What to look for in an MFT solution in 7 words

There are many managed file transfer solutions out there and many words to describe them. Although one word may not be worth a thousand pictures, these seven words can paint a pretty sharp picture of what to look for if you want the ideal MFT solution for your company.

01 Security

Your company's data and brand integrity are on the line – not to mention your customers'. Today's MFT solutions must provide centralized control of the entire MFT ecosystem — easily via a single administration console. Predictive monitoring, alerts, and actions backed by machine learning help you monitor file transfers so you can ensure you meet your SLAs and avoid costly security-related incidents.
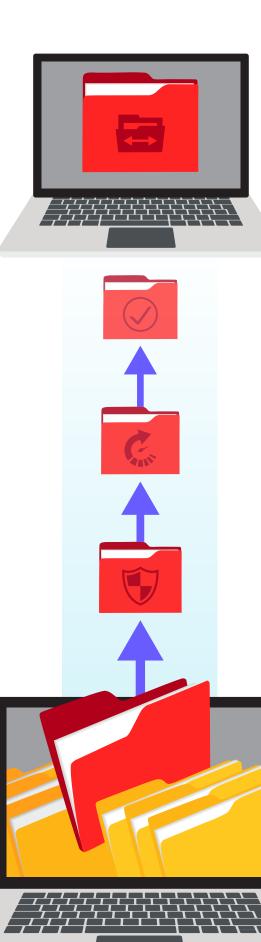
02 Speed

To get things done faster, lose the bottlenecks. The right MFT solution will significantly cut the time it takes to create and deploy file transfers. Look for one where business users can easily create file transfer services, subscribe partners, and manage file transfers themselves, without having to wait for help from an overworked IT department.

03 Simplicity

Look for an MFT solution that takes the complexity out of controlling file flow across platforms, operating systems, and locations. You should be able to build critical, high-volume, application-to-application data flows with a multiplatform, multisite file transfer controller. The ability to create and publish prepopulated templates for various file transfer flows also simplifies processes.

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04 Automation

MFT speed, simplicity, and accuracy most often rely on automation. Make sure your MFT solution gives you the advantages of automated workflows to encrypt and transfer files according to your organization's requirements. Headless operations and API-driven commands enable collaborative, game-changing innovation.

05 Compliance

To ensure total compliance globally, your managed file transfer has to safeguard critical data and files, provide granular visibility and control of the entire MFT ecosystem, and give you complete audit trails for data residency and access. Your MFT solution must ensure data and files comply with a growing alphabet soup of privacy regulations, including HIPAA, PCI, DSS, GDPR, and others.

06 Integration

MFT capabilities can't exist in a vacuum. They need to connect as seamlessly as possible to other solutions from numerous outside vendors. Find a solution that lets you integrate administrative, flow management, and governance capabilities into third-party custom applications or IT Service Management (ITSM) solutions using a comprehensive set of REST APIs.

07 Scalability

File-flow volumes are not static and are quite changeable. You need a managed file solution that scales as your business does and can be deployed however you need it – as a subscription service on-premises, in a private cloud, public cloud, hybrid cloud, or in your provider's managed cloud. Adjusting to changing needs should be easy so you can deploy, configure, and manage MFT using a single point of control.

Ready to modernize your MFT solution to achieve scale, security, and compliance?

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