

Azure Cloud Strategy Session

This workshop covers the opportunities, challenges, and best practices of cloud strategy.

Key Activities

Validating Corporate Objectives

- Discuss Modernization Objectives and Roadmap
- Review organizational challenges not met or supported by current technology solutions
- Discuss and review the role and impact of technology on product or service time-to-market (SaaS)
- Examine recent incidents, and review existing processes and tool-base
- Review current internal and external SLAs/SLOs
- Discuss other KPIs and Service Level Indicators

Evaluating Current State

- Discuss and Review organizational current state
- Review CapEx/OpEx posture on IT Equipment and Services, and where organization is in cycle
- Explore existing DevOps maturity, Automation and supported tooling
- Discuss current pain-points, challenges and assumed areas of risk
- Explore crisis factors related to cloud, on-premises, or SaaS technologies
- Discuss security posture, disaster recovery and business continuity
- Review Industry Compliance(s) and Regulatory Requirements

Application and Infrastructure Workloads

- Review application stack(s); Linux, Windows, LAMP, etc.
- Identify and examine Business Service Definitions and dependency mappings
- Review the delivery methods: Agile, Waterfall, and Project Management maturity
- Discuss existing footprint – Physical/Virtual Assets, budgeting, vendors, etc.

Capacity/Demand and Core Technologies

- Evaluate current Compute capacity and constraints for performance metrics
- Evaluate current Storage capacity and constraints for performance metrics
- Review Network topology, edge security and access methods
- Discuss IAM, Directory Services, and Authentication Requirements
- Review Patch Management

Operations

- Is there an ITSM framework or methodology in place; ITIL?
- Discuss organizational overhead structure, staffing and training plans as they relate to modernization and transformation
- Examine and Discuss organizational culture, acceptance to change and any challenges the organization expects to encounter

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Azure Cloud Strategy is a one-day interactive workshop that accelerates an understanding of Cloud Native and Hybrid Cloud capabilities and how Azure solutions can effectively and securely enable a hybrid or multi-cloud strategy.

The workshop covers the opportunities, challenges, and best practices of each strategy, explores organization-specific use cases, and demonstrates where Azure will deliver value to the organization.

Duration

- 6.5 hours

Audience

- C-level Executives
- Technical Directors and Managers

Objectives

- Modernization posture
- Security, governance, and compliance familiarity
- Understanding of the business value of Azure
- Identification of shortest path forward



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