



Cloud Services vs. Co-Locating

Simply put, **Cloud** computing, via a secure internet connection, allows any size company to have access to Everything as a Service (EaaS), including:

- Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS),
- Managed Security as a Service (MSaaS), and
- Unified Communications (UCaaS).

Flexibility is one of our strongest traits.

Co-Location services house and maintain **your hardware** in **our data center** and take advantage of redundant utility power, in-row cooling, hot aisle containment, and carrier neutral fiber access.

KEY DIFFERENCES	STL Cloud Solution	New Co-Located Server Solution
Price Model	Paying monthly to use hosted services.	Paying up front to own the hardware.
Maintenance	All maintenance costs built into hosted services.	Client/Partner pays costs for any hardware maintenance needed.
Licensing Costs	Licensing costs are built into hosted services.	Client/Partner responsible for various server licensing costs.
Scalability	Scalable up or down to meet business needs.	Server must be purchased with future demands in mind.
Redundancy	Fully resilient and redundant against failure.	Self-contained and designed to take limited failure.
Backups	Built into the hosted services.	Cost to manage and monitor backup is a monthly service.
Disaster Recovery	8 hours or less recovery time.	Recovery from backup — 1-2 days to fully recover.



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