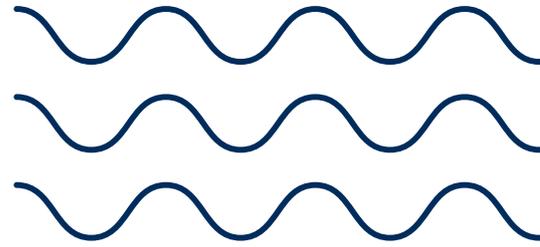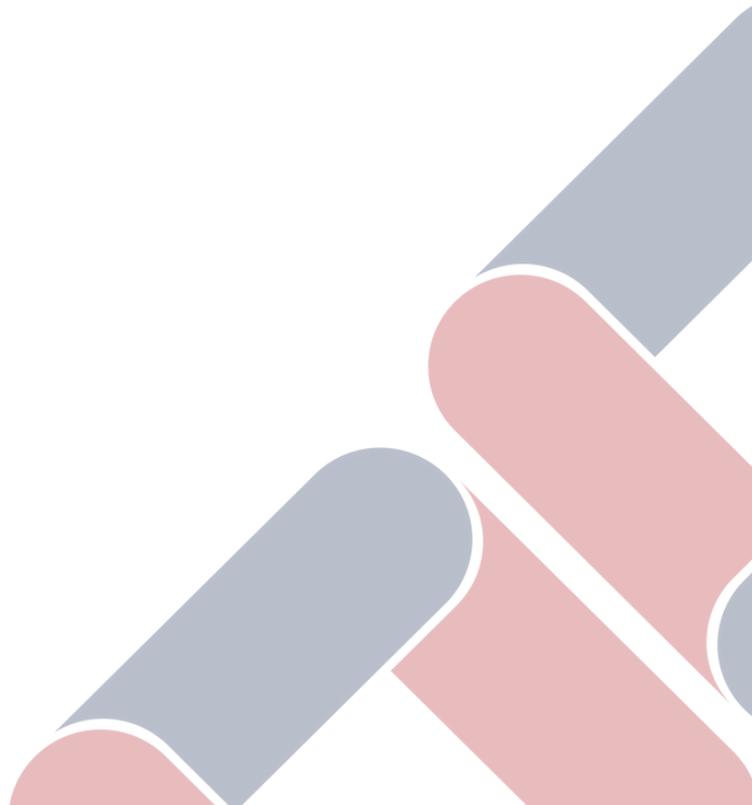# ALWAYS-ON IT
FOR THE LOGISTICS WAREHOUSE SECTOR

A Guide to Uninterrupted Uptime

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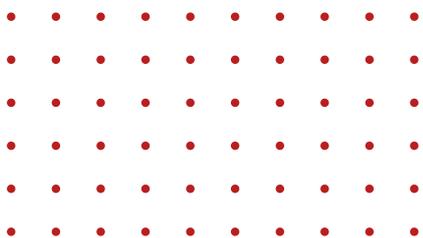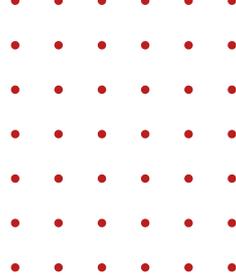
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THE HIGH-STAKES NATURE
of Uptime in Logistics and Warehousing

In the logistics and warehousing sector, every minute counts. Unplanned downtime isn't just an inconvenience; it can halt shipments, idle warehouse workflows, and leave trucks waiting at the dock.

Always-on IT isn't a luxury for logistics; it's a necessity to stay on schedule, on budget, and in business.

72%

of organisations now cite "zero unplanned downtime" as a top priority!

DOWNTIME IMPACT:
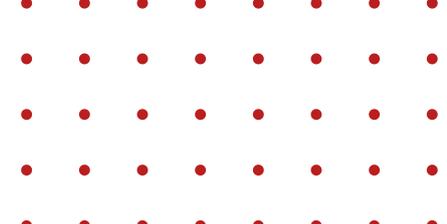## More Than Lost Shipments

What happens when a key system goes down in a warehouse or transport hub?

Operations can grind to a standstill. A short outage can delay an entire day's worth of shipments.

If your systems' downtime causes delays or missed Service Level Agreements (SLAs), that trust evaporates.

On the flip side, **minimising downtime has big benefits:** virtually constant uptime keeps customers satisfied and builds confidence in your company's dependability.

