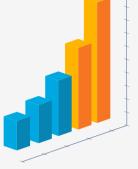
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Top 7 Reasons Government Leaders Are Moving to the Cloud

According to a recent Gartner survey*, implementing cloud services and solutions is the top priority for nearly one-third of governments. **Why is the cloud suddenly the place to be?**



1 Financial Savings

Governments cite a desire to "reduce hardware and software costs" as the #1 reason to move to the cloud."

From infrastructure hardware, software and datacenter costs, to maintenance and upgrades, and the expense of hiring and training skilled staff, governments are actively seeking alternatives to the large capital investments needed for on-premises software.



2 Improved Security

A secure cloud solution protects and controls access while meeting stringent regulatory and compliance needs.

Security and reliability are critical to any technology decision. Governments can leverage industry-leading security technologies and measures provided by top cloud providers, such as onsite security, end-to-end encryption and compliance with the most rigorous data security standards.



3 Automatic Updates

Cloud technology eliminates the need to install updates, which often take months of planning and implementation, and can result in process disruption.

Once you make the switch to the cloud, all future software feature and functionality updates are delivered automatically, ensuring you always have the latest version.



4 Talent Management

Reduce the need for hard-to-find staff to configure, administer and keep systems current.

Shift your agency's focus from running business software to running government business, and help redirect precious talent toward innovative new ways to provide citizen and employee services vs. just keeping the lights on.



5 Data Analytics

The cloud provides capacity to capture large amounts of process data.

With the massive amounts of data that public agencies generate, the cloud is a natural fit for analytics, delivering the flexible capacity and power needed to capture actionable insights.



6 Improved System Integration

The ability to extend processes and data across systems is a critical requirement for governments.

With a cloud solution, you can integrate your hosted system with other internal and external systems and data sources using technologies such as APIs and single sign-on.



7 The Time is Right

Governments are making the switch.*

The cloud delivers an unprecedented level of flexibility and responsiveness. Within the next 12 months, nearly one-third of local and state governments surveyed are planning to implement a cloud product.

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