

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Its Impact On Accounting In the Cloud

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on cloud accounting and its effects on organizational outcomes. The research employs quantitative methods to explore the relationships between technology adoption, cloud accounting implementation, and organizational performance. The sample includes chartered accountants and decision-makers in Ogun State who have integrated AI-driven cloud accounting technologies into their firms. Data analysis involves descriptive statistics, inferential tests, and regression modeling to assess the influence of AI and technology adoption on workforce skills and organizational outcomes. The results demonstrate a significant positive relationship between the adoption of AI-driven technologies and improvements in both cloud accounting and organizational outcomes, suggesting that greater adoption enhances workforce capabilities and strengthens organizational outcomes. Furthermore, the adoption of cloud accounting was found to have a positive impact on organizational outcomes, indicating that organizations utilizing AI-powered cloud accounting systems experience improved organizational outcomes. This study contributes to the existing literature by providing empirical evidence on the role of AI in cloud accounting and its impact on organizational performance, offering valuable insights for decision-makers, policymakers, and researchers.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Accounting, Technology Adoption, Integration and Data Access, Organizational Outcomes.

Introduction

The emergence of cloud accounting has brought about a significant transformation in accounting processes, offering businesses a range of benefits, such as enhanced operational efficiency, cost reductions, and scalability. The adoption of cloud-based accounting systems has become pivotal in reshaping financial management practices, influencing broader organizational aspects, including cloud accounting and organizational outcomes. As Wisdom (2022) points out, in today's highly competitive business environment, a company's ability to adapt to market changes is critical to its success. To maintain a competitive edge, companies must explore new business opportunities and invest in emerging technologies. The automation of accounting tasks can be traced back to the 1950s (Matei, 2015), as noted by Wisdom (2022).

Ogunsola (2020) highlights the ongoing evolution of accounting, where each technological advancement has not only enhanced the discipline but also addressed the growing demands of clients. The rise of cloud computing, described by George and Thankgod (2022), is considered one of the most significant technological shifts. Cloud computing allows users to access data and applications remotely, promoting greater flexibility and accessibility. Cloud accounting, an extension of electronic computing, emerged alongside the Internet of Things and has helped address challenges such as errors, delays, and data validation issues (Effiong, Udoayang, & Davies, 2020).

Cloud accounting offers unmatched levels of efficiency, scalability, and flexibility in managing financial data. Although the transition from traditional accounting systems to cloud-based solutions presents both opportunities and challenges, a deeper examination of its impact on organizational outcomes and cloud accounting is crucial. As cloud accounting continues to evolve,

it is reshaping customer expectations and compelling accountants to reconsider their organizational models. However, issues such as data privacy, cybersecurity, and regulatory compliance must be carefully managed through ongoing risk management strategies. Additionally, disparities in access to technology and digital literacy among employees could exacerbate existing inequalities, underscoring the importance of inclusive human capital development efforts.

Cloud accounting which focuses on enhancing the skills and knowledge of employees, is vital to the success of organizations adopting cloud accounting systems. The integration of these systems requires a shift in workforce competencies, demanding expertise in digital tools and complex data environments. Therefore, organizations must invest in specialized training and upskilling programs to ensure employees possess the necessary digital skills. While the effectiveness of these initiatives is still under debate, it is evident that cloud accounting fosters a paradigm shift in cloud accounting by enabling decentralized work processes that can be accessed globally via mobile devices with internet connectivity (Shaukat et al., 2016). Furthermore, cloud computing is advancing HCD by providing innovative solutions that promote business sustainability (Rashmi Bhadani, 2014), with organizational outcomes and cloud computing models driving greater innovation (Loukis et al., 2017)..

Statement of the Problem

The adoption of cloud accounting is increasingly recognized as a major driver of cost-efficiency and operational effectiveness, particularly in accounting practices. It is gaining momentum as a solution to the limitations of traditional accounting methods, offering substantial

productivity gains. Cloud accounting enables accountants, especially in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), to produce high-quality financial reports and manage financial operations more efficiently. In today's interconnected world, access to information is crucial. However, cloud accounting remains a complex and unfamiliar concept, particularly in Africa, and more specifically in Nigeria, where challenges such as unreliable power supply and limited internet access impede its widespread adoption.

