



Why Is Strategic IT Planning Important, and Where Do I Start?

You're on a deadline and your server has just gone down, taking half of the computers in your office with it. You can't access all of the data you need for your project and your employees can't finish their own work to keep the company inching towards the oncoming deadline. What makes it even worse is that it's the third time this has happened in as many months.

Does this sound familiar? Are you constantly in a break-fix-repeat cycle with your technology? Does it seem impossible to get through a month's work without something breaking and your team only getting further behind? We understand, and we can help. What you need is a [strategic IT plan](#).

Why it's important Without a strategic plan, you end up running in circles. You're working until something breaks, then fixing it over and over. Not only does this waste time with waiting for the systems to be repaired or finding the best option to replace them, you also waste considerable amounts of money during the process. A system that is poorly designed, inefficiently integrated or flat-out outdated takes more resources -- far more resources when it comes to management and monitoring. A data system that is inefficient requires a significant input of time and expense. By taking the time to outline what your company needs, you can get out of the break-fix cycle and facilitate business and profit growth.

How do I start? The first step is easy. Make an appointment for a consultation.

Here's what to expect:

Step One: Discovery

Our senior engineers conduct a thorough assessment of the network, top to bottom. They identify all assets, verify software and hardware versions and evaluate security elements.

Step Two: Design.

The CST network engineer will map the data from step one and collaborate with your organization to leverage the strengths of your company. A complete upgrade and improvement plan is put together, with input from you at every point.

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Step Three: Implementation Planning.

The next step is working out an in-depth timeline of upgrades and deployments. This ground-laying step has been shown over and over to save time during deployment.

Step Four: Deployment.

The CST network team sets the plan into action. All physical changes to the network and the data migration will occur in this step. The networks backup and disaster recovery plans will also be brought on-line at this stage. We work closely with your organization to ensure a successful and timely completion with minimal disruption to day-to-day business.

Step Five: Validation.

The final and most critical step — the integrated and updated network is tested and validated at this stage. All of our combined efforts are brought together for an efficient working IT infrastructure .

If you're ready to break the cycle and get your company into some forward momentum, please feel free to [contact us](#) today to set up a free consultation. Contact us at 515-270-5200 or info@cstoncall.com



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