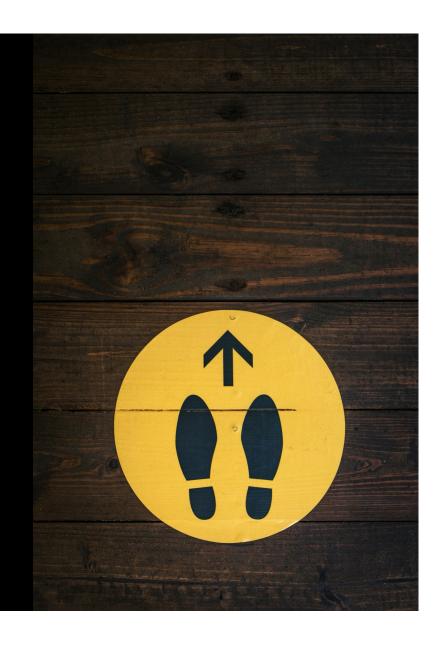
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## Solution: Hotus Werlesga Collaboration

The best way to protect a government's data privacy, prevent legal access by foreign governments and to avoid security breaches is with a trusted Sovereign Collaboration solution.



Sovereign Collaboration

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Make it Easy to Deploy

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## Why would you care about Sovereignty?



US FISA Legislation was extended 2 years, giving intelligence agencies legal authority to direct U.S. companies to hand over data for foreign targets.



Hackers conducting an ongoing cyber espionage campaigns against government entities worldwide.



Government legislation that gives countries complete jurisdictional control of data even if it resides on foreign soil (e.g., US Cloud Act).



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# Potential Threats Come From Many Sources

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#### Russian Cyber Spies

conducted a campaign against Mongolia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## **Recent BSI security alerts**

- **June 2024: Webex by Cisco** Vulnerability in WebEx Cloud Service allows metadata leakage.
- **February 2024: Microsoft -** Exchange Zero Day Vulnerability threat Microsoft Exchange and Microsoft Office has been the target of multiple zero-day vulnerabilities, which allow attackers to remotely execute code or access sensitive information.
- **July 2024: Germany accused China** of directing a "serious" cyberattack against Germany's Federal Office for Cartography and Geodesy (BKG), which conducts precision mapping of the country. Germany plans a rip-and-replace project for Chinese telecommunications infrastructure over security concerns.
  - October 2024: Cyber security alert, safety notice for v1.0 Zimbra attacks seek to exploit CVE-2024-45519, a severe security flaw in Zimbra's postjournal service that could enable unauthenticated attackers to execute arbitrary commands on affected installations.

## Examples

- **French government** officially declared that the use of #O365 (and #Teams) is not allowed for French Public Admin organizations. https://www.channelnews.fr/letat-ferme-ses-portesa-office-365-dans-le-cloud-de-microsoft-105899
- **Swedish Tax Authority** Denies the usage/participation in external meetings conducted via Teams
- **Germany: Hessen** Using U.S. Cloud products forbidden in Schools https://datenschutz.hessen.de/datenschutz/hochsch ulen-schulen-und-archive/duldung-des-hbdif%C3%BCr-die-nutzung-insbesondere-us



Decision

Reference no.

KFM 10419-2021

03/05/2021

The Swedish Tax Agency

8-958696

**♦** Kronofogden

The Swedish Enforcement Authority

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#### Decision

The Swedish Tax Agency and the Swedish Enforcement Authority ("Kronofogden") have decided:

- not to replace the application Skype with the cloud service Teams for video conferencing and collaboration
- to allow participation in external meetings conducted via Teams
- that the Swedish Tax Agency, the Swedish Enforcement Authority, and other authorities that choose to participate, will set up a cross-functional working group to investigate suitable alternative video conferencing and collaboration platforms.

#### Reasons

The Swedish Tax Agency and the Swedish Enforcement Authority have jointly investigated the possibility of replacing Skype with Teams as their main video and collaboration platform. The decision follows the recommendations set out in the attached memorandum.

