The secure IT integration & divestiture checklist

Your guide to security before, during, and after major business transactions

Use this checklist to uncover critical **security considerations for data center resiliency** and risk management at every phase during mergers, acquisitions, and/or divestitures (M&A/D).

BEFORE

Pre-transaction due diligence

Assess security postures across the following areas to drive robust, secure integration plans:

- [ ] **Network security**
- [ ] **Application**
- [ ] **Data security**
- [ ] **Compliance**

DURING

Protection for sensitive data

Take the following steps to prioritize data protection to foster trust and avoid regulatory issues:

- [ ] **Data classification**
- [ ] **Data compliance**
- [ ] **Secure data transfer**

Proactive threat mitigation

Have a response plan and risk mitigation strategy in place for common cyberthreats:

- [ ] **Phishing attacks**
- [ ] **Insider threats**
- [ ] **Malware and ransomware**

AFTER

Post-transaction integration challenges

Plan and execute carefully to prevent security lapses due to the following challenges:

- [ ] **Merging systems**
- [ ] **Harmonizing security policies**
- [ ] **Communication security**
- [ ] **Business continuity**

Post-transaction security

Maintain a secure environment and adapt to changing threats using the following strategies:

- [ ] **Continuous monitoring**
- [ ] **Security protocol updates**
- [ ] **Employee security training**
- [ ] **Regular security audits**

Start-to-finish security expertise

Safeguard your M&A/D activities now and into the future by partnering with a security expert who can help you:

- [x] **Review capabilities and limitations.**
- [x] **Assess existing risks and gaps.**
- [x] **Define short- and long-term security goals.**
- [x] **Ensure compliance and risk mitigation.**
- [x] **Respond and recover quickly.**

Assess your cyber resilience with a complimentary data center workshop from GDT.

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