

# Cloud Checklist

## What to look for in a cloud provider for better cloud environment control

Despite the allure of efficiencies and cost savings, many decision-makers hesitate to shift their enterprise workloads to the cloud because they are unwilling to accept a host of undesirable tradeoffs. Many cloud service providers offer a “one size fits all” approach to migration, production, and infrastructure management, requiring customers to accept a significant loss of control over their environment. Customization and resource optimization capabilities are restricted. Customers may find it difficult to integrate their on-premises systems with their new cloud infrastructure, and they may no longer be able to tailor their risk, security, and compliance needs around their go-to methods and tools.

When weighted against such painful limitations, the benefits are insufficient justification for digital transformation. Many enterprises want their internal staff to have much greater access to their cloud infrastructures and significantly greater control and flexibility than traditional cloud service providers tend to offer.

Enterprises don't need to compromise in order to realize the cloud's benefits. By choosing the right provider, they can implement a cloud solution that checks all the critical boxes:

- ✓ **Greater control:** Enables customers to directly access the cloud computing infrastructure for full administrative control and interoperability with third-party tools.
- ✓ **More flexibility:** Expands the freedom of internal IT teams to manage and customize resources, improving their ability to innovate and optimize.
- ✓ **Stronger data security:** Prioritizes security policies that protect data during migration and when stored in the cloud, to guard against breaches and ensure regulatory compliance.
- ✓ **Single tenancy:** Provides direct access to the provider's virtual server center for advanced management and configuration of infrastructure resources.
- ✓ **Performance optimization:** Establishes high-speed, low-latency connectivity between customer cloud environments and on-premises infrastructures to ensure top-level workload performance.



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