

SaaS model was developed to overcome the common challenge to an enterprise of efficiently meeting fluctuating demands on IT resources. Why could it be? In that time, enterprises have become more educated on both the benefits and potential issues that factor into Cloud SaaS systems. As a result, the willingness of enterprises to consider SaaS and Cloud options for ERP has steadily increased. At the same time the willingness to consider the traditional on-premise model has steadily decreased. The idea is basically the same: There is no hardware or software to buy since the apps are used over the Internet and paid for through a fixed subscription fee or per an actual usage fee. Instead of buying and installing expensive packaged enterprise applications, users can access software apps over a network, with an Internet browser being the only absolute necessity.

When it comes to IT, it is no longer a matter of owning and operating everything ourselves. It is the results that count – availability, reliability, security and agility that support day-to-day operations and corporate growth. Enterprise cloud computing can enable that in ways traditional IT arrangements cannot, and outsourcing further streamlines the process, keeping your people focused on their most important work. There are two main options for the deployment of business applications: in the cloud (such as SaaS) and on-premise. In reality, many deployments, upon closer examination, are technically a hybrid mix of the two options. In everyone's enthusiasm for the cloud, what often gets lost in the conversation is the fact that there are multiple types of clouds (public, private, and hybrid) and multiple cloud deployment options (hosted, software as a service [SaaS], and managed services), as well as numerous cloud services, including platform as a service (PaaS), infrastructure as a service (IaaS), and SaaS. An enterprise would, therefore, mature from focusing on SaaS at the application level to having all of the apps driving a given business process be hosted, delivered, and managed via the cloud.

With the inevitable emergence of the Cloud and growing usage by your competitors, you can't afford to not look at how Cloud services can benefit your business today. As discussed in this brief, moving to the Cloud does not require an all-or-nothing approach to your technical infrastructure. Companies can choose to implement a hybrid platform in which Cloud applications are connected with existing on-premise systems. This allows you to continue to maximize your investment in legacy systems while leveraging the Cloud to drive innovation and agility. With the right technology, capabilities and expertise, integrating a hybrid Cloud approach into your architectural framework can be the solution you need to stay competitive and viable—both today and in the future.

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