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Five reasons to move to Office 365

Microsoft Office is used by over 1 billion people – that’s 1 in 7 people on planet earth. The cloud version, called Office 365 offers the usual range of applications such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook but also brings together Microsoft's various other online productivity tools that range from Web Applications through to communications services. It comes in two editions, namely Small Business and Enterprise, and makes it easy and cost effective for users to embrace ‘the cloud’ without giving up their familiar Microsoft server and client applications.

Our five key reasons for the implementation of Microsoft Office 365 are:

1. **Reduced capital expenditure and costs**

Office 365 is available at a low monthly subscription, avoiding large up-front costs for new software and moving the cost of IT from capital to operating expense. Hardware and energy costs are also reduced as servers will no longer be required for hosting e-mail, websites and document storage.

2. **Always up to date**

Since Office 365 is in the cloud, it is always up to date. No patches or software upgrades are necessary. New capabilities and features are added regularly and these are automatically made available to users.

3. **Work from anywhere**

Wherever users are, online or offline, they are able to access and work with the most up to date versions of the files and tools they need. Files can be synchronised offline and made available without an internet connection. Files are also accessible from almost any device including smartphones and tablets. Each user licence provides access to Office 365 on 5 PCs/Macs and 5 mobile devices.

4. **Security**

IT Management is simplified as IT infrastructure is reduced. Content is safely stored in globally distributed datacentres with continuous backup and disaster recovery abilities. A financially-backed 99.9% uptime service level agreement ensures data and services are available whenever they are needed.

5. **Scalability**

Office 365 grows with your business – adding a new user is quick and easy and there are a number of plans available to fit the right capability needs for each user in an organisation.

Successful hands-on experience by MCI Consultants with Microsoft products is extensive and in addition, the hosting of services including those in the cloud has been part of our business for several years. Thus, we are able to address the needs of users regarding Office 365 and its planning, implementation and support going forward.

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