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Cloud or On-Premises Deployment: Choosing the Right Fit

One of the biggest decisions when selecting new software is whether it will be hosted on the cloud or installed on-premises. While many software providers are moving exclusively to cloud or Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) offerings, Laserfiche offers customers the option to choose which deployment method is the right fit for their organization.

Cloud deployment
may be the right fit for you if:

- **You're looking for a low cost of ownership.** Costs for cloud software are classified as an operating expense, eliminating the need to approve a large capital expenditure.

- **You don't want to invest in hardware for storage.** With Cloud, adding storage comes at a lower cost and is more scalable than purchasing hardware assets.

- **You're looking for easy budgeting.** With cloud, support and maintenance costs are included in your annual contract, making budgeting easier.

- **You'd like to limit the burden on your IT organization.** Cloud requires less in-house technical involvement for deployment, updates, and changes.

- **You'd like to secure information and simplify compliance.** Data is encrypted at rest and in-transit using industry standard encryption or TLS security network communication.

- **You're looking for simplified software upgrades.** Cloud upgrades and releases are deployed frequently and efficiently.

On-premises deployment
may be the right fit for you if:

- **You'd prefer a lower long-term cost.** Over the long term, one-time license fees and annual maintenance fees for on-premises licenses are generally lower than the cumulative recurring costs of SaaS software (not taking into account hardware and professional services).

- **You prefer to customize your IT environment.** On-premises deployment offers complete control over infrastructure customization, enabling thoroughly planned and budgeted hardware technology purchases aimed to address specific expansion needs – be it security, speed, storage, etc.

- **You require in-house data security.** Knowledge of your system and data reside solely in-house, which may be preferable for companies with security restrictions requiring total control over data, or who require restricting internet access to systems, databases or applications entirely.

- **You need to offer multiple access options to support your workforce, including ones that don't require internet access.** On-premises licensing offers multiple options for system access, some of which don't require internet access. This is a plus for organizations that operate in areas where internet connectivity is not reliable or restrict internet access due to security.