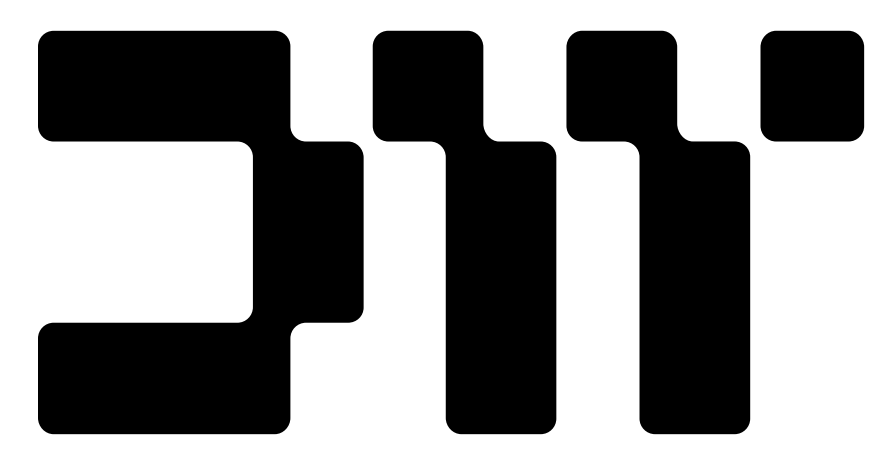




Choosing The Right Frontend Stack

Key differences that impact
delivery, performance,
and growth

Front-end as-a-Service

Compare the alternatives



Feature		 Arc	Vercel/Netlify	DIY
Tech	Next.js Support	✓ (Full Support for Next.js solutions)	✓ (included)	✓ (\$\$\$ extensive investment & trial and error - months)
	Pure Static Apps	✓ (In addition to Next.js also support discrete single page apps or static site storage, globally replicated)	✓ (included)	✓ (additional \$\$\$)
	API Hosting	✓ (Secure API hosting behind the firewall, for your business and integration logic)	✗ (no discrete API layer only provides compute functions)	✓ (additional \$\$\$)
	Pre-built Sitecore AI Connectivity	✓ (Pre-built connectivity to Sitecore AI and full key management)	— (partial connectivity for Sitecore AI)	✗ (\$\$\$ extensive investment & trial and error)
Build & Deploy	DevOps Pipelines	✓ (Fully optimized CI/CD with zero downtime tuned for Sitecore productized and maintained with extension points/options for customer SAST and DAST)	— (basic GitOps process support only for head)	✓ (\$\$\$ extensive DevOps investment & trial and error - months)
	Site Preview	✓ (front end dev site previews with security bound to non-production Sitecore AI, allows testers/developers to validate UI features with Sitecore AI content)	✓ (available but IP whitelisting requires additional \$\$\$)	✗ (not possible)
	Orchestration FE and BE Changes	✓ (Prebuilt DevOps across Rendering host, Sitecore AI and APIs with no downtime and SLA guarantees)	✗ (basic GitOps process support only for head, no orchestration with XMC deploys)	✗ (\$\$\$ extensive DevOps investment & trial and error)
	End to End Starter Kit	✓ (end-to-end starter Next.js config, including pipelines, connectivity and security pre-configured wired into Arc ready at handover on day 1)	✗ (only a starter for Next.js on Vercel, but not including XMC)	✗ (no end-to-end starters, dev team will have to glue together various samples)
Performance	SLA'd Ecosystem (Availability + Cost + Performance)	✓ (from your code deployment to, the application, to the infrastructure to end user experience is fully covered under availability SLAs. Pro-active Site Availability, not only platform availability Including managed costs to prevent overages)	— (only SLA for front end hosting platform availability. No pro-active Site Availability management, no responsibility for your Site running, no re-action to site downtime)	— (would require 2 to 4 separate teams with difficult hand-offs)
	On Demand ISR For Sitecore	✓ (Spark is Prebuilt for Sitecore with all the complexity solved. Near real-time publishing across the globe)	— (capability exists, client developers to build each complex implementation)	✗ (client developers to build from ground up)
	Tuned Sitecore Caching	✓ (highly optimized, finely tuned for Sitecore, including ongoing maintenance and optimisation)	✗ (client developers to iteratively configure and build > Time and \$\$)	✗ (client developers to iteratively configure and build > Time and \$\$)
Security	BoT, DDOS, WAF and Security Incident Response	✓ (Fully managed by Dataweavers coverage and incident response, tuned to Sitecore unique quirks)	— (only head and not managed by vendor)	✓ (client infrastructure team could provision, additional \$\$\$)
	Compliance	✓ (Compliance across app, infra and security and operations layers – ready for your industry regulations)	— (only head and not managed by vendor)	✓ (could aim to align to best practice azure/aws policy and certify, additional time and \$\$\$)
	Monitoring	✓ (Fully managed alerts responded to by the Dataweavers team)	— (only head and not managed by vendor)	— (additional tooling required \$\$\$)
Platform	Specialist SRE team	✓ (Deep troubleshooting capability, developers & infra with Sitecore and Rendering host skills)	✓ (limited dedicated Sitecore knowledge)	— (general capability, no Sitecore knowledge)
	Time to Value	✓ (Fast time to value due to productized implementation with automation from one team)	✗ (non-integrated solution and process, significant time spent getting architecture and overall solution right, beyond the POC stage)	✗ (zero base, extensive time and \$\$\$ getting architecture and solution right)
	Team Structure	✓ (one team – Infra, DevOps, Security, App, Sitecore Support liaison fully managed by Dataweavers)	✗ Minimum 2 Vendors and 1 Team	✗ Minimum 3 Vendors and 2 teams
	SaaS Adoption	✓ (One contract. Allowing SaaS an PaaS features side-by-side legacy Sitecore and Headless SaaS enabling iterative journey and cutover)	✗ Only head – difficult to iteratively manage cutover	— Multiple client teams across separate infrastructure, – difficult to iteratively manage a cutover
	Your Tenant	✓ (In your Azure tenant by default, retaining full control of infrastructure, networking, policies, and data residency with a SaaS-like managed experience fully proven and maintained)	✗ Not Available, for some compliance aligned organisations this introduces risk and compliance challenges, with reduced visibility	✓ Custom one-off platform in your tenant with higher operational cost (\$\$), trial-and-error architecture decisions, ongoing maintenance responsibility, and risk of drifting from proven practices

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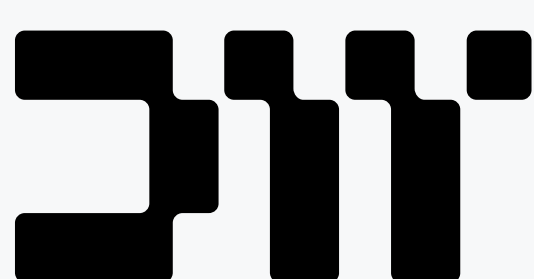
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