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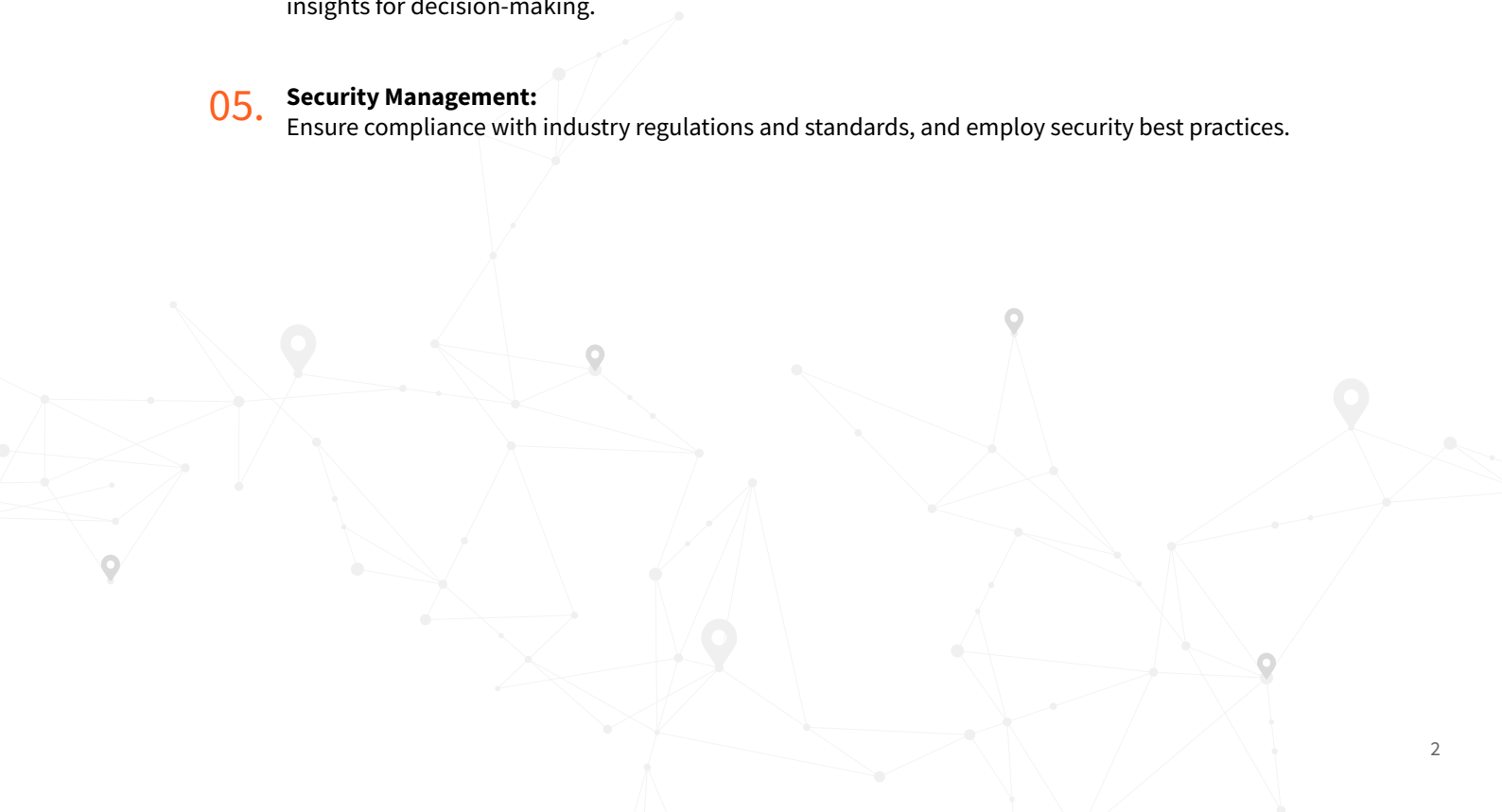# Integration for Logistics IT Managers

The Role

As an IT Manager, you play a critical role in ensuring that your company's technology infrastructure supports logistics operations. Your primary focus is to cost-effectively streamline and standardize IT processes in order to align with business goals. In addition, you must expertly navigate all of this using numerous disparate systems and complex processes, while overcoming a wide range of challenges.

Key Functions IT Managers Must Oversee

IT Managers ensure that IT aligns with the strategic goals and directions of the company. For logistics companies, this includes managing the following key high-level functions:

01. **Technology Strategy:**
Plan and invest in cost-effective technologies that align with business objectives.

02. **System Integration:**
Ensure seamless integration between various systems such as Warehouse Management Systems (WMS), Transportation Management Systems (TMS), Inventory Management Systems (IMS) Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems, and Customer Relationship Management (CRM) systems to drive interoperability between disparate logistics applications.

03. **Infrastructure Management:**
Ensure high availability, reliability, and scalability of IT infrastructure to support departmental needs and business goals.

04. **Data Management:**
Utilize Business Intelligence (BI) tools to analyze data and provide real-time actionable insights for decision-making.

05. **Security Management:**
Ensure compliance with industry regulations and standards, and employ security best practices.

How Integration Drives Success for IT Managers

Leveraging integration technology can significantly improve and streamline logistics processes ensuring the required interoperability to meet business requirements. A well-executed integration strategy minimizes delays in detecting process or business condition changes that could negatively impact overall operations. The right integration platform modernizes, consolidates or migrates poorly performing processes and integration landscapes, enabling you to connect, automate and innovate various logistics processes and systems to achieve competitive results.

For instance, your integration platform should enable you to:

+ Connect ERP, TMS, IMS, WMS and OMS systems:
Ensure the seamless and automated flow of orchestrated operational data across all related systems and business processes, driving process efficiencies and agility to minimize delays and bottlenecks.

+ Reduce integration costs:
Utilize a single integration platform for all integration requirements, including B2B/EDI, EAI, API, IoT and multiple delivery methods (e.g. on-premises, public cloud or private cloud).

+ Enable real-time data sharing and visibility:
Provide real-time data sharing and visibility across the logistics business departments for faster decision making.

+ Ensure security, disaster recovery and business continuity:
Maintain robust security measures, disaster recovery plans, and business continuity protocols in the event of system failures or disruptions.

SEEBURGER Logistics Value Proposition

The SEEBURGER BIS Platform is the perfect solution for IT Managers as it addresses all the above requirements and more. It provides you the ability to efficiently and cost effectively connect and streamline logistics operations using a central, homegrown, multi-purpose integration platform that supports API, MFT, B2B/EDI and EAI. BIS ensures all your systems communicate effectively, eliminating data silos and manual steps, vastly improving operational efficiencies. It also enables real-time information, end-to-end visibility and streamlined operations that drive improved outcomes.

As part of your IT landscape, BIS provides automated notifications of critical events for departments such as low inventory levels, delayed order processing, backorders, shipping disruptions, and cost overruns, allowing you to take immediate action and maintain smooth operations. These are just a few advantages the BIS Platform provides to help you achieve unparalleled efficiency, accuracy and control over your IT infrastructure -ultimately leading to better business outcomes.

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