



Q What is a hybrid IT system?

A great analogy to help explain the virtues of on-premise, cloud and hybrid infrastructures: Imagine your IT setup like managing property...



On - premise = Owning your home

Running your own servers is like owning a house. You have full control over the layout, security, and maintenance. You decide who enters, what upgrades are made, and how everything is managed. It requires upfront investment and ongoing upkeep, but it's yours.

It's ideal for businesses that:

- Handle sensitive or regulated data
- Need consistent performance
- Want long-term stability and control

Cloud services = Renting a home

Using the cloud is like renting a house. You don't worry about repairs or infrastructure - it's all handled for you. You pay for what you use, and you can upgrade or downsize easily. You trade some control for convenience, but gain agility and lower maintenance.

This suits businesses that:

- Need flexibility and scalability
- Access to the latest tools
- Operate easily with remote or flexi teams

Hybrid IT = Owning your home whilst having access to holiday let

With a hybrid system, it's like owning your own home - where you have full control over your environment - but also having access to a serviced holiday let. You keep control over critical operations, while using cloud services for overflow, collaboration and specialised tasks.

This approach lets you:

- Scale resources as needed
- Keep sensitive data secure
- Optimise costs by using each model where it fits best