How i came to own a data center vending machine...

The story of a fixed idea...

... and a nagging thought.

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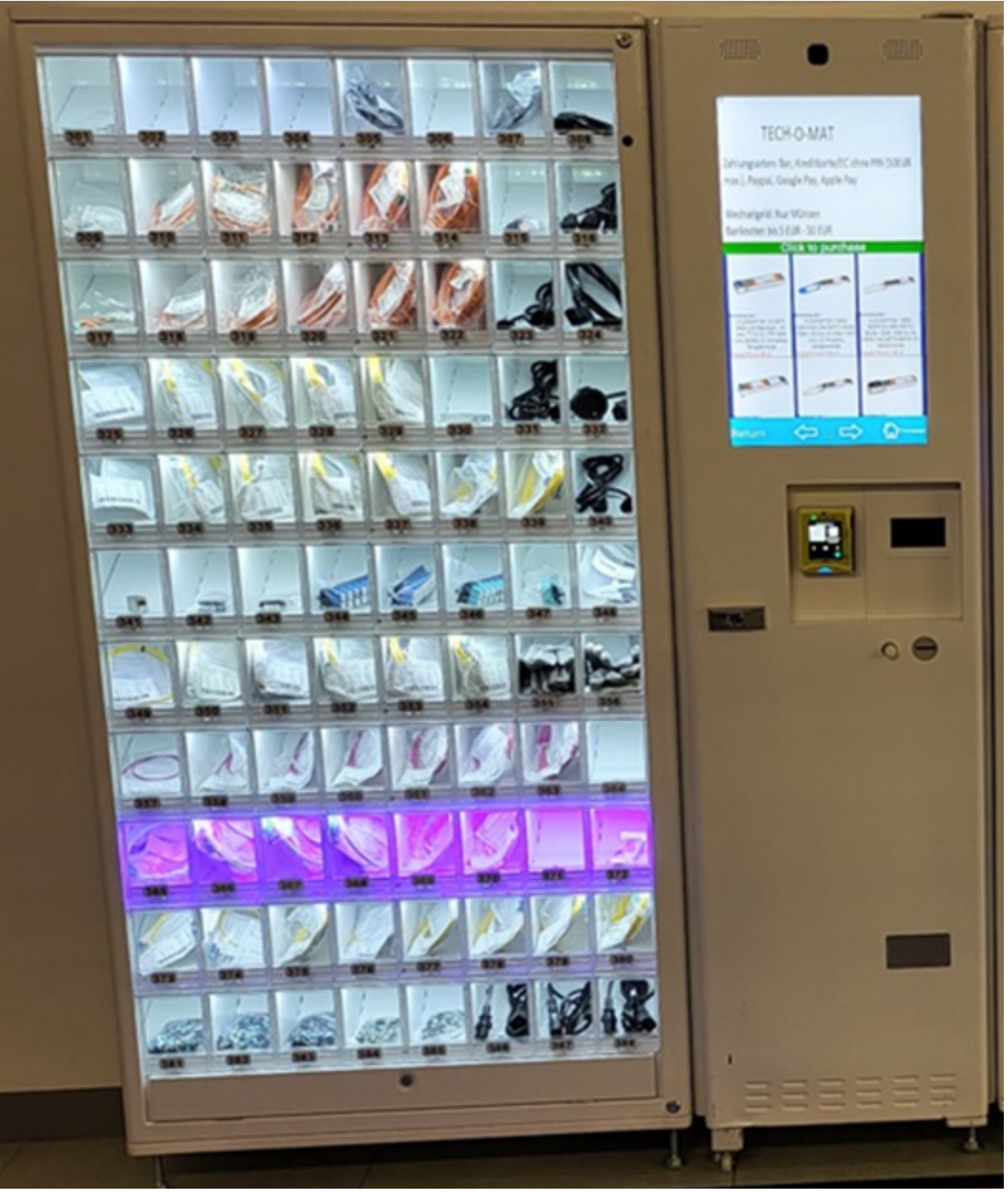

This is what i will be talking about today...

A data center centric vending machine, 169 small to large lockers, a credit card processor, touch screen, bill and coin payment possibilities, Flexbox inside...

