

The evolution of technology has reshaped the way we interact with our surroundings. It has brought about more automated and streamlined experiences, changing how we live day-to-day. Looking ahead, it's evident that our spaces are becoming smarter, demanding that storage solutions follow suit.

Smart buildings call for smart storage. With buildings, offices, and universities previously requiring people to adjust and adapt, the tables have turned. Today's environments must mold themselves to accommodate the ways in which people interact, work, and learn. When discussing "smart" buildings and storage, the focus often shifts towards technology and automation. However, essentially, smart buildings aim to create spaces that are more efficient, aesthetically pleasing, and centered around people.

Our smart locker system for personal storage and exchange of goods elevates the experience of smart buildings and smart workplaces.

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Redefining the Workplace

In hybrid work environments, employees come into the office for collaborative tasks while leveraging remote settings for focused, individual work.

Organizations must design flexible, tech-enabled, collaborative spaces to be successful. Companies invest in smart building apps for reserving desks and rooms, dedicated collaboration areas, mobile credentials, and sensors to gather data on space usage. However, there is opportunity to improve a sense of belonging, provide personal spaces for team members, gather usage insights, and enhance the overall experience with intelligent storage solutions.

Incorporating smart storage as part of the evolving office trend streamlines hybrid work experiences and ensures businesses can adapt effectively to the shifting dynamics of modern workplaces. Smart lockers now offer secure and accessible spaces that adhere to ADA-compliant standards, enabling employees to reserve lockers conveniently via smartphones or ID badges. These lockers also provide businesses with essential data on locker usage, contributing significantly to a comfortable and pleasant work environment.

A Sense of Belonging

Today's smart office lockers have evolved far beyond traditional steel boxes reminiscent of high school days. They blend practical storage with cutting-edge technology to support staff and their daily tasks seamlessly, a necessary transformation in line with the evolving dynamics of modern workplaces. Incorporating smart lockers into hybrid workspaces fosters a sense of belonging and personal space while improving efficiency and adaptability.



Hybrid Workforce

Blending in-office and remote work, this flexible approach is becoming a long-term strategy for many businesses, allowing for a balance between collaboration and focus.



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Iterative Space Design

Offices are adopting a test-and-learn approach to workspace design, setting up different types of workspaces, gauging employee reactions and productivity, and iterating based on feedback. This represents a shift from predefined, static office layouts to flexible, dynamic ones tailored to meet evolving needs.



Smart Buildings

Smart buildings are using IoT and sensor technologies to gather data about office space usage, such as occupancy rates and patterns. This information helps organizations better understand their requirements, optimize space allocation, and plan for future growth – all while maximizing employee comfort.

Workplace Trends



People-First Design & Human-Centered Design

Prioritizing people first in design leads to a more purposeful and supportive workplace. It's important to address common user challenges and motivations in order to have an office that is truly designed with employees in mind — instead of employees conforming to an already-built, standard design.



Technology Integrations

Office spaces are embedding more high-tech solutions into their designs, such as smart desks, smart lockers, intelligent meeting rooms, and more. These improvements aim to streamline operations and enhance overall productivity.



Collapsing Boundaries

Instead of having designated areas for specific activities, such as, meeting rooms, break rooms, offices are moving towards multi-purpose spaces that can adapt to various uses. This trend maximizes space utilization and fosters a flexible working environment.



Designing the Hybrid Work Model



While the office is redesigned for the Hybrid Work Model, we are seeing that employee storage needs are typically overlooked. Although important, this observation error leads to lockers with inconvenient, antiquated locks that don't reflect seamless and data-driven user experiences that the rest of smart buildings offer.

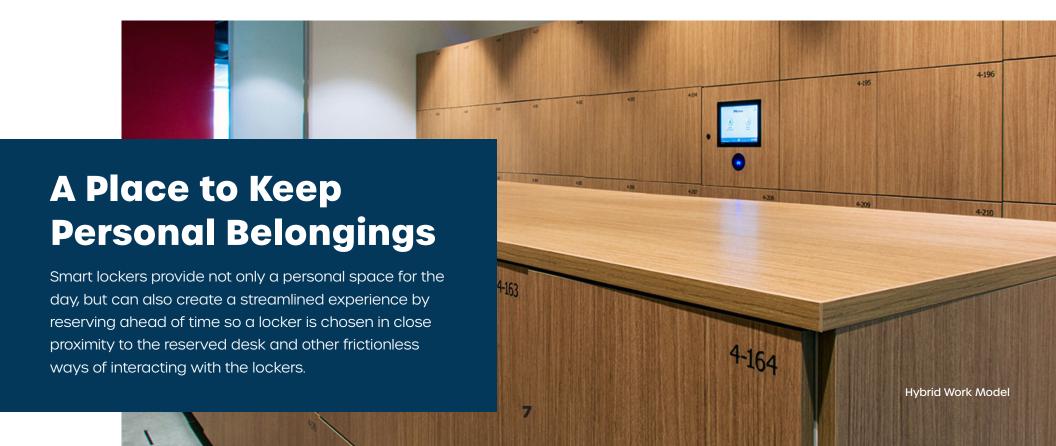
Having convenient, flexible, and future-proof storage solutions for your employees is essential for their workplace needs. Not only great for employees, smart lockers provide real-time data that allow businesses to change the functionality on-the-fly. As business needs change so does the smart storage solutions.



