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## Benefits of Business Central Cloud Version

1. Do not need to buy or maintain servers, SQL server, etc. to run your ERP software.
2. Do not need to worry about backups as they are handled automatically.
3. Service packs and upgrades are installed automatically while your customizations and apps are safely segregated as extensions.
4. You only need a web browser or mobile device to access your ERP system.
5. Always have the latest and greatest functionality at your fingertips.
6. Receive two major updates annually and service packs on a monthly basis.

## Did you know?

If you own a NAV license, you can subscribe to Business Central at a significant discount? At the moment user licenses are 40% off list price!

## Upgrading vs. Reimplementing

If you are on an older version of NAV and are looking to upgrade to Business Central in the near future, there are some options worth considering.

Upgrading involves converting all your data over to the latest version and moving all or some of your customizations over, including add-ons. One should verify if all add-ons are available in the latest version and if not work out alternative solutions.

Data conversion tools are run to convert data to the latest format. The advantage of upgrading is all of your data is converted including history. The downside of this it can be time consuming and costly particularly if you are on an older version of NAV.

For example, on NAV 2009 the data migration path requires converting to NAV 2013 to NAV 2018 to Business Central On-Premises.

On NAV 2015-NAV 2018, the data migration path is straightforward – upgrade to Business Central On-Premise.

If you wish to upgrade to the cloud version, a cloud data migration tool is run. This will move your data from Business Central on-premise to Business Central cloud. Note that the current recommended limit for cloud migration is 30 gig. If your database is larger than this, data will need to be compressed or deleted before upgrading.

Your desired customizations may also be migrated. The technology has changed significantly over the years and there are tools to help assist with this process. Generally, it is easier and therefore less costly to migrate changes made in NAV 2013 and up vs. earlier versions of NAV.

An alternative and potentially less costly method, particularly for older versions of NAV, is to re-implement. This entails using tools such as Rapidstart, XMLports and processing reports to migrate selected data only. Typically set up data, master data, open balances, open transactions and G/L history are brought over. Detailed history is typically left in the legacy system.

Desired customizations are brought over in the same manner as for an upgrade.

In either case, it is a good idea to evaluate customizations and determine which should be brought over.

Contact us today if you have any questions about upgrading or re-implementing.