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Is Your Data *Really* Secure in The Cloud



Are you thinking about moving all or parts of your computer network “to the cloud” but worried about who can access your data? You’re not alone – but many security experts, software companies and cloud-service providers alike agree that cloud computing offers a MORE secure way to store data. In fact, the US governments cybersecurity adviser, Howard Schmidt, has said that cloud computing will enable businesses to catch up on security issues.

That’s because most small businesses do NOT have high-security measures in place for their data on-site and lack tight password protection policies, firewall management and backup procedures.

Here are the top five security questions you must know the answers to if you’re going to trust your data in the cloud:

1. Who outside of my company will have access to my data?
2. What security measures are in place whenever a mobile device or laptop is lost or stolen?
3. With what frequency is my data backed up (and where is it backed up)?
4. What happens if my cloud provider goes out of business? What’s the backup plan?
5. Where is my data actually located?

Of course, with any data storage there is risk, and there’s no way to completely guarantee absolute security. That said, most cloud providers are far more diligent about security and invest millions of dollars into ensuring all aspects of security are as tight as possible. We have spent a considerable amount of time investigating various cloud solutions and vendors for our clients.

Want more information on cloud security and what to look for in your business?

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