



### How to choose?

When it comes to deciding to migrate or stay on premise, it can be beneficial to see all of the differences laid out side by side. Let's take a look at the features and functionality of Microsoft Azure specifically and compare them with an on-premises system. If you're not comfortable fully committing to the cloud, there are also hybrid options.

### AZURE CLOUD

- Monthly subscription fee, you pay according to your needs.
- Certainty of recurring costs, and never get locked into paying for what you don't need.
- Less labor costs to change/expand.
- No hardware replacement costs.

- Multi-layered security provided across physical datacenters, infrastructure, and operations with cyber security experts actively monitoring to protect your business assets and data.
- Advanced site recovery, and built-in integration.

- The most reliable cloud service provider guaranteeing 99.999% + up-time. *(Providing power redundancy, cooling systems, fire suppression systems, servers, storage, and security systems, cloud reliability is enhanced).*
- Not affected by regional internet and power outages.

- Workers can connect from anywhere, using any computer, tablet, or smartphone.
- Seamless integration with all Microsoft products.

- More flexible and easily scalability to the size or the needs of the organization change with no downtime for changes in capability.
- Great for locations without central office.
- Not dependent on initial equipment purchase.

### COST



- Typically, less expensive over long term with minimal recurring costs and no price increase over time.
- Upfront capital investment for hardware.
- Using local firewalls often more cost effective than hosted options.

### SECURITY



- Network security is determined by the organizations requirements.
- Dependent on hosting vendor security and protocols.
- Business has more physical control over the servers.

### RELIABILITY



- Client in control of cost and uptime availability.
- More flexibility in backups and redundancy.
- Not reliant on third party host abilities.
- Not reliant on stability of an ISP, performance is not affected by internet speeds.

### ACCESS



- Does not require internet connection to access in-house.
- Can be accessed remotely *(may require additional security measures and third-party applications to facilitate).*
- Not locked into a single platform provider
- Can be accessed locally without SSL.

### SCALABILITY



- Physical control over the hardware means upgrades can be tightly controlled.