

Cloud Adoption Framework: Governance Benchmark

User guide

Governance is about achieving strategic objectives (performance) while meeting legal, regulatory, contractual, and other obligatory requirements often supported by policies (conformance). The goal is to achieve both in a balanced way.

Governance is necessary to eliminate fear, uncertainty, and doubt (FUD) regarding the cloud. Eliminating FUD removes roadblocks and accelerates business success. When you understand the tangible risks associated with your cloud adoption plans, you can implement governance in a way that balances control and agility.

Microsoft governance tools can help you achieve this balance today—and they're continually being refined to help you in the future, too. To use these tools most effectively, you need to understand both performance and conformance risks and refine your governance policies to be cloud ready. You also need to maintain structured discipline to ensure the tools are used consistently to build trust, avoid risk, eliminate FUD, and accelerate success.

Governance Benchmark was designed to help you understand the gaps between your current state and desired state of governance, as defined in the Cloud Adoption Framework. This online experience has three sections:

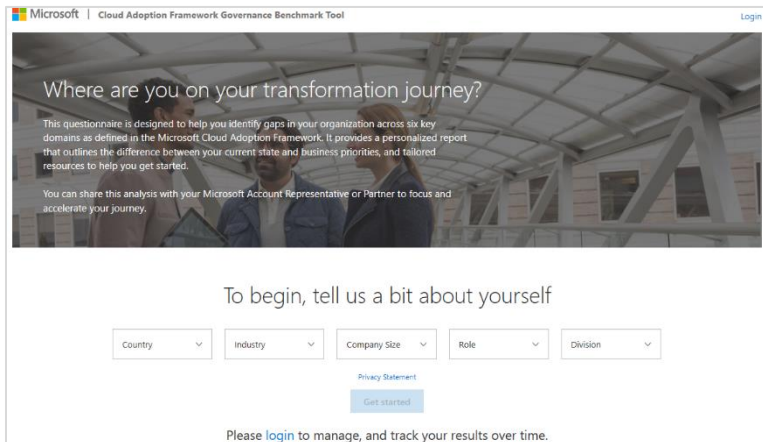
- **Defining your business vision:** Captures business objectives and goals.
- **Setting your business priorities:** Poses questions to help envision the desired state representing proper governance.
- **Evaluating current state:** Tracks user responses about the current state of governance in the environment being assessed.

The results then show the gaps where you can focus to start evolving toward your desired state of governance.

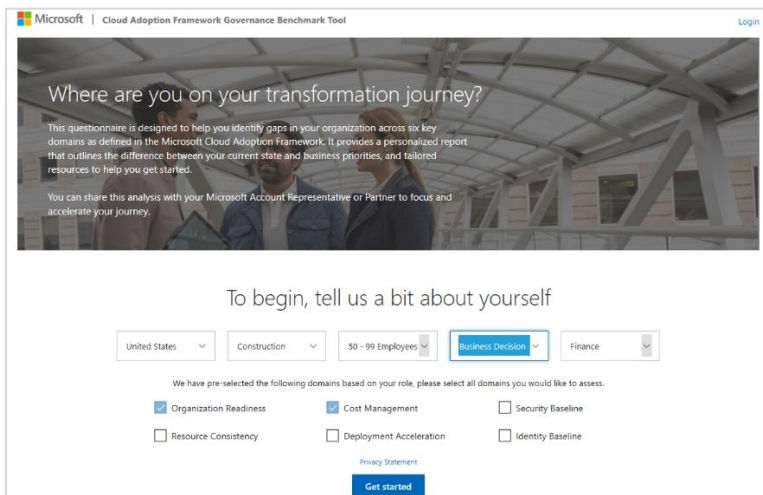
Inputs

To use Governance Benchmark:

1. Go to aka.ms/adopt/gov/assess.
2. From the drop-down menu, select **Country**, **Industry**, **Company Size**, **Role**, and **Division**.
 - **Note:** This is required to proceed.



The role you select defaults to certain governance domains that the assessment questions will be related to. If desired, you can select other domains now or later in the assessment.



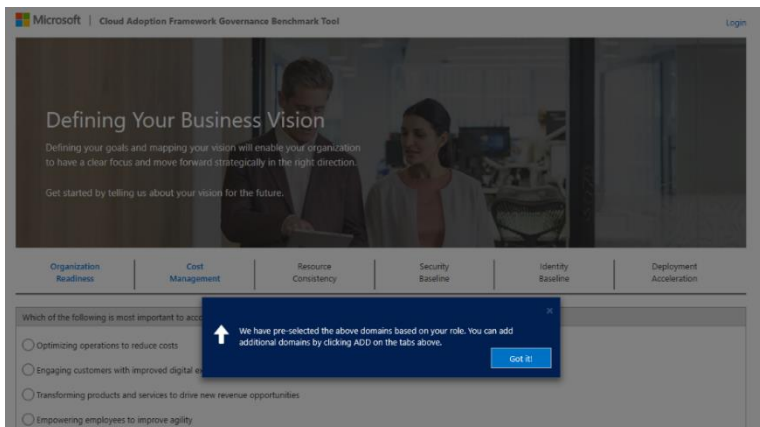
3. Choose the desired user experience.

- For an enriched experience, select **login** to log in to Governance Benchmark.
- For a standard experience, select **Get started** to bypass logging in.
- **Note:** The questions and results do not change if you have not logged in.

