

# TMS Platforms

A COMPARISON

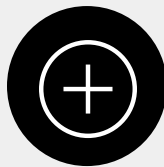
**Home grown** systems are custom-built for your company and are hosted on site.

**On-premise** systems are off-the-shelf products you purchase from a TMS provider but host on-site.

**Cloud-based** systems are hosted off-site, and companies purchase a subscription to use them.

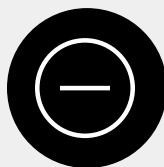
## Home Grown

### Pros



- Customized to your business.
- Advanced or unique technology can be a competitive advantage.
- Typically only requires a one-time cost.
- Your company determine the pace of enhancements or continued development.

### Cons



- Customization could mean you miss out on process or industry best practices.
- Integration with purchased technologies and/or customers' systems could be more challenging.
- Upgrades and system fixes require your own IT resources.

## On-Premise

- Built on industry-vetted best practices.
- Stable, proven and upgraded on a regular basis.
- Providers can offer quick answers to solve your challenges based on their experience.
- Hosting on-site allows for customization.

- Customizations may prevent successful upgrades.
- IT must perform testing to ensure upgrades don't "break" customizations.
- Disruption to upgraded functionality could make it difficult for technology to stay leading edge.

## Cloud

- Technology enhancements happen quickly and easily.
- Providers can solve challenge even faster than with on-premise solutions.
- The product is solid and robust enough for all of the provider's clients to share the same software environment.

- "Configure vs. customize" can be a challenging decision.
- Users may have trouble adapting to upgrades.
- Enhancements can happen rapidly, requiring organizations to be nimble.