



The days are getting longer and the weather is slowly but surely beginning to warm up; Spring is upon us! Before we know it we'll be seeing more and more green throughout downtown Worcester as the trees begin to blossom and the flowers begin to bloom. Our staff is looking forward to getting back outside and enjoying all the awesome things Massachusetts has to offer in the warmer months. From hiking, golfing, beaches, and even a lunch time walk around the block, we're all anxious for things to warm up.

For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row, Machado Consulting has been awarded the CRN award in the Pioneer 250 category. We're extremely proud to be recognized by a nationally renowned organization for our team's hard work in provided exception service to you, our clients. In addition to the CRN award, Machado Consulting is now officially a Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business. We're excited to announce that Machado Consulting plans to enter the government sector of IT Services to expand our offerings outside the public sector. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon.

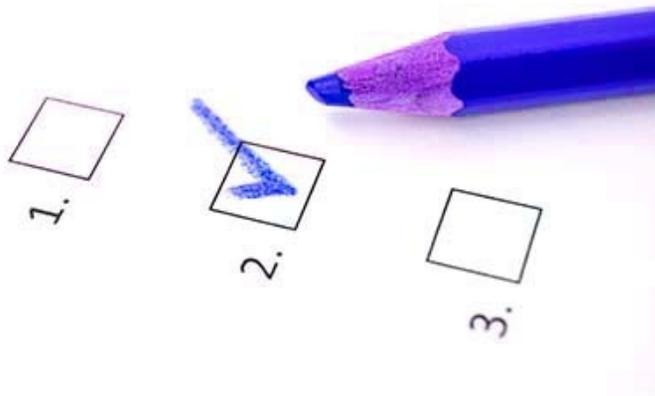
As always our team of trained and skilled IT professionals are keeping a close watch on our clients' networks protecting them from malicious attacks like the recent Ransomware attack that **crippled Atlanta's local government**. We take every precaution to ensure our clients' data stays safe and out of reach from hackers. We've recently partnered with another company to begin offering continuous network scans for our clients' networks to alert and thwart potential malicious activity BEFORE they happen. Please reach out to us to learn more if you think your company could benefit from this advanced threat protection.

Thank you,

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## FREE Printout: IT Security End-User Checklist



This guide was created so that business owners, office managers, and IT departments can provide it as an educational resource to showcase some of the most basic IT security practices that can be implemented in your workplace. We recommend printing this out and handing it out to your staff for maximum results.

Your work is important, but so is staying safe and sound. By working together, we can protect this business.

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## Four Questions to Ask Your Cloud Provider

## Employee Spotlight



**Brian Stretch**

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## Best Practices for Cloud Data Management





The cloud has revolutionized the way that businesses approach computing. Companies can implement solutions in a flexible and accessible model that makes it much easier to take advantage of technology solutions. Yet, you should know that not all clouds are the same, and you can't treat them as such. Here are four questions that you need to ask your cloud provider about the services that you've been rendered.

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### Quotes

"An optimist is the human personification of spring."

**Susan J. Bissonette**



"Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."

**Winston Churchill**

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What one organization considers a disaster might be much different than what another business might see as disastrous. Perhaps one sees the loss of a few hours and a few files as something that can be recovered, while another sees every lost moment and each iota of data as a catastrophe. Whichever camp you find yourself in, you need to be able to do two things: first, gauge how serious a given data loss disaster is, and secondly, establish what must be done to get back in action following said disaster.

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### Where There's Data Loss, There's Trouble



your operations.

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### Tech Term: Opening the Spam Folder

Spam is a tricky subject to talk about, as it seems everyone has a different definition for it. Yet, most have come to the conclusion that spam is a bad thing. For today's Tech Term, we want to delve deep

## Brain Game

**Q:** What has to be broken before you can use it?

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into the different kinds of spam out there, as well as theorize where the term even came from.

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## Are You Making Yourself Vulnerable Over Social Media?



Social media might make it easy to stay connected, but it comes with a lot of negative side-effects--particularly in regard to security for both personal and professional use. If social media isn't used properly, it could spell trouble for your organization. How can you foster proper social media usage so that your organization doesn't suffer from poor security practices? It all starts by spreading awareness.

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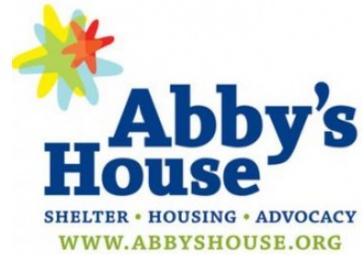
## Let's Go Railers!



## Giving Back

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St. John's Food for the Poor Program at the unique St. Francis Xavier Center in Worcester, Massachusetts is a nonprofit charitable organization. Volunteers serve up to 700 hot nutritious meals a day, five days a week. Free food and support programs are available to all men, women and children in need of food regardless of race, color, creed, gender or way of life.

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Abby Kelley Foster House, Inc. (Abby's House) opened in 1976 as one of the first overnight emergency shelters for women -- with or without children -- in the U.S. Abby's House is committed to ending homelessness. In this spirit, we have not expanded shelter services, but rather, have expanded the number of service-enriched, affordable housing units.

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