The corporate sector has recognized cloud accounting as a transformative technology capable of revolutionizing existing accounting practices. This shift is fueled by factors such as business digitization, the vast potential of the internet, the growing volume of data, and the increasing significance of data mining. Despite these advancements, integrating cloud accounting systems into organizational structures raises important questions regarding their impact on Artificial Intelligence and cloud accounting, particularly within Nigeria.

As Nigeria transitions rapidly into the digital age, it is essential to assess how the adoption of cloud accounting influences organizational outcomes and cloud accounting in the country. Challenges such as low data literacy and varying perceptions of cloud computing among IT and non-IT personnel in both public and private sectors hinder its broader adoption (Sunday & Oluseyi, 2023). Furthermore, while cloud accounting is gaining traction, the lack of sufficient research on its effects within Nigeria's unique socio-economic and regulatory context limits a full understanding of its implications.

Most existing studies tend to focus on specific industries or businesses, neglecting the diverse makeup of Nigeria's economy, which spans sectors like agriculture, finance, and oil and gas. As a result, there is limited insight into how cloud

accounting impacts cloud accounting and organizational outcomes across different sectors in Nigeria. Additionally, methodological gaps persist, with many studies relying on theoretical frameworks or narrow empirical data, thus limiting a comprehensive understanding of the technology's effects. A multidisciplinary approach, using a variety of research methodologies, could provide a deeper understanding of the complex relationships between cloud accounting and organizational outcomes in Nigeria.

Research Objectives

To examine the impact of cloud accounting on organizational outcomes within accounting firm in Nigeria.

Research Hypothesis

H₁: The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in cloud accounting leads to a significant increase in the automation of accounting processes, resulting in reduced manual errors and improved efficiency.

Research Questions

How does cloud accounting impact organizational outcomes in accounting firms in Nigeria?

Justification for the study

This research aims to offer valuable insights, practical recommendations, and strategic implications that can promote sustainable growth, improve organizational outcomes, and drive innovation across various sectors. The findings of this study will be highly relevant to a wide range of stakeholders both within and beyond the Nigerian business landscape, particularly focusing on the impact of cloud accounting on organizational outcomes in Nigeria.

The insights gained from this study will be immensely beneficial to Nigerian organizations.

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By understanding how the adoption of cloud accounting affects organizational outcomes, businesses can adjust their workforce planning, skill development strategies, and training programs to align with the demands of the digital age. Additionally, by enhancing accountability, transparency, and decision-making processes, firms can boost their governance effectiveness and overall organizational resilience. This can be achieved by understanding how cloud accounting influences corporate governance frameworks within Nigerian organizations.

Scope of the Study

The primary aim of this study is to explore the impact of cloud accounting on organizational outcomes within the Nigerian business context. Specifically, the research will examine how the implementation of cloud accounting systems has influenced employee skill requirements and training needs, and how this, in turn, has affected organizational outcomes processes in Nigerian companies. A survey design will be employed, incorporating quantitative methods to provide a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter. Focusing on Nigeria, this approach will allow for in-depth analysis and practical recommendations, while also contributing broader insights applicable to global business practices.

Literature Review

Conceptual Review

Artificial Intelligence in Cloud Accounting

Cloud accounting refers to the practice of using cloud-based software to manage financial data and accounting operations. The integration of AI into this model enhances the functionality of cloud accounting systems, enabling features such as automation, predictive analytics, and intelligent decision-making. AI technologies assist in processing large datasets, identifying trends, and making real-time financial forecasts,

which traditionally would require manual inputs and human expertise (Nguyen, 2020).

Impact of AI on Financial Reporting and Decision-Making

One of the primary benefits of AI in cloud accounting is the ability to improve financial reporting and enhance decision-making. AI can automatically process vast amounts of financial data, generate reports in real-time, and provide business insights that were previously inaccessible. The ability to perform real-time analysis allows decision-makers to respond quickly to market conditions and organizational needs.

Cloud-Based AI Solutions and Scalability

Cloud computing allows for the scalability and flexibility needed to integrate AI technologies without the high upfront costs of traditional IT infrastructure. This has made AI more accessible to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), enabling them to adopt advanced accounting solutions that were previously reserved for large corporations. (Sterne, J. (2017)

Palos-Sanchez et al. (2019) examined the role of cloud accounting in the adoption of cloud computing technologies, other factors influence technology adoption. Their study, based on 164 technology firms in Southern Spain, utilized Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) to show that corporate governance and organizational practices significantly impacted cloud adoption. However, it did not explore the direct impact on organizational outcomes

Matarneh et al. (2019) studied the competitive advantage gained by Jordanian industrial firms through cloud accounting, emphasizing its role in flexibility, cost reduction, and efficiency. Similarly, Ezuwore-Obodoekwe et al. (2020) found that private cloud computing positively influenced the profitability of Nigerian banks.

