

Infor M3 – The Challenge of Migrating to the Cloud

Most Infor M3 customers have reached the stage where they are no longer asking the question: ‘*Should* we migrate to the cloud?’ but are instead asking, ‘*When* should we migrate to the cloud?’

The reason for this is simple: cloud solutions are fast becoming the future of enterprise software.

The benefits of the cloud are well established, and all of them apply to [Infor’s excellent cloud solution](#). You’ll always have the latest version of the software and the features that come with it; your employees will be able to access M3 from anywhere and on all kinds of different devices; and technical considerations like resiliency, backups, scalability, security updates, and more are taken care of both seamlessly and automatically.

And if all those benefits aren’t reason enough to take the plunge, Infor themselves estimate that most implementations for new Infor M3 customers will from 2022 be in the cloud.

It’s safe to say cloud is the way forward for Infor M3 users, and if your business doesn’t already have a plan in place to upgrade then now is the time to start putting that business case together.

But while the *why* is pretty clear, the *how* is much less so, and for many companies, the transition from a traditional on-premise M3 implementation to a cloud subscription isn’t as straightforward as they might have imagined.

Every business is different, and consequently every business places different demands on its ERP solution. Over the lifetime of an on-premise solution, this inevitably results in a build-up of technical debt, usually in the form of customisations and optimisations bolted onto your M3 alongside a wide variety of complex integrations with other services and business areas.

Unfortunately, all this customisation—these technical tweaks and quirks that make your iteration of M3 so well suited to the unique processes found within your business—will be lost when you migrate to the cloud. And getting them all up and running again after your migration is a huge task.

The good news is, Infor have given their customers an extremely flexible set of native tools—like the Infor extensibility toolbox—that can do just that, allowing anyone to develop incredibly powerful applications to customise every detail of M3.

However, achieving the level of customisation and integration that most businesses need—particularly in light of the changing expectations of the modern workforce, who expect applications to be ever more intuitive, integrated, and seamless—is technically complex.

Factor in the multiple platforms your users utilise to access M3 and the added complexity of things like responsive design and the challenge only continues to grow.

It's perfectly possible for businesses to take on this challenge in-house, but it will inevitably be both resource-intensive and time-consuming.

Which is where we at Vince come in.

We know Infor M3, and we have the technical skills and experience to develop customised applications capable of taking your ERP solution to the next level. Whether you're looking to implement an enhanced UI that's more aligned with the expectations of a Gen X workforce, or you need to integrate M3 with other key systems to better optimise your processes, we can help.

We work closely with all our clients, taking the time to get to know them and understand their unique requirements. Which is how we're able to develop applications that help them get the most possible value out of their ERP.

No matter how you approach your migration to M3 in the cloud, don't forget to consider how you're going to manage technical debt. Because while migrating is no small undertaking, one thing you can be sure of is that you're making a positive step forwards. With a little bit of planning, your ERP solution can do even more for your business than ever before.

Stay tuned for our next blog piece, here we will further explain the topic from a customer example.

If you'd like to learn more about how we can help you successfully migrate to Infor M3 in the cloud, please don't hesitate to [get in touch!](#)

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