

Community Nextcloud

A sovereign online workplace alternative.

Mail, files, talk and the calendar — on a server that is yours. We set it up. You keep the keys.

This note is for organisations that want everyday work to sit on infrastructure they control, rather than in a rented suite. OSOS stands up Community Nextcloud as a complete place to work — hosted for you, or installed where you already pay for a machine. The product is the same either way. Size is a matter of the machine, not a different kind of workplace.

What the workplace holds

The replacement surface is the daily office: conversation next to the files it is about, mail on your domain, a shared diary, documents written together in the browser, and search that reaches inside what you already keep — including scans. It also holds the rest of the desk: the address book, the passwords the team shares, and the bookmarks people keep.

Talk Chat and calls that stay on your server, next to the work they concern.	Mail and diary Inboxes on your domain. A shared calendar. A mail server when the job needs one.	Files together Shared folders, versions, and one place instead of hunting across inboxes.	Write and find Documents, sheets and slides in the browser. Search inside files. Read what was only a scan.
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Contacts The address book next to mail and talk — not a separate list to keep in step.	Passwords The secrets the team shares, on the same server as the files they unlock.	Bookmarks The links people keep, collected with the work instead of scattered in browsers.
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You choose among three sovereign options for creating documents online. The instance can carry your mark on the login and the workspace. We can bring across the work you already use — files first, mail if you want it — so the first Monday is not an empty desk.

Who it is for

Medium and large teams, up to thousands of people. Fit is sizing: more disk, more talking rooms — not a different product. The public frame is a sovereign online workplace, hosted or in-house. We work globally, with the weight of our practice in the UK, the EU, the Middle East and Africa, and the United States and Canada.

Built so your information can stay under rules that fit your organisation and region. Your country. Your server. We do not take the files home.

How we help

Two ways to stand it up. Then, if you want, the quiet work of keeping it running.

We can host it You choose the country and the provider. That choice is part of the price. Care of the machine afterwards is there, if you want it.	Or we install on yours A server you already pay for. We put the workplace on it and hand you the credentials.	Then the quiet work Updates, backups, someone to write to, and training for the people who will live in it. Each is there if you want it, priced on its own.
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What a stand-up always includes — and what it does not

Turnkey stand-up is billed once, per case. Running and support are priced separately. We quote the work you ask for — not a ready-made package.

Always in the stand-up	Never inside the install fee
• Community Nextcloud Hub, installed and configured. • TLS and a sound baseline. • The agreed apps for files, talk, mail, calendar, documents, contacts, passwords and bookmarks — shaped with the features already in the software. • Credentials handed over. You keep the keys. • A workplace that can look like you — logos and branding on the instance.	• A product licence. Community Nextcloud is free software. The fee is the work: standing the workplace up — and looking after it afterwards, if you ask. • A new application written for you. Shaping the standard apps, and using the features already in the code, is part of the stand-up. A purpose-built app is a later conversation. • Ongoing support after go-live. That is an option, priced with the case — not assumed in the stand-up.

Training

Training is in scope. How much belongs in the quote depends on who will run the workplace day to day. Typical shapes are an admin handover for the people who hold the keys, and user workshops for the team that will live in it. Both are priced with the case, not as a hidden extra after go-live.

How a figure is reached

There are no ready-made packages. After a short note we come back with a shape and a figure — not a slide deck. What moves the number:

- How many people will use it, and whether the machine is yours or ours.
- Where it should sit, if we host — country and provider are part of the price.
- Whether mail needs a server stood up, and how much of the old work should come across.
- How much training the admins and the users need before the first Monday.

Stand-up is one-off. Hosting, updates, backups and support are separate, so you can take only the parts you want.

A first conversation

A name, a way to write back, the organisation, roughly how many people would use it, and a few words about the project. That is enough. We scope the rest after that. Write to hello@ososconsulting.co.uk.

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