

# LIFT & SHIFT TO AZURE CLOUD

Transforming CREA, Canada's Largest CSP Customer



CREA is one of Canada's largest industry trade associations. Its membership includes more than 120,000 real estate brokers, agents, and salespeople working through more than 90 real estate boards and associations across the country. One of the ways that CREA serves its members is through providing web and mobile applications that digitally transact contracts and closing. The availability and efficiency of these applications are therefore critical.

Lixar engaged with CREA to provide a roadmap and support the "lift & shift" of their applications from AWS to Azure. Moreover, Lixar identified opportunities to transform how CREA's apps and workloads are built, enabling them to innovate and evolve in the future. CREA reported a 25% decrease in overall total cost of ownership for IT infrastructure, while speeding the process of innovation and having a reliable service that guarantees up-time.

Today, CREA is consuming over \$80K in Azure services monthly. Lixar has also signed one of the first Canadian Lighthouse projects with Microsoft to help CREA migrate an extra \$500K to Azure in the span of 12 months.

The platform has had 100% uptime for the past year, notable for a site that gets 264 million visits and 965 million properties viewed annually.

*" We saw an immediate change in site performance after moving REALTOR.ca to Azure. Uptime has been at record levels—100 percent for the past year, which is unheard of."*

*– Kriteen Lahiry: Director of IT Client Solutions, CREA*



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