

IBM Remote Technical Support Services

Enhanced Technical Support

Highlights

- Offers an integrated approach for solving problems in multiproduct and multi-vendor IT environments across hardware and software
- Delivers a rapid response

 typically within 30 minutes for critical 'severity one' problems
- Offers proactive advice and guidance to pre-empt problems before they arise
- Provides a dedicated Account Advocate Team which can respond to your individual requirements
- Enables timely access to the expertise and global knowledge pool of IBM

Today's businesses are under more pressure than ever before. You need to retain your competitive edge in a fast-changing marketplace by delivering effectively managed IT services around-the-clock.

You need an IT infrastructure you can rely on. But enterprise systems are becoming increasingly complex and resources are finite. Trying to manage multi-product and multi-vendor environments is a major challenge – let alone trying to pinpoint the problem when something goes wrong.

In a critical situation, IT downtime can cost your business dearly. Worryingly, 40 percent of companies that experience a disaster go out of business within five years.*

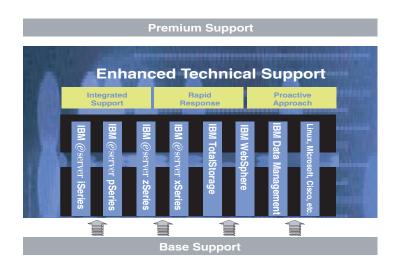
The solution

IBM has an offering which adds to our current technical support portfolio. Our Enhanced Technical Support (ETS) offers access to the wealth of expertise from IBM, and provides timely and efficient problem resolution in complex, heterogenous IT environments.

The ETS response helps to improve business continuity and contributes to protect service levels provided to internal and external customers.

What we can offer:

- Faster response time for problem resolution – typically within 30 minutes for 'severity one' issues.
- Proactive, customer focused support provided by a member of the Account Advocate Team who knows and understands your IT environment.





- IBM will interpret and advise you on a variety of preventative reports, helping you to preempt problems and minimise disruption.
- IBM will appoint a Critical Situation Manager if a 'severity one' problem occurs who will manage overall problem resolution and ensure highly effective communication.
- Integrated support across all common IT infrastructure including IBM @server and TotalStorage platforms, IBM Middleware and strategic OEM products (e.g. Linux, Microsoft[®], Cisco).
- Onsite software support will be offered if a 'severity one' problem cannot be solved remotely.
- Access to the cross-EMEA (Europe Middle East Africa) knowledge pool of support centre engineers with direct access to worldwide laboratories.
- A co-ordinated support service to reduce cost by optimising availability and preventing any unplanned disruptions.
- Consistent service level throughout EMEA.

Superior support from the leader in high availability services

The resilience of your infrastructure is paramount. It is therefore crucial to find a technology and service partner who understands your needs, responds effectively and provides assistance so downtime is kept to a minimum. Pre-empting problems proactively by your partner enables you to concentrate on your core business processes.

IBM Enhanced Technical Support delivers the proactive, end-to-end IT support your company needs to succeed in the era of business on demand. Additionally, we can offer *Premium Support*: any customer tailored support level according to your individual requirements.

IBM – the trusted name in IT support

Across EMEA, IBM is number one** when it comes to customer satisfaction on hardware and software support, and via the IBM Knowledge Network we can offer the combined expertise of 175,000 IT professionals.

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