



# **Downtime**

## **The Most Misunderstood Cost In The Business**

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# **Getting Your Money's Worth From Your Really Expensive IT Stuff**

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# What You Should Take Away From This Presentation?

What factors make up the cost of downtime?

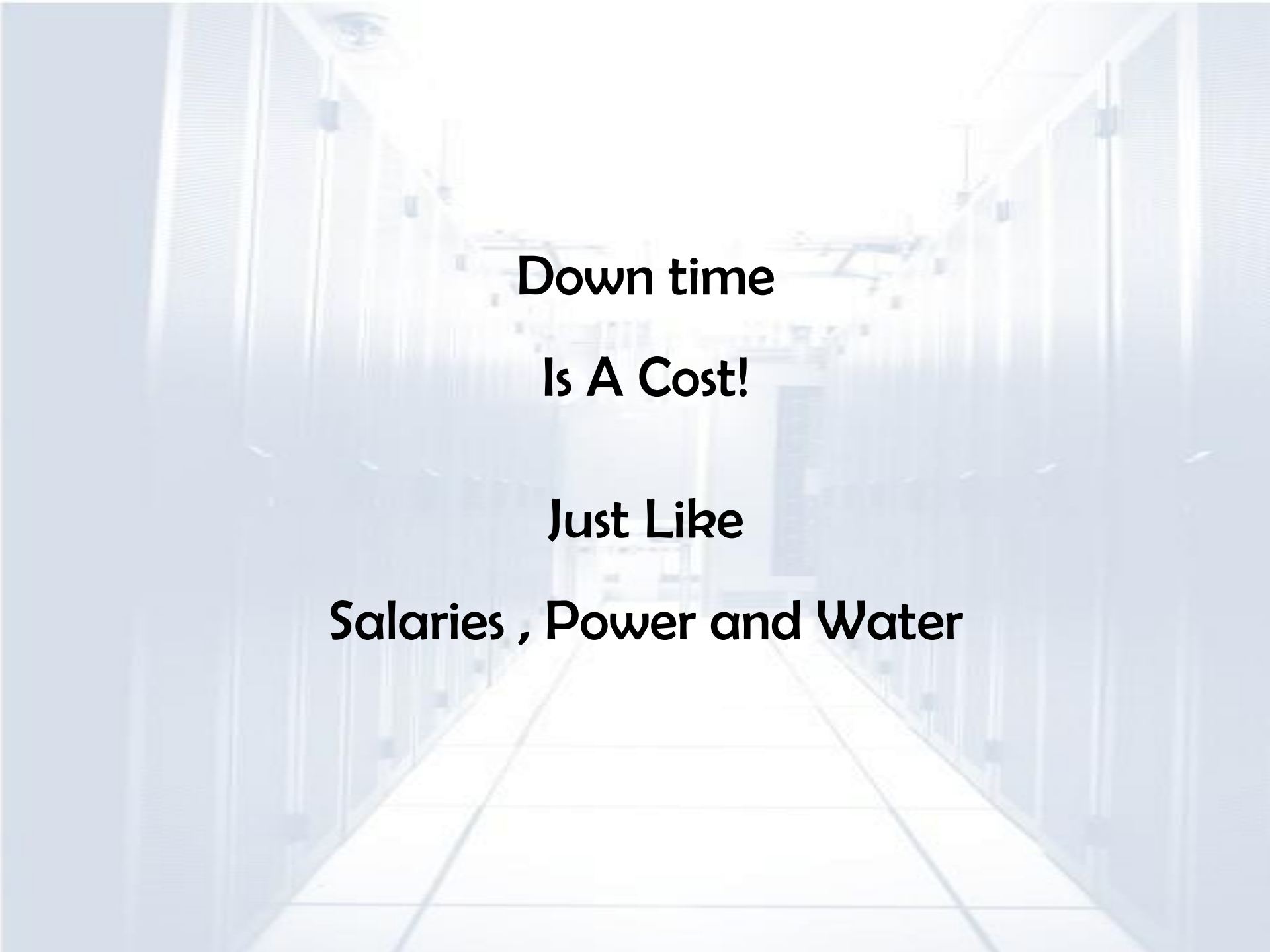
What causes downtime?

