

How to get to the cloud

Migrating to the cloud doesn't need to be an all-or-nothing proposition—it can take place in stages. But begin the journey now and you'll quickly realize significant benefits.

Why cloud? Why now?

Cloud computing can help organizations:



Improve critical system reliability



reduction in IT incidents by moving to the cloud¹



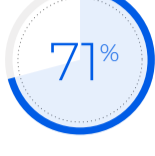
Leverage the technical skills of your cloud solution provider

\$258,188,286/year

lost by large enterprises "due to a lack of cloud expertise"²



Simplify mergers and acquisitions



of companies claim technology integration determined the success of acquisitions³



Continuous innovation without disruption



of IT professionals claim adopting cloud computing helped their companies accelerate innovation⁴



Defend against security breaches and malicious attacks



of IT professionals rank "security and data protection" as a top reason to migrate to the cloud⁵



Reduce IT expenses

30-40% potential reduction in IT overhead costs¹

"Infor provides us the software we need to power our digital transformation. The cloud-based platform makes it easier to accommodate our growth plans and gives us the industry functionality we need."

— Chris Smith, CIO, Liberty Steel UK

Cloud solutions drive **organizational agility** , **financial health** , **improved productivity** , and more

Babbitt CHAINWHEELS

3-min
order-entry time reduced from half a day

75% reduction in open order count

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ESTD 1868
REMEDIES FOR BODY & HOME™

\$538,183
cash expenditure saved over a 5-year period

25% faster implementation than anticipated

LIBERTY STEEL

10 sites unified on a single ERP platform

900 users live in 13 months

Inver INDUSTRIES

80% reduction in manual reporting effort

40% decrease in past-due accounts receivable

100s of manual spreadsheets replaced

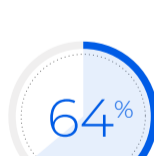
Cloud strategies

Which path to the cloud is right for you?



Core business operations

- Expand the **connectivity** of your ERP system to internal and external applications
- Improve core capabilities, such as **industry-specific functionality**
- Give employees **access** to core business functionality **across geographies and devices**



of organizations state that they "either already adopted industry-specific cloud services, or they plan to in the next 12 months"⁶



Key business processes

- Prioritize **near-term business value**
- Experience **shorter implementation cycles** and a **simpler ROI model**
- Leverage **advanced capabilities (beyond typical ERP features)** to support business processes or objectives



of CIOs claim their current ERP systems are either "complicated" or "inflexible" in terms of integrating with "intelligent technologies"⁷



Digital gateway

- Migration of **core and edge apps** isn't possible in the **short term**
- Use a **single, secure API and web service hub** for all applications
- Control and monitor** all asynchronous interfaces in the organization **from one place**

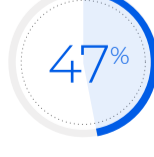


of CIOs state their current ERP systems require either custom APIs, manual extraction, or are incapable of extracting high-quality data⁸



Analytics

- Prioritize **business insights** and be **more data-driven**
- Continue using your current on-premises applications while **leveraging data across application silos**
- Seek opportunities to **apply advanced tools for ML or AI** in the cloud



of IT leaders "expect AI/ML to have the most significant impact on their organization over the next three to five years"⁹



Are you ready to modernize your business?

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