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An IT roadmap is a strategic planning tool that connects your business objectives with short-term and long-term technology solutions. It enables you to assess your existing technological landscape, prioritize technology development, and establish a timeline for implementing new systems. The following checklist outlines the essential steps to create your own roadmap. Adapt it according to your company's specific circumstances and objectives.

| Phase | Owner | Due Date | Status | Notes |
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| **Define Strategic Objectives** | | | | |
| Identify the overall goals and objectives of your organization. | | | | |
| Align the IT roadmap with the strategic direction of the business | | | | |
| **Conduct a Current State Assessment** | | | | |
| Evaluate the existing IT infrastructure, systems, and processes | | | | |
| Identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats | | | | |
| Gather feedback from key stakeholders and end users | | | | |
| **Determine Future Needs & Priorities** | | | | |
| Identify business and technology trends that may impact the organization | | | | |
| Assess emerging technologies and their potential benefits | | | | |
| Prioritize IT initiatives based on their alignment with strategic objectives | | | | |
| **Set Clear Goals & Milestones** | | | | |
| Define specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART) goals | | | | |
| Break down goals into milestones to track progress and ensure accountability | | | | |

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| Align goals with business outcomes and key performance indicators (KPIs) | | | | |
| **Evaluate Resource Needs** | | | | |
| Assess the human, financial, and technical resources required for each initiative | | | | |
| Identify any skill gaps and plan for training or recruitment as necessary | | | | |
| **Budget Considerations** | | | | |
| Estimate the costs associated with each initiative and project | | | | |
| Consider capital expenses (CAPEX) and operational expenses (OPEX) | | | | |
| Include hardware, software, licensing, training, and ongoing maintenance costs | | | | |
| **Conduct Risk Assessment** | | | | |
| Identify potential risks and obstacles that may hinder the IT roadmap | | | | |
| Develop contingency plans to mitigate risks and address challenges | | | | |
| Consider security, compliance, and data privacy concerns | | | | |
| **Build Stakeholder Alignment** | | | | |
| Engage key stakeholders and communicate the IT roadmap vision | | | | |
| Address concerns and gather input to ensure buy-in and support | | | | |
| Foster collaboration and involvement from cross-functional teams | | | | |
| **Create a Detailed Project Plan** | | | | |
| Break down each initiative into actionable tasks and sub-tasks | | | | |
| Define timelines, milestones, and dependencies for each task | | | | |
| Assign responsibilities to team members and establish reporting mechanisms | | | | |

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| Implement & Monitor Progress | | | | |
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| Execute the projects according to the project plan | | | | |
| Track and monitor progress against milestones and KPIs | | | | |
| Regularly communicate updates to stakeholders and address any issues | | | | |
| **Review & Adapt** | | | | |
| Conduct periodic reviews of the IT roadmap's progress and outcomes | | | | |
| Evaluate the effectiveness of implemented initiatives | | | | |
| Incorporate feedback and make adjustments as necessary, considering budget constraints | | | | |

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