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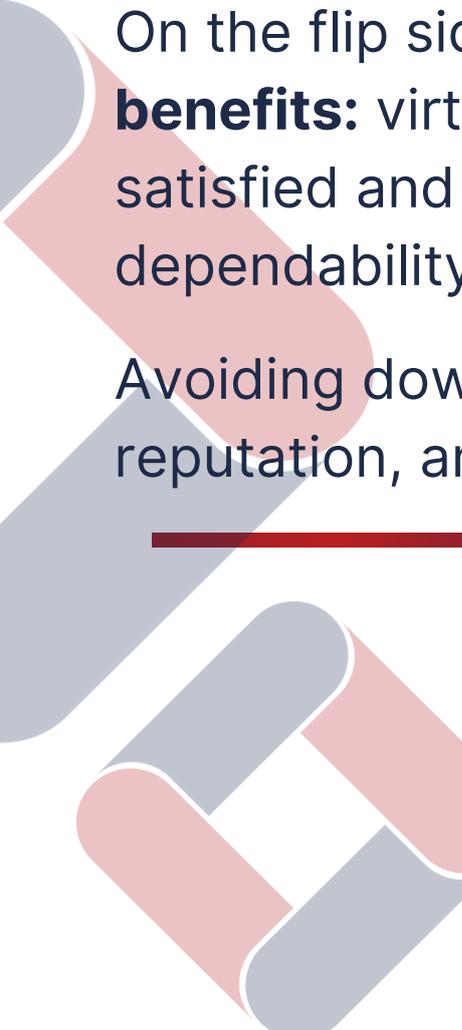
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BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE for 24/7 Operations

Achieving "always-on" IT starts with a resilient infrastructure design.

The goal is to eliminate any single points of failure so that one mishap doesn't bring everything down.
Redundancy is key.

That means having backup hardware, duplicate network connections, and failover systems at the ready. If one server fails, another can seamlessly take over, so work carries on *unaffected*.

This no-single-point-of-failure approach enables leading providers to offer "unbeatable reliability and availability" for logistics IT environments.

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Disaster recovery planning is another pillar of resilience. In logistics, you must be prepared for system failure or cyber-attacks that could knock out systems.

A sound disaster recovery (DR) strategy involves maintaining up-to-date backups and standby systems that can be quickly activated.

Regularly test your failover and recovery processes to avoid surprises when an emergency strikes.

By investing in infrastructure resilience (from redundant servers to a well-rehearsed recovery plan) you create a strong foundation for 24/7 uptime.
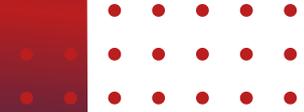
CLOUD HOSTING
Scalable, Reliable, & Logistics Friendly

Cloud infrastructure is inherently suited to "always-on" operations. **Why?**

Cloud hosting allows easy scaling and distribution of workloads. If your system or platform sees a spike in usage, a cloud platform can seamlessly scale resources on demand without compromising performance.

This *e l a s t i c i t y* ensures your systems stay responsive even at peak loads.

Leading cloud setups are designed with high availability and flexibility in mind. This means there's no single point of failure in the underlying architecture.
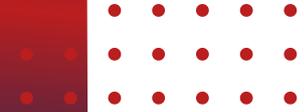
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Security and compliance are also addressed by reputable cloud providers. Top providers, like <u>CWCS Managed Hosting</u>, comply with standards like ISO 27001 and implement strong protections, so your sensitive logistics data stays safe.

In short, migrating from fragile legacy systems to a well-architected cloud environment can significantly reduce the risk of outages while boosting efficiency and agility.

It's a big reason why many supply chain businesses are moving away from on-site servers to cloud or hybrid solutions. By optimising IT in the cloud, you gain a platform that grows with you, stays resilient, and frees you from much of the heavy lifting of maintenance.
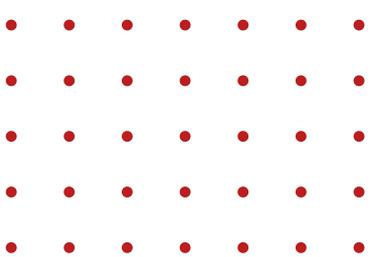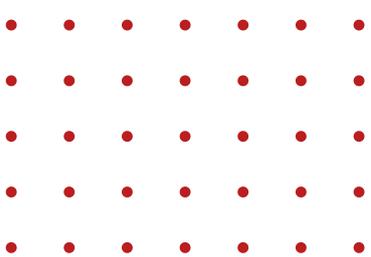
MANAGED HOSTING
for Reliability & Peace of Mind

