Protecting employees and visitors in the workplace is an enormous undertaking for building owners, security administrators and business owners these days. Everyone – from employees and business partners to local communities and the general public – wants the highest level of safety and security in and around business facilities today.

One way to optimize your building or office’s security in a cost effective way is to implement a web-based security system. Simply put, this is a security system that runs over the internet. What makes these systems affordable is they typically don’t require major changes to a building’s IT infrastructure. For small businesses these systems can also be easily implemented without the need for IT support, although larger companies will likely involve IT since the security system will be sitting on their existing network. Web-based systems also make it easier than ever to manage openings and access; position your security for any future changes or upgrades; and for users to manage their security systems independently without the need for ongoing service or support. These systems also offer other benefits, including:

**Lower cost of ownership:** Whether you’re setting up a new system or upgrading an old one, web-based security systems reduce the cost of ownership no matter how large or small the application. That’s because these systems can either be integrated into your existing computer/server network or simply attached to whatever you’re already installing to support your network. The system doesn’t require a separate dedicated network, reducing installation and ongoing maintenance costs.

**Flexible access and use:** Because web-based systems can be accessed from any computer connected to your network, you can manage security virtually at any time and from anywhere. Because you decide how your network is accessed and by whom, you can manage security in any way that works for you.

**Scalable design:** Whether you have a small office with only one or two openings that require access control, or a large office with many openings and many users, web-based security systems fit. Adding, subtracting and managing openings, users and administrative privileges can be done anytime.
What facility managers need to know about web-based security systems?

**Easy integration:** The open architecture design of some web-based security systems allow you to easily integrate electronic door hardware, access control systems and even video and CCTV products, regardless of manufacturer, into your system simply by adding them to your system. This ensures that your system continues to operate smoothly, but also provides the assurance that you can leverage existing devices and will be capable of supporting any new technology you may invest in down the road.

**Encrypted data transmission:** Some web-based systems offer 128-bit encryption that’s as secure as the data protection used by banks and other financial institutions. This ensures that your employee data and other private information is kept safe and secure.

**Portability:** Depending on the system you choose, you may be able to take your web-based system with you should you move your offices allowing you to easily move and reconnect to your network quickly and with minimal downtime if needed.

You can select and set-up a web-based security system no matter what size your business or budget. And once you’re up and running, you’ll be able to manage the system easily and effectively on your own, keeping costs down and security under control.

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**Learn more about web-based access control**

For more information about how the Allegion portfolio works with a web-based security solution, please contact a professional security consultant in your area by calling 888.758.9823 or fill out the Contact Us form on our website at allegion.com.

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