

IT Infrastructure Audit

AN INCREASED FOCUS ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WITHIN IT, WITH A PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ASSET MANAGEMENT AND TRACKING

Overview

Today's economic climate is characterized by the world's enterprises' return to a profitability focus. Most organizations are faced with the pressures of rising costs, scarce skilled resources, decreased revenues and profits, and increased competition.

Organizations are finding it increasingly difficult to manage the complexity of their Information Technology (IT) infrastructures.

The emergence of corporate IT governance brings an increased focus on financial management within IT organizations, with a particular emphasis on asset management and tracking.

Many of the irregularities discovered in some of the world's largest and most successful corporations resulted from a lack of knowledge about the financial and physical details of the IT infrastructure.

The cost problems hindering enterprises stem, for the most part, from inadequate asset management practices and financial control of the planning, acquisition, implementation, and disposal of IT assets. Financial Infrastructure Management addresses both those problems.

IT Infrastructure Audit

The IT Infrastructure Audit merges traditional IT asset management and

financial control. Using a series of well-defined processes and deployment methodologies, supported by powerful multi-faceted software tools, The IT Infrastructure Audit allows maximum control over IT infrastructure management.

The IT Infrastructure Audit allows you to:

- Gain a precise understanding of all costs structures within the IT portfolio. This includes servers, storage, desktops, networks, printers, software, software development, facilities, electrical power, climate control, contracting and staffing.
- Determine the detailed make-up of the IT infrastructure's physical asset inventory.
- Create an intelligent repository (database) of all costs, assets, facilities, staff, and organizational grouping, to allow detailed financial and architectural modeling.
- Implement formal processes for the continued collection, validation, and modeling of data, related to meeting financial and operational goals.

Utilizing, a powerful suite of comprehensive software applications SSC consultants follow a strict, well-defined methodology to ensure that accurate asset and financial data is captured in the data repository. This approach enables organizations to implement successful cost management solutions to reduce costs in their



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KEY FACTS

A significant number of small, medium and enterprise organizations fail to gain control of their IT portfolios, according to Meta Group:

•89% of companies are flying blind, with virtually no metrics in place except for finance.

•84% of companies do not use business cases for key projects.

•84% of companies are unable to adjust and align their budgets with business needs more than once or twice a year.

Source: "The Business of I.T. Portfolio Management: Balancing Risk, Innovation and ROI", Meta Group, January 2002

infrastructures, produce up-to-date and accurate asset registers for compliance and IT Governance, rapidly perform financial modeling for budgeting, strategic planning and investment decision making, and generally have greater financial control of their IT infrastructures and organization.

Benefits of Using This Solution

- Make fairer and objective decisions about funding.
- Considering activity-based costing.
- Improved decision support based on a holistic view of the total investment
- Have initial project approval and ongoing management based on a holistic view of the total investment.
- Minimize investment risk and optimize reward.
- Perform IT governance auditing and compliance monitoring
- Ensure that technology investments map to corporate objectives.
- Increase understanding and cooperation over funding allocation.
- Increase business accountability for investments - facilitate assignment of responsibility to the appropriate leaders.
- Facilitate IT Infrastructure validation.
- Make more effective use of valuable skilled resources.

- Evaluating IT outsourcing of in-sourcing.
- Planning merger and acquisition activities.

Our consultants bring deep knowledge and expertise in process, line and support functions providing invaluable support to organizations facing the difficult tasks of consolidating operational infrastructures, converting systems and integrating people and products.

Integration Management

Our integration management team combines practical know how and intimate knowledge of service industry business processes with the unique perspective of solutions conceived and designed with Lean and Six Sigma concepts. Our proven integration management process provides speed of delivery in a repeatable and sustainable process. This includes best practice tools and methodology, as well as resource readiness and the program management office process and structure to ensure successful roll-out.

Unparalleled Expertise

Draw on experienced M&A integration professionals who have been involved in some 100 deals. Our professionals combine extensive hands-on M&A experience with relevant industry and implementation backgrounds. That's a formidable reservoir of experience and know-how.



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