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Is this the end of the
traditional intranet?

**Fall in ❤ with
your intranet**

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Understanding the evolving workplace

Whether it's the introduction of email, the mobile revolution or the increase in remote working, the workplace is undergoing constant technology-driven change. Often going under the title of Digital Transformation, adapting to this change is paramount to keeping workers productive, managing costs and, ultimately, keeping your business competitive.

For many organizations, however, the process of digitally transforming is deemed too much of a risk. Concerns over content security and compliance, new and unfamiliar software and user training can leave some companies hesitant about leaving behind what they know.

A modern offering

A modern intranet is a key part of becoming a more digitally enabled company—providing workers with everything they need to get their daily work done. Email and social features enable company-wide communication, while employees can create, manage, edit and share their documents for true collaborative working. Other features like document synchronisation, voice over internet protocol (VOIP) and data analytics can further enhance the experience and improve employee output. And all this is done through a single, unified platform.

Email

Social

Word Processing

SharePoint

When these tools are combined, a 'modern' intranet platform puts companies at a huge advantage over those that are still struggling with old and outdated intranets. And yet, many businesses are continuing to cope with dated and overly-complex systems.
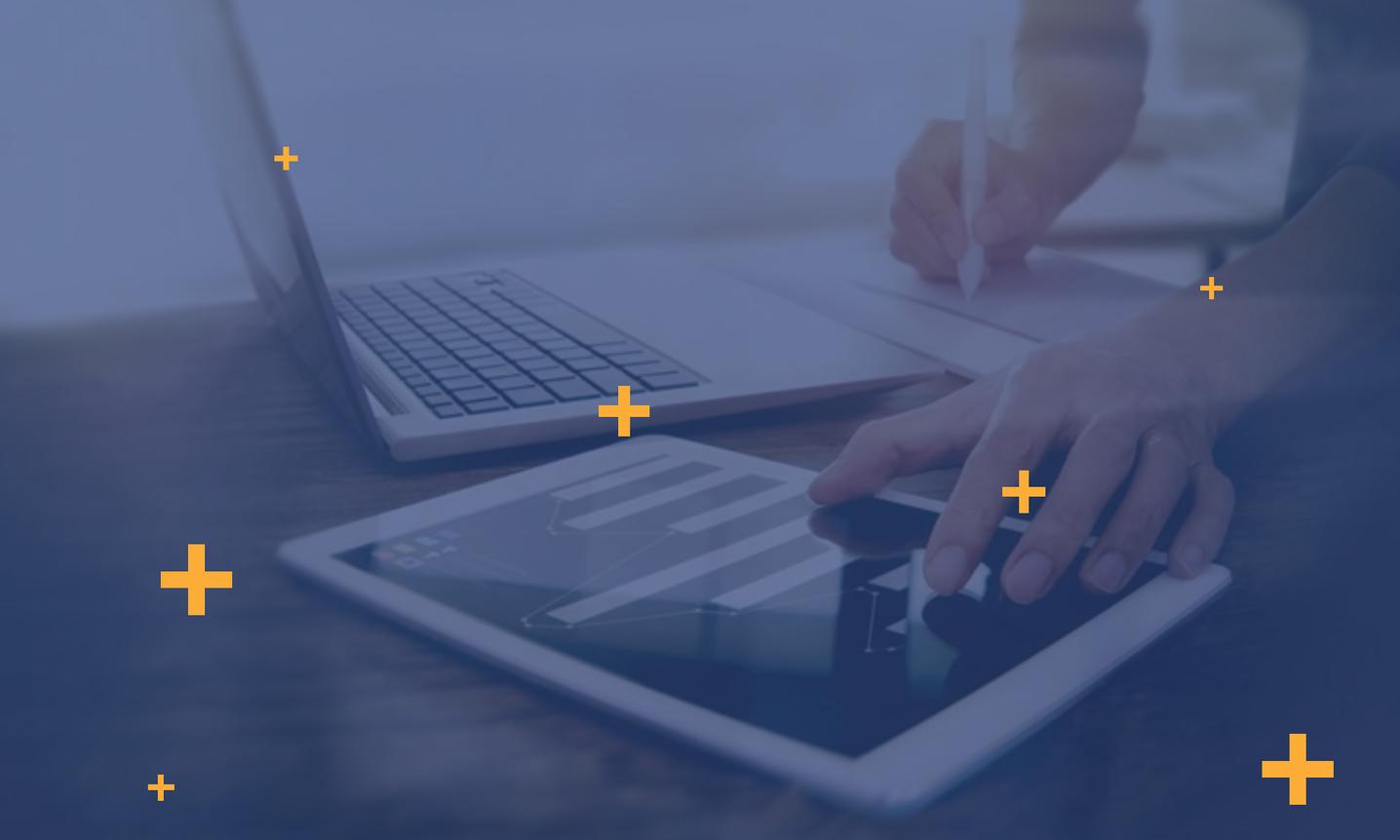
You need an intranet that will future proof you

