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# THINKING OF MIGRATING FROM YOUR CURRENT ON-PREMISE ERP SYSTEM?

7 TOP TIPS FOR CONSIDERATION

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# INTRODUCTION

**You think this will be an indigestible task. A real challenge you'd sooner not face. But the question is just how long can you put up with shortfalls of your current system, and the resulting impact on the performance of your organisation?**

The good news is that it's not as bad as you think; modern-day systems are designed to support rapid implementation and ease of migration from your current on-premise software to next-generation cloud-based services.

But where or how do you start?

**We've compiled a list of the fundamental considerations that you need to address, along with some best practice advice from the iplicit customer base.**



# OUR TOP SEVEN CONSIDERATIONS

## #1 Experience

Does the new implementation team, from your new software provider, have a detailed working experience with your existing system? If not, expect to double the length of time it takes for the new system to settle in.

## #2 Bandwidth

Ensure you have the bandwidth to project manage the transition. If you don't, make sure someone with strong project management skills – either on your team or within the implementation team – is taking charge of the project. The absence of a project manager is the most common reason that projects overrun by both time and cost.



**"My advice would be to allow yourself the time to get your existing house in good order, before migrating from an old system to new. And, put together an implementation team that have sufficient bandwidth to do the job properly."**

**KEITH STEPHENSON**

Director of Finance & Operations | ISTD

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## #3 Data

Do you wish to cleanse your data as part of the migration process? Choosing to do this before implementing your new service provides an opportunity to remove old and redundant clutter that has amassed over the lifetime of your existing system.

## #4 Timing

Is this the right time to eliminate the workarounds and various reporting fudges that you have accumulated over the years? A common misconception is that you should only change your system at the year-end, but the reality is that for many organisations, year-end is the worst time to transition to a new system, as all existing resources are already overloaded. New, cloud-based services allow seamless transition, and targeting a quarter-end is often far more convenient.

**"Preparation is, well, everything! At the same time as upgrading our old system, we took advantage of the opportunity to streamline our charts of accounts. If we had stuck to the one we had been using historically, it would have been a much easier process. However, we had a chart of accounts that was very long and unnecessarily complex! So, we did a lot of work to refine that so we could have a much simpler structure now."**

**RUTH MOTLEY**

Finance Manager | Third Energy

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## #5 Costs

Consider all costs. Your current system might not seem to be costing you very much; it's been bought and paid for years ago along with the 'tin' that's serving it up.

However, there are many hidden costs with legacy software that are often not taken into account. Server costs are not just about buying a new machine every 3-4 years. There are also software upgrades and onsite maintenance costs to consider. With many business applications migrating to the cloud, the IT landscape has changed in recent years, and servers have been left behind, making them less cost-effective to manage and maintain.



**We will save a great deal of time, effort, and money from switching systems, no longer having to worry about hosting, IT services and support for the old system and various bolt-ons. I think that everything will migrate to the cloud in time. No one buys software anymore, it's all for rent - I like the idea of paying for something monthly and knowing that it's always up to date and we have the latest versions for everything."**

**GARRY MUMFORD**

Founder & Managing Director | Insight Associates

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## #6 Disaster Recovery

Disaster recovery is more important than ever before. Historically outages could be coped with for maybe a day or two, while workarounds and fixes were generated. But nowadays, outages for any period are unacceptable! An effective instant disaster recovery backup is no longer cost-effective without sourcing a cloud solution.

## #7 Staff

Millennials, Generation Z, and remote workers are all changing the landscape of our workplace, with a shift in attitudes and expectations. But this requires flexible working hours and locations. To ensure you have the best pick of talent in the recruitment pool, how will your new system support multi-location working?

**Right now, we have about 1500 temp staff on our books. In any given week, we will process around 180 timesheets coming from these resources. All of these users interact with the system, submitting timesheets from their mobile devices and entering into our approval process."**

**LEE COOK**

Financial Controller | Profiles Creative

## Nobody said it's going to be easy...

Migrating is often perceived as a major barrier to changing systems – and historically, this has all too often been true. However, here at iplicit, we've made a significant investment into developing systems that make data migration a quick and seamless process. Our team can have you up and running in as little as 15 consulting and training days, compared to the months that some of our competitors offer as standard.

### Your Cloud Accounting Experts - How iplicit can help.

We've created a leading cloud accounting software that can be tailored to your business, and not the other way around – ideal for medium-sized businesses that need that extra layer of tailored support to get up and running quickly.

Our team of highly experienced experts in accounting, technology, implementation, and support will work with your team to deliver a comprehensive Implementation Methodology.

### Beyond Migration - The iplicit partnership

Once you are up and running, our dedicated support team is on hand to help with any issues or answer any ongoing questions you may have.

Comprehensive training is provided post-implementation, plus you'll have unlimited access to ongoing technical support, and our on-demand help/e-learning platform to ensure you take full advantage of iplicit's feature-rich functionality.

## Experience enterprise-level functionality without the sky-high costs

Not only does iplicit's true cloud accounting software provide all the features you need to drive efficiencies in your finance department and the wider business now, it will grow with your requirements. Watch our quick tour product video to discover why iplicit is the only accounting software you'll ever need.

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