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# Business Drives Resiliency

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In a previous post, I mentioned that business drives resiliency and now I'd like to explain a bit more: There has been a shift over the years regarding business resilience priorities and how you get best results.

## **Priorities for Information Technology (IT) and *disaster recovery* (DR)**

When I began my career, onsite data centers used magnetic tape backups and off-site data storage, and IT was the focal point for restoration of applications, and data. Data would be backed up to magnetic tape media, shipped then restored to an off-site data center (or cold site) to restore operational capabilities.

## **Advancements in technology**

As technology improved, with new hot site data centers, and, as the *cloud* gained traction, it's become much less necessary to backup data to magnetic tapes: data can now be replicated regularly and restored to a remote hot site or secondary data center.

## **Shifting priorities**

IT's involvement in coordinating backup and restore of organizational data to off-site data centers, is now automated using sophisticated tools. Thus, priorities of restoration of corporate data has shifted: business units now determine what data and systems need to be recovered, most importantly, in which order they need to be recovered.



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Current Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BC/DR) programs need to enable business units determine priorities of data and systems to truly guarantee operational resilience. Business units know critical process recovery time objectives (RTO) and can best guide IT to ensure that technological capabilities support those requirements.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss similar or differing perspectives on this topic, please message me if you'd like to connect and discuss.