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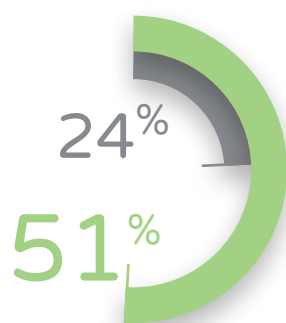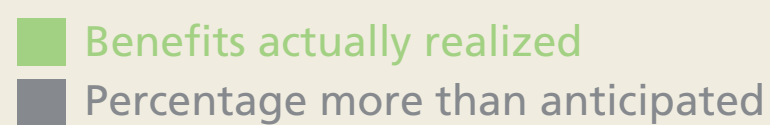
Switch to SaaS for benefits that exceed expectations

Companies contemplating a move to cloud-based Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) technology solutions are attracted by benefits of cost containment and seamless upgrades. The good news is that, businesses that have adopted Software as a Service (SaaS) report even greater than anticipated advantages following deployment, including improved IT security and more robust business growth.
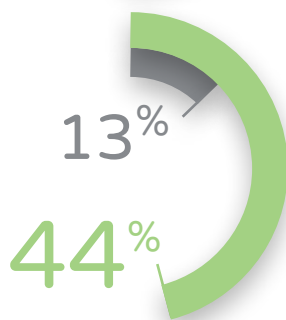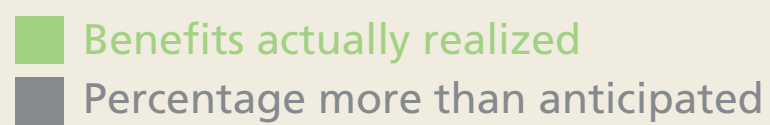
SaaS Deployment = Reduced Overall Costs

Because SaaS does not require capital investment, it's more affordable. In the report, *Benefits Actually Realized from the Cloud[1]*, cost savings were not only realized, but also exceeded expectations.
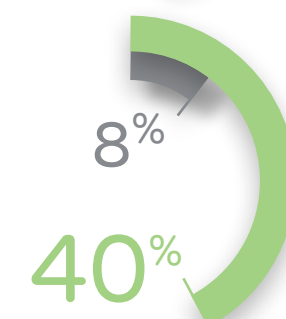
Lower cost of ownership

- Benefits actually realized
- Percentage more than anticipated

24%
51%

Reduced cost & effort of upgrades

- Benefits actually realized
- Percentage more than anticipated

13%
44%

Lower start-up costs

- Benefits actually realized
- Percentage more than anticipated

8%
40%

Flexibility to Pursue Opportunities

An unexpected benefit for businesses that switch to cloud-based computing is the ability to free up capital. This may allow them to be more nimble and pursue new markets.

Lower cost of ownership

- Benefits actually realized
- Percentage more than anticipated

43%
59%

Reduced cost & effort of upgrades

- Benefits actually realized
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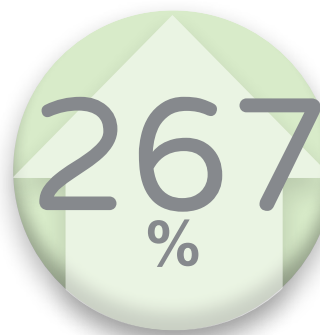
9%
38%

More Strategic IT

The majority of SaaS adopters did not reduce IT staff. Instead, they put their existing resources to better use.

