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Infor M3 Cloud

Establish a foundation for digital transformation

With the world changing faster than ever before, companies need to keep up by becoming more agile and adopting new technology to stand out from the competition. Moving to the cloud is one way that can help organizations stay ahead. While moving to the cloud alone won't deliver a complete digital transformation for the business, it does provide companies with a modern, flexible foundation on which they can readily support transformation—not just today, but what tomorrow may bring as well.

Meet your unique needs

Infor® M3 Cloud and related industry-specific Infor CloudSuite™ solutions come with industry-leading functionality for the chemical, distribution, equipment, fashion, food and beverage, and industrial manufacturing industries. M3 Cloud is available in 26 languages, and supports local requirements for 53 countries.

Infor M3 Cloud delivers on-demand computing as a service—with rich industry-specific functionality to meet your unique business needs.

Transform your business with M3 Cloud

A secure path for the future

Ensure your organization is ready for the future with proven industry functionality and continual development that focuses on evolving industry needs.

Low TCO

A shared infrastructure lowers your TCO by drastically reducing operating expenses, significantly cutting implementation time and costs, and eliminating the need for costly on-premise maintenance.

No more upgrades

A single version of the software, maintained by Infor in the cloud, means you don't need to deal with major upgrades.

Fast access to new innovations

Major new functionality is delivered on a regular basis, but not forced on customers. You can test the new functionality in the safety of your test environment and switch it on in your production environment once you're satisfied with the new capabilities.

Flexibility and scalability

Easily and effectively meet the evolving needs of your business with a high degree of scalability for resources and computing processing power.

Security

Security is a major concern that significantly impacts both costs and risks for many businesses. Many companies recognize that it's more secure to run in the cloud, leveraging the investments and expertise of organizations that have significant web services security experience, such as Infor and AWS.

Best-in-class resilience

Get peace of mind at an affordable cost with M3 Cloud's highly fault-tolerant infrastructure that couples with backup regimes to allow for a very low recovery point objective (RPO).

Openness to support your needs

Take advantage of support for third-party integrations with M3 Cloud's modern and secure tooling, such as standard and custom BODs and APIs.

Easily adapt to changing needs

M3 Cloud delivers software as a service (SaaS), offering complete flexibility in operations, technology, and scale. As a multisite, multicountry, and multicompany ERP solution, M3 Cloud empowers organizations to easily adapt to changing business needs. Based on M3 Cloud, Infor's industry-specific, CloudSuite solutions provide robust capabilities in managing complex mixed-mode manufacturing and distribution-intensive environments—with the agility to make quick adjustments at any time. M3 Cloud is deployed and provisioned on Amazon® Web Services (AWS®), providing you with a secure environment and a low total cost of ownership (TCO).

Grow your business

Innovative new business models are disrupting many markets, and as a direct result, companies are looking to technology to support these new ways of doing business. The cloud offers a flexible platform from which you can engage in a continual digital transformation to help support business growth, differentiation, and the agility to transform business models and processes. A cloud platform also simplifies the task of integrating new businesses and onboarding users. You'll gain the flexibility and scalability to meet changing needs, whether adding additional users or increasing processing capacity to meet peaks in demand for computing power.

Stay compliant

Ever-changing regulatory and statutory reporting requirements can create increased risks of penalty fines and even prison in many countries for noncompliance. As a result, it's critical your company stays up to date with all compliance requirements. New functionality in M3 Cloud is available on a monthly basis, making it much easier to ensure you're on the latest version of country localizations, so you can remain compliant.

Embrace predictable costs

By switching to M3 Cloud's SaaS distribution model, you're moving from a capital-expenditure-based model to an operating-expense-based model, which offers several advantages:

- Avoid having to make capital investment decisions every few years for major upgrades.
- Use freed-up capital for other investments to grow the business, such as for acquisitions or for new warehouses, equipment, stores, and more.
- Leverage SaaS's predictable operating expenses to make annual IT budgeting easier, while also simplifying IT planning and budgeting for acquisitions.
- Pay only for what you use—you're not paying for infrastructure and capacity that you don't need—so, IT expenses are tied closer to sales revenue.
- Use pay-as-you go to smooth out the cash flow, while taking advantage of the latest technology and functionality.
- Reduce risk and disturbance to the business with no more expensive IT infrastructure upgrades.

Outsource system management

With M3 Cloud, you'll be able to free up resources for other tasks, allowing your IT department to deliver more value to the management team and end users. You can focus on your core competencies and let Infor and AWS manage your system.

