
IT Director/Manager's Guide To Co-Managed IT



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A NEW And Necessary Approach To Running A Top-Level I.T. Department That Enables You To Deliver Strategic Value, Supreme Cyber Security Protection And Excellence In I.T. Service

Read this guide and you'll discover:

- ✓ How a growing company can deploy a hybrid model of IT support for efficiency and budget
- ✓ Signs you are being pushed to the limit in your roles and responsibilities
- ✓ Considerations for cyber-security incidents for IT leaders
- ✓ What makes Capstone IT the best partner for your IT department

About The CEO

Michael Borlaug is the CEO of Capstone IT and is a veteran IT specialist and network engineer with more than 18 years of experience in the IT services industry. Michael graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology. He has worked with over 200 businesses and led his team that managed over 5000 devices. With a wide range of understanding of technological business needs, Michael is eager to partner with other business owners to protect their networks so that they can focus on growing their own businesses.

Michael was with Capstone Information Technologies in Rochester, NY for fifteen years. There, he helped to develop the procedures and processes that result in an empathetic and highly responsive team of engineers. The relationships that he developed with clients there because of his personal, but professional approach to serving the needs of businesses are evident in the growth that the company experienced when he was on the team. Now, as CEO of Capstone IT Florida, he is able to replicate those practices as he builds partnerships with clients on the Treasure Coast and the Palm Beaches.

As a professional speaker, Michael has presented at events such as local chambers, associations, educational institutions, and businesses. He is an expert on cyber security. He speaks on practical ways business owners and employees can protect their company from cyber criminals. Other speaking topics include business, sales and marketing, motivational and technical presentations.

Michael is the co-author of *The Definitive Guide to Cybersecurity and Compliance for Law Firms*. Most of the practices he writes about in this book apply to all industries. He wants to be a resource to all South Florida IT leaders. As a former technical engineer, he knows how hard this job can be!



From the Desk of:
Michael Borlaug
CEO
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If you are the IT director or manager on the Treasure Coast or the Palm Beaches that is currently looking to outsource some or all of the I.T. support for your company, this report contains important information that will be extremely valuable to you as you search for a competent firm you can trust.

My name is Mike Borlaug, CEO of Capstone IT and founder of TreasureCoastTop100.com. We've been providing I.T. services to businesses in South Florida for seven years. You may not have heard of us before, but I'm sure you're familiar with one or more of the other St. Lucie, Martin or Palm Beach County businesses that are clients of ours. A few of their comments are enclosed.

One of the most common questions we get from new prospective clients calling our office is "How can you support our current IT staff within our budget?" Since this is such a common question – and a very important one to address – I decided to write this report for three reasons:

1.

Co-managed IT is a partnership that most companies are not aware is available. I have built co-managed relationships with over 100 companies in my career and have helped internal IT departments in all industries.

2.

I wanted to bring to light a few "industry secrets" about security and policies and procedures that you may not be exposed to if you aren't attending IT conferences or participating in industry peer groups.

3.

I wanted to educate IT managers and department leaders on how to pick the **right** I.T. services company for their specific situation, budget and needs based on the **VALUE** the company can deliver, not just the price, high OR low.

In the end, my purpose is to help you make the most informed decision possible, so you end up working with someone who helps you solve your problems and accomplish what you want in a time frame, manner and budget that is right for you and your company's leadership team.

Dedicated to serving you,



Michael Borlaug

A Growing Crisis For I.T. Leaders

You are charged and held responsible for ensuring your I.T. systems are always up, running and secure so there's zero downtime, zero data loss and zero security breaches – and you're good at it. You perform admirably under the incessant, relentless pressure and crushing workload put upon you, often without sufficient resources.

A miracle worker.

But the best captain sailing the high seas can't win against a tsunami's tidal wave – an unexpected, overwhelming event – and there's a very good chance you ARE going to be faced with one, unprepared.

Let's talk candidly. Very few people truly understand the daily life of an I.T. leader...

