



Embrace the next

CREATING AN INTELLIGENT WORKSPACE
WITH MICROSOFT SURFACE AND XMA



Times are always changing

Pre-pandemic ways of working are a thing of the past. Now, the popularity of hybrid working has exploded, and shows no sign of slowing down. The “how” and “where” of work has changed forever. But we all already know this.



The question is, how do we adapt to changing workplace expectations? Not just the challenges we face today – such as remote collaboration and device security – but challenges that are yet to come?

Building a strong, adaptable digital workspace is the answer. A truly flexible setup allows your business to move forward as expectations and challenges change, while giving your IT team time to be proactive, rather than reactive.

Microsoft Surface devices, coupled with XMA expertise could be the answer. Built to handle changing working expectations, while boasting the latest hardware and security features, Surface could help businesses like yours work the way they want, now and for the future.

In this guide, we'll examine the importance of the digital workspace, and uncover how Surface and XMA can help.

Why Microsoft Surface?

Surface devices have quickly made a name for themselves in the business and consumer world. Featuring a premium build and design, the latest smart features and unique Microsoft benefits, they're a desirable option with significant advantages, including business security and cloud management.

From the phone-like Surface Duo to the icon that is the Surface Pro, there's a device for everyone, all packed with innovative features – including biometric cameras and premium Alcantara-covered keyboards.

What is an intelligent workspace?

Although every industry has a different view of home and hybrid working, with 80% of UK information and technology workers currently working from home, compared to just 7.8% for food and hospitality¹, there is a clear sea change happening. Even if you do plan on returning to the office, an increased sense of flexibility is now required. Wherever you work must become more adaptable to change. We call this “intelligent working”.

Fortunately, it's possible to build an intelligent, hybrid workspace right now, without enormous investment or difficulty – thanks to Microsoft and XMA.

Depending on how you choose to use it, this can lead to significant benefits. Including:



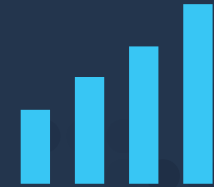
Continuity amidst uncertainty

With a Microsoft Surface-based digital workspace, organisations gain the ability to adapt on the fly. No matter if you come face to face with another wave of pandemic, or even a simple power outage, you'll have the tools you need to adapt quickly.



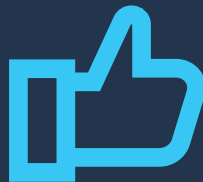
Security without restriction

With users working outside the office, you could rightfully be concerned about security. But the right infrastructure, support and cloud security from Microsoft could actually make you more secure than ever before.



Growth and innovation

When people are comfortable in their workspace, they'll perform at their peak. When we embrace creative ways of working, creative work often results.



Happier people

An intelligent workspace gives people the ability to work how they want. That means better results and happier employees.



A connected workforce

Just because people aren't working in the same office doesn't mean they're not working together. Microsoft technology can keep the human connection strong.

How to implement an intelligent workspace

Achieving an intelligent workspace requires several steps. Here are our tips to get you started:



STEP 1 – ASSESS INFRASTRUCTURE AND TEAMS

Your technology should support your goals and ambitions. Make sure to think carefully about what you need.

Office environments could benefit from Surface Studio 2 – a powerful creative hub that offers ultimate performance. Workers on the move may benefit more from Surface Laptop Go, thanks to its featherweight design and premium build quality.



STEP 2 – MAKE A PLAN

Get everything in place, before you begin rolling out a new system. Make sure to use our experience, as well as Microsoft's deployment and management features, such as Autopilot.

Looking to keep control of a varied suite of Surface devices? Microsoft Endpoint Manager brings together enhanced security, device management and much more into a single cloud-based platform. Wherever your devices are, you stay in control.



STEP 3 – STAY SAFE

There's no need to worry about your security when you go remote or hybrid. Microsoft Surface devices boast enhanced security from Windows Defender and Endpoint Manager, allowing you to spot and handle threats easily across a wide range of devices.

Want extra peace of mind? XMA's specialists can handle your device security for you. From scheduling updates to detecting threats, or simply delivering devices with extra security software, we can help.



STEP 4 – WORK WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE

To make the most of the intelligent workspace opportunity, you need to work with people who will put the time in, understand your needs and work out what is right for you.

XMA has been a trusted partner to the public and private sectors for decades. We understand Microsoft platforms, how they can be most effectively used in each stage of digital transformation, and how they integrate into a variety of ecosystems.



Face the future with Microsoft Surface and XMA

At XMA, we are dedicated to helping our clients maximise the return on their IT investments and, ultimately, reset the balance for a stronger, more effective business.

Our close relationship with Microsoft, coupled with our product development expertise and buying power helps businesses just like yours determine the right technology for your users' needs.

Speak to us today about getting started on the next stage of your business journey.

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