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## Disaster Recovery

**‘A practical approach’**

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# The ICON Disaster Recovery Journey 2018 - Present

1. Why
2. Where to start
3. Interim Plan
4. Core Technologies Review
5. Long Term Plan
6. Play Book
7. Continuous Improvement



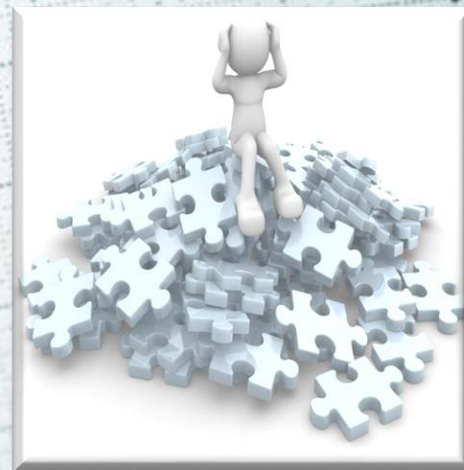


# Why

- Effects of a disaster
  - Direct damage, inaccessibility, utility outage(power, water, gas etc. )
  - Evacuations, worker absenteeism
  - Loss of revenue
- Regulations/ Standards
  - ISO 27031
  - HIPAA
  - PCI DSS
  - CRF Part 11 Validation
  - Audit
  - RFI & tenders
- Benefits
  - Improved Business processes
  - Improved technologies
  - Fewer service disruptions
  - Better quality of service
  - Competitive advantage
  - Increased business wins



**Where to start**





# Create a Strategy or 'Plan of Action' for Disaster Recovery

- Full review of existing documentation/ processes & procedures



- Full review of Business critical applications



- Clear picture of the Technical capabilities/ commitments & challenges



- Create Interim Plan

- Implement



- Create Long Term Plan

- Implement

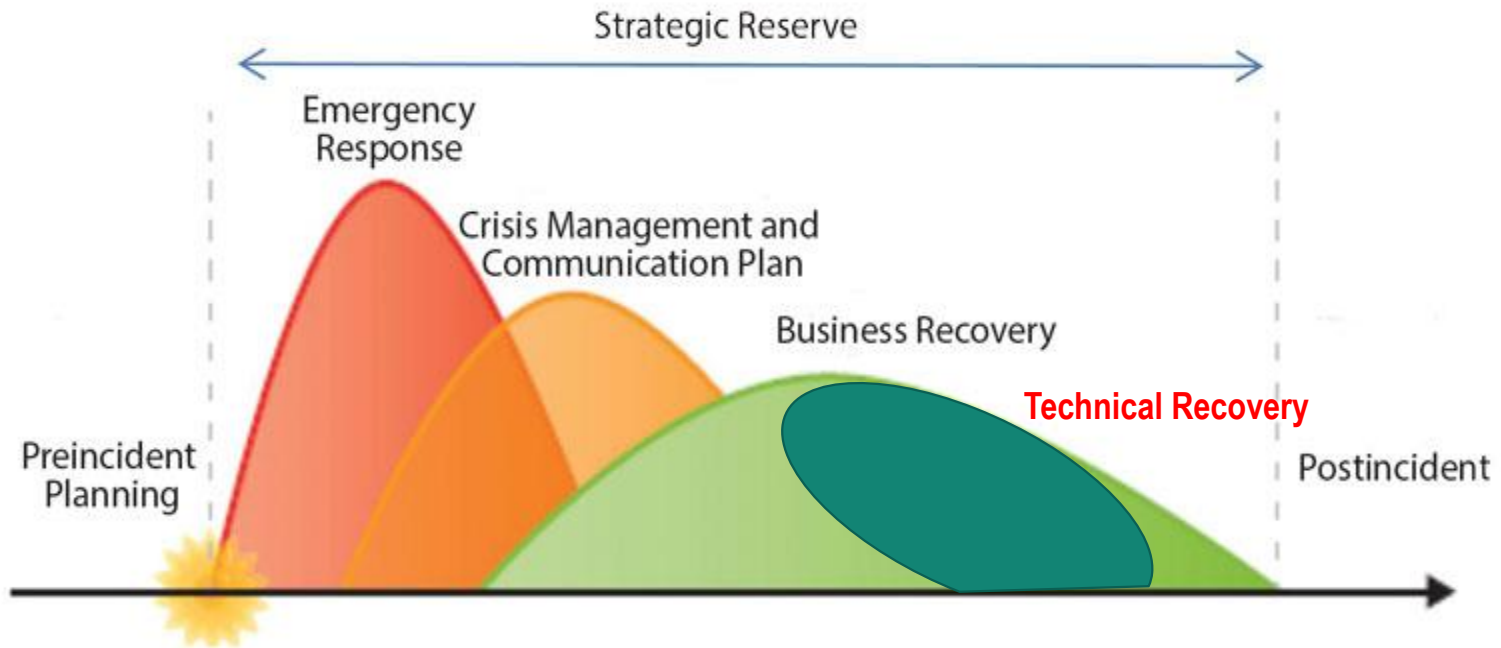


- Continuous Improvement





# Pieces of the Jigsaw





# Information Gathering & analysis

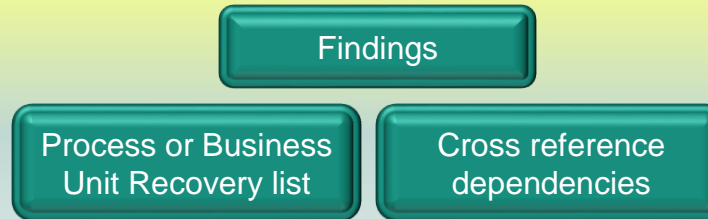
## Data Gathering



Single Data Repository

Regular testing/  
review

## Analysis/ Reporting



Document Control

Audit Trail

## Recovery






Version Control/  
Governance



# IT Recovery Capability versus IT Technologies - Review



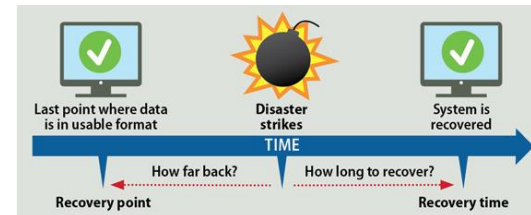
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1	4 Hours	1 Hour	 Data Replication At Least Every 1 Hour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hot Database Standby Available in Alternate Site</li> </ul>  Application Switch Over is Automated
2	12 Hours	4 Hours	 Data Replication Every 4 Hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manual Application Switch Over</li> </ul>
3	72 Hours	24 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Replication Every 24 Hours</li> <li>• Recovery From Tape or Disk</li> <li>• Manual Application Switch Over</li> </ul>



To be reviewed for Tier 1/2 applications



To confirm if automated or 'scripts' are required





# Disaster Recovery Interim Plan

1. Align Disaster Recovery Tiers to technical capabilities
2. Baseline Applications to Tier based on Recovery documentation
3. Update entries (System Tier/ RTO/ RPO) in Service Now
4. Update Standard Operating Procedures in EDMS
5. Create/ edit Recovery Run Books for Tier 1 & 2 applications
6. Perform Disaster Recovery tests for all Tier 1 & 2 applications
7. Test all IT Core Backup & Recovery processes (Tier 3 applications)
8. Deliver a Signed “Disaster Recovery Test Certificate” for all completed Recovery tests





