



#### Building a Data Center



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#### **Questions for Aaron?**





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#### Agenda

**Data Center Basics** 

Why Now?

**Buildout / Operational Considerations** 

**Financial Factors** 

Q&A





## What is a data center?

Tier Levels

Tier I

Tier II

Tier III

Tier IV

Tier X+





#### Tier I Data Center

## Tier I

An uninterruptible power supply (UPS) for power sags, outages, and spikes

An area for IT systems

Dedicated cooling equipment that runs outside office hours

An engine generator for power outages

No redundancy

99.671% uptime (28.8 hours downtime per year)

Clients: cost conscious, disaster recovery (DR)





#### Tier II Data Center

## Tier II

All the features of Tier I

Some cooling and power redundancies

99.741% uptime (22 hours of downtime per year)

Clients: established SMB, DR sites





#### Tier III Data Center

## Tier III

All the features of previous tiers

N+1 redundancy / fault tolerance

99.982% uptime ( ≤ 1.6 hours of downtime per year)

Clients: large business, advanced enterprise, government





#### Tier IV Data Center

## Tier IV

All the features of previous tiers

2N or 2N+1 redundancy / fault tolerance

99.995% uptime ( ≤ 26.3 minutes of downtime per year)

Clients: government, international businesses





#### Why Now?

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**Bandwidth Needs** 

Cloud compute costs on the rise

Waitlists in existing data centers

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## **Buildout / Operational Considerations**

- Power, power, power (AC or DC?)
- CRAC / CRAH
- Location
- Carrier Connections
- Expansion capabilities / modular campus
- Bandwidth in and out of the data center
- Security / biometrics
- Smart hands and staffing





#### Financial Factors

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- Rack density: 42U
- Power budgeting
  - Low: 0-4kW
  - Medium: 4-12kW
  - High: 12kW
  - GPU/A: 40-120kW!!!
- Staffing
- Land acquisition
- Preventative maintenance
- Chosen tier level





# Financial Savings and Revenue Opportunities

"Data center in a box" vs full buildout

Aisle containment

Sell more than colocation

Become the IX