What are some strategies for limiting downtime?

How to calculate your particular cost of downtime?

Why you need to calculate your particular cost of  
downtime?

How to help your boss understand the cost of  
downtime?



**Down time  
Is A Cost!**

**Just Like  
Salaries , Power and Water**



**It Must Be**

**Budgeted**

**Managed**

**Controlled**

# The Target Audience For This Presentation

Technology Integrators

Managed Service Providers

Faculty Involved In Teaching IT Related Curriculum

Facilities and Maintenance Management

Executive and Administrative Staff

Purchasing

Staff or Clients Who Use The IT Resources

Anyone Else Who Stumbled In Looking For A Place To Sit  
Down



Founded In 1943 by Frank Hardy 60+ years in business

Nationally - Recognized Design-Build Mechanical Contractor.

All phases of commercial and Industrial mechanical work

From new construction to service and maintenance



# Clients



# Projects



CHILDREN'S  
HEALTH SYSTEM®

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GTE

Sprint

Bellsouth (now AT&T)

Bright House Networks

Advanced TeleData Systems



**HARDY**  
Mission-Critical  
Infrastructure Management

# Mission Critical

Which Processes Are Mission-Critical?

Gartner defines '**mission-critical**' applications as, "Business applications that would bring your organization to a stop if they were not running."

# What Is Mission-Critical Infrastructure?

The Hardy Definition:

All the systems that **support** Information Technology  
power, cooling, flooring, fire suppression, asset  
management, physical security, cabling, cable  
management and many other specialized  
technologies that support the servers, switches,  
routers and software that make up the server room  
landscape.



# Why Is The Management of Mission-Critical Infrastructure Important?

Because the **failure** of complex **mission-critical systems** can be **exceptionally costly** to an organization, appropriate management of these systems is **imperative** .

*The Uptime Institute*

# A Real World Story

It was one of those days. Around nine in the morning, I suddenly had to contend with an significant IT disaster: a failed UPS in a medium-size data center. The loss of all three phases kicked in the UPS, **which held the load for all of six seconds** before it quit. Poof! **The whole data center went down.**

**Power was restored less than 20 seconds later, but the damage was done.** Due to a variety of issues, I was then responsible for getting that data center back on its feet from 250 miles away. Because most of the servers ran Linux, the next hour was full of rapid keystrokes, IM communications, and a gallon of coffee.

**When a data center goes down and then back up without physical intervention, it doesn't come up nicely.** Storage arrays initialize after servers that try to mount their shares, while some servers boot without access to DNS servers that are also booting and thus have other problems -- **it's a mess.**

Luckily, there were no data corruption issues, and eventually all servers and services were returned to normal operating state. The next day consisted of trying to figure out **why a massive UPS handling a 44 percent load decided to quit after just a few seconds**, but that's [what postmortems are for](#).

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In Business

The Importance Of Mission- Critical  
Infrastructure

Is Measured In

**\$ Dollars**

<b>Industry</b>	<b>IT Service</b>	<b>CoD per Min and per Hr</b>
Financial	Brokerage Operations	\$107,500/\$6,450,000
Financial	Credit card/Sales authorization	\$43,333/\$2,600,000
Financial	ATM fees	\$241/\$14,500
Media	pay-per-view	\$2,500/\$150,000
Media	teleticket sales	\$1,150/\$69,000
Retail	Home shopping	\$1,883/\$113,000
Retail	Catalog sales	\$1,500/\$90,000
Transportation	Airline reservations	\$1,483/\$89,000
Transportation	Package shipping	\$466/\$28,000
	Mean CoD/min	\$17,784

Table 1. Downtime Cost per Hour for Various Industries (source Dataquest)

# The Cost Of Failure

How Do I Calculate The Cost ?

Daily Revenue \$s divided by Business Hours Per Day

$\$5,000 / 8 = \$625$  per Hour  
*(\$1,140,00000 annual)*

How Is Revenue Is Brought In :

Walk In - %?