# Core IT Technologies Review



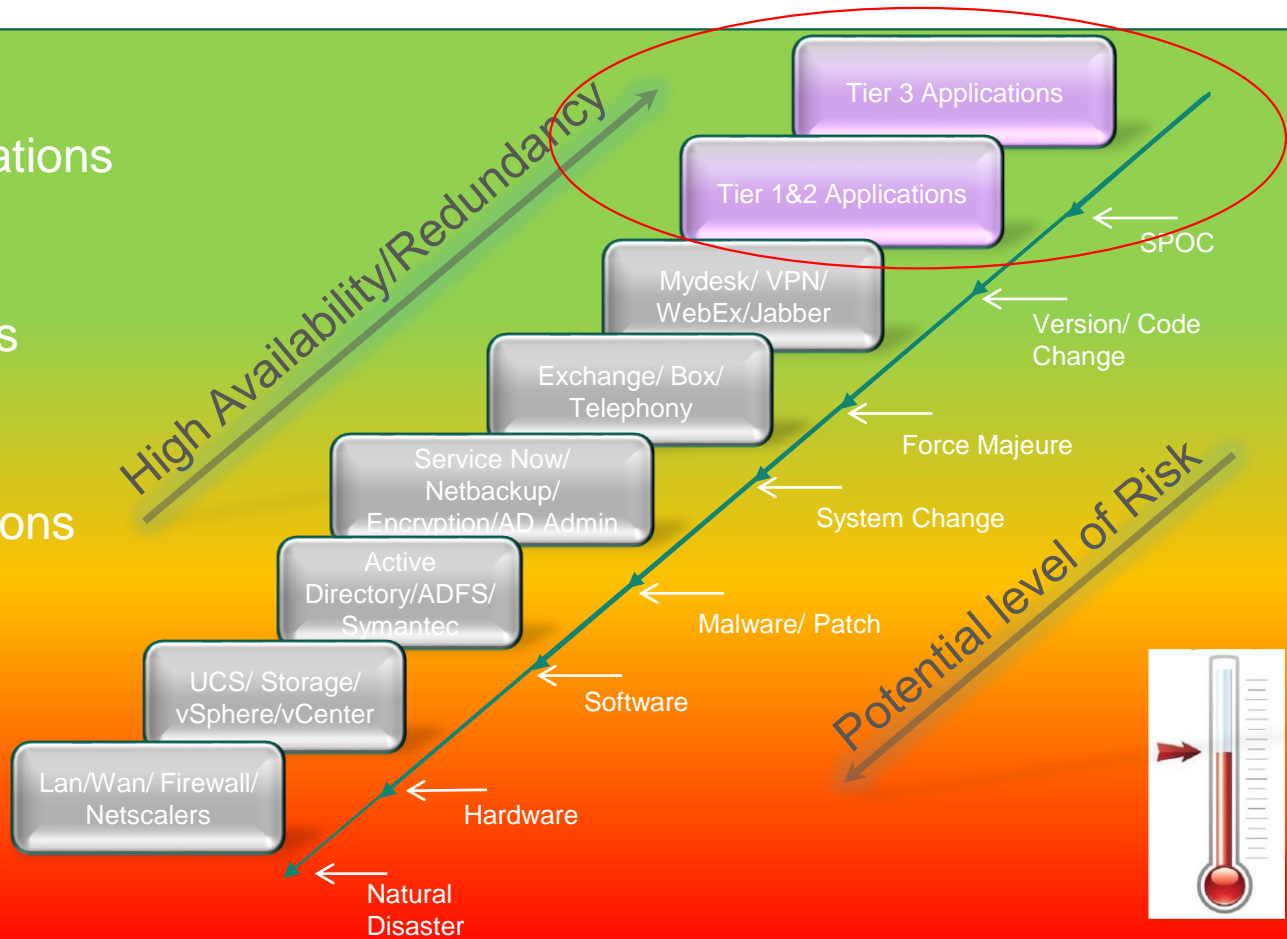
# Overall IT Disaster Recovery Risk Register

