



INFORMATION MANAGEMENT – A PRECIOUS COMMODITY

INDUSTRY FACT

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It has been said that data is the new gold. But unlike the precious metal, there's an overwhelming amount of data available - enough that no business could possibly process it all.

If you're swimming in an unorganized flood of data, you're likely spending valuable time trying to figure out what's important. The good news is you're not alone, as 50% of SMBs struggle to extract value from their business data.

Bringing order to your data through a structured approach to information management is one of the most strategic moves you can make. From a sales perspective, it can help you better understand how your products resonate with customers so that you can refine your marketing strategies and tactics. Taking steps to improve your information management can also help your business avoid cyberthreats and comply with regulatory standards.

Ready to develop an information management strategy? Start here:

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- **Familiarize yourself with retention and compliance guidelines.** You should purge "low-value data," or information that doesn't serve a purpose for current operations, from your system—but first check retention and compliance guidelines to see what, if any, may need to be kept.
- **Identify accessibility.** Using disparate software solutions to access critical business data limits your ability to make quick, informed decisions, leaving your business vulnerable to cyberthreats. Consolidate access to your data into one secure, automated tool, and move away from manual spreadsheets.
- **Evaluate data for business trends.** Your data offers insights into critical aspects of your operation. Let data guide your decision-making so you can focus your manufacturing efforts on in-demand products and more effectively market to your customers.

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