Collaborative Spaces Quiet Spaces Spaces in Between

The hybrid workplace allows employees to alternate between office and remote work, necessitating adaptable office environments. Companies are shifting from fixed desks to flexible offices, promoting collaborative and quiet spaces through hot-desking strategies.







Smart lockers provide storage space and on-the-fly reservation for unassigned users, while offering permanent lockers for frequent office-goers within the same conveniently located locker bank.

LOCKER ACCESS

Depending on company policy, employees can access their lockers using an RFID card, smartphone, wearable device, backup key, or a 4-digit PIN, compatible with 99% of global RFID media.

ASSIGNED & UNASSIGNED

Lockers can be administratively toggled between assigned and unassigned modes. In assigned mode, employees have the same locker daily, while unassigned mode allows them to use any available locker, catering to their changing day-to-day needs.

In contrast to traditional locks, smart wired locks offer employees a seamless and convenient experience throughout the workplace.

Design Your Employee User Experience



EXCHANGE OF GOODS LOCKERS

Designate individual lockers or an entire locker bank for goods exchange, facilitating the pickup of items like IT equipment and confidential information without in-person coordination for a streamlined employee experience.

WORKPLACE INTEGRATION

Integrate our system with third-party workplace apps for simultaneous locker, desk, parking, and conference room reservations, enhancing convenience and productivity by eliminating the need to search for available lockers upon arrival.



Management User-Experience

Unlike the basic lock, smart wired locks provide full control and data as to how the employees are utilizing the lockers — frequency of use, size of lockers used, locker banks, and much more.





REAL-TIME DASHBOARD

Our administrative dashboard provides complete visibility of the current status of the lockers' physical-state, usage, and overall management of the lockers.

LOCKER MANAGEMENT

Open all of the lockers in the building, floor, locker group or bank, or a specific locker with just a click of a button in the management software. Mitigate security threats or assist a user who forgot their card.

Our goal is to provide a streamlined process that is efficient, safe, and easy to integrate with.

REAL-TIME DATA & REPORTING

Smart lockers provide real-time data to allow you insight to how your lockers are being used. This can help inform future strategies to decide if scaling your locker offering makes sense or to ask questions to learn how your employees are using the lockers and if it aligns with the original intention.



CLEANING & SERVICE MODE MANAGEMENT

Allocate certain groups of people to be part of your service or cleaning crew. Based on your locker policy, lockers can automatically go into service mode or manually designate lockers in the software for cleaning crews to clean.

User Experience

User Interface Options

Having convenient, flexible, and future-proof storage solutions for your employees is essential for their workplace needs. Our RFID-enabled smart locking system offers several modes of operation to ensure we help you create the experience you desire.

TOUCH DISPLAY

4" MINI TOUCH + READER

This flexible solution can be designed to provide a workflow such as choosing the height (high or low) or size (large or small) of a locker. The mini touch display user experience is a good option for both unassigned and assigned lockers.

10" LARGE TOUCH + READER

The most customizable touch display offers a customized design and user flow. The touchscreen, reflecting your brand, can be tailored for custom workflows such as locker choice based on height or size, or guest locker selection, unique to your setup or locker bank.







PINPAD DISPLAY

PINPAD + READER

The PinPad + Reader user experience, offering limited options and no choice of locker specifics, instantly assigns a system-chosen locker. It's ideal for straightforward, assigned locker applications.



MOBILE ACCESS

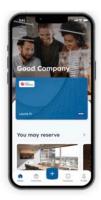


MOBILE CREDENTIALS

If your organization has moved to mobile credentials, no problem. Our readers are designed to read your physical card or mobile credential. Presenting a smartphone credential to the reader will automatically assign a temporary locker or open your assigned locker.

