



A hosting service that offers you a secure, scalable and flexible approach to data and application storage

Keeping your data safe, while offering your users easy access and keeping your costs down is a careful balancing act. Link-Connect offers fully flexible options from hosting your servers in our managed data centre to 'pay-as-you-use' rental of server space in our VM Server farm, which is underpinned by the latest SAN data storage. Depending on your business needs you can choose Tier 4 fully resilient data centres for mission critical applications or lower cost Tier 1 data centre space for non-mission critical data, backups and data archiving.

SMART-Host enables your users to access applications and data from all designated locations, leaving you time to manage applications and systems that make your business bigger, better, faster and stronger.

- Fully flexible options give you the right solution for your business needs today and ability to change.
- Replace high capital expenditure with fully flexible 'pay as-you-use' operational budgeting.
- 24/7 attendance of local support.
- Full integration into our SMART-Management Centre gives you proactive support to ensure 100% up-time.
- Data protected using Next Generation Firewalls at every breakout.
- Combine SMART-Host with a Link-Connect SMART-WAN to create your own private Cloud Computing environment.

“ With Link-Connect as your hosting partner you have the ability to tap into a pool of knowledge and experience that is in tune with your changing business requirements. We offer you real flexibility in a very secure environment so that you can rapidly deploy projects and applications using limited in-house IT resources.

Graham McLean, Managing Director at Link-Connect



SMART-Host allows you to choose the level and scope of data and applications hosting to meet your business risk requirements.

Powerful and cost effective

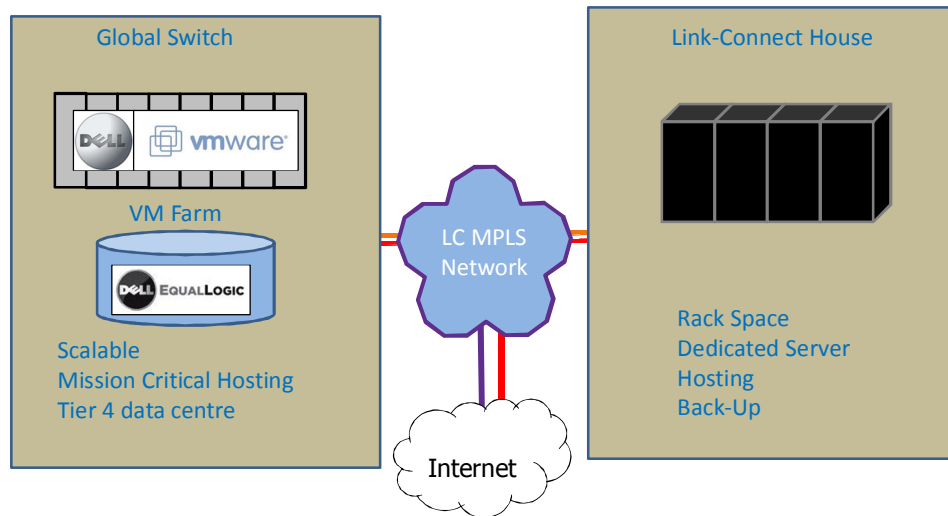
Cut the cost of running an in house data centre by harnessing efficient, dedicated commercial-scale data centres with high physical security and 24/7 support.

Access anywhere

Give your users access to applications and data from all designated locations, leaving you time to manage the systems that make your business bigger, better, faster and stronger.

Flexible and scalable

From hosting your servers in our managed data centre to 'pay-as-you-use' rental of server space in our VM Server farm we have a solution that is right for you.



SMART-Host

Meeting your business needs today and tomorrow
 SMART-Host allows you to choose the level and scope of data and applications hosting to meet your immediate business requirements. We all know that change is inevitable and by harnessing our flexible hosting service you can scale (up or down) to meet your evolving business requirements.

Reduce costs

Using our 'pay-as-you-use' rental model you can significantly reduce the cost of IT infrastructure server space in our VM Server farm, which is underpinned by the latest SAN data storage.

One real benefit of the hosted model is that it takes away the need for you to keep updating hardware – helping you to control your costs. Hardware typically has a 3-5 year lifespan, and while you may be able to squeeze an extra few years out of it, this may leave you running kit that is unreliable, unsupported and outdated. The hosted model means we are responsible for keeping everything up to date and it's all covered with predictable, regular payments.

Enterprise class infrastructure available to all

We all know that high end IT infrastructure comes at a price. Link-Connect has made that investment and federates the use of this Enterprise class infrastructure across multiple businesses.

Our highly scalable Dell VM blade servers, high performance SAN data storage, strong security, data back-up regime and the expertise of our Managed Services team leaves you free to focus your efforts on improving business performance.

Knowledge and risk

Infrastructure consumes around 50% of all IT spend and what's more, it is diverse and complex to run. Many companies find themselves in a high risk situation where a lot of knowledge resides in a small number of people. With Link-Connect you have access to our specialist teams with deep knowledge of their particular discipline, which significantly lowers this risk.

Fully managed

The underlying infrastructure may not in itself add any value, it is nonetheless critical that it stays operational for your business applications and communications. SMART-Host provides a dedicated support team to look after your hosting solution, plus managed services including: security, reporting, monitoring, 100% network uptime guarantee and 24/7 technical support.

In summary

SMART-Host is an Enterprise class infrastructure supported by a large multi-disciplined team that saves money and offers flexibility to match your changing business needs.