

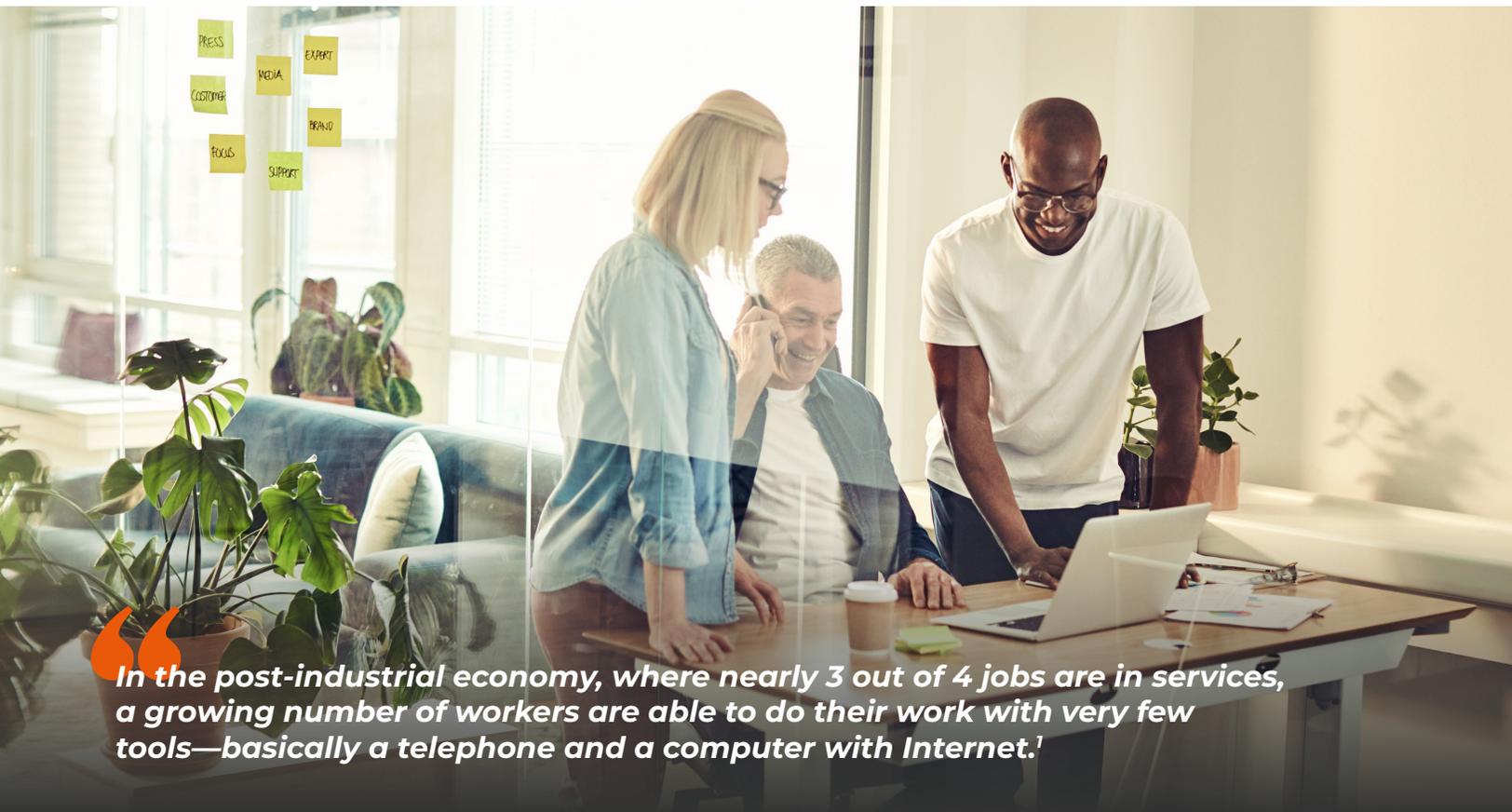
# Improving Worker Productivity with Better Remote Content Collaboration

The New Norm for the Distributed Enterprise

# Executive Summary

How employees accomplish their work, and where they accomplish it from, is changing. Not that long-ago, employees clocked in and resigned themselves to their desks for stretches of time to carry out their work. Although laptops, tablets, and smartphones have enabled mobility, most employees are still tied to the halls of their office in order to access files stored on corporate network. But the situation changing. Today, a many of companies allow employees to work outside the office and may even use contract and gig-based workers to handle a variety of tasks from customer service to software development. The result? A growing distributed workforce that includes external parties and gig-based workers that needs access to corporate network resources from home offices, co-working spaces, and even other countries.

With the onset of Covid-19, this new trend of telecommuting or teleworking is accelerating. In fact you could argue that it has become the norm. It's also an employment perk in today's business world and companies need to offer it to attract and keep the best talent—flexible work schedules that include some time at home and some time in the office. But having a distributed workforce introduces an interesting problem—how does a business make it cost-efficient and secure for all distributed workers, both in the office and remote,



