
Checklist: Tariff-Proof Your IT Budget

Strengthen your budget against tariff risks and cost volatility. We put together a checklist for you that combines the strategies listed above and adds a few more in case it's beneficial for you. Use it to start crafting a resilient IT budget!

Assess & Identify Risks

- ☐ Audit all current IT spending (hardware, software, support, services)
- ☐ Identify items sourced from tariff-affected regions
- ☐ Flag vendor contracts with pricing tied to global supply chains
- ☐ Review software and support costs for built-in escalators

Improve Operational Efficiency

- ☐ Implement automation to reduce manual and support-intensive workloads
- ☐ Assess which workloads can migrate to the cloud for cost flexibility
- ☐ Reduce hardware dependency through virtualization or hosted services

Strategize for Resilience

- ☐ Diversify vendor and supplier base across geographies
- ☐ Explore local and cloud-native infrastructure options
- ☐ Negotiate long-term contracts for price stability
- ☐ Identify and test open-source alternatives to proprietary software

Prepare for Future Tariff Shifts

- ☐ Build contingency plans for sudden cost increases
- ☐ Develop budget forecasts with multiple tariff scenarios
- ☐ Establish internal guidelines for rapid vendor re-evaluation

Optimize Existing Spend

- ☐ Reinvest saved budget into high-impact initiatives (automation, security, etc.)
- ☐ Evaluate potential savings from switching to third-party services

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Schedule a consultation with US Cloud to:

- ☐ Benchmark your Microsoft support costs
- ☐ Start a 30-day POC trial to see how US Cloud works
- ☐ Identify immediate savings with a free cost comparison against Unified Support
- ☐ Ensure enterprise-grade support without the OEM price tag