



3 Decisions to Make Before Migrating Applications to the Cloud

1. Solution

To select the type of cloud solution, determine business and technical factors of applications to be migrated:

- Software as a Service (SaaS)
- Platform as a Service (PaaS)
- Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)



2. Environment

Consider the environment the solution will need to be hosted in:

- Public
- Private
- Hybrid Cloud

Some will remain in your data center.



3. Access

Determine how best to access migrated applications via public or private IP. This will be based on your customer's security and compliance, management, app roll out/ deployment and integration with other existing applications.



Tip: First, consider migrating services that are easier to shift and have less potential impact on systems, e.g. batch processing, analytics processing, analytics platforms, collaboration tools, and widely adopted web apps like Outlook 365.