This thing spits out: cables of all types, cleaners, different optics, material to label, document and fix plus some tools and measurement equipment.

It is located in NTT GDC BER 1 in Berlin

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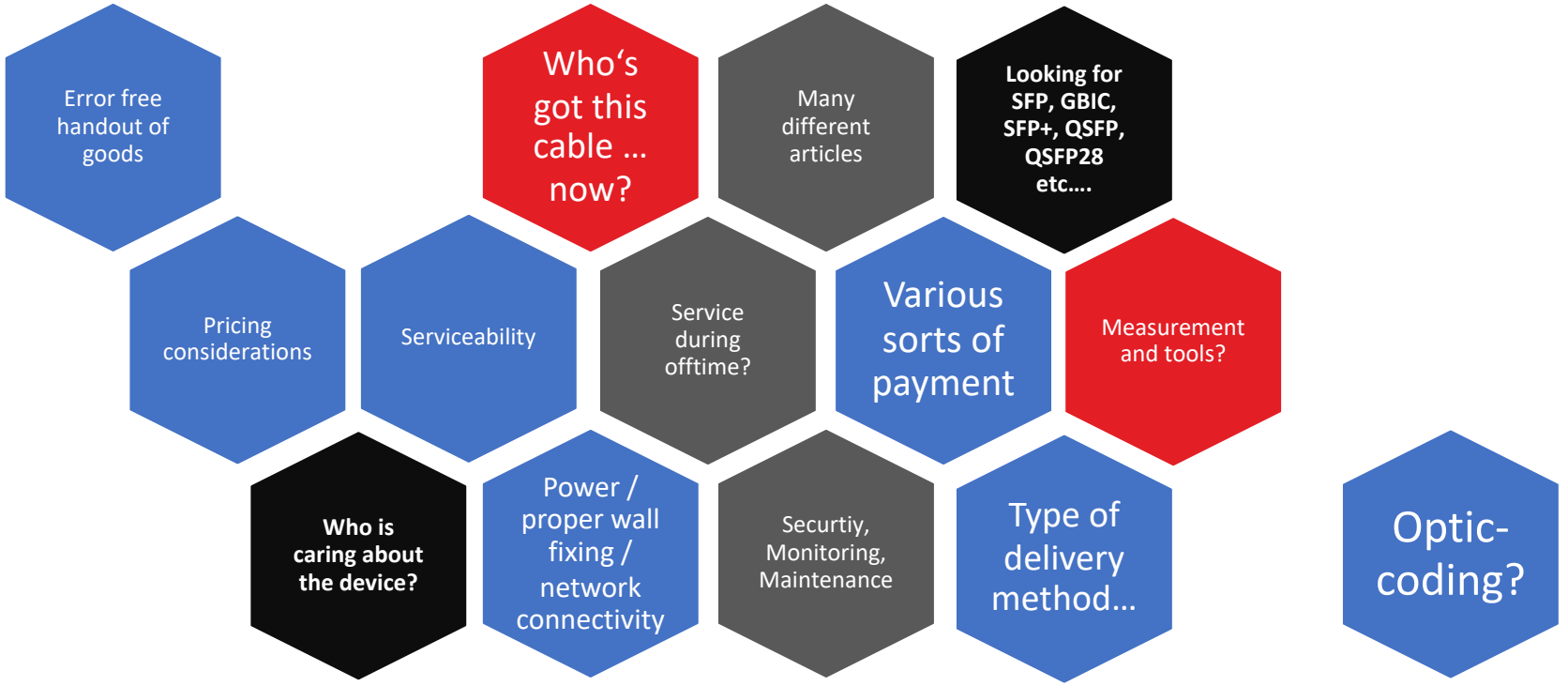
How everything started...

There was one beautiful summer day and i was not enjoying the sun, but crawling through a Berlin data center ....



Questions… more questions… many more Questions!…

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Honestly, on first thought this looked pretty straight forward, but considering closer to each detail this got way more complex....

About things that need testing before you can set up such a beast...

... and the move

And here she is...

If i would do it again? Like i did it? Any learnings? 😊

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