

IT Strategy

CIO Essentials

At a Glance:

- A high-level review of existing and planned technology infrastructure
- Identification of gaps and/or problematic areas that affect business risk
- An assessment of the current state relative to desired or optimal state
- Identification of the actions necessary to close the gap
- Information on the budgetary and planning implications of the actions identified
- A prioritized 'roadmap' and logical sequencing of these projects

Why CIO Essentials? Why Now?

Today's IT executive is driven by a number of often conflicting business imperatives. Budget considerations, risk mitigation, technological innovations and an ever-changing business landscape provide more opportunities and require more attention than most organizational resources allow. Forsythe's CIO Essentials is designed to help you take those actions that most closely align with business objectives without losing sight of ongoing service responsibilities.



CIO Essentials Approach

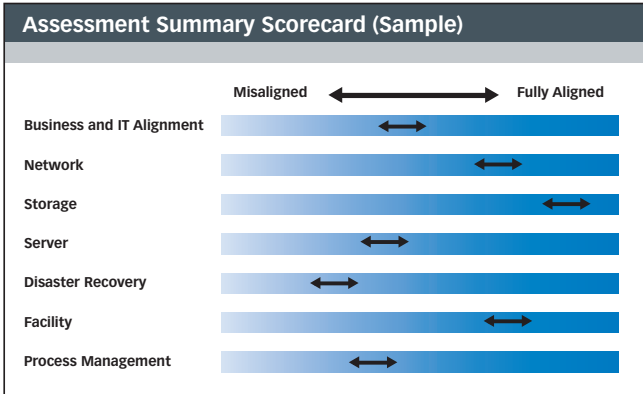
Forsythe separates IT services into ten distinct but interrelated disciplines

For each discipline you select for assessment, a senior Forsythe consultant with expertise in the field analyzes the current-state capabilities related to key business and IT requirements. These assessments get compiled into an assessment scorecard that, along with detailed observations and findings, leads to the identification of discrete projects and activities to address gaps and shortcomings.

By taking an independent, holistic view across technology domains and disciplines, Forsythe's CIO Essentials helps identify and prioritize those projects and initiatives that will have the greatest impact on efficiency, productivity and the company's bottom line.

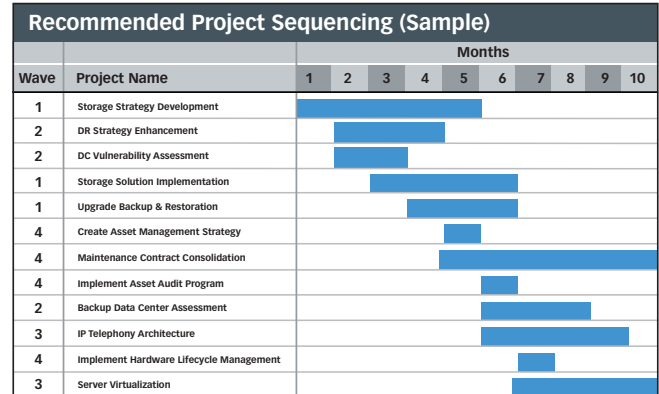
Assessment Summary Scorecard

The scorecard below represents Forsythe’s analysis of the current state of key aspects of the client’s information technology. Scoring is based on analytics applied during assessment, review of existing documentation, interviews with key stakeholders, industry best practices and personal observations.



Recommended Project Sequencing

The true value from a CIO Essentials engagement comes when Forsythe’s team of experts works together to group projects by business objective and then prioritizes them into an actionable technology roadmap.



CIO Essentials Responds to the Problems That Need to be Addressed

Availability and performance issues related to key services	→	Identification of the root causes of specific performance issues
Flat or declining budgets with increased demand	→	Identification of opportunities for efficiencies and IT cost reductions
Asset portfolio approaching or beyond the end of useful life	→	Financial options for on-going portfolio management
Need to support rapid business expansion	→	Identification and prioritization of projects to successfully address business needs
Mergers, acquisitions, or divestitures	→	Roadmap for consolidation or disengagement
Risk assessment	→	Identification of single points of failure and risk mitigation opportunities
Demonstrating the value of IT	→	Success metrics and an action plan aligned to critical business objectives
New CEO, CIO or other members of the senior team	→	Dashboard assessment of current state with clear roadmap to the future

Get the Forsythe Advantage.

For more than 35 years, Forsythe has delivered forward-thinking advice, technology, and operation-enhancing solutions. As an independent advisor, Forsythe can help you address every aspect of your infrastructure, including how new solutions may affect the bigger picture. Working with every major provider, Forsythe acts as your single point of contact for managing the cost, effectiveness, and risk related to your information systems.

Let Forsythe Help.

Business objectives — and business issues — don’t exist in a vacuum. Forsythe identifies and addresses IT interdependencies to deliver solutions that work across your enterprise. Call us today.



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