The incredibly LONG hours, crushing workload, millions of tiny details you need to pay attention to, constant complaints and problems crossing your desk, new projects cropping up, escalating cyber security threats, new technologies you need to learn, difficult end users who refuse to follow your recommendations, much-needed maintenance looming and impossible deadlines and URGENCY on EVERYTHING.

Even the most seasoned IT pros struggle to keep up with it all.

To make matters worse, you're expected to operate on a shoestring budget, without sufficient staff, tools or training, forcing you to constantly choose between putting out a fire OR working on a much-needed, more strategic project you know is necessary.

IF Nothing Happens, You're Good; However...

If ONE thing goes wrong...ONE mistake, ONE oversight, ONE important detail overlooked by accident...and your organization ends up compromised by an EXPENSIVE ransomware attack or other data-erasing event resulting in extended downtime, compliance violations, business interruption, lost sales and customer trust, the epicenter will be in your office. They'll be lined up at your door with questions about what you did to prevent this from happening, and potentially looking to lay the blame at your feet.

You already might realize this. Maybe you've warned the executive team of such threats and have asked for more resources, more budget for upgrades, more staff and more tools to prevent a cyber-attack or data-erasing event from happening – and maybe you've been told time and time again there's no budget.

It's the ultimate dilemma: **You have the RESPONSIBILITY but not the ABILITY because you do not have the resources, time or budget to fix it.** You need help! Unless your management team is extremely understanding, you could be in a no-win situation where your hard work, your reputation and possibly even your career are placed in peril when such an event happens.

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So, what do you do about all of this?

One option is to ignore it. Keep the status quo, make do with the staff, in-house expertise and technology you have today (regardless of how old and antiquated they are) and “hope” everything is going to be okay. Assume you have it “handled.” But you have to know this is a perilous tightrope. People in New Orleans trusted the dams and levees to hold – and they did – *until* they were hit with a Category 5 hurricane.

Your Category 5 might be a ransomware attack or a rogue employee. It might be a failed server that went down, taking all its data with it, never to be revived again. It might be a corrupt SQL database that is beyond your expertise to fix. 2023 was a big year for Florida data breaches – in both the private and public sectors. Several towns and municipalities were compromised, reporting weeks of downtime. Dozens of small to medium sized businesses were forced to pay bitcoin when attacked by ransomware.

This May Be Going On In Other I.T. Departments, But Not In Mine

Maybe you have it “all covered.” But that’s a BIG “*maybe*” to assume.

The I.T. department of a company that is growing – or simply opening new locations, offshoring work, allowing employees to work remote in this “everything connected” world with multiple devices, multiple users who have the ability to make mistakes and the growing sophistication of cyber-attacks – makes for a VERY complex organism.

How can one I.T. person or even a small team of I.T. professionals protect a company with hundreds or thousands of users? You can’t *reasonably* be expected to monitor every device, every individual, every “event,” every application connected to your network. You can’t possibly begin to have all the expertise you need under one roof because of the cost. You can’t possibly have the TIME to stay on top of the dozens of events happening every day, especially without sophisticated monitoring tools and software (we know, because that’s ALL we do every day for our clients, and we can tell you it takes an army to make it all work).

You may want to believe you have 20/20 vision into everything that is going on, but since 2003, I have not failed to find security loopholes and I.T. failures in every business we have been asked to evaluate. *Not once.*

No one I.T. person can do it all or know it all.

Fact is, you and/or your I.T. department might NOT be as prepared and capable as you may think to handle the rising complexity of I.T. systems for your growing company AND the overwhelming sophistication of cyberthreats with the current resources, time and skill sets they have. If that’s true, your organization **IS AT RISK for a significant I.T. failure or cyber-attack.**

To be crystal clear, I'm NOT suggesting you and your team aren't smart, dedicated, capable, hardworking people.

As I've said repeatedly, the I.T. leader's responsibilities and requirements have rapidly multiplied over the last few years due to three things:

- 1) The growing dependency on I.T. for ALL businesses and the growing number of devices connected to your network.
- 2) The exponential growth of the number of cyber-attacks and sophistication of these threats.
- 3) Growing compliance regulations, making the cost of a breach or cyber-incident go up exponentially, with fines, penalties, reputational damage and more.

