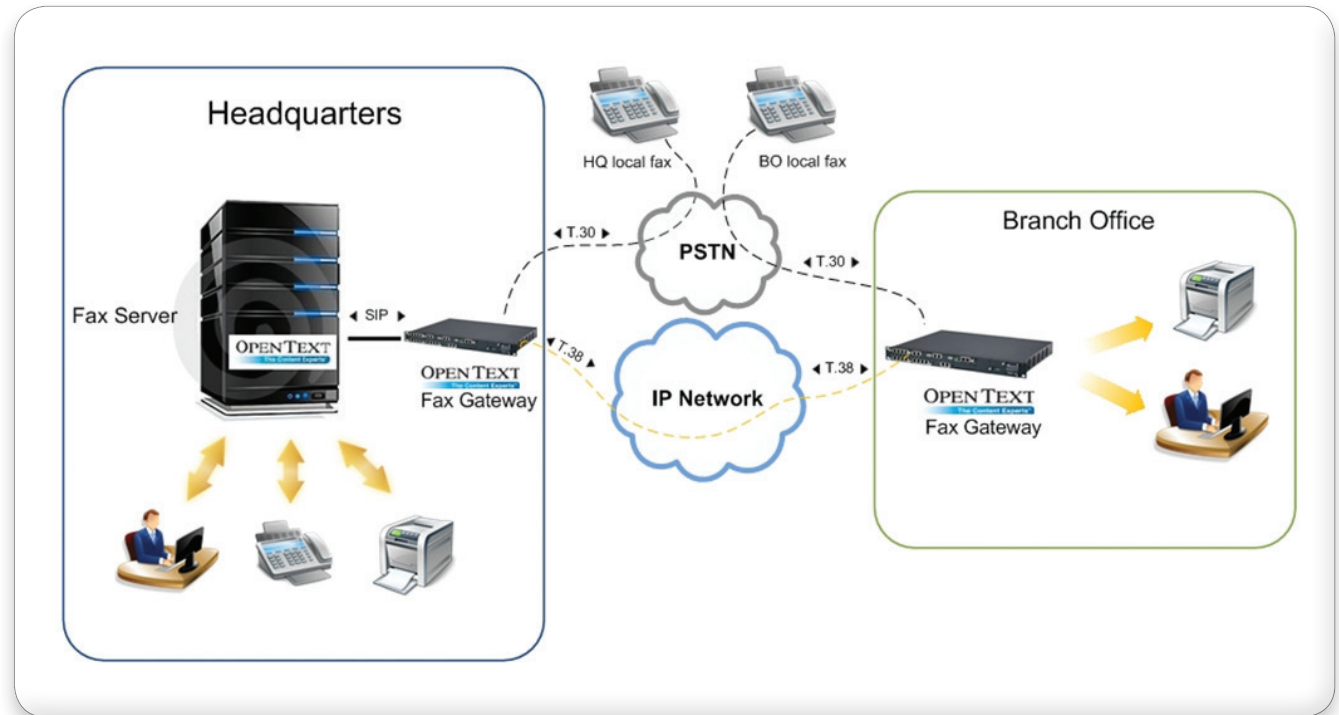# Top Five Reasons to use an Open Text Fax Gateway

Overview

Open Text Fax Gateways simplify Fax over IP (FoIP) implementations and provide a cost effective alternative to traditional fax boards and remote fax servers. Deploying an Open Text Fax Gateway together with Open Text Fax Server represents a complete solution offering that maximizes your IP infrastructure, facilitates network consolidation, and simplifies branch office fax management.

Top Five reasons to integrate a Fax Gateway with your FoIP Fax Server

One: A Complete FoIP Solution from the Market Leader

The combination of the market leading Open Text Fax Server and an Open Text Fax Gateway represents a complete FoIP solution offering that is built on the same high standards and service levels that Open Text customers have come to expect. The standards-based architecture of Open Text Fax Gateways provides extreme interoperability, remarkable simplicity, and promises to meet all of your organization's FoIP needs with confidence, ease, and security.

Simplified management of branch office fax resources

Two: Next Generation Architecture

Open Text Fax Gateways use the forward-compatible SIP protocol to transform analog fax signaling to the industry standard FoIP protocol, T.38. Because Open Text Fax Gateways are built on extensible industry standards and support an extensive range of interoperability, migrating from your legacy circuit-switched network to a converged IP network has never been easier.

The Fax Gateways support high-availability and disaster recovery for fax services by supporting outbound failover dialing rules and inbound trunk group redundancy when two or more Fax Gateways are deployed.

Three: Greater Flexibility in Deployment Options

Companies today are spending more resources than ever before in operations, governance and compliance. The Open Text Fax Gateways support standards based security and reporting functions with a broad range of port densities and configurations to meet the needs of all FoIP customers. The highly scalable "pay-as-you-grow" modular hot-swappable architecture of the 2100 series allows IT administrators to grow their FoIP infrastructure as their organization's fax needs grow. The Fax Gateways also provide the ability to easily deploy FoIP without an existing VoIP infrastructure.

Four: Support for Data Center Consolidation

A complete and fully supported virtual Fax Server solution is possible when combining the Open Text Fax Server with one or more Fax Gateways and T.38 based real-time FoIP software. Virtualization of fax servers and supporting communication channels simplifies failover and redundancy.

Administrators can easily centralize IP monitoring and management of FoIP ports through the Fax Gateway's robust and intuitive diagnostics. Once deployed, Fax Gateway updates and configurations are maintained through a simple web interface, robust diagnostics, and reporting. Each gateway ships with FoIP- specific configuration files to simplify setup and deployment.

Five: Investment protection and lower TCO

Modern data centers must reduce power consumption, increase hardware utilization, and lower total cost of ownership (TCO). Open Text software-only Fax Servers with Open Text Fax Gateways offer a lower total cost of ownership compared to traditional fax boards and upgrade more easily than physical hardware (no PCI bus standards or server chassis restraints).

Traditionally, intra-office fax communication and least cost routing between remote branch offices required a fax server or fax board hardware (i.e., Remote Doc Transport) at each site. With Open Text Fax Gateways, organizations can leverage and maximize their IP network, and easily deploy fax capabilities to remote offices without onsite IT resources.

Putting It All Together

Do you like the sound of consolidating and simplifying your FoIP solution? Would you like to leverage a sustainable investment that fully supports and encourages Fax Sever virtualization? How would an easy to install, manage, and optimize FoIP solution fit into your network and plans? With the combination of the Fax Gateways and market leading Fax Server, Open Text provides everything needed to easily implement your FoIP solution.

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