

The Right Technology Can Transform A Drab Home Office

The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) trend has enabled many organizations to leverage work-from-home policies. For many companies, it's proven to be beneficial in a number of ways. Telework solutions allow employees to work while traveling or from home when the weather prevents them from getting to the office.

However, telecommuting does little to promote productivity if the right technology isn't implemented at a home office or remote work site. This is why remote employees and business leaders need to make sure they are able to procure the best unified communications (UC) tools available.

One of the most important technologies when it comes to enabling remote work is presence systems. With a presence platform in place, remote workers can interact with colleagues in a more natural manner, allowing for enhanced collaboration.

Instant messaging is another business communications technology that should be included with any quality UC interface. Although often viewed a simple tool, it's one of the most used communications channels in the enterprise world.

Although there are useful UC features that can be included in any remote work suite, unified voicemail and other technologies that allow mobile integration and video conferencing systems are particularly beneficial.

CONNECTING YOUR HOME OFFICE to HEADQUARTERS

Whether it's to avoid inclement weather or accommodate family commitments, a greater proportion of employees are working from home these days. But to retain the same productivity levels they enjoy in the office, they'll need the right mix of communications technologies to bridge the gap.



1 PRESENCE

When co-workers can no longer peek into your cubicle or knock on your door, they'll need digital confirmation of your availability instead.

2 INSTANT MESSAGING

Solving quick questions via chat saves colleagues a few steps when in the office, but when you're away for the entire day it helps them avoid unnecessary emails and phone calls.

3 UNIFIED VOICEMAIL

For clients and partners only aware of your desk extension, you'll want their timely messages relayed to your smartphone or delivered as an audio attachment via email.

4 MOBILE INTEGRATION

Telecommuters can take seamless connectivity to the next level with mobile apps that direct all voice calls through a singular number accessible on all your devices.

5 VIDEO CONFERENCING

Especially for extended stays away from the office, retaining face-to-face interaction in business dealings is essential for both sides of the conference.

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