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“Insider Tips To Make Your Business Run Faster, Easier And More Profitably”

Maybe It's Time To Move To The Cloud!

As hurtful as it feels to us, we know that no one likes spending money on IT. Sure we all want our laptops, e-mail and applications secure, running fast and readily available 24-7-365, but your friends aren't going to visit your office and ooh and ahhh over your new server, and it certainly won't provide you hours of entertainment or bragging rights at your next high school reunion.

So the question is, how can you get the tools you need to work without spending an arm and a leg? More and more businesses are choosing to move their network to the cloud. By hosting your server, data and applications offsite (cloud computing) you free yourself from having to purchase, install and maintain your own in-house computer network. That way you're not required to buy a new server and workstations every 3-4 years to keep everything updated; all you need is an Internet connection and a web browser and your cloud provider does the rest.

Of course cloud won't work for everyone; but if you're faced with a server refresh, you owe it to yourself to at least LOOK into it as an option. In addition to the cost savings, here are some of the benefits of moving to the cloud:

1. **Automatic Backup.** Clients who host their server, applications and data in the cloud don't need a separate backup. In some cases, that can save a client thousands of dollars by eliminating the need for a separate BDR (backup and disaster recovery) device and service.
2. **Work Remotely From Any Device.** By hosting your server and workstations in the cloud, you can access key applications, documents, e-mail and processes via a web browser, freeing you to work remotely from whatever device (laptop, tablet, PC) you're using to access them. All you need is a good Internet connection (which isn't hard to come by) and a web browser.
3. **Easier Cash Flow.** When your network is in the cloud, you aren't faced with a big, expensive network upgrade every 3 to 4 years. All you pay is a fixed, monthly fee for the computing power you need, just like a utility. If you need more users, space or features, you add them. If you need to dial it back, you can do that too because you're paying a monthly service fee, not for the physical hardware and software licenses that you have to install and maintain on site.

If you want to find out if all or parts of your network can be hosted in the cloud to save you some money and to simplify IT, just us a call for a Free Cloud Readiness Assessment. There's no cost or obligation, and you just might discover that it's the solution you've been looking for!



“As a business owner, you don't have time to waste on technical and operational issues. That's where we shine! Call us and put an end to your IT problems finally and forever!”

- James Kudla, Tarrytech Computer Consultant

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"JUST THINK OF IT AS IF YOU'RE READING A LONG TEXT-MESSAGE."

Are You Using Videos To Onboard New Employees?

Most small businesses give new team members an Employee Handbook that outlines (in approximately 43 mind-numbing pages) everything anyone needs to know about the company. We expect our new hires to read this brick and be ready to pick an insurance plan, a 401K choice, know the company dress code, code of conduct and even what they can and cannot do online. We often include a boring video for safety or sensitivity training.

Many companies are now fast-tracking onboarding into a series of short videos that go through everything they need to know. It's revolutionizing the new-hire onboarding process, and here's why it's such a great idea:

1. **Your employees are already watching videos:** Many spend 95% of their time at work in front of a computer, and even outside work, they're still staring at their smartphone or watching YouTube videos. People are used to getting information in this format, so why not use it?
2. **It works for employees of all trades:** Even if your employees aren't at a computer all day, videos are still a viable solution. You can e-mail the video to them so they can watch it on their smartphones or at home. Companies like GuideSpark, who create training videos for employees, let you know that the videos were opened. You can't guarantee that your 43-page booklet has ever been cracked, much less read.
3. **It makes participation easier:** Training videos should be short...3-5 minutes at the most. You probably have more than 5 minutes of content, so break it up into chunks. It's a lot easier for someone to read 2 pages and watch a 5-minute video than to read 43 pages, attend a class and watch a 30-minute 1970s training video.
4. **It makes delivery of information easier:** Companies that are changing their insurance coverage, adding a rule or changing their dress codes may want to think about sending out a video e-mail with the explanations. Recent studies suggest two-thirds of employees would prefer to watch a video rather than go to a live meeting explaining the change.
5. **It cuts your orientation time:** By cutting the time of your orientation with short videos that they can watch on their phone or laptop, you could save yourself some money and have the new employees you just hired out and doing their jobs much faster.

If you are still relying on tape drives, external hard drives or USB devices to back up your data, then it's critical for you to get and read this informative business advisory guide.



PROTECT YOUR DATA
"12 Little-Known Facts Every Business Owner Must Know About Data Backup, Security And Disaster Recovery"

Discover What Most IT Consultants Don't Know Or Won't Tell You About Backing Up Your Data And Recovering It After A Disaster

You will learn:

- 1) The only way to know for SURE your data can be recovered if lost, corrupted or deleted — yet fewer than 10% of businesses have this in place.
- 2) 7 critical characteristics you should absolutely demand from any off-site backup service.
- 3) Where many backups fail and give you a false sense of security.
- 4) The #1 cause of data loss that businesses don't even think about until their data is erased.

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Shiny New Gadget Of The Month:



Jawbone UP

UP is a system, wristband + mobile app that tracks how you sleep, move and eat so you can know yourself better, make smarter choices and feel your best. Jawbone UP (and UP24, for those who like Bluetooth capabilities and real-time syncing with the app) helps you understand how you sleep, move and eat so you can make smarter choices; this little wristband keeps you in touch with your body and on top of your health.

The new app displays movement and sleep, details and delivers insights, celebrates milestones and challenges you to make each day better. You can even team up with your friends in the UP app and share your accomplishments!

Because you can achieve anything when you take it one day at a time, the UP Insight Engine suggests daily goals based on your unique patterns. Go further, stay hydrated and sleep better for a sense of accomplishment each and every day. Get your Jawbone UP at www.jawbone.com/up for \$129.99.

