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# THE CHOUD

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#### Introduction

- What is the Cloud?
  - Background, Economic Drivers, Examples
- Contract Issues
  - Vendor Forms, Service Levels, Transitions, Liability
- Data
  - Data Access, Jurisdiction, Security

#### The Cloud - Basics

- Resource pooling (server capacity, network, storage)
- Broad network access
- On-demand and self-service
  - Rapid elasticity or expansion (and contraction) as needed
  - Measured service
- Public vs. Private Clouds

#### The Cloud — Economic Drivers

- Cost
  - Lower initial (licensing) costs
  - Reduced IT staff and capital costs
  - Upgrade expense reduced
- Flexibility / scalability
  - Faster start-up times
  - Limit "sunk" costs

## **The Cloud – Economic Risks**

- Vendor Lock-In
- Higher Long-Term Cost
- Need for Customization
- Loss of Control

## **The Cloud - Types**

SaaS (Software) Fully functional business applications

PaaS (Platform)  Tools, frameworks and hosting for building and running custom applications

<u>laaS</u> (<u>Infrastructure</u>)

- Raw IT services
- Data storage
- Network access

## The Cloud – Examples

SaaS ERP HR Email











PaaS Java & .NET Databases







laaS Network CPU





Lexis®
Applications &
Data Hosting

## Contract Issues – Vendor Forms

- Click-Wrap Agreements
  - Non-negotiable
  - User agreements
- Limited Liability; No Indemnifications
- Non-Contract Protections
  - Due Diligence; Scope / Term; Economic Terms; Technology
     Protections; Insurance

## Contract Issues – Service Levels (SLAs)

- Match Service Levels / Client Requirements
  - Sufficient Services / Over-payments
- Establish Measurement and Reporting Processes
  - KPIs
  - Service Level Failures
    - Service Level Failure Credits
    - Root Cause Analysis / Remediation

#### **Contract Issues — Transitions**

- Startup Conversion and Testing Processes
  - Cut-over from current system / Data use rates
- Operations
  - Interoperability, Data format and back-up
- Plan for exit
  - Term, Notice, Support time periods
  - Vendor commitments Post-termination

## **Contract Issues — Liability**

- Direct Damage Caps
  - Time period (12 months); start-up/fee issues
- Consequential Damage Exclusions
  - Data Breach Remediation cost coverage
- Insurance
  - Vendor and Customer

## Data – Access / Audit

- Service Level Requirements
  - Business Continuity Plans
- Location of Data
  - Limitations on transfer / Audit rights
- Litigation Holds
- Vendor Use of Data

#### **Data - Jurisdiction**

- Cloud Storage Typically multiple jurisdictions
- Multiple laws governing data
  - "Doing Business" in multiple jurisdictions
  - Difference data privacy laws and regulations (EU)
- Due diligence contract protections
  - Specified locations; consent to changes
  - Restrict subcontracting / particular locations

## Data - Security

- Vendor Security Protections
  - Physical and electronic
  - Identification, Isolation and Removal of Data
- Legal Compliance
  - Personal Information (HIPPA, GLB)
- Response to Breach
  - Notification, remediation, remedies