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# THREE COMMON PRICING MODELS



## PERPETUAL LICENSE

An upfront sum for the license to own the software and use it in perpetuity. This is the more traditional model and is most common with on-premise applications.



## SUBSCRIPTION

A monthly fee to use the software for a specific amount of time. Subscription pricing became popular with the advent of Software-as-a-Service (SaaS).

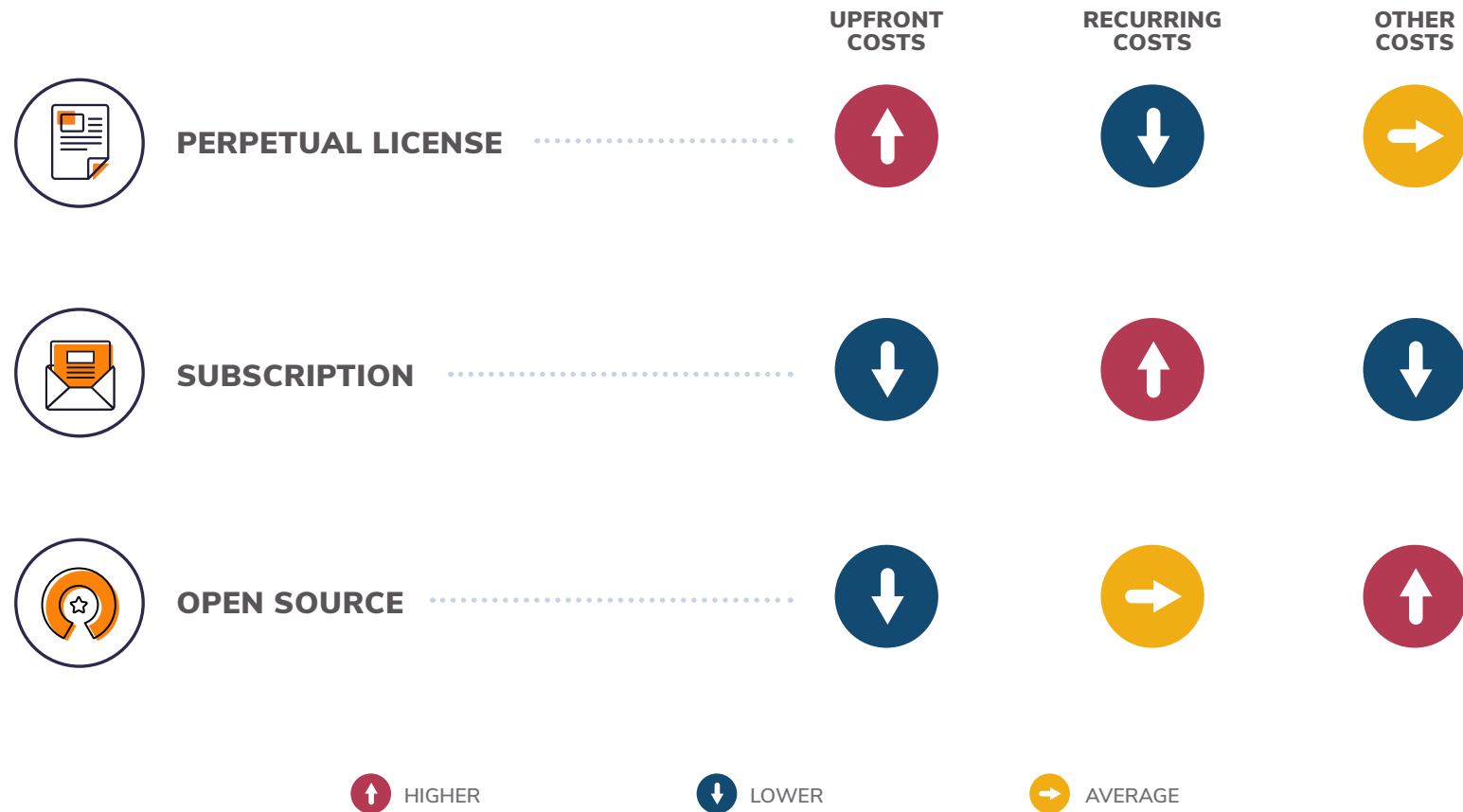


## OPEN SOURCE

Licenses are usually free of charge, which reduces upfront costs. Implementation, integration, and ongoing maintenance, however, can be major expenses.

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# COMPARING COSTS BY PRICING MODEL



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# PERPETUAL LICENSE COSTS



## UPFRONT COSTS

- Perpetual license fee
- Customization
- Installation/setup
- Integration with existing systems



## RECURRING COSTS

- Maintenance (updates, patches, & upgrades)
- Premium support services



Customization and integration costs can be significant—often as much as or more than the software—if you choose to change the software substantially.

