# The Tech chronicle

## What's New

We made it through the first month of 2022! As the second month of the year unfurls, if you haven't assessed what your business might need tech wise, cyber security wise, etc., February is a good time to take a pause and evaluate what you might need and create a tech plan for 2022.

If you need help crafting a plan, give us a call – we're here to help you grow your business and planning is an aspect we're always ready to help with!

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#### **Our Mission**

To enhance our customers quality of life and the health of their business.



## Cyber Security Is More Important Now Than Ever – Is Your Business Prepared?

Over the past few years instances of cyberthreats have increased at an alarming rate — and they don't seem to be slowing down anytime soon. Awareness around cyber security has certainly improved over the past year, with 9 in 10 Americans stating that they are somewhat concerned about hacking that involves their personal information, financial institutions, government agencies or certain utilities. But while awareness has increased, so have the rates of cyber-attacks.

Last year, people had more data breaches from January to October 2021 than in all of 2020. As we continue through 2022, there's no reason to assume this year will be any different. In order to ensure that your business is protected this year and every year after, you should take the proper precautions regarding cyber security. If your business falls prey to a cyberattack, you risk tarnishing your brand's reputation and will have customers questioning whether it's safe to do business with you.

Below are a couple of the best cyber security practices you can put in place to fully prepare for cyber-attacks and threats.

#### HIRE A MANAGED SERVICES PROVIDER

Small and mid-size businesses have seen an increase in cyberattacks since 2018, but larger corporations are no exception for hackers. The NBA, Kia Motors and the Colonial Pipeline are just a few examples of big businesses that fell victim to cyber-attacks last year. No matter if your business is big or *Continued on pg.2* 

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small, hiring an MSP is the most affordable and best way to protect your business.

MSPs are designed to identify and resolve any weak points in your IT infrastructure. MSPs are focused on being proactive and will also focus on IT support and advanced security. You'll get around-the-clock monitoring, data encryption and backup, network and firewall protection, security awareness training and so much more. With MSPs, you get a team of dedicated IT professionals who are available to assist with any tech dilemmas that may arise. It's the quickest and most cost-efficient way to fully protect your business.

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#### TRAIN YOUR EMPLOYEES

If your employees have not been trained to be cybersecure, they need to be trained on this subject immediately. Security should also be built into the devices they use to access company data. This becomes even more important if your employees are working remotely. Multifactor identification and ensuring that your employees create complex and non -repetitive passwords go a long way toward keeping your business protected.



Educate your employees about the most common forms of cyber-attacks. They should be aware of phishing e-mails and texts and should be taught to never open any links if they don't know who the sender is.

Hackers have also started to frequent social media, and they often target small businesses through various platforms. Make sure your employees aren't clicking on any social media spam links that could put your network at risk. Lastly, make sure they aren't accidentally downloading any malware that could create disastrous outcomes for your company.

A cyber-attack can have cataclysmic effects on a small business, and every business owner needs to make sure their network is protected. If you don't know where to start, give us a call and we will find a way to help you make your company as cyber-protected as possible.

## Free Report: What Every Small Business Owner Must Know About Protecting And Preserving Their Company's Critical Data And Computer Systems



Owner Must Know About Protecting and Preserving Their Network"

Don't Trust Your Company's Critical Data And Operations To Just Anyone! This report will outline in plain, nontechnical English the common mistakes that many smallbusiness owners make with their computer networks that cost them thousands in lost sales, productivity and computer repair bills, and will provide an easy, proven way to reduce or completely eliminate the financial expense and frustration caused by these oversights.

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## It's Been Coined 'The Great Resignation' But Why Are Employees Walking Out In Droves?

Everywhere you look, it seems like more businesses are putting out "Help Wanted" signs.

Limeade, an organization that specializes in employee well-being, recently released the results of a study that focused on why people were leaving their jobs.

Burnout was the top reason most employees quit. Through surveys and conversations with your team, you can discover if burnout is an issue in your business. Introducing mental health days and finding ways to equally distribute workloads can help prevent burnout.

People who recently left their jobs also stated that they wanted a more flexible or caring culture. Employees need time for themselves and will become unhappy if they feel work is taking away from that time.

# How To Create More Opportunities



To put it simply, in life, perspective is everything. Every activity, job and situation usually has multiple angles, depending on how you view it. By changing our perspective in our business and personal lives, we are creating a very positive mindset that will open us up to a plethora of new opportunities.

There's a rocky cliff that rises up at the back of my property, and atop that small cliff is a boulder. I normally wouldn't give a second thought to this giant rock that sits in my yard since it's nonliving. I mean, it's just a rock, right? But as I observed it more and more, my perspective completely changed.

You see, while the rock itself may be nonliving, it is actually thriving with life. There are beautifully colored skinks that live in the crevices of the boulder, and I even saw a big black rat snake make its home there, too. When I took a second to think about it, I realized that this boulder sustains its own ecosystem.

By simply taking a moment to drop your own preconceived notions and making an effort to observe, you will find life and opportunities in something you may have previously missed.

But changing your perspective is easier said than done. In order to change your perspective, you may have to do a little digging. You'll have to evaluate why you see things the way you do. You may need to reach out to others and consider their perspectives to get an idea of how others think. And lastly, you'll have to reform your own perspective so you can grow and find new opportunities.

Dig deeper within yourself and truly concentrate on what you're focusing on so you will see so much more. You'll quickly discover that the opportunities are endless.



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