

Mozy Pro Offers Backup for Business

Berkeley Data Systems today announced the general availability of Mozy Pro, a business-oriented version of the company's popular consumer-oriented Mozy Remote Backup.

The hosted online backup service actually began without fanfare in December and currently has over 2,500 customers. Businesses can sign up for the service with no setup fee and no contract; payment is based on the number of computers covered and amount of storage required.

Mozy Pro offers automated continuous backup of essential files. As files change, it backs up the new versions - but it uploads only the changes, to save bandwidth. Single-instance storage means that identical files will be stored just once, and it's capable of backing up files even when other programs are holding them open. Backup data is encrypted during transmission and encrypted in storage, with an option to use a private encryption key. And file recovery, even recovery of earlier file versions, uses a simple Windows-based interface.

You pay \$3.95 per month per covered computer for this service plus \$0.50 per month per gigabyte of storage. The storage charge is based on original file size - there's no extra cost for storing earlier file versions. Storing 2GB of data would cost \$5.95 per month; 20GB would cost \$13.95 per month. According to BDS, competitor EVault Small Business Edition would cost \$85 per month for 2GB and \$300 per month for 20GB. BDS expects Mozy Pro and OEM sales to outpace the still-popular consumer-based Mozy Remote Backup by the end of this year.

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