

IT Under a Microscope: Technology Assessments

Technology needs are in a state of constant evolution. As a business owner or manager, are you aware of the technologies that are in place; how well they function and for how long? An information technology assessment can answer those lingering questions and develop a vision and strategy beyond time and money. The assessment can also provide an objective look into your company's technology infrastructure needs and how well those needs are being met.

An IT consultant's specialized knowledge and resources can assist you in developing and maintaining a sustainable technology plan by:

- Interviewing senior management, company departments, and possibly even clients to understand your business needs and the expectations of your IT department.
- Interviewing the IT department to confirm whether their objectives agree with your company's needs.
- Providing an in depth review of infrastructure and applications that are performed to understand the inner workings and status of the current infrastructure.
- Identify areas of strength and identify where your company's needs are not being met and the reasons behind them.

A successful assessment encompasses your entire organization. The end result produces a comprehensive evaluation of your company's information technology and includes recommendations from which strategies are developed. With the knowledge that an information technology assessment brings to light, better informed decisions can be made on infrastructure, implementation, and the overall direction of technology in the future.

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