Tools for SMALL Businesses

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

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 Strategy 1. 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.
Examples	
Template	See template for 1 page IT plan Below.

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			