Core Business Applications

Core User Applications

Core System Applications

Core Infrastructures





# Full Analysis/ Capability & Risk Register by Technology

Lan/Wan/ Firewall/  
Netscalers

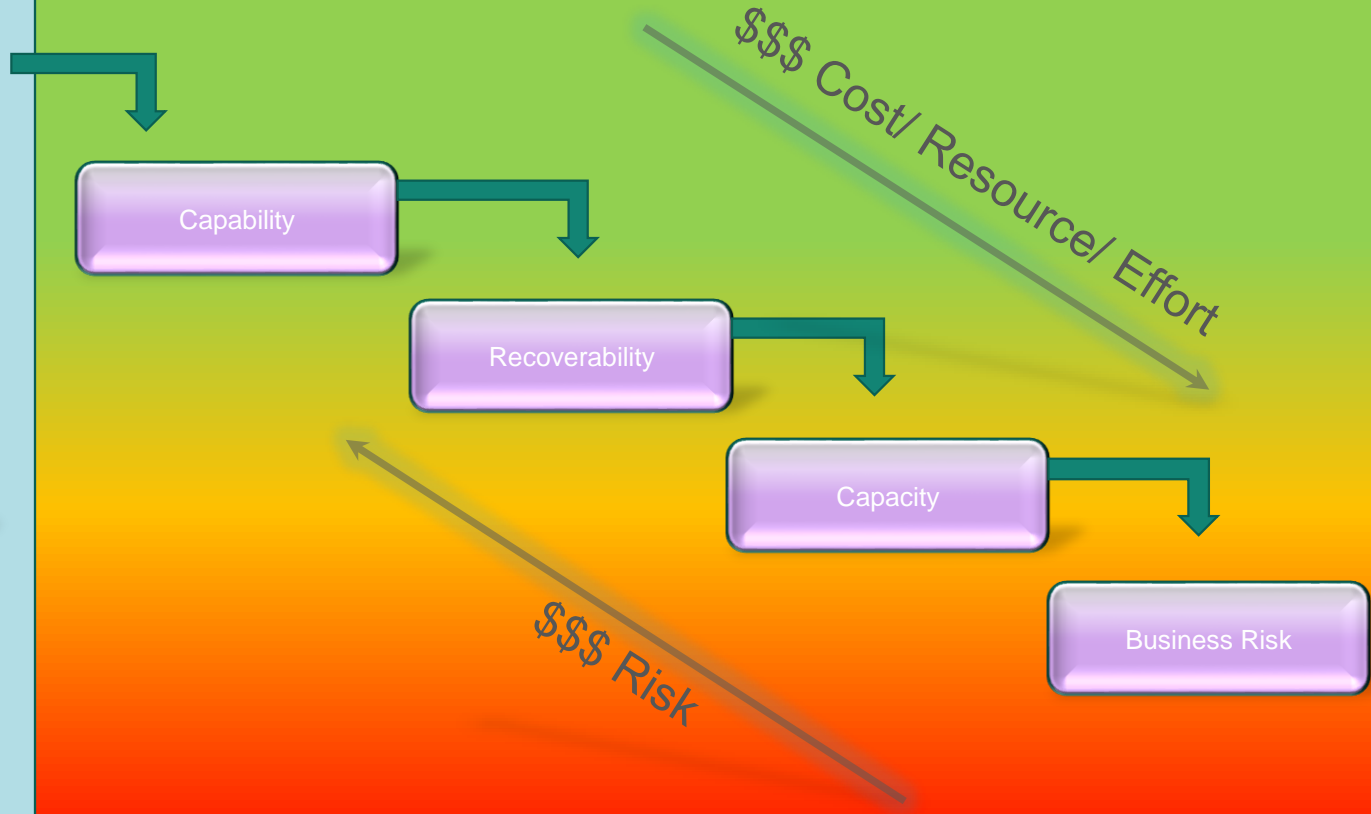
UCS/ Storage/  
vSphere/vCenter

Active  
Directory/ADFS/  
Symantec

Service Now/  
Netbackup/  
Encryption/AD Admin

Exchange/ Box/  
Telephony

Mydesk/ VPN/  
WebEx/Jabber





# IT Disaster Recovery Core IT Systems & Backup/Restore Tests

Platform	Name	Recovery Order	SOP
<div> <div>Lan/Wan/ Firewall/ Netscalers</div> <div>UCS/ Storage/Key Servers vSphere/vCenter</div> <div>Active Directory/ADFS/ Symantec Enterprise</div> </div>	<b>Backbone Network MPLS</b>	1	IT113-WP039-T01
	<b>Firewall</b>	1	IT113-WP039-T02
	<b>Netscalers</b>	1	IT113-WP039-T03
	<b>LAN (Nexus)</b>	1	IT113-WP039-T06
	<b>UCS Environment</b>	2	IT113-WP039-T04
	<b>Storage (Netapps)</b>	2	IT113-WP039-T05
	<b>Key Secure Servers</b>	2	IT113-WP039-T07
	<b>vSphere ESXi</b>	3	IT113-WP039-T08
	<b>ADFS</b>	3	IT113-WP039-T09
	<b>vCenter</b>	3	IT113-WP039-T10
	<b>Active Directory/ Domain Controllers</b>	3	IT113-WP039-T11
	<b>DHCP</b>	3	IT113-WP039-T12
	<b>Symantec Enterprise Protection</b>	3	IT113-WP039-T15
<div> <div>Service Now/ Netbackup/ Encryption/AD Admin</div> </div>	<b>Oracle Enterprise Cloud</b>	4	IT113-WP039-T13
	ServiceNow		
	Mimecast		
	ALTIRIS		
	HP Device Manager		
	Symantec Enterprise Encryption		
	AD Administration Tool		
	ICON New User Tool		
	Symantec Enterprise Vault		
	Snapshot		
	Snapmirror		
	Netbackup		
	Backup exec		
<div> <div>Exchange/VPN/ Jabber/ WebEx</div> <div>Mydesk/Box/ Telephony</div> </div>	<b>AnyConnect VPN</b>	5	IT113-WP039-T14
	<b>Cisco Jabber</b>	6	IT113-WP039-T19
	<b>Exchange</b>	6	IT113-WP039-T16-18
	Verizon WebEx		
	Symantec VIP		
	Solarwinds		
	Mydesk		
	BOX		
	Nortel Telephony		
	UCC Telephony		

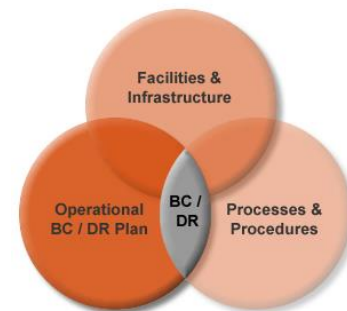
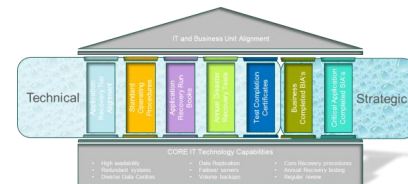
IT Core System Tests	Recovery Procedure
Core Test Circuits	IT113-WP039-T01
Core Test Firewall	IT113-WP039-T02
Core Test Netscaler	IT113-WP039-T03
Core Test UCS	IT113-WP039-T04
Core Test Storage	IT113-WP039-T05
Core Test Lan(Nexus)	IT113-WP039-T06
Core Test Keysecure	IT113-WP039-T07
Core Test vSphere ESXi	IT113-WP039-T08
Core Test ADFS	IT113-WP039-T09
Core Test vCenter	IT113-WP039-T10
Core Test Active Directory	IT113-WP039-T11
Core Test DHCP	IT113-WP039-T12
Core Test Oracle Enterprise Cloud	IT113-WP039-T13
Core Test Anyconnect VPN	IT113-WP039-T14
Core Test Symantec Enterprise Protection	IT113-WP039-T15
Core Test Exchange 2016 (AMDC)	IT113-WP039-T16
Core Test Exchange 2016 (EUDC)	IT113-WP039-T17
Core Test Exchange 2016 (APDC)	IT113-WP039-T18
Core Test Cisco Jabber	IT113-WP039-T19

IT Backup & Restore Tests	Recovery Procedure
Data Archival Process	IT067-WP002
Storage Backup and Restore	IT067-WP005 (v1.0)
Exchange 2016 Backup and Restore	IT067-WP014(1.0)
Oracle Database Backup and Restore	IT067-WP011 (v1.0)
UNIX Physical Backup and Restore	IT067-WP015(1.0)
Windows Physical Backup and Restore	IT067-WP016 (v1.0)
VM Backup and Restore	IT067-WP017 (v1.0)
SQL Database Backup and Restore	IT067-WP018 (v1.0)



# Disaster Recovery (Long Term Plan)

- Create a Structured approach to IT Disaster Recovery (**House of ITDR**)
- Create Recovery Strategy & recovery 'Run Books' for all Core IT Technologies (**Core**)
- Implement Application Control Standards for all new or upgraded IT Operations Managed applications (**Process**)
  - IT Position/ Umbrella Statement – Audit/ Acquisition
  - DRP testing completion Certificates
  - Review SaaS/ Vendor Onboarding requirements
  - Schedule annual recovery tests for Tier 1 & 2 Applications and Core IT Technologies
- Support Business Completed BIA's in Continuity 2 (**Business**)
- Manage a common Single Cloud based ITDR Document Repository for IT Operations (Box etc.)
- Provide structured Disaster Recovery Training/ Certification for IT Staff
- Create a Playbook or Umbrella procedure to support a Disaster Event



