

Azure Environment Audit (First Engagement)

Purpose

Turn an unclear Azure environment into an understandable, governable, lower-risk system - fast.

Who this is for

Organizations using Azure where:

- Costs and ownership feel fuzzy
- Changes feel risky ("don't touch it" energy)
- Naming, tagging, and resource groups are inconsistent
- Nobody has a complete picture of what exists and what depends on what

Outcomes (what they get)

- A clear inventory of what's in Azure and how the major pieces connect
 - Identified governance gaps that are creating risk and operational drag
 - A prioritized action plan so the team knows what to fix first (and what can wait)
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Deliverables

1) Resource Inventory + Dependency Map

- Subscription/resource-group level inventory
- Key dependencies highlighted (compute ↔ data ↔ network ↔ identity)
- "What talks to what" view that supports safer change decisions

2) Naming, Structure, and Governance Review

- Naming conventions and resource organization assessment
- Resource group patterns, subscription layout, tagging coverage
- Early signals of missing guardrails (Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) patterns, policy gaps, inconsistent standards)

3) Risk Identification (Practical, Not Theoretical)

- "Top risks" list tied to real consequences (security, uptime, cost, recoverability)

- Quick wins vs. deeper architectural issues clearly separated
- Notes on where tribal knowledge is masking fragility

4) Written Findings Report + Action Plan

- Plain-English report for leadership + technical appendix for engineers
 - Prioritized roadmap (Now / Next / Later)
 - Recommended governance baseline (naming, tagging, policy/RBAC direction)
 - Suggested next engagement options (optional)
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Timeline

5–10 business days depending on environment size/complexity.

What we need from you, the client

- Read-only access (or least-privileged access appropriate for discovery)
- A short kickoff call (30–45 min)
- Optional: 1–2 engineers for Q&A during discovery

What success looks like

- Leadership can finally “see” the environment and the risks
- Engineers can make changes without guessing
- Everyone agrees on the first 3–5 actions that will reduce risk and waste