

# The Top Ten Reasons Filr Offers True Enterprise File Sharing and Access

Enterprise file sharing requires a high level of security and accountability, thorough controls, and other features that empower IT to protect an organization's interests. Micro Focus® Filr is a different approach to the problem, one whose differences means it offers true enterprise file sharing and mobile access.

We don't have to explain the downsides to popular cloud file sharing or mobile access solutions. We also don't have to explain their appeal. IT departments everywhere want to give their users simple mobile access without opening their organization up to the many downsides of these cloud solutions. Simply put, users get what they want while IT retains control, and corporate assets remain well protected in your data center.

Because it is built differently, Filr:

- 1. Gives users access to their home directories.** Filr gives your users access to their home directories and network folders from any device or location. That means users can access a familiar environment where they can quickly get to work.
- 2. Offers Files on Demand.** Download only the files you need by simply clicking on them. The new Files on Demand Desktop Clients feature provides quick provisioning, fast file syncs, lower network load, and low hard disk usage. Plus you still don't need to move files into a special folder or onto a specific piece of hardware to push them to mobile devices. IT does not need to provision new storage and users don't need to create or recreate folders. You already have everything set up nicely. Filr simply helps you share it across devices.
- 3. Provides added support.** Not only does Filr support the latest operating systems from Windows and Apple, it also adds support for other platforms. Support for MariaDB, an open source database, can help you drive down TCO. Additionally, Citrix XenServer hypervisor support adds more options to host the Filr virtual appliance.
- 4. Allows users to choose the device.** Filr works with Windows and Mac desktops and mobile devices running iOS, Android, BlackBerry, or Windows Mobile. That means whether they're on a laptop, an iPhone, an Android tablet, or on another device, users can connect to their files from wherever they roam.
- 5. Connects to SharePoint 2013 On Premises.** Reclaim all of your files from SharePoint document libraries with Filr. This connector enables you to use SharePoint data without moving it anywhere. And because SharePoint 2013 ACLs are mapped to Filr roles, you won't spend valuable time on permissions.

**Unlike other mobile file access and collaborative file sharing solutions, Micro Focus Filr has been designed with the enterprise in mind, resulting in less administration, better security, and more productive users.**

## Filr: Modern file access ease, classic IT control

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**6. Deploys and updates easily.** Filr is a virtual appliance-based solution, which makes installation and deployment easy and fast for IT. Adoption is easy for users as well. They can download the Filr clients and mobile device apps in just seconds.

You can also get new features, capabilities, and updates directly to your Filr system with the online update feature, which helps simplify maintenance.

**7. Leverages your current data protection.** Because Filr connects to users' home directories and shared network folders, the data backup and security systems your IT department has built and you've invested in remain in force.

**8. Doesn't make you buy extra storage.** Yes, many cloud services give away a few gigs of storage, but for the amount of storage most organizations need, you have to pay. Why buy cloud storage when you already have a data center? With Filr, you get mobile access without an increase in storage expenses.

**9. Enhances security and compliance.** Filr provides many security features to keep your organization's data safe. Access restrictions to the Filr virtual appliance gives IT the power to control who uses the appliance. Filr works with Active Directory or eDirectory to extend the user access controls you've already developed. Whatever group and user access rights govern your home and network folders will also govern those folders and files as users access them on their mobile devices. With the ability to register and remote wipe Filr data in Desktop Clients, lost laptops won't result in lost data. The capability to encrypt the data transfer between the Filr virtual appliance and the external Filr database also increase data security.

And if you want to improve compliance in your organization, you can now require your users to accept your organization's terms and conditions before gaining access to Filr.

**10. Filr Advanced Edition.** This version of Filr has two critical features: custom branding and extended sharing. With Filr Advanced Edition, you can brand Filr with your organization's logo and colors. The extended sharing feature enables you to share subfolders inside the Net Folders both with external and internal users in a very easy, yet secured way.



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