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# From Server Room to Cloud: Modernizing Your Accounting with MIP

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# Introduction

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# Session Objectives

- Defining what “The Cloud” is, and how it applies to MIP
- Benefits of a hosted environment
- Comparison of working in MIP Classic vs Momentive’s MIP Cloud Module

## What is the cloud?

- "The cloud" refers to servers, data storage, and computing services accessed over the internet instead of locally on a computer's hard drive. It allows users to store data, run applications, and access resources remotely from anywhere
- The way that this applies to MIP is that you have the option to access the application from your machine, even if it is not physically connected to your network

# The MIP Application vs Cloud Applications

The MIP application is a traditional Client/Server application. A client-server application is a software structure where a client (user device/app) requests services or resources from a centralized server (powerful computer/database) over a network. The client handles user interface and interaction, while the server handles data management, security, and intensive processing.

True Cloud applications, or SaaS (Software as a Service) applications, are cloud-based software solutions hosted by third-party providers and accessed via web browsers or apps, eliminating local installation and maintenance. They typically operate on a subscription model, offering high scalability, automatic updates, and improved collaboration for businesses and individuals

# Benefits of Hosting

Hosted applications provide significant benefits, including reduced upfront IT infrastructure costs, improved security through specialized management, enhanced accessibility from any location with an internet connection, and automatic software updates. Businesses also benefit from higher reliability, scalability to meet changing demands, and efficient disaster recovery.

There are 2 options for hosting the MIP application. One is any 3<sup>rd</sup> party hosting company that can provide the required server and connectivity. This will yield all of the benefits listed above, except the automatic upgrade of the MIP application. The second option is to be hosted by Momentive MIP. Here, there are all of the above benefits, in addition to access to the MIP Cloud module, which provides a browser interface for most of the functionality in the Classic interface. Price can be a decisive factor in the hosting decision.

# MIP Classic vs MIP Cloud (aka Modern)

If you choose to be hosted by Momentive MIP, it will come down to a personal preference as to whether you decide to work in the familiar Classic interface or the Modern Web Browser interface. There will be times when certain tasks can only be performed on the Classic side. Examples of this are the creation of custom forms in the Forms Designer module and the creation of custom columns in reports.

Some benefits to using the MIP Cloud interface are:

- **Dashboards:** Modern home screen that shows interactive Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) as a snapshot of current fiscal Year-to-Date posted data
- The ability to duplicate tabs, and have multiple browser tabs open simultaneously, and they can be split to different screens. One license for all.
- **Zoomability:** Browser-based. Use the browser settings to zoom in and out of any screen
- **Filterable Column Headings:** Most code list screens offer filtering icons at the top of each column

# Let's take a look together!



Data entry screens

Bank Rec Cloud, no multi-selection.

Reporting

Importing

Exporting to Excel

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