MOVING
TO THE
CLOUD

A Guide for Business Leaders

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POWERFUL &FLEXIBLE CLOUD SERVER SOLUTION

WHAT IS AZURE?

Azure is the capability of **4 MILLION SERVERS** at your fingertips

... with NO HARDWARE REQUIRED.

Your business pays for flexible server space and computing power. See some reasons why more businesses at every size are moving to Azure instead of spending money to install and maintain physical servers:

✓ 99.999% Uptime

✓ Speeds faster than a physical server when configured correctly

✓ Compliance requirement friendly

✓ Enhanced security and insurance against natural disaster

✓ Grows with your business: Only pay for what you need.

IS YOUR BUSINESS:

Fighting Aging Infrastructure?

Is your server at end of life? Switch to the cloud with Azure and avoid costly upgrades and maintenance.

Growing or Expanding?

Add space on demand as your business grows. Azure is the perfect solution for companies experiencing rapid expansion.

Transitioning to Remote Work?

Azure allows for seamless work-from-home and remote work for your whole team.

Updating Legacy Programs?

Modernize applications or develop new cloud-native programs with a platform that supports development.

Looking to Reduce Costs?

Pay only for what you need and what you use, unlike a physical server.

Experiencing Seasonal Demand?

With Azure, your storage capacity can adjust seasonally to accomodate your business's needs.

WHY AZURE?

On the fence about moving to the cloud?
See the advantages of cloud computing with Azure.

Cost
Savings.......... Only pay for the resources you use. No need to update physical hardware.

Smooth
Integration.... Works seamlessly with existing software like Microsoft 365.

Endless
Scalability...... Adjust computing power and storage as you grow, or during busy periods.

Proven
Reliability....... Get better uptime and disaster recovery with a global network of data centers.

Compliant
Security.......... Exceeds compliance standards for data storage and security regulations.

Faster
Updates......... Get quicker system updates and patches that keep your data secure.

Backup &
Recovery....... Plan for business continuity with backups and fast recovery options.

Worldwide
Access .... Securely access data anywhere. Support remote work and multiple office locations.

Azure FAQ:

I have an aging physical server on-premises. Why should I consider the cloud instead of investing in a new server?
Buying a new server involves a significant upfront investment and ongoing maintenance costs. With Azure, you pay as you go and only pay for what you use, making it a cost-efficient option.

What can be done with my old server hardware and equipment?
Our team makes it easy for you, whether you choose to resell your old equipment or dispose of it securely and environmentally friendly.

What's the big deal with end-of-life deadlines on physical servers?
End-of life for a server, like Windows Server 2016, means that Microsoft will no longer provide security updates, or any updates, for your operating system. This puts your business at a major risk for data breaches and hacks, essentially putting a target on your back.

Is Azure as fast as an on-premises server?
The speed comparison between Azure and a physical server depends on several factors, but with the right configuration Azure is often faster. Azure provides faster deployment and scalability, and provides better uptime for most use cases.

Where is my data stored if I move to Azure?
Microsoft has data centers across the world. At Facet, we choose data centers that are geographically spread out to avoid impact due to natural disasters.

Is Azure as secure as a physical server at my business?
In most cases, Azure is more secure than a physical server. With advanced security features built-in, enhanced encryption, and the Facet Security Suite, it is a great choice for security.

Is a hybrid cloud/on-premises solution available? Can I keep backups on site for fast recovery even if I have a cloud server?
Yes. In fact, we advise most of our clients to keep a small backup server on-premises as well. This low-cost safeguard is an essential part of your business continuity plan.

What if my industry has compliance regulations to consider?
Azure is often the best option for businesses in industries with existing compliance requirements or upcoming regulations. Azure's flexibility allows you to adjust to new changes.

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READY TO LEARN MORE?

Our team is here to help craft the cloud, physical, or hybrid solution that's right for your business.

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We know the work it takes to grow a business.
You don't need IT issues slowing you down.
That's why we're committed to providing a different kind of managed services: an approach that is customer-first and focused on securing your data as well as future planning. We build partnerships on a foundation of respect and transparency. Experience unmatched managed services and best-in-class cybersecurity with Facet.