



Research Survey Report: The Future of Oracle-based Applications

Produced and created by

Claremont.

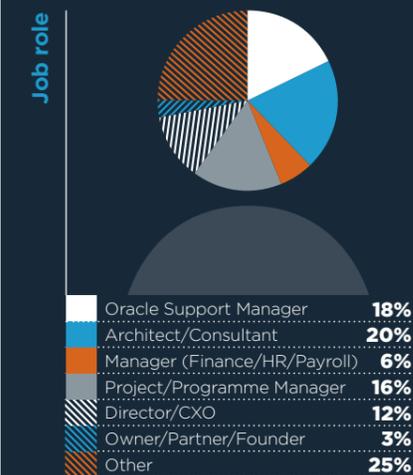
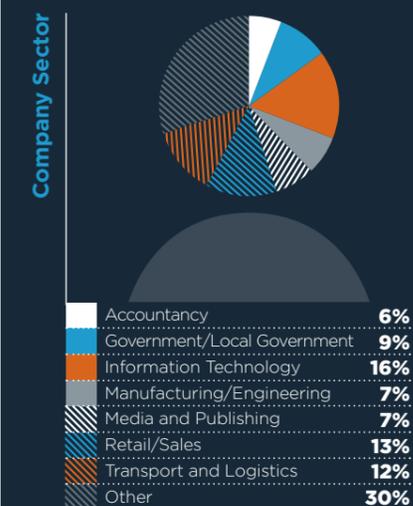
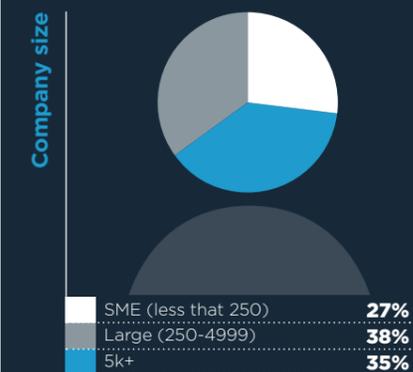
Cloud is beginning to play a major role in IT strategies worldwide. Within the Oracle community, organisations are at different stages in migrating their business-critical applications.

Claremont conducted a survey to understand the benefits, disadvantages, and the various points at which organisations find themselves on their journey into the Cloud.

This report details the most interesting findings and draws key learnings from real experiences of those who have journeyed to the Cloud and those who are still investigating the benefits.

