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Re: Where can I learn more about Data Center Management?

I need your help. I have to bone up on the current issues with managing medium to large data centers before my meeting with the CIO in two weeks. I know about several blogs that cover these topics, but the blogs are hit or miss. I've read the Wikipedia pages, but what I am in need of are some key industry white papers on these subjects. I don't need basics, but what are the current trends and issues?

Could you guide me to these things?

First, I have time to read about 4-5 papers around the topic. What are the key papers (using either these or other keywords) that I should read?

Second, I'd like to know where to go to find the richest repositories of media and industry whitepapers (or academic papers if you can find them) about these—and related—subjects? Can you provide me with the best sites (at least 3, along with a short description of each) you know about?

Could you get something to me by the end of the workday in two weeks? I am looking for two pages at the very most—in annotated list form this time. Thanks.

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