

# Hosting OpCon in the Cloud

*Explore the benefits of hosting OpCon—the only end-to-end automation solution built specifically for banks, credit unions, and insurers—in the cloud.*

## How does cloud-based automation work?

OpCon uses a relay to secure connectivity to your IT infrastructure.

## What's included with OpCon in the cloud?

- OpCon Deploy, OpCon Vision, & OpCon Self-Service
- The OpCon Server
- The Solution Manager web interface with SSO functionality
- Secure connectivity between your OpCon environment and business network using a relay
- OpCon RPA
- Built-in failover & disaster recovery
- 24/7 US-based support
- The OpCon Managed File Transfer Server
- Automatic upgrades and maintenance

“Implementation of OpCon was incredibly easy. SMA built out our environment, and we worked together to establish [the needed connection]. Then, we jumped right into training, which was exceptional.”

Curtis Lewis, IT Project Manager at OUCU Financial

## Should I host my automation in the cloud instead of on premises?

This will depend on your organization's cloud strategy and long-term business strategy. If you're already starting to move some of your critical applications to the cloud, then you should strongly consider moving your mission-critical automation environment to the cloud, too. By hosting OpCon in the cloud, you no longer have to manage a data center and all the operations and costs that come with it—allowing your organization to spend more time serving the needs of your members and customers.

## How does cloud-based automation help my organization?

Here are some of the key ways cloud-based automation can support your organization's current and long-term business strategy and mission-critical priorities as your IT environment grows increasingly complex:

### **Experience productivity gains**

Get even more time back to focus on what matters, so you can drive innovation and increase employee engagement and retention. Plus, by hosting OpCon in the cloud, you can access OpCon anywhere, making it even more convenient to implement and manage your business-critical automation.

### **Ensure business continuity**

OpCon makes sure your applications and data are protected by utilizing [encryption at rest](#) whenever possible. It takes care of and secures all of your backups and will ensure normal operations resume quickly in the event of a disaster.

### **Enable scalability**

Eliminate the cost of expensive IT hardware, software licensing fees, and the need to hire additional staff to support your infrastructure. You'll no longer need to manage a data center, experience downtime for manual software upgrades, or worry about maintaining or upgrading your processing and storage capacity to manage increased workloads. OpCon takes care of all of that for you, so you can free up your IT team's time and resources for more strategic projects that keep you ahead of your competition.

*Want to chat with someone at SMA about hosting OpCon in the cloud? Connect with your CSM, or [reach out to us here!](#)*