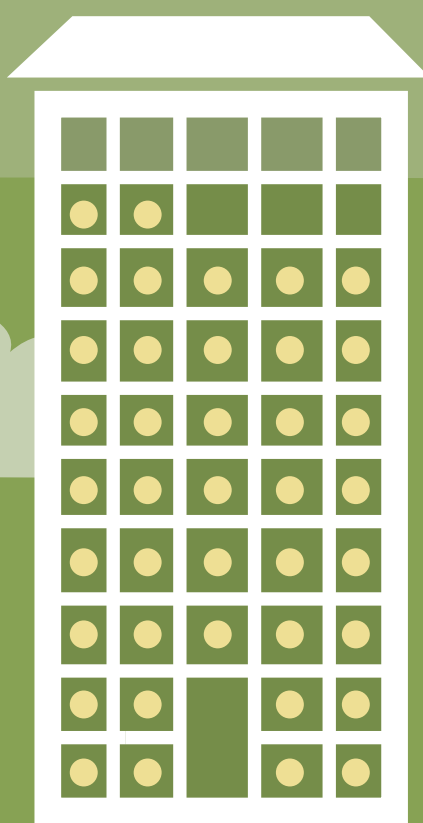




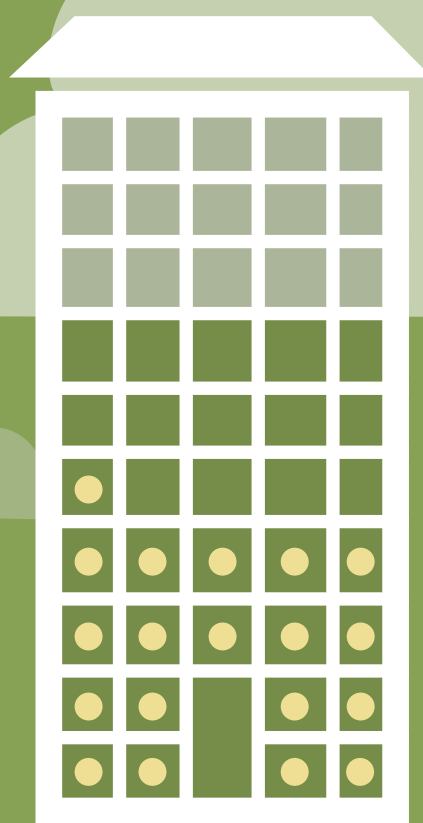
# Into the Cloud

## Did you know?



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Businesses already use the cloud<sup>1</sup>

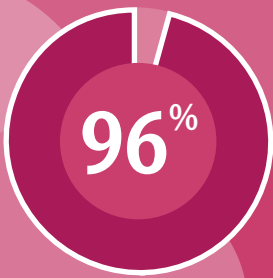


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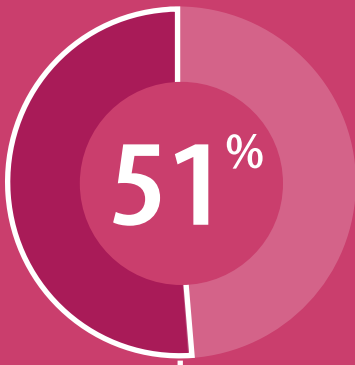
Wish they had sooner<sup>2</sup>

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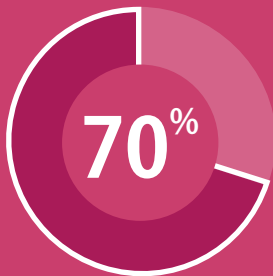
- Reduction in capital spend
- Agility of set up and use
- Flexibility of working practice



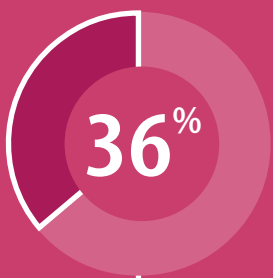
worry less about outages<sup>2</sup>



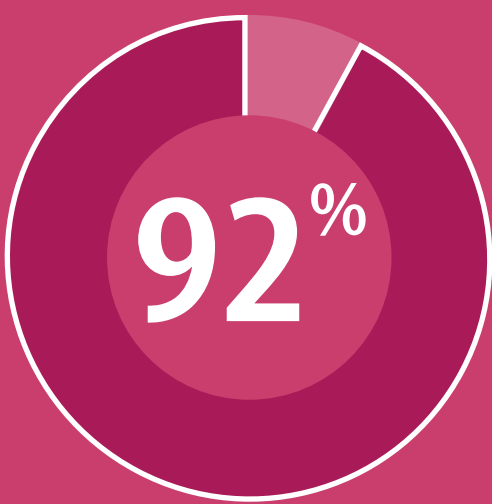
time reduction managing IT<sup>2</sup>



reinvest money saved<sup>2</sup>



improved customer service<sup>2</sup>



completely satisfied with the cloud<sup>2</sup>

## Cloud checklist



### Analyse and plan

- ✓ Start by analysing your business need for the cloud
- ✓ How mobile are your staff?
- ✓ How sensitive is your data?
- ✓ How old are your current IT solutions?
- ✓ Plan your cloud adoption thoroughly – is it a phase by phase approach?



### Cost comparison

- ✓ Compare traditional systems with cloud over a 5-year period
- ✓ Include consultancy costs, training fees and migration cost
- ✓ Analyse your capital spend against operational expenditure



### Implementation

- ✓ Remember this is change management
- ✓ Train staff and train again
- ✓ Archive what doesn't get migrated
- ✓ Only migrate data that your business needs
- ✓ Staff need time and resource to adopt new ways of working



### Security checklist

- ✓ Read security reviews of the chosen service
- ✓ Remember data protection is still your responsibility even when you are on cloud servers
- ✓ Look for additional security features like 2-step verification
- ✓ Check the location of your data

1 Rightscale cloud survey <http://bit.ly/1ealgh8> - 2 Rackspace blog - cloud adoption <http://bit.ly/1sgPIWC>