

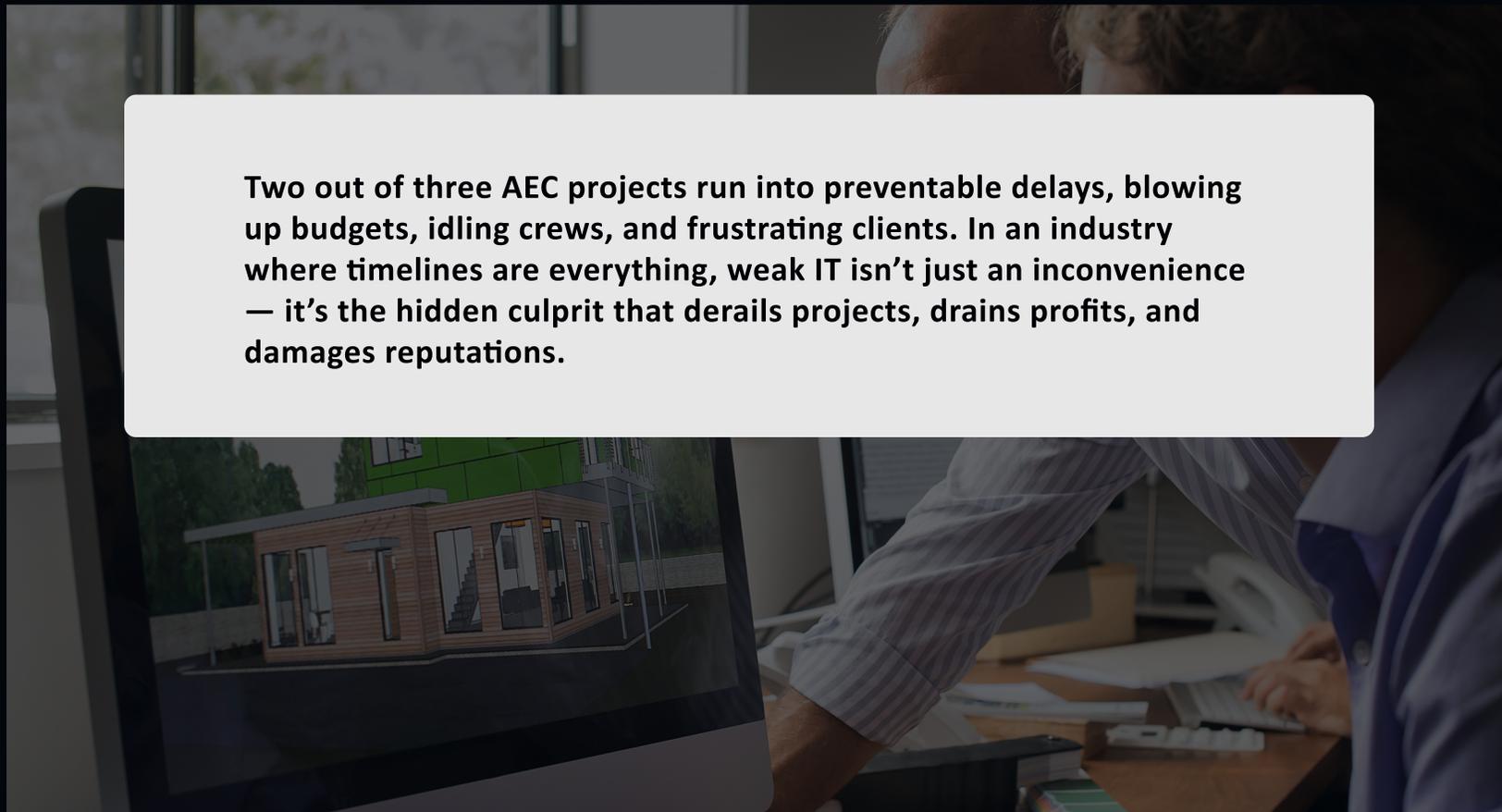


FREE REPORT

The harsh truth about the IT failures silently sabotaging AEC firms — and how to fix them before they wreck your projects and profits.