We've already seen multiple companies get slammed with sizable fines and settlements for security incidents that were due to lax security protocols, mistakes and cover-ups. Do you really want this to happen to YOUR company on YOUR watch?

This May Be One Of The Biggest Dangers You Face

Without a doubt, the areas you are most at risk for with an overwhelmed and understaffed I.T. department are data loss, extended downtime and (potential) liability with a cyber security breach or compliance violation.

One of the FIRST things that gets left undone when urgent end-user problems pile up is preventative maintenance. If your employees are running into your office and/or your I.T. team's office every 5 minutes needing a password reset or help getting e-mail, it's hard to tell that employee "no" because they're working on server maintenance or reviewing security alerts and patching PCs to ensure your network is protected.

It's the classic "important not urgent" work that gets neglected.

To make matters worse, the complexity of knowing how to protect your organization against cybercrime and be in compliance with new data privacy laws is growing exponentially. These matters require SPECIALIZED knowledge and expertise and for your I.T. team to conduct ongoing training and refreshing of skills. They require constant monitoring and attention. CORRECT solutions. Regardless of your organization's size or industry, these are areas you cannot ignore or be cheap about.

In situations where companies were fined or sued for a data breach, it was their WILLFUL NEGLIGENCE that landed them in hot water. They knowingly refused or failed to invest in the proper I.T. protections, support, protocols and expertise necessary to prevent the attack.

You'd be foolish to underestimate the cost and crippling devastation of a complete, all-encompassing systems failure or ransomware attack. You don't want to dismiss this as "It won't happen to us." And you certainly don't want to underestimate the level of expertise you need.

One innocent mistake made by an employee...one overlooked patch or update...one missed backup can produce EXTENDED downtime, data loss, business interruptions.

I'm sure you're doing everything you know to do to protect your organization – but is it enough? The sooner you can bring us in as your ally to focus exclusively on these matters and ensure there are no oversights, no mistakes, no missteps, the more it is a mark of responsible leadership whose credit is due and justifiably earned.

Overexaggerated Hype?

Let Us Count The Ways Your Organization Will Be Affected By An I.T. Failure Or Cyber-Incident:

1. Reputational Damages:

When a breach happens, do you think your [clients/patients] will rally around you? Have sympathy? This kind of news travels fast on social media. They will demand answers: HAVE YOU BEEN RESPONSIBLE in putting in place the protections you should, or will you have to tell your clients, “Sorry, we got hacked because we didn’t think it would happen to us,” or “We thought we had it handled.” Is *that* going to be sufficient to pacify those damaged by the breach?

2. Government Fines, Legal Fees, Lawsuits:

Breach notification statutes remain one of the most active areas of the law. Right now, several senators are lobbying for “massive and mandatory” fines and more aggressive legislation pertaining to data breaches and data privacy. Multiple states are putting in place data breach notification and privacy laws that REQUIRE even small companies (and certainly larger organizations) to increase the steps they are taking to protect data they hold.

The courts are NOT in your favor if you expose client or patient data to cybercriminals.

Don't think for a minute that this applies only to big corporations: ANY small business that collects customer information also has important obligations to its customers to tell them if they experience a breach. In fact, 47 states and the District of Columbia each have their own data breach laws – and those laws are getting tougher by the minute.

If you're in health care or financial services, you have additional notification requirements under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). Among other things, HIPAA stipulates that if a health care business experiences a breach involving more than 500 customers, **it must notify a prominent media outlet about the incident**. The SEC and FINRA also require financial services businesses to contact them about breaches, as well as any state regulating bodies.

New York recently passed the SHIELD Act, doubling the penalty for a data breach from \$10 to \$20 per failed notification and increasing the penalties from \$100,000 to \$250,000. No small or even midsize company can incur those costs easily. California's new CCPA law (California Consumer Protection Act) does not require that your business reside in California, but simply that you have clients who reside there. More states are following these same paths of increased responsibility for businesses, piling on the fines, penalties and requirements for organizations to protect the data they house.

