

Mobility for Small Business

Everyone knows that most small business owners are movers and shakers. Chances are that while you might not be leveraging a Donald Trump-like deal, you are still moving and shaking almost 24 hours a day and you need your office to keep up with you. Making your office portable by leveraging technology tools—your friendly neighborhood IT consultants call the process “mobile computing” or “mobility”—lets you streamline your office and take it with you when you go.

Mobility—it’s more than just a laptop computer.

You can easily outfit your portable office with a minimal number of tools. To take your office on the road you need to have a well supported IT network, a mobile device and internet access.

Many choose to use a laptop computer or netbook and access WI-FI at different locations.

However, mobile computing has become even easier, cheaper and more portable with the latest generation of Smartphone which will give you internet access as long as you are in cell range.

Regardless of which mobility device you choose, with a properly secured IT network at your physical business site, you can access most of your productivity applications on the go.

Access your resources away from your business site.

Whether you’re at home watching the ball game or in a hotel after a trade conference, as a small business owner, you want access to your important IT tools and resources—regardless of your location. With the proper mobility solution and a well supported IT network at your business site, you can expect access to the following:



- **email-** access, send, and receive email on your laptop or Smartphone through POP email, Outlook Web Access, or MS Exchange.
- **office network-** connect your phone or computer to the office with full access to servers, data, and printers through a VPN (Virtual Private Network).
- **work files-** applications such as MS SharePoint let you download files using a web portal.
- **databases-** you can access your databases from your mobile device through a VPN or web browser.
- **Telephony-** many of your office's Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone features can be transferred to your Smartphone.
- **Terminal Services-** with your mobile device, you can access data but keep it secure on your business server with a Terminal Services application.
- **desktop PC-** applications like Remote Desktop give you secure access to the computers at your business site.

Make mobility work for you.

Mobility solutions are flexible and can fit the needs of most small business owners. To learn more about how to make mobility work for you, please contact the IT experts at All Covered.