## Leaving the Hyperscaler

#### The A Register®

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# 37signals is completing its on-prem move, deleting its AWS account to save millions

Industry 'pulled a fast one convincing everyone cloud is the only way' says CTO David Heinemeier Hansson

Simon Sharwood

Fri 9 May 2025 // 06:39 UTC

#### The A Register®

## **Europe's cloud customers eyeing exit** from US hyperscalers

'It's amazing how fast the change has been'

Richard Speed

Thu 17 Apr 2025 // 13:32 UTC

Are customers on the European side of the pond considering a move from US hyperscalers in the wake of recent events? Some of the region's vendors are reporting an uptick in inquiries as organizations mull their options.

https://www.theregister.com/2025/05/09/37signals\_cloud\_repatriation\_stora ge\_savings/

https://www.theregister.com/2025/04/17/us\_hyperscaler\_alternatives/

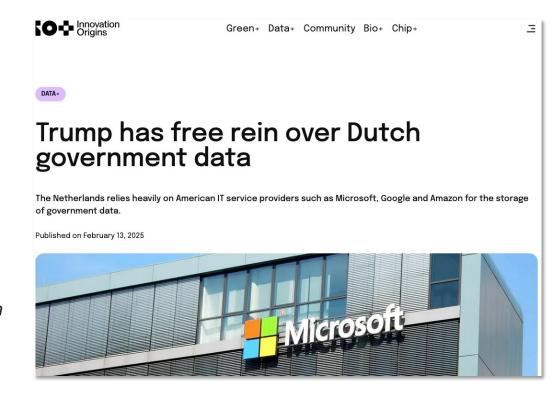
## **Examples**

#### Quotes from the article:

- "Complete dependence on American tech giants"
- "No control over own data"
- "Lawful access via CLOUD Act"

The recent police hack, made possible by weak security in Microsoft Outlook, shows how vulnerable this dependence makes us. In this hack, the data of 65,000 police officers was stolen

Reference: https://innovationorigins.com/nl/de-zeer-verontrustende-politiehack-moet-wake-upcall-zijn-voor-elk-bedrijf/ 4 October 2024



## **Examples**

#### 15. May 2025

Microsoft Ends Key Microsoft 365
 Grants for Non-Profits

#### Reference:

https://partner.microsoft.com/enca/asset/collection/microsoft-365-business-premiumand-office-365-e1-grant-discontinuation#/



## Your Microsoft 365 Business Premium grant is being discontinued

Your Microsoft 365 Business Premium grant will expire on

The Microsoft 365 Business Premium grant will be discontinued on your next renewal on or after July 1, 2025. Your licenses will expire on granted licenses of Microsoft 365 Business Basic and discounts of up to 75 percent on many Microsoft 365 offers to nonprofits, including Microsoft 365 Business Premium.

We strongly advise transitioning your users to a different Microsoft 365 offer for nonprofits before the subscription is canceled to avoid disruption and data loss. Learn more about what happens to your data and access when your subscription ends.

#### More information

To ensure a smooth transition and avoid any impact on your data and users, we recommend transitioning your users from the legacy Microsoft 365 Business Premium grant to the Microsoft 365 Business Basic grant or another Microsoft 365 offer for nonprofits. To transition users, you will need to manually complete the following steps within the Microsoft 365 admin center:

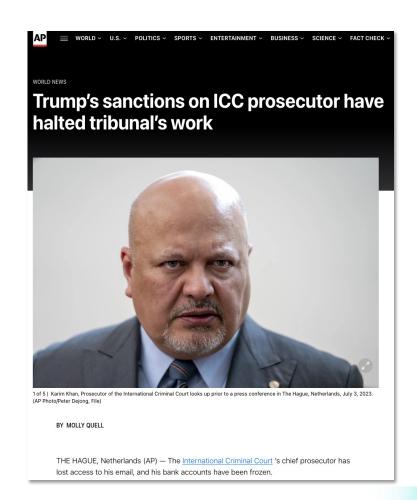
- Select the Microsoft 365 Business Basic grant or another Microsoft 365 offer for nonprofits through the Microsoft 365 admin center,
- 2. Confirm the licenses are present in your tenant,
- 3. Replace the licenses, by selecting all of your users with a Microsoft 365 Business Pre-

Source: https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/discussions/nonprofitpartners/microsoft-365-business-premium-grant-is-being-discontinued/4413944-1

### The Hague

- Trump's sanctions on ICC prosecutor have halted tribunal's work <a href="https://apnews.com/article/icc-trump-sanctions-karim-khan-court-a4b4c02751ab84c09718b1b95cbd5db3">https://apnews.com/article/icc-trump-sanctions-karim-khan-court-a4b4c02751ab84c09718b1b95cbd5db3</a>
- Microsoft cancelled Khan's email account
- Bank accounts in his home country of the U.K. have been blocked.







