

A demonstration of the benefits of networking multiple platforms, "horses for courses". Featured application: rostered shift management, planned rosters in Microsoft Excel*, worked rosters online (internet).

*Please note that the Microsoft Excel tool, as high tech and interactive with web as it is, is optional for people who simply 'like Excel'. Online rostering handles both planned and worked rosters for orgs that elect to do all rostering online (last "silo" in the diagram below).

Platform: your payroll system	1	Platform: EMSOnline		Platform: RosterCoster.com
App: processing of staff pays		App: RosterCoster.xls		App: Availability & shift replacement
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		> Security provided by your own firewall.		> Security provided by us.
> Staff details table	Staff details	> Good platform for drafting and preparing "planned rosters" (core rosters at start of year, and posted every 4 weeks). Cover as many shifts and planned leave at this level as you can, to minimise the "unplanned" staff replacement you will need to deal with in the online platform, see right.	Planned rosters	> Right platform for "worked rosters". Users can log shift preferences online "at work <i>or</i> home", and the org can shift-replace online, with no limit to the number of alterations made to each shift.
> Accepts a .csv file each fortnight from RosterCoster.com.	Worked shifts	> Ongoing tailoring of reports quick and inexpensive to create, allowing you to "have" a range of tailored reports that you could not justify having coded online for your specific org.	Worked shifts	> Contains basic reports, and you can have additional reports created in this platform. However, recommend that it is more cost effective to create most tailored reports in the less-expensive-to-manipulate EMSOnline (see left).
	N N	> Future opportunity to load other apps at EMSOnline, for example, your own "standalone" templates in MS Excel and MS Word decommisioned in favour of networked versions with same look and feel.	V	