Telephone - %?

Fax - %?

Email - %?

Website - %?

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Walk In} - 5\% &= \$31.25 \\ \text{Telephone} - 70\% &= \$437.50 \\ \text{Fax} - 10\% &= \$62.50 \\ \text{Email} - 10\% &= \$62.50 \\ \text{Website} - 5\% &= \$31.25 \end{aligned}$$

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# The Cost Of Failure

How Do I Calculate The Cost ?

Cost Of Associated IT Hours To Recover  
From A Data Loss

Average IT Support Time To Recover  
Six (6) Hours

*ONTRACK Data International , 2003*

Average IT Support Person  
Compensation

\$28.10 per hour

*Bureau of Labor Statistics*

Average IT Cost To Recover  
Six (6) Hours X \$28.10 = \$168.60

# The Cost Of Failure

How Do I Calculate The Cost ?

Average Alabama Wage

\$13.33 per hour

*Bureau of Labor Statistics*

Average Productivity Loss

Six (6) Hours X \$13.33 = \$79.98 per employee

\$79.98 X \*15 employees = \$1199.70

*\*Average number of employees for companies with \$1,140,00000 annual revenue according to the U.S. Census Bureau*

# The Cost Of Failure

How Do I Calculate The Cost ?

Lost Revenue = \$1750.00

IT Cost = \$169.00

Productivity Loss= \$1200.00

**Four Hour Server Outage**

**Total**

**\$3119.00**



**In The REAL World**

**The Value Of Mission-Critical  
Applications**

**Often Transcends  
The Issue Of Money**



**Reputation**

**Questioning The Companies  
Competence**

**Damaged Customer  
Stock Holder  
Confidence**

# Why People Need Technology .....

Technology Lets You Spend More Time .....

Collaboration – Team Efforts

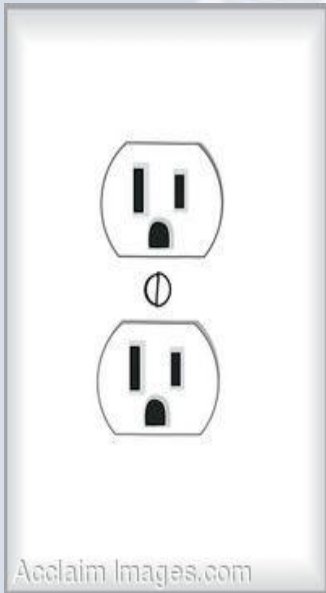
The ability to access technology tools  
outside of normal hours





In Order For Companies To Reap The Full Benefits Of  
Their Technology Investment.....

The Technology **HAS TO BE AVAILABLE!**



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# What Is Mission-Critical Infrastructure? The Parts and Pieces