One of the biggest drawbacks to on-premises intranet installments is that, once deployed, they gradually (but inevitably) start to become out of date. As the pace of technology continues to charge forward, even the latest intranets rapidly fall behind user needs and expectations. The alternative is to leave on-premises deployments behind. Modern intranets based in the cloud can benefit from constant, rolling updates to ensure you're constantly working with the most up-to-date technology.
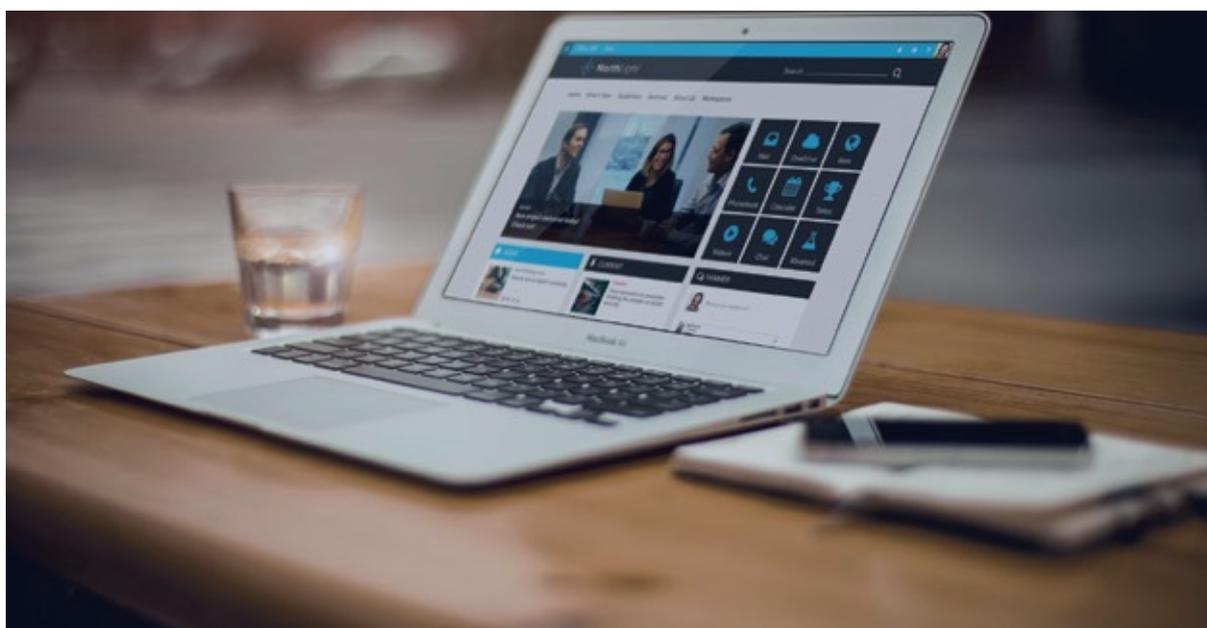
This eBook argues that the traditional intranet is on its way out, and explores why a modern, cloud-based intranet will set you up for long-term success.

