Data centres are a foundational IT component, enabling the use of an ever expanding range of applications and supporting increasing volumes of data. However, they face a variety of taxing day-to-day challenges, which leave resources with little time for innovation or transformation.

Moving towards a more Autonomous Data Centre (ADC) is the answer to these challenges. Through automation and enhancement, businesses can free up time to innovate and develop. In fact, most will realise significant benefits simply by taking small steps to partially automate their current set up.

**Attributes of an Autonomous Data Centre**

An Autonomous Data Centre (ADC) should be capable of four key outcomes through automation and optimisation:

1. **Delivering optimal performance**
   - Workload balancing, self service provisioning and predictive analytics.

2. **Staying safe and secure**
   - Advanced security, firewalls, DR and backup.

3. **Staying healthy**
   - Automated maintenance and self-healing.

4. **Providing sufficient capacity**
   - Right-sizing, capacity planning and utilisation optimisation.

By combining both hardware and software, Ultima’s ADC solution uses innovations like robotic process automation (RPA) and artificial intelligence (AI) to complete routine tasks, predict and prevent problems, and improve security. This not only reduces costs, but gives staff the time to focus on new business solutions and driving digital transformation.
Foundations of a more Autonomous Data Centre (ADC)

SMART TECH
- Integration and development
- Business continuity
- Monitoring & analysis
- Automation & management
- Migration management
- Network & security
- Storage
- Compute

AN AUTONOMOUS OPERATING MODEL
- AIOps
- Autonomous management
- Autonomous infrastructure
- Enabled by RPA, AI and analytics

CONFIGURATION OF AUTONOMOUS CAPABILITIES
- Self-remediation
- Capacity management
- Performance optimisation
- Intelligent protection

Plotting your path to an Autonomous Data Centre

Every business has unique needs when it comes to embracing an ADC. So, we’ve developed a five point ADC maturity framework and assessment process to help you understand exactly what you need. We then work with a variety of vendors, including HPE, VMware, Cisco and Dell, to create, configure, deploy and maintain your perfect solution.

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The difference ADCs can make

ADCs are designed to reduce the complexity of your IT infrastructure and help your employees achieve more by leveraging automation, AI and machine learning. Their key benefits include:

**SPEED**
Complete projects and deliver routine tasks quicker.

**RELIABILITY**
Self-diagnosing and self-healing.

**AGILITY**
Simple and scalable environments enable rapid provisioning or expansion.

**CONSISTENCY**
Logical and systematic automation of tasks ensures 100% accuracy.

**SECURITY**
Enhanced visibility, automated protection and smart reporting.

**FOCUS**
More time for initiatives that drive business transformation.

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Get in touch today to find out how an ADC can help you and your business grow.