



Wondering How to Self-Audit Your IT? Perform These 5 Steps

Without an expert technology advisor to tell you what's going on with your IT environment, it can be tough to know if it's healthy or could use some help. If you want to audit your own IT, follow the five steps below to find out if you need to make some changes or if you're doing A-OK.

1 Take inventory

When was the last time you tallied up what your existing systems entail? Go through all IT-related devices and solutions to take note of what you possess.

You could find outdated hardware or software such as desktops and phones. Or perhaps you'll discover technology you're not using that you're still paying for. Even if you don't find anything surprising, you'll need this inventory for the next steps.

2 Perform a basic evaluation

Go through the aspects of your network that you are able to view and evaluate for functionality. Are your security solutions functioning as they should? Are your applications such as anti-malware and firewall doing their jobs? If you can't tell, it is time to bring in a cyber security expert to determine if those critical systems are functioning at 100%.

Additionally, consider the last time you had a penetration test done. If it's been a while, you'll need to bring in an expert to evaluate how secure your environment is.

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Look at existing security policies

Employees are one of the biggest risks to your business. Do you have adequate policies they can follow to ensure their use of technologies is in line with your security needs? For example, do you offer security awareness training? Do you keep up with phishing scams?

Establishing security policies – and following through with them – is a vital component of a successful IT environment.



Establish a value for the data you have

Once you have a better awareness of the technology you possess, valuing your data can put into perspective how you need to address upgrades. Do you have extremely sensitive data that is being protected by older security systems? Do you need to keep data secure that is currently exposed by outdated hardware or tools you cannot account for?

The answers to these questions will help you determine if you need to move fast on improving your IT environment.



Consider a third-party resource

Once you've evaluated your IT environment, its functionality, your security policies, and your data value, you must determine whether or not you can perform the necessary changes by yourself.

Depending on the size of your IT staff, your capabilities, your budget, and other factors, it may be wisest to employ an outsourced IT expert to help. Tasking your IT staff with overhauls or upgrades will take them away from other work while they execute those changes. And if you don't have an IT staff, selecting, implementing, and maintaining the technology your business needs to grow and stay safe will be your full-time job.

If this all sounds like too much of a tall order for you or your business, contact us at Enterprise Visions. We're here to ensure your IT life is easy, painless, and budget-friendly.

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