The case for calling on the cloud

See why IT leaders are upgrading to cloud-based communications.

Cloud-based unified communications systems are making it easier for IT leaders to improve agility, support digital transformation, and provide access to new and emerging features like video-enabled meetings, team collaboration, and contact center in the cloud.

Work smarter with Webex Calling.

What are the top motivations to move to the cloud?

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  - Decreased IT support
  - Faster deployment of new capabilities

- Reduced capital costs
  - More predictable costs
  - Faster allocation of costs by responsibility
  - More accurate budgeting

- Added features
  - Access to latest features
  - Faster access to emerging technologies
  - Integration with major cloud apps

- Faster deployment of services
  - Frequent service updates
  - No IT planning required
  - No disruption to end-user services

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  - Reduced IT management
  - Greater end-user self-service
  - More time for strategic initiatives

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What are your options for transitioning to cloud?

**Public cloud**

How it works:
Applications located over the Internet are served up by a third-party platform that can be a single-tenant or multitenant software platform using individual virtual instances.

Who it’s good for:
Organizations that aren’t invested in existing systems and want rapid access to affordable calling and collaboration hardware, software, and infrastructure.

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Providers create dedicated customer instances of a single-tenant platform. This may reside on-premises, in an offsite data center, or with a managed private cloud provider.

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**Cloud hybrid**

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Enterprise applications for calling, meeting, teams, and contact center are deployed in a mix of on-premises and cloud services.

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Organizations trying to save money by using existing on-premises systems, apps, and processes but that want to leverage emerging applications through the cloud.

What about security? Cloud offers some big advantages.

- Third-party audited professional security practices
- Strict regulatory compliance requirements
- 24/7/365 monitoring by professional staff
- Service-level agreement (SLA) protection for service and compliance certainty
- Security investments by cloud providers

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Ready to embrace the cloud? Get started with these simple steps:

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3. Calculate the business value of using new, innovative cloud services.
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