Uninterruptible  
Power Supply -  
UPS

Emergency Power -  
Generator

Cooling -  
CRAC or CRAH

Fire Detection  
and Suppression

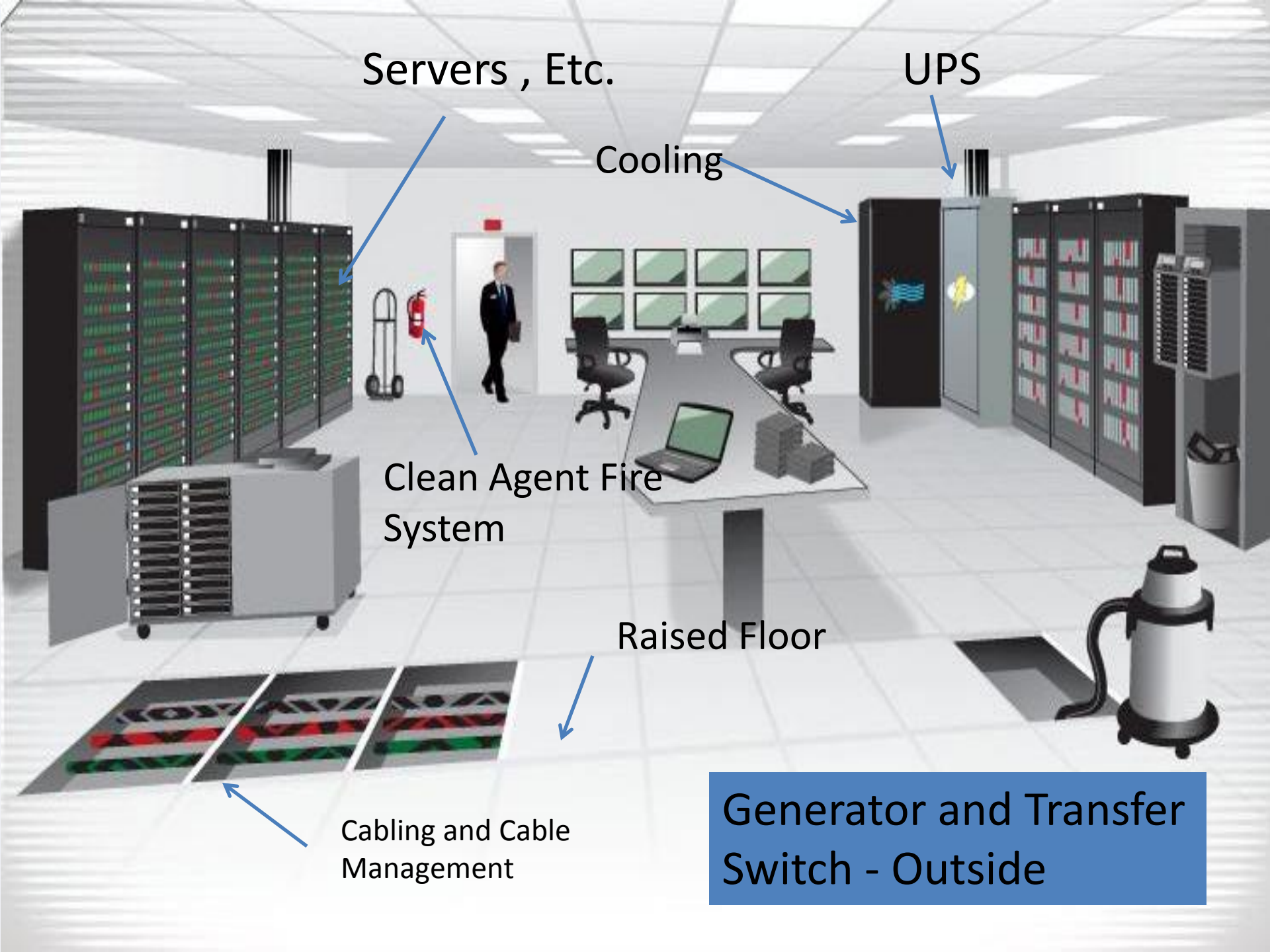
Cabinets  
and Racks

Physical Security –  
Access Control, Cameras

Cabling – Copper  
and Fiber

Asset  
Management

Flooring



Servers , Etc.

UPS

Cooling

Clean Agent Fire System

Raised Floor

Cabling and Cable Management

Generator and Transfer Switch - Outside



**Kohler 150 KW Natural Gas Generator  
2 - Liebert 5Ton CRV In Row Cooling  
Liebert NX 30 KVA UPS**



**Kohler 150 KW Natural Gas Generator  
Semi-Annual Maintenance  
Monitor**



2 - Liebert 5Ton CRV In Row Cooling  
Service Six Times Per Year  
Monitor



Liebert NX 30 KVA UPS  
Four Inspections per year  
Factory PM Annually  
Monitor





Control panel with a digital display and buttons. The display shows:

