

# Information Technology Policy

## Office Productivity Software Policy

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### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Information Technology Policy (ITP) is to establish enterprise-wide standards and policies for office productivity technologies.

### 2. Scope

This Information Technology Policy (ITP) applies to all departments, boards, commissions and councils under the Governor's jurisdiction. Agencies not under the Governor's jurisdiction are strongly encouraged to follow this ITP.

### 3. Policy

Agencies should standardize on the following current office productivity software standards. The current standards have been tested for compatibility with enterprise applications.

Office productivity software is application software dedicated to producing information, such as documents, presentations, worksheets, databases, charts, graphs, and digital video.

#### CURRENT

These technologies are the current standard and meet the requirements of the enterprise. They are recommended for use and can be deployed immediately.

Technology	Products	Technology Classification
Office Productivity Suite	Microsoft Office 2016* Microsoft Office 2013	Current
Word Processing	Microsoft Word 2016* Microsoft Word 2013	Current
Spreadsheet	Microsoft Excel 2016* Microsoft Excel 2013	Current
Graphics/Presentation	Microsoft PowerPoint 2016* Microsoft PowerPoint 2013	Current
Desktop Database	Microsoft Access 2016* Microsoft Access 2013	Current
Messaging & Calendaring	Microsoft Outlook 2016* Microsoft Outlook 2013	Current

**Notes regarding Current Products:** \*BOBJ Dashboard 4.1/Xcelsius and Live Office Dashboard do not work with Office 2016; Agencies will need to migrate Xcelsius to DesignStudio to correct BOBJ Dashboard 4.1/Xcelcius issues.

- Each product should be tested by the agency to insure that they work with agency specific applications.
- Service packs should be tested and deployed in accordance with ITP-SYM006 - *Desktop and Server Software Patching Policy*.
- Refer to ITP-APP035 *Internet Browser Policy* for Internet browser technology standards and SAP GUI versioning.

### **CONTAIN**

These technologies no longer meet the requirements of the enterprise and are not recommended for new deployments. Existing deployments of these technologies are to be phased out over time.

<b>Technology</b>	<b>Products</b>	<b>Technology Classification</b>
Office Productivity Suite	Microsoft Office 2010, SP2	Contain
Word Processing	Microsoft Word 2010	Contain
Spreadsheet	Microsoft Excel 2010	Contain
Graphics/Presentation	Microsoft PowerPoint 2010	Contain
Desktop Database	Microsoft Access 2010	Contain
Messaging & Calendaring	Microsoft Outlook 2010	Contain

**Notes Regarding Contain Products:** Service packs should be tested and deployed in accordance with ITP-SYM006 - *Desktop and Server Software Patching Policy*.

### **RETIRE**

These technologies are being phased out. Plans are to be developed for their replacement, especially if there is risk involved, such as lack of vendor support. A date for retirement has been set.

<b>Technology</b>	<b>Products</b>	<b>Technology Classification</b>
Office Productivity Suite	Microsoft Office 2003 Microsoft Office XP Microsoft Office 2000 Microsoft Office 2007 Microsoft Office 2010, SP1	Retired: 4/8/14 Retired: 7/12/11 Retired: 7/14/09 Retired: 10/9/12 Retired: 10/14/14
Word Processing	Microsoft Word 2003 Microsoft Word XP Microsoft Word 2000 Microsoft Word 2007	Retired: 4/8/14 Retired: 7/12/11 Retired: 7/14/09 Retired: 10/9/12
Spreadsheet	Microsoft Excel 2003 Microsoft Excel XP Microsoft Excel 2000 Microsoft Excel 2007	Retired: 4/8/14 Retired: 7/12/11 Retired: 7/14/09 Retired: 10/9/12

Graphics/Presentation	Microsoft PowerPoint 2003 Microsoft PowerPoint XP Microsoft PowerPoint 2000 Microsoft PowerPoint 2007	Retired: 4/8/14 Retired: 7/12/11 Retired: 7/14/09 Retired: 10/9/12
Desktop Database	Microsoft Access 2003 Microsoft Access XP Microsoft Access 2000 Microsoft Access 2007	Retired: 4/8/14 Retired: 7/12/11 Retired: 7/14/09 Retired: 10/9/12
Messaging & Calendaring	Microsoft Outlook 2003 Microsoft Outlook XP Microsoft Outlook 2000 Microsoft Outlook 2007	Retired: 4/8/14 Retired: 7/12/11 Retired: 7/14/09 Retired: 10/9/12

### EMERGING/RESEARCH

Emerging technologies have the potential to become a current standard. At the present time, they are to be used only in pilot or test environments where they can be evaluated. Use of these technologies is restricted to a limited production deployment, and requires approval of a waiver request.

Technology	Products	Technology Classification
Office Productivity Suite	N/A	
Word Processing	N/A	
Spreadsheet	N/A	
Graphics/Presentation	N/A	
Desktop Database	N/A	
Messaging & Calendaring	N/A	

#### 4. Responsibilities

Agencies are required to adhere to the policies presented in this ITP.

#### 5. Related ITPs/Other References

- Management Directive 205.34 "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy"
- ITP-APP035 *Internet Browser Policy*
- ITP-SYM006 - *Desktop and Server Software Patching Policy*
- ITP-SEC003 - *Enterprise Security Auditing and Monitoring - Internet Access Control and Content Filtering (IACCF) Standard*

#### 6. Authority

- Executive Order 2016-06, Enterprise Information Technology Governance

## 7. Publication Version Control

It is the user’s responsibility to ensure they have the latest version of this publication, which appears on <https://itcentral.pa.gov> for Commonwealth personnel and on the Office of Administration public portal: <http://www.oa.pa.gov/Policies/Pages/default.aspx>. Questions regarding this publication are to be directed to [RA-ITCentral@pa.gov](mailto:RA-ITCentral@pa.gov).

## 8. Exemption to This Policy

In the event an agency chooses to seek an exemption, for reasons such as the need to comply with requirements for a federally mandated system, a request for waiver may be submitted via the Commonwealth of PA Procurement and Architectural Review (COPPAR) process. Requests are to be entered into the COPPAR Tool located at <http://copper.oa.pa.gov/>. Agency CIO approval is required.

This chart contains a history of this publication’s revisions:

Version	Date	Purpose of Revision
Original	11/20/2009	Base Document
Revision	2/24/2010	Moved Office XP to retired status
Revision	5/24/2010	Office 2010 added as an emerging standard
Revision	10/25/2010	Removed specific packages from Microsoft Office 2007
Revision	04/01/2014	Moved Office 2003 to retire status/Office 2013 added as an emerging standard. Merged STD-APP036a into ITP.
Revision	06/24/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removed Background section</li> <li>• Removed Objectives section</li> <li>• Revised Policy language throughout, including removal of language within the Standards subsections (Current, Contain, Retire)</li> <li>• Referenced ITP-APP035 Internet Browser Policy</li> <li>• Moved Office 2013 and 2016 tools to Current</li> <li>• Added note regarding BOBJ Dashboard/Xcelcius issues with Office 2016</li> <li>• Moved Office 2010 to Contain from Current</li> <li>• Moved Office 2007 to Retire from Current</li> <li>• Added Exemption section</li> </ul>