

Considerations checklist for a successful business continuity and disaster recovery test management program

A plan or strategy is a required part of BC/DR, and not considered viable until proven and validated in a real world scenario.

Consider the following to determine whether your testing program is providing you with the right management tools to support your organization.

Why test management is crucial to your overall business continuity management strategy

- Cited by analysts and the most critical component of your BC/DR program
- Identifies data and application dependencies to mission-critical operations
- Addresses compliance to internal and external audit requirements
- Helps determine state of BC/DR preparedness

Can your plan testing program:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Tier availability objectives by their critically to the business helps prioritize testing frequency and testing scenarios?	<i>Any plan testing program should have the ability to identify what are the RTO and RPO objectives for mission critical and time sensitive applications.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Validate recovery strategies and identify gaps and deficiencies in plans by comparing actual results to expected results?	<i>A successful testing program can help to validate the processes and procedures, assumptions and timelines of your business continuity plans.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide program status and visibility to executive management?	<i>A consistent, cohesive view of the state of preparedness for critical areas of the organization demonstrates the true value of continuity strategies and help executives make better decisions for the business and its stakeholders.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Support a range of test types from business continuity exercises (e.g., tabletops and walkthroughs, functional and departmental) to data center/IT focused, full-scale integrated tests?	<i>Each plan type has its own objective—and a successful test program would be able to support these accordingly.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leverage a central database for capturing plan data and reporting?	<i>Measuring and reporting on test performance and status through an intelligent relational database tool helps address the most common challenge for an effective testing program—managing data and resources more efficiently and thoroughly through a single lens.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Help address internal and external audit requirement standards?	<i>Specific regulatory requirements vary by industry and location; though all fundamentally require that tests are performed regularly. A test management tool can help not only strengthen the program but also provide the necessary documentation in a systematic reporting structure.</i>

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A critical component of a successful plan management strategy is testing its effectiveness in real world scenarios. SunGard's **Test Management** solution can help you manage the complexities for organizing and conducting enterprise wide programs. For more information, contact a SunGard BC Software product specialist toll-free at 1-800-468-7483.