# The Tech chronicle

## What's New

As we enter June it seems the same headlines are still making news - AI writers? A deal or a cheap knock off?

AI generated content is definitely easy. Why write it yourself when a robot can write it for you? For starters, while AI can create authentic looking information it doesn't mean it is. Be careful of misinformation or plagiarism that AI is repackaging as accurate and original.

In the long run it's best to use AI writers as a tool. A way to gather ideas or help when you're stuck but any content you put out should be fully vetted and crafted by a human team member. Maybe one day AI will be able to eloquently discuss human emotions but until then people relate to people best and it's up to us to find that connection.

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#### **Our Mission**

To enhance our customers quality of life and the health of their business.



# Maximize Efficiency With Help From **Co-Managed IT Services**

IT services are necessary for every -house IT services and managed business in the country - IT companies help businesses protect their data, ensure day-today operations run smoothly, increase productivity across the board and keep up-to-date with the latest technology trends and updates. Without IT services, your business can fall prey to hackers and cybercriminals bent on stealing your company's and clients' personal information. But if you don't have IT services, where do you even start looking?

Many businesses choose to keep their IT services in-house with a dedicated team of IT professionals who are able to offer quick support in most situations. Others decide to outsource and hire a managed IT services provider to handle all of their technology needs. Yet there's another option many are unfamiliar with that could help fill their needs. It's a hybrid of in IT services called co-managed IT, and it truly provides business owners with the best of both worlds.

With co-managed IT services, you can outsource many of the IT tasks and responsibilities that prevent your in-house team from doing their best work. The outsourced team will watch over your network and address any issues before they become more significant problems. They'll also install the necessary protections to ensure your business is protected against hackers and cybercriminals. If more hands need to get on deck, your in-house IT team can step in and work to fix any issues that arise.

When you set up co-managed IT services in your business, you'll likely have a game plan to ensure every need is met. You can partner with a third-party organization

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and analyze your existing IT department to evaluate its skills, needs, resources and tools. This will tell you where you need the extra help. From there, you can determine which services you need to reach your company goals, regardless of whether they're related to IT or not. Then you can build a package to cover every base while staying within budget.

Co-managed IT services are truly a win-win for

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business owners. They can utilize the third party for specific tasks while allowing the in-house IT team to tackle other projects. In most cases, your inhouse IT team will retain control of administrative access while gaining the ability to use tools and resources provided by the third-party team. Utilizing a co-managed IT service takes tasks and responsibilities off your shoulders, as you won't have to check in on every single task the third-party team is managing. This means you can focus on other essential projects that directly impact your business. A co-managed IT service will also allow you to keep up with the latest technology and cyber security trends as they release, and you'll be able to determine what you want to implement in your business. You get around-the-clock support, so even if your in-house team has people on vacation, you

can keep up with your daily responsibilities without worrying everything will come crashing down.

Another great feature of co-managed IT services is the sense of relief you and your team will feel about everything related to technology and cyber security. You don't have to worry about sensitive information getting leaked or passwords becoming compromised since you'll have two layers of defense. And all of your technology needs will be satisfied, so operations will rarely run into issues that put them at a standstill.

Now that you've read through the benefits of comanaged IT services and understand how beneficial they can be for your business, you're probably wondering what the catch is. The first obstacle is finding the right co-managed IT service partner for your business. Luckily, we can help you out with that! There's also the cost associated with these services. You have to pay for an in-house and a third-party team, which can be expensive, depending on your needs. If you can manage the cost and partner with the right IT company, you'll reap the benefits almost immediately.

Getting IT services for your business is one of the best things you can do to ensure you stay protected. Contact us today to figure out the best options available for your business!

#### Do You Safeguard Your Company's Data & Your Customers' Private Information Better Than Equifax, Yahoo and Target Did?

If the answer is "NO" – and let's be honest, the answer *is* no – you are leaving yourself and your company open to massive liability, *millions* in fines and lost business, lawsuits, theft and so much more.

Why? Because you are a hacker's #1 target. They know you have access to financials, employee records, company data and all that juicy customer information – social security numbers, credit card numbers, birth dates, home addresses, e-mails, etc. Don't kid yourself. Cybercriminals and hackers will stop at NOTHING to steal your credentials. And once they have your password (s), it's only a matter of time before they destroy your business, scare away your customers and ruin your professional and personal

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## **Have You Tried The New Bing?**

Google has dominated the search engine market for over two decades which has left other search engine developers wondering how they can compete. Bing, the search engine with the second-highest percentage in the market at 2.8%, has unveiled a handful of new features its developers believe will help it gain a greater foothold in the search engine market.

One of the most unique features of the new Bing is its expanded search box. It allows users to type up to 1,000 characters into the search box, which enables them to be more specific than on other search engines. Additionally, some users will have access to detailed AI-powered answers that help them refine their search and locate the information they need. Bing will even produce additional questions related to the search to provide users with even more information.

Bing also allows users to change the personality and tone of the AI chatbot that assists them. They can choose between three different options: creative, balanced and precise. Creative allows the chatbot to provide more original or imaginative responses, while the other two lean more toward providing factual and accurate information.

Bing still has a long way to go until it can compete for the lion's share of the search engine market, the developers are taking steps to create a more intuitive search engine for Bing users.

# Are You A Great Remote Leader?



Business books from the 1980s told managers to wander around the office, chat with colleagues and learn valuable information at the watercooler. Today, leaders of various organizations find themselves managing people remotely, which means it's time to say goodbye to watercoolers and hello to Zoom.

My company, ghSMART, has been fully remote for over 25 years and in that time, I have found a few essential qualities that great remote leaders often really operate that way in a remote possess. Here are five questions you should ask to determine whether you're a great remote leader.

- Are you great at setting goals? 1.
- Are you great at hiring? 2.
- 3. Are you great at delegating?
- 4. Does your compensation system reward high performance?
- 5. Do you always do what you say you will do?

You're most likely a great remote leader if you answered "yes" to all five questions. In a remote setting, the importance of these leadership skills is amplified. Let me explain why.

If you set unclear goals, it's easier to clarify them for those working in the same office. But if you are working remotely with a team, it's vital that everyone understands your expectations and what they must accomplish. If you're not great at hiring, you

immediately notice the ill effects of a hiring mistake in a traditional office environment. But when you work remotely, it's harder to detect if you have made a hiring mistake, which can cost you time and money.

If you are not great at delegating, you might find that you can physically see if somebody is getting their work done and can pitch in to help them if you work in the same office. But you can't setting. Delegating effectively - and following up clearly and regularly - is critical in a remote environment.

Compensation is just one way to influence behavior. In a traditional office context, peer pressure also affects human behavior, but that is less impactful in a remote context. Therefore, it's extra important to ensure the compensation system rewards the right behaviors.

I believe building and maintaining trust is easier when you work in the same office as the team you lead. But if your teammates are spread around many locations, it's imperative to build twoway trust with them to give them the confidence to make decisions and to ensure they stay rather than quit. Therefore, to amplify the trust with your team and empower them to operate remotely, do what you say you will do.



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