3. Cost, After Cost, After Cost:

ONE breach, one ransomware attack, one rogue employee can create HOURS of extra work for staff who are already maxed out when things are going *well*. Then there's business interruption and downtime, backlogged work delivery for your current clients. Loss of sales. Forensics costs to determine what kind of hack attack occurred, what part of the network is/was affected and what data was compromised. Emergency I.T. restoration costs for getting you back up, *if* that's even possible. In some cases, you'll be forced to pay the ransom and maybe – *just maybe* – they'll give you your data back. Then there are legal fees and the cost of legal counsel to help you respond to your clients and the media. Cash flow will be significantly disrupted, budgets blown up. Some states require companies to provide one year of credit-monitoring services to consumers affected by a data breach, and more are following suit.

According to the Cost of Data Breach Study conducted by Ponemon Institute, the **average cost of a data breach is \$225 per record compromised, after factoring in I.T. recovery costs, lost revenue, downtime, fines, legal fees, etc.** How many client records do you have? Employees? Multiply that by \$225 and you'll start to get a sense of the costs to your organization. [NOTE: Health care data breach costs are the highest among all sectors.]

4. Bank Fraud:

If your bank account is accessed and funds stolen, the bank is NOT responsible for replacing those funds. Take the true story of Verne Harnish, CEO of Gazelles, Inc., a very successful and well-known consulting firm, and author of the best-selling book *The Rockefeller Habits*.

Harnish had \$400,000 taken from his bank account when hackers were able to access his PC and intercept e-mails between him and his assistant. The hackers, who are believed to be based in China, sent an e-mail to his assistant asking her to wire funds to 3 different locations. It didn't seem strange to the assistant because Harnish was then involved with funding several real estate and investment ventures. The assistant responded in the affirmative, and the hackers, posing as Harnish, assured her that it was to be done. The hackers also deleted his daily bank alerts, which he didn't notice because he was busy running the company, traveling and meeting with clients. That money was never recovered, and the bank is not responsible.



Everyone wants to believe “Not MY assistant, not MY employees, not MY company” – but do you honestly believe your staff is incapable of making a single mistake? A poor judgment? **Nobody believes they will be in a car wreck when they leave the house every day, but you still put the seat belt on.** You don’t expect a life-threatening crash, but that’s not a reason to not buckle up. *What if?*

5. Using YOU As The Means To Infect Your Clients:

Some hackers don’t lock your data for ransom or steal money. Often, they use your server, website or profile to spread viruses and/or compromise other PCs. If they hack your website, they can use it to relay spam, run malware, build SEO pages or promote their religious or political ideals. Are you okay with that happening?

Do you think your I.T. team would never let that happen? If hackers can break into companies like First American, Facebook and Capital One, they can certainly get into YOURS. The question is: Will your I.T. team be brilliantly prepared to minimize the damages, or completely taken off guard?



How Can You *Know* Capstone Knows Security?

Capstone IT is affiliated with several peer groups. Mike Borlaug surrounds himself with leaders in the IT industry and is constantly vetting security solutions, attending conferences and planning strategically to be able to best serve South Florida small businesses.

The Capstone team is connected with other MSPs and IT companies around the world to develop best industry practices and security stacks that cover the needs of businesses in all industry from every-day help desk to compliance.

Our team has an array of certifications and is always growing and learning to support our managed and co-managed clients.

Co-Managed I.T.: How Smart I.T. Leaders Are Addressing Their Resource Dilemma

This is **EXACTLY** why we've innovated a new concept called “co-managed I.T.” to provide I.T. leaders like you an escape route – a solution – that is 1) reliably effective to ensure your organization is prepared, 2) affordable, and 3) customized to **YOUR** specifications, **YOUR** needs.

In short, co-managed I.T. is a way for CIOs and I.T. leaders of growing companies to fill in the gaps and get the helping hands, specialized expertise and automation tools they need **WITHOUT** the cost and difficulty of finding, managing and retaining a large I.T. staff **OR** outright buying expensive software tools that we give you as part of our program.

This is NOT about taking over your job or replacing your I.T. department.

