BUYING & INSTALLING NEW SERVER RACKS CHECKLIST

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☐ 1. Measure the dimensions of all equipment that will be housed in the new rack.

☐ 2. Determine rack size.

☐ 3. Determine how many racks you need.

☐ 4. Ensure the new rack space is adequate (including allowing air flow all around).

☐ 5. Clarify equipment arrangement in the rack.

☐ 6. Devise a cooling and ventilation plan.

☐ 7. Determine whether you need rack-level or room-level temperature monitoring (factor in potential expansions).

☐ 8. Devise a cable management plan.

☐ 9. Ensure your PDU can supply adequate power to each piece of equipment in the rack.

☐ 10. Resolve servers and network security concerns before you install equipment in the rack.

☐ 11. Order a server rack that meets your plan specifications.

☐ 12. Check the list of included hardware that comes with your rack.

☐ 13. Ensure you have all the installation tools you need.

☐ 14. Determine the safest way to move the rack if it's pre-assembled.

☐ 15. Refer to the included instruction manual for assembling racks that aren't pre-assembled.

☐ 16. Mount the switch on the rack rails.

☐ 17. Shut down power to all connected devices.

☐ 18. Unplug them.

☐ 19. Connect your console to the switch.

☐ 20. Connect each computer to the switch.

☐ 21. Power up the switch.

☐ 22. Configure your system.

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