric.zwingel@ignus.com.

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Zac Paulson



Zac Paulson

IT Sales Consultant

Credentials, certifications?
I have been interviewed at least 3 times by local media for news stories on technology.

Length of time with Ignus?
3 years in April.

What do you primarily do at Ignus?
Assist clients in developing and deploying IT infrastructure.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Actively involved in Changing Lives Tabernacle church, Develop his car audio business, Audio Garage. Sleeping when he can.

Family?
Wife, Leah. Married 3 ½ years.

Pets?
One fish, a huge 7" Oscar fish named "Oscar", and two turtles, Spike and New Guy.

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