



## What are the benefits of cloud computing?

Cloud computing is transforming how business today gets done — and at organizations of all sizes.

### Improves Capability:

- The IT solution marketplace has moved to the cloud - the latest and best solutions for small business all reside in the cloud – sold yet?

### Cloud Computing:

- Will save costs on IT hardware, although total cost savings depends on vendor subscription pricing models



### Anywhere Access:

Cloud-hosted allows users to access their solutions anytime, anywhere, using any device.



### Ease of Collaboration:

Saving and accessing applications and files and through the cloud allows everyone to work from the same master data.



### Reduces Risk:

The cloud adds security for its users by backing-up data off-site, decreasing the potential for hackers, viruses, and other cyber-security issues.



Cloud computing is the practice of using a network of remote servers hosted on the Internet to store, manage, and process data, rather than a local server or a personal computer.

Cautionary Statement: Cloud computing does not diminish the need for a robust IT strategy and a variety of deployment complexities should be planned for.

## Two broad categories of Cloud Services

- SaaS (Software-as-a-Service) having the application run on computers belonging to the vendor – Example –

QuickBooks Online

- IaaS (Infrastructure-as-a-Service) storage space, servers, and connections, without the business need of purchasing and managing this internet infrastructure themselves – Example –

Amazon Web Services

