

Your Recovery Test Passed.

Does Anyone Know If It Still Would?

Why infrastructure survivability fails after the design review, not during it.
during it.



THE ASSUMPTION

Design reviews only ask present-tense questions.



Is failover designed?



Is redundancy present?



Is recovery documented?

Every one of these is graded the day of the review — and never checked again.



THE REAL QUESTION

The design review and reality are asking different questions.

DESIGN REVIEW

Is failover
designed?

Is redundancy
present?

Is recovery
documented?

Is the capability
funded?

OPERATIONAL REALITY

Who validates it
quarterly?

Who
maintains it?

Who
exercises it?

Who owns proving
it still works?



Survivability isn't a system property.

It's not something an architecture has. It's something a person is assigned to keep re-proving — and most organizations never make that assignment.

RECOVERY CAPABILITY

OWNER: UNASSIGNED



NOT A NEW FAILURE

This pillar has already
seen this exact pattern.

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POLICY INTENT
DRIFT

(configuration state)

OWNER:
UNASSIGNED

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EMERGENCY
RECONCILIATION GAP

(exception handling)

OWNER:
UNASSIGNED

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RECOVERY
CAPABILITY

(survivability)

OWNER:
UNASSIGNED

Same failure. Different object.



FAILURE STATE: SURVIVABILITY THEATER

The capability exists.
The accountability doesn't.

RECOVERY PLATFORM — FUNDED

MAINTAINED?

?

RECOVERY TOOLING — LICENSED

EXERCISED?

?

FAILOVER CAPABILITY — DOCUMENTED

STAFFED?

?

1 of 2 — escalation continues next slide



FAILURE STATE: SURVIVABILITY THEATER

By the time it's tested,
it's too late to fix.

RECOVERY ENVIRONMENT — EXISTS

VALIDATED?

This is the row where operational neglect becomes governance failure — nobody validates that the environment still matches production.

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COMMON MISTAKE

**A passing test proves
one date. Not the next 18 months.**



A successful disaster recovery test proves the capability existed on that date, that date, under that team, against that platform version. It proves nothing about what comes after — unless someone is explicitly accountable for repeating it.

INFRASTRUCTURE SURVIVABILITY

**Doesn't fail when redundancy is absent.
absent.**

**It fails when nobody's accountable for proving
proving redundancy still works.**

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