M3 Cloud also has the ability to easily and dynamically scale processing capacity up and down for peaks and troughs in computing demand. So, whether your business responds to seasonal fluctuations or unpredictable changes, you don't need to worry about scrambling for additional resources or having to figure out what to do with surplus resources.

Additionally, AWS and Infor have the resources, skills, and experience to manage security better than you could afford to do in-house. Each customer has their own database in the cloud, so your data is completely segregated from other cloud tenants.

Overcome skills challenges

Whether your company is running a legacy ERP solution and you have yet to engage in digital transformation, or you're just getting started, you're likely struggling to find skilled resources to support your aging, in-house systems. It can be a challenge to ensure technical expertise is always on-site or nearby in case there's an issue with your mission-critical, on-premises applications and systems. Moving to M3 Cloud means you don't need this level of expertise on call 24x7 within your organization, as Infor takes over responsibility for ensuring your solution is available.

Another advantage to adopting a modern technology solution is that it appeals to Millennials. M3 Cloud's modern interface and functionality can help you recruit and retain young talent for the business.

Discover the power of extensibility

M3 Cloud utilizes the Infor OS technology platform, which enables M3 Cloud to address business needs beyond a traditional ERP system. Infor OS's extensibility capabilities set the foundation for your enterprise ecosystem and allow you to tailor M3 Cloud to your specific needs with tools such as customizable homepages, social collaboration, workflows and alerts, Infor ION® and APIs, and more.

Let your systems work together seamlessly

Consumer-grade user experience—Your employees will appreciate how M3 Cloud balances simplicity, speed, security, reliability, and performance to give them a smart, intuitive, flexible, and easy-to-use experience. Every aspect of the solution—from design to use in production—has been continually improved, modernized, and simplified.

Web-based homepages—Homepages allow you to create role-based views across your applications and put business intelligence at the center of how users work. With customizable, role-based homepages, your employees can easily find the information they need on a single screen—with objects such as key performance indicators (KPIs), alerts, posts, tasks, and documents. Homepages allow for quicker and easier decision-making across the entire solution and provide fast access to relevant data.

Social business—M3 Cloud’s user experience takes collaboration to new heights for users. With social business technologies, you can create a centralized space for communications, ensuring that information is accessible and auditable. In-context business intelligence is embedded into the user experience, supporting contextually aware, event-driven operations. You’re able to automatically see relevant information in real time, at the moment you need it, to help you make better decision and complete tasks.

Mobile access—No matter whether you’re working in the office, at home, or from the road, you can securely and reliably access your systems, information, and processes via mobile applications.

Integration and workflows—M3 Cloud includes Infor ION, which allows you to seamlessly integrate M3 Cloud with other Infor and non-Infor-based systems. You can integrate and manage data and information workflows, no matter where the data resides or what application created it. Users can receive tasks and alerts on changes and events across the enterprise—wherever they are—through support for mobile devices.

Document management—M3 Cloud also includes Infor Document Management—a central repository for important business documents and images. You can add and edit documents from any source, capture text from paper documents (whether machine or hand-printed) into digital formats, create business processes around documentation, and more.

Business intelligence (BI)—M3 Cloud can be integrated with Infor Birst®, a state-of-the-art BI platform for all types of financial and operational analytics and performance management. Birst and Infor M3 Analytics together can provide key strategic and tactical details to senior executives and users at all levels, providing them with the information they need to steer the business. By aligning your content within your core ERP system, you can bring context to the information your people use, without the need to integrate or customize third-party solutions.

Empower your entire organization

Infor M3 Cloud transforms your ERP solution from a cost of doing business to a value generator. You can connect people across the organization to data and business processes in ways that best fit specific roles and tasks. Because M3 Cloud is information- and event-driven, it brings relevant, in-context insights and prioritized tasks to the individuals that matter most—the people in your organization.

Infor M3 Cloud benefits:

- A global solution with comprehensive and rich industry-specific capabilities
- Deployed in the cloud as a service with SaaS pricing
- Shared infrastructure costs provide a low TCO
- Supports multicompany, multisite, multicurrency capabilities; is available in 26 languages; and supports local requirements for 53 countries
- Implementation Accelerators for key industries deliver best-practice processes and shorten time to value
- Scalability to support business growth
- Fast access to new innovations, without the need for major upgrades
- A modern user experience with role-based homepages, social collaboration, and workflows
- Open to integrations with other Infor and non-Infor applications

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