



# Migrate to the cloud

## 6 steps to prepare your architecture

If the cloud is in your future—and it should be—you need to ensure that your IT infrastructure is up to the challenge. Overhauling your core architecture has always been part of your on-premises strategy, and getting ready for the cloud is no different.

**LIKE ANY NEW TECH INITIATIVE, THE GOALS FOR TRANSITIONING TO THE CLOUD ARE THE SAME:**



**INCREASE  
PERFORMANCE**



**IMPROVE  
SECURITY**



**REDUCE  
OPERATING COSTS**

## CLOUD-READY IN 6 STEPS



### 1. AUDIT YOUR APPS

How many? How critical?  
What data resides in them?  
What are the dependencies?  
Evaluate your migration options.



### 2. SAAS FOR THE WIN

Pro tip: Let third parties do the heavy lifting, and move apps off-premises when you can.



### 3. SOMETIMES IT'S OKAY TO STAY

Based on risks of breakage, complicated dependencies, and other potential conflicts, it's okay to leave certain apps on-premises.



### 4. CREATE STANDARD POLICIES

Standardize your app policies, and limit load balancing policies instead of building custom configurations for every app.



### 5. SIMPLIFY ACCESS AND SECURITY

Make sure your users can connect to the apps they need regardless of where they reside, with cloud-ready authentication and access technologies.



### 6. ARCHITECTURE MATTERS

Plan for consistency by adding load balancers or proxies, and make additional points of control so your users can access apps without disruption.