

Cost is also a huge concern. The whole idea of hybrid cloud is to streamline operations so that systems actually end up costing less while providing more. But cloud contracts can be very complicated. You'll usually be charged not just for the amount of CPU clock cycles and data storage you consume but also for the amount of data you transfer, which can quickly become a major expense. A basic difference between on-premises IT and cloud IT is that you pay for on-premises IT upfront, and then hope you didn't overspend. With cloud IT, you pay as you go based on actual consumption. The result can be a nice reduction in cost. But you can also get hit by a huge bill you weren't expecting, so you need to make sure you thoroughly understand the pricing model so that you can predict your costs.