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Microsoft Exchange On-Premises	On-premises	No	Ending October 14, 2025 for 2016 & 2019 editions.	No for on-premises since Outlook Mobile sync's via the M365 cloud.	Requires additional licenses for AD, SharePoint and Office.
Microsoft 365 & Google GWS	SaaS only	No	Yes	No	All Prior Acquisitions
Zoho	SaaS only	No	Yes	No	Acquisitions
Zimbra	On-premises & cloud	No	Yes & Community	Yes	OnlyOffice
Open Source	On-premises & cloud	No	Community	Yes	Collabora Libreoffice

## BSI IT-Grundschutz (IT baseline security)

A framework developed by the German Federal Office for Information Security (BSI). It provides a systematic methodology for implementing and maintaining an Information Security Management System (ISMS). The framework focuses on securing information systems by considering technical, organizational, infrastructural, and personnel aspects. It's compatible with IEC/ISO 27001 and is widely used in Germany and increasingly adopted internationally. BSI covers Security Operations (Security Incident & Event Management) of Domino and Sametime.

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HCL Sovereign Collaboration	On-premises & cloud	Domino & ST	Yes	Yes	CNX Docs Open Source

## Government Agencies rely on HCLSoftware worldwide



Finnish Police



Government of The Bahamas



Algerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Tunisia Electricity & Gas (STEG)



Swedish Defence Agency



Federal Gov't Agencies Globally



City Government of Stuttgart, Germany



Polish Police



State & Local Gov'ts Globally



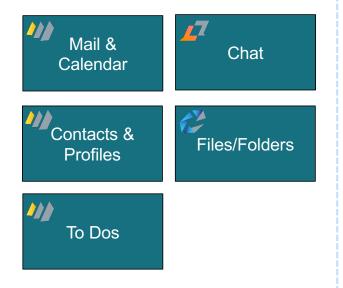
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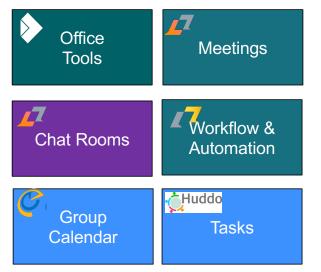
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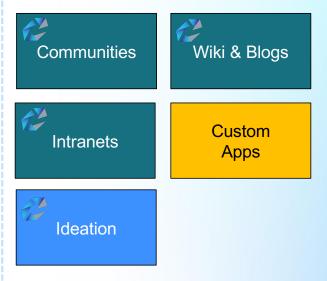
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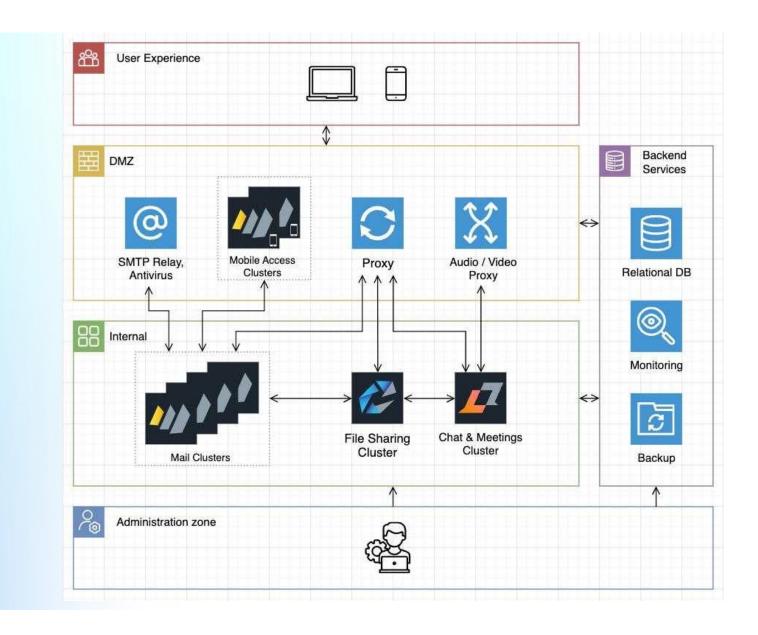
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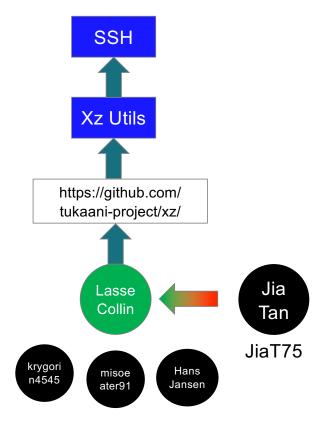


You can do it today, but it's complex...