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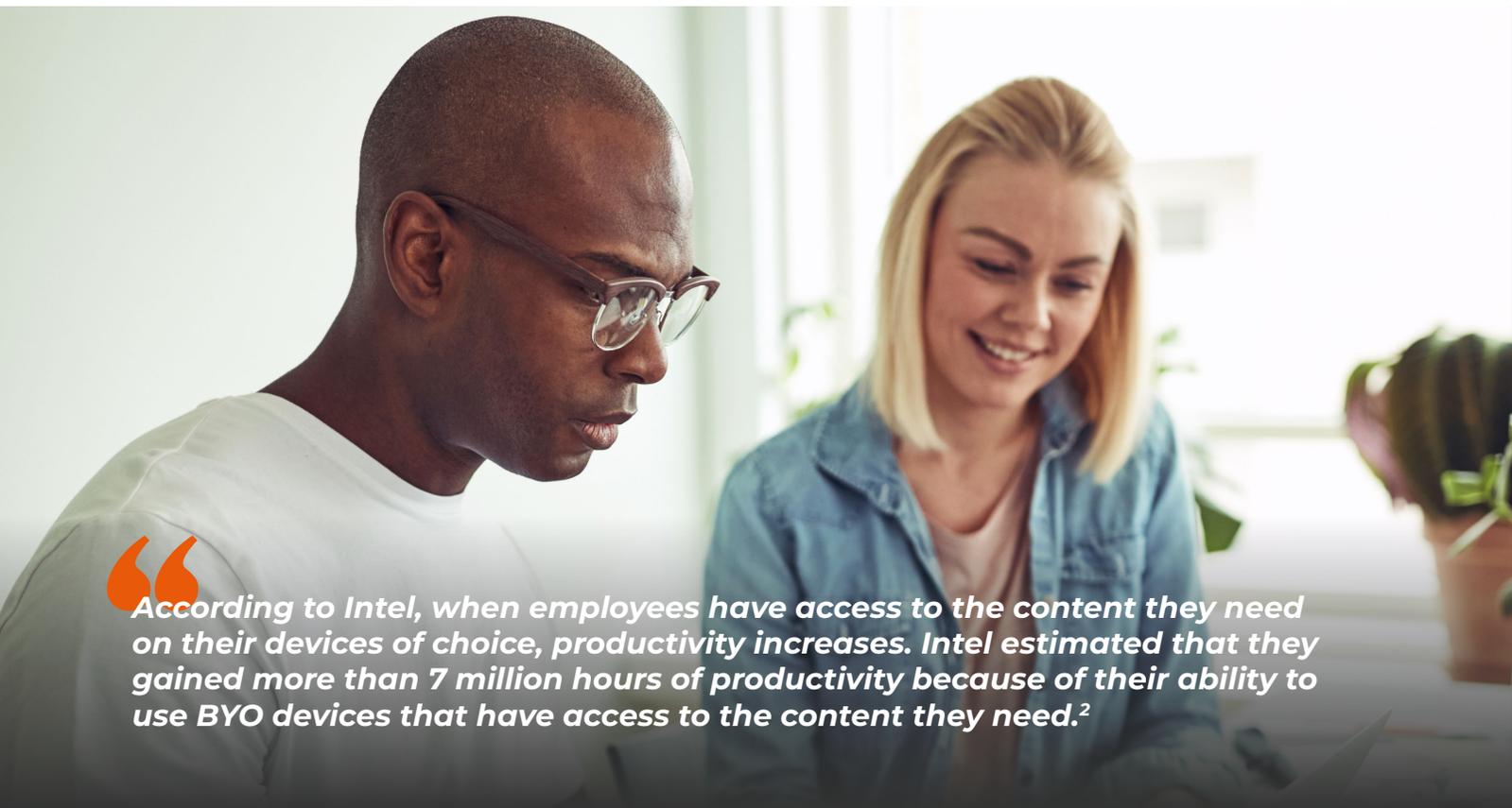
to collaborate on documents? Today they have 2 choices - either upload these documents to a cloud provider or provide access to network resources via a VPN.

For many organizations, the impact of lost productivity resulting from file sharing via the cloud is becoming significant. Employees can spend countless hours over the course of a month, uploading and downloading large files from the cloud in order to collaborate. And what happens when a file isn't synchronized to the cloud?

The alternative to the cloud is to provide remote workers VPN access, however VPNs act essentially like a super long ethernet cable. They provide access to the entire corporate network, not just to the individual files needed. So they are not appropriate for contract and gig-based workers.

Of course, there's always email, but it's not really a viable solution for very large files. All current solutions fall short in some critical ways.

This whitepaper explores the impact (both in cost and lost productivity) that can result from using the cloud in particular to share documents for collaboration and what that impact means to your business. In doing so, this paper also introduces the FileFlex Enterprise solution and how it can help mitigate the impact while enabling better, more effective, collaboration between in-local-network and out-of-local-network personnel.



**“According to Intel, when employees have access to the content they need on their devices of choice, productivity increases. Intel estimated that they gained more than 7 million hours of productivity because of their ability to use BYO devices that have access to the content they need.”<sup>2</sup>**

# Remote File Access—Two Sides of the Same Problem

“It’s not working Jim,” Sara said as she leaned over his desk. “Every time someone on my team needs to access a file remotely, it’s not there. They either have to ask someone in the office to copy it over to our corporate cloud drive, or, if it’s not too big, email it. I feel like it’s really cutting into our productivity.”

Jim looked up at her as he tapped his pencil on the desk.

“What do you want me to do? Adding more storage to the company file sharing platform isn’t a long term answer. You always quickly consume any additional storage I give you. And our cloud storage is expensive. You need to manage it better.”

