

# Alfresco Mobile for Android



## Will there be an Alfresco Mobile app for Android?

Yes, at Alfresco we recognize the increasing use of Android tablets in enterprise, and the need these users have to access, manage, share and collaborate on their vital content from their mobile device. To meet their needs, we've been working on an Android app to bring them a comparable experience to that of our iPad and iPhone Alfresco Mobile users.

By downloading the free Alfresco Mobile app, our customers will be able to:

- Instantly sign up for a free 10GB Alfresco in the cloud account
- Navigate and search sites and folders in their Alfresco account(s)
- View, amend and save back changes to their documents using their iPad or Android tablet, or smartphone
- Download documents for offline working
- Upload documents to collaborate with others
- Comment on documents stored in Alfresco, and read comments made by others.



## When will Alfresco Mobile for Android be ready?

October 2012 will see the launch of the first Alfresco Mobile app on Android, so there is not long to wait. We'll also be updating the app regularly with additional features and improvements to enhance the mobile experience and streamline the way our Android users work with their content. The second version of the app will follow soon after and can be expected before the end of 2012.

## The Alfresco Mobile Android strategy — An insight

Smartphones are great, but it is tablets that are emerging as the truly groundbreaking tools that are making things easier, speedier and more mobile in enterprise. While users can grab their smartphone from their pocket to quickly view a document, check someone else's response or fire off a quick update, the tablet is much more practical and comfortable for viewing and working with documents. It is their tablet which will allow users to amend their presentation seconds before the vital pitch, update reports in real-time during meetings and take advantage of those precious moments in between appointments to review, amend and feedback on content.

More portable than a laptop, more functional than a smartphone, the tablet is the ideal middle-ground for mobile workers.

In regard to operating systems, we initially focused on Apple's iOS, recognizing the fact that the iPad is the fastest selling mobile device in history\*, and being adopted within organisations all over the world — either through official enterprise policy or the burgeoning Bring Your Own Device trend. As the number of Android devices available on the market continues to grow, we recognize the importance of providing an Alfresco Mobile Android client to bring the benefits of Alfresco to a wider mobile workforce.

## What features will be included for Android?

The Alfresco Mobile for Android app will mirror the Alfresco Mobile for iOS app as much as possible, taking into account the differing aspects of the two operating systems. Whilst not visually identical, Alfresco Mobile for Android 1.0 (October launch) will have feature parity with Alfresco Mobile for iOS 1.2.2. Similarly, the second iteration of our Android app will deliver a comparable experience to our iOS 1.3 app.

### Key features in iOS 1.2.2 / Android 1.0:

- enhanced visuals for the iPad Retina display
- easy Alfresco in the cloud sign-up
- QuickOffice integration

### Key features in iOS 1.3 / Android 1.1:

- additional security, including password entry each time app is accessed
- batch upload and download
- enhanced metadata

View our full Product Roadmap here: [bit.ly/alfrescoroadmap](http://bit.ly/alfrescoroadmap)

## Is there anything that won't be included in the Android app?

We're not excluding any features on purpose, but due to the nuances of the differing operating systems, there will be occasions where users will notice a difference in experience. For example, iOS offers an in-app document preview, whereas Android users will preview their documents via an in-app thumbnail and get a full view by opening the documents in third party apps.

## What about Alfresco Mobile apps for other operating systems?

Following the recent announcement that Microsoft is going to enter the tablet market with the Surface devices, we are watching the situation closely. As mentioned before, our focus is on tablets, so we will be constantly evaluating how to best serve our users and the devices they use, and may add a Windows RT version in due course.

At present, the tablet offering from RIM is too small to consider, but we will be monitoring that market as well.

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