

# EY CANVAS

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## EY CANVAS application description

### What is EY Canvas?

**EY Canvas** is a new web-based application, which will be used to execute and document all of EY's audit engagements across the world.

**EY Canvas** was designed to be simple, scalable, and flexible, with a user-experience design and features that will transform the way EY teams do their audits.

**EY Canvas** is focused on improving project management, surfacing areas of risk through its state of the art design, delivering relevant content and improving workflow, which we believe will ultimately lead to higher quality audits.

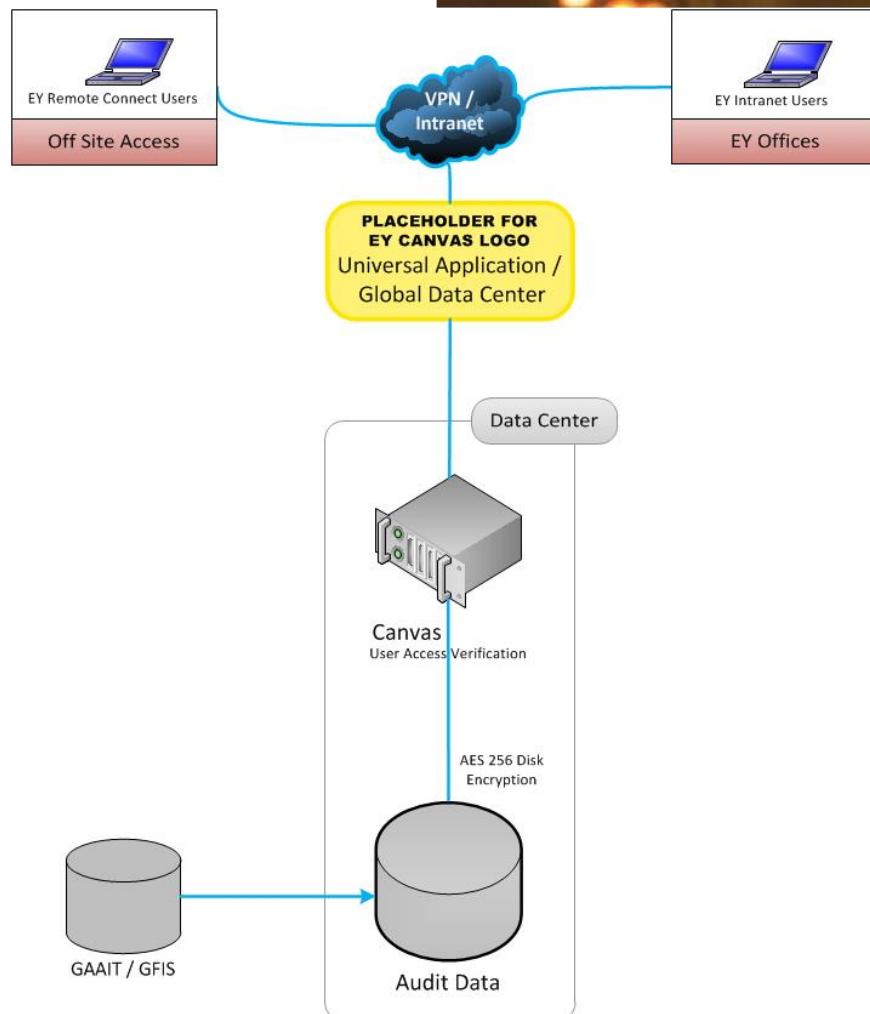


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# EY CANVAS technical information

## EY Canvas architecture

- ▶ The main home page for the EY Canvas web application, where users access the Universal Application, is hosted in Frankfurt.
- ▶ EY Canvas utilizes two databases: a globally single Universal database, and the engagement database, which is geographically located.
- ▶ Once an engagement is created, the engagement profile is stored in the appropriate Global Data Center.
- ▶ Engagement data is stored on the appropriate Regional Server, depending on the location of the engagement.
- ▶ Where needed for privacy issues, data will be stored on in-country servers.





## Engaging EY

If you have questions or concerns regarding EY CANVAS, please contact your engagement team.

## EY Canvas features and functionality

- ▶ **Synchronization** - Being a web-based application allows EY Canvas to minimize the amount of synchronization and conflicts for the user. The EY Canvas Document Helper, an application that runs in the background, ensures seamless document synchronization between the user's local storage and EY servers.
- ▶ **Offline** - Users with limited or no network connectivity can perform certain functions offline to allow them to continue to be productive in that such environment. When a user bookmarks a task, EY Canvas uses the latest HTML5 and browser technology to store the task information in the browser's local storage making it accessible while offline and easily syncing it back when connection is restored. Additionally, the EY Canvas Document Helper ensures that any documents edited while offline are seamlessly synced when connection is established.
- ▶ **Consistent data security** – Going to a web-based application provided us with an opportunity to limit the amount of client data that is stored locally in EY computers. Only data related to “bookmarked” tasks are stored locally in the user's computer. In addition, every computer at EY is encrypted with Symantec, providing additional security for any information stored locally. EY Canvas is accessed from the EY network, or via EY Remote Connect – our VPN. EY Canvas also uses Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) and Vormetric to encrypt data at rest and at flight, ensuring that data is never sent over the public internet or stored without encryption.
- ▶ **Access to engagements** - Access to engagement content is on an invitation-only basis. Only users within the EY active directory can be invited into an engagement from an existing engagement team member.
- ▶ **Central storage and compliance with privacy laws** - All off the engagement data is stored within secured EY servers. EY servers are set-up in order to comply with country data privacy laws and regulations.

## EY Canvas port utilization

EY Canvas uses Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS) for its secure communication protocol. As a result, the port use for this communication is port 443, which is the default port for this protocol.

# EY CANVAS FAQs

## What is EY Canvas?

EY Canvas is a web-based application that will be used to execute and document all of EY's audit engagements.

## What are the connectivity requirements for using EY Canvas?

EY Canvas requires connectivity to the EY network, through either direct network connection or VPN, Internet Explorer 11, and the most current version of the EY Canvas Document Helper.

## What is the EY Canvas Document Helper?

EY Canvas Document Helper is an application that works with Internet Explorer to upload, download and synchronize documents between EY Canvas and someone's hard drive.

## How is data in EY Canvas secured?

EY Canvas is a proprietary web-based application that operates only within the secure EY network. Data is encrypted and stored in EY's secure servers that are only available from within the EY network. The location and configuration of these servers comply with data privacy laws and regulations for all locations in which we provide services.

## How do I open EY Canvas when I am offline?

When you are offline, you can open EY Canvas from your Internet Explorer favorites list and then select "work offline". Only tasks previously bookmarked are available offline.

## How can I transfer information from my GAMx engagement to my engagement in the 31.new audit tool?

You can select to initiate the transfer of a GAMx 7.1 or GAMx-SA 3.1 archive file after profiling your EY Canvas engagement. If you decide to skip this step, you can initiate a migration later at any time by clicking on the engagement settings icon and select 'Transfer from GAMx'.

## Will the tool be available on other devices (smartphone/tablet)?

Yes, in future releases, certain features will be available on tablets and other devices.

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