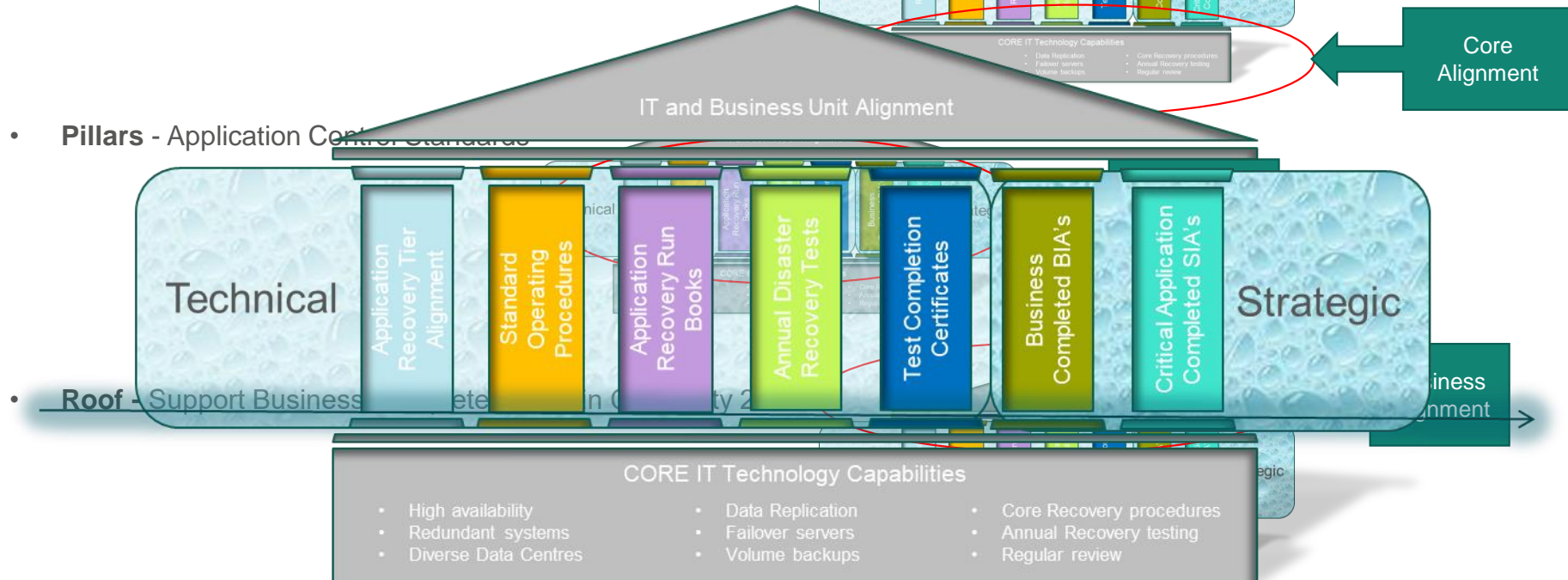


# IT Operations Activities (Engagement model)

- **Foundation** - Review/ create recovery strategy & 'Run Books' for all Core IT Technologies

## The "House" of IT Disaster Recovery in ICON

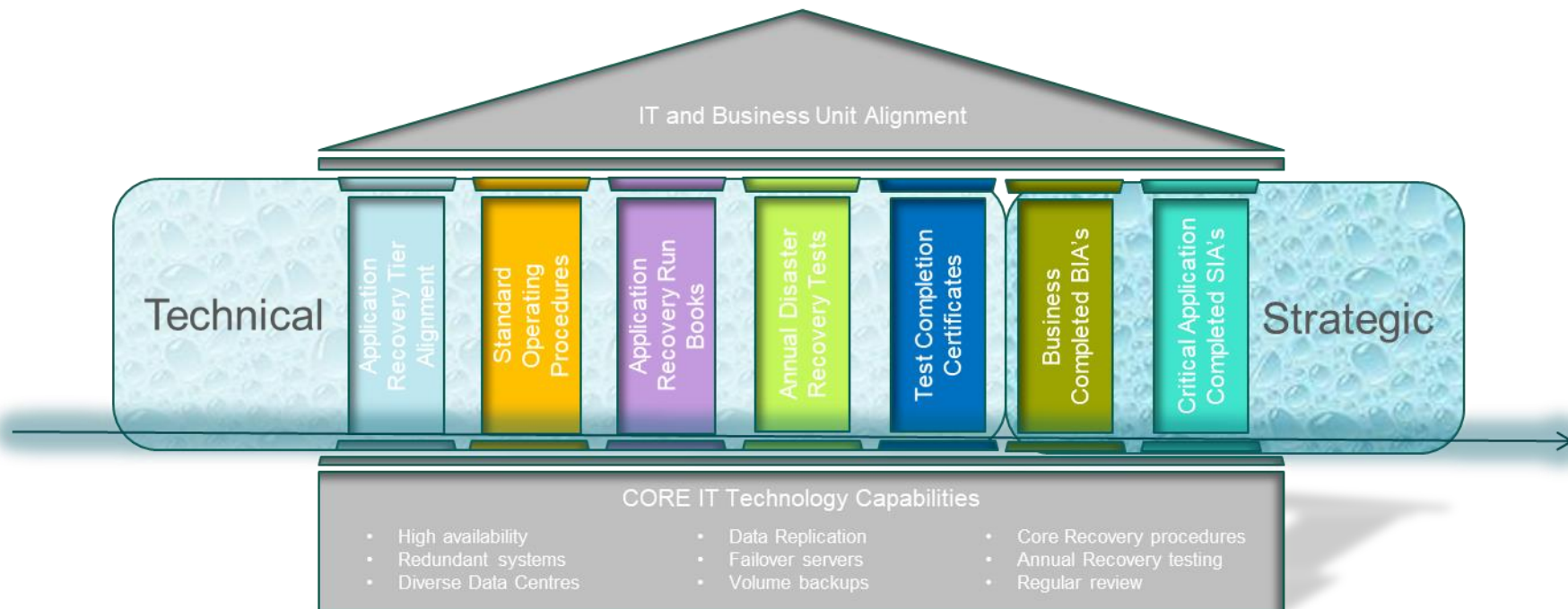
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# ICON IT Operations Recovery Tier Table - Final

Tier	Recovery Time Objective	Recovery Point Objective	Technical Standards to Meet the Recovery Objective for ICON Managed Applications
1	4 Hours	1 Hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hot Database Server standby in Alternate Site</li> <li>Hot Application Server Standby or VM replication in Alternate Site</li> <li>Database Replication (Dataguard/ SQL) at least every 1 hour</li> <li>Application Storage (NFS/CIF) backup &amp; replication at least every 1 hour</li> <li>Manual Application Switch Over, supported by proven Scripts (&amp; cname etc.)</li> <li>Application specific Recovery document in place</li> <li>Low TTL's configured (DNS settings)</li> <li>Preconfigured Network (VIP/Firewall rules etc.)</li> </ul>
2	24 Hours	4 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manual Database server provisioning (VM) in Alternate site</li> <li>Manual Application Server provisioning (VM) in Alternate site</li> <li>Mount Database server to data volumes in Alternate site</li> <li>Database Backed up and replicated every 4 Hours (Log Shipped &amp; Replicated)</li> <li>Application Storage (NFS/CIF) backup and replicated every 4 hours</li> <li>Manual Application Switch Over, supported by proven Scripts.</li> <li>Application specific Recovery document in place</li> <li>Low TTL's configured (DNS settings)</li> <li>Manual Network reconfiguration (VIP/Firewall rules etc.)</li> </ul>
3	72 Hours	36 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manual Database server provisioning (VM) in Alternate site</li> <li>Manual Application Server provisioning in Alternate site</li> <li>Mount Database server to data volumes in Alternate site</li> <li>Database Backed up and replicated every 24 Hours</li> <li>Application Storage (NFS/CIF) backup and replicated every 24 hours</li> <li>Manual Application Switch Over, supported by Apps Support Group</li> <li>Manual Application reconfiguration, supported by Apps Support Group</li> <li>Generic Recovery document in place</li> <li>Manual Network reconfiguration (VIP/Firewall rules etc.)</li> </ul>





- Was the recovery RTO/ RPO commitment met?
- Did the test go as expected or completed successfully?
- Were there any issues?
- Are there any follow up plans?



