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Data centres coming close to capacity

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Data centres at leading companies are rapidly running out of room, according to a new study.

A report by the Aperture Research Institute found that of the 600 data centres surveyed, 90 per cent had IT equipment taking up three-quarters or more of the available space.

In addition, 43 per cent said that they were devoting 90 per cent available space to IT storage, suggesting that many firms may be looking to outsource their data storage floors to a professional firm in the near future.

"Data centres are facing a time of crisis because of the increased demands on their physical resources and management," remarked Steve Yellen, the vice president of marketing at Aperture.

"With these data centres stretching thinner and thinner, more and more instances of downtime and failure are likely to occur."

A large number of firms in the study revealed that they had been forced to dramatically increase the power needs of data centres in a bid to retain efficiency.