

# Novell Filr

File syncing and hosted services have multiplied in recent years, but few allow you to leverage your own enterprise-class security and most require additional layers of management. Besides, why sync and host files somewhere else when they're already available in your users' home folders and shared network folders? All you need to do is give users the easy, anytime, anywhere access they want. Novell® Filr provides file access and sharing from any device. Users get what they want; you remain in control of your files and security.



## Novell Filr at a glance:

Novell Filr provides secure mobile, desktop and web access to the files on your file servers.

### ■ Secure:

Files, and your file access controls, follow users everywhere.

### ■ Smart:

Novell Filr lets you use your existing infrastructure.

### ■ Popular:

Novell Filr will make users happy. Be the hero and give your users the file access they want.

## Users Want It

Files used to live safely behind your firewall, where IT could control things. Users, if they had to work outside the office, used a slow virtual private network connection to access their files. Then apps for mobile devices, combined with cloud-based file sharing services, introduced users to quick, anywhere file access. And users loved it.

Users began demanding the same access at work, and even began going around IT and moving work files to cloud-based services on their own. Unfortunately, these user-friendly services come with serious downsides:

- They've experienced security breaches.
- Outages are out of your control and mean no file access at all.
- File access can be slow with less productivity as a result.
- You have to duplicate files to push them to mobile devices.
- It's easy to create conflicting versions of files.

- Your existing backup and archiving processes don't apply.

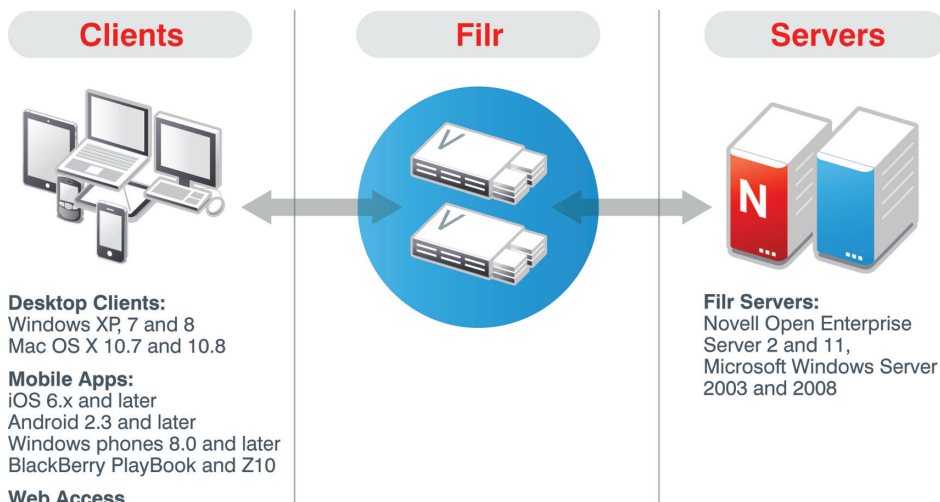
Though serious, these reasons are less important than the one primary reason IT departments haven't embraced cloud-based file services: it is illegal for many organizations to do so.

Regulations in healthcare, government and other industries set strict compliance rules that mean IT cannot always accept these cloud solutions. That doesn't always stop users from using them, however, creating a potentially dangerous situation for organizations. The users are getting what they want, but nobody else is.

## The Solution Has Arrived

Rather than trying to manage third-party services or policing users, IT departments need to offer a competitive solution. Novell Filr is the first enterprise-ready file access solution that works with your existing files and file servers. Novell Filr provides the ease of modern file access with a return to the control IT once had.

# Keep files and data where they are today—in your established and secure company file storage that already meets your regulatory requirements. At the same time, make these files accessible from anywhere and on any device.



**Figure 1.** Novell Filr connects all your endpoint devices to your servers.

Best of all, because Novell Filr uses your existing infrastructure, it is the most cost-effective way to provide mobile file access.

Novell Filr serves as the connection between your file servers and the endpoint devices your organization uses. With clients for Windows, Mac, iOS, Android, BlackBerry, Windows Mobile and web access, users can get their job done at anytime and wherever they are.

Novell Filr retains the file system rights and quotas you establish in your directory system, which means users enjoy a familiar experience whether they're working in the office or on the go. By working in their home directories, users will be able to work faster, create files confidently and never have to worry about duplicating files or reconciling conflicting versions. Novell Filr can not only make your users happy, it can make them more productive.

## How Novell Filr Benefits IT

Making users more productive can be good for your organization, but if doing so means overworking your IT team or compromising IT goals, it isn't a complete solution. Novell Filr excels by providing significant benefits to IT and your organization as a whole.

### USES YOUR EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Novell Filr uses the servers and directory services you already have deployed. This makes users more productive and means a low total cost of ownership for your organization.

Your security mechanisms, such as file access and sign-on requirements, remain intact with Novell Filr. In addition, you don't need to expand or change the backup and recovery systems you've already invested in. Because the files haven't moved, they're still protected.

### GETS TO WORK FAST

Because Novell Filr works with your current infrastructure, setup is quick. Novell Filr comes as a VMware virtual appliance, thus providing a rapid installation. Users do not need to move files, which allows them to get to work immediately. Because Novell Filr and the files it manages look the same on all devices, user adoption is fast as well.

### CONTROLS SHARING THROUGH POLICIES

Novell Filr allows your users to share files with those inside or outside your organization. This can make work with contractors and other companies much more efficient. Novell Filr also provides you with ways to monitor this sharing so that your vital company assets remain secure.

You can control what features users have available and with what files and folders they can use them. For instance, you could limit most users to only share project documents internally, while allowing members of Marketing to fully share product flyers and data sheets externally. You might allow members of the Finance group to share internally, but recipients can not re-share those documents.

For each folder Novell Filr is managing, you can define for each user or group if you allow internal sharing, external sharing and public sharing. If you allow public sharing users could post a link to a file on the web or Twitter which would take people directly to the file.

### EASES MOBILE DEVICE MANAGEMENT

Determining how users can access, edit and share files on their mobile devices is one of the largest challenges of mobile device management. Novell Filr addresses this challenge, making mobile device management a much more obtainable goal for your organization. Administrators can view the devices that have accessed the Filr system and erase Filr data on specific devices. This helps you keep your data secure even when devices are lost or stolen.

**With Novell Filr, files stay where they belong: on your corporate file servers.**

### WORKS IN HETEROGENEOUS ENVIRONMENTS

Novell Filr works in Novell Open Enterprise Server or Windows Server environments and integrates with NetIQ eDirectory and Microsoft Active Directory.

### PROVIDES WEB-BASED MANAGEMENT

Your IT staff can manage Novell Filr from a web portal that lets them monitor and control file use and sharing. They can do so from wherever they have Internet access.



**Figure 2.** Novell Filr provides users with a consistent file access experience whether they access their files on the iPad as shown here, on their smartphone or on their laptop.

### CONNECTS WITH ALMOST ANYTHING

Novell Filr offers a consistent user experience with apps for iPhone and iPad, Mac, Windows and Windows Mobile, BlackBerry, Android and a web access client. Users can get to their files anytime, anywhere. Bring your own device (BYOD) policies can be a headache for IT, but with the many clients available for Novell Filr, file access for user devices becomes easy. Users download the correct app for their device and they instantly have access to all their files.

**Modern file access ease. Classic IT control.**

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