

## **7 things that IT professionals Gain From the Cloud**

Here are 7 things that law firm IT professionals can expect when migrating their infrastructure over to the cloud:

### **1. Stronger Security**

Cloud computing has come a long way since its inception. People are coming around to the fact that the cloud is actually, more often than not, more secure than on-premise hardware. Because of economy of scale, cloud providers are able to spend hundreds of thousands on hardware and security features to make client data more secure. Because cloud providers can spend exponentially more on infrastructure and upgrade hardware more often than in-house infrastructure, embracing the cloud will keep organizations on the leading edge of tech.

### **2. Simplified Software Updates**

Whether your organization has 10 or 100 computers in the office, making sure that the software of all users is up to date can be a pain. If you are using an on-premise solution, large blocks of time needs to be blocked out to complete updates. In addition, users may not the same versions of software, which may cause issues when trying to access or share files. With cloud computing, updates are automatically sent out during scheduled downtimes, outside of work hours, to reduce interruptions to work. Software assurance is included in the cloud model, as well as constant updates to the data center infrastructure.

### **3. No More VPN issues**

The ability to work from home, or outside of the office, is becoming increasingly prevalent across all industries. To make sure that you have a secure connection to the important software and data located on your on-premise servers a VPN is required. This isn't the case with hosted desktops in the cloud. With the cloud, employees have secure access to files, and can collaborate on cases from any device that they please.

### **4. Improved Compatibility**

As an IT professional, navigating the complicated mixture of software that exists on the on-premise servers can be hard to manage. With on-premise, integrating additional software solutions can be time consuming and costly.

With cloud based software, multiple tools that you already use can be deployed together in the cloud. This allows for IT professionals to create tailored tech stacks, or even build solutions of their own.

### **5. Better Support**

Feeling like you spend too much of your day stuck on minor IT requests? When you migrate to the cloud, you get that time back. Now you gain 24/7 access to support from individuals that have an in-depth knowledge of the software that they work with. IT professionals gain a whole new team of support technicians to assist them and their colleagues with any sort of IT issues.

## **6. More room in the IT budget**

The cost of on-premise servers alone can take up a major chunk of IT budget. This includes storing the hardware, purchasing and refreshing it, as well as the software licensing and the cost of running the servers. Unlike on-premise, cloud service providers will maintain and service the servers and keep software up to date. Not only do you no longer have to pay to maintain the on-premise servers, but you also gain a predictable monthly bill; changing your capital expenditures to operational expenditures.

## **7. Simple Scalability**

As an IT professional, your role is integral to help your organization grow and succeed. With on-premise this requires provisioning servers for expected growth over the lifetime of the server. This also means that until you meet that expected size the server space is not being optimized. In addition, if your organization is expanding faster than anticipated, there is a need for upgrades to infrastructure that are very costly. With cloud solutions your firm only ever pays for what you use. Because of this, scaling up or down is incredibly easy. Users can be created or removed in a short amount of time. This allows for your organization to save money, and only ever pay for what you use. No longer do you need to estimate your growth over the next 3-5 years to purchase new infrastructure.

As an IT professional, moving to the cloud can be extremely beneficial for you and your organization. The cloud can simplify day to day operations, and streamline the processes that occur in regards to the software that employees are using on a day to day basis. All while saving you money in the process.