

The allwhere Guide to

# IT Asset Disposition

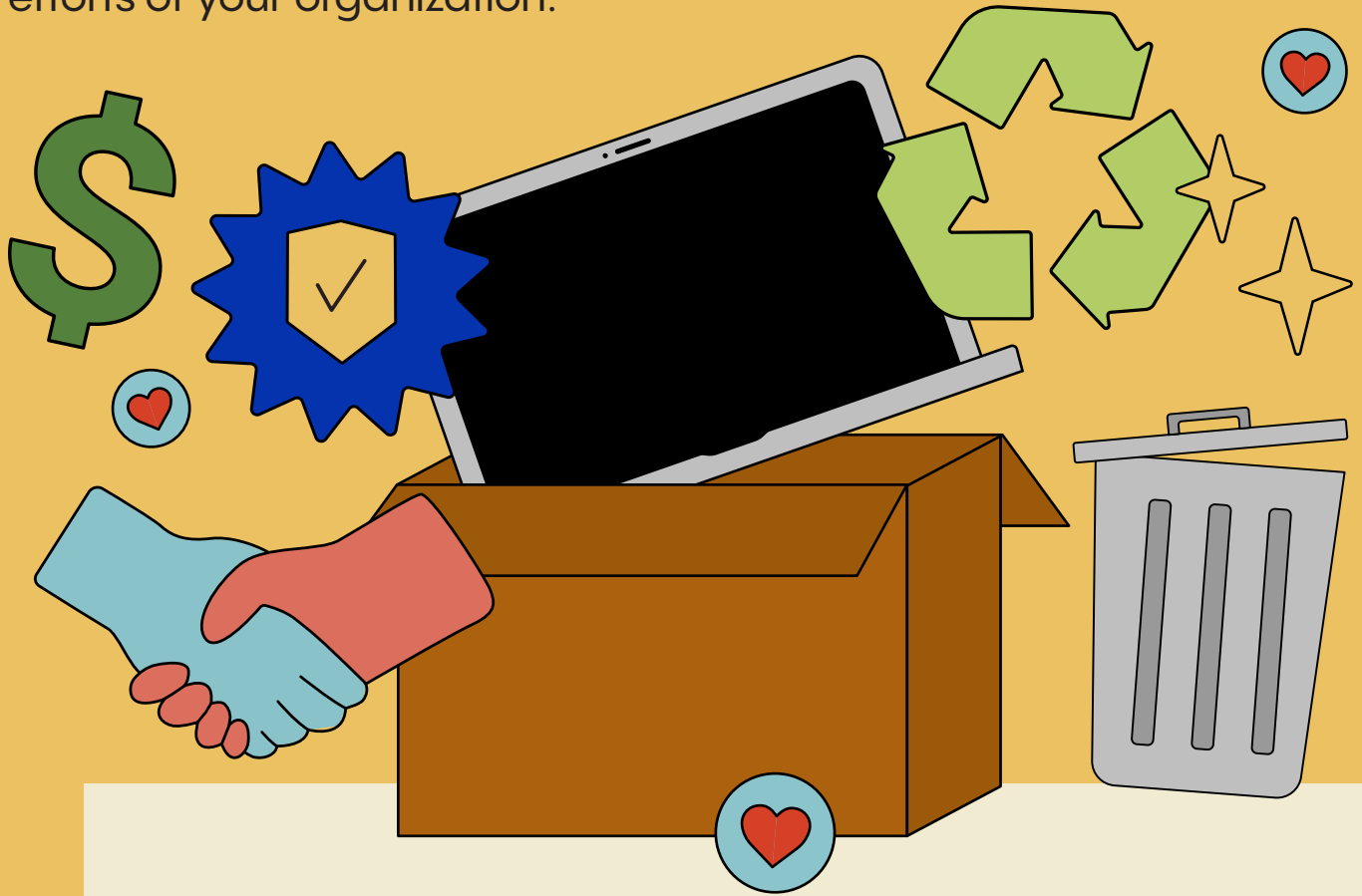
How to save on time and cost while maximizing your  
social responsibility efforts



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# What is ITAD?

