

# The Balancing Act: When to Keep Your Current Tech Stack vs. When to Move to Cloud Software



Is your current tech stack costing your business more than you realize?  
**84% of discrete manufacturers are already in the cloud or in the cloud migration process.**

To help you decide whether it's time to upgrade your tech stack, Aptean has weighed the pros and cons of sticking with your legacy solution versus moving to cloud-based discrete manufacturing software.



## Common justifications for sticking with legacy technology:

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## Reasons to invest in cloud-based discrete manufacturing software:

It feels easier to maintain the customization in the solution you have.

You get all the capabilities you need "out of the box."

It's familiar and your team knows how to use it.

Your team can access intuitive interfaces from any location using a browser.

You have already budgeted for the associated running costs.

You'll pay a predictable low cost with reduced internal IT burdens.

You could avoid potential disruption (provided your current software is reliable and runs efficiently).

You'll have operational continuity, greater security against data loss and protection from cybercrime attacks.

You perceive a greater sense of control and ownership over the on-premises system you're using.

You can leverage real-time visibility over critical data, such as inventory levels and production schedules.

You know the value of your current technology stack.

Cloud solutions grow with your business without requiring new hardware.



Everyday processes can be automated, so your team spends more time on higher value tasks.

Automatic updates are applied whenever your vendor releases new modules and features.

You'll be able to deliver better customer service, as you can provide accurate delivery dates.

A modern user experience is more attractive to new recruits.

Systems easily integrate using APIs, so you spend less time and money on IT support.

**41% of discrete manufacturers plan to invest in a new ERP system in the next 12-24 months.**

## The Cost of Clinging to Outdated Manufacturing Software

- » Difficulty in forecasting and calculating costs impacts your profit margin
- » Lack of data and reporting means lost opportunities for revenue
- » Limited access impacts your team's productivity
- » Disjointed infrastructure creates poor employee and customer experiences
- » Staff churn is higher because people become frustrated with cumbersome, unintuitive systems
- » Complex integrations slow the rate at which you can grow and scale
- » Inability to make data-driven decisions results in less of a competitive edge

## Using Technology to Drive Growth in Discrete Manufacturing

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