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# SUBSCRIPTION COSTS



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## RECURRING COSTS

- Subscription fee
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Customization and integration costs are often less costly simply because SaaS systems have not provided as much flexibility in this area (although that is changing as SaaS systems evolve).

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# FREE & OPEN SOURCE COSTS



## UPFRONT COSTS

- Customization
- Installation/setup
- Integration with existing systems



## RECURRING COSTS

- Maintenance (updates, patches, & upgrades)
- In-house or outsourced IT consultants



Open source software is typically free to download and develop. Customization, integrations, ongoing maintenance, and upgrades, however, can incur major costs.

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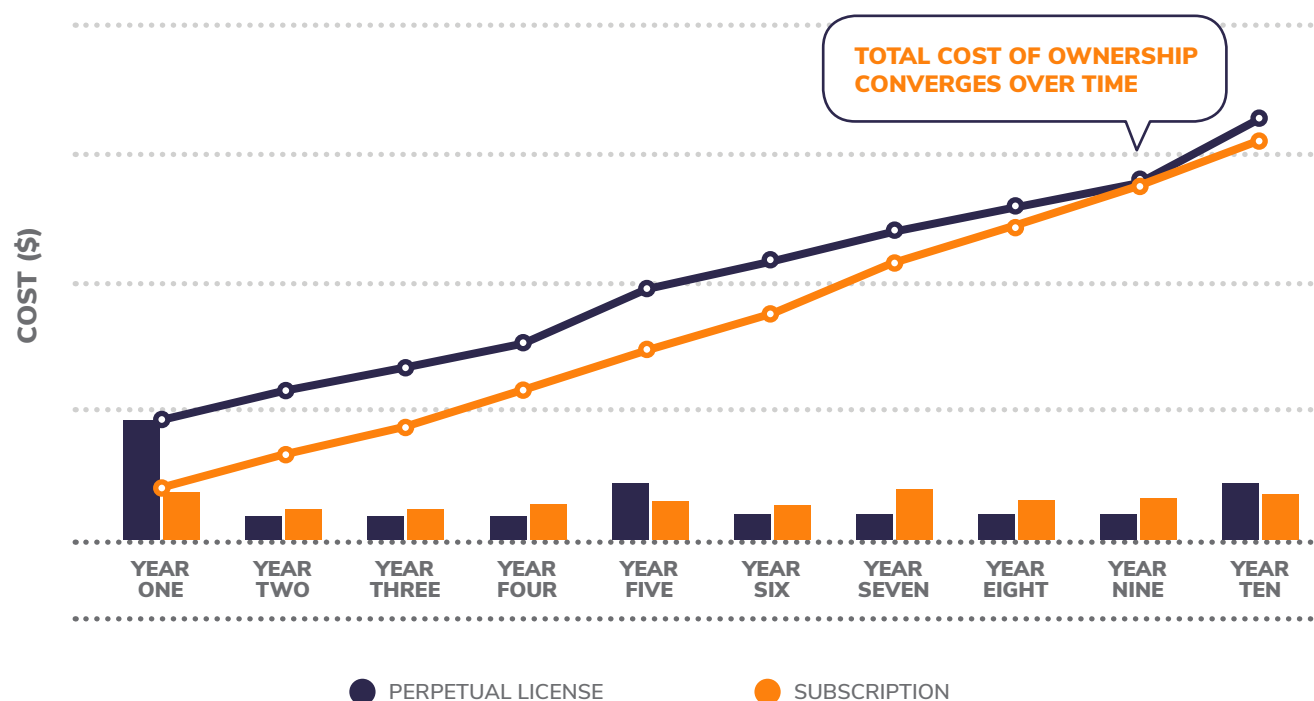
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# TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP FOR SOFTWARE

The bars show the cost per year for a **license** or **subscription** deployment. Those costs accumulate each year as illustrated by the lines, which tend to converge after 7-10 years.

- A **perpetual license** for software typically costs more in the first year, with occasional costs for major upgrades within 5-10 years.
- A **subscription model** further spreads out the total cost and may include additional costs for upgrades beyond the first year.



Visit our **TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP CALCULATOR** for a more detailed estimate.

