

What are the issues from a regulated point of view in relation to use Cloud solutions?

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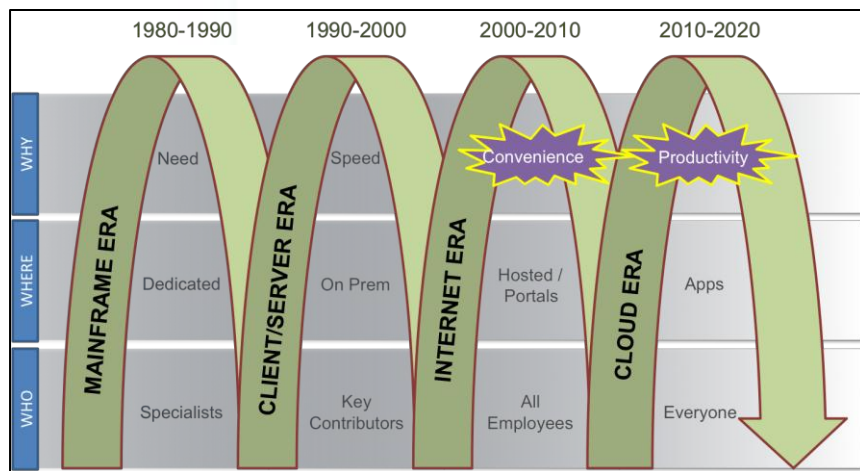
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Agenda

- Status on Phuse group
- Issues from a regulated point of view in relation to use Cloud solutions.



Pharmaceutical User Software Exchange Working Group for Lowering the Barriers to Cloud Adoption



Barriers

- NOT technology
- Mindset, terminology, understanding
- Diversified controls – client, supplier, sub-suppliers
- Absence of standards
- SIMT apps
- QMS fitness for purpose

Our Draft Framework

- Intro
- Background
- Definitions
- Scope
- Regulatory Interpretation
- Cloud Service Provider - procurement
- Appendices
 - Quality Responsibility Matrix
 - Buildings and Facilities
 - Equipment and physical infrastructure
 - Software - physical infrastructure
 - Software – virtualization services
 - Equipment – virtual infrastructure
 - Software – application platform
 - Software – GxP apps
 - Organization and personnel
 - Privacy and Security
 - Quality Systems
 - Record Keeping
 - Validation and Qualification
 - Quality Amendment Considerations
 - System Security Plan
 - FAQ
- Acknowledgements
- References

The regulatory perspective

- FDA has proposed guidance entitled "GXP Consideration for Outsourced IT (**Cloud Computing**) Systems in Medical Product Manufacturing and Clinical Study Environments".
- The working group has given input to this guidance.
 - Krishna Ghosh, CDER/OC/OMPQ/DGMPA
 - Crystal Allard, CDER/CSC
- Debate with EMA also in progress via working group

The regulatory expectations

- FDA will exercise enforcement discretion in regard to certain part 11 requirements.
- FDA will continue to enforce all predicate rule requirements, including requirements for record and recordkeeping.
- Cloud computing and 21 CFR part 11 controls, including requirements for validation
 - Accurate and complete copies of records
 - Protection of records
 - Limiting system access
 - Operational system check
 - Authority checks
 - Device checks
 - Policy for accountability
 - System documentation
 - Integrity of electronic records
 - Electronic signature controls
 - Password controls
 - Training

The regulatory expectations

- Challenges to data integrity
 - Sponsors loss of control
 - Data, applications, resources are located with cloud providers
 - User identity management is handled by the provider
 - User access control rules, security policies and enforcement are managed by the cloud provider
 - Unclear roles and responsibilities
 - Cloud providers may have limited FDA regulatory knowledge. It is expected they must comply with technical and regulatory requirements.
 - Require careful risk assessment and mitigations.
 - The regulated company is ultimately responsible for data security and integrity and meet the regulatory requirements
- Possible Mitigations
 - Robust Quality/Service level agreements to address all the challenges above.

In practice

- EMA and FDA requirements for IT systems
- Highly regulated applications
- Highly regulated data
- Typical implementation cost +20-25% for GxP vs Enterprise
 - Impacts design and implementation time equally
- Internal audit every 1-2 years
- External audits by FDA: High (perceived) business risk: Non-compliance can eventually lead to closing down of businesses
- High requirements on process and quality management (QM system in place)

Cloud – Quality, Security and Compliance



(*) In Progress