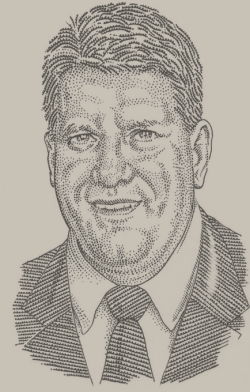


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Chief Information Officers (CIOs) perform a mission critical function. Organizations in transition cannot afford to rush and hire the wrong person. In the interim, they need a high-caliber expert with the knowledge and skills to maintain the vital link between the IT department and senior level management and thus ensure systems and the information contained therein are secure and accessible.



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What is an interim CIO?

An interim CIO is an objective resource with the knowledge and experience to help temporarily guide an organization through a period of transition, a crisis or resource intensive project.

Why is an interim CIO valuable?

IT is no longer just the business enabler it once was. IT has now been elevated to a strategic business driver. Not having an expert at the helm even for a short time, is like putting your IT systems—and in truth, the business overall—on autopilot and hoping it doesn't crash. An interim CIO helps ensure business continuity.

When might an organization need an interim CIO?

Organizations that, for whatever reason, find themselves without a CIO or ones that can't justify creating a full-time C-level information position have the option of hiring an interim CIO. Also, IT departments need short-term assistance with highly involved projects from time to time or may need expert guidance through an IT crisis.

How would an interim CIO benefit my organization?

An interim CIO lends stability and professional guidance during staffing changes, special projects or on a part-time ongoing basis. You have access to a highly qualified IT execu-

tive with business and technology acumen when you need it most. Interim CIOs also can help other C-level executives gain a better handle on IT. We had one CEO tell us after a two-week engagement that he'd learned more about his company's IT in those two weeks than he had in two years.

How can Business Vitals help?

Business Vitals interim CIOs are former business leaders and CIOs who understand how to leverage IT systems to increase return on investment. We speak the language of business so as we work with client management teams and present findings and recommendations, we bridge the gap between IT and core business imperatives to mitigate IT risks. We work with your organization's goals, needs, timeframes and budget and address both immediate and long-term strategies while actively protecting the confidentiality, integrity and availability of your organization's information. Each engagement is different so the best way to see if an interim CIO is right for you is a discussion with Business Vitals.



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