

Coursera

Google IT Support Certificate

Minor Certification (IV) -- System Administration and IT Infrastructure Services

Assignment: System Administration Consultation

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### Consultation Question 3 -- "Dewgood"

**Company Background:**

- NPO, small, local, ~50 employees
- Sole IT person in company
- Server at the company, history of the website down many time

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<b>Condition 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lack of IT support team</li></ul>	<b>PMHx:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sole person of IT support in 50 people company.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NPO is not an excuse for not hiring more IT background personnel and assigning them to the IT team.</li></ul>
<b>Condition 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supplement is on the just-in-time chain, and may be fragile and exposed to threats of outside change</li></ul>	<b>PMHx:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Computers are purchased directly in a physical store, and the store may not have extra stocks.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The computer or its peripheral material should be bought from a supplier in bulk. Supplier stocking is more reliable, compared to physical stores, and some suppliers are cheaper options.</li></ul>

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<p><b>Condition 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Backup saving on the single server</li> </ul>	<p><b>PMHx:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Backup everything on a single file server, files server and email server.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Should be divided into different virtual machines, or even cloud services, middle multiple clusters NAS servers.</li> <li>● Even if the budget is limited, separate, mini-server machines also help condition, in case a disaster happens on a single machine.</li> <li>● Raspberry PI server for email is affordable for NPOs.</li> <li>● NAS 4-bay is considerable for file backup.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Condition 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Poor directory management practice</li> </ul>	<p><b>PMHx:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Leave personal directory services not been disabled, open threats to data security.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Active Directory Service account should be updated depending on the employee's employment status.</li> <li>● This also is a great software deployment method.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Condition 5 + 6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Ticket management system is confusing and difficult to use, even at the employee level.</li> <li>● Lack of Knowledge management practice in the company.</li> </ul>	<p><b>PMHx:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Ticket management system is confusing and difficult to use, let members reach out directly to you.</li> <li>● The question is typically, asked around between employees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A guideline or training workshop provided by company members, for ticket management is needed. Videos and step-by-step captured slides should be included.</li> <li>● Issues handling ticket management like the automated GitHub project Kaban is a good choice.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementing a ticket management system is a good approach, but a basic knowledge management system (constantly updating wiki pages) handles basic easily occurring problems should be done.</li> </ul>
<b>Condition 7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offline backup storage</li> </ul>	<b>PMHx:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storage offline backup offsite is wise, but not at home.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offline disk backup should be done by auto, and NAS / RAID-5 is optional.</li> <li>Offline backup is also recommended to enforce but storing the disk backup in a separate space is a good approach, but not at home.</li> </ul>
<b>Condition 8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The company website has gone down many times, even if it is a single HTML page.</li> </ul>	<b>PMHx:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downed many times, no one knows what the problem is.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The single static page of “website” can be hosted on GitHub organization offers at cheap price.</li> </ul>
<b>By the way said...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil</li> </ul>		
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