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Increased Space in Mailbox

ALL Clive Owen Hosted Exchange mailboxes now include 50GB storage.

We're pleased to announce the doubling in size of all Clive Owen Hosted Exchange mailboxes from 25GB to a massive 50GB.

That means lots more storage for your messages now and well into the future. And best of all, the upgrade costs nothing.

“*This upgrade makes our Hosted Exchange Platform ever-more flexible and competitive. It is now a truly enterprise-grade Exchange platform for businesses of any size.*”

Lee Huck Clive Owen Technology Services Director

Why switch to Hosted Exchange?

If your Exchange server is getting a little old and decrepit, Hosted Exchange will provide significant improvements in speed and reliability. Hosted Exchange is a managed service and it takes the hassle out of email.

Many companies limit their employees to around 500MB of storage, but our Hosted Exchange platform now offers 50Gb as standard for all users. No more frustration or hassled by those annoying Exchange emails telling them their mailbox is almost full (that's always the last thing you want to read when you come back from a two-week holiday in the sun).

More generous storage is sure to please anyone who emails large attachments or uses their email as a file storage space.



As the end of the year approaches so does the end of support for XP & Office 2003.

Are you ready?

Windows XP and Office 2003 will reach end of support on **8 April 2014**, following which Microsoft will not provide hot fixes, product updates, and most critically, security patches for Windows XP and Office 2003.

If you are using XP or Office 2003, you need to start your migration process now to supported products such as Windows 8 Professional and Office 2013.

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FOCUS ON : Tablets for Business

Whilst the tablet will never fully replace PCs or laptops, they are playing an increasing role within business IT. Convenience, flexibility and mobility being the influential factors. However some tablets are more flexible than others and offer different features to a saturated market.

Remember: All devices require adequate anti-virus and security software.

Here are our views on Microsoft vs IOS vs Android...

Surface Pro 2 - Microsoft

Not just a tablet, not even a laptop, this is a fully-fledged PC with an Intel Core i5 processor, Intel HD 4400 graphics & up to 8GB RAM with a 512GB Solid State Hard Disk Drive all squeezed into a tablet. Ok, compared to an iPad; its bigger, its heavier, the battery life cannot compete and it's a lot more expensive. BUT you cannot compare the two devices.

For example, consider the following;

Can you install Microsoft Office on an iPad? Can you use Outlook for your email? Can you sign onto your corporate domain? Can you use your corporate security software? Can you print to your office printers? Will your entire corporate software suite install on your device?

It's a lot of questions but the answers do paint an interesting picture.

Answers to all these questions: iPad = **NO** Surface Pro 2 = **YES**

For those of you in business who want the same software suite and functionality on their tablet that they have on their everyday workstation without any compromises, you should seriously consider the Surface Pro 2.

Apple iPad - IOS

Many would refer to the iPad as the market leader. Certainly in terms of sales volumes and popularity nobody could argue with its credentials. **BUT** is it the best tablet for the business user?

The new iPad Air boasts it is the lightest iPad ever, the fastest processor and highest quality screen on the market. Its popularity within the business world is second to none but in more recent times this has been tinged with dissent from the devoted followers of Apple products. Frustrations with connectivity, why can't I print to the office printer from my iPad? Difficulties moving files on and off the device without additional apps or software on your PC.

For IT teams the management of a fleet of devices is also not straight forward and requires careful planning and additional software. If you need a device for email on the move and web browsing there is nothing to beat the iPad Air. If you want more from your device or you are a high level user you may run into limitations with Apple's operating system quicker than you think.



Microsoft Surface 2 Pro



iPad Air



Sony Xperia Tablet Z

Android Devices

There are so many Android tablets on the market at present it would be impossible in TECHTalk to compare them all and for this reason we will talk about Android as a genre.

Google bought the operating system from Android in 2005 and released their first devices in 2008. Android is an open standard operating system unlike Apple's IOS which is strictly closed. Anybody can build a device and use Android as the operating system. For this reason you will huge differences between Android devices as each manufacturer develops their own tablet in their own way.

The Android market leaders at present in short are:

- Samsung Note 10.1
- Google Nexus 7 & 10
- Sony Xperia Tablet Z

Most if not all Android tablets provide expansion slots for memory & connectivity. Integrated WiFi & Bluetooth are standard features on all but the very low end devices. Battery life is as good as Apple's iPad as is the screen quality. Compared to the iPad, connectivity with a corporate network is easier and less restricted but not as flexible as the Surface Pro 2. Android tablets, and Apple's iPads, are referred to as 'consumption devices', in simple terms they are more about viewing information than creating it. If email and web browsing is all you need for business from your tablet then any of the leading tablets will suit you as would an iPad.



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