Dress For Success

Among the first things people notice about you is the way you dress and the way you groom yourself. Many highly creative people effect a casual indifference toward their personal appearance, but in reality, they are making a purposeful statement. They are saying, in effect, "I'm so good at what I do that I don't have to dress for success."

Henry David Thoreau was such a person. "Beware of all enterprises that require new clothes," he wrote.

If you plan to spend your life in the seclusion of a place like Walden Pond, follow Thoreau's advice. If you want to make it on Wall Street or Main Street, pay careful attention to the clothes you wear and the visual impact you have on others.

When dressing for the business world, follow the standard advice: Dress for inclusion. Look at what the people one or two steps up the corporate ladder from you are wearing and be guided by their tastes.

That's about the closest thing to universal advice that can be given in the realm of dress. Fads and fashions come and go, and what's in today may be passé tomorrow. And the fabric of American culture is quite varied. String ties and cowboy boots for men may be perfectly acceptable business attire in Fort Worth, but they would mark you as eccentric in Boston. Three-piece pinstripes may be the uniform of the day on Wall Street, but may be considered a bit stuffy on Hollywood Boulevard. And if that's true of America, it's even more true of other parts of the world. Wherever you are — in London or Sydney, in Singapore or Luxembourg — follow the fashion lead of the successful people in your business.

The perennial choice for the businessman in the industrialized nations is the gray or blue suit, with lighter shades in warm weather, darker ones in cool weather. Muted pinstripes seem never to go out of style. Brown suits are generally regarded as less authoritative than blue or gray ones.

Women have greater latitude for individuality in fashions, but the general rule still applies. In most businesses, it's best to avoid extremes. Seductive or coquettish outfits may draw admiring stares, but they won't enhance your reputation as a businesswoman.

Solid colors in women's clothing convey a message of seriousness and character. Plaids and prints are more whimsical. In the business office, successful women may be seen wearing suits, dresses, coordinates and skirts with blazers. Different colors flatter different women. Find your best colors and stick with them.

Shoes should always be shined and in good repair. Adlai Stevenson, the American statesman, may be remembered for the famous photograph showing the hole in the sole of his shoe. But he is also remembered as the loser of two presidential elections.

For men, beards are a matter of taste. Make up your mind whether you want one. Don't go around looking as if you've forgotten to shave for the past couple of days. It may work for a Hollywood actor or the leader of a stateless people, but not for a sales and marketing professional. If you choose to wear a beard, keep it neatly trimmed.

Both men and women should avoid extremes of hairstyle. Again, use the look cultivated by the most successful people in your field as a guide, and adapt it to your own physical features.



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Tarrytech Employee Spot Light

As our Senior Network Engineer, Roger R. Ramsamair specializes in remote network engineering support, including monitoring and alerts, backup & data offsite replication, mail servers like Exchange, client security deployment and maintenance, custom firewalls, virtual private networks, content filtering, system operating systems and servers. Roger earned a BS in Computer Engineering from NYU-Poly and now brings our team experience as a former field engineer and support specialist, making him the expert our clients depend on for reliable, expert service when they need it most.

How To Stop Cyberbullying

When I went to school, the biggest threat on the playground was getting roughed up by the class bully who was twice as big and twice as hairy as every other kid on the block. (What WERE his parents feeding him?) But cyberbullying is something very different.

Cyberbullying is when a child, preteen or teen is tormented, threatened, harassed, humiliated, embarrassed or otherwise targeted by another child, preteen or teen using the Internet, interactive and digital technologies or mobile phones. It has to have a minor on both sides because once adults become involved, it is plain and simple cyber-harassment or cyber-stalking.

Turns out digital devices and the web make it much easier for a bully to harass someone; the anonymity and use of social-media sites often make them bolder than they would be in a face-to-face confrontation, and give them more opportunities to badger their target. As a parent, this is just another good reason why you should be monitoring your child's PC and cell phone, as well as their Facebook, Twitter, SnapChat and other social-media site usage. Most social-media sites have a way for you to report this type of abuse and get violators and hateful commentary taken down from their sites.

If your child becomes the target, you can try to get your school involved, but many schools have been shot down, even sued, for trying to interfere. If the abuse becomes physical, sexual or threatens physical or sexual harm, call the police. The schools aren't equipped to handle that level of abuse. The police are.

Who Else Wants To Win A \$25 Gift Card?

The Grand Prize Winner of last month's Terry Canning of "All Aboard" in Valhalla!! Terry was the first person to correctly answer my quiz question from last month: Which of these celebrities was NOT born in August?

The correct answer was d) Taylor Swift. Now, here's this month's trivia question. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card.

The length of time between the March equinox and the September equinox is the same as the time from the September equinox to the next March equinox. True or false?

E-mail Us Right Now With Your Answer!

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The Lighter Side:

These Are Just Plain Punny



- Two anglers were having a discussion and opened quite a can of worms.
- Confucius say: Many men bite, but Fu Man Chu.
- If we don't conserve water, we could go from one ex-treme to another.
- Confucius say: Man who want pretty nurse must be patient.
- War doesn't determine who is right, it determines who is left.
- Confucius say: Man who keep feet firmly on the ground have trouble putting on pants.
- Men who leap off cliffs often jump to conclusions.
- Confucius say: Man who run in front of car get tired.
- The general started bowling before his aide had entered his name on the score sheet. He had launched a preemptive strike.
- Confucius say: He who sneezes without a handkerchief takes matters into his own hands.
- A library should have several floors because it is a multi-story building.