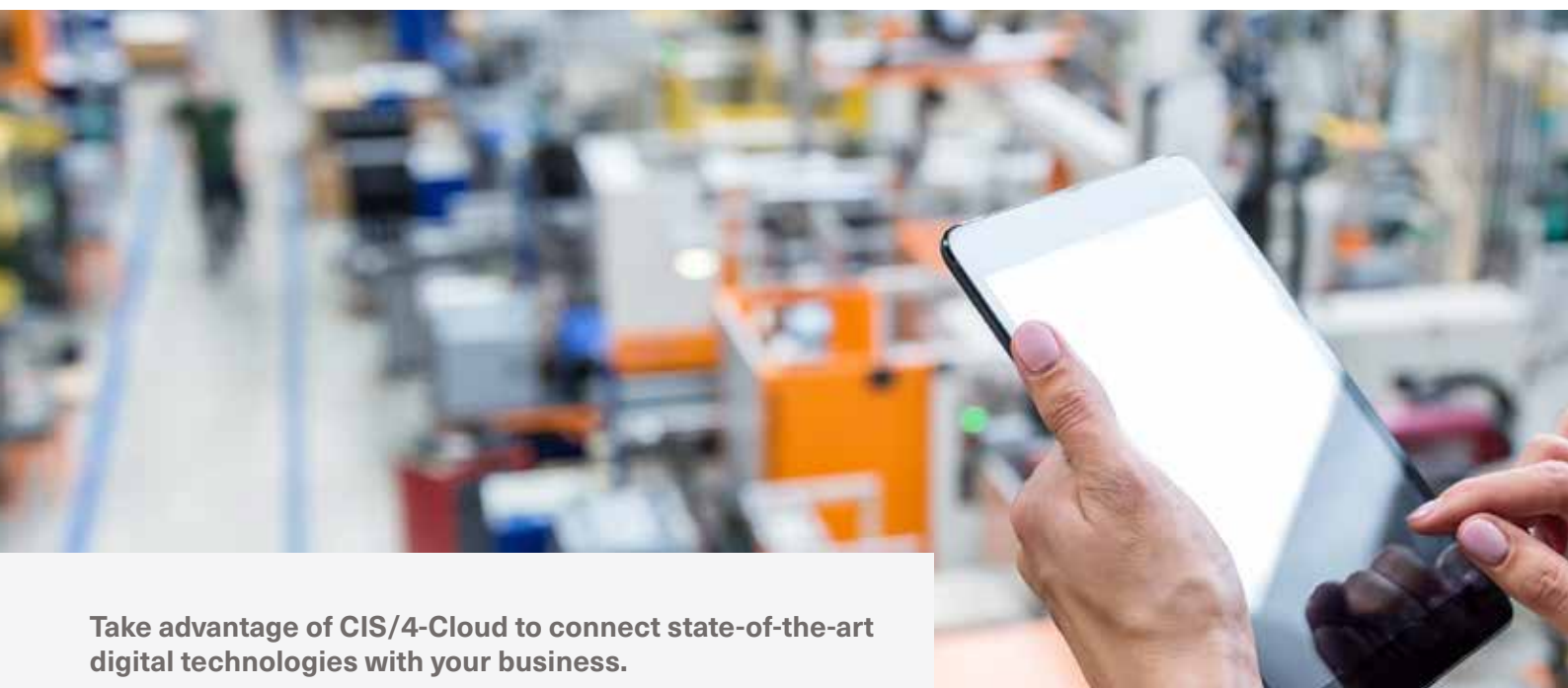


A photograph showing a person's hands holding a tablet computer in a blurred industrial or factory background. The person's left hand is holding the tablet, and their right hand is holding a small, dark, rectangular object, possibly a barcode scanner or a small device. The background is filled with various industrial equipment, pipes, and structures, suggesting a manufacturing environment.

Take advantage of CIS/4-Cloud to connect state-of-the-art digital technologies with your business.

CLOUD SYSTEMS ARE BECOMING STANDARD

A recent study by Bitkom Research and KPMG shows that 97% of German companies already use cloud solutions or would like to use them in the future – primarily for cost reasons*. However, when it comes to electronic data interchange (EDI), many companies still operate an expensive on-premises solution. Yet an EDI cloud service can significantly reduce the burden and play a key role in maintaining a company's long-term competitiveness.

For a long time, on-premises software was the only option for electronic data exchange. Companies had no choice but to install and operate the EDI system on their own hardware. While this meant full system control on the one hand, it also represented a high cost factor on the other. The enormous financial and personnel costs involved in maintaining and ensuring the error-free operation of these sometimes outdated systems make on-premises solutions increasingly inefficient, especially for medium-sized companies with small IT teams.