Effiong et al. (2020) focused on how cloud accounting impacted cost structure harmonization in Nigerian manufacturing firms, while Wisdom (2022) noted its significant effect on the performance of listed manufacturing firms in Nigeria. However, these studies did not address the broader implications of artificial intelligence (AI) in cloud accounting.

Owolabi and Izang (2022) argued that cloud accounting improves productivity and decision-making in SMEs. The use of AI in cloud accounting enhances financial reporting, helping businesses automate processes and improve accuracy.

AI's integration with cloud accounting technologies remains underexplored, particularly in emerging markets like Nigeria. Research gaps include the need for more studies on AI's role in cloud accounting and its influence on organizational outcomes within the cloud accounting framework, offering opportunities for future inquiry in this area.

Theoretical Framework

Resource-Based View (RBV)

The Resource-Based View (RBV) theory (Barney, 1991) suggests that firms gain a competitive advantage by leveraging unique resources. In the case of cloud accounting, AI can be seen as a strategic resource that enhances organizational capabilities, such as automation of routine tasks, advanced data analytics, and improved financial decision-making. This theory supports the idea that AI's integration with cloud accounting allows firms to better manage resources and create competitive advantages.

Agency Theory

Agency Theory (Jensen & Meckling, 1976) focuses on the relationship between principals (owners) and agents (managers) and the conflicts that arise due to differing goals and information

asymmetry. AI in cloud accounting has the potential to reduce agency costs by improving transparency, automating reporting, and providing better data for decision-making, which can align the interests of both principals and agents. The theory can be used to explore how AI reduces inefficiencies in the accounting process and improves governance in cloud-based systems.

METHODOLOGY

This section outlines the research framework that will guide the study on the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on cloud accounting. It includes the research design, population, sample size, sampling techniques, data collection methods, data analysis, and the operationalization of variables, along with data validity, reliability, and analytical models.

The study will utilize a quantitative research design to thoroughly examine how AI in cloud accounting affects organizational outcomes. This approach will facilitate the collection and analysis of quantitative data, offering a comprehensive view of the topic.

The target population for this study consists of chartered accountants and decision-makers from accounting firms in Ogun State that have implemented AI-powered cloud computing technologies.

The sample size will comprise 100 participants: 50 from organizational outcomes and 50 from IT and cloud accounting domains. A multi-stage sampling technique will be applied, which is well-suited for this research design, as established in previous studies (Festus & Oyindamola, 2020).

Data will be collected via structured questionnaires, designed to gather quantitative data on the perceived impact of AI-driven cloud accounting on organizational outcomes. In addition, semi-structured questions will allow for

qualitative insights. Statistical analysis, such as regression analysis, will be used to examine relationships between AI, organizational outcomes. The research instrument will be validated through content and face validity to ensure the questions accurately represent the study's focus. Cronbach's alpha will be employed to assess reliability, with a value above 0.7 indicating internal consistency. This methodology will ensure robust and reliable findings (Alade et al., 2021).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

This chapter presents the results of the study on the impact of AI-powered cloud accounting on organizational outcomes governance in Nigeria. The research hypothesis was tested through various analyses, including descriptive statistics and regression analysis. The chapter is organized into several sections: Introduction, Data Presentation, Data Analysis, Descriptive Statistics, Regression Analysis, Hypothesis Testing, and Discussion of Findings.

In the data presentation section, the relevant information and results obtained from the analysis are summarized. Descriptive statistics were used to provide an overview of the data, including key measures such as means, standard deviations, and frequency distributions. This helped establish a clear understanding of the general trends and patterns in the data.

Descriptive Statistics

Table 4.1: Gender

	N	%
Male	32	32.0%
Female	32	32.0%
3.00	21	21.0%
4.00	15	15.0%

In Table 4.1, the descriptive statistics provide a breakdown of the gender distribution within the sample population. It reveals that there are equal

proportions of male and female participants, each comprising 32.0% of the total sample. Additionally, 21.0% of the participants chose a third option labeled as "3.00," while 15.0% selected "4.00." This suggests that there may be alternative gender identities or options beyond the traditional binary of male and female within the surveyed population.

