

DocMax Azure Document Storage

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As part of our ongoing attempts to streamline StrataMax systems and corresponding costs related to data storage, we're introducing **DocMax Online Document Hosting**, a secure cloud solution designed to help you manage documents more efficiently while lowering storage costs.

From your perspective, there's no noticeable change - everything stays familiar, with only a minimal delay when opening or previewing older documents.

How It Works

DocMax Online seamlessly shifts your documents to our secure private Azure cloud:

- Documents upload automatically each night.
- Recent documents stay cached locally for quick access (30 days – configurable).
- Cloud-stored documents load normally, with just a slight delay to retrieve from Azure.
- Metadata (titles, categories, searchable text) stays local for rapid searching.

What This Means for You

- **Reduced Costs:** Significantly lower local storage and backup expenses.
- **Improved Performance:** Lighter local storage means faster server operation.
- **Quick Backups and Recovery:** Smaller backups speed up backup processes and recovery times.
- **High Security:** Secure storage in Azure's Australia East data centre, fully compliant with Australian data regulations.
- **Simplified Upgrades:** Easier and cheaper future server migrations.

Understanding Your Cost Savings

Typical local storage scenarios include additional replication and backup costs:

- **Storage Costs:** \$0.10 to \$0.60 per GB/month.
- **Replication Impact:** Typically 3 to 4 additional database backup copies on disk + server snapshots multiplied by number of days snapshots are kept.
 - e.g 3 days live SQL backups on the server, and 30 days of system snapshots.
- **Backup Costs:** Additional offline or cloud backups (\$0.10 to \$0.30 per GB/month).

Combining these, your actual monthly storage expenses often range from **\$0.50 to over \$2.00 per GB/month**.

DocMax Online Cost: Only **\$0.30 per GB/month**, inclusive of storage, replication, and backups.

Getting Started

Setup is seamless and handled gradually overnight, typically completed within a few weeks. We'll coordinate directly with the Smile IT team throughout.

Requirements:

- Stable internet connection (minimum 50 MB/s upload/download).

Built-in Security and Backups

Your data is securely stored with Azure Zone-Redundant Storage (ZRS) in Australia East, providing reliable access and comprehensive backups:

- **Operational backups:** Continuous, retained for 42 days.
- **Vaulted backups:**
 - Daily backups (21 days)
 - Weekly backups (6 weeks)
 - Monthly backups (12 months)

All backups for DocMax Azure storage are included at no extra charge.