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Network Upgrade Readiness Guide

Assess whether your infrastructure is a foundation
for growth or a liability waiting to fail.

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Is Your Network Ready for Growth?

A consumer-grade router can handle a home office. It cannot handle a growing business with VoIP, cloud apps, video conferencing, and security cameras. Score each item below on a scale of **1** (Poor) to **5** (Excellent) to find out if your network is a foundation for growth or a liability waiting to fail.

Section A: Core Infrastructure

#	Factor	Scale	Score
1	Router / Firewall	1 = Consumer router	5 = Commercial with threat intel	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5
2	Switches	1 = Unmanaged	5 = Managed, VLAN + PoE++	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5
3	Network Rack	1 = No rack	5 = Dedicated rack, UPS, cooling	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5
4	Cabling	1 = Cat5e or unknown	5 = Cat6A + fiber backbone	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5
5	Wi-Fi Access Points	1 = Consumer	5 = Enterprise, centrally managed	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5
6	Bandwidth Provisioning	1 = Avg use only	5 = Provisioned for peak load	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5
7	Network Segmentation	1 = Flat network	5 = VLANs for guest, IoT, prod	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5
8	Documentation	1 = None	5 = Full topology, current, labeled	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5

Section A Subtotal: _____ / 40

Section B: Performance & Reliability

#	Factor	Scale	Score
1	Video Conferencing	1 = Drops weekly	5 = Zero issues at peak	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5
2	Cloud File Transfers	1 = Painfully slow	5 = Fast and consistent	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5
3	VoIP Call Quality	1 = Echo/drops	5 = Crystal clear, no issues	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5
4	Camera Feed Stability	1 = Buffers constantly	5 = Rock solid 24/7	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5

5	Wi-Fi Complaints	1 = Daily complaints | 5 = None, full coverage	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5
6	Unplanned Downtime	1 = Weekly | 3 = Monthly | 5 = Rare / never	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5
7	Speed at the Desk	1 = Far below plan | 5 = Matches internet tier	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5

Section B Subtotal: _____ / 35

Section C: Growth Readiness

#	Factor	Scale	Score
1	Device Capacity	1 = At limit now | 5 = Can handle 50%+ more	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5
2	Physical Expansion	1 = No rack space | 5 = Room for switches + APs	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5
3	Cable Pathway Room	1 = Maxed out | 5 = 30%+ capacity remaining	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5
4	Internet Scalability	1 = Max tier, no option | 5 = Scalable, no infra change	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5
5	Technology Roadmap	1 = No plan | 5 = Annual strategy with provider	■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5

Section C Subtotal: _____ / 25

Tally Your Total Score

Section A (Infrastructure): _____ + Section B (Performance): _____ + Section C (Growth): _____

Total Score: _____ / 100

Your Results: What Your Score Means

80 - 100 Growth-Ready Network

Your network is built on commercial-grade equipment, properly cabled, documented, and performing well. You have room to grow without infrastructure bottlenecks.

Recommended Action: Schedule an annual network review to stay ahead of evolving demands. Consider adding redundancy (dual ISP, failover switches) and upgrading monitoring to 24/7 managed service.

50 - 79 Upgrade Needed — Cracks Are Showing

Your network handles today's load but is showing strain. Performance complaints, aging equipment, or limited expansion capacity signal that your next growth push will expose serious weaknesses. The longer you wait, the more expensive the fix.

Recommended Action: A professional network audit will identify exactly where the bottlenecks are and deliver a prioritized upgrade roadmap with transparent pricing. Wire-It's free 60-minute assessment covers your infrastructure, performance, and growth capacity — with a written report and no obligation.

20 - 49 Critical Risk — Upgrade Now

Your network is running on consumer-grade equipment, outdated cabling, and a hope-based strategy. You are one growth event, one staff addition, or one Monday morning away from a collapse that stalls revenue and sends your team home. This is not a future risk — it is a current liability.

Recommended Action: Don't wait for the crash. Wire-It will audit your entire network, document every gap, and deliver a full-stack upgrade plan — cabling, switches, Wi-Fi, firewall, and rack — with a flat-rate quote. We have been building business-grade networks in Omaha for 25 years. Your tech should be invisible because it works, not because you're ignoring it.

Wire-It Tip: If your business has doubled in size but your network hasn't changed, you're running on borrowed time. A professional network audit takes 60 minutes and can prevent days of downtime.

Ready to Take the Next Step?

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