How Does the Cloud Change the Way I Do Business?

In many ways, the cloud is not very different from the way your current systems work. In fact, due to its inherent centralization and shared cost of IT resources, it could have a positive impact on your business.

The Cloud Isn’t So Different
The layers of your current information systems line up perfectly to services offered in the cloud.

Pros and Cons of the Cloud

- **Shortens lead time and reduces upfront cost of introducing new applications and capabilities**
- **Decreases cost of decommissioning applications and services**
- **Allows system resources to grow and shrink with demand**
- **Optimizes deployment of IT assets**
- **Reduces demand on IT resources for system upkeep and maintenance**
- **Enables IT to focus on business process improvement**
- **Simplifies and standardizes IT infrastructure**

- **Complicates data integration due to less control over the environment**
- **Introduces potential regulatory compliance issues**
- **Reduces control over updates and changes made by the vendor**
- **Increases security concerns with de-centralized data and access**
- **Intensifies challenges around organizational change**

Which Type of Cloud is Right for You?
Things You Should Know

**PUBLIC**
All apps, resources and data on same cloud environment
- Ideal for industries with less complex CAD
- Less expensive
- Requires fewer IT support resources
- Less control over environment and data
- Lower perceived security*
- Less customizable to your processes
- Employs the same governance and compliance standards to all clients

**HYBRID**
Some apps, resources and data in public cloud and some on premise or in private cloud
This blended model is ideal for companies whose needs are not 100% met by a public or private model

**PRIVATE**
All apps, resources and data on premise or in private cloud
- Ideal for CAD-heavy industries
- More expensive
- Requires more IT support resources
- More control over environment and data
- Higher perceived security*
- More customizable to your processes
- Employs your governance and compliance standards

*Security has been a hot button issue, but many concerns are overhyped. Any cloud type can be unsecure if configured incorrectly.