

# The Secure IT Integration & Divestiture Checklist

Your Guide to Security Before, During & After Major Business Transactions

Use this checklist to uncover critical **security considerations for data center resiliency** and risk management at every phase during mergers, acquisitions, and/or divestitures (M&A/D).

## BEFORE

### Pre-Transaction Due Diligence

Assess security postures across the following areas to drive robust, secure integration plans:

- Network security
- Application
- Data security
- Compliance

## DURING

### Protection for Sensitive Data

Take the following steps to prioritize data protection to foster trust and avoid regulatory issues:

- Data classification
- Data compliance
- Secure data transfer

### Proactive Threat Mitigation

Have a response plan and risk mitigation strategy in place for common cyberthreats:

- Phishing attacks
- Insider threats
- Malware and ransomware

## AFTER

### Post-Transaction Integration Challenges

Plan and execute carefully to prevent security lapses due to the following challenges:

- Merging systems
- Harmonizing security policies
- Communication security
- Business continuity

### Post-Transaction Security

Maintain a secure environment and adapt to changing threats using the following strategies:

- Continuous monitoring
- Security protocol updates
- Employee security training
- Regular security audits

### Start-to-Finish Security Expertise

Safeguard your M&A/D activities now and into the future by partnering with a security expert who can help you:

- Review capabilities and limitations.
- Assess existing risks and gaps.
- Define short- and long-term security goals.
- Ensure compliance and risk mitigation.
- Respond and recover quickly.

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