

IRIS OpenHosting

Remove the headache, spiralling costs and complexity of IT management

A cost-effective, secure and scalable solution for your IT management needs

Today's accountancy practices are using IT systems and software applications to an ever greater level. The desire to increase the management control and productivity of the practice, and the need to meet mandatory compliance and legislative changes such as the Companies Act has resulted in sophisticated IT being a business necessity.

The IT burden

This IT sophistication comes with an associated cost, complexity and risk. Owning and running in-house computers with applications such as Microsoft Office, Exchange email and mission critical IRIS applications, requires a significant financial investment, as does the recruitment and retention of competent IT staff. The worry and hassle of ensuring your IT systems and software applications are physically secure, well maintained, backed up and have a disaster recovery plan, are not only complex but can also be costly. This coupled with the need for continual protection from external threats posed by viruses/hackers create a burden that most businesses reluctantly take on.

Hosted solutions can be the answer by reducing the costs, complexity and risk. However, the difficulty for accountancy practices has been to find a hosted solution partner that not only understands their office needs, but also appreciates the critical nature of their business processing software systems and their client data.

The Solution

IRIS OpenHosting has been designed to host your core software applications on dedicated, powerful servers in a highly secure, scalable Data Centre, so there's no need for any expensive server equipment in your practice. In fact, the only equipment you need to run our services at your premises are PCs and a broadband connection.

And what's more, your PCs don't even need to be state of the art!

How does it work?

You simply use Windows' standard Remote Desktop Connection from your PC or Mac to access your working platform via a broadband connection. Once connected to the remote server, you will be able to run your applications as if they were loaded onto your own computer. By moving these key applications to IRIS' hosted systems, you and your staff can concentrate on your core business, improve your productivity and control your IT spend, safe in the knowledge that your network is being looked after by a company committed to delivering to agreed Service Level Agreements (SLAs).

Because you are using our IRIS Accountancy Software - you will benefit from a whole host of integrated benefits that no other supplier can provide.

Key benefits

- Fully managed service removes your IT 'headache' and allows you to focus on developing your business
- Excellent return on investment, with monthly fees and no capital outlay
- Access to your key IRIS, Microsoft and 3rd party applications from anywhere
- 24 hour support 7 days a week

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Excellent return on investment

- Pay monthly fee per user connection and then simply pay for each additional user as you expand
- Remove your need for in-house IT personnel and equipment

High security to protect your data and your business

- All connections are fully secure and encrypted providing the highest levels of security
- Protected from spyware, viruses and hackers
- Your IT environment is kept up to date with the latest software, security updates and upgrades

State of the art

- Includes the latest Microsoft applications (Microsoft Office Standard or Office 365 and SQL) without worrying about upgrades and licence fees
- IRIS Accountancy Suite updates are automatically applied
- Hosting of 3rd party accountancy applications
- Access to experienced IT support consultants when you need them 24/7

Maximise your performance and productivity

- Enjoy improved resilience and security
- Take advantage of the system performance, stability and anytime anywhere availability
- Regular data back ups - our off site data back ups provide security and peace of mind
- Disaster recovery/Business continuity
- Planned schedule of maintenance to ensure systems are stable, secure and fast

Email with bonuses

- Email and calendar availability across multiple mobile platforms

“With IRIS providing for all our IT needs, we’ve been able to focus more closely on our core business. Meanwhile, our IT has never been more reliable, secure or so cost-effective. Yet again, IRIS has been central to one of the best decisions we’ve made for our business.”

Andrew Sinclair, Sinclair Scott