

# IT Support Guide Small Businesses

The step-by-step guide  
to help businesses with up to 10 employee's stay  
safe and get the most from their technology



## Introduction

Succeeding in business requires time to focus on growth and improvement. Reliable IT is essential for any business, helping to ensure agility and providing your team with the best tools to perform at their best.

### Key aspects of the right technology include:

- Reliability
- Security against current and future cyber threats
- Solid backups
- Enhanced user performance

### Purpose of the eBook:

This eBook is designed to guide small business owners on the essential technology features needed to keep your data safe and your team productive, while exploring **why you might not need monthly support.**

Readers will gain insights into:

- The three critical areas you need to get right
- Practical ideas to meet your technology needs
- Tips for staying lean
- Ensuring software safety and proper user access
- Backup strategies
- Cyber security measures



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## Thinking and Running **Lean**:

To thrive, small businesses need to be agile, secure, and ensure they get the maximum value for every pound invested. Where should you channel your resources?

## Professional Advice and Support:

- Correct technology setup
- Accurate record-keeping and password management
- On-demand support

## Cyber Security:

- Secure devices
- Strong passwords & access controls
- Reliable multi-layer backups

## Team Growth:

- Optimised team performance
- Training employees in technology use
- Educating employees about cyber threats

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## Don't Split Your Focus: **Why On-Demand is More Cost-Effective**

Small businesses often juggle limited resources, but delegating IT support as a secondary responsibility to an existing employee is a risky move. While it may seem economical, this strategy can lead to costly downtime, security vulnerabilities, and inefficiencies that hinder growth.

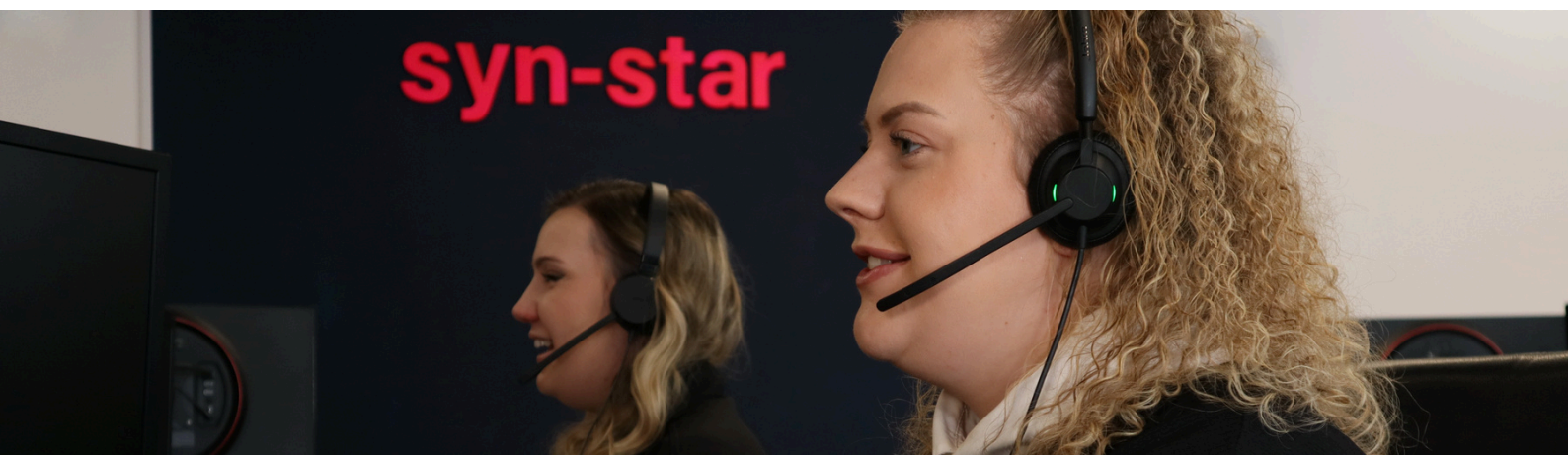
A professional IT support company brings expertise and can resolve issues faster, ensuring your business runs smoothly and securely without burdening individual employees. What if they leave or go on holiday?

By accessing professional IT support, you're not just fixing problems—you're future-proofing your business, freeing your team to focus on their strengths, and positioning your company to thrive in an increasingly digital world.



### **Why split your focus when you can specialise & succeed?**

It's essential to ensure you only pay for support when needed, rather than paying for months of unused services. However, as your team grows, there will come a tipping point where more support and strategic planning will be necessary to facilitate business growth.



# Why **Cybersecurity** is the Backbone of Every Resilient Small Business:

In today's digital world, cybersecurity isn't optional—it's essential.

Safe and secure devices form the foundation of a resilient business, but they're just the beginning. Strong passwords and strict access controls serve as your frontline defence:

- Ensuring only authorised users can access sensitive data
- Managed devices with top-notch anti-virus and ransomware protection
- Robust multi-layer backups (onsite and/or cloud)
- Key performance indicators for your team's security practices

However, even the most secure systems aren't fool proof. It's vital to protect your business from data loss caused by ransomware, hardware failure, or human error.

By prioritising cybersecurity, you're not just safeguarding your data—you're building trust with your customers and ensuring your business can withstand the ever-evolving threats of the digital age.

Don't wait for a breach to act—be proactive, be prepared, and stay secure.



# Equip & Train Your Team to Drive Your Business Success

Your team is your greatest asset, but without the right tools and focus, their potential remains untapped. By equipping your employees with the right technology, you enable them to work efficiently, collaborate seamlessly, and deliver their best results. However, technology alone isn't enough.

When employees are confident using the tools at their disposal, productivity soars, and frustration fades. Equally important is their awareness of cyber threats and best practices. In a world where a single click can compromise your entire business, an informed team becomes your first line of defence.

By investing in technology, regular training, and cybersecurity education, you're not just empowering your team; you're building a smarter, safer, and more resilient organisation. After all, a well-prepared team is the engine that drives sustainable growth.



## Case Study

Read our recent case study on how we brought a small business into the modern age of technology.

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