
Aurora 2.5

Aurora provides remote file access and advanced file sharing capabilities through a secure web connection. Utilizing both Aurora multi-factor login credentials and Active Directory user identity, users can access files to which they have access rights located on your organization's network. Additionally, users can securely share files with others outside your organization through an authenticated web-based guest access portal.

Product Overview

Among all the changes brought about by the digital revolution, one was the demand for flexibility in where and how people work. Findings in a study published before the COVID-19 pandemic indicated that 80 percent of employees want to work from home at least some of the time¹, and that 69 percent of employers offer remote work on an ad hoc basis to at least some employees². Nearly two years into the COVID-19 pandemic, roughly six-in-ten U.S. workers who say their jobs can mainly be done from home (59%) are working from home all or most of the time³.

Expanding on remote work demands is inter-organizational remote collaborative development. A McAfee study points out the risks of employee "self-enabling" methods, citing that 18 percent of external collaboration requests use third party email addresses such as Gmail for file sharing, and that 9 percent of shared data contain sensitive or confidential information, putting these companies at risk.⁴

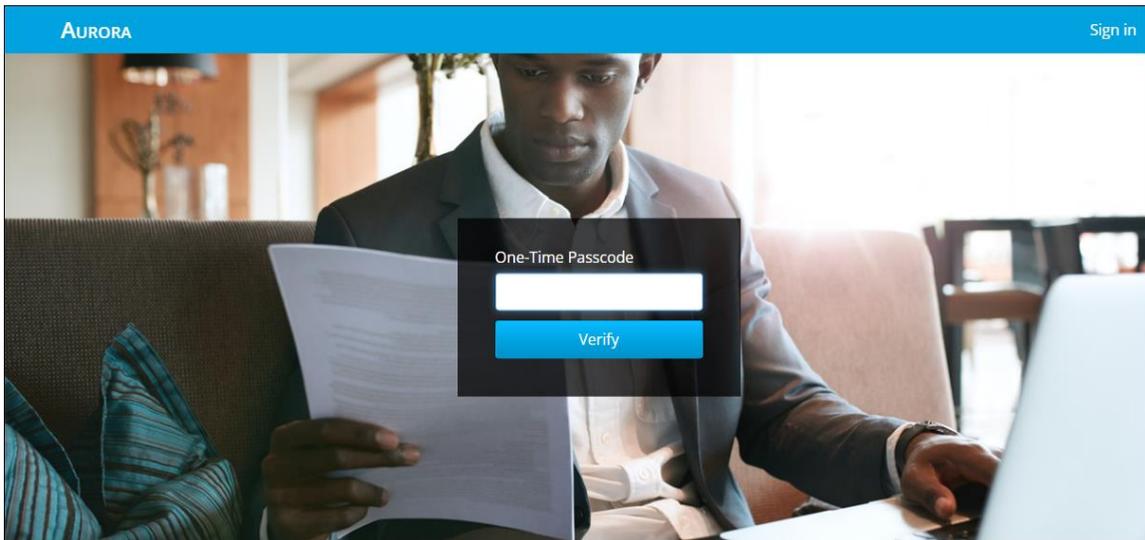
Recognizing the need for workers to be able to securely access and work on their network-stored files, and for organizations and their partner organizations to collaborate through secure document sharing, Condrey Corporation developed Aurora.