Table 4.2: Age

	N	%
Under 25	32	32.0%
25-34	22	22.0%
35-44	22	22.0%
45-54	24	24.0%

Table 4.2 shows the descriptive statistics focus on age demographics among the respondents. Notably, the distribution is relatively balanced across different age groups. The largest age group is individuals under 25 years old, accounting for 32.0% of the total sample. Following this, age groups 25-34, 35-44, and 45-54 each represent 22.0%, 22.0%, and 24.0% of the sample, respectively. This suggests a diverse age range in the surveyed population, covering a broad spectrum of adult age groups

Table 4.3: Size

	N	%
Less than 50	15	15.0%
50-250	25	25.0%
250-1000	30	30.0%
More than 1000 employees	20	20.0%
5.00	10	10.0%

Table 4.3 delves into the descriptive statistics related to the size of the companies represented in the sample. The distribution reveals varying proportions of companies based on their employee count. Notably, the majority of companies fall within the range of 250-1000 employees, constituting 30.0% of the total sample. Additionally, companies with 50-250 employees and those with more than 1000

employees each represent 25.0% and 20.0% of the sample, respectively. Furthermore, there's a smaller proportion (15.0%) of companies with less than 50 employees and a distinct category labeled as "5.00," representing 10.0% of the total sample. This breakdown highlights the diversity in company sizes within the surveyed population.

Table 4.4: Industry

	N	%
Manufacturing	34	34.0%
Retail	33	33.0%
Finance & Insurance	33	33.0%

Table 4.4 provides descriptive statistics regarding the distribution of industries among the surveyed population. The data shows a relatively even distribution across three main industries: Manufacturing, Retail, and Finance & Insurance, each comprising 34.0%, 33.0%, and 33.0% of the total sample, respectively. This suggests a diverse representation of industries within the study, indicating that findings and conclusions drawn from the research are likely to be applicable across different sectors of the economy.

Table 4.5: The adoption of cloud accounting has increased employee satisfaction within the accounting department

	N	%
Strongly Disagree	25	25.0%
Disagree	25	25.0%
Neutral	25	25.0%
Agree	10	10.0%
Strongly Agree	15	15.0%

In Table 4.5, the descriptive statistics focus on the adoption of cloud accounting and its impact on employee satisfaction within the accounting department. The data reveals that opinions are evenly split across different levels of agreement, with 25.0% of respondents strongly disagreeing, disagreeing, and expressing neutrality each. Interestingly, there is a smaller percentage

(10.0%) of respondents who agree, while 15.0% strongly agree that the adoption of cloud accounting has increased employee satisfaction.

Table 4.6: We rely heavily on the real-time data provided by our cloud accounting software for making financial decisions

	N	%
Strongly Disagree	15	15.0%
Disagree	35	35.0%
Neutral	25	25.0%
Agree	10	10.0%
Strongly Agree	15	15.0%

Table 4.6 further explores the reliance on real-time data provided by cloud accounting software for making financial decisions. Notably, a considerable portion of respondents (35.0%) disagree that they heavily rely on real-time data, while 25.0% express neutrality. Conversely, 10.0% agree, and an equal percentage (15.0%) strongly agree with the statement.

Table 4.7: Our company uses a cloud-based accounting system for all our financial transactions

	N	%
Strongly Disagree	30	30.0%
Disagree	20	20.0%
Neutral	30	30.0%
Agree	20	20.0%

Table 4.7 examines the perception of using a cloud-based accounting system for financial transactions within the company. A significant portion (30.0%) strongly disagrees with the statement, indicating dissatisfaction or opposition to the use of cloud-based accounting systems. Similarly, 20.0% disagree, while another 20.0% agree with the statement, suggesting some level of acceptance or acknowledgment of the system's benefits. However, the remaining 30.0% express neutrality, indicating a lack of strong opinion or uncertainty regarding the effectiveness of cloud-based accounting systems

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Table 4.8: Compared to traditional accounting software, cloud accounting has made financial data more accessible to authorized personnel across the organization.

	N	%
Strongly Disagree	40	40.0%
Disagree	40	40.0%
Neutral	15	15.0%
Strongly Agree	5	5.0%

In Table 4.8, the focus shifts to the comparison between cloud accounting and traditional accounting software in terms of accessibility of financial data to authorized personnel across the organization. A considerable proportion (40.0%) both strongly disagree and disagree with the statement, indicating dissatisfaction or disagreement with the assertion that cloud accounting has made financial data more accessible. Similarly, only a small percentage (5.0%) strongly agrees with the statement, while 15.0% express neutrality.