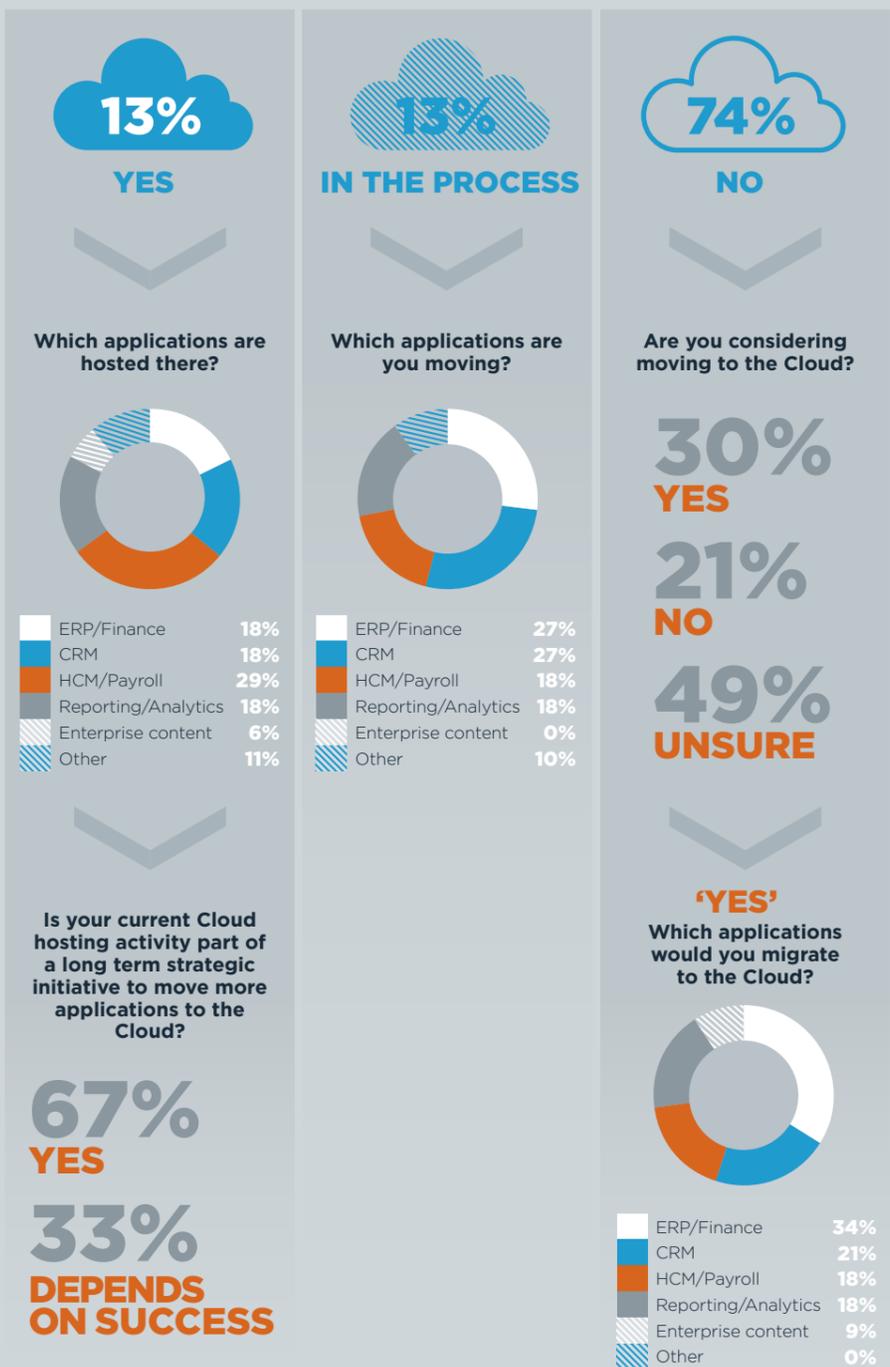


Survey responsee demographic



Oracle in the Cloud: Where Are We Now?

Has your business migrated any of its Oracle-based applications to the Cloud?



