



# Prep for the office of the future with DaaS

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It's hard to believe it's been only 10 years since smartphones hit the market. A decade later, smartphones are ubiquitous in the workplace. We may not know what the next revolutionary invention is, but one thing is certain: The office of the future will differ greatly from the office of today—both in looks and operation.

The office environment is changing rapidly as technology evolves, and it's up to IT decision-makers (ITDM) to ensure organizations can keep up with the changes. It's all about staying one step ahead of the curve—and leveraging a Device as a Service (DaaS) solution can be the leg up ITDMs need to keep their businesses consistently prepared for upcoming technology updates and requirements. With DaaS, you can have a mix of hardware, accessories, services, and support—all under one contract with a fixed price per device, per month.

## Walk a mile in IT's shoes

In today's work environment, the typical ITDM faces a number of challenges in their quest to enhance efficiency and implement technology solutions for the business. The latest and greatest technologies can prove expensive to introduce into the workplace, especially if they require new or upgraded devices and architecture.

Plus, if your organization's device fleet features a wide range of operating systems, applications, and software versions, device management can

become overly complex and time consuming. On top of that, your team likely works hard to secure the hundreds or thousands of endpoints within that fleet. ITDMs have their work cut out for them when it comes to managing devices—just to protect the network—leaving little time to truly innovate and advance strategic solutions for their businesses.

This is exactly where a DaaS solution comes into play—**keeping technology current**, up to date, and in prime working condition when it comes to device health. Many ITDMs have turned to “as a Service” options to streamline the management of all the devices connected to the corporate network, freeing up the IT team to do what they do best: innovate.

## Pave the way for the office of the future

What exactly does the future office look like? No one can absolutely predict its final form, but it's safe to say the office will be connected and revolve around collaborative technology and interactive devices. The “office” of the future may not even be located in an office—many companies are employing more flexibility when it comes to working from home or on the go. Millennials, especially, are more invested in flexibility when it comes to the perfect workplace—and they also want state-of-the-art technology, because that's what they've grown up with and know the best. It's become an expectation.

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This puts the onus on IT to meet—and exceed—those expectations and pave the way for a smooth transition to the office of the future. But keeping consistency across the device environment can prove challenging for modern ITDMs. For example, today's workers want to use the systems and devices that suit their needs—and often, they are using more than one device and system. Another instance that can cause snags is when different departments and job skills within an organization require vastly different applications.

At the end of the day, not everyone is as comfortable with the same devices across the board, so diversity in operating systems may happen naturally. With a solution like **HP DaaS**, IT can manage multi-platform environments and keep the devices current as the technologies advance. When employees are comfortable with technology, productivity and efficiency increase.

With the prevalence of cyber attacks today, closing any security skills gaps is also vital to the health and well-being of the entire company. With HP

analytics and proactive management, an HP DaaS plan can also detect anomalies and help IT better provide protection across devices by keeping them in tip-top shape at all times. These services allow you to identify issues before they occur, allowing for quick repair and maintenance, rather than fixing a device after it breaks. The secure disposal of devices is just as important to data security. HP DaaS end-of-life services deactivate, clean, and dispose of the devices safely, leaving no data trails to potentially impact your business, as well.

The right DaaS solution can streamline processes and keep business running smoothly—and when business is running smoothly, ITDMs can spend more time planning and strategizing for the future of the business. HP DaaS services, specifically, can help businesses identify device issues proactively instead of reactively, boosting IT efficiency and maximizing uptime in the long run. In short, rather than trying to keep up with the office of the past, your organization will be better prepared for the office of the future with the help of a DaaS solution.

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