



# Make the move to the cloud with Office 365 and Windows 8

## CUSTOMER

Our client is a dance Awarding Organisation offering teacher training and examinations in classical ballet, tap, modern and jazz. Its qualifications are offered throughout the UK and abroad. The company has 10 in-house staff and works with 500+ teachers across the country. The company has charity status and is committed to maintaining and improving its reputation for excellence by providing high quality dance education and training through its syllabi, examinations, music and resources.

## SCENARIO

Due to recent change and out of date hardware the company had been working with an independent consultant to develop their information technology strategy. The objective was to both modernise the services in-house and provide secure data outside of the organisation

There were concerns with data security and data back-up. The company was using hosted email via its Internet Service Provider ("ISP") but this was only available in the office and was unreliable. The backup was a manual task to USB devices.

## APPROACH

Beyond was consulted to see how Cloud services would compare against purchasing new server hardware and software. We demonstrated the benefits of the latest version Office 365 and Windows 8. By the following morning the new Cloud system was provisioned for use, followed by an upgrade project from Windows XP to Windows 8 running Office 2013 on the desktop.

Throughout this process the top priority was the end-user experience and the adoption of many new services and technology. We also decided to migrate in a phased approach so that end-users could become with their new software in different stages.

## PROJECT DETAILS

We ran a workshop to determine what, in terms of IT, was important to the business. In addition we compared on-premise server solutions versus Office 365. It became clear that secure external access for people outside the organisation would propel the business. In addition we agreed an on-premise server solution would be burdened with the same data security and data back-up problems. The last element was cost – Office 365 is available for a low cost monthly fee versus a costly initial capital expenditure.

We moved all email to the Cloud immediately to address the ISP reliability problem. This provided instant benefits as staff could check email on smartphones and PCs outside the business.

After auditing software and checking compatibility we installed new hardware running Windows 8. Moving to the new Metro Interface was easier than anticipated and users reported their preference for its simplicity and clean looks. With the addition of SkyDrive Pro data was both shared and secured in an instant.

Lastly we configured SharePoint Online in order to provide the business interaction with its external user base of 500 teachers.



## BENEFITS

The benefits of working with Beyond for this client were:

- Secured e-mail accessible virtually anywhere worldwide
- Secured data
- Future-proof platform for the business
- Staff now fully focused on IT



## THE RESULTS

See the BBO video case study for further details.

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- Head of Operations

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