#### SSH - CVE-2024-3094

- SSH Authentication Bypass
- Xz Utils / liblzma
- Github user JiaT75 (+others)
- Social pressure by other (fake) accounts
- Tricking last standing project maintainer to accept code contribution
  - → introducing backdoor.
- Only detected because logins took a lot of CPU



https://gist.github.com/thesamesam/223949d5a074ebc3dce9ee78baad9e27

https://arstechnica.com/security/2024/03/backdoor-found-in-widely-used-linux-utility-breaks-encrypted-ssh-connections/linux-utility-breaks-encrypted-ssh-connections

## Definition: Lotus Workspace

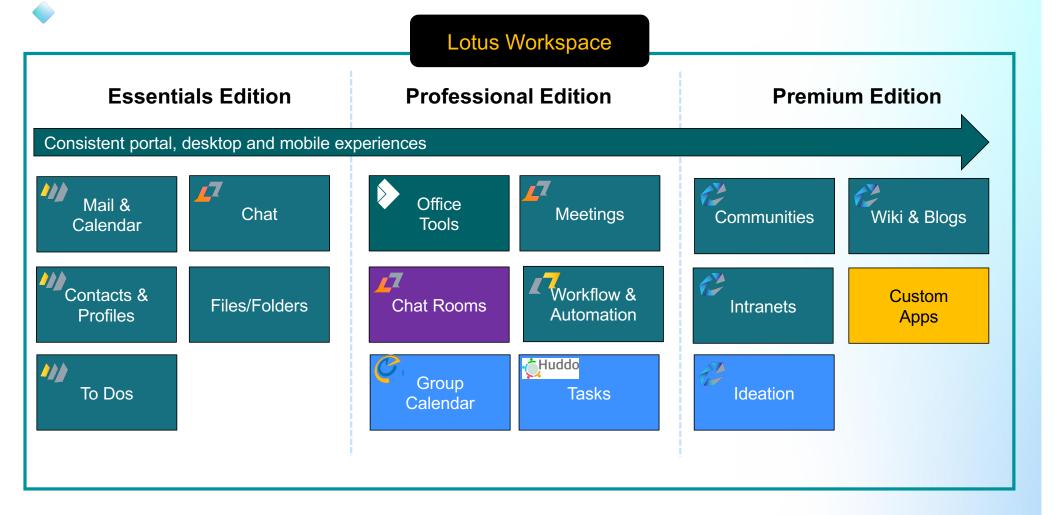
## HCL's Sovereign Collaboration platform provides:

- Secure and BSI-certified Mail, Chat and Meetings
- Best-in-class Sovereign Office tools
- Open Sovereign Content platform
- A framework for an ecosystem of 3<sup>rd</sup> party offerings
- One offering, and your choice of deployment
- HCL removes the complexity and provides Support

### Have I said it before...

- ✓ All data belongs to you
- ✓ On-prem, Cloud, Hybrid : You decide!
  - At your convenience: disconnected & isolated operation with zero dependencies
  - Full encryption protection
- X No Tracking
- X No Telemetry
- X No "Phone Home"
- X No hidden accounts or backdoors







**Consistent Experience – coming in 2025** 

## ToDo

- One Mobile App
  - Verse, Connections,
     Sametime, Companion
- Connections
  - (Sovereign) Office

