

Going Cloud?

What you need to know before you go!







All Cloud Software is Not Created Equal

If you're considering a Cloud EHR solution, it's important to understand that not all Cloud software is the same.

There are **Web** applications that can run in the Cloud; there are also **Windows** applications that run in the Cloud. While both use the internet to connect to servers, storage, databases, and your EHR software, that's where the similarity ends.

There are some very real technical differences in how Web and Windows applications are designed to work in the Cloud. These differences are important because they impact the cost, speed, flexibility, and ultimately your productivity with a Cloud EHR. Here's what you need to know.

Web vs Windows Cloud EHRs - Which is the Best Choice?

 BEST CHOICE	Windows Applications	Web Applications
Easy, Multi-Device Access Both Web applications and Windows applications require one-time setup and "short cuts" to access the Cloud. Both support access from your desktop, laptop, tablet, and phone device using Microsoft Windows, Apple IOS, and Google Droid operating systems.		
Speed & Responsiveness Windows applications use compiled machine language code to operate. This "pre-compiled" code generally allows them to run faster than Web applications which use HTML/Java Script and then create machine language code on the fly. If you're looking for speed and responsiveness, Windows is the way to go!		
Data Security Unlike Web applications which constantly push your patient data across the internet, Windows uses a remote desktop capability to simply view your data in the Cloud. This lessens the chance of your data being intercepted during its travels, and makes Windows applications a better choice if you are concerned about maximum security.		
Database Customization Because Web applications share a database they typically don't allow individual users to create new fields. With Windows applications, your database is YOUR database and can be customized to collect, track and report on any data that is important to your business and the care of your patients.		

	Windows Applications	Web Applications
Multi-Window Support & Usability Web applications are by design “stateless” meaning they allow you to work in only one window at a time. This restriction limits your ability to enter information quickly. In comparison, Windows applications allow you to view and update data in multiple windows at the same time for maximum productivity. For example, you can be viewing patient testing results in one window, while documenting in another.	✓	
Customization Web applications are designed to be used “as is” and typically limit the ability to customize to simple menu picklists and drop-downs. Windows applications, on the other hand, are designed to adapt to your workflow and provide tools to allow you to easily customize just about every part of the application. This includes screens, workflows, documents, forms, and reports.	✓	
On-Premise Solution While you may be thinking Cloud today, if you want the option to host your EHR solution on your own local server in the future, go with a Windows application. On-premise hosting is typically not available for most Web applications; they must run in the vendor’s Cloud.	✓	
Multi-Specialty Solution Due to the shared nature of their database, Web EHRs typically support a single specialty. Their architectures simply can’t handle the complexity of serving up content (e.g. diagnosis, complaints) and specific workflows for multiple specialties. If you are a multi-specialty practice, you will most likely find Windows applications to be a better EHR fit. They are designed to allow your providers to document using an EHR designed specifically for their specialty while easily sharing information across care teams.	✓	

Compulink's Philosophy

With more than 34 years’ experience, we continue to offer the best performing, easiest to use, most efficient, and flexible Windows solution in the industry. Whether you go to the Cloud or choose an on-premise solution, our goal is to offer you EHR and Practice Management solutions to deliver optimal efficiency, improve patient outcomes, and increase revenue.