





## How do poor technology choices impact time, money, and reputation?

#### WHAT HAPPENED?

Less expensive back-up ends up costing 10x more than the original spend.

### HOW?

- Everyone wants to save money, especially when it comes to IT.
- The IT staff managing 55 locations purchased an inexpensive back-up solution, rather than working with a local IT service provider who would monitor, manage, and create image back-ups – saving initially \$7,000
- A month after putting in the less expensive backup solution, everything went down.
- When the network and data were recovered, everything came up except the database because, unbeknownst to the IT guy, the database was not getting back-up.

### **END RESULT**

The company lost an entire month of work and data and it costs the company 10x more than the original price to replace the old back-up system with the system recommended by the IT service partner.



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A security
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fired and
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leave the firm.

#### HOW?

- This company works with remote vendors who needed regular access to their database.
- Instead of setting up security policies, this organization decided to leave the firewall port open.
- Leaving the port open allowed hackers to come onto the network.
- Customer credit card data was stolen, and a crypto lock was placed on the network.
- The company was forced to pay the hacker's demands to prevent the data from being sold on the internet.
- Compliance laws required letters to be sent to customers informing them that their data had been hacked.

#### **END RESULT**

Consequently, The IT person was let go. A security policy was then created, and this company lost several clients as a result.



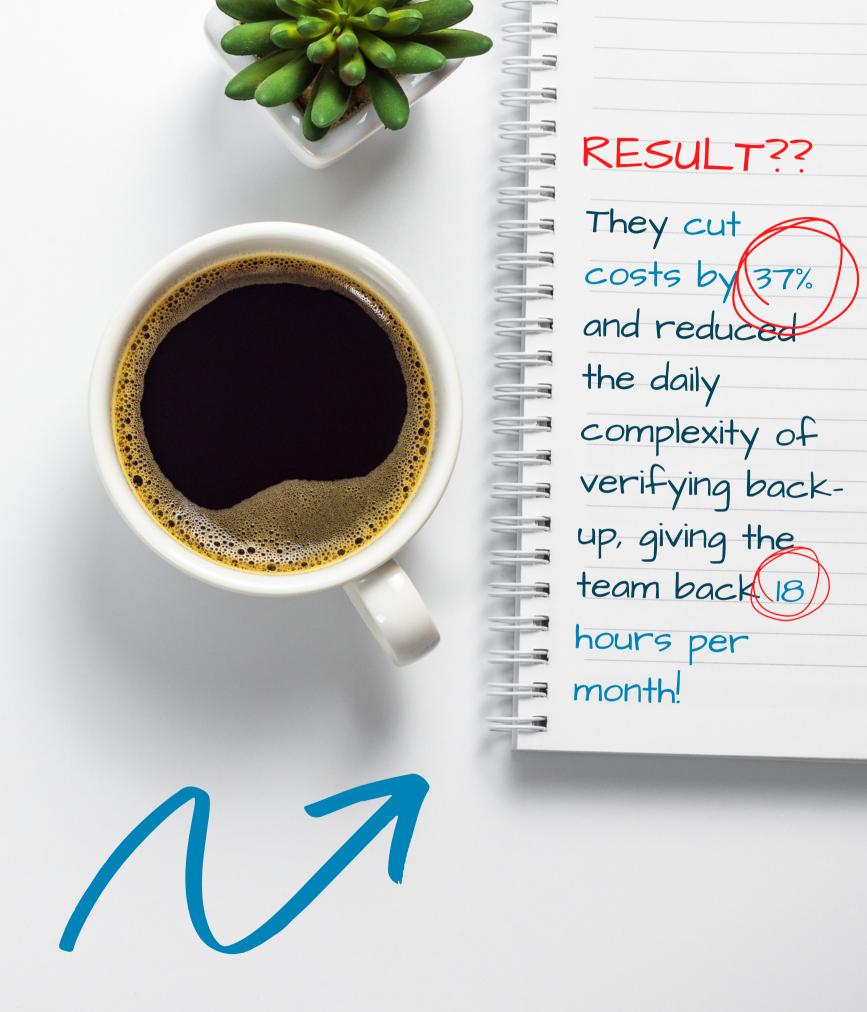
## How can technology positively impact time, money, and reputation?

What happened?

## This national CPA firm reduces complexity, time & costs.

How did they do it?

- Financial firms have for a long time been governed by compliance regulations.
- Often businesses with sensitive customer data like credit card or social security numbers have tried to manage their data in-house, using physical servers and back-up to satisfy compliance regulations.
- Onsite management of your data comes with a lengthy set of compliance rules, such as logging in every person who enters a building.
- Most firms do not have the personnel or ability to meet these requirements.
- This CPA firm moved their server, data, and back-up to the cloud, transferring regulation responsibility to a professional IT service provider, like Blue Fox Group who has the protocols to meet regulatory requirements and guarantee accurate data back-up.





# WHAT SHOULD YOU LOOK FOR IN AN IT PARTNER?







### IT PARTNER WHO LISTENS

Most IT partners provide IT services, but that should not be the end game. Look for an IT partner who is open to your input, who will ask questions, and look for ways to provide value by helping you develop and leverage technology to drive business outcomes as a contributor to your business' success.