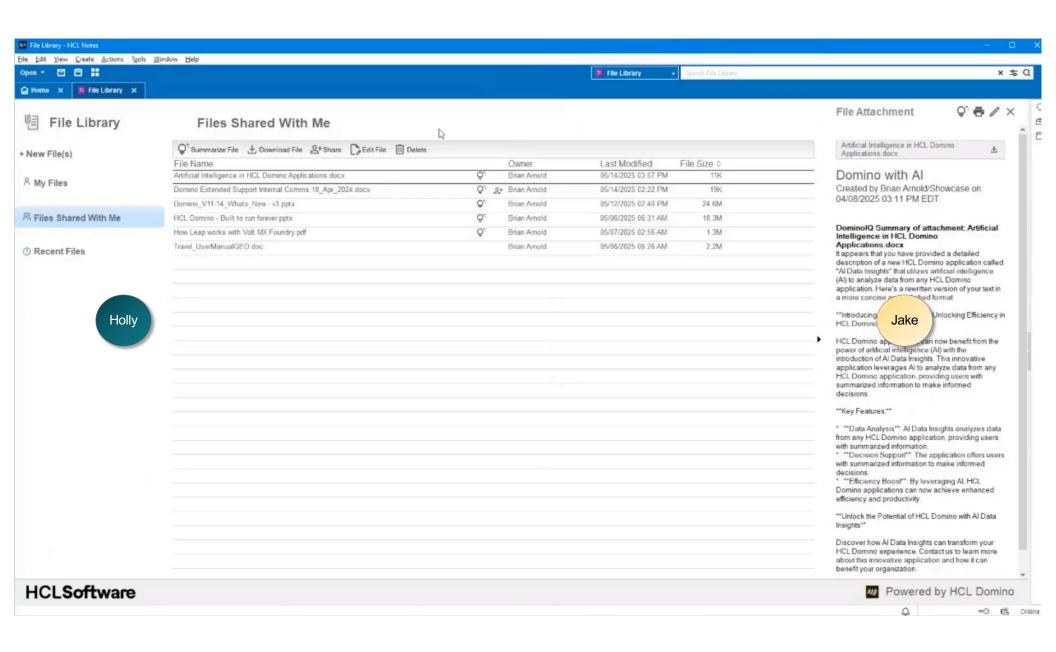
- Domino
  - IMAP v4 / Idle
  - CalDAV
  - CardDav
- Sametime
  - Database

## **Work Anywhere**











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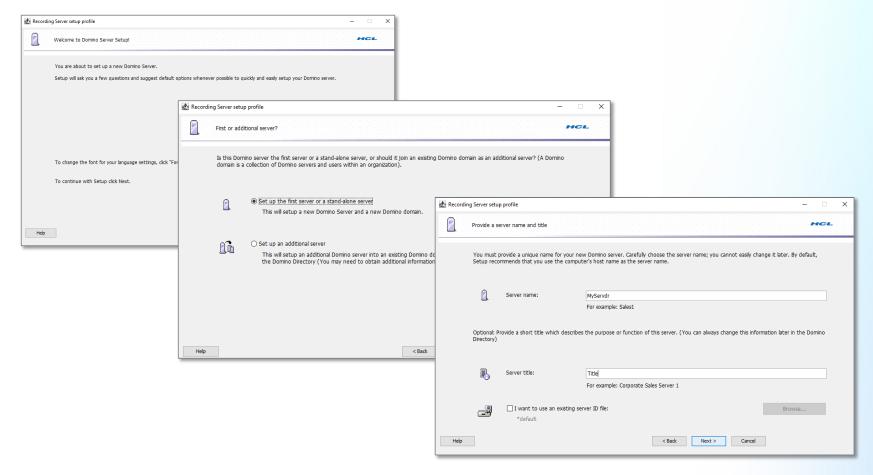


### **Expectations**

- No ties to US (or other counties) operators
- No Hyperscalers (AWS, GCP, Azure, ...) for the same reason, and due to cost:
   https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cd114lllyp6o
   "This year, software firm 37signals will see a profit boost of more than \$1m (£790,000) from leaving the cloud."
- Mail, Calendar, Contacts, personal ToDo's, Chat, Meetings, Files,
- Office Editors

- Simple Deployment Patterns
- End-to-End Encryption
- Extensible
- Strong Security
- 2FA Built in
- Compliance
- GDPR, CCPA, HIPAA, FERPA, COPPA, ISO ...