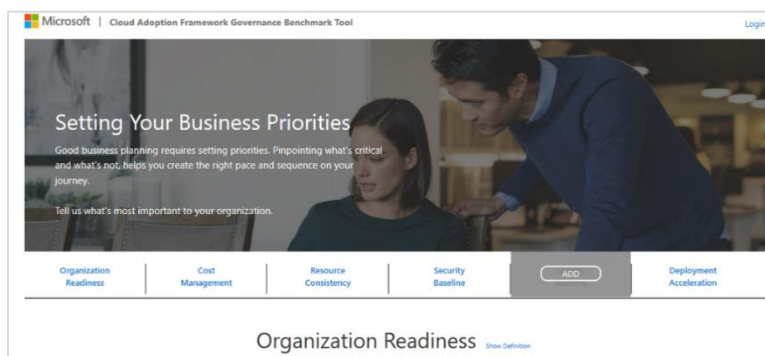
Process

To complete the three sections of Governance Benchmark:

4. In the **Defining Your Business Vision** section, decide if you want to add other governance domains to the assessment questions.
- To add a domain, hover over it and then select **Add**.
 - **Note:** This is not required.

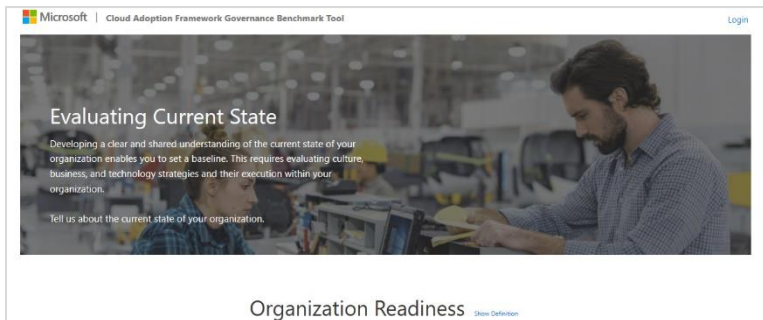


5. Complete the questions in this section by selecting the most appropriate answers.
6. In the **Setting Your Business Priorities** section, decide again if you want to add other governance domains to benchmark against.
- **Note:** This is the last chance to add domains, but it is not required.



7. Complete the questions in this section by selecting the most appropriate answers.

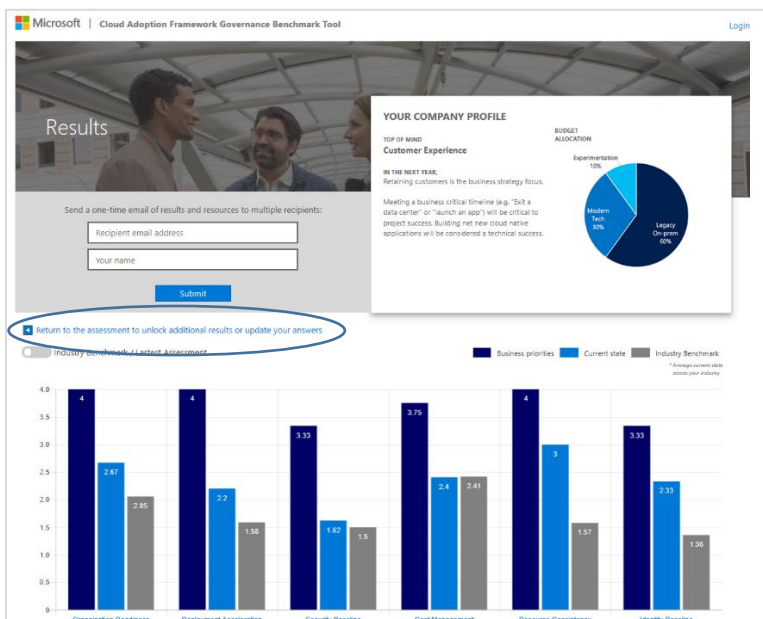
- In the **Evaluating Current State** section, complete the questions by selecting the most appropriate answers.



Outputs

To review the findings of Governance Benchmark:

- After completing the assessment questions, view the **Results** page.
 - This analysis highlights the gap between the current state and future state.
 - We recommend that you use this gap as the starting point to achieving your desired state.
 - In the image below, note that you can see how your company compares to industry benchmarks. (You selected the industry on the first screen.)



10. Choose your next steps.

- You can email your results to others who may be interested.
- You can select **Return to the assessment to unlock additional results or update your answers** (highlighted above) to review and make adjustments to your assessment.







11. Explore the links to additional resources and provide feedback.

- The links will take you to content related to the Cloud Adoption Framework.
- We will use your feedback to help plan for future development opportunities.

What's Next?

Visit the Cloud Adoption Framework to learn more about how to utilize the Azure tools to increase your business performance in each category. [Learn More](#)

Domains Explained

Deployment Acceleration  Discover key activities in the Deployment Acceleration process during all phases of cloud solution implementation. Learn More >	Identity Baseline  Discover how to approach developing an Identity Baseline discipline as part of your cloud governance strategy. Learn More >	Resource Consistency  Discover how to develop a Resource Consistency discipline as part of your cloud governance strategy. Learn More >
Cost Management  Discover how to approach developing a Cost Management discipline as part of your cloud governance strategy. Learn More >	Organization Readiness  Discover key activities that can help you shape your corporate policies to enable an expanded governance model. Learn More >	Security Baseline  Discover how to approach developing a Security Baseline discipline as part of your cloud governance strategy. Learn More >

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