

Five Reasons Why It's Time to Consider the Cloud

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Not surprisingly, many firms – including those with well-established in-house infrastructures – are making the move to the cloud for a number of compelling reasons, most notably these five:



1. Timing

Understanding when the right time to move to the cloud might be is a smart first step.

There are three typical inflection points: when you're adding new applications, moving or opening a new office, or in need of an IT refresh. But even if you're not under any of those circumstances, there are a lot of motivating factors.



3. Features

Don't underestimate the value of the features available on a cloud platform. From enhanced security layers to enterprise communications, the cloud can deliver a full-scale package of resources for your firm, at a fraction of what it would cost for you to procure them individually on your own.



4. Staffing

CTOs/IT directors today have strategic areas to focus on, and moving the daily responsibility of IT to a cloud provider can benefit your utilization in the long run. For smaller operations, leveraging the cloud to avoid the overhead of hiring/training an experienced technology staff altogether is an option.



2. Cost Containment

You may not always be able to reduce the cost of

IT in the long-run with the cloud, but you will have a predictable budget to work with, which means you can contain costs and create smoother, linear cash flows. Plus, instead of spending time on mundane, daily IT tasks, the firm can reallocate resources to focus on application development,



5. Security

The cloud is becoming a vital option for managers looking to fortify their security. With regulators and investors both increasing expectations on the security front, it's imperative for firms to employ robust technology that can easily scale and meet growing demands. And to implement these various security protections onsite can often be cost-prohibitive and resource-prohibitive.

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Levels of Protection	Tier 0 <i>basic protection</i>	Tier 1 <i>standard protection</i>	Tier 2 <i>advanced protection</i>
Perimeter & Network Security			
• Firewalls	•	•	•
• Next-Generation Firewalls			•
• Anti-virus Software	•	•	•
• Software Patching/Patch Management	•	•	•
• Enhanced Email Security		•	•
• Network Access Control		•	•
Access Control Measures			
• Secure Remote Access (e.g. via Citrix)	•	•	•
• Multi-factor Authentication			•
• Mobile Device Security/Management		•	•
Policies & Procedures			
• Separation of Administrative Access/Least Privilege	•	•	•
• Acceptable Use Policy	•	•	•
• Written Information Security Plan (WISP)		•	•
• Business Continuity Plan (BCP)		•	•
• Incident Response Policy		•	•
Employee/User Behavior			
• Strong Non-default Password Enforcement	•	•	•
• Regular/Annual Cybersecurity Training		•	•
• Phishing Simulation Exercises			•
Advanced Technologies			
• Intrusion Detection/Prevention			•
• Storage Encryption (data at rest)			•
• Data Loss Prevention			•

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