



JUST WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN A TCO ASSESSMENT?

HERE IS A SHORT LIST OF COST FACTORS TO INCLUDE WHEN COMPARING ON-PREMISE AND CLOUD-BASED SOLUTIONS.

Servers

As firms adopt technology to become more agile, the need for servers keeps growing. Server acquisition, along with maintenance, load balancing, performance monitoring and backups all cost time and labour.

Utilities

Firms should include climate control system and maintenance costs in TCO, along with electricity expenses for server rooms.

Network

Don't forget to factor in network gear, bandwidth and administration costs. The more complex your IT environment gets, the more costs you incur.

Real Estate Costs

Every square foot of cost counts for mid-sized law firms focused on partner profits. Rather than pay for server space, why not use it for billable hour activity or eliminate that space in your lease renewal?

Storage

Data storage means more server and backup costs. Firms that don't actively destroy eligible data will be surprised at what they spend to store old and new data. Backup disk storage, maintenance and replacement are part of a TCO analysis. Include storage area network, network attached storage and object storage costs as well.