It's also **NOT** a one-off project-based relationship where an I.T. company would limit their support to an “event” or project and then leave you and your team behind to try and support it (or give you the option to pay them big bucks afterwards to keep it working).

It's also **NOT** just monitoring your network for alarms and problems, which still leaves you responsible for scrambling and fixing the issues.

It IS a flexible partnership where we customize a set of ongoing services and software tools specific to **YOUR** needs that fill in the gaps, free you to be more strategic, allowing **YOU** to be a true I.T. leader in your organization.

Here are just a few of the reasons why I.T. leaders are moving to a co-managed approach:

You maintain COMPLETE control over your I.T. department and decide what you and your team will handle and what problems get passed on or escalated to us. All of our partnerships with current I.T. leaders are customized to **YOUR** specific situation, so you **KEEP** the workload you want and offload tasks and projects you either don't have time to do, don't want to do or simply don't have the skill set in-house to complete.



- **You get instant access to the *same* powerful automation and management tools we use to make your job EASIER.** We'll give you our professional-grade management tools that will allow you to capture, organize and prioritize end-user "tickets" (problems), improve communication, shorten resolution time, track software licenses and renewals, create and manage projects, document the devices on your network and be FAR more effective and efficient. These are software tools your company could not reasonably afford on its own, but they are *included* with our co-managed I.T. program – and we configure them, upgrade them and *train you on their use*.
- **You'll become more valuable to your organization.** Our team will free you up to work on more strategic projects and focus on YOUR strengths. You'll finally get the time to work on that long list of projects you've been wanting to get to but couldn't – or simply delegate them to us.
- **You get a TEAM of smart, experienced I.T. pros to collaborate with.** We're always here to help you figure out the best solution to a problem, get advice on a situation or error you've never encountered before or decide what technologies are most appropriate for you (without having to do the work of investigating them ALL).
- **You'll stop worrying (or worry less!) about falling victim to a major cyber-attack, outage or data-erasing event.** We can assist you in implementing next-gen cyber security protections to prevent or significantly mitigate the damages of a ransomware attack or security breach. We can also assist in providing end-user awareness training and help you initiate controls to prevent employees from doing things that would compromise the security and integrity of your network and data.
- **Access to free workshops and on-demand training.** We provide guidance on where to find the right training for Microsoft 365, PSAs, networking. We can even share our policies and procedures so that you can develop a
- **One BIG, final benefit: You can *finally* take a vacation or a day off without everything collapsing.** You'll have a *flexible* workforce of experienced I.T. pros at the ready to assist with special projects, migrations and new technologies – or to simply give you the ability to take some time off. We are your backup I.T. team!

A Cost Analysis: How To Sell Co-Managed I.T. To The C-Suite

I have spent much of my career having cost vs. benefit conversations with CEOs and CFOs when it comes to having an in-house IT staff or outsourcing IT. Because co-managed IT is a newer concept to a lot of business leaders, I will provide a free, no-obligation consultation with you to develop a cost analysis packet for you to present to your boss.

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Who Co-Managed I.T. Is NOT For:

Although there are a LOT of benefits to co-managed I.T., this is certainly not a good fit for everyone. Here's a short list of people this won't work for.

- **I.T. leaders who insist on viewing us as an adversary instead of an ally.**
To be clear, we do not want your job, nor will we encourage your CEO to fire you. We NEED an I.T.-savvy leader in the company to collaborate with who knows how the company operates (workflow), understands critical applications and how they are used, company goals and priorities, etc. We cannot do that job. Co-managed I.T. only works when there is mutual trust and respect on both sides.
- **I.T. leaders who don't have an open mind to a new way of doing things.**
Our first and foremost goal is to support YOU and YOUR preferences, and we certainly will be flexible. However, a big value we bring to the table is our 18+ years of expertise in supporting and securing computer networks. Therefore, the clients we get the best results for are those that keep an open mind to looking at implementing our tools, methodologies and systems, and adopting some of our best practices. As I said before, this only works if it's a collaborative relationship.
- **Organizations where the leadership is unwilling to invest in I.T.**
As a CEO myself, I completely understand the need to watch costs. However, starving an I.T. department of much-needed resources and support is foolish and risky. Further, some CEOs look at what they are paying us and think, "We could hire a full-time person for that money!" But they forget they are getting more than a single person – they are getting an entire team, a backup plan, tools and software, monitoring and specialized skills.

