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From the Helm

The pace of change in technology shows no signs of slowing. From the helm at SST, we're seeing a convergence of critical trends that are reshaping how companies think about IT. Cybersecurity remains front and center, with increasing adoption of zero-trust frameworks and automated threat detection becoming table stakes for resilience.

Meanwhile, AI-powered tools are helping businesses move from reactive to predictive IT streamlining support, enhancing uptime, and reducing risk. Hybrid cloud infrastructure continues to mature, giving companies the flexibility they need to scale, secure, and innovate.

Finally, the importance of strategic IT planning is rising because businesses are no longer asking "what tech do we need," but rather, "how does our IT strategy drive growth?" At SST, we're proud to be your proactive partner in navigating this evolution, protecting you one bit at a time.

— SST Leadership

AI Corner

8 Ways SST's AI improves IT

- Detects system issues before outages occur
- Identifies cybersecurity threats 24/7 real-time
- Automates patching and updates
- Accelerates problem resolution
- Recognizes risky user behavior and access patterns
- Personalizes security training for your team
- Enhances strategic planning with AI-powered reporting
- Monitors compliance-related configurations



Client Success Story

Is Your Microsoft 365 Tenant Actually Secure?

Ameritec Machining, Inc., AMI, believed its Microsoft 365 setup was working fine until SST performed a review and uncovered several hidden risks. Like many small businesses, they had not configured their Microsoft 365 environment with security as a priority.

Employees were juggling multiple passwords, struggling with multi-factor authentication, and relying on a tenant that lacked essential safeguards. SST unified identity across cloud and on-prem systems, deployed streamlined device onboarding with Intune and Autopilot, and implemented CIS-aligned security features such as Safe Links, malware filtering, and restricted mailbox access.

As a result, AMI now benefits from single sign-on, improved user access control, and a stronger overall security posture. Many small businesses assume Microsoft 365 is secure right out of the box, but default settings often leave organizations exposed. SST helps companies to close these gaps by aligning their cloud environments with proven security frameworks. If your organization uses Microsoft 365, this is the time to ensure it is truly working in your favor.

Proactive Insights

You Can't Protect What You Don't Know Exists: The Power of Inventory

You can't protect what you don't know exists. That's why every proactive technology strategy must begin with a complete inventory of your hardware and software. From outdated laptops to unauthorized cloud apps, unknown assets introduce risk, reduce efficiency, and undermine your cybersecurity efforts.

Controls 1 and 2 of the **CIS Critical Security Controls** focus on identifying and managing all devices and software in your environment. By implementing these early, you gain visibility, reduce complexity, and create a strong foundation for everything that follows security, lifecycle planning, and operational maturity.

Why It Matters:

- **Stops Hidden Threats:** Untracked devices and applications are often the weakest links. An accurate inventory ensures nothing slips through the cracks.
- **Enables Smarter Refresh Planning:** Knowing what you have and how old it is allows you to plan budget-conscious equipment upgrades that minimize downtime and surprise expenses.
- **Improves Compliance and Insurance:** Inventory documentation supports cybersecurity insurance requirements and regulatory compliance efforts.
- **Supports Faster Response:** When incidents happen, knowing what systems are impacted helps teams act quickly and reduce damage.
- **Strengthens IT Governance:** Visibility empowers better decision-making, prioritization, and alignment between IT investments and business needs.

Starting with a clear picture of your environment isn't just a security best practice. It is a strategic move that positions your business to grow with confidence.

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SST News & Events

- Norwinn QBR – 7/1/25
- 4th of July Celebration
- 36th Annual ACS Golf Scramble – 7/9/25
- Q3 2025 Peer Group Meeting – 7/21/25
- Unscripted with SST Episode 7 – 7/18/25
- MS 365 Security Webinar – 7/29/25

Is Your IT Strategy Aligned with Your Growth Goals?

Schedule your FREE Technology Assessment today and uncover hidden risks, inefficiencies, and opportunities in your current environment.

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