



5. Recovery and protection are possible at the application level.

Application groups ensure that all the virtual machines (VMs) supporting the mission-critical application are protected consistently. If the DR solution cannot effectively support application groups, ad hoc groupings must be implemented on the fly. This causes errors, especially in high pressure situations where recovery time is critical.

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Strongly disagree						Strongly agree

6. There are clearly defined timeframes to recover VMs and restore app availability.

An enterprise-class DRaaS will deliver replication at the time of the write event of the VM, not on a schedule. With all the data at the recovery site, recovery can happen immediately—there's no waiting for the last data synchronization.

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Strongly disagree						Strongly agree

7. There are clearly defined and regularly executed DR testing processes and procedures.

A true enterprise-class DRaaS will consistently perform non-disruptive testing throughout the year to establish predictable RTO and predictable site recovery times.

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Strongly disagree						Strongly agree

8. The team has the training and resources necessary to fail-over the site.

The technical disaster recovery component of BC/DR is a difficult operation that requires significant manpower for testing and coordination. Repeated and regular non-disruptive testing is critical. Longer-term testing in isolated environments is sometimes necessary to determine functionality. Your DRaaS should provide comprehensive management and execution of testing scenarios that are inline with your business requirements with minimal (if any) impact to your staff.

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Strongly disagree						Strongly agree

TOTAL:

If your total score adds up to more than 25, congratulations! You're in great shape. If your total score adds up to less than 25, now's a great time to work on your recovery strategy.