

PROTECT YOUR DATA

**“12 Little-Known Facts Every
Business Owner Must Know
About Data Backup,
Security And
Disaster Recovery”**



**Discover What Most IT Consultants
Don't Know Or Won't Tell You
About Backing Up Your Data
And Recovering It After A Disaster**

“12 Little-Known Facts and Insider Secrets *Every* Business Owner Should Know About Backing Up Their Data and Choosing a Remote Backup Service”

If your data is important to your business and you cannot afford to have your operations halted for days – even weeks – due to data loss or corruption, then you need to read this report and act on the information shared. This report will outline the most commonly made, costly mistakes that most small business owners make with their data backups.

You’ll Discover:

- What remote, offsite, or managed backups are, and why EVERY business should have them in place.
- 7 critical characteristics you should absolutely demand from any remote backup service; do NOT trust your data to anyone who does not meet these criteria.
- Where tape backups fail and give you a false sense of security.
- Frightening trends, cases, and questions every business owner should know and consider regarding data security.
- The single most important thing to look for in a remote backup service provider.

From the Desk of:

**Holly Fullingim CEO
Quick Compute**

Dear Colleague,

Have you ever lost an hour of work on your computer?

Now imagine if you lost days or weeks of work – or imagine losing your client database, financial records, and all of the work files your company has ever produced or compiled.

Imagine what would happen if your network went down for days and you couldn't access e-mail or the information on your PC. How devastating would that be?

Or, what if a major storm, flood, or fire destroyed your office and all of your files? Or if a virus wiped out your server...do you have an emergency recovery plan in place that you feel confident in?

How quickly do you think you could recover, if at all?

If you do not have good answers to the above questions or a rock-solid disaster recovery plan in place, you are quite literally playing Russian roulette with your business. With the number of threats constantly growing, it's not a matter of *if* you will have a problem, but rather a matter of *when*.

But That Could Never Happen To Me!
*(And Other Lies Business Owners Like To Believe About Their
Businesses...)*

After working with hundreds of small and mid-size businesses in the Rio Grande Valley area, we found that 6 out of 10 businesses will experience some type of major network or technology disaster that will end up costing them between \$9,000 and \$60,000 in repairs and restoration costs *on average*.

That doesn't even include lost productivity, sales, and client goodwill that can be damaged when a company can't operate or fulfill on its promises due to technical problems.

While it may be difficult to determine the actual financial impact data loss would have on your business, you can't deny the fact that it would have a major negative effect.

“But I Already Back Up My Data,” You Say...

If you are like most business owners, you've been smart enough to set up a tape backup. But know this:

The average failure rate for a tape backup is 100% - ALL tape backups fail at some point in time.

Incredible, isn't it? Most people don't realize that ALL tape drives fail. But what's really dangerous is that most companies don't *realize* it happened until it's too late.

That's why recent history is riddled with stories of companies losing millions of dollars worth of data. In almost every case, these businesses had some type of backup system in place but were sickened to find out it wasn't working when they needed it most.

While you should maintain a local backup of your data, a tape backup will NOT offer you protection if...

1. Your tape drive malfunctions rendering it useless and making it impossible to restore your data. **IMPORTANT:** It is *very* common for a tape drive to malfunction without giving any warning signs.
2. Your office (and everything in it) gets destroyed by a fire, flood, hurricane, tornado, or other natural disaster.
3. The physical tapes you are backing your data up to become corrupted due to heat or mishandling.
4. A virus spoils the data stored on the tape drive. Some of the more aggressive viruses not only corrupt the data, but they don't allow anyone to access the data on the drive.

5. Someone in your office accidentally formats the tape, erasing everything on it.
6. Theft – a disgruntled employee intentionally erases everything, or a thief breaks in and steals ALL your equipment.
7. A faulty sprinkler system “waters” all your electronic equipment.

Bottom line: You do NOT want to find out your backup was not working when you need it most.