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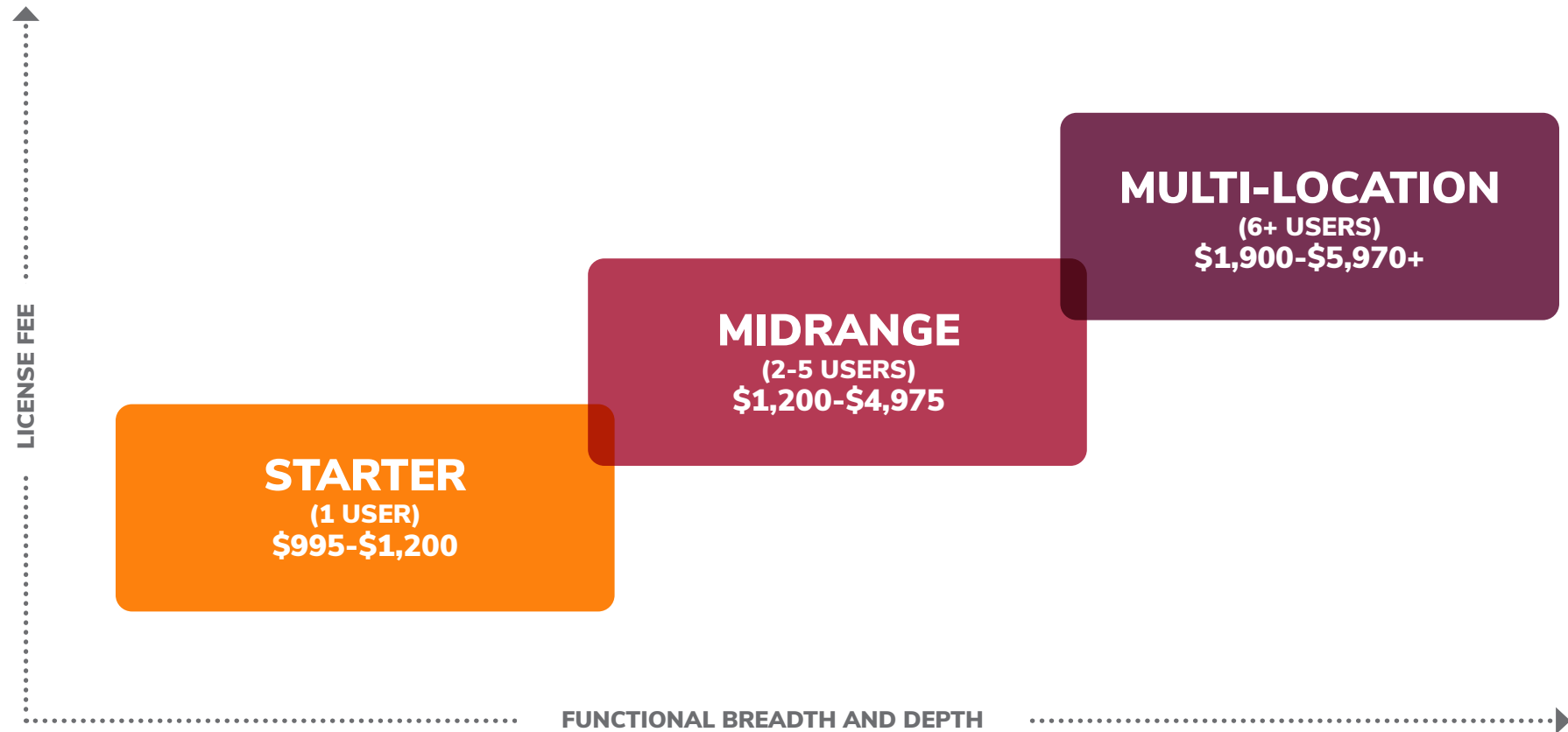
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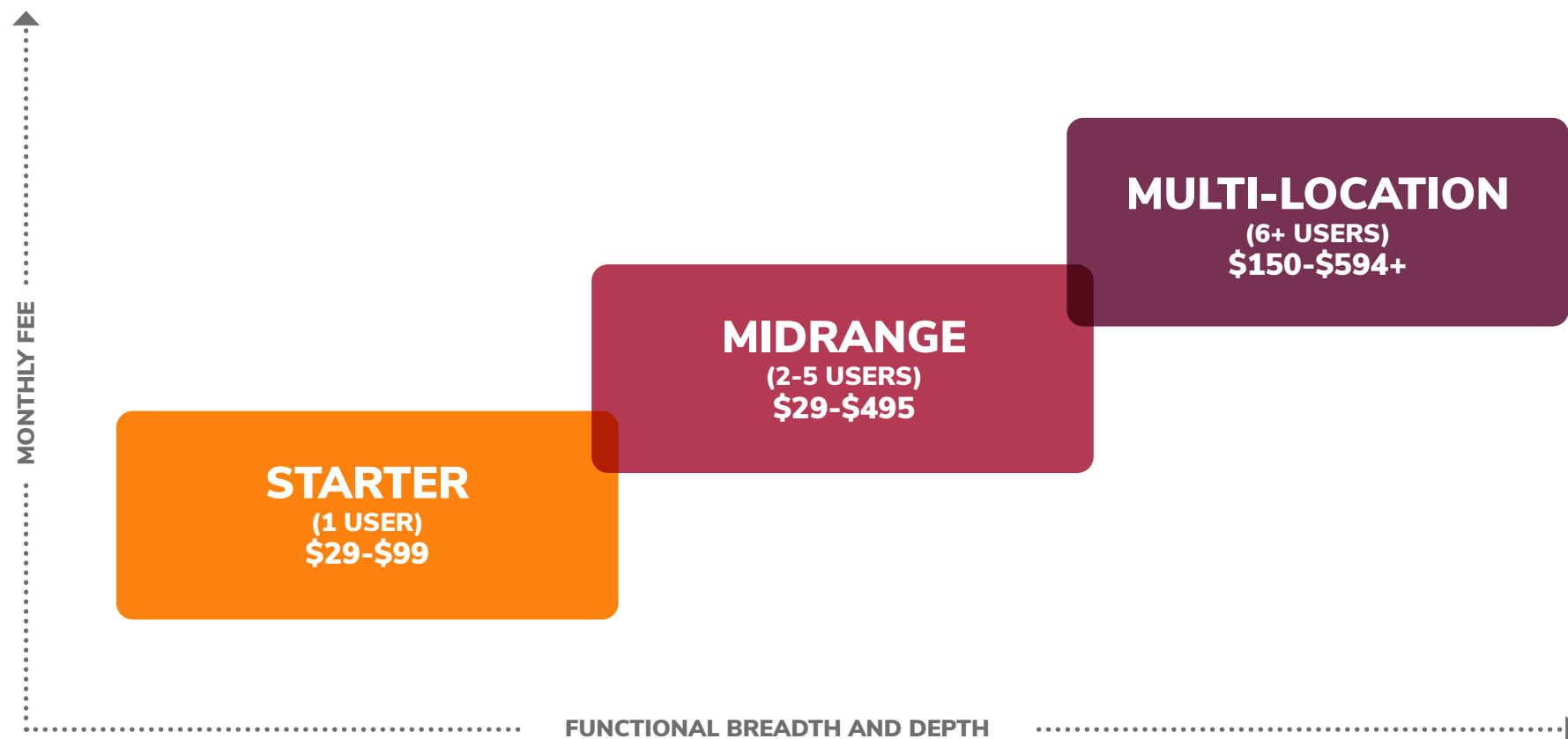


