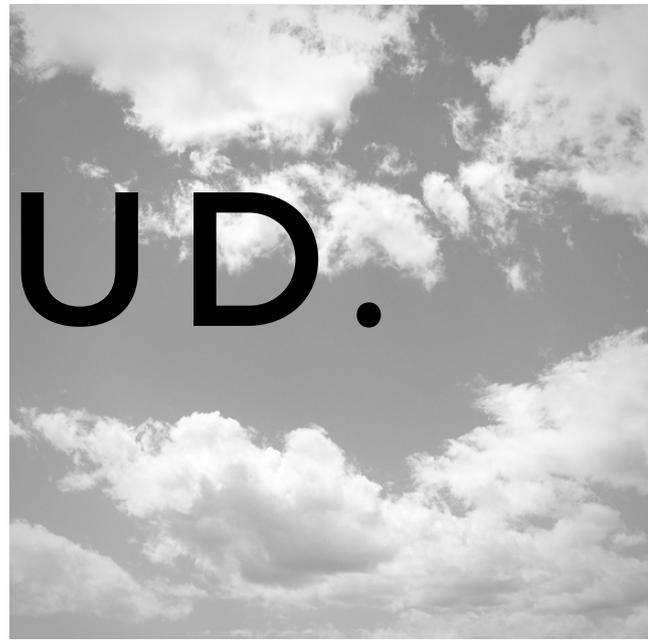


CLOUD.

Cloud computing involves housing a company's data in a network of servers in a secure Data Centre (where all data is accessed over the Internet).



SAAS.

Software as a Service is a popular distribution model where software applications are provided on a subscription basis.

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5 reasons to deploy a cloud-based SaaS ERP Software Solution

ERP.

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) is a fully integrated software management suite.



It's no wonder that Small and Medium Enterprises are choosing to go with cloud-based Software as a Service (SaaS) solutions. These companies can now implement a fully integrated ERP Management Suite without all of the traditional expenses required for hardware installations, in-house IT staff, high software installation costs and large initial software investments.

A SaaS ERP solution in the cloud only requires a low initial activation fee, a monthly per user subscription fee, a package of user training and support and a good Internet connection. There's now no excuse not to have an efficient Management System at your company.

Here are 5 reasons to deploy a cloud-based ERP Software Solution at your company:

1. QUICK & AFFORDABLE ERP SETUP

The implementation* of an ERP Software System has always been associated with a lengthy (and costly) setup phase, a high initial software license and hardware investment as well as the employment of a much-needed IT staff to help manage the system.

Typically, only large organizations considered implementing ERP solutions since they were the only ones able to afford the high investments required for this type of project. Even then, many executives were faced with unexpected costs that arose during implementation. It's no wonder that ERP implementations have gotten such a bad rap over the last decade or so. Time frames were never met, budgets were always surpassed and ERP Providers were not as supportive as they originally claimed. Fortunately, things have taken a turn (for the good) in the last couple of years. New technologies, new licensing types (SaaS), more deployment options (cloud) and more supportive and available smaller IT firms have emerged - leaving ERP implementations within budget, on time and accessible to business of all sizes.

The emergence of SaaS and cloud computing has really allowed software setups and activations to be quick, simple and inexpensive. Fully integrated ERP suites can now be setup in a matter of days, requiring only a low activation fee. No hardware is required and companies can now rely on their IT Provider for all of their IT needs rather than hire an entire in-house team of IT professionals. Other expenses that surround this phase include user training, custom development (if requested) and any additional user support that is needed. No more hidden costs!

*Please Note: There are many phases of an ERP implementation - Business Analysis, Project Planning, ERP selection, Hardware Installation, ERP Installation & Setup, Testing, Deployment, User Training



2. SUBSCRIPTION-BASED MODEL

The other amazing aspect of implementing a cloud-based SaaS ERP solution is its licensing model, which is subscription-based. Companies are provided a license to use the software system (rather than have them buy these costly licenses). This allows businesses to pay a monthly 'per user subscription' fee without having to worry about cloud hosting costs, bug fixes and upgrades. The responsibility of the software system is on the shoulders of the ERP Provider and not on the company in question.

3. YOUR SYSTEM WILL NEVER BECOME OUTDATED

Quickly mentioned above, the monthly subscription fee includes all minor AND major upgrades to the software system. Before there was SaaS, companies would need to pay additional costs to upgrade the system every few years (which adds up!). In many cases, this upgrade required companies to go through an entirely new system implementation since the ERP Provider made such drastic modifications to the system (where the old version then became obsolete and discontinued). Therefore, setup fees and user training costs were once again required.

Thankfully, SaaS has made these upgrades very simple - there are continuous improvements made to the system that sometimes it's barely noticeable to the users. The ERP system can stay up-to-date no matter how many years have passed since initial implementation and at no extra cost.



Businesses won't need to go through multiple implementations for the same system!

4. ELIMINATION OF AN IN-HOUSE IT DEPARTMENT

Most small and mid-size businesses cannot afford to hire an entire in-house team of IT experts. Salaries are high and add up every year. Therefore, rather than hire this internal team of experts, companies can partner up with an IT Provider to handle all of their IT needs. This makes it much more affordable for SMEs.

At this point, it is critical that the chosen IT Partner is attentive, reliable and flexible.



An available support team is required so that the company can rely on the IT Provider for any issues or new developments that arise throughout the years.

There definitely needs to be a good fit between the customer and the IT Provider so that both can work together to achieve efficiency and process improvements.

5. REMOTE WORKING MADE EASY

Companies with a cloud-based ERP solution have an advantage over their competitors, as they can provide constant access of their management system to employees, no matter their location. Employees can access business data via the Internet with remote hosting, in order to complete tasks and assignments out of the office, if need be. This has made it a lot easier for employees who are continuously on the road (sales force), away on vacation or employees who regularly work from home. This truly has helped reduce the amount of paperwork and manual data entry going on at companies.



CLOUD. SaaS. ERP.

Nowadays, Small and Mid-size business executives should pay close attention to the above 3 words - Cloud, SaaS and ERP. A SaaS ERP Management Suite, deployed in the cloud, has the potential to bring about many improvements to businesses of all sizes. With this solution, businesses can increase efficiency and streamline business processes without the hassles of long and costly software implementations, large investments and new IT staff recruitment.

The five major reasons to deploy a cloud-based SaaS ERP solution include quick setup, affordable subscription licensing, free updates, available IT partner and remote working . These reasons have made implementing ERP solutions easier and more affordable for SMEs. Large organizations are not the only ones anymore to benefit from using a fully integrated ERP software system.

Click [here](#) to learn about ErpWizard, our SaaS ERP Management Solution in the Cloud.

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