Deadlines in Danger: 5 Hidden IT Failures That Derail AEC Projects and Drain Your Bottom Line

Two out of three AEC projects run into preventable delays, blowing up budgets, idling crews, and frustrating clients. In an industry where timelines are everything, weak IT isn't just an inconvenience — it's the hidden culprit that derails projects, drains profits, and damages reputations.



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Let's be blunt: Every day, AEC firms are lighting money on fire because of hidden IT failures they don't even realize are there. Projects stall. Deadlines slip. Budgets spiral out of control. Clients get frustrated, trust erodes, and profits vanish.

And here's the kicker: it's not design errors, slow approvals, or client indecision causing the chaos — it's your IT. One failed backup, one weak password, one outdated system... and suddenly your million-dollar project is bleeding time and money you'll never get back.

This guide exposes the **5 hidden IT failures quietly sabotaging AEC firms every single day** — and how to fix them *before they blow up your deadlines and drain your bottom line.*

Failure #1: Backups That Don't Actually Work

You *think* your data is safe... until the day you need it. That's when you find out your "backup" is outdated, incomplete, or flat-out useless. By then, CAD models, BIM files, and weeks of progress are gone — along with your profit margin.

Why It Matters: A single failed restore can bring an entire project to a screeching halt, forcing expensive rework and destroying client trust.

What to Check

- When was the last *full* test restore of your project files?
- Are backups stored off-network, safe from ransomware?
- Do your recovery objectives actually align with project deadlines?

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Failure #2: Flat Networks That Let Hackers Run Wild

If your IT is one big “open floor plan,” congratulations — you’ve built a hacker’s playground. One infected workstation, and attackers can stroll through design files, financials, even your backups.

Why it matters: A single phishing email can give cybercriminals the keys to your entire firm.

What to Check

- Are design, admin, and vendor systems walled off in secure zones?
- Do contractors only get the access they *need* — and nothing more?
- Can your IT provider show you exactly how your network is segmented?

Failure #3: Remote Access That’s Basically an Open Door

Your team needs flexibility. Hackers love that. Outdated VPNs, shared logins, or missing MFA? That’s not “remote access” — that’s an engraved invitation for intruders.

Why it matters: One stolen password can give criminals full access to your projects, email, and financials.

What to Check

- Is MFA turned on for *every* remote login?
- Are ex-employee and vendor accounts nuked immediately?
- Does your IT team actually audit remote access, or just hope it’s secure?

Failure #4: Outdated Systems That Drag Everything Down

Hackers don’t have to work hard — they just look for firms still running outdated systems with known holes. Meanwhile, your staff struggles with slow software, random crashes, and lost productivity.

Why it matters: Old, unpatched systems aren’t just annoying — they’re wide-open doors for attackers and time bombs for project delays.

What to Check

- Are patches and updates pushed out automatically to every device?
- Are updates tested so they don’t crash your core apps?
- Do you have a plan to retire hardware that can’t keep up?

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Failure #5: No Incident Response Plan (a.k.a. Chaos in a Crisis)

Disaster hits. What happens next? If your answer is, “Uh... call IT?” you’re in trouble. Firms without a tested plan waste precious hours pointing fingers instead of taking action — while deadlines and profits bleed out.

Why it matters: Every minute of downtime is lost revenue, lost trust, and lost opportunities.

What to Check

- Is there a written, step-by-step incident response plan?
- Have you actually tested it with drills?
- Can your IT provider tell you exactly how fast they can get you back online?

The AEC Wake-Up Call

- **60%** of project delays are tied to IT or communication failures.
- **\$8,851 per minute** is the average cost of downtime.
- **43%** of small to midsize firms get hit by a cyberattack every year.
- **Ransomware attacks on AEC firms are up 300%** in just two years.

These are not hypotheticals. They are happening to practices like yours every day.

Next Step: Schedule Your 15-Minute IT Assessment

The smartest AEC leaders don’t wait for disaster. They fix weak IT *before* it blows up their deadlines and drains their profits.

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No fluff. No sales pitch. Just a focused conversation to:

- Pinpoint where your firm is exposed.
- Show you which IT failures could derail your projects.
- Hand you a clear, prioritized action plan.

Protect your deadlines. Protect your profits. Protect your reputation.

It all starts with one call.

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