DATA SHEET

Foglight for Databases vs. Foglight Cloud

Two ways to deploy the same deep database visibility

Foglight Cloud and Foglight for Databases (on-premises) enable database observability that fits how your team wants to work with one console for all your database investments.

Database environments don't get simpler over time, they get more distributed, more diverse, and harder to see all at once. Most organizations are running a mix of platforms — on-premises, cloud, or both — and every new platform added without the right visibility is another blind spot waiting to become an incident.

Foglight solves this by giving your team one console, cross-platform visibility, and deep diagnostics across 14+ database platforms. As a result, issues get found and fixed before they become business-impacting. Whether you're running Oracle, SQL Server, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Snowflake, or a mix, Foglight provides the deep visibility to understand exactly what's happening inside your databases, not just the surface symptoms other monitoring tools show you.

The question isn't whether you need that visibility, most teams already know they do. The real question is **how you want to run it.**

Benefits of Foglight for Databases (on-premises)

- **Run it your way** — full control over deployment and security policies
- **Built around how you work** — deep customization for complex environments
- **Nothing gets left out** — broadest platform coverage, including legacy systems like SSIS, SSRS, SSAS, and Sybase
- **Fix what actually matters** — Query Insights ranks queries by real impact

Benefits of Foglight Cloud

- **Value in hours, not weeks** — fast deployment, faster results
- **Lower, predictable costs** — no infrastructure to buy, patch, or maintain
- **Security handled for you** — encryption, backups, and standards like SOC 2 and ISO 27001 built in
- **Work from anywhere** — web-based access, no VPN required
- **Always current** — new features and protections roll out automatically

That's where Foglight gives you a choice:

- **Foglight for Databases (on-premises)** — deployed and managed by your own team, full control over infrastructure and customization
- **Foglight Cloud** — the same depth of visibility, fully managed by Quest, so your team spends time on insights instead of infrastructure

Both paths get you the same core value: faster root cause analysis, fewer blind spots, and a single, unified view across your database estate. The difference is who owns keeping it running.

For most teams today, that difference is exactly why Foglight Cloud is the faster path to value. No infrastructure to provision, no patching cycle to manage, and a security and compliance posture that's already built in, so your team can focus on what the data is telling them instead of what it takes to keep the lights on.

Available on both paths: Foglight AI Insights
Most monitoring tools flood teams with alerts but still leave DBAs digging through dashboards to find the real problem. Foglight AI Insights simplifies database investigations through conversational AI, helping teams uncover likely causes, understand business impact, optimize performance, and reduce downtime before issues spread across critical systems.

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Side-by-Side Comparison

Category	Foglight for Databases	Foglight Cloud
Total Cost of Ownership	Higher TCO due to infrastructure, maintenance, licensing, and staffing costs	Lower TCO with reduced infrastructure costs, less IT workload, and predictable pricing
Security & Compliance	Your internal IT team manages security, backups, and compliance	Enterprise-grade security built in, encryption, access controls, automated backups, and compliance standards like SOC 2 and ISO 27001
Scalability	Local infrastructure, manual scaling required	Elastic scaling based on demand
Vulnerability Patching	Manual patching, on your team's schedule	Automated patching, applied proactively, so you're protected without lifting a finger
Deployment & Maintenance	Requires local installation, setup, and manual updates	Fully managed, automatic updates and patches, minimal local footprint
Roles & Access	Standard Foglight roles	Foglight Cloud roles: Owner, Administrator, User, streamlined for how teams actually work
Customization	Available, typically delivered through Professional Services	Standardized for consistency and reliability across the managed service
Accessibility	Often requires VPN or firewall configuration for remote access	Accessible from anywhere, web-based, no VPN required
New Features	Requires manual upgrades to access new functionality	Automatic access to new features as they ship, no upgrade project required
Platform Coverage	Full platform coverage, including SSIS, SSRS, SSAS, and Sybase	Optimized for the platforms most customers run today; SSIS, SSRS, SSAS, and Sybase are best supported via On-Premises for now
Federation	Supported	Supported
Foglight AI Insights	Available as an add-on	Available as an add-on

Which one is right for you?

Choose Foglight for Databases if: your team needs deep customization, you're running SSIS, SSRS, SSAS, or Sybase as a core part of your environment, or your organization requires infrastructure to stay fully within your own walls.

Choose Foglight Cloud if: you want the same depth of visibility without owning the infrastructure behind it, faster time to value, predictable costs, and a security posture that's already handled. **For most teams managing modern, cloud-forward environments, this is the path that gets you to value fastest, with the least ongoing overhead.**

Either way, you get the same Foglight: cross-platform diagnostics, proactive alerting, and the visibility to find root cause before it becomes an incident, with Foglight AI Insights available to add conversational, plain-English answers on top, whichever path you choose.

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