

Office Anywhere - features and Benefits

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Operational	Enterprise-standard IT facilities	<p>Enjoy the quality of IT facilities that, until now, only the very largest corporations enjoyed.</p> <p>Cutting-edge hardware and software provides sophisticated and very dependable IT facilities that meet regulatory compliance standards, allowing you to integrate with large corporations or Government departments.</p> <p>System is highly resilient (fault tolerant) giving very high system availability rates.</p> <p>Servers are load balanced so that variable user demand is accommodated automatically.</p> <p>Multiple back-up and recovery systems, including continuous data protection, allowing a data restore window of between 2 minutes and 2 weeks after file deletion.</p>
	High system availability – 99.9%	<p>Your IT facilities will be available on-demand when you need them – day or night - improving productivity and minimising distractions related to technical failures.</p>
	IT facilities are fully managed	<p>You won't have the hassle and distraction of ensuring your IT facilities are available for your employees.</p> <p>Technical problems are negated proactively behind the scenes so that they don't become show stoppers.</p> <p>The technical facilities are designed, implemented and maintained by specialists who are experts in their fields.</p>
	Software licensing included as part of the service	<p>We are responsible for ensuring that software licences exist for all of the software applications you receive via Office Anywhere. This reduces your commercial risk and reduces the effort required to maintain your software licence library to compliance standards.</p>
	Accessible from virtually any location using almost any device and any type of Internet connection	<p>You and your employees can access the system from wherever they need to – office; home; Internet café; airport; client premises.</p> <p>They can do this from virtually any device - PC, thin client, laptop, XDA or even a smart phone.</p>

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	<p>Accessible from smart phones and XDAs</p>	<p>And they can use almost any type of Internet connection - Broadband, LAN, Wi-Fi, or even the mobile telephone network.</p> <p>After the Arundel centre in Manchester was bombed in 1996, 90% of businesses that were affected by the blast went out of business because they had not made provision to be able to carry on their businesses after such a disaster. If your office accommodation was unfortunate enough to suffer the same fate but you were using Office Anywhere, you could immediately relocate your staff to carry on business from wherever they could get an Internet connection.</p> <p>Being able to access Office anywhere from these devices means that they are transformed into fully functional micro-PCs. You can use the full versions of whatever applications you access on Office Anywhere - not the very limited, cut-down 'Mobile' versions of Microsoft applications. This means you can open large e-mail attachments, like PowerPoint presentations or PDF files and modify them.</p> <p>Perhaps more importantly, this means that your critical information is truly accessible when you are on the move, from a conveniently sized device.</p>
<p>Security</p>	<p>Secure Gateway System</p> <p>Sophisticated encryption protects your communications with the system</p>	<p>You connect to the Office Anywhere system through a Secure Gateway, which authenticates you and your access permissions when you log onto the system.</p> <p>The secure gateway protects the main elements of the Office Anywhere system and uses a separate network and multiple firewalls.</p> <p>If you are authenticated by the Secure gateway system, a direct, encrypted link will be automatically created between your PC and the Office Anywhere system. The encrypted link uses 128-bit encryption to protect your communication with the system, making it virtually impossible for someone to decipher what passes between you and the Office Anywhere system.</p> <p>Trying to decipher the 'key' your PC uses to communicate with the Office Anywhere system would be like trying to find a specific individual grain of sand from within all the deserts and beaches in the world.</p>

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	No data download	With Office Anywhere, you don't download any data to your PC. This means that if your PC fails or is stolen, you have not lost any data. This can dramatically increase the security of your data and reduce your commercial risk if any of your files contains confidential information.
	Continuous Data Protection (CDP) back-up and restore capability	The files you create. Change and delete are all backed-up continuously for a 2-week period. This means that we can restore an inadvertently deleted file or folder any time from one minute after it was saved to 2 weeks after it was last saved.
	Disk-based archive back-up	All of your data is backed up in 2 separate locations and is held in a disk-based back-up archive system so that your data is always safe. What's more because it's disk-based storage, it can be restored very quickly in an emergency.
	Disaster recovery back-up	We can provide you with and maintain on your behalf a disaster recovery data disk that will be held safely in a location separate from the data centre in which the Office Anywhere system is housed.
Financial	No set-up costs	This substantially reduces the amount of capital expenditure required on servers and software to acquire world-class IT facilities. It also saves considerable expenditure on professional services costs to design, implement, test and deploy a resilient system.
	Monthly fee on a per user basis	IT operating costs are spread across the year and are transparent and predictable, allowing accurate budgeting for IT costs.
	No cost to upgrade to new versions of Microsoft® applications e.g. Office® 2007	There are no upgrade costs when moving from an older version of a Microsoft application to a newer one. Think about the cost of migrating your organisation to Microsoft® Office 2007 when you have to buy the upgrade licences. On Office Anywhere, such an upgrade is free.
	Even low-end cheaper computing devices will work with Office Anywhere	You can use almost any computing device to access Office Anywhere as you do not require huge computing power. This means that you can use thin clients that have a forecast working life of ten years and cost less than £200. Thin clients are also resistant to viruses, as they are unable to download or execute any data, which means you don't need any antivirus software for them.

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Environmental	Your data is accessible wherever the individual is	<p>This not only makes a huge improvement to your company's flexibility, responsiveness and efficiency but also removes the need for employees to travel to where their data can be accessed. With office Anywhere there is no need to travel into a place of work to access information - you can truly be in the office from anywhere.</p> <p>Office Anywhere can significantly reduce your company's carbon footprint.</p>