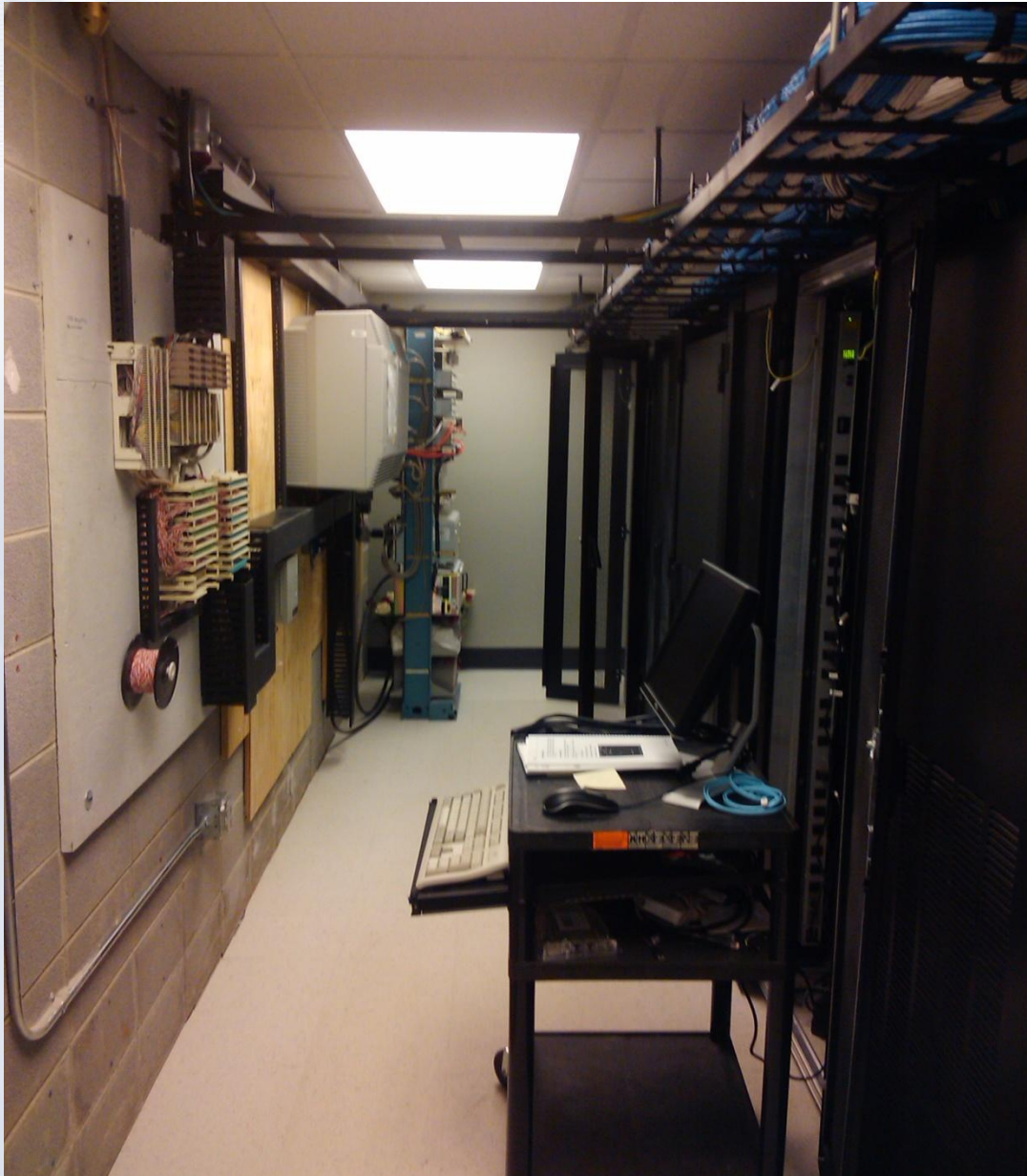
100.00% 100.00%  
COOLING  
DEFROSTING  
NO. SLATS. PRESENT

Buttons: ON/OFF, MENU/ESC, ENTER, and two arrow buttons.

