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Chart your observability path with confidence.

Assess your current and future needs to choose the right **self-hosted** or **SaaS** monitoring solution for today and tomorrow.

✔ Consideration Checklist

Where is your observability journey leading you?
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IT environments and responsibilities are rapidly changing. **Is your monitoring and observability solution keeping up?** Assess your current and future needs to decide if a self-hosted or SaaS monitoring and observability solution is right for where you are today and where you're going.

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DATA RESIDENCY			
We have a mandate to have our monitoring data stored inside the firewall.	✔	We have the flexibility to have monitoring data hosted in the cloud.	☐
MANAGEMENT & CONTROL			
We prefer to control when new capabilities are applied to our system.	☐	We prefer to have new capabilities automatically applied as they are released by the Observability vendor.	✔
We are most comfortable planning, scheduling and maintaining our own software and security updates.	☐	We are comfortable consuming software and security updates dynamically when the software provider releases updates.	✔
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Our current infrastructure environment is scalable and can support our Observability growth.		We prefer to leverage the scalability that a public cloud service provides for Observability.	
TECHNICAL EXPERTISE			
We have the technical expertise and support to maintain the Observability infrastructure.		We prefer to focus our technical resources on other areas and do not wish to support and maintain our Observability infrastructure.	
YOUR TOTAL SCORE (**Self-hosted** monitoring and observability is probably right for you!)		**YOUR TOTAL SCORE** (**SaaS** monitoring and observability is probably right for you!)	

CALCULATE YOUR LEANING

- **If you checked more boxes in the left column:** Your organization might be better suited for a self-hosted observability solution.

- **If you checked more boxes in the right column:** A SaaS-based approach might be more aligned with your organization's strategy and needs.

- **If your responses were distributed equally across both columns:** Your organization might benefit from a hybrid solution, combining elements of self-hosted and SaaS observability solutions to leverage each approach's strengths.

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

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SolarWinds Observability Self-Hosted

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SolarWinds Observability SaaS

Talk to an Expert

Request a personalized demo

Note: This is an initial assessment designed to help your organization consider the best deployment options based on your needs. Before making your final choice, consider all factors, including your technical expertise, budget, and specific business and functional needs. You can also talk to an expert by scheduling a call. Regardless of whether you choose self-hosted or SaaS, SolarWinds can meet you wherever you are in your Observability journey.