# WHY MOVING SHAREPOINT TO THE CLOUD MAKES **PERFECT** SENSE

So you're still at a crossroads. Do you move SharePoint to the cloud or do you cling to your servers and on-premises infrastructure? The cloud is making it easier for IT to focus more on the business and less on the infrastructure. Microsoft Azure is the cloud solution that will meet the needs of both IT and the business!

HOSTING AND INSTANT DEPLOYMENT OF SHAREPOINT SERVERS & FARMS

If you are spending time and money to maintain SharePoint servers and farms, you don't have to – you can move it all Azure! Azure will free up the IT department to focus on administration.

MOVE THOSE SERVERS AND FARMS → TO THE MICROSOFT AZURE CLOUD
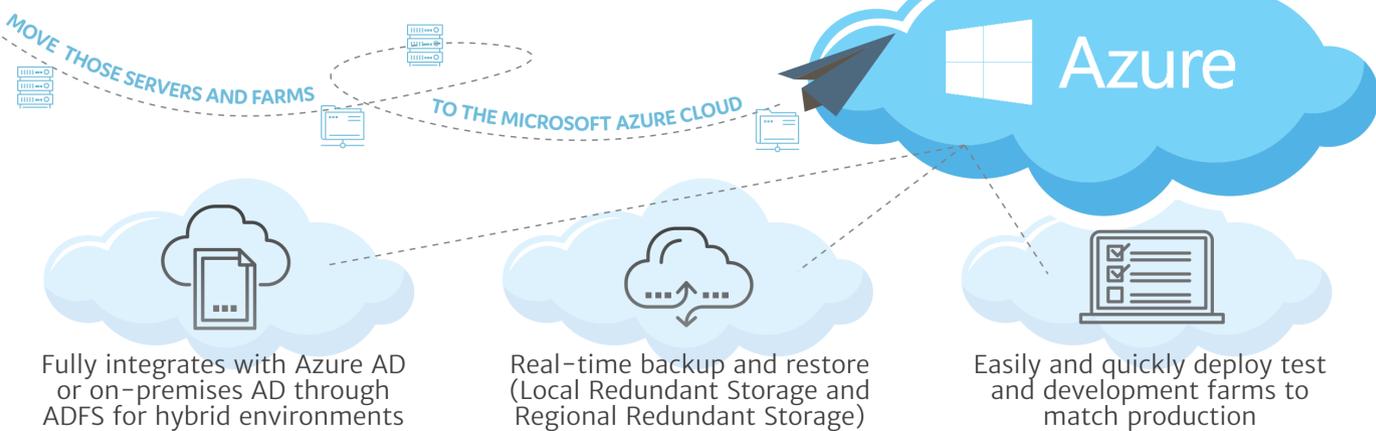
Azure

Fully integrates with Azure AD or on-premises AD through ADFS for hybrid environments

Real-time backup and restore (Local Redundant Storage and Regional Redundant Storage)

Easily and quickly deploy test and development farms to match production

MOVE THE EXTRANET TO AZURE?

YES. YOU CAN.

But first...
"What is an extranet?"
An extranet site in SharePoint Online is a site that you create to let external partners have access to specific content, and to collaborate with them.

Deploy your extranet by using standard SharePoint Online sharing options or by importing external users into Azure AD.

- Better security
- Use a tool to collaborate that the organization trusts
- No e-mailing documents back and forth

JUST BECAUSE YOUR INFRASTRUCTURE IS IN AZURE...
IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU LOSE CONTROL

All services, including AD, SQL, etc. run in the Microsoft cloud environment and are managed by your IT department

Virtual environment hosts the following;
- SharePoint servers
- SQL databases
- Azure Active Directory
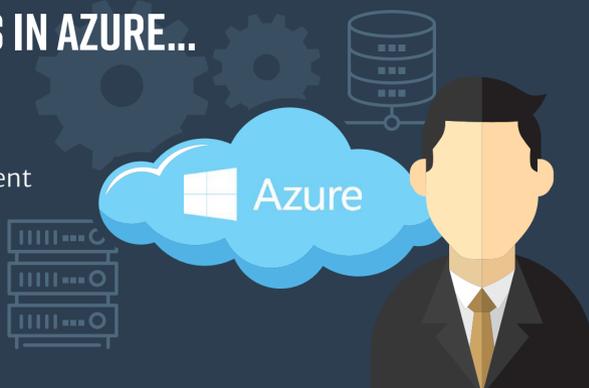
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Single Sign-On

Microsoft login credentials can be shared across multiple environments and platforms

Centralized application management from a single portal

AZURE WILL MAKE THINGS EASIER

Azure makes it simple to provision services and spin up new VMs and SharePoint Farms... fast! Azure still requires I.T. administration, but Azure relieves I.T. staff by allowing them to spend less time preparing and managing infrastructure, which we all know requires a lot of time and attention.

YOU STILL HAVE CONTROL WITH AZURE ACTIVE DIRECTORY

WITH JUST FOUR CLICKS,
Azure AD can be integrated with an existing Windows Server Active Directory, giving organizations the ability to leverage their existing on-premises identity investments to manage access to cloud-based SaaS applications.

Azure Active Directory (Azure AD) is Microsoft's multi-tenant, cloud-based directory and identity management service. Azure AD combines core directory services, advanced identity governance, and application access management. Azure AD also offers a rich, standards-based platform that enables developers to deliver access control to their applications, based on centralized policy and rules.

For IT Admins, Azure AD provides an affordable, easy to use solution to give employees and business partners single sign-on (SSO) access to thousands of cloud-based SaaS (Software as a Service) Applications like Office 365, Salesforce.com, DropBox, and Concur.

Users can be federated through application redirection, password-based Single Sign-On, or existing Single Sign-On

Users can access their SaaS applications using their organizational account in Azure AD

User provisioning in Azure AD

For select applications, Azure AD enables automated user provisioning and de-provisioning of accounts in third-party SaaS applications from within the Azure Management Portal

AZURE IS THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR GOVERNMENT

Azure

- Azure Government data centers do not house computers for any public hosting, they are 100% dedicated to government clients
- Single Sign-On can be used throughout multiple government agencies, simplifying cross platform authentication
- Data centers reside exclusively in the United States
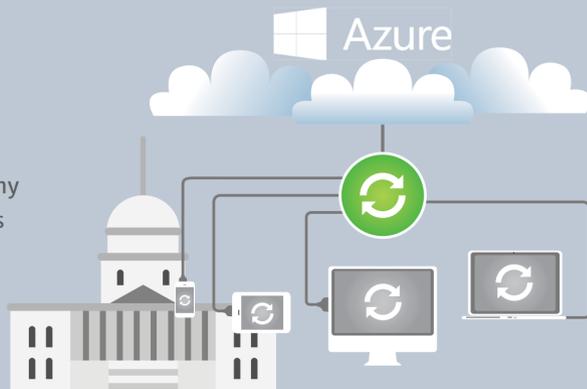
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We can help your organization develop a cloud strategy and recommend the best plan and feature set to suit your needs.

The time to move to Azure is now.
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