



Cloud Computing vs In-House IT

Cloud Computing	In-House IT
Storage for your applications, data and servers in a highly secure, SAS 70, Type II certified data center	Physical infrastructure, systems and security are only as good as your budget can afford
Provides fast implementations or expansions of technology solutions	Deploying the necessary physical location, systems and security can require hundreds of hours of work
Computing infrastructure costs are pre-defined and easy to budget	Maintenance and management costs for your computing infrastructure can increase over its lifetime
Easily scales up or down with your business and technology needs	Even modest growth can require large Cap-Ex investments. Company contractions can leave you with unused, aging assets
Computing infrastructure supported by a complete team of applications, data and server management experts	It is expensive to employ an IT staff with deep experience in each of these IT disciplines
Allows IT staff to focus on business-critical IT tasks	IT staff can get mired down with servers and systems maintenance, limiting time to focus on strategic IT initiatives
Service level agreements (SLA) define policies and delivery parameters, such as costs, support and uptime	It is time-consuming to write internal IT procedures and policies, and monitor their compliance
Inherently supports a geographically dispersed and mobile workforce	Mobile workers and multiple office locations can add to IT cost and complexity
Simplifies business continuity efforts as your computing infrastructure is secure, backed up and highly available	Without a well defined business continuity plan, most businesses won't survive a disaster simply because they can't access their data
Supports green IT initiatives as it allows for efficient use of systems and the energy needed to run them	Companies can spend more to power and cool a computing infrastructure than they spent to build it


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