

# How do I choose between Cloud and On-Premises Unified Communications?

It's a decision that often turns into a regret or non-starter.

**35%**

More than a third of orgs considered the projects they'd started a failure

**4/10**

After starting the purchasing process, nearly half of orgs chose not to choose

**12%**

Percentage of all projects deemed failures by surveyed organizations

But you won't have to worry about that.

## ZIRO breaks it down into simple pros and cons.



**COST**

### On-Premises



You handle 100% of the costs for purchasing hard/software and hiring a team to manage the infrastructure on-site. It's a hefty price tag that may not pay for itself over time.



Typically the more cost-effective option. You will most likely pay an ongoing subscription fee, but all the maintenance is handled by your service provider.



**DEPLOYMENT**



You are responsible for the extensive deployment process, IT Infrastructure, and ongoing maintenance. Not having the resources to maintain infrastructure could hurt your success.



Whether a public, private, or hybrid cloud, the servers are usually maintained by the service providers. Deployment is done in a matter of hours and you get 24-hour access.



**CONTROL**



You have complete control and 100% privacy, which is appealing for companies that need stronger security measures.



You have access to your data with cloud service providers, but shared ownership. If there's downtime, your company and users will be impacted.



**SECURITY**



You get optimal security but it takes a lot of work, especially for sensitive data like customer information and employee details. You've got to get it right or be vulnerable to breaches and threats.



Cloud service providers have contingencies in place to avoid critical issues or disasters. It's a suitable option for companies with less complex data security needs.



**COMPLIANCE**



You have to comply with the governmental acts, laws, regulations and requirements on your own. Mistakes can have significant consequences for your finances and reputation.



Many service providers offer compliance support. It's still your responsibility to understand your industry's regulations and make sure they can comply with all mandates.

## Here it is in a nutshell.

### On-Premises

- Costly
- In-house IT required
- Intensive deployment
- High maintenance
- Total control & privacy
- Easy customization
- Tighter security
- Full compliance burden

### Cloud

- Affordable
- No infrastructure or hiring
- Fast, easy deployment
- Low maintenance
- Shared ownership
- Easy integration
- Conditional security
- Compliance support

## Still not sure? There's always hybrid.

Hybrid models can offer enterprise organizations the best of both. You can set up a mix of public and private cloud computing along with OnPrem infrastructure. You'll need a third party provider for deployment and/or maintenance, but it is possible to have it all.

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