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PUBLIC VS PRIVATE CLOUD

WHAT'S RIGHT FOR YOUR BUSINESS?

Learn more about benefits of working in different types of cloud environments. Compare your options to find the right platform for your business.

Understanding the difference between a public and private cloud hosting environment to run and manage your ERP solution is quite straightforward. Rather than thinking of the cloud as a virtual environment, it's much simpler to understand the difference between private and public if you imagine different building types.

Public Cloud
(Multi Tenancy)

A public cloud environment is like a luxury apartment block. A shared building owned by a landlord, who manages maintenance, security and upgrades. You can enjoy the benefits of living in a modern, well-maintained building, but you can't make any changes to your apartment.

Private Cloud
(Single Tenancy)

A private cloud environment is like owning your own house. You own the land and the building you live in. You have total control and ownership over the building, how it's maintained and its security. It's up to you when to modernise things and you are fully responsible for its upkeep.

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TECHNICAL COMPARISON: PUBLIC VS PRIVATE

Discover some of the key differences between working in a shared and dedicated environment

Feature	Public Cloud ERP	Private Cloud ERP
Infrastructure	Data is logically isolated, but server power is shared.	Infrastructure is physically or virtually isolated for you alone.
Cost Model	Lower upfront costs, predictable monthly fees.	Higher TCO. Often involves implementation fees + hardware/hosting costs.
Updates	You are always on the latest version (quarterly/monthly).	You choose when to upgrade (but risk falling behind/version lock).
Customisation	You can change settings, but the "core code" is locked.	You can modify the core code to fit unique, non-standard workflows.
Speed to Live	Go-live in weeks or months. Relies on standard "best practices."	Go-live when you've tailored the system to your requirements

Public Cloud Main Benefits

Best for **agility** & **standardisation**

Great for:
- ✓ Innovation: Instant access to AI and new features
- ✓ Scalability: Quickly add new users/modules
- ✓ Low IT Overheads: Vendor manages security/uptime

Consider:
- ! Rigidity: Processes must adapt to software
- ! Disruption: Automatic mandatory updates

When to buy:
- 🛡 You want industry best-practices, rather than recreating old processes
- 🛡 You want to reduce IT infrastructure and maintenance costs
- 🛡 You need to go live quickly and with confidence

Private Cloud Main Benefits

Best for **control** & **compliance**

Great for:
- ✓ Total Control: You dictate security & performance
- ✓ Customisation: Ideal for unique or complex processes
- ✓ Sovereignty: Meet strict government or industry regulations

Consider:
- ! Maintenance: Requires a skilled internal IT department
- ! Technical Debt: Custom coding makes upgrading complex

When to buy:
- 🛡 You work in a highly regulated industry requiring isolated data
- 🛡 Your business has unique, non-standard processes for competitive advantage
- 🛡 You have a large IT team capable of managing a complex environment

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