

Unlocking Cloud Savings with lessons learned from the field

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In 2021, Jason received WashingtonExec's Chief Officer Award for Private Company CTO. He has been instrumental in driving the company's technological advancements, including T-Rex's role as the Technical Integrator for the U.S. Census Bureau, where the company developed a multi-cloud infrastructure to support the first-ever online response option in U.S. history.

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Elkhan is a Director of Cloud Infrastructure, Chief Architect, Microsoft Azure MVP and 15+ MCT with experience in cloud solutions, enterprise healthcare systems and healthcare data, and API standards (HL7 FHIR, EDI X12).

He is an active Microsoft Tech Community Contributor, Cloud Lunch and Learn Co-organizer, Microsoft Learning expert and MCT Community Lead for the US region, and as well as a LinkedIn instructor with interests in Architecture, GenAI, DevOps & Security.

He is a frequent speaker at tech events and has volunteered for Give Camps, Code Camps, Azure Data Fest, SQL Saturdays, DC MCT Symposium, Community Days and Microsoft community events, like this one.

Please, check out his #LinkedIn and #CloudMarathoner posts to elevate your cloud learning journey.

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What we will cover



Why and What of FinOps

How of FinOps

FinOps in Azure

AI agents + FinOps

Demo

T-Rex Solutions

► IT Engineering Services

Agile Transformation
Cloud Adoption &
Infrastructure Optimization
Cybersecurity
Data Engineering & Analytics

► Customer Experience

Technology Adoption
Release Management
Communications Management
Change Management

► Health IT

EHR Strategy & Management
HIPAA Compliance
Healthcare System Integration & Testing
Patient Experience Enhancement



Company Info

- Established: 1999
 - Legal Structure: LLC
 - Headquarters: Bethesda, MD
 - SDVOSB Joint Ventures
 - CMMI-DEV & SVC Level 3 v2.0
 - ISO 9001; ISO27001; ISO20000
- Prime Vehicles/BPAs:**
- GSA MAS HACS SIN
 - GSA MAS Cloud SIN
 - GSA MAS IT Svcs SIN
 - COBRA OTA
 - CIO-SP3 Small Business
 - 8(a) STARS III via MPJV
 - GSA MAS HACS SB & Cloud SIN SB via MPJV



Silver Datacenter
Silver Data Analytics
Silver Data Platform
Silver App Dev
Silver App Integration



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Why and What of FinOps

Why is it Important?



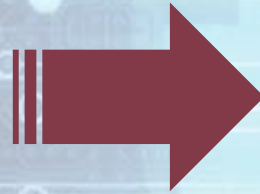
Cloud allows for
variable cost



Immediate
procurement of
resources



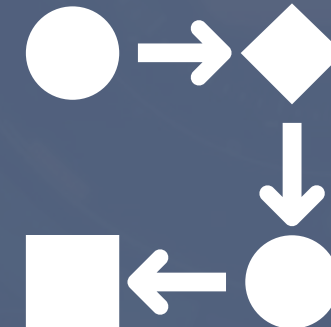
Micro allocation
of costs



What is it?

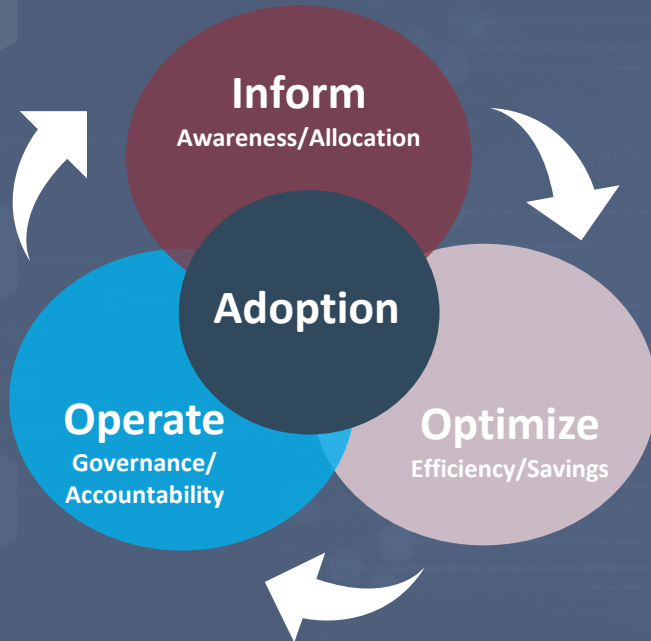
A Framework to provide:

- Collaboration/ Optimization
- Accountability (Cost Visibility)
- Real-Time Decision-Making
- Standardization
- Governance



How of FinOps

FinOps Model



Where to start?