In a managed hosting model, you aren't doing it alone; the right provider will not only utilise robust hardware but also actively monitor and maintain them 24/7.
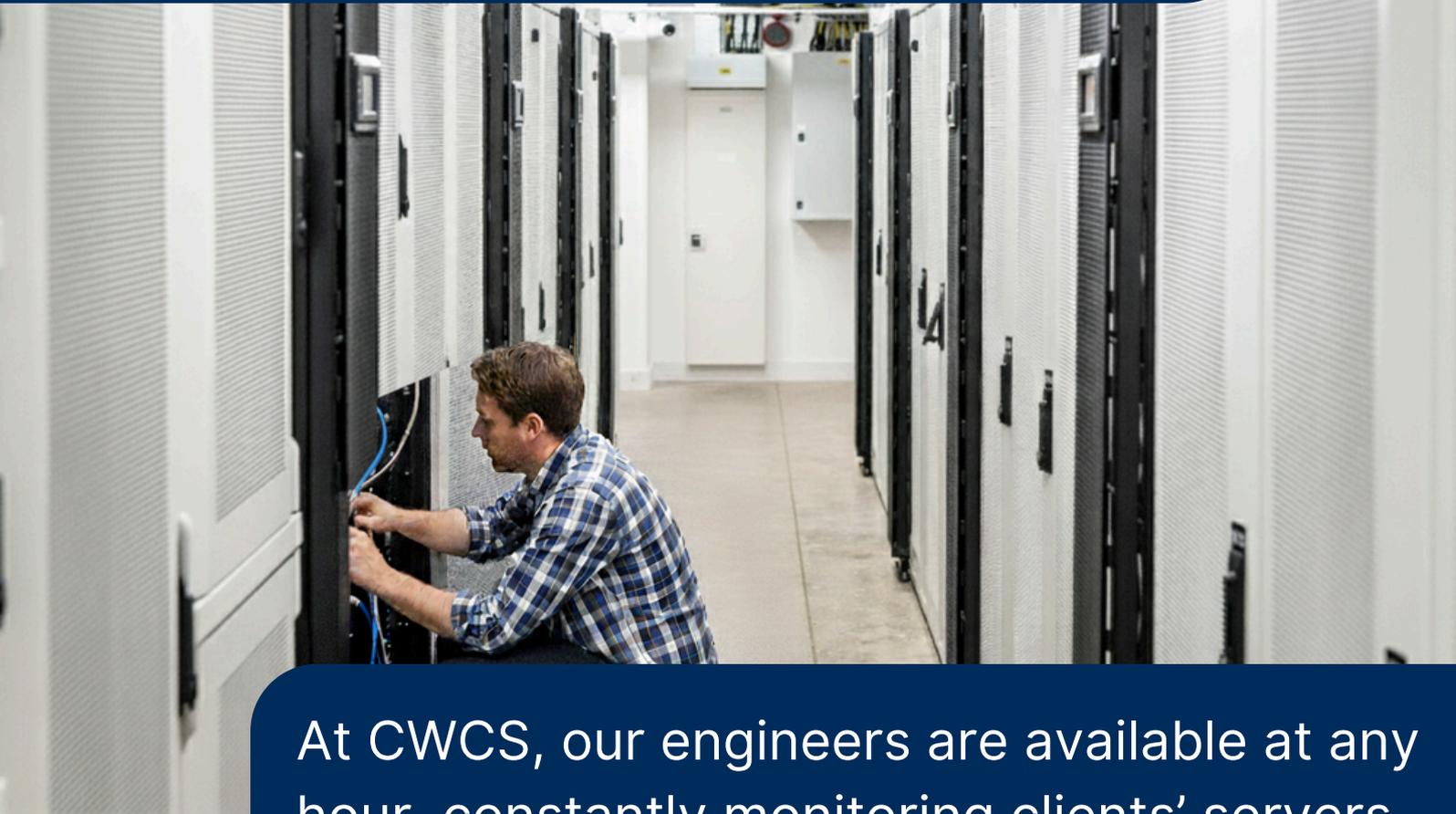
At CWCS, our engineers are available at any hour, constantly monitoring clients' servers and cloud environments.

It's like having an on-call IT guardian who never sleeps.

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Hosting Providers: What To Look For

Managed Hosting Providers bring expertise in infrastructure resilience techniques, and backs their service with uptime guarantees in a Service Level Agreement (SLA).from setting up load-balanced server clusters to fine-tuning databases for high availability.

It's common to see guarantees of **99.99%** uptime or higher for critical systems, equating to a few minutes of downtime per month.

Some, like CWCS, offer 100% network uptime guarantees.

Equally important is the support experience. Look for a provider with truly 24/7 support and engineers who understand the logistics industry. When an issue arises, you want to speak to a knowledgeable human within minutes, not wait in a queue.

