

Cold Aisle Data Center Planning



Overview

The hot aisle /cold aisle data center layout was originated by IBM in 1992 and it is one of the oldest ways to save energy in the data center. 1 Hot aisle/cold aisle layout involves lining up server racks in alternating rows with cold air intakes – the fronts of servers –. Hot aisle and cold aisle containment are foundational concepts in data center design. When implemented correctly, they improve efficiency, reduce energy consumption, extend equipment life, and enhance overall reliability. To maintain thermal performance, equipment accessibility, and safety, it's essential to follow key spatial guidelines. This involves conducting a thorough cooling assessment of the current data center and developing a comprehensive plan for the implementation of hot and cold aisle containment to minimize disruptions. Containment systems work by enclosing either the cold aisle or the hot aisle between rows of server racks. Cool air from the raised floor (or overhead ducts) is contained in this aisle. Servers pull in air at consistent, low.



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In its simplest form, hot/cold aisle data center design involves lining up server racks in alternating rows, with cold air intakes facing one way and the

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