

Two Better Ways to Run Disaster Recovery

Ensure business continuity with a fully managed disaster recovery service or a perpetual self-managed DR platform



You already invest in disaster recovery (DR) through software, infrastructure, testing, staff time, and more. The real question is whether you're getting the best return on that investment.

Most organizations fund DR as a collection of tools and secondary environments. That approach works but carries hidden operational burden and recurring cost. OpenText gives you more efficient ways to run disaster recovery.

OpenText™ Cloud Disaster Recovery

You can move to a **fully managed**, SLA-backed disaster recovery service for a cost comparable to what you already spend.

OR

OpenText™ Availability

If you prefer to stay **self-managed**, you can move to a perpetual DR license and reduce recurring operational costs by up to 75%.

Challenges of self-managed DR

Regardless of the DR tool used, self-managed environments share similar challenges that ultimately create a risky, high-touch environment. Some common challenges include:

Human and operational risks

- Dedicated duties required beyond daily responsibilities
- Staff turnover creates retraining costs and recovery risk
- Limited expertise increases failure during real recovery

Process and compliance gaps

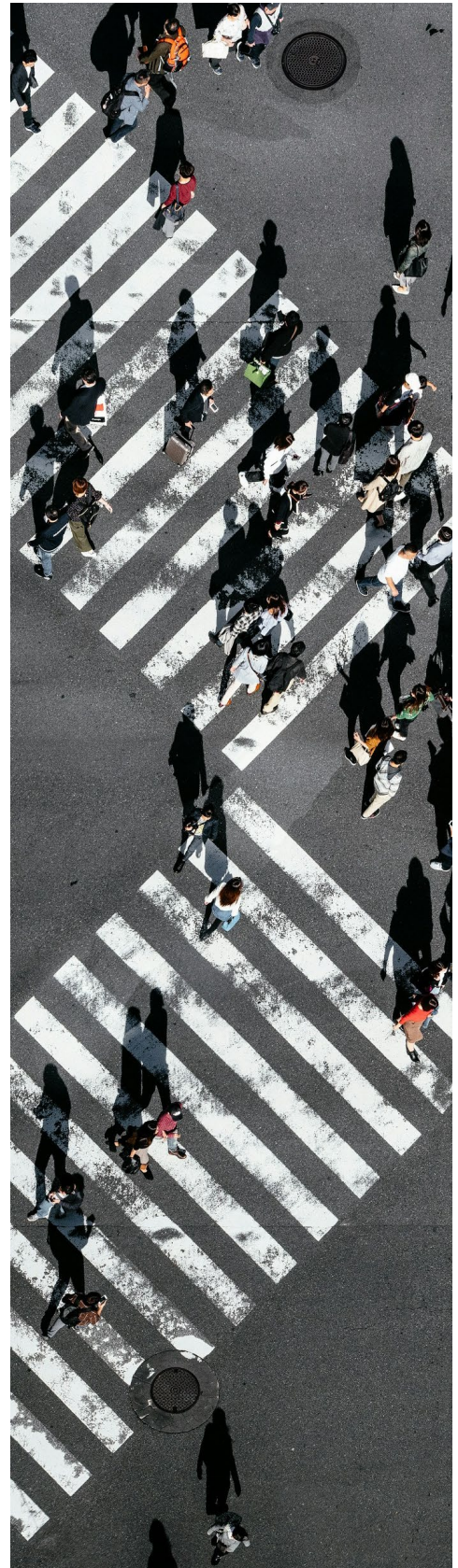
- Infrequent testing leads to outdated recovery processes
- Recovery gaps go unnoticed without active monitoring
- Compliance needs proof of recoverability and testing

Infrastructure and lifecycle costs

- Secondary recovery site needs reinvestment and upkeep
- Hardware refreshes add cost and configuration complexity
- Continuous software and platform realignment changes
- Cloud, networking, ingress/egress costs balloon quickly

Overcome DR limits with OpenText

OpenText disaster recovery solutions combine predictable pricing, high availability, and operational simplicity to eliminate DR complexity. Continuous replication, fast failover, and a single platform work together to make monitoring and recovery easy. Whether you prefer a fully managed or self-managed platform, OpenText delivers a reliable path to worry-free disaster recovery.



