

The First Project Decision—Which SaaS Cloud Approach?

The first decision to reach when starting a cloud project—before any analysis, justification and work is started—requires picking a cloud approach for SaaS applications. There are two distinct choices:

All-Cloud—With this choice, a company deploys a complete and comprehensive cloud solution that replaces their current and entire on-premises system. Often the project includes additional cloud capabilities that go beyond current on-premises functionality.

Watch retailer David Jones' all-cloud journey from on-premises.

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Hybrid Cloud—When this option is selected, the project delivers cloud applications that replace a portion of the current on-premises environment and /or adds additional capabilities. A major advantage: hybrid cloud projects can be limited and tactical which allows you to move quickly and take your first step to the cloud. One example: Durham University deployed Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud with on-premises Oracle E-Business Suite.

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There is always a right solution for every company; it simply requires a careful consideration of what is best for your organization in terms of goals, objectives and history. A few questions to consider:

- 1** Is your current on-premises system near or beyond its end-of-life? If your system has aged beyond its lifespan, it is a good time to do an all-cloud project
- 2** Does your current on-premises system require infrastructure investments for hardware, facilities and other capital-expense components? Likewise, when faced with major infrastructure costs, consider a full move to the cloud.
- 3** Has your company recently finished an on-premises ERP upgrade project? Congratulations. Consider a hybrid cloud project to add more capabilities and experience firsthand the benefits of one or two modern cloud applications.
- 4** Is your current ERP system current but lacking capabilities? Rather than add more on-premises capabilities, deploy a hybrid cloud project that delivers the capabilities you need.

Oracle or one of its qualified partners can guide you to the right model.