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Liebert





# Computer Room Air Conditioning (CRAC)





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Continuous Operation

Humidity

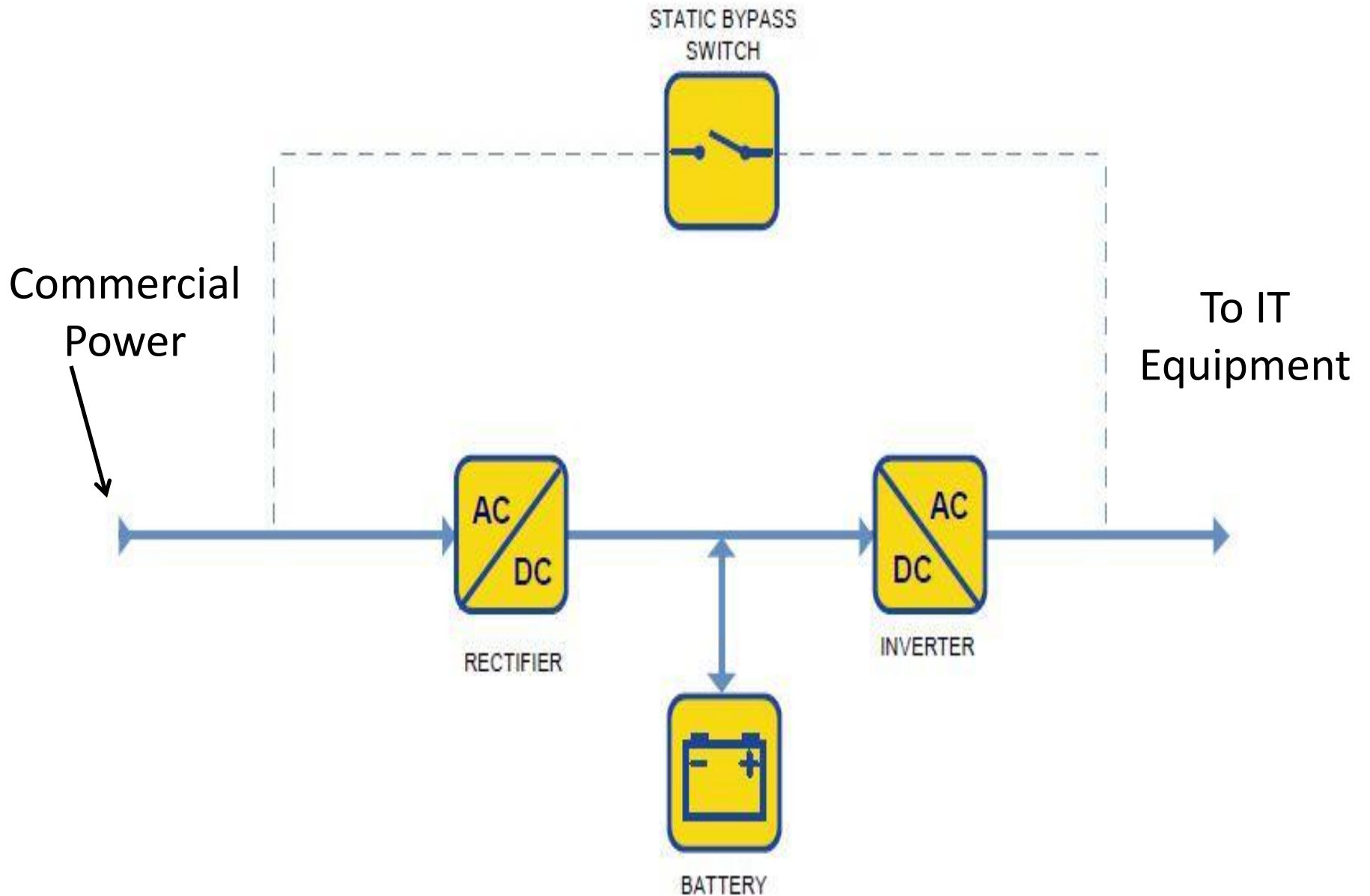
Complex Control Systems

# Uninterruptible Power Systems

## UPS



Figure 4 – Double Conversion On-Line UPS





# Uninterruptible Power Systems

## UPS

### What Kills UPS?

## Heat



# Uninterruptible Power Systems

UPS

What Kills UPS?