# PERPETUAL PRICE RANGES



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# OFTEN OVERLOOKED COSTS



## DATA MIGRATION

While this can be done in-house, most will want to pay the vendor to transfer data.



## TRAINING

Web-based training is often included, but vendors will charge for in-person training.



## HARDWARE & IT

This can be a major expense for on-premise software buyers that need their own servers.



## MAINTENANCE & UPGRADES

Be sure to ask the vendor if they charge for updates, patches, upgrades, and other maintenance events.

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PRODUCT	PRICING MODEL	FREE VERSION	STARTER (1 USER)	MEDIUM (2-5 USERS)	LARGE ENTERPRISE (6+ USERS)
AIMsi	Perpetual License Fee	No	\$995	\$1,990-\$4,975	\$5,970+
Cashier Live	Subscription /mo	No	\$75	\$75	\$75+
eHopper	Subscription /mo	Yes	\$50	\$80-\$170	\$200+
Epos Now	Subscription /mo	No	\$39	\$114-\$249	\$294+
Kounta	Subscription /mo	No	\$60	\$160-\$280	\$1,080+
Lightspeed Retail	Subscription /mo	No	\$119*	\$168-\$255	\$334+
Microbiz POS	Subscription /mo	No	\$55*	\$108-\$192	\$220+

\*Annual pricing discount is available.

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Primaseller	Subscription /mo	No	\$79*	\$119-\$349	\$349
Quetzal POS	Subscription /mo	No	\$83	\$166-\$415	\$498+
Quickbooks POS	Perpetual License Fee	No	\$1,200	\$1,700	\$1,900
Shopify	Subscription /mo	No	\$29	\$29-\$79	\$299
Springboard RETAIL	Subscription /mo	No	\$99	\$278-\$695	\$834+
Vend POS	Subscription /mo	No	\$119*	\$218-\$395	\$454+

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