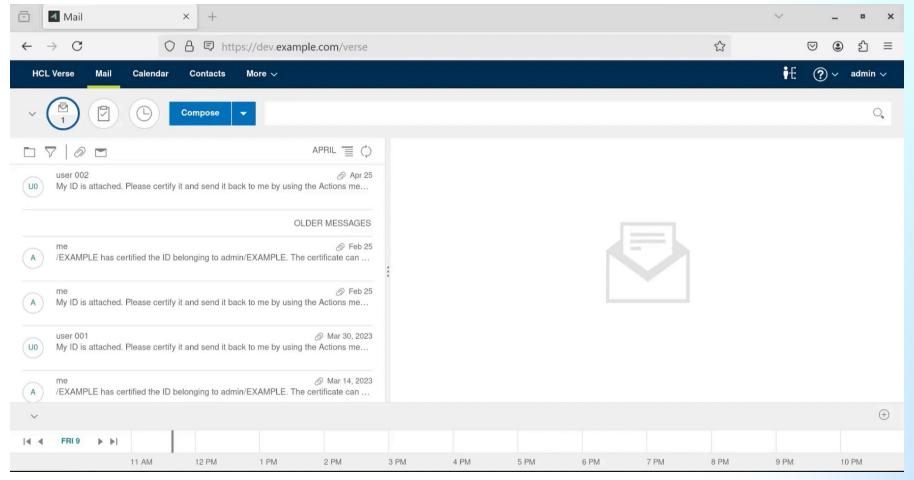
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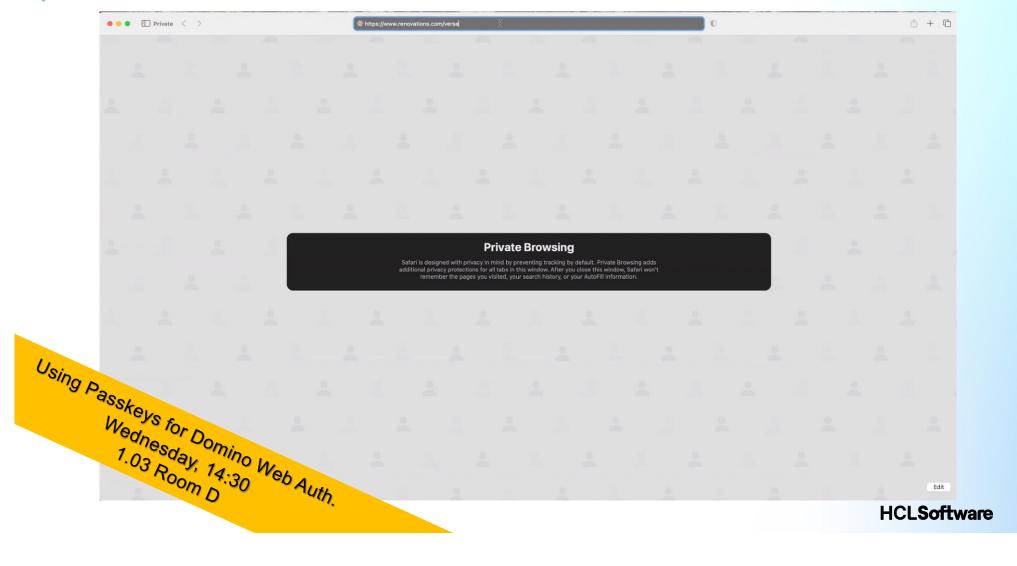
Easy to Deploy : Set up a New Domino Server



## Up to date Security



### ...and Authentication



## Your Deployment. Choices

- HCL Managed Service Providers (MSPs)
- Sovereign local provider, e.g.,
  - Germany: IONOS, Hetzner, etc.
- On-Premises
- HCL BPs



