

Some applications were made for the cloud. AP automation happens to be one of them, and for several very good reasons. It's much more than the twin benefits of scalability and reliability. It goes to the heart of AP automation...the nature of the work, the integration requirements, and the rapid pace of change taking place in the industry as new technologies come online. Below are the "Top 5 Reasons for Implementing AP Automation in the Cloud."

AP automation tends to be distributed, especially in larger, more complex organizations. Data entry staff, AP managers, approvers, and senior financial leaders are rarely in the same physical location, and often not even in the same time zone. A distributed, but accessible and reliably-connected infrastructure is required: the Internet. The Internet enables cloud computing, making resources available on demand when and where needed. Thinking about relocating data entry to a lower cost market? No problem. The best cloud computing services are available anywhere.



Critical applications that require integration with an AP solution, like your ERP, also run in the cloud. Most ERP applications serve as the backbone of a company's mission-critical business systems. However, cloud ERP applications have the advantage of easy integration with legacy on-premise systems, other cloud applications, third-party apps, and mobile and external social platforms to deliver the robust, integrated data sets needed to enable richer analytics. ERP providers are also racing to the cloud to take advantage of the economics associated with running one version of the software for everyone, everywhere. In fact, many ERP vendors are beginning to sunset legacy on-premise solutions, or making the annual support costs so high for a customer that they are forced to migrate to the cloud. Now is the time to start migrating.

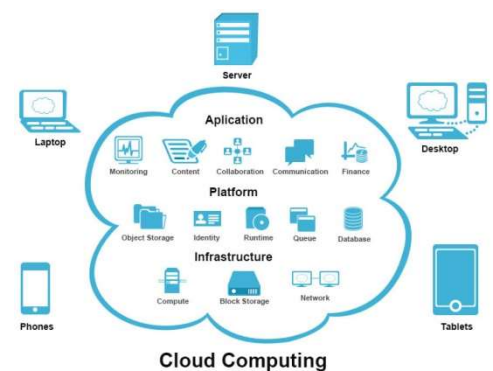
Cloud Computing



The expansive cloud ecosystem enables companies to precisely tailor their hosting environment to their unique requirements and take advantage of rapid advances in technology. Beyond the ERP providers, there are thousands of other applications that run side-by-side in the same environment, including email, personal productivity tools, and advanced big data solutions. Complementary services can be provisioned as needed, and turned off just as quickly. In addition, AP automation is relatively early in its lifecycle. Emerging technologies like AI, machine learning, higher fidelity OCR and robotic process automation (RPA) will transform AP automation in the coming years, moving companies closer and closer to the promise of truly touchless processing.



True cloud-based solutions don't require capital outlays for hardware and software. Instead, a company pays an annual subscription fee, typically based on the number of users accessing the system, or the number of invoices processed. Users simply require a computer and access to the internet. This enables flexible work alternatives: On-demand staffing to help at the end of the month or quarter, the ability to work in lower cost markets, and even the option of working from home.



The best cloud service providers deliver far better scalability and security than what a company can provide on its own. It's a fact. Tier 1 cloud computing services have invested billions of dollars in infrastructure and security. According to industry analyst Gartner, "Multi-tenant clouds are not only highly resistant to attack but are also a more secure starting point than most traditional in-house implementations." Today, more than 95% of Fortune 500 companies run one or more applications in the cloud.

Compliance audits and certifications					
Global	ISO/IEC 27001	SOC 1	SOC 2	PCI DSS 11 version 3	CSA Cloud Security Alliance Cloud Security Matrix
United States	FedRAMP	HIPAA (Healthcare)	FIPS 140-2	Life Sciences GMP	Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act
Regional	SAFEBARBOR European Union Model Clause	United Kingdom G-Cloud	China Multi Layer Protection Scheme	China CCFFP	Singapore Multi-Tier Cloud Security
Sarbanes-Oxley	Central Service Information System	Defense Information Systems Agency L2	ITAB	Defense Information Systems Agency L3.5	

AP Express is a secure, cloud-based SaaS solution that reduces labor costs while improving accuracy and helping you manage cash more efficiently. Embedded machine learning and rules-based algorithms speed processing and improve accuracy with every invoice, while built-in analytic dashboards track every step of the process and pinpoint opportunities for improvement. AP Express seamlessly integrates with your existing ERP system. Implementations typically take 30 business days or less.