

Cloud Migration Considerations Checklist

<p>Assess your existing situation: infrastructure, licensing, staffing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Where are you near end of life on existing hardware, leases, warranty, or support agreements? <input type="checkbox"/> Is it time to renew software enterprise agreements? Can you take advantage of more flexible subscription or service provider licensing models? <input type="checkbox"/> Where the automation and management of the cloud free up IT staff?
<p>Which back-office apps could leverage unique cloud capabilities?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Look at apps that require fault-tolerance such as CRM and ERP to tap into built-in DR <input type="checkbox"/> Inherently distributed apps like mail have inherent cloud capabilities; Look at full Exchange environment or hosted exchange based on your needs to customize (full Exchange in the cloud is customizable) <input type="checkbox"/> Easily migrate terminal server or browser based apps—SharePoint, Drupal, Joomla
<p>Can you use the cloud to open new markets?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Where can you reduce cost of sales, cost of support or create new markets with legacy apps? <input type="checkbox"/> Which customer facing apps could you serve online (SaaS) to reach new customers or serve internal customers better? <input type="checkbox"/> Can you leverage the cloud as a fast path to multi-tenancy? Single tenant c/s app can be served multi-tenant in the cloud without costly re-architecting.
<p>Assess your security requirements to understand implications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Understand what data and apps need to be held via SAS 70 Type II audited, HIPAA and PCI compliant systems <input type="checkbox"/> Can you access data over the public internet or do you require a secure connection? <input type="checkbox"/> For a secure connection, asses your need for persistent VPNs, private VLANs, extending AD or LDAP <input type="checkbox"/> Extending Active Directory or LDAP authentication for your apps necessitates a secure vLAN or secure point to point connection



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<p>Plan migration to minimize impact/downtime—practice good change management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Think about frictionless processes that leverage the flexibility of the cloud<input type="checkbox"/> Develop internal awareness plan to enable internal business customers to easily provision the services that they need (self-service intranet portal?)<input type="checkbox"/> Consider internal bill-back. Make sure your cloud provider has sub-account processes that automate charge backs for you<input type="checkbox"/> Plan for a new customer support model with your new solution; Make sure you can focus on your competencies, not managing the infrastructure; Look for a complete enterprise cloud platform<input type="checkbox"/> Easily test the waters—transfer just one application to the cloud, or move your whole back office quickly and easily
<p>Find an enterprise grade cloud provider that meets security and performance requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> See the detailed Enterprise Cloud Provider Checklist

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