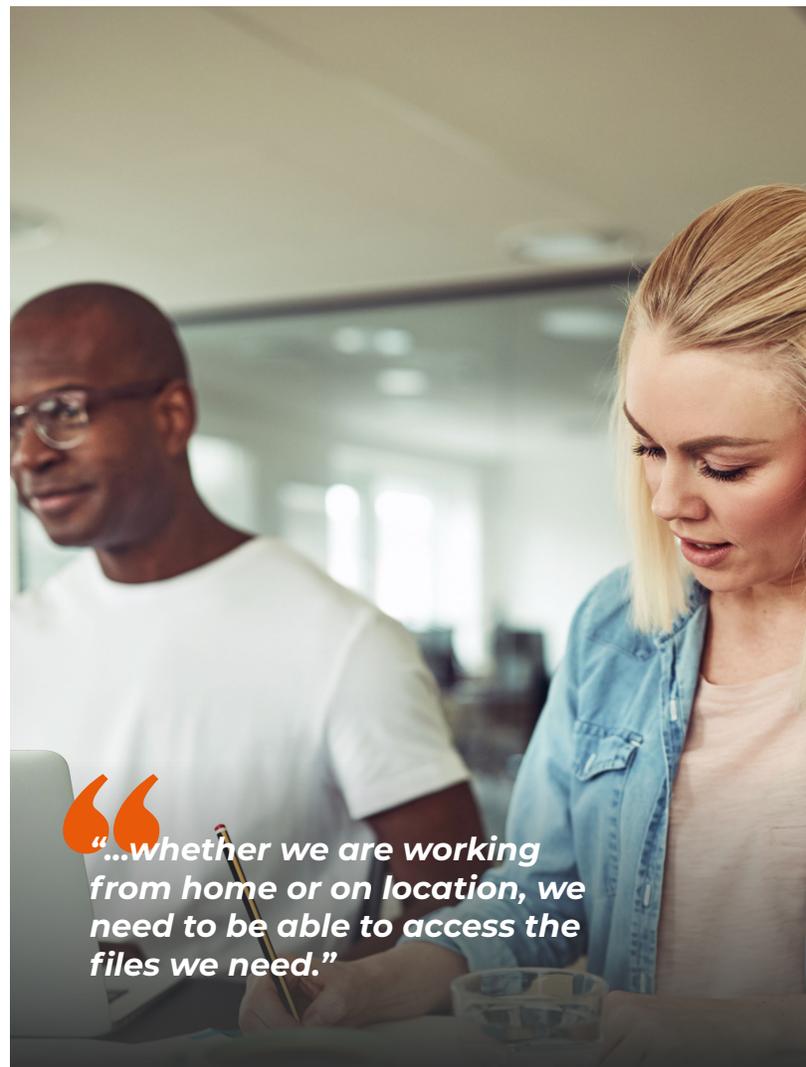
Sara sighed.

“I guess we can always use Google Drive. But, even then, I’ll have members of my team wasting time uploading and downloading documents, especially as many of them are so big...,” she said.

“No way,” Jim replied. “The boss and corporate counsel say we can’t use the public cloud. We cannot put our confidential files there because of the risk of legalized secret data exfiltration. Once our files go into a cloud service like Google or DropBox, we have no idea where our files might end up, who has them, or how to get them back. Plus, there are issues of version control and access by third parties. No, you can’t use the public cloud.”

Sara just shook her head.

“Whatever that means,” she mumbled as she sat back down in the chair on the other side of Jim’s desk. “Come on, Jim, you’ve got to help. My team’s productivity is being

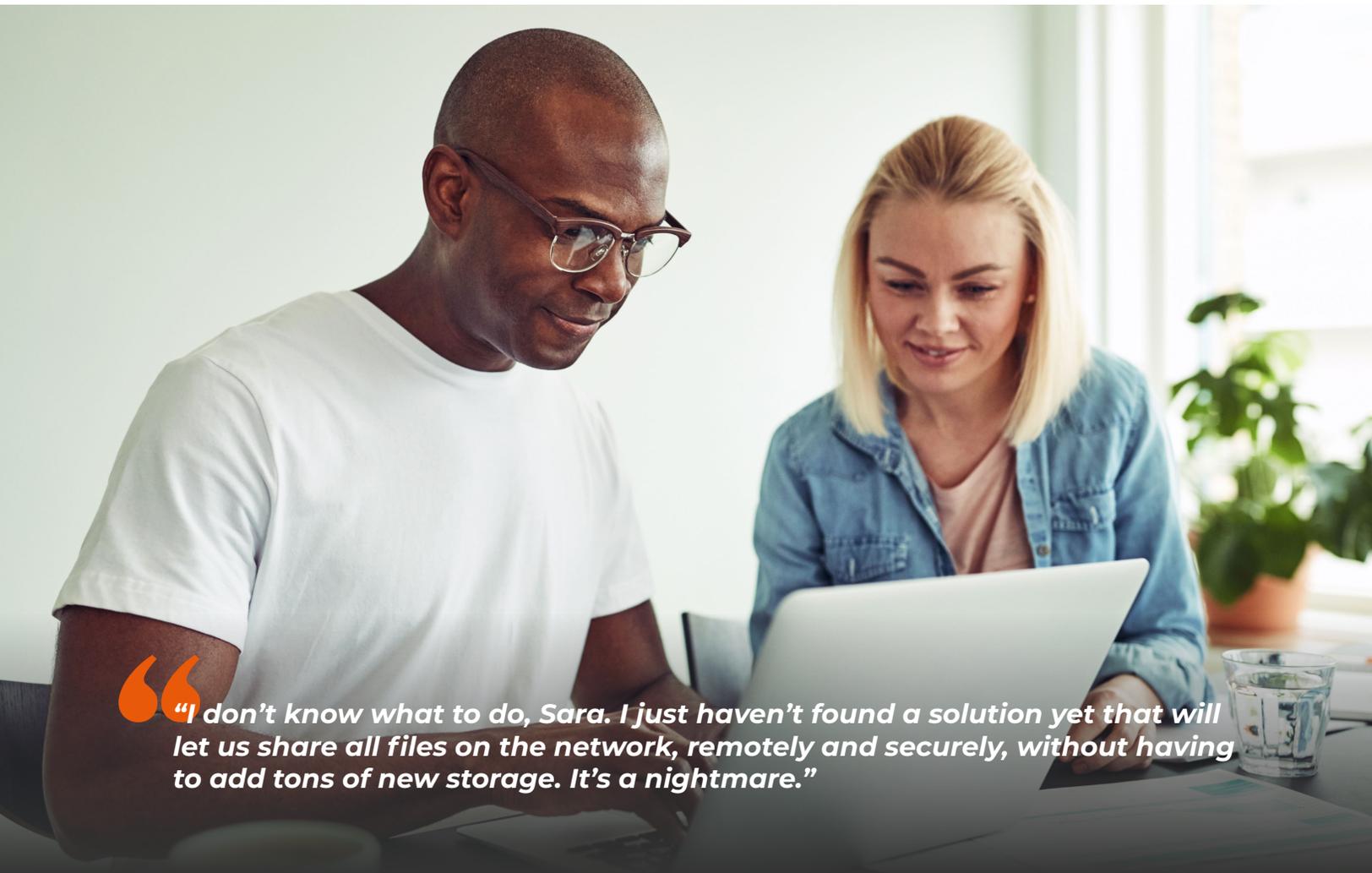


seriously undermined by your platform's shortcomings. I mean whether we are working from home or on location, we need to be able to access the files we need. And we need to be able to work together on them with others in the office."

