



Tabletop Exercises

Validate response and recovery readiness with customized scenarios

Organizations face increasing cyber, operational, and compliance pressures while hybrid environments grow in complexity and interdependence. Many teams rely on disaster recovery (DR) and incident response (IR) plans that are outdated, untested, or incomplete, creating readiness gaps and weaknesses:

- Undocumented systems
- Incomplete procedures
- Unclear roles and unassigned responsibilities
- Unvalidated cross-functional team coordination
- Insufficient stakeholder communications

These gaps increase risk, extend recovery timelines, and create organizational and audit exposure. Only with structured, realistic testing can organizations confidently assess whether their plans, people, and processes will perform under pressure.

Flexential Tabletop Exercises provide structured, scenario based testing that validates DR and IR plans, strengthens cross team coordination, and identifies unknown gaps. Each engagement delivers documented findings and prioritized remediation guidance that improves resiliency, reduces downtime, and strengthens compliance posture.

Problems we solve

Tabletop exercises expose hidden weaknesses and communication challenges.

- Lack of cross team coordination during recovery or incidents
- Limited real world scenario testing
- Unvalidated, missing, or outdated DR and IR documentation
- Limited DR and IR expertise
- Unknown gaps in recovery and response procedures
- No structured continuous improvement cycle

Why tabletop exercises matter

“ Organizations with an incident response (IR) team who regularly tested their IR plan experienced an average cost of data breach that was USD \$1.5 million lower compared to organizations without an IR team or IR plan testing.”

— IBM

Features

These capabilities create a repeatable, auditable engagement that strengthens DR and IR readiness.

- Realistic, tailored scenario development aligned to your requirements
- Facilitated tabletop testing with cross functional participants
- Review of DR objectives, infrastructure, and IR policies
- Documentation of responses, gaps, and failure points
- Four phase engagement model:
Initiation → Discovery → Execution → Closing
- Prioritized and actionable remediation guidance

How it works

A structured, repeatable methodology that produces actionable outcomes.

- **Initiation:** Identification of scope, objectives, and stakeholders
- **Discovery:** Review documentation, risk tolerance, and requirements
- **Execution:** Facilitated tabletop (up to four hours) using tailored scenarios
- **Closing:** After action report with prioritized remediation guidance

Outcomes we deliver

Clear, measurable improvements across operational, cyber, and compliance domains.

- Reduced operational, cyber, and compliance risk
- Improved application availability
- Higher operational resiliency
- Stronger compliance posture

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Benefits

Organizations gain measurable improvements in readiness, coordination, and resilience.

- Reduced downtime and faster recoveries
- Stronger cross team coordination and response maturity
- Clear visibility into DR and IR readiness
- Improved auditability and documentation quality

Differentiators

Flexential delivers a deeper, more operationally grounded tabletop experience.

- Tailored, realistic scenarios built from your environment and business context
- Cross disciplinary expertise across DR, IR, security, compliance, and infrastructure
- Actionable, prioritized remediation guidance
- Exercise planning and execution by experienced, consultative IR and DR experts