Frightening Trends, Cases, and Questions You Should Consider:

- Tape drives fail on average at 100%; that means ALL tape drives fail at some point and do NOT offer complete protection for your data if a natural disaster, fire, or terrorist attack destroys your office and everything in it. Business owners who were hit by hurricanes like Katrina learned a hard lesson about keeping remote backups of their data.
- 93% of companies that lost their data for 10 days or more filed for bankruptcy within one year of the disaster, and 50% filed for bankruptcy immediately. *(Source: National Archives & Records Administration in Washington.)*
- 20% of small to medium businesses will suffer a major disaster causing loss of critical data every 5 years. *(Source: Richmond House Group)*
- This year, 40% of small to medium businesses that manage their own network and use the Internet for more than e-mail will have their network accessed by a hacker, and more than 50% won't even know they were attacked. *(Source: Gartner Group)*
- About 70% of businesspeople have experienced (or will experience) data loss due to accidental deletion, disk or system failure, viruses, fire or some other disaster *(Source: Carbonite, an online backup service)*
- The first reaction of employees who lose their data is to try to recover the lost data themselves by using recovery software or either restarting or unplugging their computer — steps that can make later data recovery impossible. *(Source: Ontrack Data Recovery)*

Remote Backups: What They Are And Why EVERY Business Should Have Them In Place

The ONLY way to completely protect your data and guarantee that you could restore it all after a major disaster is by maintaining an up-to-date copy of your data offsite in a high-security facility.

Remote backups, also called offsite backups, online backups, or managed backups, is a service that allows you to maintain a secure copy of your data in a different location than your office.

Usually this type of backup is done automatically via the Internet after hours to a high-security facility. There is no question that every business owner should have an offsite copy of their data; however, there ARE big differences among remote backup services and it's critical that you choose a good provider or you could end up paying a lot of money only to discover that recovering your data – the very reason why you set up remote backups in the first place – is not an easy, fast, or simple job.

7 Critical Characteristics to Demand from Your Remote Backup Service

The biggest danger businesses have with remote backup services is lack of knowledge in what to look for.

There are literally hundreds of companies offering this service because they see it as an easy way to make a quick buck. But not all service providers are created equal and you absolutely want to make sure you choose a good, reliable vendor or you'll get burned with hidden fees, unexpected "gotchas," or with the horrible discovery that your data wasn't actually backed up properly, leaving you high and dry when you need it most.

If your remote backup provider doesn't meet all 7 of these points, then you'd be crazy to trust them to store your data:

- 1. Military-level security, data transfer, and data storage.** This is obvious; you want to make sure the company housing your data is actually secure. After all, we are talking about your financial information, client data, and

other sensitive information about your company. Never trust your data to anyone that doesn't have the following security measures in place:

- a. Ask your service provider if they are HIPAA, Sarbanes-Oxley, Gram-Leach-Bliley, and SEC NASD compliant. These are government regulations that dictate how organizations with highly sensitive data (like banks and doctor's offices) handle, store, and transfer their data. If you are a medical or financial institution, you are required by law to work only with vendors who meet these stringent requirements. But even if you are NOT an organization that falls under one of these regulations, you still want to choose a provider who is because it's a good sign that they have high-level security measures in place.
 - b. Make sure the physical location where the data is stored is secure. Ask your service provider if they have an ID system, video surveillance, and some type of card key system to allow only authorized personnel to enter the site.
 - c. Make sure the data transfer is encrypted with SSL protocols to prevent a hacker from accessing the data while it's being transferred.
- 2. Multiple data centers that are geographically dispersed.** Anyone versed in data security knows the best way to avoid loss is to build redundancy into your operations. All that means is that your remote backup service should store multiple copies of your data in more than one location. That way, if a terrorist attack or natural disaster destroys one of *their* locations, they have backups of your backup in a different city where the disaster did not strike.
- 3. Demand the ability to receive overnight copies of your data on DVD or some other data storage device.** If your entire network gets wiped out, you do NOT want Internet download to be your only option for recovering the data because it could take days or weeks. Therefore, you should only work with a remote backup provider that will provide overnight copies of your data via some physical storage device.
- 4. On that same token, ask your service provider if you have the option of having your *initial* backup performed through hard copy.** Again, trying to transfer that amount of data online could take days or weeks. If you have a large amount of data to backup, it would be faster and more convenient to send it to them on DVD.

