

When considering an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution for a small to midsized enterprise (SME), one of the most important decisions to make is what deployment method to choose: a cloud-based ERP solution or one that's installed locally. How you deploy your new ERP solution will impact your staff, resources, budget and in the long run, your bottom line. Deploying your solution in the cloud means your company's ERP software and its associated data will be managed centrally by the solution vendor and accessed via a web browser. When you choose on-premise, your ERP solution is installed locally on your company's hardware and servers and managed by your own IT staff.

A leading ERP solution, like SAP Business One, can be deployed either on-premise or in the cloud to integrate core business functions across your entire company, from financials and accounting to inventory and production. Both options have their unique benefits so before you decide what method will best fit your business, you need to consider major areas like infrastructure, IT support, required hardware, and how much you want to invest.



Analysing your business needs and comparing the benefits of each deployment method to those needs will allow you to make the right decision for your operations and future growth. For a more in-depth look into the difference between both on-premise and in the cloud deployment, review the following comparison table.

## On-Premise or In The Cloud?

On- Premise	4	In The Cloud
Application is deployed locally on client owned IT infrastructure	Application deployment	Application is deployed via the internet
Can be tailored to meet client needs	Customisation	Can be customised
2-4 months	Implementation	1-2 months
Possible to integrate with other software	Integration	Possible to integrate with other software
One client per instance	Multi-tenancy	Available
Accountability may change depending on software provider, publishers and infrastructure integrators	Accountability	One vendor is responsible for the entire solution
Local Area Network (LAN), necessary hardware and system platforms to run application are required	Required Hardware	Internet connection is required. Other hardware and software is run by provider on their site
Provided by customer	IT Support	Included from vendor
Available with supporting virtual private network from customer	Remote Access	Available as service is provided via the internet
Up-front capital costs for hardware, software, lab space, etc.	Cost	Pay-per-user subscription model
Client maintains network infrastructure and security	Infrastructure and Security	Vendors provide security of customer data
Clients are responsible	Upgrade cost and risk	Vendor is responsible
Clients are responsible	Hardware infrastructure Risk	Vendor is responsible
Limited access to business applications via browsers running on mobile devices	Mobile Access	Accessible via browsers running on mobile devices

The right deployment medium is as important as choosing the right ERP solution and SAP Business One has you covered either way. Streamline your business processes with this all-in-one platform and save time, resources, and money while having the freedom to choose a deployment method that works best with your business needs.

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