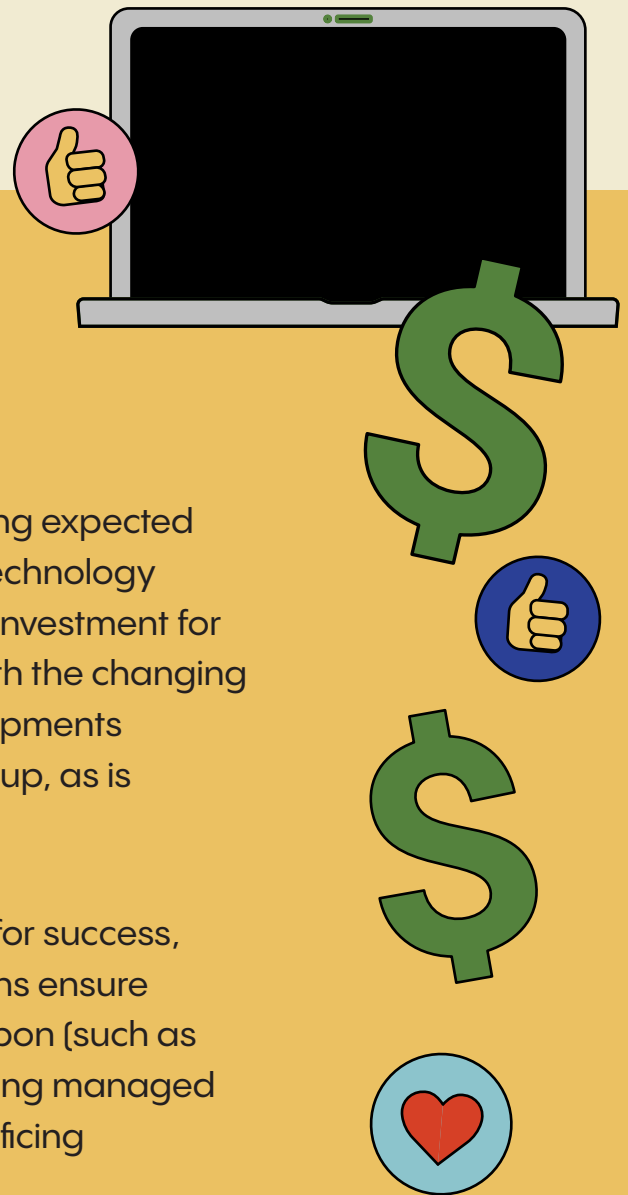
IT Asset Disposition (ITAD) is the process of safely and responsibly disposing of retired IT hardware. A comprehensive ITAD plan can not only provide a financially smart way to upgrade your fleet of devices, but can also support the corporate social responsibility efforts of your organization.



Devices like laptops retain value even when they are no longer fit for purpose professionally. By reselling retired laptops and other devices, revenue can be generated which can then be directly reinvested into newer and better-performing device models and technology. Not only is this a smart and simple way for your team to save on costs, but it's also an environmentally and socially sound practice. When organizations use ITAD, highly polluting e-waste is reduced and more second hand devices become available for purchase, supporting efforts to bridge the technology divide across the US and globally.



ITAD can be highly beneficial, and with allwhere's laptop resale and recycling services, has never been more straightforward. Our ITAD services are seamlessly integrated into our existing lifecycle management, meaning you can reap the rewards with no additional work for you and your team.

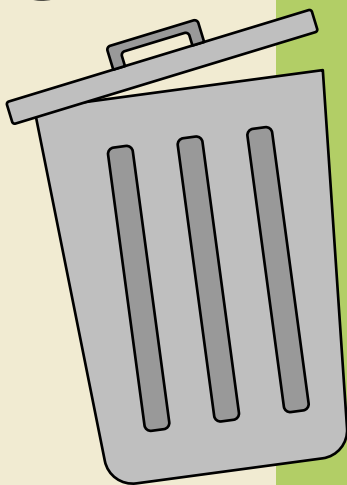


## Financial Benefits

Global IT expenditure is growing, with spending expected to hit \$5 trillion in 2024, up 8% from 2023. As technology rapidly shifts and evolves, so do the areas of investment for organizations and firms hoping to keep up with the changing landscape. For example, thanks to the developments in Generative AI, spending on Data Centres is up, as is investment into Cybersecurity.