We can only help those companies that are willing to invest sufficiently in I.T. – not elaborately or indulgently. In fact, we can demonstrate how a co-managed I.T. option is a far cheaper solution than building the same team on your own.



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Scenarios Where Co-Managed I.T. Just Makes Sense



Which applies to your company?

Scenario 1

You are a higher-level I.T. pro who cannot get to more strategic projects because you're buried with putting out fires and other urgent needs, such as troubleshooting an endless number of end-user problems that arise, adding and removing users, ordering equipment, doing basic maintenance and more. In this scenario, our team can provide help-desk support and take that off your plate, freeing you up to work on more strategic initiatives to make your entire organization more secure, more efficient and more competitive.

Scenario 2

You or your I.T. team are excellent at helpdesk and end-user support but don't have the expertise in advanced cyber security protection, server maintenance, cloud technologies, compliance regulations, etc. As in Scenario 1, we let YOU handle what YOU do best and fill in the areas where you need assistance.

Scenario 3

A company is in rapid expansion and needs to scale up I.T. staff and resources quickly. This is another situation where our flexible support services can be brought in to get you through this phase as you work to build your internal I.T. department..

Scenario 4

The quantity of end users and issues you're dealing with has escalated, and you're struggling to get their requests and needs organized and prioritized. You recognize that you could be far more efficient if you had professional-grade software tools to track, organize, categorize and prioritize end-user problems, tasks, upgrades, etc. We can give you those tools, configure them for your organization and train you on how to use them. These tools will also allow you to show the CEO and executive the workload you are processing and how efficient you are (we call it utilization). After all, how many executives truly know how much you actually handle on a day-to-day basis? We can help you reveal that to them.

Scenario 5

You have a robust in-house I.T. department but need on-site support and help for a remote location or branch office.

What To Look For In A Co-Managed IT Partner

As I mentioned before, other I.T. firms in this area will offer project-based support or monitoring only, or they will want to take over I.T. for your entire company, firing you and your I.T. team.

Here's why we feel these are NOT smart moves and do NOT deliver the cost savings and value promised. Let's start with the concept of replacing you and your I.T. team.

For starters, no MSP (managed services provider) or I.T. services company can fully replicate the value that a full-time I.T. leader has. They will try to sell the CEO and CFO on that idea, promising incredible cost savings, but candidly, the MSP won't be able to allocate the time and attention that a full-time employee can – and if they do, the costs will absolutely be higher. Outsourcing only makes sense in scenarios when a FULL-TIME person is not needed, or where there are very specialized skills needed that are difficult to find and (again) not needed on a full-time basis.

Second, monitoring-only agreements are like smoke detectors. They tell you when a fire is about to happen (or is happening) but they don't do anything to put out the flames, get you out safe or PREVENT the fire from happening in the first place. They are a waste of money UNLESS you have a big I.T. team that just needs THAT specific tool – and if that's the case, then you'd be better off buying that software direct, not through a reseller who will mark it up.

Finally, project-based work is often necessary; but you are going to get better results if those projects are not a “one-and-done” where they drop the solution in and take off, leaving you and your I.T. team to figure it out.

A better approach is a co-managed I.T. environment where a solution is implemented WITH you by the same team that is supporting it.

Why We're Uniquely Positioned To Deliver Co-Managed IT

There are a number of reasons our company is uniquely positioned to be your co-managed I.T. partner, starting with the simple fact we're the ONLY I.T. firm on the Palm Beaches and the Treasure Coast specializing in it.

We are a partner you can TRUST. We're the team that will stay up into the wee hours of the night fixing a problem. We're the team you can call when an unexpected problem or crisis arises. And because we already know your environment, we can step in at any time FAST in a crisis or when extra hands are needed.