# IT Operations Application Control Standards

1. Align Application to IT Recovery Tier (RTO/RPO)
2. Update entries (System Tier/ RTO/ RPO) in Service Now
3. Create Standard Operating Procedure for all new applications supported by ICON IT (MetricStream)
4. Review/ Update/ Create Standard Operating Procedures for upgraded Applications, supported by ICON IT
5. Manage an Application Recovery “run-book” for all Tier 1 & 2 or Core IT Applications:
  - A. Review/ update existing “run-books” for Tier 1 & 2 Applications, supported by ICON IT
  - B. Design & cost system upgrade from a Tier 3 to Tier 1 & 2 level Application
  - C. Create “run-books” for upgraded Tier 1 & 2 Applications, supported by ICON IT
  - D. Plan Disaster Recovery test for all new Tier 1 & 2 Applications as part of the implementation phase
6. Perform an Annual Disaster Recovery test for all:
  - A. Tier 1 & 2 Applications
  - B. IT Core platforms (covering Tier 3 Applications)
7. Deliver a Signed “Disaster Recovery Test Certificate” for all completed Recovery tests



# IT Disaster Recovery Position Statement – Testing commitments

## ICON Disaster Recovery SOP's

- IT113-SOP
- IT113-WP039
- IT067-SOP
- IT Disaster Recovery Plan
- Core Technology Systems Testing
- Data Backup & Recovery

## ICON IT Operations Disaster Recovery Testing Commitments

Disaster Recovery Testing is prioritized within the annual IT Operations project schedule.

ICON will perform annual Disaster Recovery tests for a suite of **Tier 1** and **Tier 2** IT systems, managed by ICON IT Operations.

ICON will perform annual Disaster Recovery tests for all **IT Core Technology** and **Technology Specific** systems.

All completed Disaster Recovery tests will have signed completion Test Certificates.

The IT Disaster Recovery Plan (IT113-SOP) and all associated Procedures are controlled documents and managed through ICON's Electronic Document Management System (Metricstream EDMS).

All ICON Disaster Recovery Testing evidence, project files & Test Certificates are managed and can be found in **Box** under "ICON IT Disaster Recovery".



# Recovery Run Book & schedule DR Test for all Tier 1 & 2 Apps

## Application Disaster Recovery Test Template



Signature Order	Name/Role	Signature/Date
1	Tester 1	
2	Tester 2 (if applicable)	
3	Reviewer 1	
4	Reviewer 2 (if applicable)	
5	IT Operations DR Process Owner	

Establish signature order above in My Signature Book

### 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Provide commentary on what is being tested, why and how. Also, add testing start and end dates.

### 2 INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes the objectives, actions and outcomes following the "system name" disaster recovery test. Major objective to be included is that they system can be recovered within the system RPO/RTO. Include system version number and system location.

### 3 SCOPE

The scope of the "system name" disaster recovery exercise is to test the ability of the "system name" and to verify that the system is able to successfully recover "system name" within its defined RPO/RTO category and that the system is able to perform the functions desired for business use.

### 4 TEST PLAN

Use grid below to document test plan steps and results. (Add more rows below as required)

Step #	Tester Name	Procedure	Expected Results	Actual Results
1				Did actual results occur as expected? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, explain:
2				Did actual results occur as expected? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, explain:

### 5 POST RESTORATION APPLICATION TEST PLAN

The following test scripts will be used for post restoration testing:  
Add test scripts to be used for DR test.

## Application Disaster Recovery Test Template



### 6 SCREENSHOTS FOR EXECUTED TEST PLAN

- Insert screenshots for each executed step ( make sure screenshot is labeled for test step its associated with)
- Use full screen capture when taking screenshot evidence to show system date/time test execution.
- Make sure that screenshots are legible (can be read easily)
- Use "Red Circle" to indicate the area in screenshot, which is evidence that the step was executed properly. (Optional step to highlight specific information within the screenshot)

#### Failover

Step #	Screenshot
1	
2	

#### Failback

Step #	Screenshot
1	
2	




















### 7 TEST RESULT SUMMARY

The Test Results Summary should include the following:

- Communicate testing results
- Communicate if application RPO and RTO measures were achieved.
- Did the test go as expected or successful?
- Were there any issues?
- Any follow up plans?



# Compliance - IT Disaster Recovery Test Certification

Name	Date modified
 ICOPhone Flex Test Certificate 2020	18/06/2020 10:23
 Instrument Manager & Unity Test Certificate 2020	18/06/2020 10:24
 Flexadvantage Test Certificate 2020	18/06/2020 10:25
 ICONplc.com Test Certificate 2020	22/06/2020 13:59
 IT Core Storage Test Certificate 2020	22/06/2020 14:01
 IT Core KeySecure Test Certificate 2020	22/06/2020 14:04
 IT Core Firewall Test Certificate 2020	22/06/2020 14:21
 IT Core Netscaler Test Certificate 2020	22/06/2020 14:24
 IT Core ADFS Test Certificate 2020	22/06/2020 14:35
 IT Core ActiveDirectory Test Certificate 2020	22/06/2020 14:42
 IT Core UCS Test Certificate 2020	22/06/2020 14:44
 IT Core AnyConnect VPN Test Certificate 2020	22/06/2020 14:47
 IT Core Oracle Enterprise Manager Test Certificat...	22/06/2020 14:57
 IT Core Symantec Test Certificate 2020	22/06/2020 14:57
 IT Core ESXI Test Certificate 2020	22/06/2020 15:00
 IT Core Circuits Test Certificate 2020	23/06/2020 13:37
 IT Core DHCP Test Certificate 2020	23/06/2020 13:38
 ICOPhone Test Certificate 2020	06/07/2020 09:09
 IT Core Exchange DAG Database Test Certificate ...	06/07/2020 09:11



A Symbol of Excellence IT OPERATIONS DISASTER RECOVERY TEST CERTIFICATE

Division: **ICON Clinical Research**

Test Type: **Disaster Recovery**

Test Cycle: (2020)

Test Name: (Instrument Manager & Unity Disaster Recovery)

Test Start Date: 14-April-2020

Test End Date: 15-April-2020

Procedure Reference: (IT113-WP043 - Instrument Manager & Unity Disaster Recovery)

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the disaster recovery test is to confirm the procedure and activities, when followed can be used to perform an Instrument Manager & Unity failover and Restore in the event of application failure or disaster

## SCOPE

DR test is performed on platforms that are part of the Instrument Manager & Unity applications at ICON Clinical research

## TEST RESULT SUMMARY

Did the test go as expected or successful? Yes

Were RTO/RPO standards satisfied? Yes

Any follow up plans/ activities? No

Date Final Report Issued:

27 April 2020

Signature Order	Name/Role	Signature/Date
1	Michelle Pollard – Project Manager IT Operations	
2	Wendy Chan – Validation Manager IT IS	
3	William Doyle – Snn Manager IT Operations	

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# IT and IT Alignment, including Business Stakeholders

**Collaboration**— 'to work with another person or group in order to achieve or do something'.

- Virtual teams consisting of multiple disciplines (DBA/ Server/ Storage/ Network, stakeholders, Business testers)
- Cultural nuances
- Shared vision – buy in
- DR Failover test planning, execution & review
- Teamwork – meetings/ workshops
- Communication
- Motivation
- Share success
- Cycle team membership & roles

