



6 Things To Consider When Choosing a Cloud Fax Service



Healthcare, finance, legal, and enterprise organizations can exchange business-critical information faster and more securely by leveraging the security of fax technology with the scalability of the cloud. As one of the most trusted document delivery methods available today, hybrid-cloud fax solutions can provide organizations with more security and compliance than email or messaging applications.



Fax's key role in data security best practices is the reason why the online fax market is projected to reach **\$12.32 billion by 2030.¹**

When choosing a cloud fax service, it's extremely important to take uptime, security, innovation, ease of use, customer support, and flexibility into account. Oftentimes, companies are duped into signing long-term contracts to secure rock-bottom prices and seldom consider the fine print. That is, until business-critical operations go awry due to outages and unreliable technical support.

Before signing on the dotted line, it's imperative that you do your research, check references, and read customer reviews. **Taking the following 6 things into consideration can save your organization time and money.**



¹ <https://www.kingsresearch.com/online-fax-market-114#:~:text=The%20global%20online%20fax%20market.and%20others>



1 Security and Certifications)

According to the HITRUST Alliance, organizations that utilize a HITRUST CSF certified fax service provider are less likely to suffer a breach and are more likely to be able to contain and minimize the impact of a breach, should one occur. While the HITRUST CSF can be used by all organizations that create, access, store, or exchange sensitive and/or regulated data, it is ideal for healthcare organizations because of its prescriptive framework for managing the security requirements inherent in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Here at ETHERFAX, security is our top-priority. Unlike other organizations that are self-assessed, our security is validated and certified by third-party organizations in which attestations of compliance (AOC) can be furnished upon request.

To ensure data protection, ETHERFAX securely transmits protected health information and high-resolution, color documents directly to applications and devices with end-to-end encryption and ultra-fast transmission speeds. ETHERFAX's secure, cloud-based, and encrypted data exchange solutions operate in a HIPAA and SOC 2® compliant environment that is both HITRUST CSF® and PCI DSS certified.

Leveraging the ETHERFAX Secure Exchange Network (SEN) provides 100% secure communications and guaranteed delivery. DirectFax via ETHERFAX SEN guarantees that communications never traverse an external telephone network while Black and White lists place further restrictions on the flow of secure information.

We have also implemented multiple defense-in-depth strategies into our patented ETHERFAX technology including two-factor authentication and end-to-end encryption to guarantee that patient data and business-critical information remain protected. The ETHERFAX network provides an easy and painless transition to the cloud, providing you with:

) **HITRUST Certified**) **PCI DSS Level 1 Compliant**) **SOC 2 Compliant**) **End-to-End Encryption**





2 Reliability, Transparency, and Uptime)

When your business-critical operations are reliant on network fax and secure document delivery services, any downtime is unacceptable. For healthcare organizations, service interruptions, busy signals, and slow transmissions can prevent patient data from being exchanged in a timely manner and ultimately delay patient care. In some cases, the consequences can be fatal.

Understanding the fundamental needs of healthcare, finance, legal, and enterprise organizations, ETHERFAX has built its network and data center operations with multiple layers of redundancy to ensure reliability, transparency, and uptime. ETHERFAX's multiple carrier backbone infrastructure leverages tier 1 and tier 2 providers to guarantee network redundancy, high availability and disaster recovery (HA/DR) at all times.

ETHERFAX is built for business continuity and works to ensure there is minimal, if any, downtime for your organization. Leveraging the cloud, proprietary technology, and world-class data centers located in North America, Europe, and Asia, ETHERFAX guarantees that inbound and outbound communications remain secure and protected from technical failures due to catastrophic events and natural disasters.

In addition to HA/DR, ETHERFAX is ideal for business continuity initiatives and managing high-volume, peak overflow fax operations. As an IaaS platform with built-in redundancy, ETHERFAX can be easily configured to provide immediate failover of fax communications, ensuring uptime when existing telephony equipment fails, such as fax boards, PRI lines, servers, and applications.

) **99.99% reliability**

) **Built-in redundancy**

) **No busy signals;
never lose a fax**

) **100% uptime**



3 Roadmap and New Developments)

It's important to choose a fax service provider that continues to grow alongside your business. In addition to their core services, the ideal service provider should continuously develop new solutions and expand their network with partnerships and integrations.

Since 2009, ETHERFAX has developed innovative solutions that change the way enterprise organizations send and receive information. Committed to redefining document exchange for the modern era, ETHERFAX continues to evolve its secure document delivery platform with new patents, partnerships, integrations, and technology enhancements.

ETHERFAX's network effect continues to grow through our integrations with Lexmark and Hyland OnBase, as well as our Epic Vendor Services integrations. We are also continuously launching new features to create the off-ramp from fax and the on-ramp to interoperability.



Check out ETHERFAX's new app integrations with Slack and Teams, allowing customers to transmit high-resolution, color documents fast and securely between their favorite collaboration tools desktop platforms.



4 U.S. Based Support)

There's nothing more frustrating than slow response times and a lack of transparency in the event of a network outage, service disruption, or technical issue. Service providers that work with outsourced and international support teams tend to have lower customer service satisfaction rates due to reps following a one-size-fits-all approach and being less knowledgeable about the provider's specific products and solutions than in-house teams. This ultimately delays resolutions and disrupts business processes throughout your entire organization.

Here at ETHERFAX, we believe our customer service and support is what differentiates us from other companies. With offices located in New Jersey, California, and Arizona, our industry leading support team is available 24/7 to provide one-on-one customer service, technical support, and onboarding assistance.

Our goal is to always be proactive and transparent regardless of the situation or root cause. As part of ETHERFAX's standard operating procedures, we offer a series of tools and notifications to keep customers informed during service interruptions or scheduled maintenance. Real-time, chronological updates on system status and performance can be accessed through our website at status.etherfax.net.

) **U.S. based support team available 24/7**) **Real-time system status updates**

) **98% customer satisfaction rate**





5 Ease of Use)

Whether you're implementing a fax solution for the very first time or extending your existing legacy fax platforms to the cloud, it's important to look for a service provider that will assist you with onboarding and installation. For a seamless integration, a software development kit (SDK) should be available to provide software integrators with the tools they need to integrate applications quickly.

The ETHERFAX API, a web interface based on REST semantics, enables software developers to integrate fax and secure document delivery services into their applications in short order. With ETHERFAX's simple and language agnostic API integration, organizations can easily submit documents (TIFF, PDF, etc.) to our network and watch them progress in real-time.

-) **No fax hardware, no phone lines required**
-) **Simple, language agnostic API integration**
-) **Personalized, one-on-one onboarding**

6 Flexibility)

Many organizations require a long-term contract because they have a fiduciary responsibility to their shareholders – not their customers – and they have already paid their internal representatives commissions on the deal. ETHERFAX's only commitment is to our customers. We do not require any long-term contracts because we believe that providing a high-quality, reliable service will keep our customers coming back.

-) **No long-term contracts**
-) **Month-to-month services**
-) **Only pay for completed fax pages sent and received through ETHERFAX**



About ETHERFAX

Founded in 2009, ETHERFAX® offers a secure document delivery platform and suite of applications widely used across a broad range of industries to digitize workflows and optimize business processes. As a leading provider of hybrid-cloud fax solutions supporting healthcare enterprises, ETHERFAX securely transmits protected health information and high-resolution, color documents directly to applications and devices with end-to-end encryption and ultra-fast transmission speeds. ETHERFAX's secure, cloud-based, and encrypted data exchange solutions operate in a HIPAA and SOC 2® compliant environment that is both HITRUST CSF® and PCI DSS certified.



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