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WINDOWS 10

WORKING FOR MOBILITY

Today's business world moves at an incredible pace. End users need to be 'always on'. In fact, the brightest and the best in the workforce demand it. Business leaders expect IT to enable seamless mobile productivity across any number of systems, devices and applications.

Right now, this means it is essential to get the mobility piece right for PC, laptop, tablet and phone. Given how much consumer behaviour has driven business technology adoption, it's also foreseeable that this will soon start to extend to include new developments such as wearable technologies.

When IT is able to say yes to new innovation and plays a role in making life easier for users and improving productivity for the business, everyone wins. Yet managing limitations when it comes to building, managing and securing the mobility piece is an everyday reality for many on the IT frontline.

The good news is that with the advent of Windows 10, you now have the platform designed for the reality of enterprise mobility.

Making realistic compromises, creating workarounds and finding a way through complexity is perhaps one of the most underrated skillsets that many IT teams call on every day. This needn't be the case.

Even if you and your team have become really adapt at working with your existing operating system, the benefits of greatly simplified Cloud integration, fully encrypted mobile data and better ways to harness the productivity of emerging devices and applications creates a compelling case to consider migrating to Windows 10.

HERE'S TEN REASONS TO ACCELERATE YOUR MIGRATION PLANS



01 HANDS-FREE PRODUCTIVITY

Windows 10 offers enhanced voice and gesture interaction with devices, and also Microsoft Cortana. Cortana allows users to take advantage of hands-free controls. Without touching their device, Cortana completes searches, manages documents and helps staff organise their work lives.

This not only represents significant productivity implications for the average road warrior, it also heralds a whole new level of accessibility that could - for instance - address challenges faced by employees with temporary or permanent physical limitations or injury. Consider also the Occupational Health and Safety advantages and corresponding risk reduction when it comes to drive time usage of mobile devices.

For those happy to remain working hands-on, greatly improved navigation features let users get around Windows faster with touchscreen, touchpad gestures and keyboard support ensuring all work style preferences can be met.



02 A GREAT ESCAPE

Importantly, with Windows 10, voice control actually escapes the confines of mobile devices alone and provides complete integration across phones, tablets, desktop, in fact any environment that can run Windows 10. This includes iOS and Android, albeit with some limited functionality, but providing the Cortana app on other platforms is a great development for the long run.

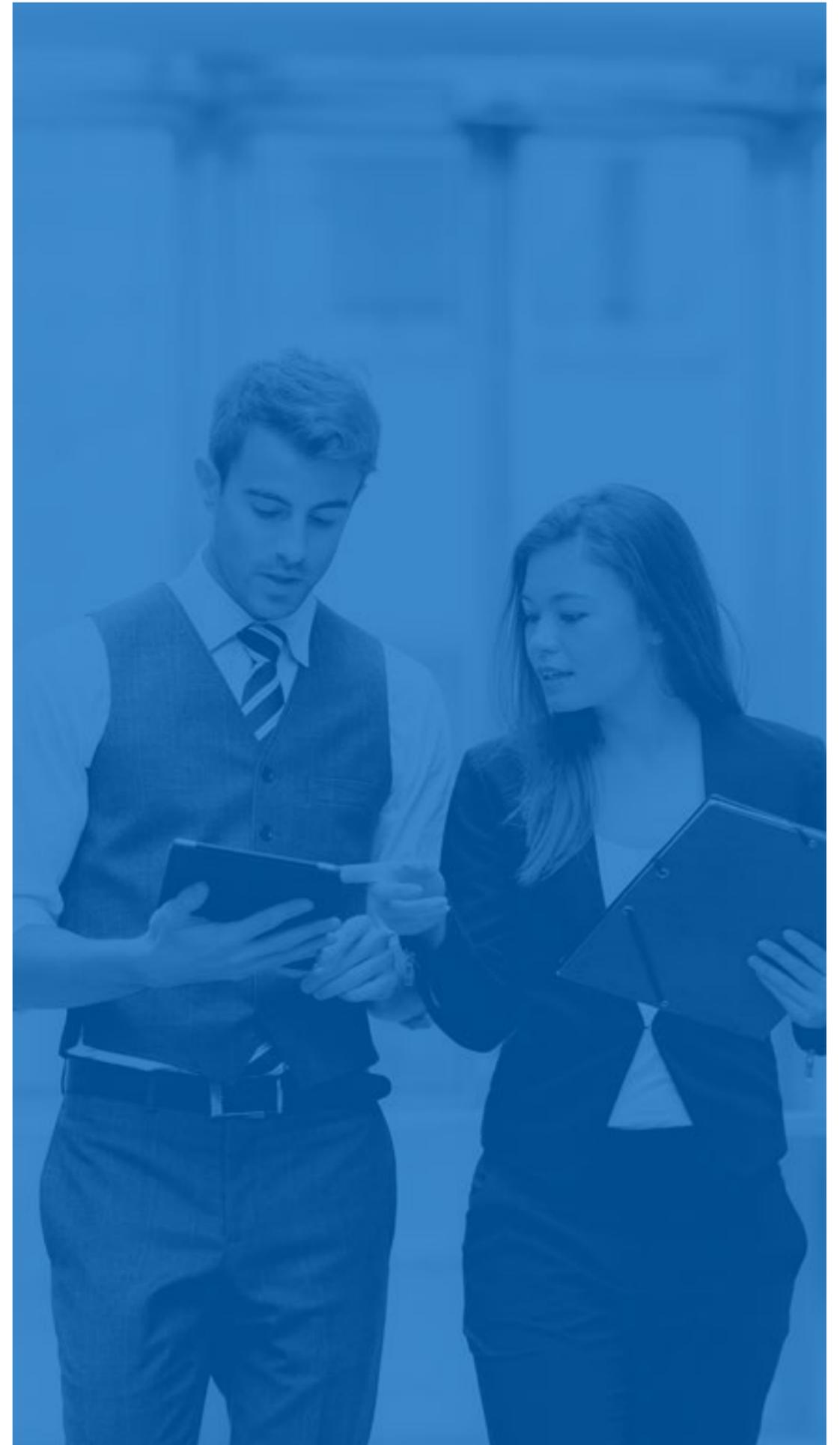
It's not just voice commands we are talking about, but the full digital assistant capability across devices – notes, reminders and search history and other functionalities now supported by the sophisticated AI engine behind the Cortana voice activated service.