Heat

USE

Loose

Connections

# Emergency Backup Power Generators



Expensive To Acquire

High Cost Of Maintenance and Repair

Sit Idle Most Of The Time

Sometimes They Don't Work – When You Need Them The Most



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# GUYS!



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Security Guy

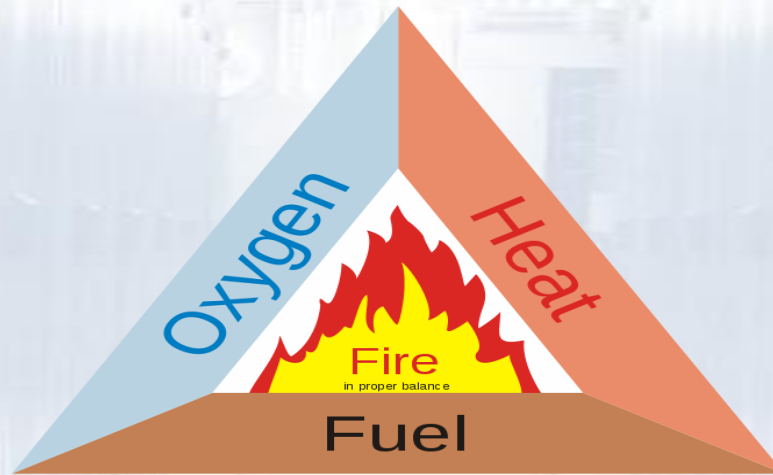


Guy



# System Integration Issues

## Fire System



## Four Guys

# System Integration Issues

Commercial Power Goes Down

Generator Kicks In

Electrical Load Is Transferred To Emergency Power

The UPS fails to recognize the generator as a legitimate power source

Latching

Three Guy Issue



**Maintain**

**Monitor**

**Respond**

\$185,000.00 Nicely Equipped

Would You Change The Oil Regularly ?



Would You Take It To The Ferrari  
Dealer For Service ?

Proper Scheduled Maintenance  
Increases The Life Of Equipment

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# Maintain

1. Lower The Instance Of Maintenance Related Failures
2. Increase The Working Life Of Equipment

\$185,000.00 Nicely Equipped

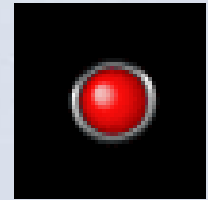
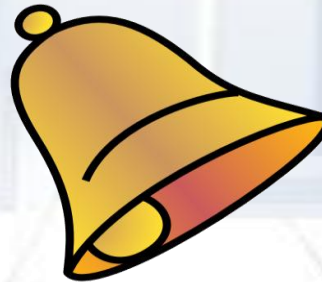
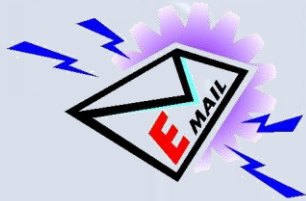
Good Stewards Of The Budget  
Dollars



# Monitor

The Difference Between  
Monitoring and Notification

Notification



If a tree falls in the forest and nobody is around to see it or hear it. Will it make any sound?

# Monitor

1. Pro-Active Diagnostic Information
2. Faster Response To Problems
3. BETTER Response To Problems

# BETTER Response To Problems

Technician Is Better Prepared When He Arrives On Site

Gives The Ability To Triage Service Calls

## Monitoring Reduces The Severity and Length Of Outages

Technicians = Time

Time = \$\$\$\$\$s

## Monitoring Saves You Money On Service

# **Respond**

**SPEED IS VERY IMPORTANT**

**PREPAREDNESS**

**DIAGNOSTIC SKILL**

**ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT**

# Respond

Response Is Not Just About

Fixing The Problem

It Also Means Understanding

**WHY**

So That It Doesn't Happen

**AGAIN!**



**Getting Value from Money Availability**

**From Your**

**Recently Expensed IT Staff**



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