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The perils of an outdated intranet

Many companies are still getting by on legacy systems and outdated intranets, citing their fears and concerns about leaving this technology behind. Nonetheless, common misconceptions over cloud-based intranets around security[1], for instance, have been widely disproven. As time progresses, continuing with an outdated system holds more and more problems.

[1] Rossi, Ben. 2015. The great IT myth: is cloud really less secure than on-premise?
Online source: http://www.information-age.com/great-it-myth-cloud-really-less-secure-premise-123459135/

So what can you do instead?

If you decide to upgrade your intranet, one common alternative is to launch a new custom intranet project, in which you build up from the codebase rather than using pre-existing software. Whilst giving you ultimate flexibility, this solution brings about problems of its own: such projects are time-consuming, complex and very expensive.

Security patches

No mobile functionality

Limited search

Clunky navigation
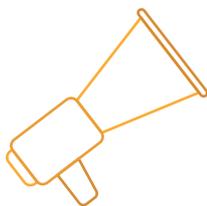
Lackluster communication tools

Large and infrequent updates

Outdated or irrelevant information

Certain features can make the process more complex and costly:

Integrating tools	Client-specific tailoring	License fees	Intranet needs to be maintained

The second option

Platforms like Microsoft's Office 365 offers a complete intranet service at a fraction of the cost of a custom-build project. Working on a monthly subscription-based service, users get a selection of software tools to work with, both individually and as part of a team.

Office 365 has become extremely popular due to its ability to accommodate for businesses of all shapes and sizes. The problem with this wide-scale accessibility, however, is that organizations often have to continue extending the platform before it can fully meet their requirements.

There is a third option...

A cloud-based 'intranet-in-a-box' packages everything together so you can have truly connected working that is molded to your business. You get usability improvements and best practice tools delivered immediately to your end users, and the new platform can be deployed in days rather than months. Building on the foundations Office 365, Valo's intranet-in-a-box brings an intuitive user interface—fitted to meet your branding guidelines—for an enjoyable user experience that will keep employees using the platform.

> A custom intranet project, while able to fit around the needs of your business, will require a lot of time, money and effort.

THE COST OF A
CUSTOM INTRANET

Overall price of custom intranets vary from **€17,000 to €115,000**

Average estimated workload to build an intranet was **92 full-time workdays**

Average hourly rate in the **tenders was €96**

More than two-thirds (67%) of major projects face cost overruns

An intranet that fits around your business' needs shouldn't come at such a high cost. Especially when out-of-the-box solutions can offer the same functionality at a fraction of the price.

Korhonen, Hanna. 2015. How much does it cost to build an intranet? Prices compared.
Online source: https://northpatrol.com/2015/02/16/how-much-does-it-cost-to-build-an-intranet-prices-compared/

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Valo Intranet

Valo is uniquely placed to create an intranet that is ready for the future. Using the ever-present availability of the cloud, Valo is able to adapt to the needs of your business, the technologies you use and your work trends as they evolve. You and your workers can be supported for years to come, meaning you don't have to download large feature packs later on, and never have to buy another platform again!