03 GO WITH THE WORKSTYLE FLOW

Convertible tablets are becoming increasingly popular, allowing users to work PC style with a keyboard or snap off to move to a tablet format when on the move. The Microsoft Surface Range is a prime example of this kind of device. Windows 10 includes Continuum, which automatically reconfigures the user interface to best suit the use mode.

Combine this with the inclusion of Miracast, which allows wireless connection to compact projectors or display devices and you can deliver real fluidity from the desk all the way to completely unwired presentations in the boardroom.

Windows To Go is another great development that allows for creation of a bootable USB flash drive that contains a complete copy of the Windows 10 instance, complete with all software and settings. It's an effective way to support a scenario where contractors bring their own devices but require secure access to the Corporate environment, without having to reimage or support third-party hardware.



04 PC PHONE PERFORMANCE

Laptop or tablet dead and new device pending? No problem. Connect a mouse, keyboard and a monitor to a Windows 10 compatible phone and deliver the full experience as if working on a PC.

This is in part possible because the Windows 10 interface is standardised. With Windows 10, apps look and work great in all modes and on all devices. Overall this means a better experience for users, particularly for those with working behaviour that transition between desk, mobile and tablet on a regular basis.



05 RESOURCE SHARING SMARTS

Connection outages are a fact of life but can be a productivity crippler when they occur. Windows 10 has got the business covered with a smart mobile tethering update. Laptops and tablets with cellular SIM for mobile data can be shared with other Windows 8.1 and Windows 10 PCs to keep everyone humming along.

06 MORE LIFE

Combined with the hotspot capabilities of the tethering feature, another important development for mobility is better management of battery life. Tethering is just one activity that can seriously suck the life out of your batteries, so Windows 10's intelligent power management extends the range of mobile devices to work wherever users want to. Coupled with faster boot up and response times, there's a whole lot of 'need it now' management in play.



07 BYOD BRILLIANCE

Workplace Join and Azure Active Directory provide an easy to use interface and Intune can provide management for those that are bringing their own devices into the workplace and need access to the network and domain. This provides a way to grant full access to resources, with updates, maintenance and, importantly, file wipe control all handled by IT.