"I don't know what to do, Sara. Other than giving everyone on your team VPN access, I just haven't found a solution yet that will let us share all files on the network, remotely and securely, without having to add tons of new cloud storage. And you know that since your team has a lot of freelancers, you are not allowed VPN access. It's a nightmare. I get that your team members are having to email documents around, which is wasting time that could be spent working billable tasks, but..." He shook his head. "I don't think there's a technology that can do what you need right now."

Sara pinched the bridge of her nose.

"Listen, Jim. Then I have to escalate this. My boss has tied some of my management objectives to how quickly we complete alterations to client project files. My bonus is going to be affected if we don't get this resolved."



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She picked up her journal and stood up.

“It’s not just me and my team, though. I mean my entire department wants to work from home like the freelancers do. If they can’t access the files they need, or the files that they are working on with our gig-based workforce, what’s the point? And our recruiters have been pitching telework as a perk to joining the company.”

“I get it, Sara, I get it,” Jim said as he leaned back in his chair. “I guess I can look some more to see if there’s a different solution that will meet your team’s needs, but I can’t guarantee it.”

Sara smiled.

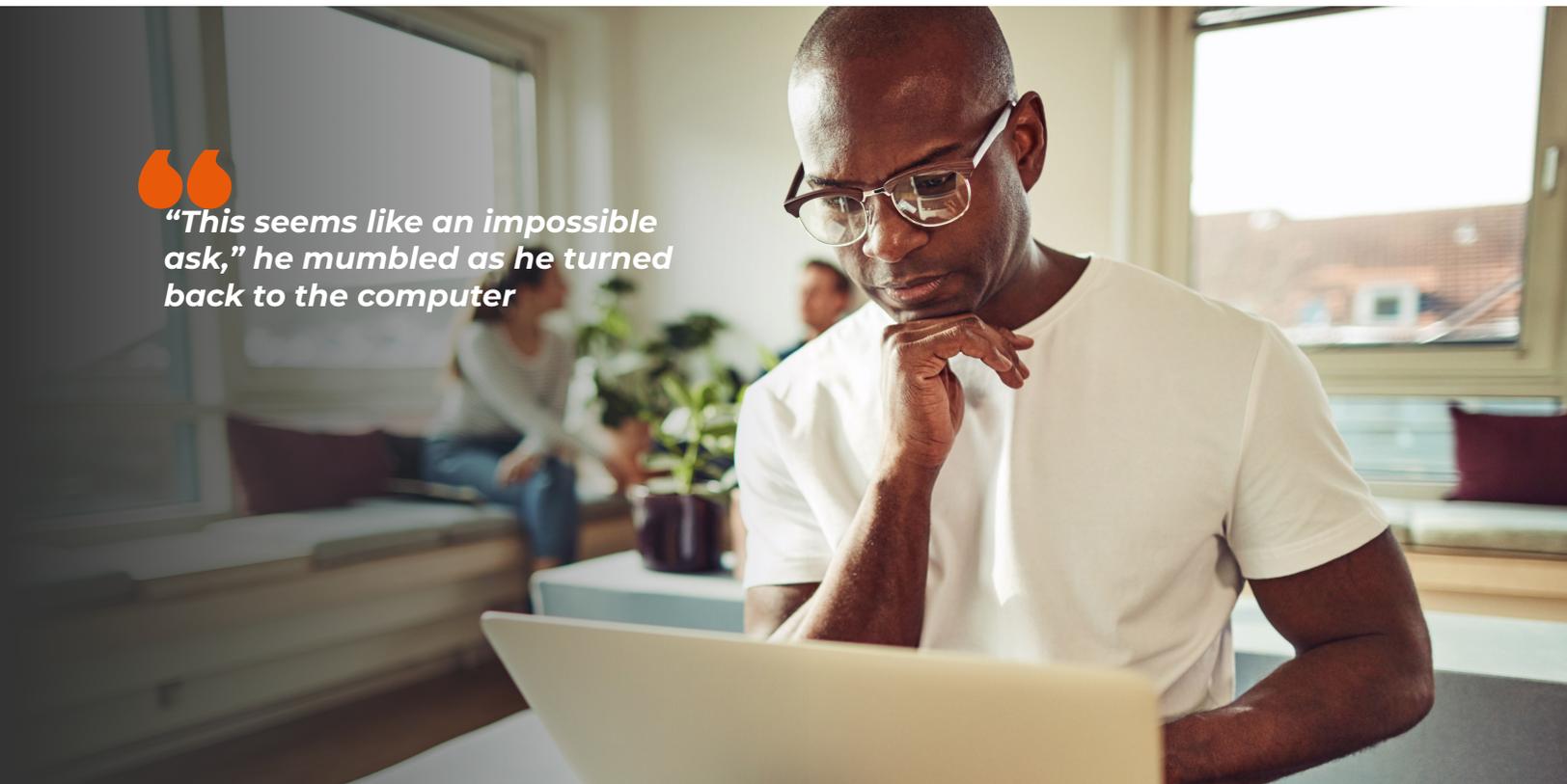
“Thanks,” she said. “Whatever you can do in the meantime would be great. I know my boss will probably talk to yours about this because it’s something we have to solve now.”

