

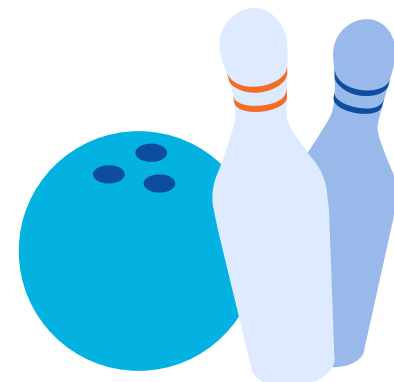
# 10 WAYS TO KILL TIME IN THE DATACENTER

How long does the average infrastructure upgrade take you? From upgrade planning to completion, this often takes days! Before these IT pros switched to the speedy, one-click power of hyperconverged infrastructure, they had to find creative ways to kill time in the datacenter—and we asked them how they did it!



## 1. Kill Boredom with Games

Some IT folks come prepared with entertainment to make the time pass. Some bring a gaming console, some play Wii, some stick to solitaire, Bejeweled, and Tetris, and others play “floor tile hopscotch” or even bowl in the datacenter!



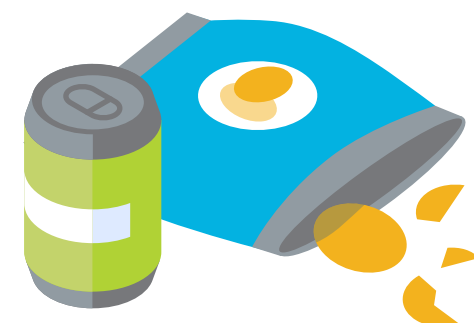
## 2. (Not So) Patiently Wait



When you’re not exactly sure just how long an upgrade will take, you could be spending your time doing stuff like twiddling your thumbs, watching the slowly moving progress bar, or like one System Engineer said: “praying that the upgrade [goes] well.”

## 3. Snack Attack!

If you spend enough time staring at the upgrade bar, you might realize your hunger bar is dangerously low! And while LOTS of respondents choose coffee, others, like one database administrator, say they: “Estimate [the] time to finish, then go out for a snack.”



## 4. Catch up on ZZZs



Picture this: You’ve just spent your Friday night and most of your weekend stuck in the datacenter. You’re tired, and you now have to sit through an upgrade. What do you do? One engineer has the right idea: “Find a corner [and] sleep.”

## 5. Binge Watch Shows

If your infrastructure needs ‘round-the-clock surveillance, you’re likely too busy to catch up on your favorite shows. So, many said they’d fit in a few episodes, watch a movie (or two), pop on a tutorial, and scour YouTube during an upgrade.



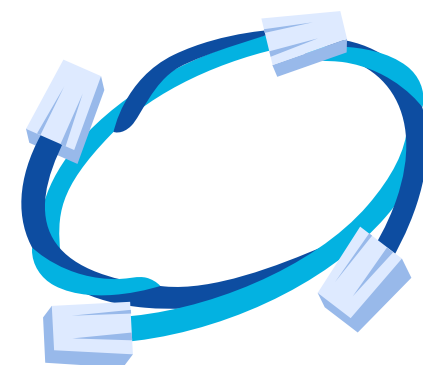
## 6. Those Who Wander are Bored



There’s boredom, and then there’s waiting-for-an-upgrade boredom. Sometimes, all you can do is wander aimlessly in the datacenter, like one IT admin who “[walked] circles around the lines of racks.”

## 7. Gettin’ Crafty!

Think crafting and IT don’t mix? Think again! One IT Sr. Computer Specialist killed time by making a nest with a server box, and one IT Services Manager made daisy chains with network cables.



## 8. Marie Kondo-ing the Datacenter



Lengthy upgrades definitely DON’T spark joy. But our respondents make the best of it, with about 10% of them saying they clean and organize their datacenter and cables.

## 9. Get Those Steps in!

While lots of folks said they walk to pass the time, one IT Technical Manager confessed he walks 3-5 miles just to think. We did the math, and that’s about 1-2 hours! As far as we’re concerned, no update should take that long.



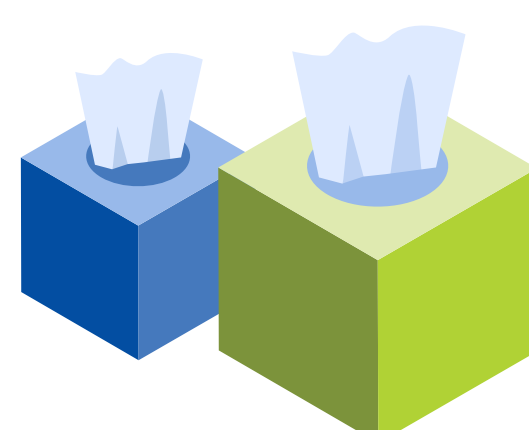
## 9. Dream of Something Better

We’ll let one Systems Administrator speak for himself. To kill time before Nutanix, he would “research better solutions to implement.” And according to one Sr. Systems Administrator, Nutanix gave him his “weekends and nights back.” Win!



## Bonus: “Cry”

Yup, just cry. Can’t say we blame you, Sr. Applications Engineer!



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