



The following checklist highlights important to-do's and questions across key functional areas to help assess whether your organization is ready to take your applications and business processes to the cloud.

IT

What do you have? Perform an inventory of all applications.

APPLICATION NAME	# OF SERVERS	# OF USERS	# OF DATA SETS
SCHPLAN	2 Servers	30 Users/Admins	25 Data Sets

What do you want? – Assess what applications you want to move to the cloud.

- Identify what applications are most important to the organization and would benefit most from being on a cloud solution.
- Determine what applications are most burdensome on the IT organization to maintain.

How do you get there? – Develop a cloud strategy outlining how and when your organization will move to the cloud.

- Research and evaluate the pros and cons of PaaS (Platform as a Service) vs. SaaS (Software as a Service).
- Understand the policies, rules, and procedures that must be followed when moving to the cloud (e.g., government regulations, internal/external audit requirements).
- Work with finance, accounting and operations personnel to create a future-state vision for your organization.

Finance, Accounting & Operations

Perform an inventory of all applications that are used for financial reporting and analysis.

APPLICATION NAME	# OF DATA SETS	# OF REPORTS
<i>SCHPLAN</i>	<i>25 Data Sets</i>	<i>18 Financial Reports</i>

What do you want? – Assess what business functions (close consolidation, budgeting/forecasting, BI reporting, etc.) you want to move to the cloud.

- Determine what data sets are needed to facilitate future financial reporting and analysis requirements.
- Define business process enhancements.
- Consider automation of repeatable business processes.

How do you get there? – Develop a cloud strategy outlining how and when your organization will move to the cloud.

- Determine pros and cons of various cloud solutions as they relate to:
 - Financial close and consolidation
 - Financial forecasting and budgeting
 - Operational planning
 - Reporting and analytics
- Work with IT personnel to create a future-state vision for your organization.

Additional Considerations

Being able to answer these questions will prove to be beneficial as you work to determine whether your organization is prepared to move to the cloud. Compiling this information may seem like an overwhelming task, but it will significantly reduce potential risk to your organization that would result from a lack of due diligence.

Moving to the cloud is not a decision that can be made lightly—SC&H Group is here to help with a team of skilled professionals to help you strategize and determine your organization’s readiness to take the leap off the ground and into the cloud.



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