With IT costs increasing in other critical areas for success, it's more important than ever that organizations ensure that the essential IT hardware they depend upon (such as laptops, mobile phones and monitors) are being managed as cost-effectively as possible — without sacrificing performance or productivity.

Integrating ITAD into an organization's processes can support the cost-effective lifecycle of devices. For example, when it is time to upgrade an organization's hardware, older devices become a source of revenue through their resale value. Those that cannot be sold can be disposed of in a responsible manner, such as being recycled, and the resale revenue can in turn be reinvested into bringing in the most up-to-date fleet of laptops for an organization.



## Sustainability Benefits

In 2022, 62 million tons of e-waste were produced — an increase of 82% compared to 2010 levels. By 2030, estimates anticipate that globally, 80 million tons could be produced — another increase of 33%. Unwanted office essentials make up a staggering amount of this waste, with disused screens and monitors making up 25% of all e-waste, and other small IT and telecommunication equipment, such as laptops and mobile phones, making up an additional 22%.

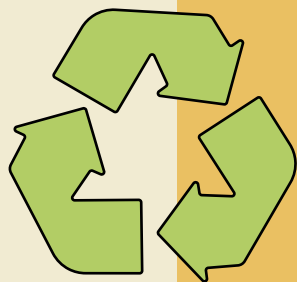


This e-waste is not only hazardous for the environment and human health, it also wastes billions of dollars of strategically valuable resources. With only 1% of rare earth element demand currently met by e-waste recycling, the status quo cannot continue, and industries across the world must do their part to stop damaging IT disposal practices.

Having a robust IT asset disposition policy and plan is a simple solution for this complex problem. ITAD breaks the widespread and unsustainable global practice of throwing out electronic devices by ensuring old devices find a new lease on life, whether they are upcycled or find new homes where their use can be continued.



This is not only the right thing to be doing for the environment and efforts to reduce pollution, but can have important social impacts too. It is estimated that at least 10 million students do not own a device suitable to support their education, such as a laptop, and that nearly 40% of all lower-income homes across the country do not have a computer, hampering their ability to access important online services.



As the world becomes increasingly digital, it is more important than ever that everyone has access to basic technology. By reselling old devices, your organization can support efforts to get affordable, second-hand tech into the hands of those who need it most.

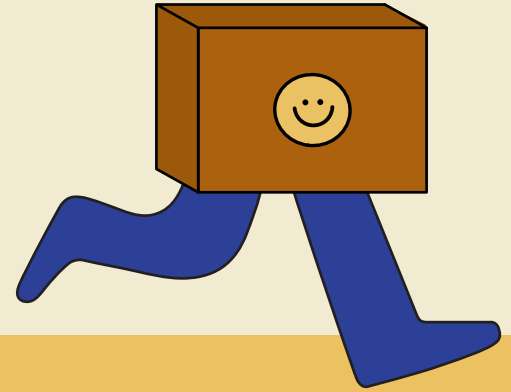
Recycling and responsibly disposing of all devices is the right thing to do for our society and environment. But research has shown that it's good for business too. An organisation's practice of ITAD is a clear demonstration of commitment to corporate social responsibility, which can lead to more committed customers and a more motivated workforce.

ITAD is a win-win for businesses, their teams, and the environment. Organizations can utilize more effective lifecycle management practices, allowing employees better access to the latest devices and improving productivity, while the responsible disposal or resale supports both environmental and social sustainability efforts.



# How it works

With the support of allwhere, the process of ITAD is stress-free and straightforward.