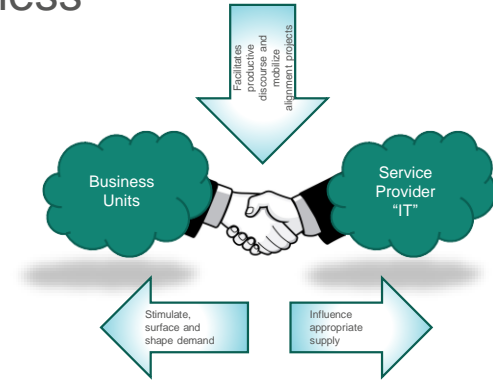




# Business and IT Alignment

## Continuity 2 – A Cloud based product managing ICON Business Resumption plans.

- Business unit owner completed Business Impact Analysis forms
- IT completed 'System Impact Analysis' for Business highlighted Critical applications
- Application re-aligned to IT Recovery Tier (RTO/RPO)
- Review/ upgrade Application hardware/ software capabilities in-line with new requirements
- Develop an Application Recovery “run-book” for all newly defined Tier 1 & 2 applications
- Perform an Annual Disaster Recovery test for all Tier 1 & 2 applications
- Deliver a Signed “Disaster Recovery Test Certificate” for all completed annual Recovery tests



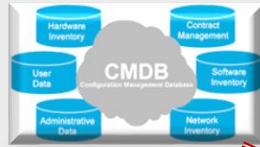


# Overall IT Disaster Recovery Architecture Strategy for Business

## IT Technical

### Inventory

- CI's
- Applications
- Owners
- Business Units



## Business

### Inventory

- Staff
- Contact details
- Service Lines



Business/IT completed SIA  
(Tier 1 & 2)

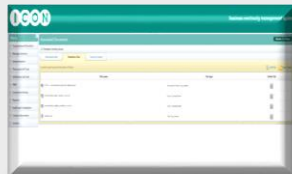


Critical Process alignment



### Associated Recovery Documents

- IT Core Backup & Restore
- Specific Run Books
- Tier 1 & 2 Annual testing & review



Business completed BIA



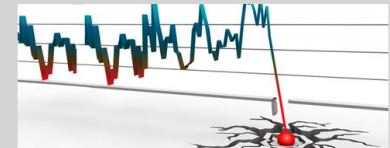
Recovery Tier alignment



Business & IT alignment







*"Disaster Recovery planning is not about the technology,  
it is about the Business"*








# Single Cloud based ITDR Document Repository for IT Operations


 Search files and folders  


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 Notifications

 Notes

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Name ^	Updated	Size
 01. IT Management Team	Today by William Doyle	4 Files
 02. Tier & Clasification	Today by William Doyle	9 Files
 03. Top level DR Processes	Today by William Doyle	8 Files
 04. IT Core DR Recovery Procedures	Today by William Doyle	10 Files
 04A. IT Core DR Failover & Recovery Test Templates	Today by William Doyle	7 Files
 05. Tier 1 & 2 Application Recovery Run Books	Yesterday by William Doyle	8 Files
 06. Project Plans & Presentations	Mar 6, 2019 by William Doyle	18 Files
 07. Templates	Dec 18, 2018 by William Doyle	11 Files
 08. 2017 Disaster Recovery Testing Records 	Yesterday by William Doyle	16 Files
 09. 2018 Disaster Recovery Testing Records	Yesterday by William Doyle	113 Files
 10. 2019 Disaster Recovery Testing Records	Today by William Doyle	71 Files



# IT Operations – Disaster Recovery Achievements 2019

IT Strategic Transformation Initiatives 2019															
Focus	Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Notes	
Standards	Implement ICON Application Control Standards													Structured Application Portfolio management	
	Common single cloud based Document repository													BOX Folders	
	IT Disaster Recovery Position Summary													Business alignment	
Operational	Review Vendor Onboarding process													Vendor MSA Uptime Commitment / Acceptance	
	Review ICON Disaster Recovery Tier & Capabilities													Confirm IT Operations Technical capabilities/abilities	
	Annual SaaS Services review													Vendor Service uptime Risk/ Acceptance	
Support	Create Risk & Test templates for all IT Core technologies													Manage IT Operations Core system capabilities	
	Support Protect Initiative													Deliver against IT actions for a Disaster Scenario	
	Annual ICON Tier 1 & 2 Disaster Recovery testing													Perform complete Application failover tests	
Strategy	Align IT Ops/ Technology, Process & Business													House of Disaster Recovery model, Ops alignment	
	Align Application support expectations with Business													Engage Business units i.e. Labs/ Firecrest/ Marketing	
	Invest in technology to better support business needs													Align IT with Business/ Revenue growth (2019-2020)	



## IT Operations Application Control Standards

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- Update entries (System Tier RTO/RPO) in Service Now
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  - Review update existing "run-book" for Tier 1 & 2 Applications, supported by ICON IT
  - Design & cost system upgrade from a Tier 3 to Tier 1 & 2 based Application
  - Create "run-book" for upgraded Tier 1 & 2 Applications, supported by ICON IT
  - Plan Disaster Recovery testing for all Tier 1 & 2 Applications as part of the representative phase
- Perform an Annual Disaster Recovery test for all:
  - Tier 1 & 2 Applications
  - IT Core platforms (including Tier 3 Applications)
- Deliver a Signed "Disaster Recovery Test Certificate" for all completed Recovery tests

Success to date:  
FCS v6  
Spotfire  
RPS  
Rams  
SAS Grid

## IT Operations Disaster Recovery Position Summary



### ICON IT Disaster Recovery Overview

ICON IT has Disaster Recovery Plans in place to recover all core technologies and critical business applications necessary to continue the business processes, the resources required to support them and the procedure to restore them if they are disrupted in any degree by any business interruption incident. The plans include details of all components listed in recovering the specific technology or application. The business interruption may be a direct result of a natural disaster, fire, terrorist attack, workplace violence, severe weather, and economic/political situations. The plans provide guidelines to ensure that needed personnel and resources are available for both disaster preparation and response and that, in the event of a business disruption, the proper steps will be carried out to permit the timely restoration of service.

The Global IT Operations Team facilitates annual testing of the Disaster Recovery Plans by performing scheduled tests throughout the year and within an agreed timeline. The tests are designed to mimic an actual activation of the specific plan, measure activities against the committed RPO & RTO's, record success or failures, initiate follow up activities where necessary and to observe the response of the team members. Specific attention is given to the order and accuracy of recovery activities, ability of the team members to demonstrate an understanding of the overall recovery process, have a full understanding of all roles and responsibilities of the team participants, to independently determine the appropriate next steps, contact the appropriate people at the correct times, to make decisions as required, escalate issues as appropriate, and to coordinate the response of other team members, providing guidance and direction as necessary.

