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Mobile Synchronization

Mobile devices present some challenges for IT professionals. Mobile devices are easily lost, damaged, or stolen. With mobile synchronization, an IT professional can easily restore all the data stored on a lost or damaged device to a new device. This reading covers mobile synchronization on devices for collaboration with productivity platforms.

Mobile synchronization as backup

Most mobile OS platforms have built-in ways to backup mobile data to the cloud. For detailed steps on how to back up an Andriod or iOS device click below:

- Back up or restore data on your Android device
- How to back up your iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch

These backup methods help preserve the data carried on a mobile device and exchange it with other devices. They preserve the key types of data that a user wants to have backed up:

- App data
- Call history
- Contacts
- Settings
- SMS messages
- Pictures and videos
- MMS messages

As a backup method, mobile synchronization allows an IT professional to move the user's data seamlessly to a new device.

Mobile synchronization for collaboration and productivity platforms

Mobile synchronization is essential to today's collaboration and productivity platforms, such as Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace. These are account-based platforms that allow the user to link familiar productivity software and apps to a particular user or company profile. This way one username and password connects the user to the files, photos, people, and content needed to sync across different instances of the software or app.

Sync Microsoft 365 to a mobile device

To sync Microsoft 365 to a mobile device, the user needs to have a Microsoft account. With a Microsoft account, a user can set up Office apps and email on an iOS or Android mobile device. This setup process typically involves installing and setting up the Outlook mobile app for email, and the Office mobile app for other Microsoft tools, like Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. The following link provides detailed guidance on how to set up these capabilities on a device:

- 1. <u>Set up Office apps and email on an iOS or Android mobile device</u>
- 2. Use apps provided by Microsoft to sync the account with your device (consult your app store to find apps developed by Microsoft).

Sync Google Workspace to a mobile device

To sync email, calendar, and contacts using Google Workspace on an iOS or Android mobile device:

- 1. <u>Set up Google Workspace on a device</u>
- 2. Use apps provided by Google to sync the account with your device (consult your app store to find apps developed by Google).

To ensure that users have the most up-to-date information it is important to synchronize mobile devices on a regular basis.

Key takeaways

Mobile synchronization allows for data to be recovered if a mobile device is lost or damaged. It also ensures users have the most up-to-date information on any platform they use.

- Mobile OS platforms have built-in ways to backup the data carried on your mobile device and exchange with other devices.
- Account-based platforms link familiar productivity software and apps to a particular user profile. One username and password syncs files, photos, people, and content across different instances of the software or app.

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