60% redeployed to be more strategic

Improved IT Security and a Plan for Business Continuity

After SaaS deployment, businesses report improved IT security, thanks to a three-pronged approach.
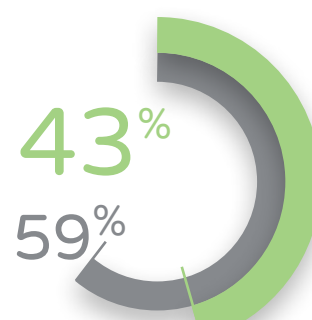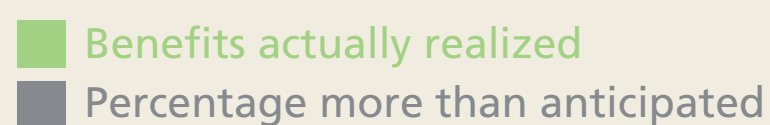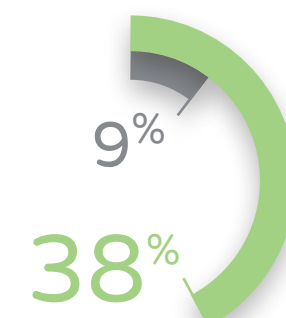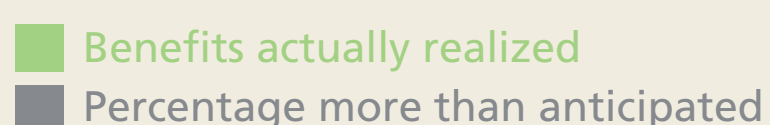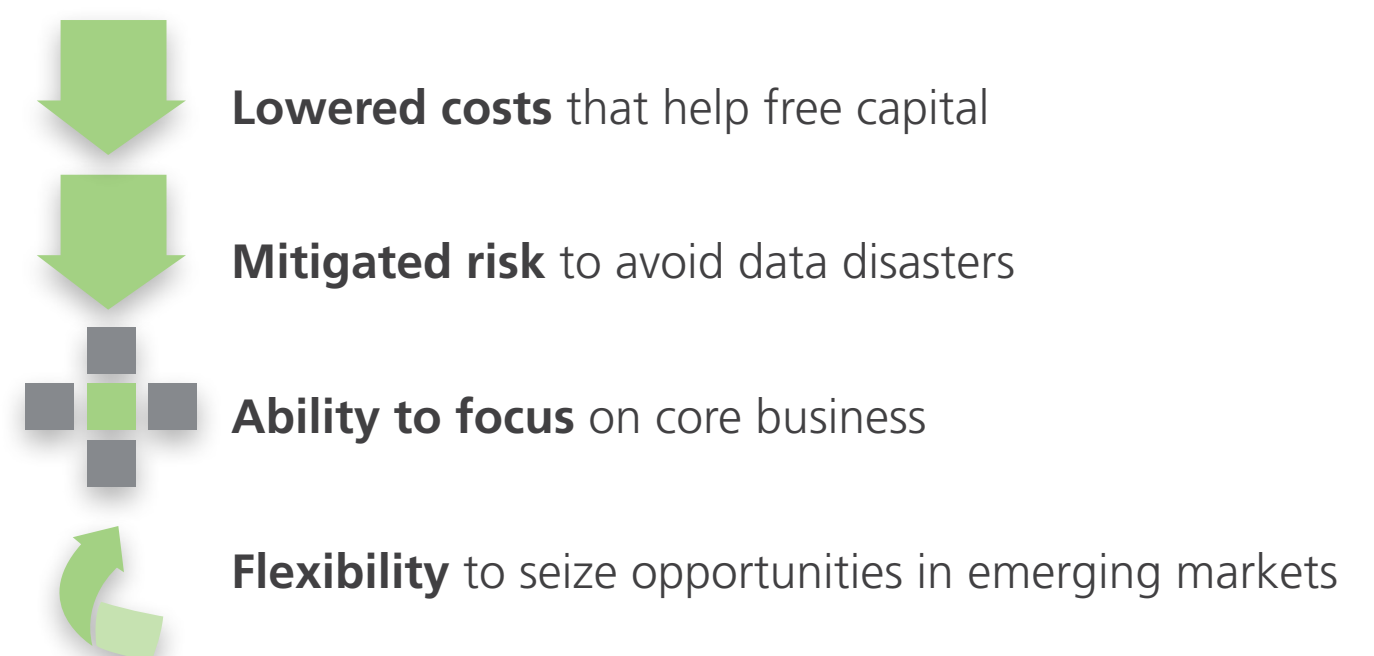
267% more IT security than anticipated

- ✓ Dedicated professional cloud security experts
- ✓ Operations and data processing expertise
- ✓ Data redundancy and other safeguards

Stronger Business Through SaaS

Companies that turn to the cloud for ERP solutions are poised for growth.

- **Lowered costs** that help free capital
- **Mitigated risk** to avoid data disasters
- **Ability to focus** on core business
- **Flexibility** to seize opportunities in emerging markets

[1] Benefits Actually Realized from the Cloud, July 2015, Mint Jutras, LLC.

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