

Top 10 Questions to Ask When Planning Upgrades to Your Data Center

Whether you are planning on installing a new server, beginning a major data center overhaul, or building an entirely new center, it is good practice to plan ahead. Below are ten common questions every organization should ask themselves when looking at refreshing or building out a data center.

- Do we have rack space and/or floor space capacity to support our requirements for today and tomorrow?
- Do we have utility power, uninterrupted power supply systems (UPS), and breaker capacity to support requirements for today and tomorrow?
- Do we have the cooling capacity to support our requirements today and for the future?
- Do we have any hot-spots in the data center?
- Do we have any critical closets, disaster recovery sites, or remote offices that have insufficient space, power, or cooling?
- Are we monitoring and trending the availability and performance of our critical physical infrastructure?
- Are we sufficiently controlling access to the data center and other critical spaces?
- Do we have adequate video surveillance of your critical spaces?
- Is the power and data cabling within the data center run in a neat, organized fashion?
- Do we have an on-site service and preventative maintenance plan for our critical physical infrastructure?

MSI Systems Integrators' (MSI) Data Center team can help provide answers to these questions through a variety of assessments based on your specific needs. Our assessments culminate with the delivery of actionable plans and solutions for your organization.

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