

MS Office 365

Office 365 positioning

Office 365 is a subscription-based online office suite. Serving as a successor to Microsoft's Business Productivity Online Suite (BPOS), the service was originally designed to provide hosted e-mail, social networking, collaboration, and cloud storage to teams and businesses. As such, it first included hosted versions of Exchange, Lync, SharePoint, Office Web Apps, along with access to the Microsoft Office 2010 desktop applications on the Enterprise plan. With the release of Office 2013, Office 365 expanded to include new plans aimed at different types of businesses and some focusing on general consumers wanting to use the Office desktop software on a subscription basis.

Kerio Strong points

- Easy to use administration
- When Connect is installed locally, performance for large inboxes will be better than a cloud solution as data is local for the user
- True cross-platform support (Windows, Mac and Linux)
- Virtual Appliance
- Sophos Anti-virus Integration
- Integrated Backup and Archiving
- Support for Internal LDAP database, Active Directory, and Open Directory

Office 365 Weak points

- Cloud only option
- Max 25GB mail box per user
- Changing between the different business plans is difficult and there is possibility of data loss
- No support for Open Directory
- Connectivity and access issues

Feature comparison



Microsoft background

Microsoft Corporation develops, manufactures, licenses, and supports a wide range of products and services related to computing. Microsoft are targeting all sort of users, from consumers to companies of all sizes.

Office 365 pricing

Office 365 Small business includes hosted email, Spam and malware protection, Community and phone support.

Office 365 has several price plans, the closest to Kerio Connect for features and functionality is priced at \$5 per user per month

Maximum space per mail box is 25GB

Price comparison for Year 1

Users	Connect	Office 365
10	640	600
50	1,880	3,000
100	3,430	6,000
<i>Prices valid as November 2013</i>		

Price Comparison over 3 years

Users	Connect	Office 365
10	1,120	1,800
50	3,400	9,000
100	6,250	18,000
<i>Prices valid as November 2013</i>		

Information about the comparison

Competitor	Office 365 Small business
Kerio	Connect 8.2
Last updated	November 2013
Next review	After release of Connect 8.3

	Kerio Connect	Office 365
OS Support		
Windows Platform (x86/x64)	Yes/Yes	n.a.
MAC OS X Platform	Yes	n.a.
Linux Platform	Yes	n.a.
Cloud	Yes	Yes
Groupware features		
Shared Email Folders	Yes	Yes
Free/Busy Scheduling	Yes	Yes
Real-time reminders	Yes	Yes
Notes	Yes	Yes
Tasks	Yes	Yes
Offline mode	Yes	Yes
Outlook 2011 Groupware (OSX)		
Synchronization of contacts	Yes	Yes
Shared Folders	Yes	Yes
Free/Busy service	Yes	Yes
Synchronization of Calendars	Yes	Yes
Real-Time Reminders	Yes	Yes
Resource Scheduling	Yes	Yes
User Authentication		
Internal database	Yes	Yes
Apple Open Directory	Yes	No
Microsoft Active Directory	Yes	Only for Medium / Enterprise Edition
Migration Tools		
Exchange	Yes	Yes
IMAP	Yes	Yes
CommuniGate	Yes	No
Others		
Schedule Backup	Yes	No