Key Benefits

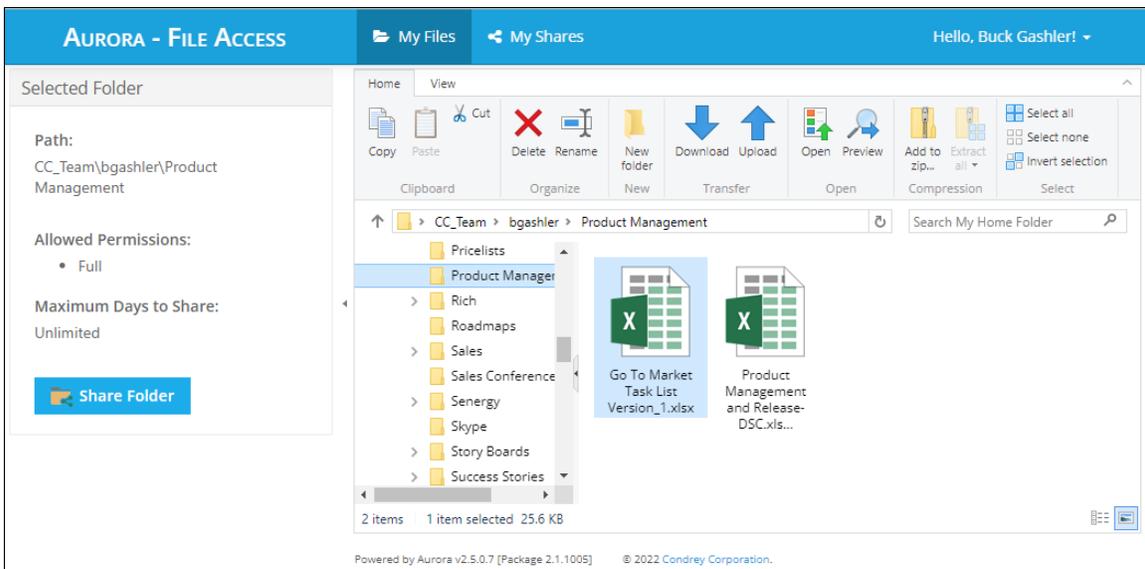
- **Enables access to network files from anywhere.** Through a web browser, users enter their Active Directory login credentials and authenticate via single- or two-factor authentication. User and group network folders to which they have access rights established from NTFS are then presented in an intuitive interface similar to Windows File Explorer.
- **Administrator granted access.** Access to network stored files is limited to the access permissions of the user as established in Active Directory. Furthermore, users can access only the network shares that are enabled for remote access for Aurora. For example, a network administrator might make personnel files from the HR share available to HR department users, but not enable users in the Financial department to remotely access financial files from the Finance share.
- **File security maintenance.** Because files from your network do not have to be duplicated or removed from their original folder for access and sharing, all permissions defined by IT continue to govern their security.
- **Secure file sharing.** Aurora enables interorganizational collaboration by providing the ability to securely share files with users outside your organization via an authenticated web-based guest access portal. Furthermore, you can avoid the limitations and constraints of email and FTP file sharing by accessing and sharing files directly from your network storage through the Aurora interface.

Key Features

- **Intuitive user interface.** Designed to look similar to Windows 10 File Explorer, the Aurora user interface is simple to work in. Once logged in to Aurora, the interface displays the folders to which users have access. Users at this point are working with the files residing on the network. They can perform tasks such as copying, deleting, moving, renaming, uploading files from a local workstation, and downloading files to the workstation. Within the interface, authorized users can also share folders with someone inside or outside of the organization.
- **File Viewer.** When working in the Aurora interface to identify a particular file you want to download locally, Aurora provides you the ability to see a full rendering of the file so you can see what the file looks like and thus, prevent you from downloading the wrong files. The file viewing capabilities of Aurora will display all Microsoft Office files, PDFs, pictures, and even run media files.
- **File sharing.** To avoid the risks of sharing confidential files through a public cloud or the hassles of doing so through FTP, Aurora enables secure file sharing through the Aurora interface. Users simply select the folder to share, identify the guest user, set permissions, and designate an expiration date for the shared folder. An email is sent to the recipient with a notification of the file share. The guest then registers their address in the Aurora access portal. After authentication, the guest has access to the shared folder, allowing the guest to complete the task at hand.
- **Flexible access options.** Aurora users can log in from their workstation, laptop, or mobile device over a secure web connection, through any supported browser (including Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox, Apple Safari, and Google Chrome).
- **Multi-Factor Authentication.** In addition to the identity and security settings of Microsoft Active Directory, Aurora can verify authenticated users via Time-based One-Time Passwords (TOTP) technology via Microsoft Authenticator or Google Authenticator.
- **Customized branding.** You can customize the login screen background of the web interface for your users and provide a URL for user help. You can also customize the login screen background for outside users accessing shared files and folders.
- **Utilizes existing hardware and software.** Aurora utilizes your existing investments in Windows Server and the server hardware on which it is hosted. In most cases, Aurora will not require the purchase of additional hardware. Aurora supports all popular web browsers.



When set up for multi-factor authentication, users first enter their Active Directory login credentials and then authenticate using a one-time password.



The Aurora user interface is engineered to appear and function like Windows File Explorer.

¹[GlobalWorkplaceAnalytics.com](https://www.globalworkplaceanalytics.com)

²Ibid

³[Pew Research Center](https://www.pewresearchcenter.org)

⁴McAfee, "New Stats on Cloud File-Sharing Exposes Data Loss Risk," Brandon Cook, 2020