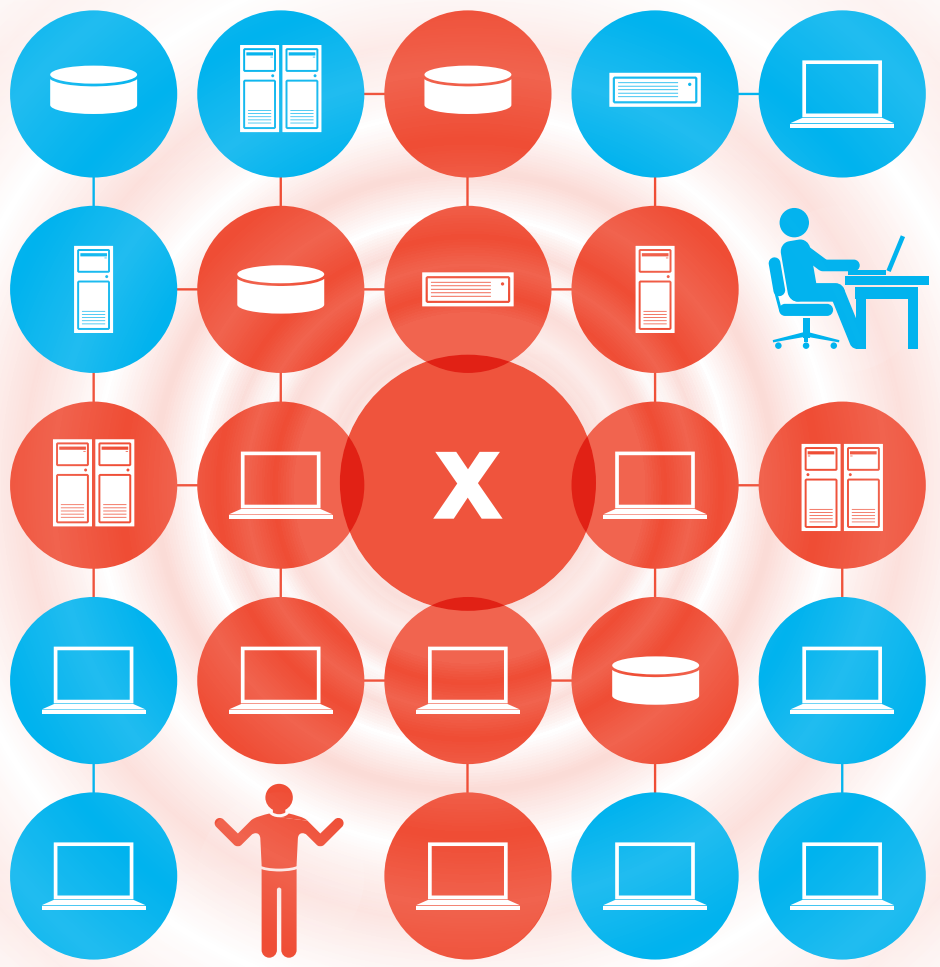


Time is money and downtime is expensive

The “ripple” effect of downtime:
Failure of just one server, storage, or network device in your tightly integrated IT environment can bring your business to a halt.



Risky business
Even the best-run IT departments are vulnerable to unexpected downtime.

The industry average is **2.3 business disruption events per year**, at a cost of **US\$418,071¹**



When's the best time to fix something?
At IBM, it's the first time.



94%
first-call hardware success rate

A combined total of **6.8M** hardware and software service requests

114 hardware and software development laboratories

Parts are delivered within 4 hours for **99%** of US customers

75% of software calls resolved by **first point of contact**

11 global research laboratories

Or better yet, before it even breaks.



- **Automated call-home** service requests
- **Periodic reviews** with IBM specialists
- More than **160,000 proactive maintenance** actions performed in 2013
- Up to **20% reduced operating costs** through outage mitigation and accelerated problem resolution

One communication to IBM can solve it all.

A single point of contact for IBM and non-IBM hardware, software and services



Speed + **Quality**

- **Prevent** downtime with *proactive, first-rate service*
- **Resolve** outages faster if they do occur to *protect your brand*
- **Optimize** IT and end-user productivity—and revenue—to *enhance business results*
- **Protect** your brand reputation and *keep your customer base*
- **Simplify** support to *save time, resources and costs*

We can be there whenever and wherever you need us—globally and locally.



- 57 call centers** worldwide with regional and localized language support
- 23,000 IT support specialists** worldwide who know technology²
- 585 parts centers** with 1.3 million IBM and non-IBM parts

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¹ The Aberdeen Group, *Data Center Downtime: How much does it really cost?*, December 15, 2012

² Current as of date of publication