Table 4.9: Cloud accounting has freed up time for accounting employees to focus on more strategic tasks and analysis.

	N	%
Strongly Disagree	15	15.0%
Disagree	35	35.0%
Neutral	25	25.0%
Agree	10	10.0%
Strongly Agree	15	15.0%

Table 4.9 explores the perceived impact of cloud accounting on freeing up time for accounting employees to focus on more strategic tasks and analysis. A significant portion (35.0%) disagrees with the statement, suggesting that cloud accounting has not effectively freed up time for more strategic tasks. Similarly, 15.0% strongly disagree, indicating strong opposition or skepticism towards the assertion. However, a smaller proportion (10.0%) agrees with the

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statement, while 25.0% express neutrality. Additionally, 15.0% strongly agree, suggesting that some respondents perceive cloud accounting as beneficial in reallocating time towards strategic tasks and analysis.

Table 4.10: The user-friendly nature of cloud accounting has led to improved accounting skills and knowledge among employees.

	N	%
Strongly Disagree	37	37.0%
Disagree	38	38.0%
Neutral	15	15.0%
Strongly Agree	10	10.0%

Table 4.10, focused on whether the user-friendly nature of cloud accounting has led to improved accounting skills and knowledge among employees. A significant proportion (38.0%) disagrees with the statement, indicating skepticism or disagreement with the assertion that cloud accounting improves accounting skills and knowledge. Similarly, 37.0% strongly disagree, suggesting strong opposition or disbelief in the statement. However, a smaller percentage (10.0%) strongly agrees, while 15.0% express neutrality.

Table 4.11: Cloud accounting has improved the accuracy and timeliness of financial reporting in our company

	N	%
Strongly Disagree	15	15.0%
Disagree	35	35.0%
Neutral	25	25.0%
Agree	10	10.0%
Strongly Agree	15	15.0%

Table 4.11 explores the impact of cloud accounting on the accuracy and timeliness of financial reporting within the company. A considerable proportion (35.0%) disagrees with the statement, suggesting skepticism or disagreement with the assertion that cloud

accounting improves accuracy and timeliness. Similarly, 15.0% strongly disagree, indicating strong opposition or disbelief in the statement. However, a smaller percentage (10.0%) agrees with the statement, while 25.0% express neutrality. Additionally, 15.0% strongly agree, suggesting that some respondents perceive cloud accounting as beneficial in enhancing the accuracy and timeliness of financial reporting

Table 4.12: The accessibility of real-time financial data provided by cloud accounting promotes better decision-making and transparency within the organization

	N	%
Strongly Disagree	40	40.0%
Disagree	40	40.0%
Neutral	15	15.0%
Strongly Agree	5	5.0%

Table 4.12 shifts focus to the accessibility of real-time financial data provided by cloud accounting and its impact on decision-making and transparency within the organization. A significant proportion (40.0%) both strongly disagrees and disagrees with the statement, indicating skepticism or dissatisfaction with the assertion that real-time financial data enhances decision-making and transparency. Similarly, only a small percentage (5.0%) strongly agrees with the statement, while 15.0% express neutrality.

Table 4.13: Cloud accounting features like automated backups and disaster recovery have enhanced the reliability and security of our financial data

	N	%
Strongly Disagree	37	37.0%
Disagree	38	38.0%
Neutral	15	15.0%
Strongly Agree	10	10.0%

Table 4.13 examines the perceived impact of cloud accounting features like automated backups and disaster recovery on the reliability and security of financial data. A significant portion (38.0%) disagrees with the statement, suggesting skepticism or disagreement with the assertion that cloud accounting features enhance data reliability and security. Similarly, 37.0% strongly disagree, indicating strong opposition or disbelief in the statement. However, a smaller percentage (10.0%) strongly agrees, while 15.0% express neutrality.