5. **Make sure your data can be restored to a different computer than the one it was backed up from.** Amazingly, some backups can only be restored to the same computer they came from. If the original computer was burned in a fire, stolen, or destroyed in a flood, you're left without a backup.
6. **Demand daily status reports of your backup.** All backup services should send you a daily e-mail to verify if your backup actually ran AND to report failures or problems. The more professional providers should also allow you to notify more than one person (like a technician or your IT person) in addition to yourself.
7. **Demand help from a qualified technician.** Many online backup services are "self-serve." This allows them to provide a cheaper service to you. BUT if you don't set your system to back up correctly, the money you will save will be insignificant compared to the losses you'll suffer. At the very least, ask your service provider to walk you through the steps on the phone or to check your settings to make sure you did the setup properly.

The Single Most Important Thing To Look For When Choosing a Remote Backup Service Provider

While the above checks are important, one of the most critical characteristics – and one that is often overlooked -- is finding a company that will do regular test restores to check your backup and make sure the data is able to be recovered.

You do not want to wait until your data has been wiped out to test your backup; yet that is exactly what most people do – and they pay for it dearly.

If your data is very sensitive and you cannot afford to lose it, then test restores should be done monthly. If your situation is a little less critical, then quarterly test restores are sufficient.

Any number of things can cause your backup to become corrupt. By testing it monthly, you'll sleep a lot easier at night knowing you have a good, solid copy of your data available in the event of an unforeseen disaster or emergency.

Want To Know For Sure If Your Data Backup Is Truly Keeping Your Data Secure?

Our FREE Data Security Analysis Will Reveal the Truth...

As a prospective new client, I'd like to extend a "get to know us" offer of a FREE Data Security Assessment. I don't normally give away free services at Quick Compute because if I did, I'd go out of business. But since your company meets our strict selection criteria, I thought this would be a great way to introduce our services to a few new clients.

At no charge, a security specialist will come on site and...

- Assess your current data protection including backup and restore procedures, tape rotations and maintenance schedule to see if there is anything jeopardizing your data's security.
- Review procedures for storage and transportation of data. Many people don't realize they damage their disks (and thereby corrupt their data) by improperly caring for their storage devices.
- Check your network backup to make sure they are accurately backing up ALL the critical files and information you would NEVER want to lose.
- Present a simple and easy to understand chart that will detail the makeup of your data, including the age and type of files you are backing up. Why should you care? Because many companies inadvertently use valuable computer storage to back up their employees' personal MP3 files and movies.
- Discuss current data protection needs and explain in plain English where your risks are. We know everyone has a different level of risk tolerance, and we want to make sure all the risks you're taking with your data are by choice not because of miscommunication or accident.

Depending on what we discover, we'll either give you a clean bill of health or reveal gaps in your data backup that could prove disastrous. If it's appropriate, we'll provide you with an action plan for further securing your data with our Velocity Cybersecurity Plus Plan.

Naturally, I don't expect everyone to become a client, but I do expect a small percentage to hire us to protect their most valuable asset--corporate data--and possibly even become loyal clients like The Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo County or Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation.

But I Don't Need a Free Security Analysis Because My IT Guy Has it Covered...

Maybe you don't feel as though you have an urgent problem that needs to be fixed immediately. Maybe you think your data is perfectly safe. Many of our current clients felt their data was safe until it became necessary for them to RESTORE THEIR DATA.

