

Human Error Examples

- A system operator mistakenly deleted the \$38 billion Alaska Permanent Fund database and then deleted its backup.
- A maintenance contractor's mistake shut down the Oakland Air Traffic Control Center.
- A State of Virginia technician pulled the wrong controller and crashed a redundant SAN that already had suffered a controller failure.
- A technician with DBS Bank made an unauthorized repair on a redundant SAN and took down both sides.

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http://www.availabilitydigest.com/public_articles/0704/data_center_outages-lessons.pdf