

10 Questions You Need to Ask When Comparing Cloud Printing Solutions

Like many organizations, you may be thinking about moving your traditional on-premise infrastructure to the cloud. One of the key components that is often overlooked during the planning stage is print.

Not all cloud printing solutions are created equal. Most aren't really True Cloud Printing™ solutions because they have on-premise infrastructure dependencies and can't support cloud-based user authentication. Ask the questions and get the right solution for your business.

	Yes	No
Are you thinking about moving your on-premise infrastructure to the cloud?		
Have you already moved part, or all of your on-premise infrastructure to the cloud?		

If you answered "Yes" to either of the questions above, have you thought about a plan for printing services? By moving your infrastructure to the cloud, access to printers will be severed. The solution you choose needs to restore this connection with a simple software installation that doesn't require changes to infrastructure. Use the next eight questions below to compare and contrast any cloud printing solutions you may be considering.

	PrinterOn	Solution A	Solution B
Does the solution support cloud-based user authentication using OpenID Connect-compatible technology such as Microsoft Azure AD, Okta, Centrify, OneLogin?	✓		
Can the solution be deployed in any third-party cloud such as AWS, Azure, SoftLayer?	✓		
Does the solution truly eliminate the need for VPN connections?	✓		
Can it run on any cloud platform without any on-premise print infrastructure dependencies?	✓		
Is the solution capable of providing the exact same services, submission methods and user experience whether in the cloud or on-premise?	✓		
Can the solution support remote printing, mobile printing, pull printing and desktop printing from the cloud?	✓		
Would the solution be able to connect to your current on-premise print management system if necessary?	✓		
Can the solution be deployed on-premise first and then easily moved to the cloud of your choice when you are ready without changing software or infrastructure?	✓		