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Online Storage Solutions for Small Businesses Comparison Report: A Sampling of Storage Solutions Designed for the Small Business Community

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NOTE: This is not an exhaustive survey of all available offerings. It is meant to provide readers with an idea of the solutions that are available.

Solutions are listed in alphabetical order.

In this companion report to the Solutions for Small Business white paper report on online storage, the editors of BizTechReports.Com have compiled a sampling of technology solutions that have been specifically designed to fit the needs of the small business community. While it is not an exhaustive report, this summary does provide small-business owners and operators with a representation of the types of offerings and feature sets that are available within this important market.

For most small business owners and managers, storing data has evolved from a relatively simple matter to a critical business challenge. The proliferation of data-rich image and video files consumes available storage space exponentially faster than the compact text documents that were the primary file types just a few years ago. Greater use of e-mail, which more often carries large data files and other sizable attachments, also contributes to an ever-growing need for business-class storage solutions.

Online storage solutions allow small businesses to cost-effectively manage their data assets with the same enterprise-level security, automation, and high-end features that large businesses use. Online storage also enables small businesses to take advantage of additional storage on an as-needed basis, rather than paying for on-premise storage capacity that may not be immediately needed or fully utilized.

In this comparison report produced by BizTechReports.Com and commissioned by Solutions For Small Business, our aim is to provide small businesses with a jump start on the research necessary to evaluate, acquire and implement effective solutions to support their Online Storage strategies.

See how small businesses are approaching online storage in our broader report on the subject, which is available at: www.solutionsforsmallbusiness.com.

Company	Offering	Description
Backblaze http://www.backblaze.com	Offers unlimited online storage at a flat rate for each computer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuous Backups – Backs up files any time user is online.• Restore Options – Enable user to select files to restore, which are accessible from any location with an Internet connection.• Throttle Option – Allows user to select amount of Internet bandwidth to be dedicated to the application.

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<p>Box.net http://www.box.net</p>	<p>Online storage and sharing service with integrated third-party services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups – Enables user to create user groups, add/delete users, select what folders they can access and what access permissions they have for each folder. • Password Management – Requires users to reset passwords periodically and on initial log-in, based on company security policies. • Reporting – Provides a complete audit trail of user's company's files, as well as generates and exposes file and user activity. • User Management – Manages user settings and permissions in a centralized administration console.
<p>Dropbox http://www.dropbox.com</p>	<p>Small business solution for storage, backup and file syncing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File Sync – Enables users to efficiently sync files of any size or type for Windows, Mac and Linux computers. • File Sharing – Enables several people to collaborate on a set of files, allowing them to instantly see any changes. • Mobile Device Access – Enables users to access application on the go and to share links with other Dropbox files. • Security – Provides security in that all transmission of file data and metadata occurs over an encrypted channel (SSL), while all files stored on Dropbox servers are encrypted (AES-256) and are inaccessible without account password.
<p>ElephantDrive http://www.elephantdrive.com</p>	<p>Small business solution for online storage, remote backup, and instant file access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Sharing – Permits users to access and share their files from any location. • Engage – Hosts meetings online with integrated tools such as networking and file sharing. • TrunkDrive – Enables users to mount the remote data storage server as a local file system, like a disk drive, and to copy files using Windows Explorer or MacOS Finder.
<p>Filewin http://www.filewin.com</p>	<p>Small business storage and backup solution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Databases – Provides specialized modules to help backup of common databases and e-mail servers. • Continuous Data Protection – Automatically backs up changes to the offsite backup server, providing real-time continuous data protection for desktops, file servers and laptops. • Open File Backup – Integration with Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Service framework provides backup of open files without additional plug-ins.

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<p>iBackup http://www.ibackup.com</p>	<p>Feature-rich storage solution for small and medium businesses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bandwidth Throttle – Enables user to adjust percent of Internet bandwidth to be used by application. • Microsoft SQL Server Backup – Provides secure and automated backup databases without downtime. • Security -- Provides 128-bit SSL encryption on transfers, optional 256-bit proprietary encryption on storage with a user-defined encryption key. • Snapshots – Shows files that have been stored recently under newly created directories with indicative names, including date extensions.
<p>KineticD http://www.kineticd.com</p>	<p>Formerly Data Deposit Box, online storage, recovery and remote access solution.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous Backups – Files are backed up and stored as soon as user makes changes. • File Versioning – Retains up to 28 different versions of individual files. • Open Files Driver – Backs up files typically left open for long periods and provides backup snapshots of data every 12 hours. • Suspend & Resume – Suspends backups when keyboard or mouse are in use; automatically resumes when user stops computer activity.
<p>lomega http://www.iomega.com/na/products/istorage.html</p>	<p>Feature-rich, highly secure online storage designed for small- and medium-sized businesses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privacy – Offers strict internal controls and policies to ensure only authorized parties can access files. • Redundant Storage – Stores files on separate Telco-grade disk drive systems, one on each coast. • WhaleMail – Enables users to send files of any size from the application directly to any e-mail address.
<p>Megaupload http://www.megaupload.com</p>	<p>Workspace and extranet tool to help connect, share, and collaborate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mega Manager – Offers high-speed uploading; permits multiple file downloads with a single mouse click; supports unattended batch uploads. • Mega Toolbar – Provides fast, multiple uploads and Yahoo! Search. • Filebox – Enables users to upload files directly from user's Web site, profile or blog.
<p>Orbitfiles http://www.orbitfiles.com/</p>	<p>Unlimited storage and backups for small business.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hercules Backup – Automates daily PC backups, providing a complete backup history. • Hercules Uploader – Enables users to upload large files without accessing the Orbitfiles.com Web site. • Public Pages – Enables users to make select files available to the public.