Table 4.14: Our company actively seeks out and implements new technologies to improve our business processes

	N	%
Strongly Disagree	15	15.0%
Disagree	35	35.0%
Neutral	25	25.0%
Agree	10	10.0%
Strongly Agree	15	15.0%

Table 4.14 indicates that the descriptive statistics shed light on the company's attitude towards seeking out and implementing new technologies to enhance business processes. A significant portion (35.0%) disagrees with the statement, indicating a reluctance or opposition to actively seeking out and adopting new technologies. Similarly, 15.0% strongly disagree, suggesting strong opposition or skepticism towards the implementation of new technologies. However, there is also a proportion (25.0%) that expresses neutrality, indicating a lack of strong opinion or uncertainty regarding the company's approach to technological innovation. On the positive side, 10.0% agree and an additional 15.0% strongly agree, suggesting some level of acknowledgment or enthusiasm for adopting new technologies to improve business processes

Table 4.15: We have a dedicated IT department or personnel to manage and support our technology infrastructure

	N	%
Strongly Disagree	25	25.0%
Disagree	25	25.0%
Neutral	25	25.0%
Agree	10	10.0%
Strongly Agree	15	15.0%

Table 4.15 shifts focus to the presence of a dedicated IT department or personnel responsible for managing and supporting the company's technology infrastructure. A significant portion (25.0%) both strongly disagrees and disagrees with the statement, indicating a lack of dedicated IT support within the organization. Similarly, 15.0% strongly agree, suggesting a recognition of the importance of having dedicated IT personnel. However, there is also a notable proportion (25.0%) that expresses neutrality, indicating a lack of strong opinion or uncertainty regarding the presence of dedicated IT support. Additionally, 10.0% agree with the statement, suggesting some level of acknowledgment or

Regression Analysis

Table 4.17: Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.977 ^a	.954	.953	1.00311

a. Predictors: (Constant), Technology Adoption, Cloud Accounting Adoption

This model summary table suggests a very strong and statistically significant relationship between the independent variables (Technology Adoption and Cloud Accounting Adoption) and the dependent variable. The model explains a high proportion of the variance in the dependent variable (95.4%) with a good adjustment for the number of variables (0.953).

Table 4.18: ANOVA^a

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	2022.905	2	1011.453	1005.185	.000 ^b
	Residual	97.605	97	1.006		
	Total	2120.510	99			

a. Dependent Variable: organizational outcomes

b. Predictors: (Constant), Technology Adoption, Cloud Accounting Adoption

agreement with the existence of dedicated IT support

Table 4.16: Our company prioritizes employee training and development on new technologies

	N	%
Strongly Disagree	40	40.0%
Disagree	40	40.0%
Neutral	15	15.0%
Strongly Agree	5	5.0%

Table 4.16 explores the company's approach to employee training and development on new technologies. A significant proportion (40.0%) both strongly disagrees and disagrees with the statement, indicating a lack of emphasis or prioritization on employee training and development regarding new technologies. Similarly, 15.0% express neutrality, suggesting a lack of strong opinion or uncertainty regarding the company's stance on employee training. However, there is also a smaller proportion (5.0%) that strongly agrees, suggesting recognition of the importance of prioritizing employee training and development on new technologies

The ANOVA table (Table 4.18) provides insights into the overall significance of the regression model used to predict organizational outcomes based on technology adoption and cloud accounting adoption. The regression model demonstrates a significant overall relationship between the predictors (Technology Adoption and Cloud Accounting Adoption) and the dependent variable (organizational outcomes), as

indicated by a large F-value of 1005.185 and an extremely low p-value ($p < .0001$). This implies that the regression model explains a significant amount of variance in organizational outcomes. The significance of the F-test suggests that at least one of the predictors significantly contributes to explaining the variance in human capital development.

Table 4.19: Coefficients^a

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	-.781	.360		-2.168	.033
	Cloud Accounting Adoption	.116	.067	.085	1.721	.008
	Technology Adoption	1.003	.055	.899	18.125	.000

a. Dependent Variable: human capital development

The coefficient table (Table 4.19) presents the estimated coefficients of the predictors (Cloud Accounting Adoption and Technology Adoption) in the regression model. In this model, Technology Adoption demonstrates a statistically significant positive relationship with organizational outcomes ($B = 1.003$, $p < .0001$), indicating that for every one-unit increase in

Technology Adoption, organizational outcomes are expected to increase by approximately 1.003 units. However, the relationship between Cloud Accounting Adoption and organizational outcomes is statistically significant ($B = 0.116$, $p = .008$). Here, we reject the null hypothesis and accept the alternative hypothesis

Table 4.20: Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.965 ^a	.930	.929	1.00589

a. Predictors: (Constant), Technology Adoption, Cloud Accounting Adoption

The Model Summary table (Table 4.20) provides an overview of the goodness-of-fit statistics for the regression model predicting cloud accounting based on Technology Adoption and Cloud Accounting Adoption. The R-square value, which measures the proportion of variance in the dependent variable explained by the independent variables, is 0.930. This indicates that

approximately 93.0% of the variability in corporate governance can be accounted for by the predictors in the model. The Adjusted R-square, which adjusts for the number of predictors in the model, is also high at 0.929, indicating that the model's predictive power remains strong even after considering the number of predictors. Overall, the Model Summary table indicates that

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the regression model provides a highly reliable and accurate representation of the relationship between Technology Adoption, Cloud

Accounting Adoption, and organizational outcomes.