### COMBINED IT SERVICES UNDER ONE UMBRELLA

This is straight talk, and while you expect your IT partner to provide IT expertise, you will find that many partners only manage a part of the network, making it very difficult to troubleshoot slow performing apps or restore your entire network in the case of an emergency. Work with a partner who can manage all aspects of your network.

## CIO SERVICES & ONSITE EXPERTISE

CIO's are an expensive resource to hire. IT partners should bring a CIO level of expertise and support that aligns IT with business goals.

Additionally, look for a partner that goes beyond CIO services and provides onsite check-ups. This is a tremendous value to the business that desires a consistent, proactive approach to IT.

### WHY CONSIDER AN IT PARTNER LIKE

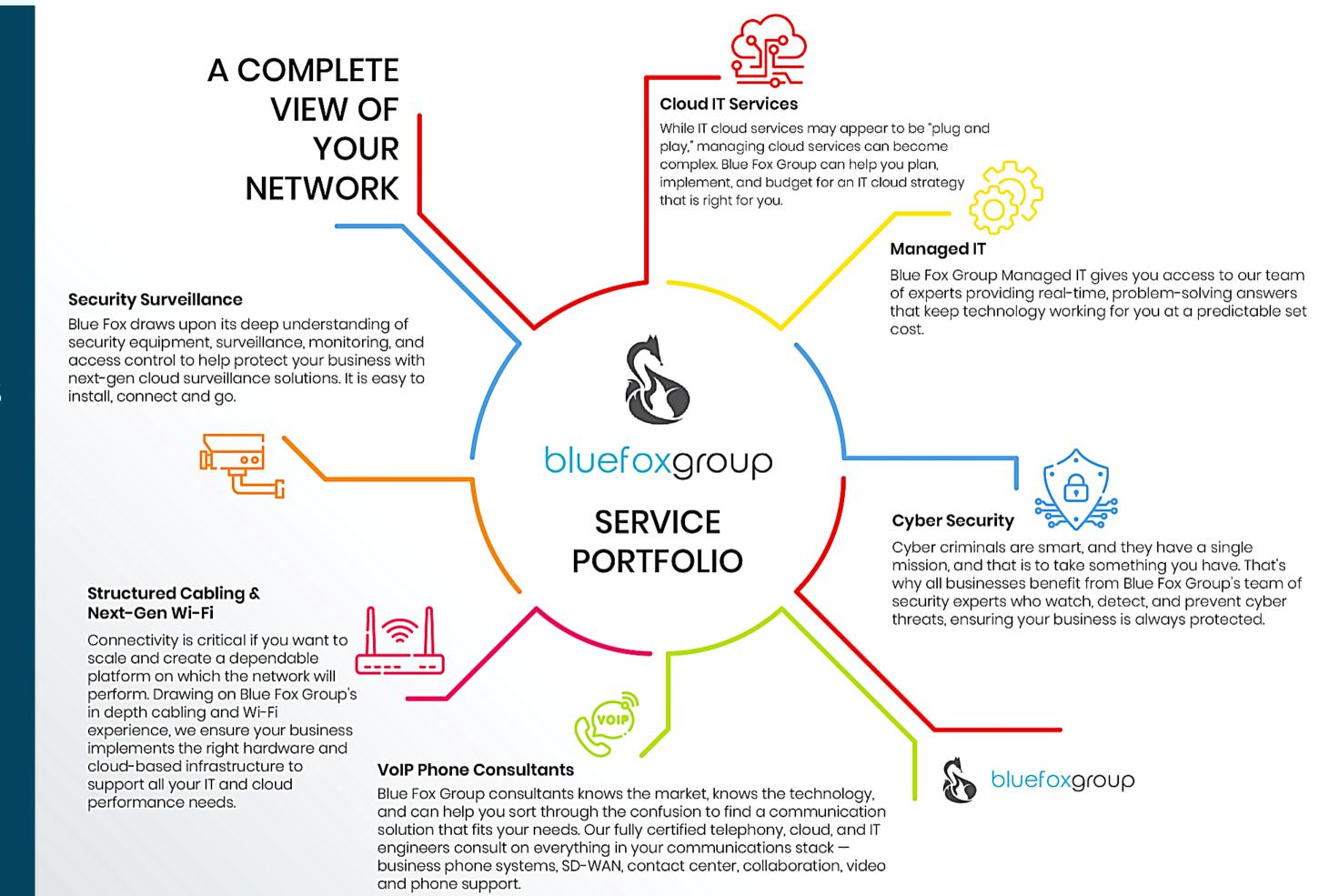


We help **Arizona businesses** remove the complexity and uncertainty that often accompanies the purchase and management of technology in 3 ways:

- Together, we reduce the amount of time you dedicate to buying and maintaining technology while helping you avoid technology pitfalls that consume your time.
- Save your organization money by purchasing only what you really need, when you need it.
- Help you to avoid technology mishaps and blunders that erode customer confidence and tarnish your reputation.

Blue Fox Group
is a complete
managed IT
provider servicing
Arizona businesses
for over 30 years.

We take a vendoragnostic, network holistic approach to help you leverage technology to reduce cost, increase efficiency, and avoid surprises across the entire network.





## TELL US HOW WE CAN HELP YOU.

Blue Fox Group is dedicated to helping businesses tackle daily and difficult IT challenges. Connect with us to start a discussion around how we might help you leverage technology positively to help you streamline operations, grow revenue, and help you do your job better.

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