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### Business Cloud Based Applications

Cloud based applications are software offered to users by Cloud providers in the form of Software-as-a Service (SaaS). A user pays the use of the software but does not have to download anything, make any upgrades, or maintain any servers.

How have cloud applications helped small to medium size businesses?

- 71% can access any app from anywhere
- 60% software will always be up to date
- 50% have reduced costs
- 43% have become more flexible
- 38% have improved on project management

[Click here](#) to view more facts about cloud based applications.

Get more insight on three popular cloud apps. Stimulus Technologies has outlined a short summary with pros and cons on QuickBooks Online, Dropbox and Sales Force.

#### 1. QuickBooks Online

Intuit's cloud based application, QuickBooks Online, is an efficient platform for managing small business finances and client information. With three plans available, [click here to view plans](#), this online version has the fundamentals covered allowing you to track income and expenses, send unlimited estimates and invoices, download bank and credit card transactions, print checks and record transactions, import data from Excel or QuickBooks desktop, back up your data online automatically, invite your accountant to access your data and more.

#### Pros

- Intuit takes security seriously. All physical facilities, networks and server are highly secured and encrypted. Even Intuit's employees have limited access to client's information.
- You can access your financial data from your cellphone, tablet, laptop and/or desktop. As well as enter expenses from your cellphone as you go.
- Large community based forum for QuickBooks users and support requests answered within 24 hours during business days.
- Get paid faster, if you use the payments feature you can add a "Pay Now" link to your invoice and receive payments via credit card or bank transfer directly to your account...

[Read the full article](#)

### Microsoft OneNote Workshop

Join us on Thursday, May 15th at 7:30am as we team up with the Las Vegas Microsoft Team for a hands-on workshop on how to use OneNote. Learn how to get organized, plan projects and create to-do lists and meetings.

OneNote is a productivity tool included in Microsoft Office, you can use this digital notebook for capturing, storing and sharing all kinds of information – notes, photos, audio, videos, web links and more.

There is no cost to attend, we will have a raffle for Microsoft products, and breakfast is included.

Limited space available, RSVP at <http://stimulustech.com/microsoft-workshops/>.

### Small Business Security Part 4 - Network Intrusion

On this fourth, seven part series, Nathan explains how network intrusion can affect your business, how hackers use other networks to spread attacks and our recommendations to protect your network.

