



Checklist

✓ Adopt a cloud mindset

- ☐ Have a shared understanding at every level, from the executive sponsor to the developers, of the business impact being delivered.
- ☐ Ensure the organization has done its due diligence organizing the data estate and understands the impact of the new solution on the data estate.
- ☐ Gain approval for the cloud platform for use with the appropriate application data category from information security and compliance.
- ☐ Ensure the respective teams understand all administrative, operational, support, and monitoring aspects of the platform, and the organization policies, processes, and patterns conform to the SaaS cloud.
- ☐ Implement DevOps and CI/CD pipelines to support automation for build, testing, and deployment.
- ☐ Design the solution according to service boundaries and available licensing capacity, and ensure the controls to further expand and scale the solution are understood.
- ☐ Design the solution to meet the nonfunctional requirements, considering factors like network latency, end-user environment, and devices.

- ☐ Ensure that when upgrading existing on-premises solutions to cloud, the data model, design, and data quality make certain that the application becomes a stepping stone and doesn't stifle cloud adoption by carrying over poor design and data.

✓ Customize and extend

- ☐ Create guidelines for when to customize and extend out-of-the-box apps and only adopt documented extension techniques.
- ☐ Avoid deviations and repurposing the out-of-the-box tables and data models (Common Data Model) because this inhibits future adoption of new features and capabilities.

✓ Operation

- ☐ Ensure that the necessary expertise is available via the partner (system integrator) or internal teams post-deployment to support and evolve the solution.
- ☐ Engage with the community to keep up with the latest innovation and help influence the product direction using channels, events, blogs, and other mediums.