

# AvePoint Office Connect vs Office 365 Suite

## Overview

AvePoint Office Connect helps end users follow company guidelines around content collaboration by making it easier to upload and share content through SharePoint, SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups from Outlook, Office 2016, and Windows File Explorer. Office Connect condenses the native flow of uploading and sharing documents – which spreads across Windows 10, Office 2016, and SharePoint Online – into a single application that better aligns Office 365 with how users naturally create and manage their content.

### With Office Connect

- **Get content off desktops and Outlook**  
Centralize where all business information lives by reducing content stored in personal inboxes and providing direct access to SharePoint, SharePoint Online, OneDrive

for Business, and Office 365 Groups through Office 2016 applications and desktops.

- **Share content securely**  
Securely share and collaborate on content internally and externally by automatically converting email attachments to SharePoint links and setting permissions directly through Outlook and Explorer view.
- **Streamline accessibility and data governance**  
Make sure all content uploaded to SharePoint, SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups is searchable and properly classified by standardizing mapping properties and prompting users to add relevant metadata before uploading.

No more jumping between multiple applications – just enhanced productivity for your entire organization.

## Product Comparison

### AvePoint Office Connect vs. Office 365 Suite

To understand how AvePoint Office Connect's features compare to those across the Office 365 Suite (specifically Windows 10, Office 2016, and SharePoint Online out-of-the-box functionality) see the table below.

Features		Office 365 Suite	AvePoint Office Connect
<b>Upload a file from Office 2016 Applications</b>	To SharePoint Online	YES	YES
	To OneDrive for Business	YES	YES
	To Office 365 Groups	YES	YES
	Add/edit metadata at time of upload	LIMITED SUPPORT Only available for SharePoint Online libraries with required metadata field	YES

Features		Office 365 Suite	AvePoint Office Connect
<b>Share a SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups file from Office 2016 Applications</b>	With internal users	YES	YES
	With external users	YES* Can only set external sharing at site collection level. Limited IT/Compliance control over internal user sharing capabilities	YES* Requires integration with AvePoint Perimeter
	Upload and share simultaneously	NO	YES
	Send an email notification to internal user	YES	YES
	Set document permissions on share/send for external users	YES* Limited control over view and edit permissions over external users	YES* Requires integration with AvePoint Perimeter
<b>Upload files from desktops</b>	To SharePoint Online via Explorer view	NO	YES
	To OneDrive for Business via Explorer view	NO	YES
	To Office 365 Groups via Explorer view	NO	YES
	Via right-click and selecting from menu	NO	YES
	Via drag and drop from desktop to SharePoint Online libraries or lists	YES Must open web browser and navigate to document library	YES Using Office Connect Explorer desktop application
	Via drag and drop from desktop to OneDrive for Business libraries	NO	YES
	Via drag and drop from desktop to Office 365 Groups libraries or lists	NO	YES
	In bulk to SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups	YES* Must have 2 windows open; must open web browser and navigate to document library	YES Using Office Connect Explorer desktop application
	Add/edit metadata at time of upload (for single files or bulk uploads)	NO	YES

Features		Office 365 Suite	AvePoint Office Connect
<b>Upload folders from desktops</b>	To SharePoint Online via Explorer view	NO	YES
	To OneDrive for Business via Explorer view	NO	YES
	To Office 365 Groups via Explorer view	NO	YES
	Via right-click and selecting from menu	NO	YES
	Via drag and drop from desktop to SharePoint Online libraries or lists	NO	YES
	Via drag and drop from desktop to OneDrive for Business libraries or lists	NO	YES
	In bulk to SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups	NO	YES
	Add/edit metadata at time of upload (for single files and bulk uploads)	NO	YES
<b>Share content in SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups from desktops</b>	Send SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups content to internal users via Explorer view	NO	YES
	Send SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups content to external users via Explorer view	NO	YES* Requires integration with AvePoint Perimeter
<b>Manage content in SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups from desktops</b>	Browse SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups via Explorer view	NO	YES
	Drag and drop content across SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups via Explorer view	NO	YES
	Set permissions for content in SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups via Explorer view	NO	YES
	Edit/delete files and folders in SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups via Explorer view	NO	YES
	Add/edit metadata of content in SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups via Explorer view	NO	YES

Features		Office 365 Suite	AvePoint Office Connect
<b>Move or copy email attachments from Outlook</b>	To OneDrive for Business	NO	YES
	To SharePoint Online	NO	YES
	To Office 365 Groups	NO	YES
	Automatically to SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups after sending an email	NO	YES
	Via drag and drop from Outlook to SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups	NO	YES
	In bulk and replace them with SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups links	NO	YES
	Add/edit metadata at time of upload (for single files and bulk uploads)	NO	YES
<b>Move or copy emails from Outlook</b>	To OneDrive for Business	YES Must set up and save to OneDrive for Business sync folder and then sync	YES Can save directly from Outlook window
	To SharePoint Online	YES Must open a separate window to drag and drop or connect specific library as network folder	YES Can save directly from Outlook window
	To Office 365 Groups	YES Must open a separate window to drag and drop or connect specific library as network folder	YES Can save directly from Outlook window
	Via drag and drop from Outlook to SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups	YES Must open a separate window to drag and drop or connect specific library as network folder	YES Can save directly from Outlook window
	In bulk and filtered by specified timeframes	NO	YES
	Add/edit metadata at time of upload (for single files and bulk uploads)	NO	YES

Features		Office 365 Suite	AvePoint Office Connect
<b>Share content in SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups through Outlook</b>	Insert SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups links in emails for secure internal sharing	NO	YES
	Insert SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups links in emails for secure external sharing	NO	YES* Requires integration with AvePoint Perimeter
	Set document permissions (edit, read only) on Share/Send	NO	YES
<b>Manage Metadata</b>	Prompt metadata tagging at time of upload	LIMITED SUPPORT Not supported for drag and drop and bulk upload	YES
	Create standard email mapping properties for content uploaded to SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups	NO	YES
	Automatically map email properties (such as: date, to, from) to associated SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Office 365 Groups columns	NO	YES

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