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Desktop vs Cloud



Traditionally, a business would house all of their accounts on one desktop. Now, things are much simpler. Using cloud technology, you can access your up to the minute accounts any time, anywhere you need them.

Below are 8 key differences between Desktop vs Cloud accounting.

Desktop

- 1 Accounting information is only fully up-to-date on one machine.
- 2 Software must be upgraded regularly, often at a cost.
- 3 The software may only be licensed for use on one computer.
- 4 Using a USB drive to move data is inconvenient, unreliable and not secure.
- 5 It can be difficult and slow to access financial data and customer details remotely.
- 6 The software can be expensive to buy.
- 7 Adding more users can cost a lot of money.
- 8 The pricing may not be transparent, with hidden fees for updates or extra features.

Cloud

- 1 Financial data flows automatically into the cloud from bank accounts and other sources.
- 2 You can access accounts through any device with an internet connection.
- 3 You have instant review of customer data and information, such as cash flow.
- 4 You can use powerful tools and applications to process accounting data.
- 5 It's easy for all the team to use.
- 6 It can grow as your business grows.
- 7 There are no more worries about outdated software, IT costs or server outages.
- 8 You pay on a simple subscription basis, paying only for the services you need.

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