BIOMETRICS

Design your system with the latest technology utilizing biometirc readers. Our smart locker system can even integrate with Facial Recognition and Contactless Fingerprint Readers for users to access lockers.



APP INTEGRATIONS

Our platform smoothly integrates with thirdparty workplace apps, offering a seamless experience for choosing workspaces, reserving conference rooms, and booking lockers - a streamlined process like no other.



MYMETRAKEY APP

The user could use the MyMetraKey WiFi Smartphone App to reserve a locker, access a locker, and extend the use of your locker right on the phone — from anywhere in the building.

User Interface

The test-and-learn approach provides agility to businesses, enabling them to trial diverse strategies and layouts for optimal productivity, flexibility, and collaboration in the office.





Test It. Learn From It. Scale It.

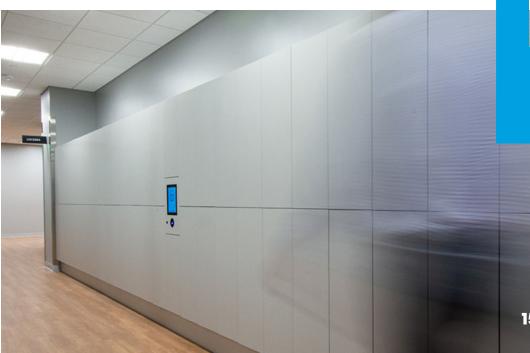
Data

Pilot programs should adopt a data-centric approach to comprehend workspace utilization, including midweek crowding, desk and storage hoarding, and visitor space usage. Smart lockers provide data for businesses to determine locker ratios and optimal placement in relation to collaborative, quiet, and intermediate spaces. This data takes the guesswork out of how to optimize the office.

Plug and Play Lockers

The name of the game for employers is to offer flexibility to their employees, from workspaces to the daily experiences.

Consider flexible solutions that can change as needs change. Smart lockers are designed to easily change from an assigned use to unassigned. Easily allocate lockers for visitors and even as needs change allocate lockers to an exchange of goods. Smart lockers change as the organization's needs change.



Flexibility

Introducing plug-and-play lockers is an easy, test-and-learn solution for organizations new to smart lockers. These modular, pre-kitted lockers, with optional casters, can be easily relocated and connected to power and data sources. This allows businesses to gauge employee receptiveness and usage without installing numerous lockers.



Test & Learn Lockers

Exchange of Goods Lockers

Besides storing personal items, 'Exchange of Goods' lockers can facilitate efficient goods exchange, allowing pickups without the need for in-person coordination, thereby streamlining the employee experience.





When employees work remotely, it becomes much more difficult to coordinate the exchange of equipment or confidential information. Smart lockers can allow for employees to easily drop-off or pick-up materials the next time they are in the office without needing to coordinate schedules.

Configure With Ease

Exchange of goods, personal employee storage, and visitor daily-use all within the same locker bank. A variety of locker openings can help maximize space while providing the ideal locker size for each intended use.





Smart lockers streamline IT's process of coordinating equipment exchanges during employee transitions and breakdowns. Smart lockers facilitate efficient management of IT equipment exchanges, loans, and repairs by allowing for preloading and unsupervised drop-offs by employees.



Our experienced team can guide you through choosing the optimal solutions tailored to your specific workplace needs.



Built-in Wall

Built-in wall smart lockers, elegantly designed to complement your office space. With options for customization including unique colors, vinyl wraps, and edge banding, your lockers can either blend seamlessly with your decor or make a striking statement. Additionally, the built-in wall design efficiently optimizes every inch of your workspace, offering not just aesthetic enhancement but also smart, space-saving solutions.

Custom Locker Design



Islands

Transform your office into a collaboration hotspot with our locker workspace islands. Far beyond simple storage, these islands act as versatile platforms perfect for rapid stand-up meetings, brainstorming sessions, or impromptu gatherings. By integrating smart storage, our islands foster a sense of unity and teamwork, thus promoting cooperative efforts.

End-Caps

End-cap smart lockers are designed to offer a convenient and easily accessible storage solution for team members. Recognizing the challenge of keeping personal belongings within reach in a bustling office environment, these lockers present a handy resolution by eliminating the need to traverse the office for access. Whether for storing personal items or facilitating exchanges with colleagues, end-cap smart lockers exemplify versatile utility.



Zone Dividers

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Zone Dividers are engineered to add functionality to your open office setup, cultivating spaces that spur creativity, drive productivity, and enhance well-being. By using lockers as dividers, they not only define distinct areas but also offer multifaceted features tailored to your team's requirements.

TAB SMART LOCKERS