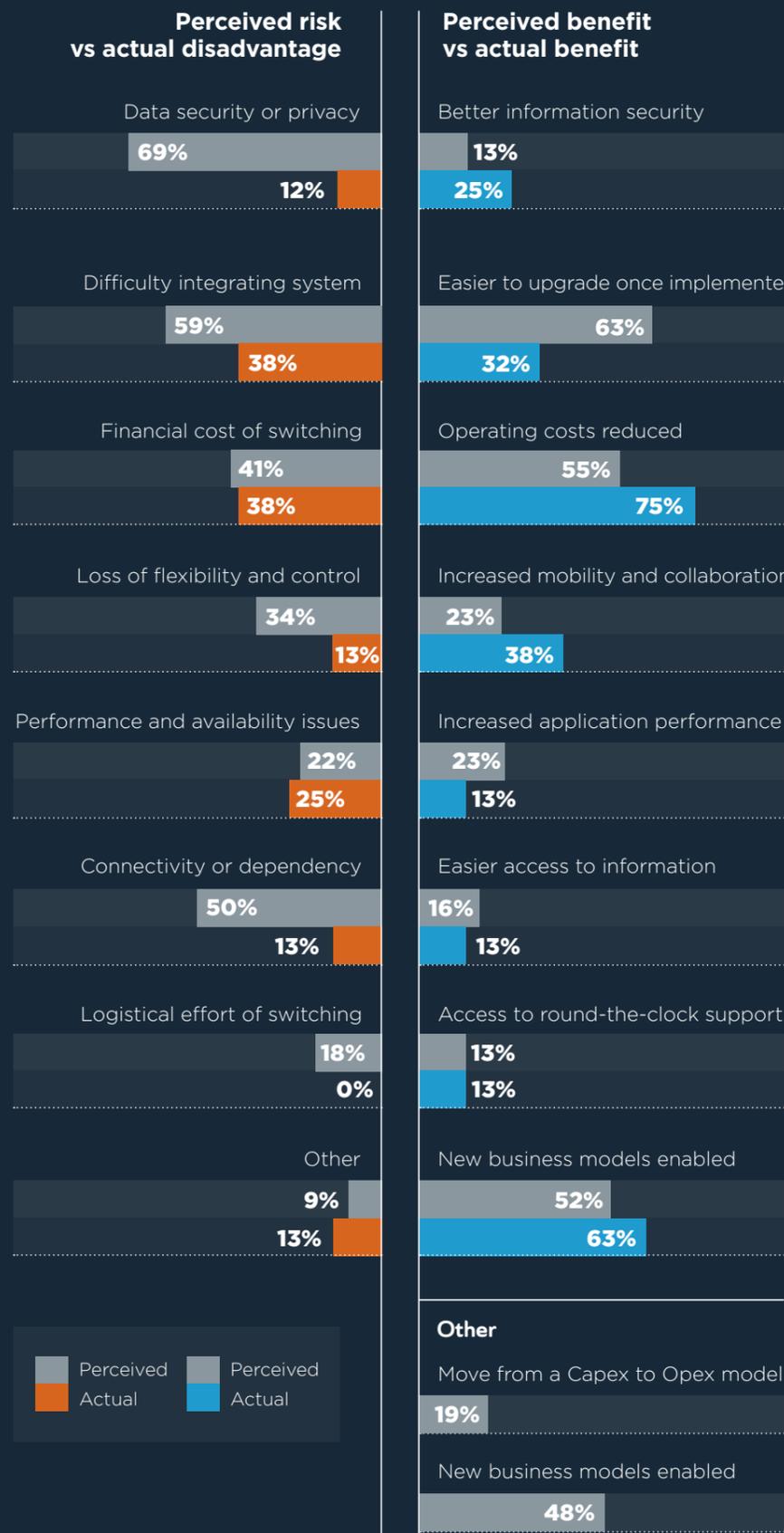
Summary

Migrating applications to the Cloud is a key consideration within the Oracle community. 26% of organisations have migrated, or are in the process of migrating, their Oracle applications to the Cloud.

Despite 74% of organisations reporting that they have yet to move any of their applications to the Cloud, only 21% would not consider moving in the future. This highlights a growing trend towards moving applications to the Cloud.

Early Cloud adopters have initially focused on moving HCM/Payroll applications, whereas those in the process, or who plan to move in the short term, have their sights on transitioning ERP/Finance. This shows that longer term strategies are looking to move more complex systems to the Cloud. This is likely based on the reduction in risk due to lessons learnt from early adopters.

Risks vs Benefits: Perception vs Reality



Summary

- As more organisations move their Oracle applications to the Cloud benefits are evidently outweighing risks.
- While the financial cost of switching has been a concern for some, the resulting reduction in operating costs has proved a major advantage of moving applications to the Cloud.
- There is a discrepancy between perceived risks of moving to the Cloud and real-world disadvantages.
- 69% believe data security to be a high risk. Only 12% of organisations, in contrast, experienced this drawback in practice.
- Integration issues faced by 38% illustrate the complexities of Cloud migration. It is therefore crucial to work with an experienced implementation partner to ensure a smooth migration.
- Whilst 63% of respondents presumed it would be easier to upgrade applications that had moved to the Cloud, only 32% recorded this as an actual benefit. This reveals a need to work with an experienced managed services partner to help organisations make regular upgrades and improvements.

Conclusion

Oracle Applications in The Future

An increasing number of organisations are transitioning their Oracle applications to the Cloud and early adopters are realising real benefits. From long-term cost savings, to enabling new business models, and creating a system that is easier to upgrade and maintain going forward – the advantages of Cloud are becoming better understood.

Evidence shows that moving Oracle applications to the Cloud is a medium to long term strategy for most organisations. However, there is a clear disparity between the perceived risks of migrating to the Cloud and the actual challenges faced. These risks can be mitigated by working with an experienced consulting partner to support the journey to the Cloud.

A key driver for organisations moving business critical applications to the Cloud, is that it reduces the need for specialist skills in-house. Hosting applications in the Cloud liberates IT departments from systems maintenance, empowering them to focus on more strategic initiatives.

Reducing reliance on in-house staff demonstrates a desire to focus on new ways of working that will support real business innovation. By enabling new business models and freeing-up staff, time and money, migrating Oracle applications to the Cloud can provide the flexibility, scalability and adaptability that today's businesses require.

For further information on the detailed findings of this survey please contact info@claremont.com

About Claremont

Claremont is the UK's leading independent provider of Oracle E-Business Suite and Oracle Business Cloud services. We have been providing hosting and Managed Services for Oracle users for many years. Oracle is at the centre of everything we do.

Our Cloud Services

Oracle Business Cloud

We can guide your business on a safe and cost-effective journey to Oracle Business Cloud, the next generation of Oracle's enterprise applications.

Claremont Cloud

Claremont Cloud™ provides its users with a personalised, accessible and secure Cloud hosting solution. It is a truly virtualised platform on which you can run any and all of your Oracle business applications. Operational management and technical support is provided entirely by Claremont's specialist team. This reduces the need to keep costly Oracle skills in-house.

Old World Diligence. New World Agility.

UK data centres and on-site UK Service Managers are an essential part of our personalised, cost-effective Cloud hosting solution. This ensures that we deliver both the benefits of old world diligence and new world agility. Contact a member of our team to find out how you can drive business value from Claremont Cloud™.

Claremont.

1 Farnham Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 4RG
T: +44 (0) 1483 549 004

E: info@claremont.co.uk
W: www.claremont.co.uk