Unfortunately, that is when most companies "test" their data backup and restore solution. We are helping companies like yours AVOID embarrassing and extremely costly data catastrophes like this:

On a 35-workstation network with 5 servers the backup system was being backed up to a dedicated computer on the network. There were no cloud backup measures in place. The client had been warned that such scenario was not ideal. Leaving them open to backup corruptions. The client declined the recommended changes repeatedly.

January of 2019, Quick Compute's monitoring and alert system notified techs that something had been discovered on the client's Fileserver. An investigation was immediately launched.

It became readily apparent that ransomware had been run on the fileserver. Quick Compute was able to stop the ransomware delivery program dead in its tracks and began to assess the damage. The final tally was 10,000 files encrypted and rendered useless. To make matters worse it had invaded the backup location. The only avenue of recovery for the encrypted files.

The client was now convinced of the necessity of the backup recommendations made by Quick Compute on numerous previous occasions.

Through investigation Quick Compute found that the incident was caused by an employee's credentials being compromised on a remote desktop that was used to access the network. The cybercriminals delivered ransomware to a drive on the server and found its way to the backup server.

Quick Compute hardened the client's backup by implementing the latest backup technology for local and cloud backup. The local backup is no longer accessible by a user on the network, for enhanced security purposes. The cloud component that sends multiple daily backups to the cloud is only accessible by the dedicated backup appliance which insulates the cloud backup from the local network and provides more avenues for backup recovery of corrupted or encrypted files.

Quick Compute also added state of the art ransomware sniffing and monitoring software which finds and traces malware, ransomware, and virus events.

Six months later another ransomware attack was launched. Quick Compute was able to restore all affected data from their backup within 2 hours. The client was unaware of the attack until everything had been resolved and they received the incident report from Quick Compute.

It has now been over a year with no further incidents.

Why Trust Your Remote Backups To Us?

There are a lot of companies offering remote backup services, so what makes us so special? Why choose us over the dozens of other companies offering what appear to be the same services? I'm glad you asked because there are 5 BIG reasons to trust us with your data security:

1. Our state-of-the-art data center follows HIPAA security guidelines for data protection. Locked server room under nonstop video surveillance. Locked hard drive wipe room. 100% Document shredding. Non stop video surveillance of entire facility. Facility access by key and security code only. 24/7. This means your data is locked down tight, protected from even the worst natural disasters--fire, flood, and theft.
2. We unconditionally guarantee the security and availability of your data or your money back. If the data is given to us, we will guarantee it will be available to you 24/7 or we'll give you your money back!
3. We offer free help desk support for recovering files. Some companies charge you extra for this service, or don't offer it at all.
4. We offer free disaster recovery services to restore your data if ALL of it is lost at one time. Again, most companies charge extra for this, or they don't offer it at all. At no additional charge, we will work directly with your IT manager or network support consultant to get all of your data restored in the unfortunate event of a catastrophic loss.
5. We are a local company with a real, live office. That might not seem too unique to you, but what you don't realize is that some offsite data companies are made up of a couple of guys working from their backrooms with no way of reaching them other than by e-mail or phone.

We'll come on site, shake your hand, and buy you a cup of coffee. Wouldn't you rather deal with a local company that can meet with you face to face rather than an unknown entity in a different city, state, or even a different country?

6. We will conduct monthly or quarterly test restores of your data to truly determine if your backup is working. There is no other way of knowing for sure and MOST remote backup services do NOT offer this service.

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But Don't Take Our Word for It – Just Look What Our Clients Have to Say...



We Fell Victim to CryptoWall – 100% Recovery Success

"Our organization was one of the unlucky ones who fell victim to a CryptoWall attack within 2 months of its first release. Fortunately for us we have excellent IT Support in Quick Compute and we weren't the first in the Rio Grande Valley that had experienced issues of files that were reported as corrupt. As soon as we contacted Quick Compute they knew right away what was wrong and jumped into action to block and stop further spreading of the encryption of our files. Because of the excellent planning and maintenance of our IT systems, our backup was totally up-to-date, and all of our affected files were fully recoverable within a couple of hours.

