



# FileMaker Cloud Comparison

## FILEMAKER SERVER – FILEMAKER CLOUD

Category	FileMaker Server	FileMaker Cloud
<i>Hosting</i>	You host your custom apps on premise.	Clariss hosts your custom apps in the cloud leveraging AWS Cloud.
<i>Deployment</i>	Requires time to set up hardware, install operating system, and install and configure FileMaker Server software.	No server software or hardware needed. Deploy custom apps in just a few minutes.
<i>Licensing</i>	Requires either an annual or perpetual FileMaker software license. Purchase in local currency.	One subscription fee of \$19 USD for the Essentials plan or \$39 USD for the Standard plan per user/month, billed annually, and includes software and service costs and one year of 24/7 support in English with a dedicated customer success agent. Sold directly through Clariss, so there is one consolidated bill and one point of contact for sales and one for support. Purchase in local currency.
<i>Hardware costs</i>	Need to invest in server-class hardware and budget for upgrades and maintenance.	No up-front hardware costs. Leverages enterprise-class hardware from AWS.
<i>IT impact</i>	Requires someone to perform administrative tasks.	Minimal impact to existing technical staff.
<i>Admin Console (languages supported)</i>	6 languages: Worldwide English, French, Italian, German, Japanese, and Spanish	6 languages: Worldwide English, French, Italian, German, Japanese, and Spanish
<i>Centralized management</i>	None	Manage all team accounts, groups, and subscriptions in one location with FileMaker Customer Console.
<i>Maintenance</i>	Monitoring and OS updates must be scheduled.	Operational and minor software updates are applied automatically with auto-maintenance.
<i>Backups</i>	Need to create and manage backup schedules. Any backup can be used to recover data.	Data is backed up automatically every 20 minutes. Greater flexibility in restoring backups.
<i>Scalability</i>	May need to buy additional hardware and spend time with setup and configuration.	Can quickly scale up for fast-paced growth. Can scale down at time of subscription renewal.

<i>Capacities</i>	Tested to support up to: 500 FileMaker Pro Advanced, FileMaker Go, or FileMaker WebDirect clients.	Tested to support up to: 250 FileMaker Pro Advanced clients. 100 FileMaker Go, FileMaker WebDirect, or FileMaker Data API clients.
<i>Security</i>	Supports AES 256-bit encryption for stored data and SSL encryption for data in transit.	Supports AES 256-bit encryption, SSL/ TLS encryption, automatic file encryption, and support for optional multi-factor authentication.
<i>Certificates</i>	No certificate included. Need to purchase and install SSL certificate.	SSL certificate is built in and included with subscription cost.
<i>Authentication</i>	Supports external authentication via Active Directory, Open Directory, and OAuth 2.0 identity providers.	Use FileMaker ID, a new single-on system, to authenticate users. Supports optional multi-factor authentication.
<i>REST APIs</i>	FileMaker Data API and FileMaker Admin API. Data API includes connector for Tableau Desktop.	Includes FileMaker Data API and FileMaker Admin API. Data API includes connector for Tableau Desktop and Tableau Server.
<i>OData</i>	Not supported	Supported through FileMaker Data API.
<i>ODBC/JDBC</i>	Supported. Drivers need to be installed.	Only ODBC import is supported
<i>External SQL Data Sources</i>	Supported	Supported, except for ESS Adapter.
<i>Automation</i>	Schedule server scripts as needed.	Limited ability to schedule scripts using FileMaker Data API.
<i>Storage</i>	Storage amount depends on your organization's hardware installation.	Storage for operating system is separately allocated and is included with subscription. Data storage is 30 GB per year for 5-user deployment. Each additional user is allocated 6 GB per year. Additional data storage is available for purchase.
<i>Plug-ins</i>	Supported	Not supported
<i>Custom Web Publishing with PHP and XML</i>	Supported	Not supported