ICON Disaster Recovery SOP's  
 • IT113-SOP – IT Disaster Recovery Plan  
 • IT067-SOP – Data Backup & Recovery

Recovery Time Objective	Recovery Point Objective	Technical Standards to Meet the Recovery Objective for ICON Managing Applications
1 4 Hours	1 Hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Database Replication at least every 1 hour</li> <li>Application Storage Replication at least every 1 hour</li> <li>Hot Database Standby in Alternate Site</li> <li>Hot Server Standby or VM replication in Alternate Site</li> <li>Manual Application Switch Over, supported by Scripts</li> <li>Application specific Recovery document in place</li> </ul>
2 24 Hours	4 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date Backed up every 4 hours</li> <li>Application Storage backup every 4 hours</li> <li>Recovery from Disk</li> <li>Manual Database provisioning in Alternate site</li> <li>Manual Server provisioning in Alternate site</li> <li>Manual Application Switch Over, supported by Scripts</li> <li>Application specific Recovery document in place</li> </ul>
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Platform	Name	Recovery Order	SOP
CORE DC Infrastructure	Backbone Network MPLS	1	IT113-WP039-T01
	Firewall	1	IT113-WP039-T02
	Netcalers	1	IT113-WP039-T02
	LAN (Nexus)	1	IT113-WP039-T06
	UCS Environment	2	IT113-WP039-T04
	Storage (Netapps)	2	IT113-WP039-T05
	Key Secure Servers	2	IT113-WP039-T07
	vSphere ESXi	3	IT113-WP039-T08
	ADFS	3	IT113-WP039-T09
	vCenter	3	IT113-WP039-T10
	Active Directory/ Domain Controllers	3	
	DHCP	3	
	LAN/WAN Firewall/ Routers		
	UCS/ Storage/Key Servers		
	Active Directory/ADFS/ Symantec VP		

## ITDR 2019

- Completed App DR tests (+2)
- Completed Core DR tests (+5)
- New EDMs Control Documents
- New DR Plans

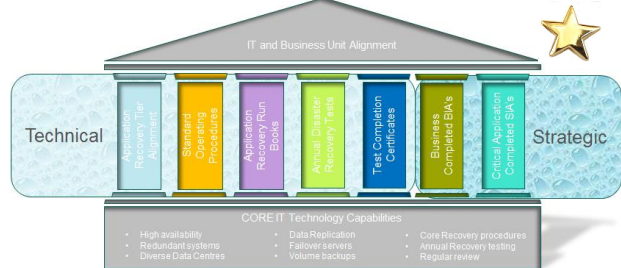


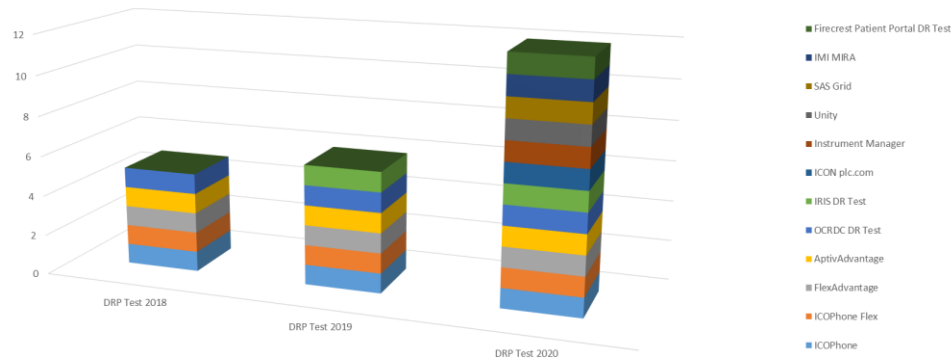
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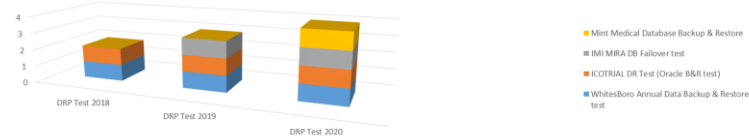


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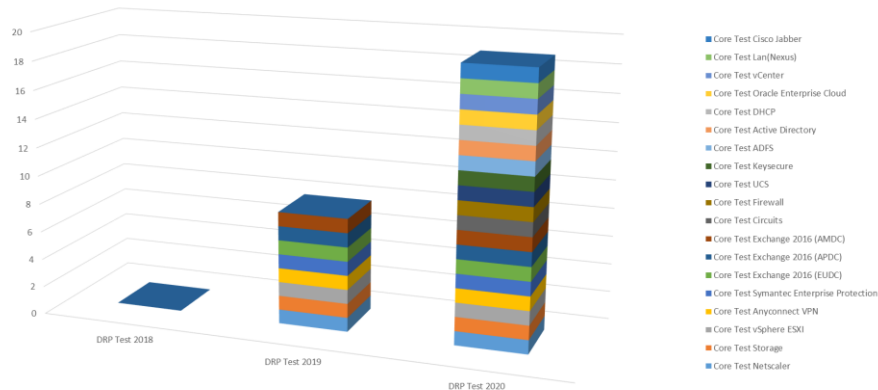
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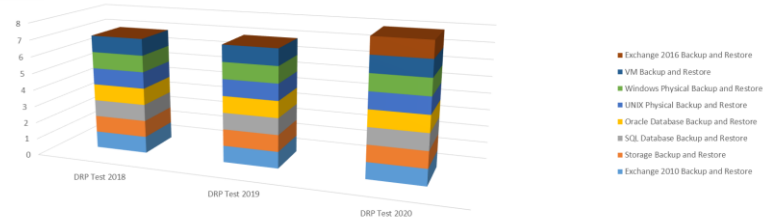
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IT Core Platform Testing

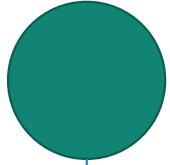


IT Core system Backup & Recovery





# IT Operations – Disaster Recovery Achievements/ Activities 2020



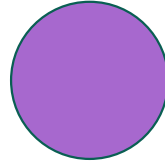
## Operational

Existing App test Queue  
New App test Queue  
IT Core testing  
IT Backup & Restore  
DRP Development



## Compliance

MSB  
Test Certs  
SaaS Provider  
EDMS M7  
Audit



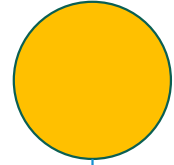
## Standards

IT DRP  
IT Position Statement  
IT Backup & Recovery  
IT Core tests  
CMDB  
ITDR Tier  
DR Servers