Since that time Quick Compute implemented their Cybersecurity Plus Plan and helped us to provide better and safer internet and email usage across our organization. To date we have not had any further issues with Ransomware attacks or any other virus or malware attacks. We have the peace of mind knowing that our full IT protection is modern and up-to-date."

Jesus A. Sanchez
Executive Director
Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo County, Inc



“We Have So Few Problems Now Because Our Systems Are Being Maintained And Monitored Daily.”

“Our companies transitioned from being part of a very sophisticated corporate network system to a standalone system for just our companies. After extensive planning for the switchover by Quick Compute and our staff, the migration went exactly as planned, on time and on budget with little business interruption. We were so surprised to have such a seamless transition! We now have an information and data system that will rival any corporate system at a greatly reduced price.

The monitoring that is being done is behind the scenes, so we really don't feel it, nor do we have issues with virus or time outs, etc. I believe that we have so few problems because our systems are being maintained and monitored daily.

Price was not the most important factor for us in choosing our IT Service Company. We wanted to have access to a team that would be quick to answer calls and respond to problems. **The continuous service and the quick response when we have experienced problems has been very important to us.** We appreciate how they've been handled thoroughly and quickly.”

Judy Quisenberry
Executive Director
Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation

For more Testimonials from our Clients please visit:

<https://quickcompute.com/our-clients/>

You are Under No Obligation to Do or Buy Anything When You Say “Yes” to a Free Data Security Analysis

We also want to be very clear that there are no expectations on our part for you to do or buy anything when you take us up on our offer.

As a matter of fact, I will give you my personal guarantee that you won't have to deal with a pushy, arrogant salesperson because I don't appreciate heavy sales pressure any more than you do.

However, I cannot extend this offer forever because time and staff limitations simply won't allow it. In order to secure your Free Data Security Analysis for your company, you must respond to this letter by <DEADLINE>. Spots ARE limited so act today. I regretfully will have to withdraw this offer and make it available for someone else if you are unable to respond on time.

Call me immediately at (956) 428-7777 to schedule your FREE service, or complete and fax back the enclosed form.

Sincerely,



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CEO, Quick Compute, Inc.
HIPAA Certified Privacy and Security Expert
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P.S. Don't miss out!!! Your Free Data Security Analysis (\$500 value) will let you know for sure if your backup really is copying and storing all the data you cannot afford to lose in a format that can be restored. Remember, you must respond by Labor Day in order to acquire this service.

Scary But True Facts About Data Loss

- The average failure rate of disk and tape drives is 100% - ALL DRIVES WILL EVENTUALLY FAIL.
- Only 34% of companies test their tape backups and, of those who do, 77% have found failures.
- 60% of companies that lose their data will go out of business within 6 months of the disaster.
- Over 1/2 of critical corporate data resides on unprotected PC desktops and laptops.
- Key causes for data loss are:
 - 78% Hardware or system malfunction
 - 11% Human error
 - 7% Software corruption or program malfunction
 - 2% Computer viruses
 - 1% Natural disasters
 - 1% Other
- Only 25% of users frequently back up their files, yet 85% of those same users say they are very concerned about losing important digital data.
- More than 22% said backing up their PCs was on their to-do list, but they seldom do it.
- 30% of companies report that they still do not have a disaster recovery program in place, and 2 out of 3 feel their data backup and disaster recovery plans have significant vulnerabilities.
- 1 in 25 notebooks are stolen, broken or destroyed each year.
- Today's hard drives store 500 times the data stored on the drives of a decade ago. This increased capacity amplifies the impact of data loss, making mechanical precision more critical.
- You have a 30% chance of having a corrupted file within a one-year time frame.

Source: VaultLogix

“Yes! Sign me up for a Free Data Security Analysis so I can know for sure that my data will be there when I need it most!”

Please reserve one of your FREE Data Security Analyses in my name. I understand that I am under no obligation to do or to buy anything by requesting this free service.

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