Jim shook his head as she walked out of his office.

“This seems like an impossible ask,” he mumbled as he turned back to the computer and started to search for a solution to a problem he thought he had already solved.



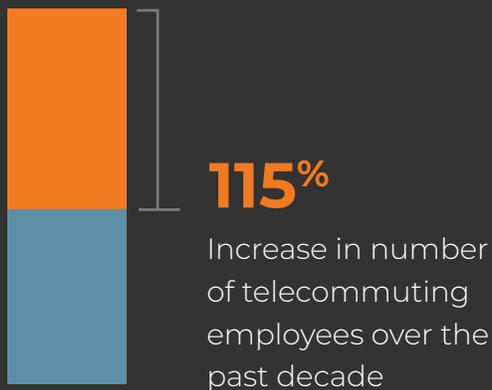
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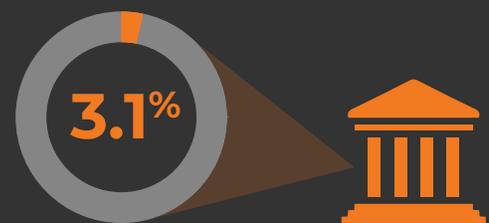
# What's at Stake?

The modern workforce is significantly different from even a decade ago. Executives at Jim and Sara's company are not only using more and more contract and gig-based freelancers their own employees have been demanding more flexible work arrangements. Companies without work-at-home policies can sometimes lose high-performing employees to their competitors who may already support remote workers.

The number of employees telecommuting in the United States continues to increase. According to a 2017 study by Global Workplace Analytics and FlexJobs<sup>3</sup>:

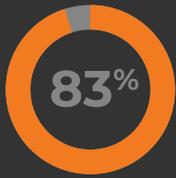


Also, interestingly enough, as businesses begin to offer flexible work locations, it's actually the U.S. Government that leads the way with 3.1% of its workforce working

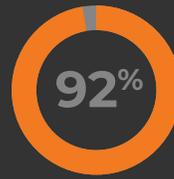


But with a growing remote workforce, businesses must pay special attention to productivity. Being remote can improve an employee's output only when they have access to the resources and files they need from the corporate network. If they have to spend needless time uploading and downloading files from cloud storage or, even worse, waiting for email systems to deliver files (which is especially problematic when they are large), it can seriously undermine productivity which, in turn, costs the company money. And, unfortunately, the solutions currently available to organizations for synchronizing and sharing documents with remote employees have serious drawbacks.

In a Harris Interactive Poll of knowledge workers<sup>4</sup>:



Indicated that they lose or waste time each day on document collaboration issues



Said they still use email as a primary way to move documents around for collaboration

## Today's Solutions Fall Short

Over the years, companies have taken a variety of approaches to address file sharing and synchronization. Some of these include VPNs, public cloud solutions, and expensive EFSS software packages that are installed on additional company servers. All of these have either financial, security, or productivity issues. Because VPNs provide network access for example, they are a prime target to malicious actors and thus need constant updates and maintenance. And it's not hard to find a user who hasn't had an issue trying to connect to their corporate VPN!

But enabling remote access to files is only half the problem. Allowing employees and freelancers to work outside the office, whether at home, at the local coffee shop, or at a client location, can actually introduce unforeseen financial impacts.

The issues that Sara raised to Jim points to a growing problem affecting employees and gig-based freelancers working remotely and those at the office collaborating with them. When employing one of today's file sharing solutions, remote employee productivity often takes a nose dive—all of the technology available today for file sharing either results in the unavailability of files (only designated storage locations can be shared) or an ineffective mechanism to collaborate with co-workers in the office. Either situation can undermine a remote worker's ability to accomplish their job. So how much time is wasted uploading or downloading documents that could be spent working on revisions? With current solutions to this problem, such as traditional EFSS, private cloud or public cloud, everyone's productivity suffers: in-office workers, out-of-office workers and, most importantly, your customers.

In the opening story, management and employees recognized that telecommuting and working from the field can't succeed without taking into account the needs of workers in and outside of the office.

**54%** of people who own two devices switch between them to complete tasks or activities and **73%** of people who have three devices do the same.<sup>1</sup>

# The Content Productivity Calculator

Consider the use case of an architecture firm with 100 architects working on very large files. They have decided, regardless of the threat of data exfiltration, to use the cloud. So, to work on a file, an employee must download it first, make changes, and re-upload it. If each one of them spends one hour per week uploading AutoCAD files to the cloud so that 10 remote workers can be more productive, then they are wasting 100 hours uploading and downloading. If the average compensation of those employees worked out to \$100 per hour, the cost to the company would be \$10,000 per week or \$520,000 per year... just so 10 remote workers can collaborate:

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What might this kind of productivity waste cost your company?

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# The Drive for Productivity

Although both the telecommuting employees and corporate management share a common goal—to ensure productivity when in-office and remote workers collaborate—they have different concerns:

Company	
Security	IT wants to ensure that any files accessed remotely are protected, especially in the event that remote workers use public WiFi, and that confidential files can't be accessed unknowingly by third parties.
Privacy	When files are stored on the servers of a third party (such as a public cloud provider) there is a real concern that they can be legally accessed and exfiltrated without the organization's knowledge. This can only be mitigated by keeping sensitive files on storage that the company owns and controls, behind the corporate firewall.
Cost	Although an ideal technology solution to the problem of remote file access without compromising privacy is a private cloud, they are very expensive to setup and maintain. IT wants a solution they can install locally which respects existing file permissions and network storage locations.
Permissions Management	Determining which files to share and who gets to access them remotely is critical. IT wants to be able to have complete control over permissions to ensure that users can only access appropriate files. Ideally it should not require layering on a second set of permission, but should honor the existing permission set laid out in the Active Directory.
Simple Setup and Maintenance	One of the issues with remote file access solutions is that they can be difficult to install, configure, and maintain long-term. In fact, they can sometimes require very specialized skills. IT wants to ensure that any solution can be implemented quickly and maintained easily. Best case is that the solution will not require the purchase of new infrastructure or hiring of additional human resources.

