



Checklist for selecting an effective data centre provider

Outsourcing your data centre delivers many key benefits for your organisation; it gives you the ability to make more effective use of capital and provides you with access to high-quality data centre facilities. The following list can help you analyse the requirements you need for your business and evaluate potential data centre providers.



Access your data needs

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Dependable power supply

For hardware to perform at optimal levels, the data center provider must ensure that the data centre does not run out of power. Ensure that the service provider has multiple generators, UPS systems and air-conditioning tools.



No bandwidth limitations

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Redundancy

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Maximum security

The amount of important and confidential data stored in data centres is enormous. Therefore, it's essential to ensure that the hosting company provides robust security. Always be aware that keeping physical servers secure from thefts and disasters is just as important as online security.



Compliance is key

A high level of importance should be placed on compliance. The service providers you choose should be compliant with industry regulations. Ensure that the data centre provider is ISO 9000 and ISO/IEC 27001 compliant.



Reliable network uptime

Even the smallest amount of downtime can have a huge effect on your organisation's profit. Only consider data centre providers that can assure you maximum network uptime. Request information around proposed maintenance plans and other factors that could impact on network uptime.



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Get in touch with one of our experts about possible data centre solutions for your organisation

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