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Real-time insights, transparent maintenance processes and direct access to operational data: Discover how the Portus Customer Service Portal gives customers greater visibility and control over their critical infrastructure.

Reliability is one of the most important requirements in data center operations. But for businesses running mission-critical IT infrastructure, knowing that everything is operating smoothly is no longer enough.

Customers increasingly want to understand what happens behind the scenes: How is their infrastructure monitored? Which maintenance activities are performed, when, how and by whom? How could potential incidents be managed? And how can they access the live information they need, the reports and the business-critical communication?

At Portus Data Centers, we believe that trust is built through transparency, accountability, continuous attention to customer needs, agility, adaptability and consistent operational excellence.

Our Customer Service Portal, currently available at our Luxembourg data center, puts this philosophy into practice by giving customers direct access to operational information about their infrastructure but also the key site equipment serving their cages and critical key IT equipment.

From operational reliability to operational transparency

Traditionally, data center customers have relied on periodic reports and service-level agreements to assess the performance of their infrastructure. Most of the time, in a fixed format, and, above all, after the reporting period has ended.

While these remain essential, they provide only part of the picture.

Today, customers expect greater visibility into the processes and systems that support their business-critical applications.

For Patrice Roy, who has been closely involved in developing the Portus Customer Service Portal, transparency is an essential part of building long-term customer confidence. *"Transparency is about showing customers not only that their infrastructure is operating reliably, but also how we, Portus Operations Team, maintain, consistently over time, that reliability,"* explains Patrice Roy. This includes making operational processes visible in detail, documenting maintenance activities, Risk assessments and providing live access to relevant performance data.

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Rather than treating operational information as something that remains behind the scenes, Portus aims to make it accessible and understandable to its customers. Sharing expertise with clients, communicating decisions and the procedures for critical operations, and being able at any time to explain to and reassure clients that upcoming critical operations are known, understood, managed, and carried out by experienced professionals who know what they need to do and why – this has become the company's DNA.

Real-time visibility into critical infrastructure

The Portus Customer Service Portal provides customers with a detailed view of their data center environment.

Through an user-friendly interface, users can access operational information relating to their allocated space and infrastructure.

Key capabilities include:

- Power monitoring: Visibility into power consumption, electrical parameters and load distribution. Real time but also historical graphs.
- Environmental monitoring: Access to temperature and humidity data, cooling infrastructure KPIs.
- Rack-level insights: Detailed monitoring of individual racks, including power consumption and historical usage, environmental KPIs, load and phases balance, etc.
- Reporting: Access to operational reports, including incident documentation and access records, site certificates, etc. Customers can review current conditions and examine historical data to better understand infrastructure performance over time.

For example, rack-level monitoring allows users to track power consumption in kilowatts and kilowatt-hours, helping them understand how their infrastructure uses electricity.

This level of visibility supports informed infrastructure planning and more transparent discussions about capacity requirements.

Making maintenance processes visible

Preventive maintenance is fundamental to reliable data center operations. However, customers often have limited visibility into when maintenance takes place and how it is carried out.

The Portus Customer Service Portal addresses this by providing access to structured maintenance information.

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Customers can review maintenance schedules covering the coming 53 weeks, together with the associated Methods of Procedure (MOPs), which document the individual steps involved in maintenance activities.

The portal also enables customers to follow, in real time, the progress of scheduled critical maintenance that could impact their production.

Automated notifications inform users when maintenance begins and when it has been completed. Individual process steps can be tracked as work progresses.

This approach makes operational activities more transparent and helps customers understand the measures taken to maintain infrastructure reliability.

Transparency also matters when challenges arise

Even in professionally operated data centers, technical issues cannot be ruled out entirely.

What matters is how effectively they are identified, investigated, communicated and resolved. The Portus approach is based on the principle that transparency should extend beyond routine operations.

By documenting maintenance activities, providing access to incident reports and making operational processes visible, the Customer Service Portal supports a clearer understanding of how infrastructure is managed. This strengthens accountability and helps build confidence in the expertise of the teams responsible for critical infrastructure.

For Portus, operational excellence is not simply about delivering a service. It is also about demonstrating the processes, expertise and responsiveness behind that service.

Designed for simplicity and customer control

Despite the technical complexity of data center operations, accessing relevant information should be straightforward. The Portus Customer Service Portal has therefore been designed with usability in mind. Its intuitive interface allows customers to navigate operational dashboards, retrieve reports and access documentation through a completely intuitive user interface that mirrors the way users work and the flow of critical information that end users need to see, rather than tedious menus that require training and complex support.

Customers can also manage access permissions within their own organizations. A designated customer administrator can grant different users access to relevant information based on their responsibilities. For example, electrical specialists may require different operational insights from colleagues responsible for cooling infrastructure. This provides flexibility while allowing customers to retain control over internal user access.

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The platform also offers access to technical documentation, contact information and service-related resources, bringing important operational information together in one place.

Developed in Luxembourg, with a broader vision

The Customer Service Portal was originally developed to meet the specific operational requirements of the Portus data center in Luxembourg, where it is currently in use.

The next step is to port the platform into a more universal solution that can be deployed across additional Portus locations.

The objective is to make the same principles of operational transparency and accessible infrastructure information available more broadly throughout the Portus data center portfolio.

This reflects a wider ambition: combining secure and reliable infrastructure with a service experience that gives customers greater insight into the environment supporting their digital operations.

Building trust through visibility

As digital infrastructure becomes increasingly critical to business operations, customers need more than capacity, connectivity and contractual commitments. They need confidence in the people, processes and systems behind their infrastructure.

This proprietary Service Portal is one example of how Portus Data Centers translate that commitment into practical customer value. By combining real-time monitoring, structured reporting, transparent maintenance processes and intuitive access to operational information, we help customers gain a clearer understanding of their infrastructure environment.

Because reliable infrastructure is essential. But understanding how that reliability is delivered makes all the difference.

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About Patrice Roy

Patrice Roy brings nearly 40 years of international experience in technology, sales and executive management. Since 2008, he has served as Chief Operating Officer at European Data Hub, overseeing commercial activities, customer relationships and technical operations. Previously, he held senior management positions at Thomson Reuters and IBM, combining strong technical expertise with extensive business leadership experience.



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