



CloudDesktop vs. Office 365



Desktop

With CloudDesktop, you can access your apps on any device globally. RapidScale's CloudDesktop solution allows organizations to move all of their applications and desktops to the cloud. You're then able to access your virtual desktop environment through an Internet connection from any device, anywhere in the world!

Microsoft Office 365 vs. RapidScale's CloudDesktop

Office 365

Office 365 is a big player in the cloud world, especially because so many businesses today require use of the Microsoft Office products. With Office 365, businesses maintain access to the most up-to-date versions of the Office products and other included productivity services. These apps remain familiar, even in their online versions, and are generally easy to use.

However...

Office 365 is a set-in-stone solution with no customization options, no custom application integration, and no compatibility with products other than the Microsoft Office Suite. It's designed for individual and small businesses, not mid-market or enterprise-level users. Additionally, only the top-tier plans include desktop versions of the applications, meaning only select customers are able to work offline. Internet connectivity is required to install, activate and manage Office 365 plans, as well as access the Office 365 cloud productivity services. Businesses are also responsible for set up, adding user accounts, installing Office and moving existing email over themselves - unless they choose to hire an MSP or the like to handle implementation and ongoing support.

CloudDesktop

In comparison, RapidScale's CloudDesktop offers access to all business data on any device, anywhere in the world, and the ability to virtualize 97% of today's business applications. We have a 100% uptime SLA guarantee, in comparison to Office 365's 99.9% uptime SLA. CloudDesktop offers complete management, instead of requiring your business' IT staff to manage the solution. Office 365 also explicitly maintains the caveat that they can move your data "outside the primary storage region," while all RapidScale data is kept domestic and at a location selected by the customer.

Office 365 and CloudDesktop are not apples-to-apples solutions. Office 365 provides a very specific suite of business applications, while RapidScale's CloudDesktop is a fully managed Desktop as a Service solution that can integrate the majority of business applications. What is your business looking for?

Service Features

	Office 365	CloudDesktop
Management	Customer responsible for management —	Full RapidScale management option ✓
Data Access	Access only Office 365 data —	Anywhere, any time, any device access ✓
App Virtualization	Limited to Microsoft Office —	Virtualize 97% of business apps ✓
Uptime	99.9% uptime SLA —	100% uptime SLA ✓

The RapidScale Difference

Managed Cloud

RapidScale offers a unique managed cloud solution that complements any organization's current IT efforts. With a global presence, enterprise-grade infrastructure, and a team of highly knowledgeable cloud experts, RapidScale provides the most comprehensive cloud solutions available in the industry. RapidScale's team of experts is available at every stage of the process, from designing a custom cloud road map to complete account management. Our white-glove service is second to none. We provide 24x7x365 "We Care" Support and complete management and monitoring of a client's environment.

Infrastructure

RapidScale's redundant and SAS70 Type II, SSAE16-certified data centers offer clean and continuous power, high capacity redundant generators, and around-the-clock infrastructure protection. Our data centers include on-premises guards, exterior security, digital surveillance and recording, biometric scanning, secured cages, and more. They are equipped with enterprise-level technology from Cisco, NetApp, VMware, Citrix, Microsoft, SonicWALL and more.

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