Do you know how much down time your business can take before your customers, employees, and regulators notice or are negatively impacted? How and in what order do you recover your systems and data? Many companies operate under the assumption that "someone" has this information and that it is a formalized process. Unfortunately, most plans and underlying processes are obsolete and end up failing on that fateful day when something goes wrong. Business Impact Analysis (BIA) predicts the consequences of disruption of a business function and processes and gathers information needed to develop recovery strategies. It employs a risk assessment to identify potential loss scenarios.

Our Focus
We grab the bull by the horns to help you establish a baseline of understanding of your application vulnerability and its potential business impact. That means we align our efforts to your unique needs, including areas of current risk. We will focus on certain areas, such as recent audit failures or areas experiencing high downtime or reliability issues. We can focus on priority areas – whatever is needed to best address your goals. At Paragon, we believe you should assess the true potential and impact of business-driven IT decisions and consider all the affordable options before selecting any one solution.

Our Approach
We take an enterprise view of the business. We start by reviewing existing documentation and interview appropriate Line of Business and IT personnel to determine which assets and processes are most critical to your organization. Our incremental methods of discovery and assessment will lead to recommendations that include identification of any quick wins. We work with IT and business leadership team members to facilitate understanding the tool sets and methodologies that allow you to be self-sufficient and achieve long-term success.

We also work with you to identify any immediate wins that can demonstrate both the effectiveness of the approach and that can boost team confidence in the BIA process.

What You Can Expect
After the discovery phase, impact analyses may be published as quickly as 4 weeks. Regardless of speed, each analysis works to identify any gaps in things like Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity capabilities, or significant business risk. We'll provide interim recommendations that let you concentrate on immediate risks, while also addressing long term strategies. Initially we can focus on low risk, tactical improvements and take more time to analyze and address strategic risk.   More specifically:

- **Opportunity/Value Equation.** You will clearly understand the tradeoffs between action/inaction and differing approaches
- **Business Outcomes.** Expected achievements are documented, including quick wins and strategic initiatives
- **Course Correction/Confirmation.** We respect and leverage your investments by using existing applications, monitors and systems for validation and discovery. That includes any previous analyses, such as Business Continuity plans.

- **Current State Analysis**. A snapshot of where you are today and how you are currently functioning.
- **Key Application Relationships.** We help you build a configuration view of your most critical Applications, including how production functions and key systems relationships
- **A Road Map**. Specific steps to be taken based on our analysis and your organization's resources and IT maturity level

About Paragon Solutions Group:
Paragon Solutions Group helps IT teams more effectively interact with the rest of the business to enable growth and agility. Our progressive approach to IT maturity and our focus on measurable outcomes provides IT organizations with the perspective, methodology and tools to build a strong foundation that serves and is valued by all of IT's stakeholders.