Archer® Business Continuity & IT Disaster Recovery Planning
Use Case for Business Resiliency

The Challenge
For many organizations, 24/7 service delivery requirements are putting greater pressure on business and IT resource availability, making it even more important to have effective recovery plans. Interruptions ranging from isolated infrastructure failures to natural disasters, to ransomware have the potential to cause serious harm to your organization’s finances and reputation. Unfortunately, recovery efforts are often chaotic, ad hoc, and uncoordinated due to little or nonexistent planning efforts and business recovery and IT disaster recovery teams working in silos.

Your continuity and recovery teams grapple with dozens of regulations, methodologies, maturity models, guidelines and laws. These authoritative sources affect how you implement and manage your business continuity programs. To complicate matters, recovery plans are often kept in multiple tools. That means management does not have clear visibility to the recovery plans for critical business processes and IT infrastructure. Further, based on business impact analyses, many IT disaster recovery teams have a different understanding from the business continuity team of what is critical to protect and recover. Resources are wasted on manually documenting information, rather than planning to minimize the impacts of potential interruptions.

Overview
Archer® Business Continuity & IT Disaster Recovery Planning enables you to perform risk assessments and document and test business continuity and IT disaster recovery plans that target your organization, including business processes, locations, IT applications and infrastructure, and information assets. This use case provides a coordinated, consistent, and automated approach to business continuity and IT disaster recovery planning and execution, allowing you to respond swiftly in crisis situations to protect your ongoing operations.

Key Features
- Centralized location, workflow, review and approval processes for your standardized business continuity and IT disaster recovery plans.
- Project management capabilities to track recovery plans, strategies and tasks.
- Dashboards and reports that provide visibility into the current state of the organization's plans status, review dates, test results and remediation status.
- Fully-customizable dashboard to activate plans directly.
- Coordination between business continuity, IT disaster recovery, and crisis teams and plans.

Key Benefits
With Archer Business Continuity and IT Disaster Recovery Planning, you can:
- Improve response to disruptions.
- Reduce the impact of disruptions on operations, revenue, brand and customer loyalty, as well as availability of products and services for customers, employees, and third parties.
- Implement a consistent and coordinated planning process and methodology for business and IT supported through one central tool.
- Improve focus on the right priorities in the event of a disaster.
- Increase trust by senior management, the board, regulators and employees with higher-quality, tested recovery plans.
- Align plans with the organization's priorities and the most critical processes, IT infrastructure and systems, and company assets.
- Improve focus on the right priorities in the event of a disaster.
Discover More

Archer, an RSA company, is a leader in providing integrated risk management solutions that enable customers to improve strategic decision making and operational resiliency. As true pioneers in GRC software, Archer remains solely dedicated to helping customers understand risk holistically by engaging stakeholders, leveraging a modern platform that spans key domains of risk and supports analysis driven by both business and IT impacts. The Archer customer base represents one of the largest pure risk management communities globally, with over 1,500 deployments including more than 90 of the Fortune 100.