



Product Overview

Cloudera Platform and Cloudera Anywhere Cloud™

Enterprise organizations face the intense pressure of capitalizing on high-velocity AI innovation without endangering core production stability. Rather than forcing you to choose between stability and agility, Cloudera is expanding your architectural options for data and AI.

Side-by-Side Comparison

	CLUSTERA PLATFORM	CLUSTERA ANYWHERE CLOUD™
Primary Goal	Production stability, massive scale	AI velocity & innovation, LOB use case
Workload Profile	Long-running core applications	Acute, rapid-delivery business apps
Architecture	Unified, tightly coupled	Modular & composable, loosely coupled
Interface	Technically oriented	Outcome-oriented (user-oriented)
Coexistence	Foundation	Add-on (or Independent)
Timeline	GA now	Targeted Nov 30, 2026

Strategic Shared Themes

- **True Hybrid Deployment:** Run workloads seamlessly across public clouds, private data centers, or edge environments. This grants the global flexibility to optimize asset placement as corporate cost, performance, and compliance priorities shift.
- **Open Interoperability:** Unlock 100% of your data ecosystem for advanced applications and AI by natively aligning with open standards like S3A storage, Apache Iceberg, the REST Catalog, and Trino query federation.
- **Advanced Cost Optimization:** Meet aggressive business AI objectives with highly predictable and deeply optimized infrastructure consumption costs.
- **Private AI Anywhere:** Build and run AI models, apps, and agents using 100% of your proprietary data with zero external exposure, keeping all training workflows, prompts, configurations, and model responses secure inside your firewall.
- **Complete Sovereignty & Governance:** Maintain absolute control over sovereign AI, cloud, and data configurations via a centralized governance fabric that simplifies data discovery and corporate compliance across all environments.

MythBusters

- Myth 1:** Anywhere Cloud is a mandatory upgrade path that replaces my existing Cloudera deployment.
- Reality:** Anywhere Cloud is a deliberate, sidecar choice for net-new workloads. Your current platform foundation remains fully active, supported, and secured with a support timeline through Q2 2032. You do not upgrade from one platform to the other – they complement each other.
- Myth 2:** Net-new innovation is stopping on the Cloudera platform.
- Reality:** High-impact engineering continues natively on the Cloudera platform. New features, critical capabilities, stability fixes, and enterprise support will continue actively through Q2 2032.
- Myth 3:** To leverage modern AI and agentic workflows, I am forced to migrate or rewrite my existing data plumbing right now.
- Reality:** Tearing up or refactoring active, hardened production pipelines is completely unnecessary. Because our modern AI and agentic tools are natively supported across both Cloudera Data Services and Cloudera Anywhere Cloud, you can deploy them directly on top of your existing data assets with zero friction.

Capabilities & Strengths

Cloudera Platform

The Cloudera platform represents the most stable, secure, and performant core platform to date:

- **Hardened Security Profile:** Dramatically reduces the enterprise risk surface area through an enhanced security posture.
- **Enterprise-Scale Stability:** Guarantees production stability and massive operational scale for the core enterprise data estate.
- **Long-Term Support Assurance:** Delivers guaranteed platform maintenance and support through Q2 2032.
- **Core Engine Protection:** Provides continued native engineering and long-term support for the foundational infrastructure engines, such as Apache Impala and Apache HBase, that anchor your existing business-critical applications and architectures.
- **Technically Oriented Design:** Features a technically oriented interface custom-built for platform administrators and data engineers.

Cloudera Anywhere Cloud

Anywhere Cloud introduces a completely reimagined user experience built for net-new workloads, cutting-edge AI, and direct business-user access:

- **Agentic, Outcome-Led Self-Service:** Speed up project time-to-value via a modular marketplace and pre-packaged blueprints for front-office users. An outcome-oriented UI, powered by a semantic layer and agentic copilot, ensures practitioners launch advanced capabilities with zero friction.
- **Write Once, Deploy Anywhere:** Accelerate multi-environment deployment cycles and future-proof code investments by designing workflows once that run flawlessly with identical tooling across any cloud or data center environment.
- **Independent Service Agility:** Fast-track new business applications by spinning up, managing, and upgrading individual data services on independent timelines with complete version multi-tenancy and zero core platform dependencies.
- **Abstracted Complexity:** Eliminate traditional IT bottlenecks by abstracting lower-level technical complexities beneath a self-contained internal architecture.
- **Flexible Coexistence Modes:** Attach as a “sidecar,” inheriting existing Cloudera platform governance (‘Integrated Mode’), or deploy standalone to query external data without moving it (‘Independent Mode’). Either path delivers the tailored agility to match your shifting business demands.

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Cloudera is the only hybrid data and AI platform company that large organizations trust to bring AI to their data anywhere it lives. Unlike other providers, Cloudera delivers a consistent cloud experience that converges public clouds, on-prem data centers, and the edge, leveraging a proven open-source foundation. As the pioneer in big data, Cloudera empowers businesses to apply AI and assert control over 100% of their data, in all forms, improving security, governance, and real-time and predictive insights. The world's largest brands across all industries rely on Cloudera to transform decision-making and ultimately boost bottom lines safeguard against threats, and save lives.

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