



Printix Cloud versus Microsoft Hybrid Cloud

Microsoft Hybrid Cloud Print is a new feature for Windows Server 2016 available through Features on Demand. Below is a comparison to cover a few of the key differences and benefits of Printix.

 	 
<p>CLOUD</p> <p>Cloud application where you only pay for what you need. No on-premise servers.</p>	<p>HARDWARE / SOFTWARE</p> <p>Combination of Servers on Azure and on-premise Print Server needed for local printing.</p>
<p>ALWAYS UP</p> <p>Office print jobs stay local using most reliable and fast Direct IP Printing regardless of connection.</p>	<p>DEPENDENCIES</p> <p>Reliance on servers to always be available. If line down, no printing available.</p>
<p>ALL INCLUSIVE</p> <p>A complete service offering that covers all infrastructure, clients, print drivers and support.</p>	<p>PARTIAL</p> <p>On-premise infrastructure, print servers and hardware not covered or serviced.</p>
<p>OEM PRINT DRIVER</p> <p>Provisions, manages and supports all print drivers in the cloud for robust, feature rich printing.</p>	<p>XPS & PDF DRIVER</p> <p>Utilizes XPS and PDF drivers to support limited feature set. Reliant on Print Server for OEM drivers.</p>
<p>CLOUD SUPPORTED</p> <p>Auto discovery of print environment, drivers and configuration. Managed by Printix Cloud.</p>	<p>MANUAL ADMINISTRATION</p> <p>Detailed scripting, configuration and ongoing IT administration to ensure correct operation.</p>
<p>EASY MIGRATION TO CLOUD</p> <p>Copies your current print environment to the cloud in minutes. Users can print as normal.</p>	<p>ADDED COMPLEXITY AND COST</p> <p>Adds complexity and requires the purchase of added VPN components, certificates.</p>
<p>PER USER FEE</p> <p>Simply priced (per user / per month) with discount for Enterprise and Education. Inclusive.</p>	<p>SERVICE AND CONSUMPTION FEE</p> <p>Service, VPN, Certificate, Consumption fees. Onpremise infrastructure costs. Added Cost.</p>
<p>RIGHT FIT</p> <p>Cloud Platform adjusts ongoing to remain a right fit based on your changing printing needs.</p>	<p>FIXED</p> <p>Locked in to existing fixed infrastructure. Difficult and costly to increase or reduce in line with need.</p>
<p>MOBILE PRINT</p> <p>Leverages and extends the Printix Cloud Platform to provision an enhanced mobile experience.</p>	<p>HYBRID MOBILE PRINT</p> <p>Requires printing to Azure and re-direct to onpremise Print Server to print.</p>

NOTE: Gartner estimates the annual cost of provisioning a Print Server to be approximately USD\$2,500.00/yr. Printix removes the requirement for deploying Print Servers and having to establish complex corporate WAN for branch printing.