

WS_FTP Server Ad Hoc Transfer Module

Person-to-person File Transfer



Each and every day, billions of files are transferred as employees send critical information to other people around the globe as part of their daily work. Email is the most popular mechanism for this type of collaboration, but email solutions only allow companies to enforce certain policies, such as file attachment policies. As a result, most organizations haven't done as much as they can to make file-sharing processes as fast, easy, and secure as possible, making file sharing a real risk ... and a real opportunity.

Now organizations can enforce consistent policies and processes around person-to-person file transfers – email attachment offloading, security, privacy, risk mitigation, eDiscovery, and more – with the WS_FTP Server Ad Hoc Transfer module. It not only gives companies unparalleled governance, but it also allows end users to send information, with anyone, in a fast, easy, secure, visible, and well managed way.

The Ad Hoc Transfer module enables secure person-to-person file transfer using the convenience of any supported web browser or Microsoft Outlook. Users can send files to anyone in the world with an email address – quickly, easily, and securely.

Available as an optional module for WS_FTP Server solutions, the Ad Hoc Transfer module enables organizations to manage person-to-person file transfer interactions and proactively apply email attachment offloading, encryption, access control and authentication, data loss prevention, and content management policies. It also provides reactive management technologies to help companies fully audit and report on all of these transactions.

It doesn't matter if your file transfer interactions are implicitly ad hoc – spontaneous, impromptu, and defined at the time of collaboration – or are predefined, scheduled, and recurring explicit interactions. The Ad Hoc Transfer module can improve the management and governance of all these interactions and more, delivering powerful benefits for three important user groups: file senders, file recipients, and IT professionals.

Benefits For File Senders: Quickly Send Secure Files And Messages To Other People

Now, there's a better option than insecure email, instant messenger, third-party software, thumb drives, or unsanctioned file transfer websites. Not only are these tools outside of the organization's control and often insecure, but they are also becoming increasingly restricted as companies seek to improve governance, visibility, and security of company information.

With the WS_FTP Server Ad Hoc Transfer module, authorized users can securely send files to anyone in the world using either a web browser or Microsoft Outlook. All they need to know is the recipient's email address. They can send a package of files along with an optional delivery note to an unlimited number of recipients, even those who are not WS_FTP Server users. Senders can easily customize security controls by creating recipient passwords as well as file expiration and download limits.

Benefits For File Recipients: Fast Notification And Simple Retrieval Of Files

Recipients are sent email notification the instant a WS_FTP Server user sends them a file. The email notification includes an embedded link to securely download the file or files, an optional note from the sender, and password requirements. This email message can be viewed in any email client or Webmail application, and the recipient only has to click the embedded link to access the files.

File recipients can retrieve files from their preferred Web browser – options include Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, or Chrome – without the need to install any plug-ins or additional third-party software. Recipients don't even need to be a WS_FTP Server user to be able to receive the file packages.

Give end users a secure way to quickly send files to other people using their browser or Outlook. It enables person-to-person file transfer in a visible and well managed way.

- **Web Browsers:** Users simply log on to the Ad Hoc Transfer webpage, define what files to send and whom to send them to, and click send
- **Microsoft Outlook:** Alternatively, users can choose to send files right from a familiar email application for increased ease of use and end-user adoption

Business Benefits

- **Increase productivity:** No more time spent figuring out how to send a file to someone else
- **Simplify collaboration:** Easily send files to anyone, both internal and external to an organization
- **No training required:** Senders simply use their browser and/or Outlook to send secure email attachments and messages

IT Benefits

- **Email offloading:** Remove the file attachment burden from the email server
- **Easy management:** Manage all person-to-person file transfers within their MFT environment
- **Increase control:** Enforce administrator defined policies and rules for sending files, including email offloading, data retention, and more
- **Improve visibility:** Provides auditability of all file sharing activities
- **Zero user administration:** No ongoing end user management or provisioning required
- **Remote installation:** Outlook plug-in can be remotely deployed on end user machines

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Benefits for IT: Email Attachment Offloading While Keeping Things Simple For End Users

By providing employees with an easy way to securely send files to other people, the Ad Hoc Transfer module reduces employees' reliance on insecure email and third-party file transfer software and websites, not to mention thumb drives and DVDs.

This solution gives IT the visibility and control it needs to give the entire organization the data protection it requires. Additionally, the Ad Hoc Transfer module frees IT departments from the administrative burden related to provisioning users on the file transfer server, improves overall file transfer governance, and streamlines visibility, logging, and reporting of all file transfers for compliance and auditing purposes.

The Ad Hoc Transfer module is also extremely easy to set up and maintain. IT administrators only need to enable the module on the WS_FTP Server administration console and define which users should have access. They can also easily configure transfer settings and policies, including sender quotas, file-size limitations for email attachments and ad hoc transfers, file-delivery notifications, password policies, embedded link-naming conventions, and file time-to-live expiration rules. Administrators can automate the remote installation of the Outlook plug-in on end-user computers with the MSI installation package, using Active Directory Group Policy.

The Ad Hoc Transfer module also removes the file attachment burden on the organization's email server. This avoids bounced emails due to large file attachments and clogging recipient's inboxes with large files, thus improving the organization's server performance.

With all of this in place, there is virtually no ongoing administration or user management required to support day-to-day ad hoc file sharing, and that make IT very happy – and productive, too.

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