

## **Are you disillusioned with Cloud?**

Over the past few years the inexorable “Journey to Cloud” has been heavily marketed with much emphasis to get moving and make big savings with little substance to back up the hype.

While using cloud resources are part of everyday life it is now accepted that “the cloud” is just another resource you can choose from, it’s often more expensive, a lot of extra work is needed to integrate your existing systems however done right you can pick and choose what you need from the multitude of available cloud services to create your ideal “Hybrid” IT environment.

So where are you now with Cloud?

### **If you jumped early and are running all back-office IT systems in a hosted cloud life can often be frustrating with issues such as:**

- Support Response is poor
- Systems are now getting very outdated with associated security holes
- Access to systems can be clunky and slow, often with disk space issues
- There is not enough control or ownership of essential IT services
- We are facing an expensive yearly bill with not much value for money

### **If you use the occasional cloud SaaS services like cloud email, marketing & accountancy packages you can face the following issues:**

- Control of user logins is getting difficult especially around password changes
- Users often complain of having too many logins
- There is little security and protection of data if usernames & passwords are compromised

### **If you have “traditional” on-site IT systems you might well have similar issues to companies which went “All in” for cloud:**

- Better external IT support is required
- Systems are now getting very outdated with associated security holes
- Access to systems can be clunky and slow, often with disk space issues
- Concerns over what will happen in a Disaster Recovery situation
- Refreshing on-site hardware or Migrating to cloud both incur large costs

### **ST-FOUR specialise in helping you get the most from your IT systems:**

- We can help you regain control of your IT systems by working with you to make intelligent decisions on the best way to use on-site & cloud resources to meet your current and ongoing business needs
- We can help you plan an IT roadmap to manage costs while give the best return on investment for IT spending
- We can help you integrate your user logins with Single Sign-On and Multi-Factor Authentication for simpler “one login” access to IT services enhanced with much stronger security
- We can help you with the ongoing support, general maintenance and upgrade life-cycle of your company’s IT systems.