Employess	
Access to all Files	Employees want to be able to access all of their files when they are remote, not just those selected by IT.
Easy to Use	Employees, both in the office and remote, need a solution that doesn't require them to constantly upload and download files while leveraging their existing knowledge of popular software platforms like Microsoft Office.
Collaboration Tools	Although file access is important, collaborative tools are also needed. It can become very time consuming and inefficient to email large files around for editing and feedback, or wait for them to synchronize back to the network so that someone else can edit.
Device Agnostic	Many remote employees are on a variety of devices ranging from laptops to mobile phones to tablets. It's critical that the file access, sharing, and collaborative tools work across platforms.

## The Solution Landscape

Remote file access isn't anything new. It's just become more of a hot topic as companies implement work environments that aren't tied to a specific, physical location. As such, there are a variety of technologies currently available to IT and employees that not only enable access to files while away from the corporate network, but also afford opportunities for collaboration with in-office workers:

Approach/ Technology	Description	Issues
Virtual Private Network (VPN)	Allow employees to access secure network resources, including storage, remotely through an encrypted point-to-point connection	Yes, it's possible that an employee could get access to network-attached drives via a VPN connection, but there's no opportunity for sharing, synchronization, or collaboration. Since they allow external access to the network, they are a prime attack target. They need constant updating and maintenance.

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Corporate Intranet (Microsoft SharePoint)	Allow employees to access sensitive data and other resources, including files, through a designated, private "web portal."	This is great for sharing when employees are connected to the network (i.e., via VPN) and can work in conjunction with files stored in Microsoft OneDrive for Business, for example. But, again, it's just a subset of files. If files aren't copied into a SharePoint page or OneDrive, they aren't available. Further sharing with external parties complicated - especially if using an on-premises implementation. Finally, SharePoint is a separate silo of information.
Public Cloud (DropBox, Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive)	Enable employees to remotely access, share, and collaborate on files by storing them on the servers of the cloud provider, outside the corporate network, accessible through web browser, desktop, or mobile application.	IT has no visibility or control over files stored in a public cloud. Storing files in the public cloud often addresses only a subset of corporate information and has issues of data residency, legal jurisdiction, third-party access, and secret access by law enforcement. Using these services increases the organization's attack surface, requires IT to manage multiple images and versions of files, and inherently creates a more complicated storage structure which translates to a higher risk posture.
Enterprise File Sync and Share (EFSS) or Content Collaboration Platform	Essentially a public cloud that provides IT oversight.	All the problems of a public cloud solution except that IT oversight is enabled. These solutions are also expensive and complex to implement.
Private Cloud	Has the same functionality as EFSS, except that the server and storage is hosted on-premise and is under the control of IT.	Although a robust way to share files remotely, this solution can be expensive to install and maintain, often requiring new servers and storage to support, not to mention the manpower required to continually maintain, update, and ensure proper operation. And even after implemented, besides issues of version control, it covers only a subset of organizational data.

Unfortunately, most of these solutions just don't meet the needs of IT, the remote worker, the freelancer or the in-office employee. Sure, each of them checks some of the boxes, but, until now, there hasn't been a single platform that provides the kind of control, security, and management Jim would want as well as the access, collaboration tools, and availability across devices Sara needs. None of the solutions listed in the table above inherently solves the productivity losses resulting from remote workers collaborating with in-office colleagues.

# FileFlex Enterprise Allows You To Share Everything.

Thankfully, what Jim needs isn't a unicorn. The solution exists and it's called FileFlex Enterprise. This unique and disruptive solution that provides secure zero-trust remote access, sharing and remote editing of all files stored on your hybrid-IT infrastructure whether on-premises, cloud-hosted or SharePoint. A software-only solution FileFlex Enterprise provides:

## **ROBUST, SECURE AND PRIVATE FILE SHARING**

With FileFlex Enterprise you can remotely share files from source locations - where the files are saved. File sharing and access to shared files is always through the FileFlex Enterprise application and not through the use of attachments or links. This ensures that file sharing itself is through the zero trust platform, subject to permission-based user authentication, layered security and visibility and control of IT.

The technology of FileFlex Enterprise makes files and folders shared act like an extension of the recipient's local device. There are no storage limitations, no file size limits, no quality degradation (no compression) and no complicated IT type setup requirements for the sharing of files. [Watch the demo](#)

## **REMOTE EDITING CONTENT COLLABORATION**

In addition to providing remote access and sharing to file shares, FileFlex Enterprise enables remote editing content collaboration of those files for individuals and teams inside and outside the organization. The remote editing ability applies not just to file shares, but to all storage locations, from source locations whether on-premises, cloud-hosted or SharePoint. Your users can collaborate using their favorite applications like Office 365 or Google Docs. Activity tracking, audit trail, version control, file locking, a unified workflow across devices, and simple, secure access make teams more productive, protects organizational information and provides visibility and control to IT.

## **SUPPORTS THE MODERN HYBRID-IT STORAGE INFRASTRUCTURE – NO VPN**

The beauty of building secure micro channel access to storage based on zero trust is that you can use it to securely access or share any storage on the modern hybrid-IT infrastructure. That includes your on-premises storage of servers, server-attached, network attached and PCs. It includes your cloud hosted storage such as AmazonS3, Azure, Google

Cloud. It includes your public clouds. And it includes your SharePoint storage – even if you host SharePoint on-premises. With FileFlex you can access and share that storage over the internet without the need for a VPN – even to external parties without adding them as users. [More](#)

## **ZERO TRUST DATA ACCESS**

FileFlex Enterprise is a Zero Trust Data Access (ZTDA) platform for remote access and sharing of on-premises, cloud-hosted and SharePoint storage. It augments traditional perimeter-based security by always authenticating and always verifying all transactions all the time with a “never trust, always verify” model where access to data is secured and controlled through a zero-trust platform.

