The Business Value of Storage Solutions at the Edge

ANALYZE THE FUTURE

ABOUT THIS INFOGRAPHIC

IDC surveyed 802 IT and operations decision makers across North America, Europe, and Asia to learn about the adoption and benefits of storage-as-a-service use cases deployed in edge locations.

Factors Driving Edge Adoption

Edge solutions are designed to acquire, analyze, and act on data independent of centralized cloud or datacenter resources.

TOP 5 MOTIVATIONS FOR DEPLOYING EDGE SOLUTIONS

Cost of bandwidth and centralized infrastructure can be prohibitive

Security/data protection related to negative impact on operations/applications

> **Deterministic latency and** distance limitations

Compliance with sovereign entities and industry regulations

> **Continuous operation if** network access is interrupted



Note: % corresponds to number of respondents - total sums to 100%.

Edge Data Characteristics

TYPE OF DATA STORED AT THE EDGE



Considerations and Challenges Associated with **Edge Storage Solutions**

15.7%

2.5%

1 month

Less than 1 day

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Edge storage solutions are a set of storage-as-a-service use cases that are involved in acquiring, analyzing, and acting on valuable data created from various remote sources.

> **TOP 3 CONSIDERATIONS** WHEN DEPLOYING EDGE STORAGE SOLUTIONS



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TOP 3 CHALLENGES WITH EDGE STORAGE SOLUTIONS



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Edge Storage Solutions Result in Tangible Improvements

Chief experience officers (CXOs) measure the success of edge storage solutions across several strategic KPIs:



Realized improvements, ranging from 17% to 21%, are material — indicating an attractive investment in edge storage solutions.

Respondents have higher expectations as edge storage solutions mature, with improvements ranging from 25% to 29%.



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