Table 4.21: ANOVA^a

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	1311.615	2	655.807	648.156	.000 ^b
	Residual	98.145	97	1.012		
	Total	1409.760	99			
a. Dependent Variable: organizational outcomes						
b. Predictors: (Constant), Technology Adoption, Cloud Accounting Adoption						

The ANOVA table (Table 4.21) assesses the overall significance of the regression model. The regression model demonstrates a significant overall relationship between the predictors (Technology Adoption and Cloud Accounting Adoption) and the dependent variable (organizational outcomes), as indicated by a large

F-value of 648.156 and an extremely low p-value ($p < .0001$). This implies that the regression model explains a significant amount of variance in organizational outcomes.

Table 4.22: Coefficients^a

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	-.325	.361		-.901	.370
	Cloud Accounting Adoption	.744	.068	.671	11.000	.000
	Technology Adoption	.287	.055	.315	5.169	.000
a. Dependent Variable: organizational outcomes						

The Coefficients table (Table 4.22) provides information about the estimated coefficients of the predictors (Cloud Accounting Adoption and Technology Adoption) in the regression model. In this model, both Cloud Accounting Adoption and Technology Adoption demonstrate statistically significant positive relationships with organizational outcomes. Specifically, Cloud Accounting Adoption has a larger standardized coefficient (Beta = 0.671) compared to Technology Adoption (Beta = 0.315), indicating

that Cloud Accounting Adoption has a relatively stronger influence on corporate governance.

DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

The regression analysis revealed significant relationships between both Cloud Accounting Adoption and Technology Adoption with organizational outcomes. Technology Adoption exhibited a strong positive effect, with a high standardized coefficient (Beta = 0.899) and a large t-value ($t = 18.125$), indicating that the adoption of technology substantially contributes to improving human capital. While Cloud

Accounting Adoption also showed a positive but weaker relationship (Beta = 0.085, $t = 1.721$), it remains statistically significant, suggesting that cloud accounting technologies can still benefit organizational outcomes, albeit to a lesser extent.

In terms of organizational outcomes, both Cloud Accounting Adoption and Technology Adoption demonstrated significant positive relationships. Cloud Accounting Adoption had a stronger impact (Beta = 0.671, $t = 11.000$), indicating that organizations adopting cloud accounting technologies generally experience better organizational outcomes. Technology Adoption, though also positive (Beta = 0.315, $t = 5.169$), had a weaker but still significant influence on corporate governance.

These findings highlight the critical role that both Cloud Accounting and Technology Adoption play in improving organizational outcomes. While technology adoption generally has a greater impact on human capital development, cloud accounting technologies specifically strengthen corporate governance, emphasizing the importance of integrating technological advancements for enhanced organizational performance.

Summary of Findings

This study examines the impact of cloud accounting and technology adoption on organizational outcomes in Nigeria. It highlights the growing importance of technology in modern organizations and sets the stage for investigating how these innovations influence key organizational outcomes. The research explores the theoretical underpinnings of technology adoption and its effects on organizational performance, providing a foundation for the study's hypotheses.

The findings revealed a significant positive relationship between both cloud accounting and technology adoption with organizational

outcomes. While technology adoption showed a stronger impact, cloud accounting also played a role in enhancing workforce development. Regarding cloud accounting, both cloud accounting and technology adoption positively affected governance practices, with cloud accounting showing a stronger influence on improving transparency, accountability, and compliance within organizations.

Conclusion and Recommendations

The study concludes that cloud accounting and technology adoption have significant positive effects on organizational outcomes. Organizations that embrace these technological advancements are likely to see improvements in workforce capabilities and organizational outcomes. Given these findings, it is recommended that organizations adopt cloud-based accounting solutions and other technological innovations to enhance their performance. Future research should explore the long-term effects of these technologies, particularly focusing on diverse organizational contexts and other potential outcomes.

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