Cloud-based gaming specialist OnLive steps towards the remote desktop market with OnLive Desktop-- a free iPad app providing "instant access" to the Microsoft Office Suite.



The company claims "OnLive Desktop is the first app to deliver a no-compromise, media-rich Windows desktop experience to iPad, opening up powerful new possibilities for consumers and businesses." Users should be able to view and edit cloud-hosted documents, complete with multi-touch gesture support and high-quality HD video playback.

A free option has 2GB of storage, while the subscription-based OnLive Desktop Pro will make 50GB of storage space available (together with a larger, yet to be announced application and feature set) for \$9.99 monthly.

The company will also launch OnLive Enterprise-- a version aiming at business clients, allowing IT departments to have full control of user entitlements/access privileges to applications and associated data.

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