Checklist for setting up your small business network

If your small business is running and growing to the point where you're seriously considering expansion, then you've already beat some pretty long odds. How do you expand and what things should you look for when setting up a secure network in your new office?

You may find yourself facing this decision so we recommend you start with this checklist:

✓ Look for simple plus smart solutions

Whether you do it yourself or work with a partner, you need an office network that is simple, secure, fast, and easy to manage. Consider solutions that will do the heavy lifting for you with security built inside. Components that work together and can be easily managed using dashboards—even from your mobile device.

✓ Look for technical support

There is a lot of technology that needs to work just to keep your business running. The possibility of a network failure and resulting business disruption is a risk you can't afford to take. Look for solutions that have product support and training.
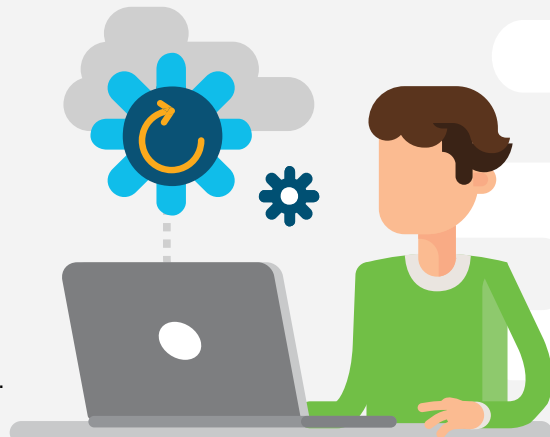
✓ Look for key features

Your business depends on a secure network more than ever before. The one you will need to stay connected to your suppliers, your employees, and of course, your customers. As your business goes digital, the needs from your network are only going to increase. You will need to:

- Think about high performance as video becomes the primary communication method.
- Provide your customers and guests a great Wi-Fi experience on any device they chose, and
- Protect your employees and confidential data from attackers.

Don't go too basic here; you don't have to settle.

✓ Look for flexible options

Are you a digital business that exists solely in the cloud? Then a cloud networking solution would probably be best for your business. If you're not sure and just want the very basics to get started, then a solution with a one-time charge may be better. But, again, remember you can have solutions that are smart, and that offer embedded security and analytics capabilities.

Let's get started

We can work with you to identify the best technology choices and services that can help you jump-start your office setup.

To get started with your Cisco New Office Solution, please contact us today.