Valo was voted the best Intranet / Extranet solution at the European SharePoint Conference 2016. Let's take a look why...
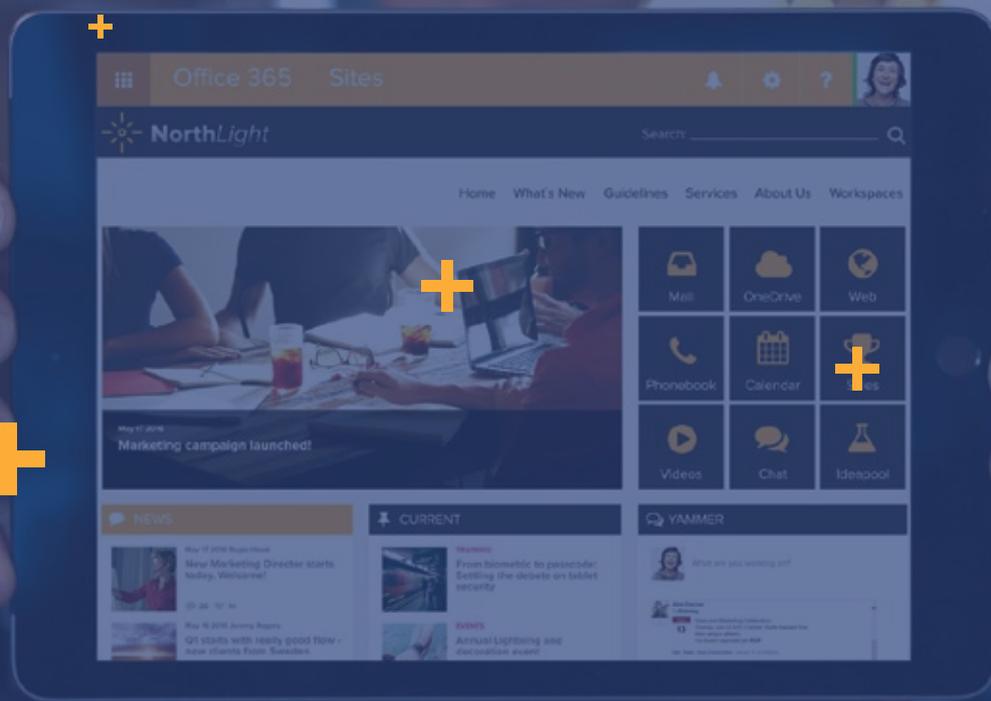
What you're getting

- **Find what you're looking for**
  Intuitive navigation makes it easier for you to find the people, workspaces and content that's relevant to you. Building on the tile format of Office 365, your most-used and most-recent content and tools are pushed towards you.

- **Mobile, social and productive**
  With Valo, you can take your intranet with you wherever you go. Mobile functionality means you can keep working whether you're in or out of the office, while social features keep all your employees connected. Work together, wherever.

- **Ready-made to your business' requirements**
  Despite being an 'all-in-one' package, Valo is incredibly flexible to the needs of your organization, both during and after deployment. You can create your own schedule for the deployment process, choosing the right tools and modules for you workers. After deployment, you can further develop in the direction you want—using other SharePoint features or customized solutions.

- **In the sky or on the ground**
  Valo provides you with the best cloud-based intranet experience through Office 365. Integrations with tools like Yammer, Office 365 Video and Groups fill in the gaps that are left with a SharePoint-based intranet.
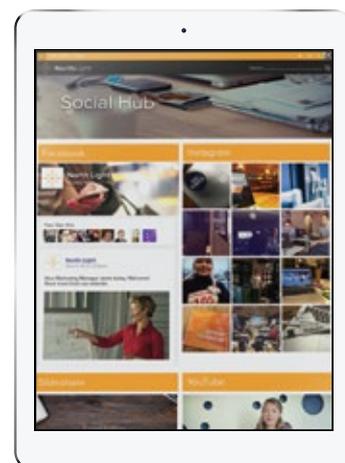
With a Valo Intranet, you get an easy-to-use intranet at a fixed price. To get the most out of your employees, they need to love their intranet. With Valo, they can do exactly that.

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Fall in love with your intranet

In today's fast-paced technology environment, you can't afford to be working with a static or disconnected user experience. Employees shouldn't be forced to sit at a desk whenever they want to get work done, and companies definitely can't be expected to wait around for six months if they do decide to invest in a modern intranet.

Valo Intranet can quickly get you on track towards your own digital workplace, putting workers at the center of communication, social interaction and collaboration within a single, unified user experience. Valo works on mobile, tablet and desktop devices; it's always in keeping with the latest and greatest Microsoft updates and can be deployed as soon as you need it.

Valo has helped 700,000 workers start using the best intranet-on-a-box around, with over 300 customers, 130+ partners and in 30+ countries. Prepare your business for this year and beyond with Valo Intranet.

See how Valo can help you today by getting in touch.

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