

AGILE WORKPLACE

Achieve Organizational Evolution and Flexibility Leveraging Cloud Technologies, WAN Acceleration, and Productivity Enhancement Solutions.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations for taking the first step toward the future of IT.

Long before world events precipitated the accelerated adoption of remote work practices, the advent of cloud-based solutions, collaborative tools, and bandwidth optimization technologies had already begun changing the way we work and live.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A "FLEXIBLE WORKPLACE"?

While no single characteristic defines the "Flexible Workplace", key attributes currently include:

- ✓ Elimination (or significant minimization) of the equipment-centric "in-house" model in favor of de-centralized and highly resilient solutions maintained in the Cloud.
- ✓ Optimization of Internet connectivity to enhance performance for office-based and remote workers, and to promote flexibility with respect to where work is performed.
- ✓ A shift from major software and equipment purchases, to monthly and/or annual subscription fees.
- ✓ Emphasis on agility, where technology-related tasks can be performed efficiently from anywhere, anytime.

GOALS AND TECHNICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Because no two businesses are exactly alike, the first two steps in planning your new technology environment are to conduct an analysis of goals, and a thorough assessment of your existing (and to the extent possible, future) technology needs.

Goals vary from one organization to another. Common objectives include a desire to:

- ✓ Eliminate or minimize "in-house" infrastructure

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- ✓ Improve the ability to maintain critical functions during a disaster
- ✓ Streamline remote workforce performance, and
- ✓ Reduce or amortize IT expenditures.

The composition of your new workplace will, in part, be determined by the relative priority assigned to each goal.

Like goals, technology needs also vary from one organization to the next, and some technical solutions lend themselves to workplace agility more than others. Areas for evaluation and discussion include:

- ✓ Software solutions in use, and an evaluation of delivery options
- ✓ Additional functionality/solutions desired
- ✓ Current email platform and Cloud-based options
- ✓ Current file storage/collaboration platform and Cloud-based options
- ✓ Bandwidth availability (central and remote locations)
- ✓ Security solutions in use, and an evaluation of Cloud-based options
- ✓ Utilities in use, and an evaluation of Cloud-based options
- ✓ Remote access methods in use
- ✓ Cost/benefit analysis of SD-WAN/WAN acceleration solutions
- ✓ Domain controller use and feasibility of Cloud-based alternatives
- ✓ Utilities for tracking/encouraging productivity
- ✓ Solutions promoting employee health & safety

NASCENT TECHNOLOGIES

Lastly, no future workplace planning would be complete without a discussion of new, "cutting edge" technologies that are, or will soon be available. Examples include:

- ✓ Robotic tele-presence devices
- ✓ Virtual and mixed reality collaboration solutions
- ✓ Touchless access control and temperature sensing kiosks

IMPLEMENTATION

For more information about implementing your Flexible Workplace, see our Flexible Workplace FAQ's, or contact your Sandbox Technologies Consulting CIO.

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