A Buyer's Guide

to

Choosing and Deploying DCIM Software

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Stay Focused on the Core Problems to be Solved

There are currently dozens of established DCIM vendors in the market.

How do you select one?

- Gather your own requirements and separate the "must-haves" from the "nice-to-haves" to get the solution that best fits your needs.

- Assess if any of the **top 5 data center challenges** apply to your unique situation.

- Determine whether **DCIM best practices** are currently being followed.

Caution – Don't allow yourself to be influenced by the myriad of vendor problems.

NICE-TO-HAVE

MUST HAVE

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DCIM Requirements Checklist

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Educate yourself on DCIM

Many resources are out on the internet or refer to these great Sunbird resources:

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DCIM Demystified

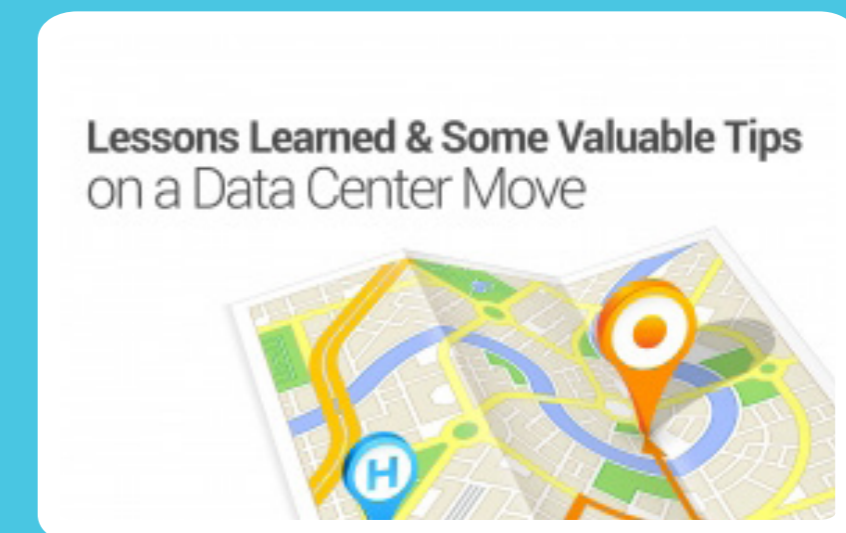Identifies DCIM strengths and limitations.

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DCIM Video

Explains why DCIM is important and can be shared with project stakeholders to help gain buy-in.

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Lessons Learned & Some Valuable Tips on a Data Center Move

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Hear from those who have **deployed** or have made DCIM the center of their **data center refresh**.

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Stay Focused on the Core Problems

Focus on solving the top one or two most critical problems:

- Interested in improving efficiency – look for a DCIM that provides metrics such as **PUE** or DCeP. Use the information to take corrective action.

- Interested in energy savings? Implement DCIM solutions that provide for the **graceful OS shutdown**, or that monitor temperatures so you can **avoid overcooling** your data center.
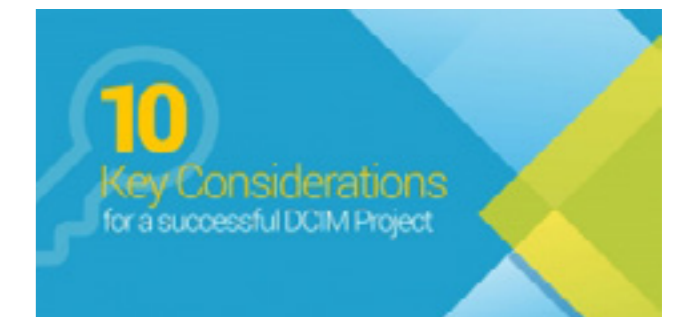
Caution – Avoid the temptation to take every project.

Determine your Return on Investment (ROI)

How much is your data center infrastructure management problems and pains costing you today?

- Use a **ROI calculator** to get a personalized estimate based on our current footprint, operating costs, and other attributes.

- Hear **insights** from other organizations and find out how the benefits they gained with DCIM.

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10 Key Considerations
for a successful DCIM Project

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Obtain Organizational Buy-in and a Budget

■ Get support from management and other stakeholders in the project.

■ Don't go in cold, be prepared to justify a DCIM project to management.

Note: One of the best times to obtain a budget for a DCIM project is in conjunction with another major business related IT expense.

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Meet with Vendors and Evaluate for Best Fit

- Review vendor choices.

- Read assessments.

- Look for vendors with DCIM industry recognitions and awards.

- Take a **demo**, **test drive** or ask for a **trial version.**

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Vendor Report

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Deploy and Embark on a New Journey

- Determine who or what organization will **own the DCIM**.

- Create a project plan.

- Get a jump start and use **auto-discovery tools** and data imports to ensure accuracy and deploy.

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⊘ The Don'ts

- Don't buy bells and whistles.

- Don't be fooled by hidden expenses.

- Don't buy without first doing extensive research.

- Don't buy something untested and completely new to the industry.

- Don't buy based on changing technology or promises.

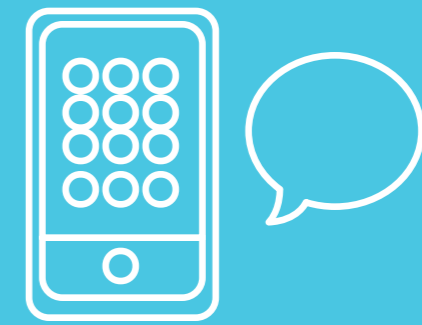**The Dont's**

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