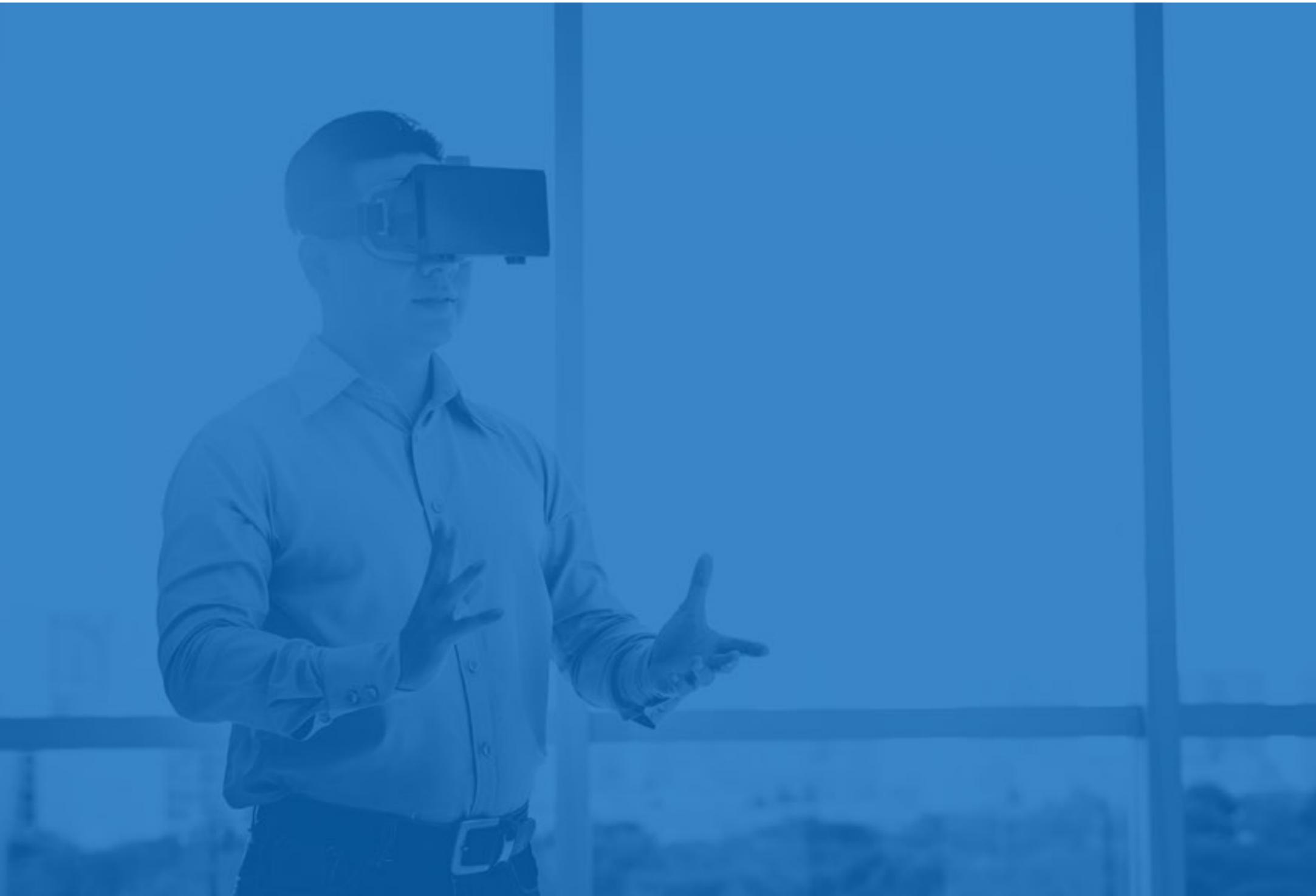
08 SECURITY TO THE MAX

A mobile workforce is a lost or stolen device guarantee. That's why Bitlocker Drive encryption is an important development on Windows 10. It provides full encryption on hard drives for any device with a Trusted Platform Module chip on board. This renders data inaccessible to an unauthorised 3rd party, even if the hard drive is removed and connected to another computer.

As the world becomes more connected, security risks become more sophisticated so Windows 10 integrates with enterprise and Cloud computing administrator tools to give devices and data the latest protection. Windows Hello recognises users' unique biometric characteristics so only they can unlock devices with a look or touch on devices with the right hardware.

End-to-end encryption over the internet between compute devices and Cloud services such as Azure Active Directory is another compelling update.

09 STAYING COMPATIBLE



Compatibility with popular software has always been Microsoft's strength. Windows 10 continues this by integrating into Office 365 and Active Directory.

With an exciting future imminent for business as technologies like virtual reality, 3D printing and the Internet of Things promise to change the workplace, Windows 10 includes support for emerging products. Microsoft's current technology projects, including the virtual reality HoloLens and the collaborative screen technology Surface Hub, are part of the Windows 10 roadmap that promises to bring office collaboration into a new era.

10 COLLABORATING SECURELY IN THE CLOUD

Cloud services are essential for today's connected workers and Windows 10 allows users to access files and applications from anywhere while taking advantage of the online services that are powering the modern business world.

Windows 10 Cloud services also empower IT staff by giving system administrators the tools to support their staff regardless of where they are in the world. The integration with Azure Active Directory and other online services make support seamless and fast while continuous updates dispense with 'Patch Tuesdays' and the need to manage device updates.



10 ROCK SOLID REASONS

IT managers and practitioners not only have to consider the most effective way to deliver on mobility projects, but also how to keep business interests well secured. Getting that right can take time, so IT teams may also have to balance the appetite for 'now' and the essential requirement to be secure. This is especially pertinent if the business operates in a regulated or compliance driven market.

Windows 10 makes life easier by making it simpler to address the 'here and now' mobility requirement and also setting IT up to be ready for foreseeable future demand as new technologies and devices emerge, and businesses continue to ask for continued innovation.

For the mobile worker, improved features make working on the go more enjoyable while improving productivity and security. For IT professionals, the latest Microsoft operating system helps them keep staff mobile and the enterprise ahead of a constantly changing world.

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