https://hcl-partners.amp.vg/partners



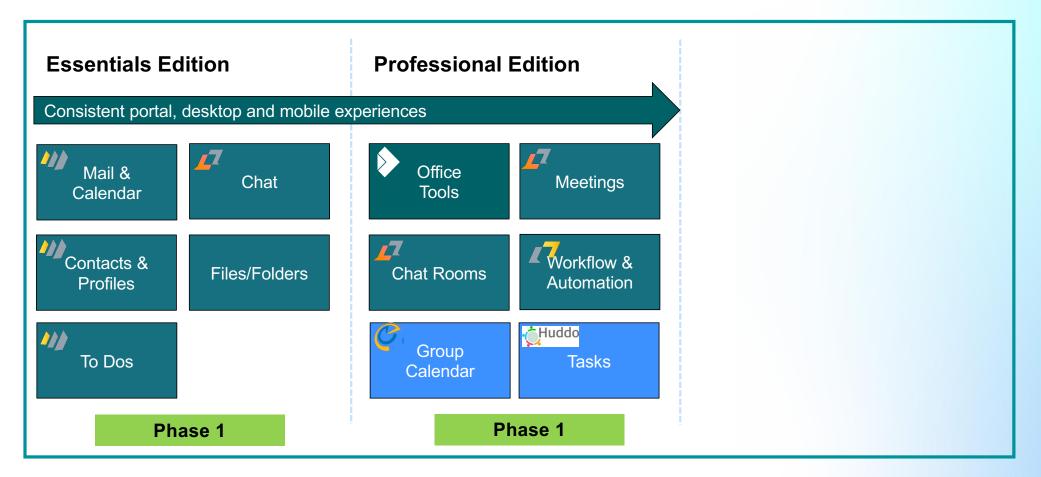
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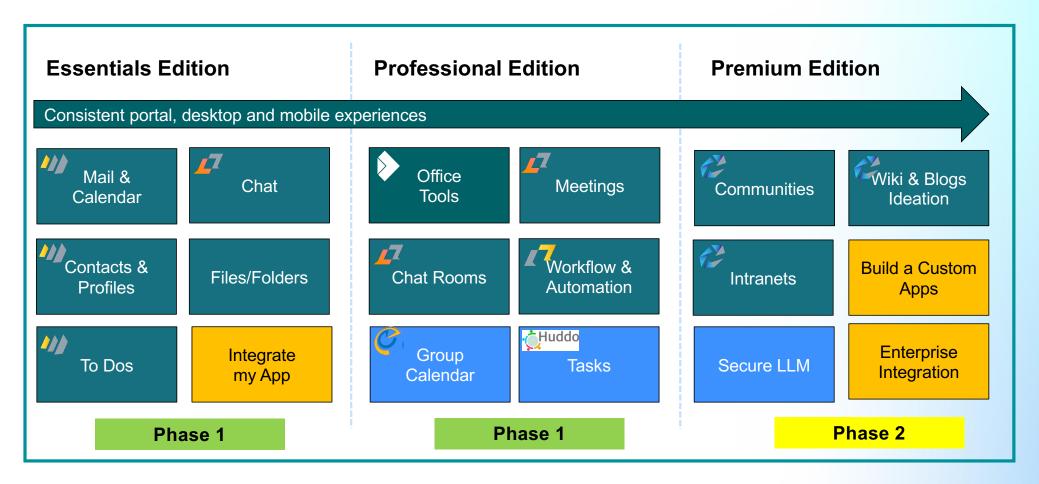
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### Phase 1



## Phase 2



## Getting started

1. Define Strategic Goals 2. Inventory, Risk and Dependency

3. Define your Requirements

4. Explore and Evaluate

5. Plan the Transition

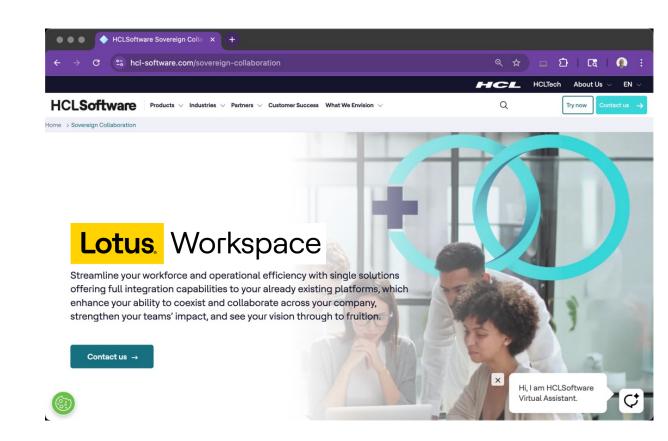
6. Governance & Compliance

## We know you have questions...

- When will Phase 1 be available?
- Will my MSP be able to offer this?
- Who are you targeting initially?
- How much does this cost?
- Can I upgrade from CCB?
- I have Connections, does it apply to me?
- Does LW include Office Editors again?

## Summary

- You have options
- Start now
- Talk to us



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