

FIVE BEST PRACTICES FOR ADOPTING A HYBRID IT INFRASTRUCTURE

→ Small and midsized businesses leveraging a hybrid IT approach that combines cloud-based systems with an on-premise infrastructure gain a number of key benefits, including increased flexibility, scalability and reduced IT costs. But to get to this hybrid IT reality, they need to follow some best practices.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Understand your infrastructure requirements. Implementing public cloud isn't as simple as choosing a cloud provider. Leaders in IT infrastructure do the upfront work to understand which workloads need to be in the cloud, such as those needing high flexibility and scalability, and which should run on-premise, for example applications that require increased performance or security.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Know your technology requirements. You can't grow and improve a system that you don't fully understand. For small and midsized businesses to get the most out of a move to hybrid IT, they need to have full visibility into all of their servers, processes, and applications, both on physical devices and in the cloud.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Get your in-house systems ready for hybrid IT. Gaining the benefits of hybrid IT is impossible if an organization's on-premise systems are out-of-date, overwhelmed, and poorly managed. Small and midsized businesses that succeed with hybrid IT ensure that their on-premise base is up-to-date, high-performing, and ready to meet the challenges of modern IT.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Make cloud and on-premise integration work. Ability use cloud and on-premise systems together is a top challenge and criteria for small and midsized businesses. By utilizing both cloud and on-premise, these organizations get the most out of both platforms and increase the ability of their technology initiatives.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Create a future-proof IT infrastructure. As new technologies come onto the scene, bringing both new opportunities and increased IT complexities, small and midsized businesses need to be ready. With an agile and flexible hybrid infrastructure, they can reduce the complexity of these technologies and increase their ability to utilize them.</p>



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