Tools for SMALL Businesses

Level 1 Question 11: Is our It platform scaleable enough to meet our growth targets?

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| **Title** | IT- Strategy (SIMPLE) |
| **Why** | IT is at the backbone of most companies today, regardless of whether you are pure Web-based platform, a consulting services firm, or even a building contractor. Hence you basic IT infrastructure needs to match your strategic ambition and be aligned with your growth targets.  |
| **What** | An IT-strategy takes departure in your business strategy and key objectives.Yu should buil a simple 1-page IT-strategy including some basic principles for how your IT-should support your Business strategy.  |
| **How** | Key steps in developing your simple IT Strategy1. Review business vision and objectives.
2. Formulate key principles for how your IT strategy will support your business
3. Current State: Revew all of your current systems, review current issues including hosting, Business context security and scalability.
4. Future state: Develop overview of future systems
5. Gap analysis: Identify Gaps between current and Future IT systems
6. Identify and prioritize initiatives based on: Business Criticality, cost, Urgency, and resource allocation.
7. Make a 1 page IT-strategy so illustrate how you intend to support the overall business Objectives.
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| **Examples** |  |
| **Template** | See template for 1 page IT plan Below. |

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| **Input from Business Strategy** |
| **Mission** | . |
| **Vision** |  |
| **Key Objectives**Expected Growth?New Markets?Need capabilities? | 1 year | 3 years | 5 Years |
| **Key IT enabled Systems** |  |
| **IT Strategy** |
| **IT Principles:** | <How do we want to build and use our key platforms?> |
| **Objectives**1. **Strategic Alignment**
2. **Key System 1**
3. **Key System 2**
4. **Key System 3..**
5. **Security**
6. **IT-Platform**
7. **IT Capabilities**
 | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years |
| **Key Results** |  |  |  |
| **Communication Plan** |  |
| **Notes** |  |