

Cloud Computing For CPAs & Accounting Firms In Vancouver

# Why is Cloud Technology Recommended For CPAs And Accounting Firms? (Questions/Answers)



Adopting new technology always feels like a bit of a gamble, especially when you have concerns about the impact that technology could have on things like data security. Keeping client data confidential and secure is a top priority for any accounting firm, and that responsibility makes technology like the Cloud seem like a risky choice.

However, many CPAs and accounting firms have discovered that relying on the Cloud is safer than using IT solutions onsite, and that it actually provides more security along with other advantages that can help them grow their businesses.

Cloud computing not only keeps your clients' data secure, but it also increases your staff's productivity and helps you save money on technology. Accountants in and around Vancouver rely on Compunet InfoTech to provide the cloud solutions that best meet their requirements.

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## **Data Security**

Your data is under constant threat from hackers and viruses. The Cloud provides even greater security than storing files on your computers or a hard drive. Additionally, they'll be encrypted and accessible to only your designated staff members.

And with Mobile Device Monitoring from Compunet, you'll know that your business data is safe on employees' mobile devices. If a laptop is lost or stolen, we can erase your business data from the device remotely.

# **Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery**

An enterprise-based cloud solution is the best way to store your confidential information. When using cloud solutions like virtualization, you can recover your entire IT infrastructure quickly, applications and all. Servers, desktops, files, and applications are all stored in a secure data center. This is essential for business continuity and disaster recovery.

Whether your office is closed due to a simple power outage, or one that lasts for weeks, your IT investments will be available to you and your staff 24/7. You can easily get back up and running from where you left off.

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### **Cloud Computing Saves Money**

More IT solutions and software are moving to the Cloud, and with this comes cost-savings. Rather than paying upfront fees to license software, you can sign up for subscriptions on a per-user basis. Cloud computing also helps small CPA firms better compete with their larger counterparts.

When you choose to work with Compunet InfoTech, you can leverage innovative software applications at an affordable price. And, you'll no longer need to pay for expensive hardware. You can pay for cloud solutions like hardware-as-a-service and software-as-a-service on a subscription basis. And, more good news – you can charge these off as business expenses rather than as capital expenses.

### Work When And Where You Want

Cloud computing lets you and your staff work on your own schedule and from wherever you have an internet connection. Skilled employees are hard to find; businesses are competing for talent in all industries. So once you find and invest in an employee who meets your requirements, you need to ensure they're happy and will stay with you.

Employees today are more IT savvy than ever before, and many of them need to access up-to-date files when telecommuting. They also expect to take advantage of BYOD (bring your own device) and access files when using mobile devices. Most cloud services offer mobile applications, so your team can access and work on projects when they're away from the office. They'll be happier and more productive.

### **Enhanced Collaboration**

Hosted cloud solutions let your authorized staff access and edit documents together in real time. This is important for CPAs and accounting firms that have branch offices in locations around Vancouver. Compunet Infotech offers a variety of hosted cloud solutions including:

- **Hosted QuickBooks:** QuickBooks is simple and easy-to-use so your staff can keep your financial matters organized.
- **Hosted Microsoft Exchange:** Exchange ensures the reliability and safety of your emails while allowing access via your PC, smartphone, and web browser.
- **Hosted Microsoft SharePoint:** With SharePoint you can create a secure and customizable online portal to promote teamwork and simplify collaboration.
- Custom Application Hosting: Custom application hosting is a tailor-made, customized service and support system aligned to your unique business needs. Sage 50, 500, CaseWare, Taxprep, Cantax, and more.

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### **Document Control**

The more people who collaborate on documents, the more you need document control measures. If you're still sending files back and forth via email, this can result in confusion with versions. Using cloud computing prevents this.

When you store and edit documents in the Cloud, all of your files will be in a central location, and your staff will see the most up-to-date versions. Document control is much easier when you use the right cloud solutions.

# Scalability & Flexibility

This is a huge benefit for CPAs and accounting firms that are busy during tax seasons. Now you can scale up your cloud solutions in busy times or scale them down when things are slow. You won't waste money on technology you don't need. Because you pay for cloud solutions on a per-user basis, you can adjust the resources you use.

## **Increased Competitiveness**

Your firm will be more competitive when you use cloud computing solutions from Compunet InfoTech. If you run a small CPA firm, you can access enterprise-class technology that larger businesses use but at a more reasonable price. With pay-per-user applications, you can better compete. Cloud computing will also enhance your operational efficiencies so you can deliver services faster and more effectively.

### **More Time For Clients**

Cloud technology streamlines processes and increases efficiencies so you can devote more time to your clients. Using cloud solutions helps CPAs and Accounting Firms in Vancouver serve their clients better. You'll have more time to spend with them and be the trusted advisor you want to be. This keeps your clients happy, and you'll have more time to grow your business.

To learn more about why cloud technology is recommended for CPAs and accounting firms, schedule a FREE no-obligation review of your IT needs by contacting Compunet InfoTech Inc. in North Vancouver, BC. Call (604) 986-8170 or email info@compunet.ca.

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