How to choose the best database deployment for your business

There are a few different deployment options for databases, but picking the best one can be confusing. To make the right choice, you need to consider both your business needs and the differences between deployments. Before making your final decision, discover what each can do for you.



On-premises deployments

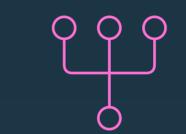
On-premises deployments offer the highest level of control, but require the highest level of upkeep and management. This option is perfect for those wishing to keep a close eye on their deployment.

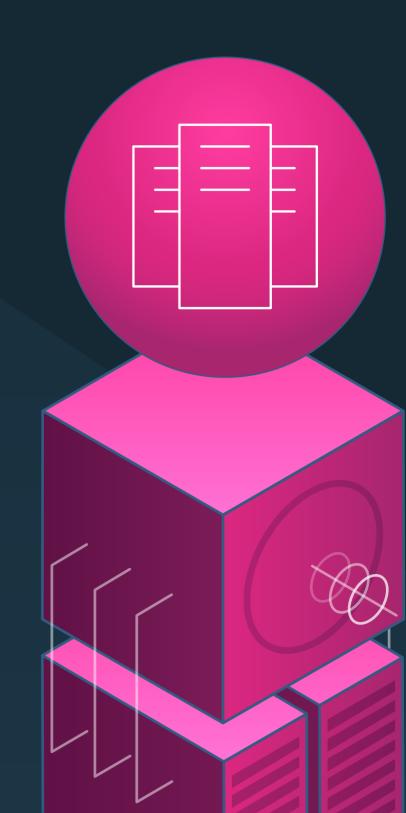


Allows the most customization and visibility into data location and movement



Runs behind your firewall for additional security and compliance







Keeps you in control of updates and maintenance

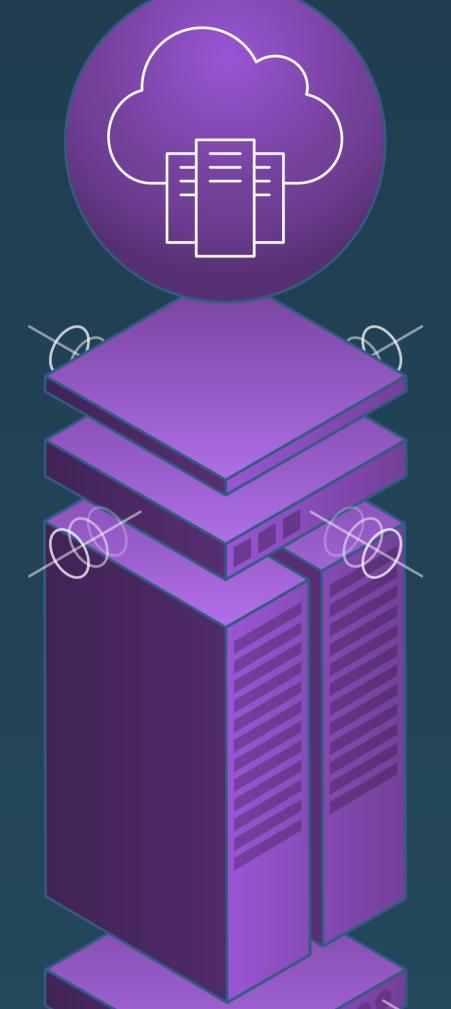
Offers better latency due to in-network or dedicated WAN connections



Requires the largest upfront investment in hardware to prepare for peak demand

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Hosted cloud deployments

Hosted cloud deployments remove the responsibility of acquiring and maintaining hardware, while still offering a limited amount of control over your database. This option is for those seeking a middle ground between on-premises and managed services.



Allows off-site disaster recovery without the need to buy additional infrastructure



Integrates better with on-premises systems than managed cloud deployments



Offers the ability to use existing database licenses in many cases



Provides limited optimization since data is not stored on your own hardware



Provides limited access and control over bandwidth than on-premises deployments

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Managed cloud deployments

Managed cloud deployments are designed for simplicity, removing many of the concerns of provisioning and maintenance, but providing the least amount of control of any deployment option.

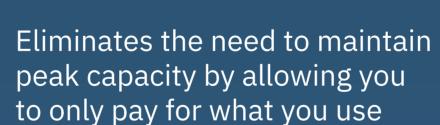




Offers rapid elasticity, such as cloud bursting, to independently scale, compute and store