FLEXIBILITY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

Furthermore, traditional EDI-systems are extremely inflexible in terms of functionality and difficult to integrate into other applications. However, anyone who does not want to be left behind in this era of digital transformation needs infinitely scalable solutions that can meet the diverse requirements of their partners without restriction. Today, many scenarios (e.g. the provision of tracking information to end customers or parcel collection by external logistics companies such as DHL and Co.) no longer rely solely on EDI, but require the addition of API scenarios and thus the use of real-time communication. Only those who can easily meet the full range of requirements and ensure fast connection of business partners and smooth data transfer will remain competitive in the long term.

*<https://home.kpmg/de/de/home/media/press-releases/2022/06/cloud-computing-bietet-mehr-als-nur-kosteneffizienz.html>



WHY YOU SHOULD MOVE YOUR EDI-OPERATIONS TO THE CLOUD

Agile cloud services such as CIS/4-Cloud – EDI from CONCETO provide an intelligent and resource-efficient response to the challenges of electronic data exchange.

As part of the CONCETO Integration Suite for Cloud (CIS/4), the solution is based on the SAP Business Technology Platform (SAP BTP) and thus offers all the advantages of a uniform, consolidated platform. Based on the one-platform approach, a wide range of EDI requirements can be met cost-effectively, even in complex IT landscapes.

SPECIFICALLY, CIS/4-CLOUD – EDI OFFERS YOU THE FOLLOWING ADVANTAGES:

1. COST SAVINGS AND CONTROL

If you use a cloud service such as CIS/4-Cloud – EDI instead of an on-premises solution, you will generally benefit from a clear cost advantage and a transparent cost structure:

- You do not need to purchase expensive software licences and dedicated hardware. Cost-intensive re-licensing is also a thing of the past.
- There are no difficult to calculate expenses for system implementation and regular maintenance.
- Cloud computing is based on the pay-as-you-go (PAYG) principle, which means you only pay for what you actually use.
- Since you purchase all services at a fixed monthly price, there are no hidden costs to surprise you.
- New features such as protocols or adapters are included in the monthly base price and do not incur any additional costs.
- You can view your current usage and costs at any time via the CONCETO Billing Engine integrated into CIS/4-Cloud – EDI.

2. SCALABILITY AND CUSTOMISABILITY

On-premises solutions usually have a fixed range of functions that are difficult to adapt to the changing needs of your business. CIS/4 Cloud – EDI is different:

- The cloud solution can be scaled as required – both upwards and downwards. This means that the platform automatically evolves in line with your business requirements.
- Additional business partners or data formats can be added at any time with minimal effort.
- A wide range of EDI standard scenarios are already available as ready-made mappings and processes to optimise time-to-market.
- Only in the case of specific requirements is a minor amount of customisation necessary, which is tailored entirely to your needs.
- As an open source Platform as a Service (PaaS), the Cloud Foundry environment, in combination with APIs, offers the option of easily combining existing forms of data exchange with new possibilities for digital integration.

3. CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES

If you operate an in-house solution, your IT team must take care of the maintenance, servicing and security of the EDI system, in addition to many other tasks. This is not the case with the CIS/4-Cloud Managed EDI Service:

- Since CONCETO provides you with a team of experts, your IT resources are significantly relieved. This gives your IT team more time to focus on their core business.
- In the event of a sudden increase in your workload, the CONCETO team can be quickly expanded to confidently handle peaks. This keeps your resources agile and flexible.
- Your IT team also receives support from CIS/4 Cloud Business Monitoring: it enables your department to respond independently to error scenarios and minimises costly and labour-intensive coordination efforts.



We would be delighted to invite you to a no-obligation appointment to learn more about our company and our solutions.

4. SAFETY AND STABILITY

When it comes to cloud computing, questions about data security and accessibility still quickly arise. However, with the right service provider, there is no cause for concern:

- With its service level agreement (SLA), CONCETO guarantees you 99.5% infrastructure availability.
- CONCETO uses only tested and proven solutions from renowned partners such as SAP and Microsoft.
- Your data is stored in a highly secure data centre within the EU or Germany.
- Daily full backups and intermediate backups, which are archived at a different location, enable fast data creation and recovery.
- CIS/4-Cloud Business Monitoring and an alert engine ensure that errors in the system can be quickly detected and rectified 24/7.

5. INNOVATIVE AND FUTURE-PROOF

The efficient operation of an on-premises solution requires a great deal of specialist knowledge and can only succeed if your in-house IT remains constantly up to date. The CIS/4-Cloud - EDI service can take care of this task for you:

- The cloud service is constantly evolving in line with innovations on the market and can always offer you state-of-the-art integration technologies.
- The trained team of experts is continuously expanding its skills, so you can benefit from the latest know-how at all times.
- In addition to established adapter and protocol standards, you have the option of implementing all API scenarios – for example, SALESFORCE, Ariba, Amazon or 3PL integration.
- Comprehensive API management is part of the service and does not require additional licensing.

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