## 1. Get a quote

Using our trusted and vetted vendor network, allwhere will ensure that you get the highest and most competitive resale value for your retired devices. The value of your old hardware can then be reinvested as credit towards your future hardware procurement – a simple, secure and cost-effective way to transition your organization over to the latest technology.

If any of your devices cannot be resold, we'll recycle them for you, ensuring that no e-waste ends up in a landfill.

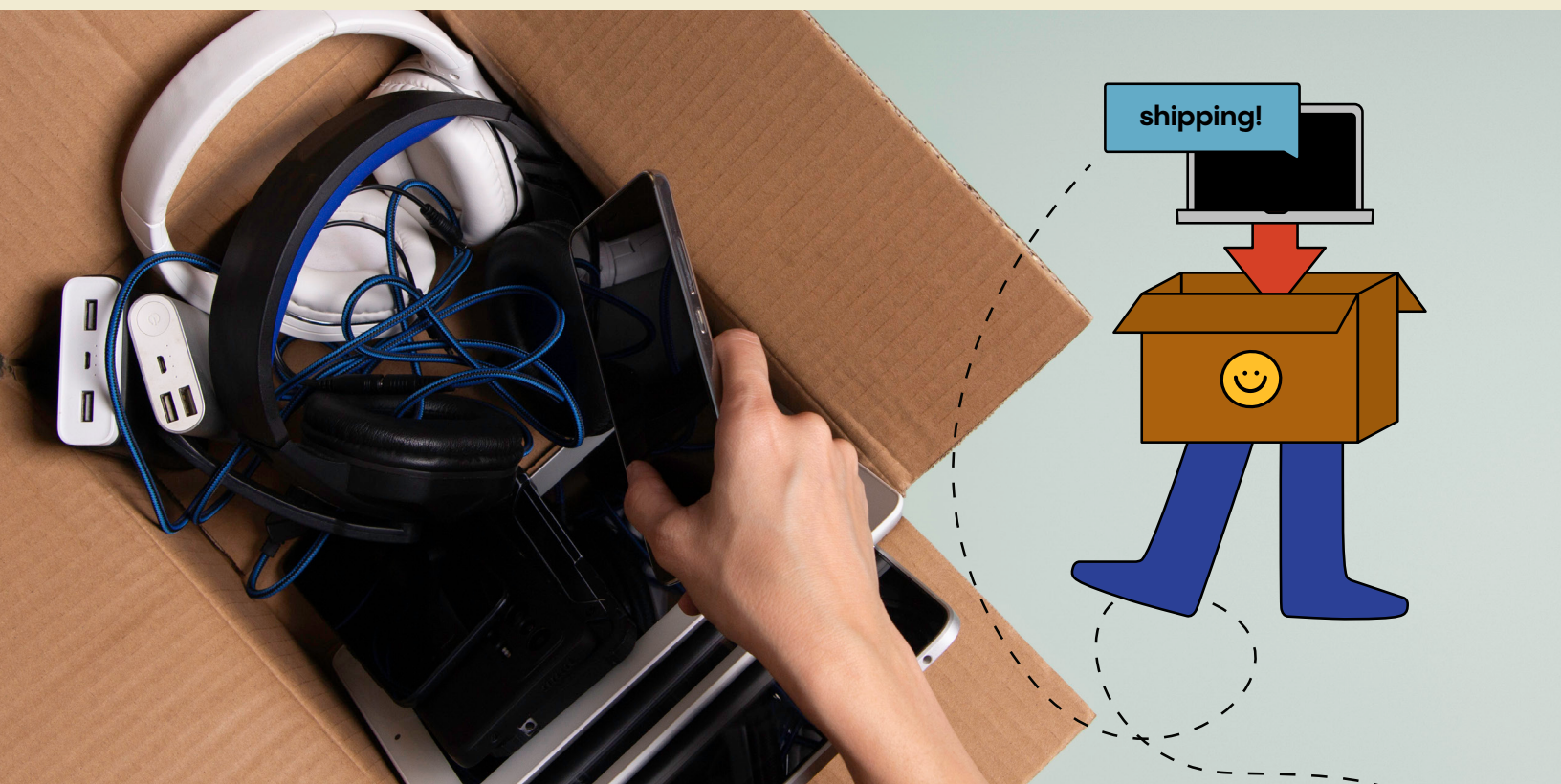


## 2. Return your devices to us

ITAD is already built into the lifecycle management process, meaning there's no additional paperwork for you and your team to worry about. When you return your devices to us as part of the retrieval process, we'll advise if it's time to consider reselling or recycling your stock. If you agree with our recommendation, we can start the process of reselling for credit or recycling – with no extra admin for you.