STAYING AHEAD:
Best Practices for "Always-On IT"

Ensuring continuous uptime is an ongoing effort. Besides the big strategies of resilient design and managed services, there are some best practices logistics firms should keep in mind:

REGULAR TESTING AND MAINTENANCE

MONITOR PERFORMANCE ACTIVELY

PLAN FOR SURGERS

SECURITY TO PREVENT OUTAGES

CONTINOUS IMPROVEMENT

CONCLUSION:
Turning Reliability into Your Competitive Advantage

In Logistics and Warehousing, consistent IT uptime is directly tied to success. Always-on infrastructure means your team can focus on moving goods rather than troubleshooting tech issues.

By investing in resilient architecture, leveraging the scalability and reliability of managed hosting, you build a platform for unwavering reliability. High uptime builds a reputation for dependability that can set you apart in a competitive industry.

Remember: achieving near-100% uptime is an ongoing journey, not a one-time project. It requires the right technology choices and the right people backing you up.
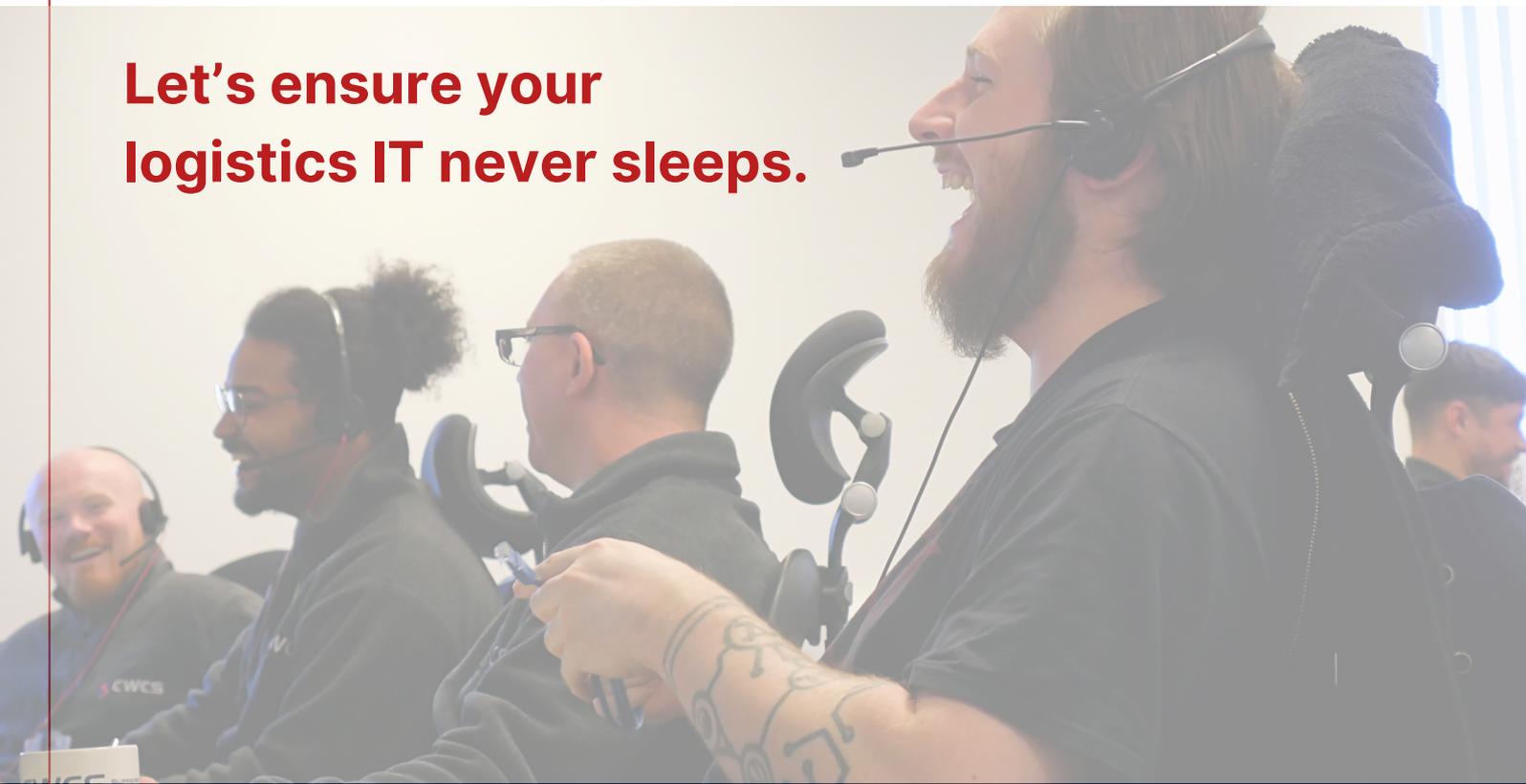
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