



## Cloud-Based Interface



STI ChartMaker® Go accesses your data from the STI Cloud. It uses an Application Service Provider (ASP) model - also known as 'Software as a Service (SaaS)'. If you have done any shopping for medical software, you have probably already encountered these terms.

STI is responsible for the file server and hosting your software, data and completing data back-ups. The server is not hosted in your office but at a secure site at another location and your medical office accesses the remote server via an internet connection on a desktop computer, tablet or smartphone.

This is a rental decision. You typically pay a smaller monthly fee. You do not need to purchase software or software updates. You do not need to purchase or replace a file server.

With STI Cloud, you have no large up-front and on-going costs. Some practices prefer only paying one monthly charge on their credit card rather than multiple annual charges for software updates, portal fees, ePrescribing fees, etc. Plus you have no need to complete daily data back-ups, program updates, buying and maintaining a file server. You can also access your data from anywhere with a web browser from any internet connected device.

A client-server model is more like buying a home. You are the one responsible for keeping up with maintenance, but you will generally be able to pay off the purchase price in a few years and afterwards you only have to pay for upkeep. In the long run, owning is always cheaper than renting. But you are responsible for the property and it's harder to pick up and move if something changes.