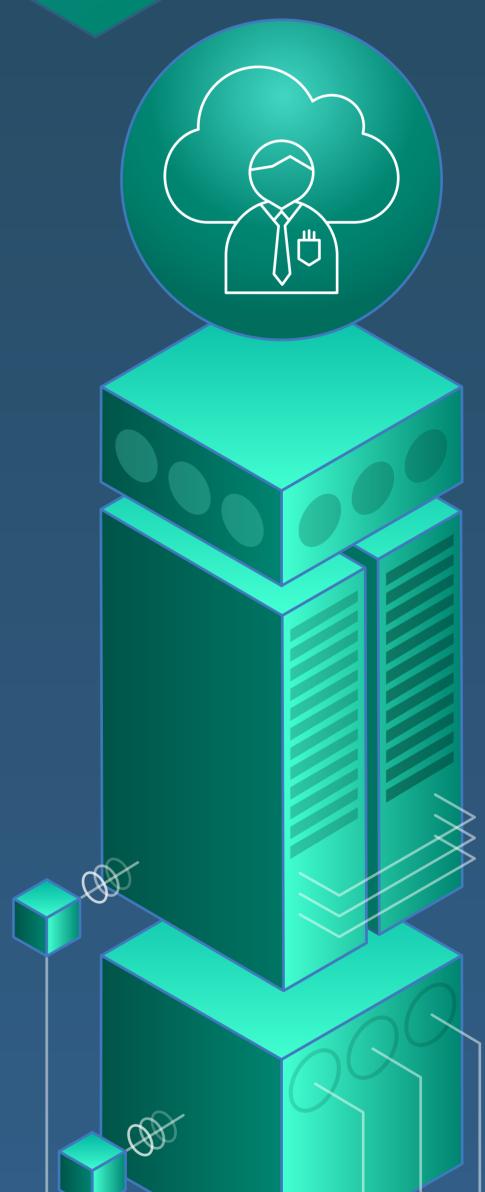


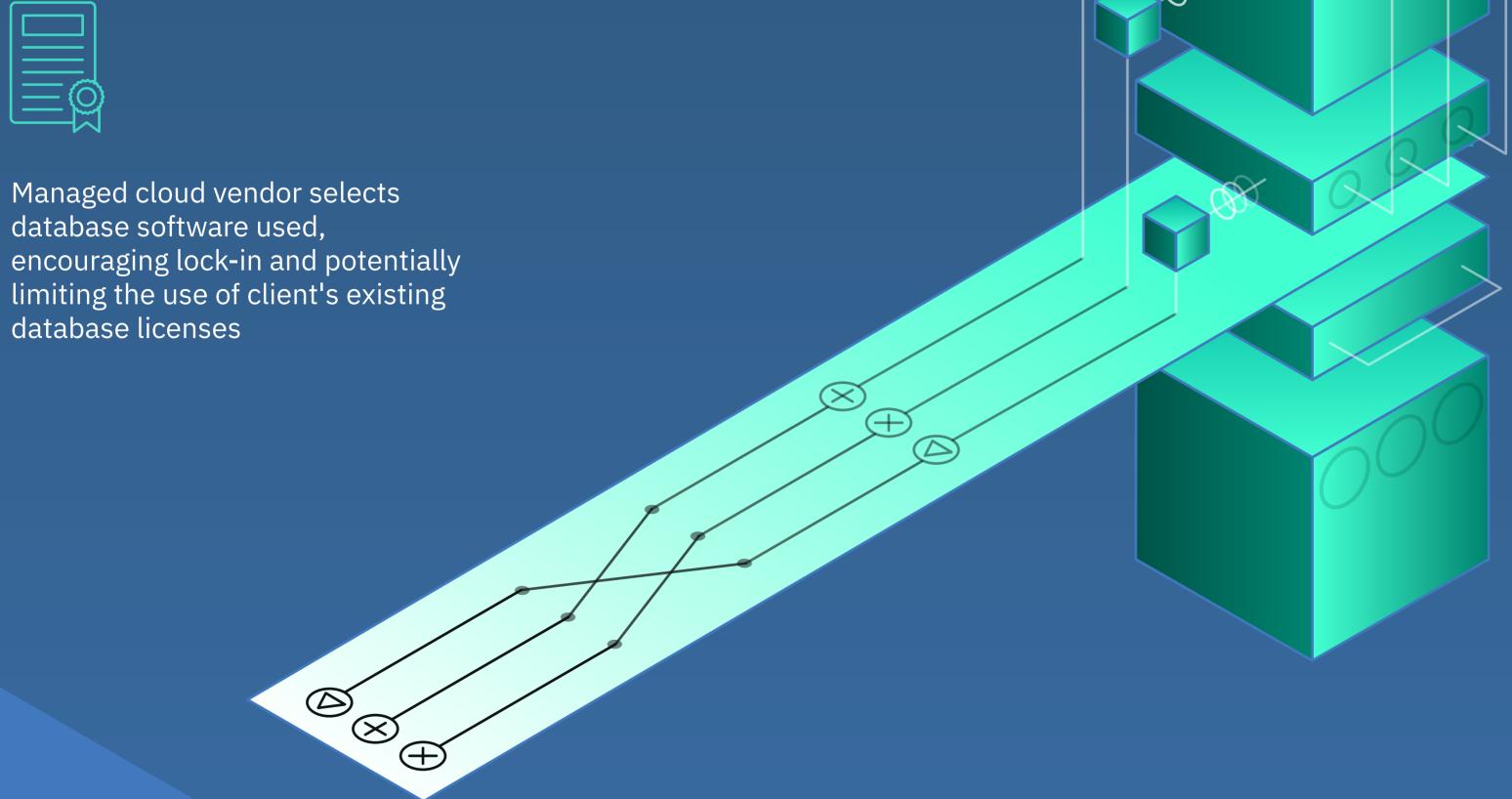
Provides fast and efficient deployment for development or departmental usage





Limits control over monitoring and bandwidth to what was specified in the service-level agreement with your vendor





On-premises, hosted cloud and managed cloud database deployments all provide significant benefits when aligned correctly to the needs of the business. Since many organizations need to rely on multiple types of deployment concurrently, it's always best to work with a technology partner that can supply all three in an efficient, well-integrated way.

Learn more about the benefits that up-to-date database technology can provide.

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