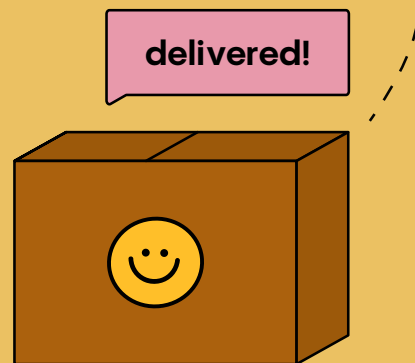
And if you're a new allwhere customer, then the process of ITAD with us couldn't be more straightforward. We'll provide you with everything you need to pack and ship your devices to us, giving you peace of mind that your old hardware will reach us safely.

Once we've received your devices, allwhere's commitment to maintaining the privacy and security of your data kicks in. We adhere to stringent guidelines on all data privacy, maintaining an impeccable chain of custody and ensuring the complete erasure of all data before your devices are shipped to their new homes or recycled.



### 3. Track your devices

You'll be able to stay up-to-date with our secure resale and recycling process, ensuring you're never out of the loop with what stage of the chain your devices are at.





## 4. Receive credit and invest

Now that your old devices have been successfully given a second lease on life, bridging technology divides or safely being recycled, you can reap the rewards, receiving credit to reinvest in your new devices.

Whether you're trading in a handful or hundreds of devices, our streamlined process will guarantee your funds will be received swiftly after you submit your devices for evaluation, with no hold-ups or long delays while you wait for your revenue to be released.



## Actionable tips

With any new device management protocol, it can be hard to know where to begin. But the following tips and best practices can help your organization get started.



### Take stock

In order to start a successful ITAD process for your organization, creating a thorough inventory of all devices, such as laptops, mobile phones, monitors and printers, is essential.





Whilst you're taking stock, also make notes on what's working well for your team and what isn't. Including details such as the age, condition, and specification of the device is all important detail, too.

Keeping this inventory up to date is essential for maximizing the efficiency of your device lifecycle process. allwhere's Asset Management dashboard streamlines the storage and recording of this data, with additional filtering and search options to simplify the process of maintaining.



## Resell, recycle and reinvest

When it's time to upgrade your technology, think of the three R's: resell, recycle and reinvest. Devices maintain their value and the revenue generated by reselling your organization's old tech devices can be reinvested, whilst also supporting efforts to bridge the technology gap. Devices that cannot be resold can be recycled, reducing environmentally hazardous e-waste, with recovered materials such as aluminum and cobalt also recycled back into the manufacturing process of devices such as iPhones.





allwhere ensures the process of reselling is as straightforward as possible, providing fast quotes, packing equipment and tracking services. allwhere can also provide additional support with updates and reminders for the optimal times to upgrade or replace devices, ensuring enhanced operational productivity and efficiency.



## **Include software and licensing in your ITAD plan**

Including software in your ITAD management plan can help you to stay on top of software and licensing across all of your devices, providing peace of mind that forgotten license end dates won't cause any unexpected legal or financial trouble down the line.



## **Automate as much as possible**

As technology evolves and develops, keeping on top of all of your team's devices is more important than ever — but can also become a time-consuming task. Spreadsheets and systems reliant on manual updates are no longer the most efficient way of tackling the management of device lifecycles, and your team's process should evolve in turn.



**Implementing ITAD practices via allwhere can help you save time and cost, allowing your employees to focus on what matters**

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