## Strategy

ITDR  
App Alignment  
C2 BIA  
Service Now  
Playbook  
RFI Support



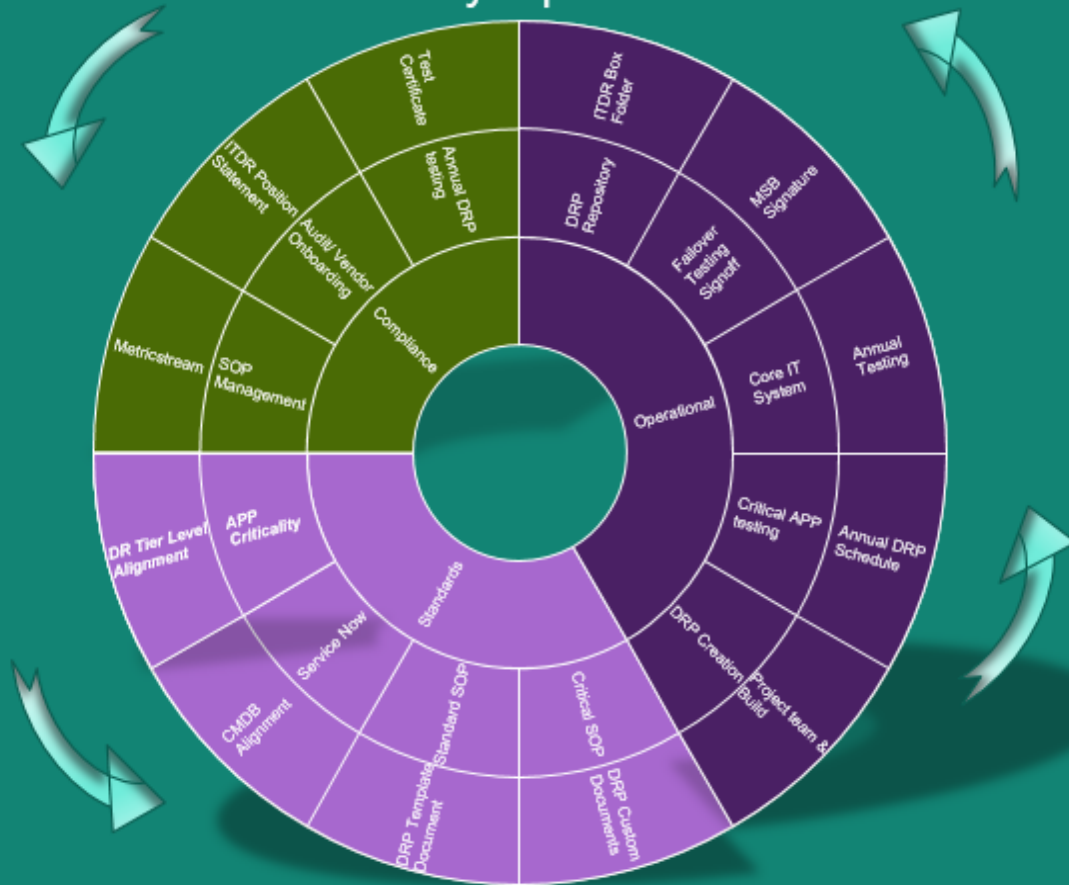
## Initiatives

ITDR Tech Roadmap  
Digital Tx Alignment  
Opex Savings  
Project Foundry  
Conference Speaking



# Disaster Recovery Strategic Alignment

## IT Disaster Recovery Operational Flow Chart







# IT Disaster Recovery Playbook





# IT Operations Play Book (People)

- Specific Plan for DR invocation
- Complete Contact List for all key IT Staff
- Complete Contact List for all key Suppliers
- Automated Contact List on mobile phones
- Specific Communications Bridge for DR invocation
- Technology 'champions' per platform
- Establishing Priority Activities list in a DR situation
- Recovery Sequence and Activities Management in a DR situation
- Annual Plan review





# IT Operations Play Book elements

The four main elements of the Playbook are outlined below:

## PROTECT Project: Key Elements

The key elements of the PROTECT Project are:





# What is the Playbook

**Activation** – The Disaster Recovery Committee is responsible for launching the activation phase. As a member of this team, I am responsible for managing, coordinating, facilitating and interfacing with the IT Champions and Crisis Management team for the following:

**Notification** – by 'Signal Text', email – (external O365) and WebEx meetings. This will invoke the IT Crisis Management Team

**Damage assessment** - It could take IT Champions some time to assess the exact effects of the disaster. This damage evaluation should be executed as quickly as conditions permit, with personnel safety given highest priority. Only when the damage is assessed and the affected systems are identified can a recovery process begin.

**Execution** - The activities of this phase focus on bringing up the disaster recovery system(s). Depending on the recovery strategies defined in the plan, these functions could include temporary manual processing, recovery and operation on an alternate system, or relocation and recovery at an alternate site. Recovery procedures for specific systems & applications, which have been fully documented, will be referenced and can be obtained from an offsite repository with external user access for IT Champions '**Box**'

**Reconstitution** - In this phase, operations are transferred back to the original systems once they are free from the disaster after effects, and execution-phase activities are subsequently shut down. If the original system or facility is unrecoverable, this phase also involves rebuilding and may take days, weeks, months to restore.

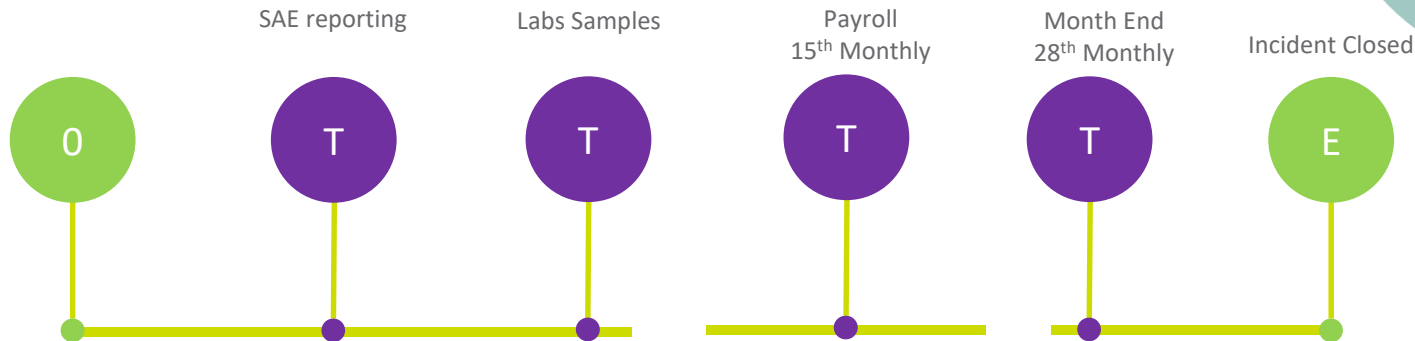
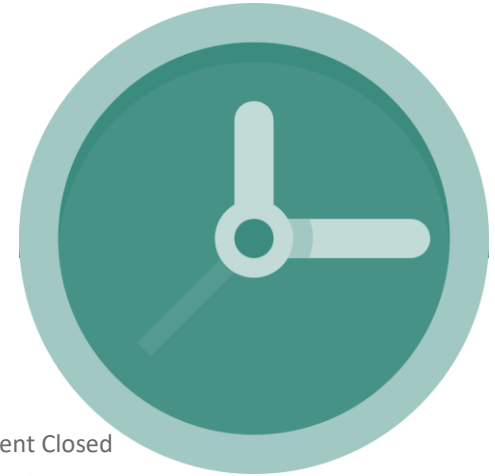
**Communication** is also a key component and role for me, throughout all phases by providing regular updates, from the initial + 0 hour to regular updates every 4 hours, to a final communication each day.



# Tactical Recovery Phase - Time Dependencies

Are there any time dependencies, these may include:

- Finance Process such as Payroll, Month End
- Regulatory Reporting
- Other time dependant activities important to your business





# Continuous Improvement



# Continuous improvement

- Continuous improvement is an ongoing activity that occurs at all points in the DR planning lifecycle, and can be implemented through effective programme management.
  - Periodic Reviews
  - Recovery Plan improvements
  - Automation opportunities
  - Separate Data Center Tenant configurations
  - Technology advancements
  - DRaaS in the Cloud (Azure/ AWS etc.)
  - Other





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