FileFlex Enterprise abstracts the infrastructure from shared information providing secure data access as granular as a single file and protecting against unauthorized access to the organization’s infrastructure.

FileFlex uses a set of secure zero trust processes to access, secure and transmit data. These include processes for user authentication, secure data transmission, accessing information, protecting credentials, use of anonymous tokens, request management and permission management. [More](#)

## **CREATE VIRTUAL DATA ROOMS**

With FileFlex Enterprise, you don’t need to build or pay for expensive third-party hosted data room services. You can easily create as many data rooms as you like where files and folders of information can be securely and privately uploaded without cost by your associates, vendors, suppliers and clients. Files can then be either accessed in ‘view-only’ or ‘view & print only’ mode where downloading and electronic distribution of data room content is prohibited, or they can be accessed with full editing and collaboration rights. Permissions can even be further refined on a user-by-user basis. [More](#)

## **REMOTE FILE MANAGEMENT BETWEEN STORAGE DEVICES AND LOCATIONS**

In addition, FileFlex Enterprise provides remote file management between the storage locations of your hybrid-IT infrastructure. These storage locations are no longer separate silos. Using a consistent user experience, from any remote PC, tablet or smartphone, a user can perform file management functions like cut, copy, paste, rename, delete and create a folder between any and all company storage whether on-premises storage such as server, server-attached, network-attached or the storage of user PCs or cloud-hosted storage like Amazon S3, Microsoft Azure or Google Cloud, public cloud storage such as OneDrive,

Google Drive, Dropbox and Box or either the storage of on-premises implementations or cloud-hosted implementations of SharePoint . And, as well, they can share any files that they have, stream any media or collaborate with file editing and locking. Thus, FileFlex Enterprise integrates all hybrid-IT storage and eliminates the pain of having separate silos.

[Watch the demo](#)

## **IT CONTROL**

The User Administration Console includes strong IT control over file sharing where sharing can be controlled or restricted, downloading can be restricted and even collaboration of PHI (Personal Health Information) and PII (Personally Identifiable Information) can be controlled so that no copies are ever stored on remote devices, third-party servers or by unauthorized parties.

With FileFlex Enterprise, organizations provide IT controlled access to files in their source locations or upload permission to verified trusted senders. Since access is subject to user authentication it is the perfect tool for organizations that are moving their cybersecurity paradigm from the traditional perimeter approach to the zero-trust model where information access is controlled and all users and all devices must always be authenticated.

For example, IT can allow users remote access to confidential files but not allow any sharing of these files. Or, they can allow confidential files to be shared but only in view-only mode. This is true for any storage location. IT can also allow downloading , they can allow editing or they can allow uploading for the creation of virtual data rooms.

## **OPTIONAL INTEL SGX PLATFORM HARDENING**

FileFlex Enterprise is the only solution that has the option of using Intel® SGX platform hardened secure enclaves for encryption key generation to provide added protection at the deepest level – within the silicon itself – and provide added protection against shared data being snooped or tampered with at any stage of access or transmission – even if the system is compromised. [Watch the video](#)

## **PRIVACY AND COMPLIANCE**

Privacy can be protected by keeping confidential data in on-premises source locations, behind the corporate firewall, on corporate storage assets, in specific geographic regions and access controlled to prevent secret exfiltration from third parties. This also accelerates compliance with GDPR, HIPAA and all other privacy regulations. [More](#)

## **UNPARALLELED SECURITY AND LOWERED RISK POSTURE**

In addition to being built on a zero trust data access platform, FileFlex Enterprise includes a robust security feature set that includes AES 256 encrypted hybrid point-to-point communication, double encryption, a PKI server, two-factor authentication, the option for Intel SGX silicon level hardware hardening, device authentication, virus scanning, single sign-on (SSO), active directory integration, activity log and operation and incident management.

With the ability to access and share documents from their source locations reducing or even eliminating the need for duplication you have a solution offers a much lower risk posture. And FileFlex Enterprise adds confidentiality, integrity and availability capabilities (CIA) with minimal impact on existing processes and infrastructure. [More](#)

## **THE PERFECT ADDITION TO SHAREPOINT**

FileFlex Enterprise is the perfect addition to an implementation of SharePoint. If the implementation is on-premises, then FileFlex will provide remote access and collaboration to a distributed workforce and allow for sharing with external users. Organizations do not need to migrate their SharePoint to the cloud-based version, they don't have to add external users to their SharePoint and users don't need to use a VPN for remote access. If the implementation of SharePoint is either cloud-based or on-premises, then FileFlex integrates SharePoint in a 'Single-Pane-of-Glass' dashboard with the entire corporate infrastructure to address the pain of having separate silos. [More](#)

## **IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY**

The architecture of FileFlex Enterprise addresses the inefficiency issues of uploading, downloading and syncing subsets of data to the limited storage capacity of cloud servers.

## **VERY EASY AND QUICK TO INSTALL, CONFIGURE AND MAINTAIN**

In most cases no additional manpower or infrastructure resources are required.