We are also the leader in efficient, responsive I.T. services and support. I have worked with over 200 different companies across all industries in 18 years. Our processes and procedures developed in house are delivered with 5-star customer service. *But that's not all we do.* We are also the leading/preeminent experts in cyber security – second to none in our thorough understanding of how to protect networks from data loss, ransomware, cloud technologies, etc. I have spoken to groups and organizations from Fort Pierce to Boca on cybersecurity over the past three years.

I have invested thousands of dollars and my entire career into developing the most efficient, robust and responsive I.T. support system so you don't have to. The co-managed I.T. support we can wrap around you will dramatically improve your effectiveness and free you up to be more strategic and valuable to your organization.

What some of our clients have to say about our co-managed partnerships...

We truly want the best for your business. As partners, we care about the overall security of your network, the best practices using any hardware or software technology, the data you backup, and the people on your IT team. We are here to support what they do with the unique needs of your organization.



“ I highly recommend Capstone IT. Their team offers expert technology advice to our organization. We manage a lot of our IT internally, but Capstone is always there to take anything off our plate that our team can't do or does not have the time for. ”

- Brian D., Ship Sticks



“ Capstone IT has been great. Our headquarters is in Rochester, NY, but we have an important branch office in Jupiter, FL. Remote IT management is tough, and Capstone has been a boon - whether it's a major systems install or a quick "the printer isn't working!" Capstone has been fast, helpful and reliable - everything you could need in an IT partner! ”

- Team APFS



“ Capstone IT has been a resource for us for licensing, firewall support, special project help and consulting. Whenever I need to run anything by Michael Borlaug, he is available to me. I would recommend Capstone for any co-managed partnership here in South Florida. ”

- Michael D., Community Partners

Think Co-Managed I.T. Is Right For You? Our Free Diagnostic Consultation Will Give You The Answer

If this letter has struck a chord and you want to explore how (if?) a co-managed I.T. relationship would benefit you and your I.T. department, we've reserved initial telephone appointment times with our most senior consultants to evaluate your specific situation and recommend the co-managed I.T. approach that would work best based on your specific needs, budget and goals.

We'll work with you to help you determine areas that are lacking to unearth potential problems such as 1) inadequate or outdated cyber security protocols and protections, 2) insufficient backups, 3) unrealized compliance violations, 4) workloads that can be automated and streamlined for cost savings and more efficiency, and 5) insufficient (or no) documentation of I.T. systems and assets.

These are just a few of the most frequently discovered problems we find that virtually every I.T. leader is unaware of.

Further, many I.T. leaders appreciate having fresh eyes to see things they don't, and to discover tools, methodologies and services that will make them FAR more effective and efficient – tools they don't have at their disposal and may not even know exist. All of this will be discussed during your consultation. same team that is supporting it.

You can schedule your Diagnostic Consultation 3 ways:

- Go online to: <https://www.capstoneitservices.com/contact-us/>
- Call us direct at 561-349-9991.
- E-mail your appointment request to... mborlaug@capstoneitservices.com.

One Important Request

We strongly encourage you bring your CEO/CFO into this Diagnostic Consultation earlier rather than later, especially if they will need to be brought "on board" with this concept. In most cases, they are the ones giving the financial approval and therefore will have questions about us and, at a minimum, what they are being asked to invest in.

Perhaps your CEO/CFO is different and is in full agreement with you that you are understaffed and overwhelmed and in need of additional expertise, resources, tools and support. But if they are not, we can work on your behalf to help them understand the value of I.T. and the importance of proactive maintenance and specialized expertise for backups, disaster recovery and cyber security.

Of course, we will be working with you, on your behalf, to conduct the technical evaluation of your systems, security, backups, disaster recovery, licensing issues and more, and prioritize where we can be of most value to you. We look forward to working with you and your team.

Michael Borlaug
CEO
Capstone IT

P.S. If you would like to speak with any of the I.T. leaders who are utilizing our co-managed I.T. services, please e-mail me at mborlaug@capstoneitservices.com or call me at 561-257-1879 and I'll arrange for you to speak with them direct.