Reduce Costs and Improve IT Security With **Cloud Computing**

Switch to SaaS for benefits that exceed expectations

Distributors contemplating a move to cloud-based enterprise resource planning (ERP) technology solutions are attracted by benefits of cost containment and seamless upgrades. The good news is that businesses that have adopted software as a service (SaaS) report even greater than anticipated advantages following deployment, including improved IT security and more robust business growth.

SaaS Deployment = Reduced **Overall Costs**

Because SaaS does not require capital investment, it's more affordable. In the report, Benefits Actually Realized from the Cloud¹, cost savings were not only realized, but also exceeded expectations.

Lower cost of ownership



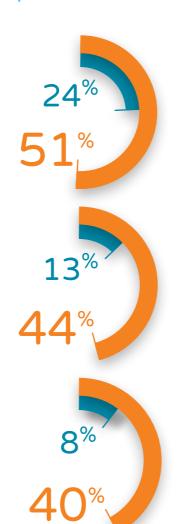
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Reduced cost and effort of upgrades

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Lower start-up costs

Benefits actually realized Percentage more than anticipated



More Strategic IT

The majority of SaaS adopters did not reduce IT staff. Instead, they put their existing resources to better use.

> % redeployed to be more strategic

Improved IT Security and a Plan for Business Continuity

After SaaS deployment, businesses report improved IT security, thanks to a three-pronged approach.



more IT security than anticipated

Dedicated professional cloud security experts

Operations and data processing expertise

Data redundancy and other safeguards

Flexibility to **Pursue Opportunities**

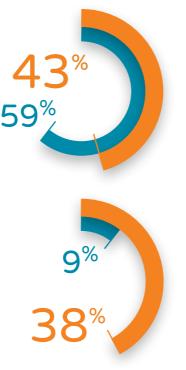
An unexpected benefit for businesses that switch to cloud-based computing is the ability to free up capital. This may allow them to be more nimble and pursue new markets.

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Stronger Business Through SaaS

Companies that turn to the cloud for ERP solutions are poised for growth.



Lowered costs that help free capital

Mitigated risk to avoid data disasters

Ability to focus on core business

Flexibility to seize opportunities in emerging markets

¹ Benefits Actually Realized from the Cloud, July 2015, Mint Jutras, LLC.



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