

PREMIUM STRATEGY GUIDE

Infor LN Cloud Migration & Upgrade Strategy

The Definitive Decision Framework for CIOs, IT Directors,
and ERP Program Managers

On-Prem LN 10.8 vs. Industry CloudSuite vs. Competitive Alternatives
Customization Impact Assessment | Infor Leap Deep-Dive | TCO Analysis
Risk-Mapped Roadmaps | Board-Ready Decision Matrices

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1. Executive Summary

Key Insight: *The Infor LN ecosystem is at an inflection point. With Infor actively pushing cloud adoption, every LN customer faces a critical strategic decision in the next 12-24 months. Getting this decision wrong can cost millions in stranded investment, operational disruption, and competitive disadvantage.*

This guide provides a structured, risk-mapped decision framework for organizations currently running Infor LN (any version) who must evaluate their upgrade and migration strategy. It is designed for CIOs, IT Directors, ERP Program Managers, and the consulting advisors who support them.

What You Will Gain From This Guide

- **Clarity on three distinct paths:** On-prem LN 10.8 upgrade, Industry CloudSuite migration, or competitive alternatives - with honest trade-offs for each.
- **A customization impact assessment framework:** The single costliest and most overlooked factor in any LN migration, with a step-by-step methodology to quantify your exposure.
- **Infor Leap decoded:** A boardroom-level analysis of Infor's fixed-fee migration program, including what the two-year satisfaction clause actually means for your negotiation leverage.
- **TCO comparison models:** Five-year and ten-year total cost of ownership frameworks you can populate with your own numbers.
- **Risk-mapped roadmaps:** Phase-gated timelines with clear go/no-go criteria at each decision point.
- **A board-ready decision scorecard:** A weighted scoring matrix you can present to your executive leadership team.

Who Should Read This Guide

Role	Primary Interest	Key Chapters
CIO / CTO	Strategic alignment, risk, ROI	1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 11
IT Director	Technical feasibility, timeline	3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12
ERP Program Manager	Execution, customization, testing	7, 10, 12, 13
CFO / Finance Lead	TCO, budget, Leap pricing	8, 9, 11

External Consultant	Advisory framework, benchmarks	All chapters
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2. The Infor LN Landscape in 2026: Why This Decision Matters Now

The Infor LN ecosystem is undergoing its most significant transformation since Baan's acquisition. Understanding the current landscape is essential before evaluating your options.

2.1 Infor's Strategic Direction

Infor has made its position clear: the future is cloud-first, delivered through industry-specific CloudSuites running on Amazon Web Services (AWS). Every major Infor ERP, including LN, is now offered as part of a multi-tenant CloudSuite. Infor continues to support on-premises deployments but is channeling its innovation investment heavily toward the cloud platform, including AI capabilities, advanced analytics, and Infor OS platform services.

2.2 The LN Version Landscape

Version	Status	Support Outlook	Recommended Action
Baan IV/V	End of Life	No mainstream support	Urgent: Plan migration immediately
LN 6.1 / FP8-FP10	Extended support	Limited; winding down	High priority: 18-month horizon
LN 10.4 / 10.5 / 10.6	Supported	Mainstream through ~2027	Plan upgrade path within 12 months
LN 10.7	Supported	Mainstream support active	Evaluate 10.8 or CloudSuite
LN 10.8	Current on-prem	Full mainstream support	Stable; assess cloud readiness
CloudSuite (LN-based)	Current cloud	Continuous updates	Optimal innovation trajectory

2.3 Industry CloudSuites Powered by LN

Infor LN is the core ERP engine behind several industry-specific CloudSuites. Each CloudSuite wraps LN with pre-configured industry processes, compliance templates, and specialized functionality:

CloudSuite	Target Industry	Key Differentiator
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