# FileFlex: A Case Study

Denfold Architecture is a full-service architectural firm. With offices around the world and thousands of employees, the management at Denfold has embraced remote working. Not only are they enabling their contractors and employees to work remotely, but they are using telecommuting as a perk to recruit new workers. However, management struggles to keep everyone productive. Their client files are highly sensitive, so must remain on corporate assets but emailing very large files around to dozens of people for input is very inefficient. Despite the security concerns, some internal teams have taken to the public cloud for temporary collaboration—they upload a file that everyone is working on (engineers, architects, project managers, client representatives) so that it can be easily accessed wherever team members find themselves; the file is then deleted from the cloud and stored on the corporate network after revisions have been accepted and agreed upon. But employees are spending countless hours downloading and uploading very large files, valuable time that could be better spent working on the project. Denfold's IT and executives know about the public cloud use and they're worried about files leaving the building. They knew they needed something that would enable their everyone to access any file on the network, whether remotely or from their office desk, and collaborate easily.

## The Solution

Denfold selected FileFlex Enterprise. Not only did it provide them a cross-platform solution to enable file access without having to move files from their original locations on the network, but it included built-in remote editing tools and, ultimately, saved



employees from wasting hours uploading and downloading files to work on. The best part? All the files remained on the corporate network, secured behind the firewall, and managed by user access permissions. Through a simple dashboard, Denfold IT personnel were able to quickly and easily add new storage locations or change access permissions for individual users.

## The Result

Within the first few months, Denfold knew FileFlex Enterprise was working. Not only did they see an uptick in employee collaboration, but through analysis of employee time allocation on billable projects, a significant decrease of costs related to inefficient productivity. Project teams were also able to streamline client changes by capturing change requests on site. Finally, IT was able to cut their infrastructure budget because they could use existing network-attached storage and didn't have to purchase dedicated cloud storage for remote file sharing.

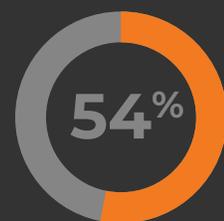
## How You Can Use FileFlex Enterprise?

Although you may not have the same needs as an architecture firm like Denfold (with teams spanning office employees, remote workers, and even client resources all needing to collaborate on files), there's a good chance that your company can use a solution like FileFlex Enterprise to stem the growing costs of wasted time and productivity related to uploading and downloading. Below are some ways that different industries might use a platform like FileFlex:

- **Advertising** — Many advertising agencies need a way to collaboratively work on huge Adobe files (representing advertising creatives and other campaign files) with a number of internal and external client departments (i.e., sales, business development, marketing, art, etc.) along with customer focus groups and others. FileFlex Enterprise can help them reduce wasted time spent uploading and downloading large project documents, whether through the public cloud or via email.
- **Construction** — These firms often need to collaborate on and manage multiple projects across different job sites which often involve enormous AutoCAD files. Project success can sometimes depend on distributed teams in the field and at the home office working together. FileFlex Enterprise gives them a way to ensure everyone can access the same files, stored in their original locations on the network, without having to resort to the public cloud.

- **Entertainment (video production)** — Video production companies often need to share massively large files for review and feedback. Timely review can often significantly impact production budgets. With FileFlex Enterprise, there's no more uploading and downloading. Everyone can access video assets where they live on the corporate network and provide feedback, perhaps through a shared document, in real-time.
- **Financial** — Financial services firms such as investment companies and banks often generate large amounts of confidential data which needs to be shared amongst a variety of different people within the organization working both at the office and remotely. FileFlex Enterprise gives these firms the ability to keep sensitive data where it belongs—on the corporate network—without sacrificing collaboration between remote and on-site workers
- **Legal and Accounting** — The legal and accounting industries are facing mounting challenges to improve collaboration with clients on-site, requiring a way to access confidential client records outside the corporate network. FileFlex Enterprise ensures that sensitive data remains protected while enabling in-office and remote workers the opportunity to collaborate transparently on shared data sets.
- **Healthcare** — Sharing Personal Health Information (PHI) is very common in the healthcare industry. For example, doctors share X-rays and other large imaging files with specialists for evaluation. Enabling secure access amongst medical professionals is critical to providing timely healthcare services for patients. Rather than passing around very large X-ray files, uses of FileFlex Enterprise can access them where they securely reside, easily share links to other FileFlex users, and collaborate without having to download anything.
- **Scientific and Engineering** — Scientific and engineering organizations often deal with large file sizes (i.e., data sets, modeling diagrams, or simulations) that don't lend themselves to email or file transfer solutions. But enabling collaboration can be critical to the success of research projects. With FileFlex Enterprise, scientists and engineers can involve collaborators from across their company, and their industry, without requiring anyone to waste time downloading data.

54% of CIOs agreed that the ability for their workforce to more easily access business applications has reduced attrition rates.<sup>5</sup>



## Sara's Back in Jim's Office...

"So, did you find a solution?" Sara asked as she fidgeted with her smartphone.

"Yes, I did," Jim replied. "In fact, the platform is already installed. It's called FileFlex Enterprise. You can access any file that's on any network drive. And if you need one that's not shared, we can enable it within a few minutes. No more public cloud. No more uploading and downloading. I think it's safe to say, no more wasting time!"

Sara looked up at the ceiling, smiling.

"Jim, I can't tell you how great that is to hear. My entire team will be more productive."

He smiled.

"I see you have your phone with you," he said. "Let's get you setup on FileFlex Enterprise right now so that you can start using the platform today."

Sara raised an eyebrow as she handed her phone to him across the desk.



***"No more public cloud. No more uploading and downloading. I think it's safe to say, no more wasting time!"***

## Can You Afford for Your Employees Not to Be Productive?

Let's face it, remote work is a way of doing business today. With Covid-19, more employees are working from home and companies are benefiting, but only when productivity can be assured. Maintaining that productivity requires everyone have access to the files they need, securely, from the devices they use without having to waste valuable time uploading and downloading from the cloud or emailing new versions. FileFlex Enterprise is the perfect solution, checking all the boxes for both IT and executives who are looking to streamline productivity and cut wasted time out of their employee's days while out performing existing remote file sharing platforms like the public cloud and complicated EFSS software.

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