Option 1: Fully-managed Disaster Recovery

Same spend, better outcome

OpenText™ Cloud Disaster Recovery replaces tool ownership with outcome ownership. Instead of licensing software and running it yourself, you subscribe to defined recovery commitments (RTO / RPO) delivered by our experienced DR specialists.

The cost is typically comparable to what most organizations already spend on self-managed DR software. The case for a white glove DR service gets even stronger when you factor in the staff time and secondary infrastructure you no longer need to fund. The fully-managed difference: monitoring, testing, cloud infrastructure, and expert-led execution are all included.

What you gain from OpenText Cloud Disaster Recovery:

SLA-backed recovery

Choose 1-hour, 4-hour, 24-hour, or 48-hour RTO tiers with contractual commitments.

Recovery to the OpenText-hosted Cloud

Failover into a secure, compliant OpenText-managed environment.

Real-time protection

Asynchronous, byte-level replication for Windows and Linux workloads across physical, virtual, and cloud environments.

Daily monitoring

Specialists review replication coverage every day and provide regular health summaries.

Expert-led execution

24×7×365 DR hotline. OpenText experts design onboarding, execute failover and guide failback.

Systemized testing

Annual recovery tests with documented results for auditors, regulators, and cyber-insurers.

Lower your disaster recovery spending with the five R's

OpenText's fully-managed disaster recovery delivers better ROI through:

Retirement of secondary DR data centers and hardware refresh cycles

Removal of "key-person" disaster recovery dependency

Redeployment of infrastructure staff members to other strategic initiatives

Replacement of software purchasing for predictable service costs

Reduction of execution risk and operational overhead

Option 2: Self-managed Disaster Recovery

Stay self-managed, change the economics

OpenText™ Availability lets you retain full DR control to stay self-managed while greatly reducing costs. You own the asset, you maintain oversight, you decrease the long-term loss curve.

Perpetual ownership model

Most DR vendors operate on annual subscription licensing, meaning you pay full price every year with no ownership. OpenText Availability changes that.

One-time perpetual license

License is often priced near cost of one year subscription to traditional DR software

Support and maintenance

First year support is included, each year after is approx. 25% of licensing cost.

Foundational technology

Built on a proven, time-tested foundation, OpenText delivers real-time replication through automated controls that make predictable recovery possible for smaller teams.

- Continuous, asynchronous, byte-level replication
- Support for Windows, Linux, VMware vSphere/ESXi, Hyper-V, physical servers, and cloud workloads
- Automated failover and simple failback
- Integrated DNS updates, compression, bandwidth throttling, alerting and reporting



Cost savings YOY when you replace DR software renewals with OpenText perpetual licensing¹

Many replication solutions charge a recurring annual per-VM subscription. OpenText Availability also uses per-VM pricing, but as a one-time perpetual license with optional support at 25% of the original cost. This reduces long-term spend by 75%.

1. OpenText Internal Research, 2026

Which solution is best for you?

Both of our disaster recovery options run on the same proven replication technology. The right choice depends on how you operate and where you want to see cost savings.

	OpenText™ Cloud Disaster Recovery	OpenText™ Availability
Best for	Organizations that want to offload DR execution and guarantee outcomes	Organizations looking to reduce overall DR spend
Execution	Fully-managed; OpenText owns design, monitoring, testing, failover and failback	Self-managed; your team owns all operations
Cost model	Predictable annual service fee comparable to your current DR software spend	One-time perpetual license
OPEX Impact	Retire your monitoring, testing, and DR infrastructure costs	Up to 75% cost-savings vs. annual DR subscriptions
Infrastructure	Opportunity to retire or reduce secondary DR environment	Continue using existing DR infrastructure
Technology	Real-time replication + SLA backed recovery	Real time replication

Take the next steps toward confident recovery

Choosing the right disaster recovery model starts with understanding your current reality. OpenText recommends a brief assessment to evaluate your: existing DR tools and processes, staffing efforts, annual spend, secondary site costs, hardware refresh needs, compliance requirements and RTO/RPO baseline.

Whether you need fully-managed or self-managed disaster recovery, **start your assessment today to gain clear direction toward cyber resilient operations.**

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