AZURE CLOUD Platform Check.

An Azure Cloud Platform Check is a free of charge exercise that combines tooling collection and Solution Architecture expertise to deliver a clear set of recommendations across Cloud Adoption Framework Landing Zone design principals.

Why do we need an Azure Cloud Platform Check?

The Azure Cloud Platform Check service is ideal for customers looking for validation across the current configuration of their cloud environment and delivers recommendations against both vendor and partner best practices.

Customers can identify cost optimisation efficiencies whilst uncovering any number of key platform foundational, governance, security, management and architectural improvements with the focus of the assessment being on the following key pillars:



Focussed on validating a customer's foundational cloud platform implementation in relation to Enrolment, Identity & Access Management, Network Topology & Connectivity and Resource Organisation.



Focussed on validating a customer's governance and configuration policies to ensure that the platform aligns, audits and enforces any identified security and compliance standards.



Focussed on validating a customer's cloud platform security baseline with consideration for perimeter security and integration alongside current and future workloads and security standards.



Focussed on understanding a customer's ongoing operations in the cloud, a management baseline is required to provide visibility, operational compliance, improved platform automation and deliver protection and recovery applications.



Focussed on better understanding a customer's consumption across utilised services, identifying where any inefficiencies and waste exists to help ensure a customer is spending money where it is best utilised. All recommendations are then delivered in an interactive workshop with recommendations against where the environment could be better configured, utilised and operated.

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The CDW Approach

CDW applies the following approach to drive efficiency to the Azure Cloud Platform Check engagement:

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Define

Starting with a clear definition of components of the customer's existing Azure Platform to be checked, agreement is reached of tooling deployment, CDW/ customer requirements and timelines. Typically delivered in 2–4 weeks end–to–end.



Discuss

CDW's Solutions Architect gains understanding of the customer's business objectives and expectations to build an understanding of any current concerns and challenges. Discussions include output options and other areas of focus.



Assess

CDW's Solutions Architect reviews the in-scope Azure Platform, focussing on any identified areas as discussed. Working across the key pillars of Foundation, Governance, Security, Management and Optimisation.



Propose

Workshop to discuss the identified methods of transforming a customer's Azure Platform and Capability. Prioritising findings across any identified customer areas and the key pillars of Foundation, Governance, Security, Management and Optimisation.

Why CDW?

CDW is a leading multi-brand technology solutions provider to business, government, education and healthcare organisations in the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, and other international locations.

We help our clients achieve their goals through an outcome-led approach, delivering integrated solutions and services that maximise their technology investment. Integrating new technologies into your organisation demands a careful balancing act; cost, security and competitive advantage all need to be considered as part of a forward-thinking IT strategy.

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