Azure FinOps Assessment

- Understand your maturity
- Identify gaps
- Build a plan to advance your FinOps approach

Where T-Rex can help?

- Assessment of FinOps Maturity
- Automate FinOps Process
- Accelerate your FinOps Journey
- Optimize your cloud/datacenter



FinOps in Azure

- Accountability
- Visibility
- Cost management
- Governance and Azure Policy
- Monitoring and tracking
- Cost Optimization



AI agents & FinOps use cases

- Automated Cost Anomaly Detection
- Dynamic Resource Optimization
- Smart Forecasting and Budgeting
- Policy Enforcement via Agents
- Cost Optimization

AI Agents and FinOps Use Cases



What Are AI Agents?

Autonomous systems that perceive, decide, and act in dynamic environments



Key FinOps Challenges

- Unpredictable cloud spend
- Resource waste and overprovisioning
- Manual reporting and tagging inconsistencies

AI Agent Use Cases in FinOps



Automated Cost Anomaly Detection

Detect and alert on unusual cloud spending patterns in real-time



Dynamic Resource Optimization

Auto-rightsizing, scaling, or shutting down unused resources



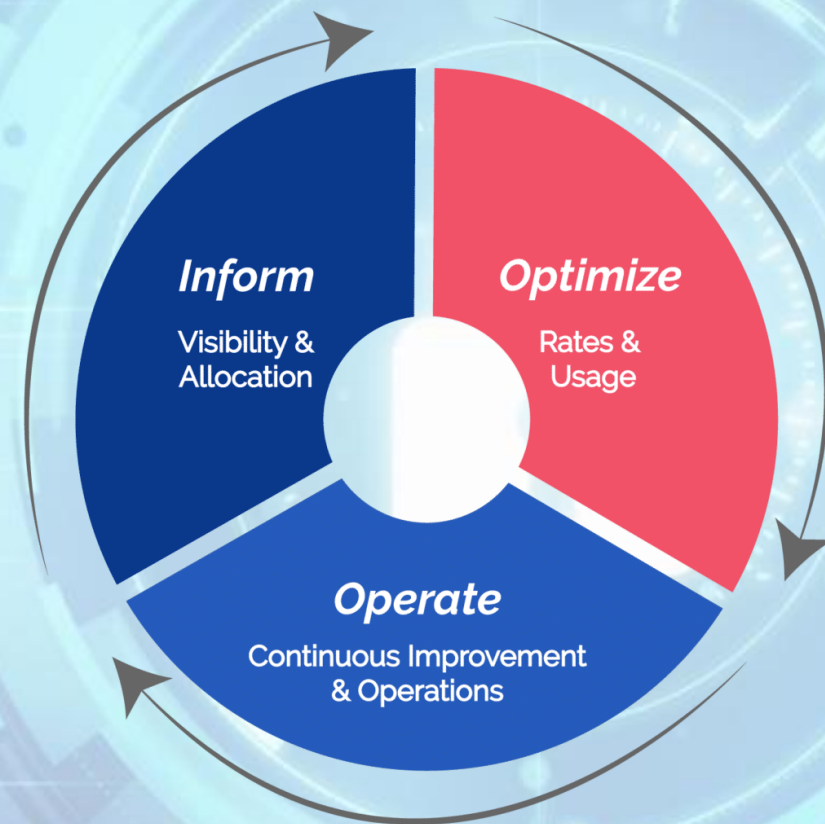
Smart Forecasting and Budgeting



Policy Enforcement via Agents

Demo

- Cost Management
- Smart Views
- Customizable View
- Spend by Groups/Tags
- Budget Alerts
- FinOps + CoPilot



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Thank you !



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