

Cloud Computing Leadership



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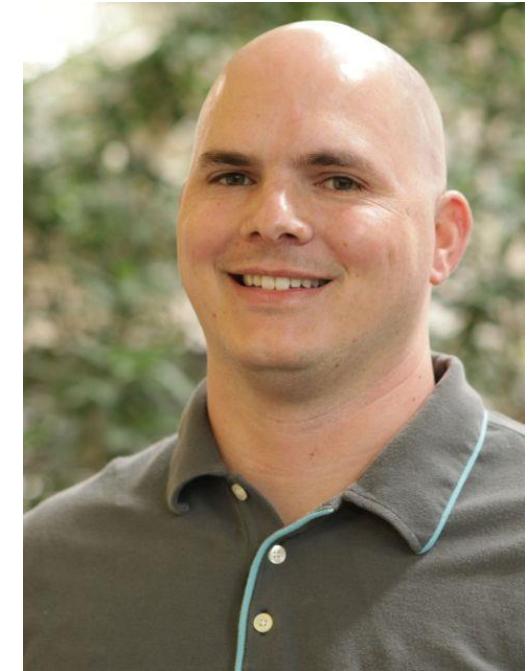
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Hi!

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Expertise

- Cloud
- Automation
- CICD
- Docker
- Kubernetes

INTRODUCE YOURSELF

Time to introduce yourself:

- Name you prefer
- Your professional background
- Current responsibilities
- Familiarity with Cloud
- Expectations and goals for class



AGENDA & OBJECTIVES

Session 1: Introduction & Fundamentals

Establish core concepts, cloud definitions, and high-level characteristics.

Session 2: Service & Deployment Models

Deep dive into IaaS, PaaS, SaaS, and public/private/hybrid/cloud-community models.

Session 3: Cloud Strategy & Governance

Explore policy frameworks, cost control, security governance, and compliance.

Session 4: Migration, Risks & Case Studies

Hands-on exercises around migration planning, risk registers, and real-world scenarios.

Session 1

Introduction

Session 2 & 3

Deployment
models,
Governance

Session 4

Migration &
Risks

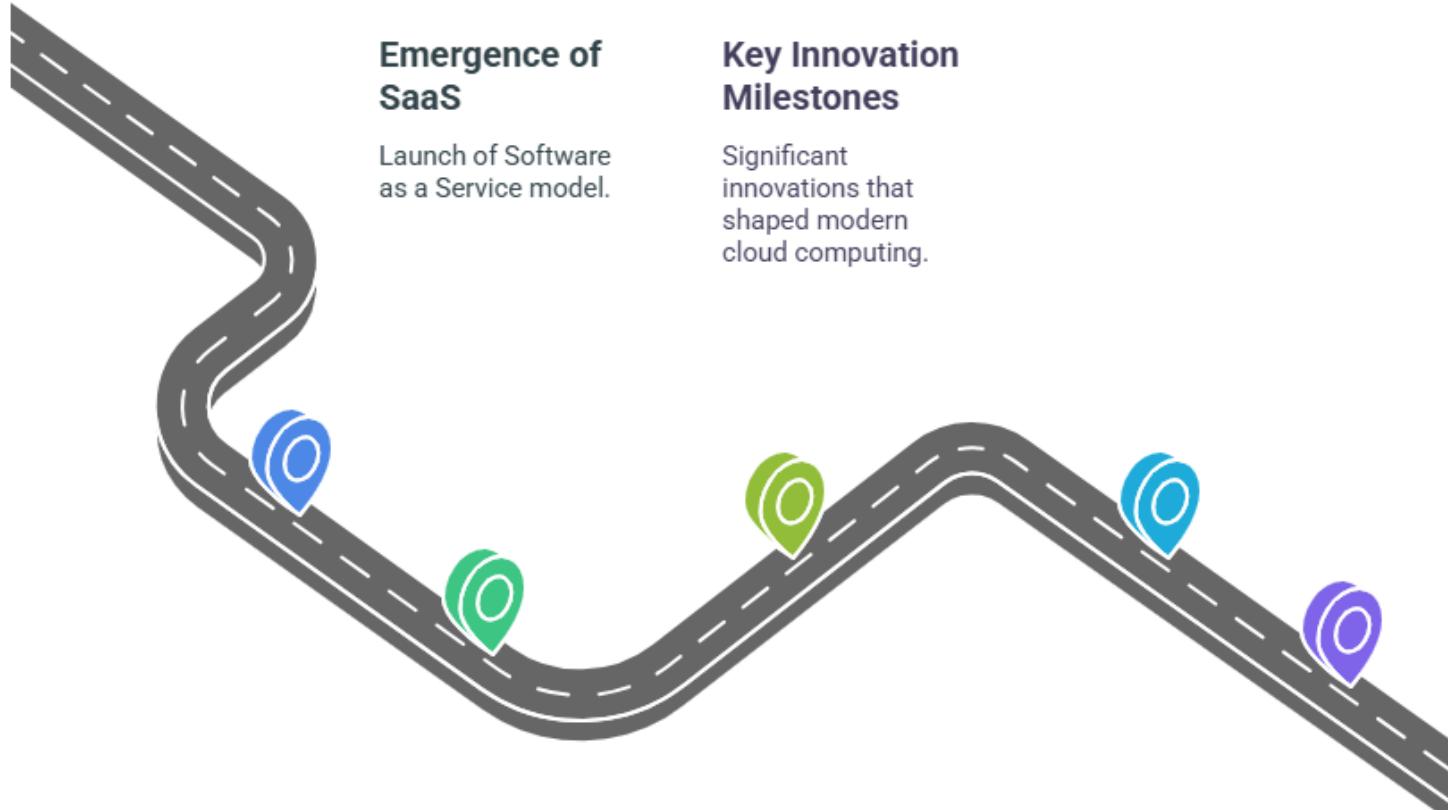
SESSION 1 & 2: CORE CONCEPTS

WHAT IS CLOUD COMPUTING (REFRESHER)

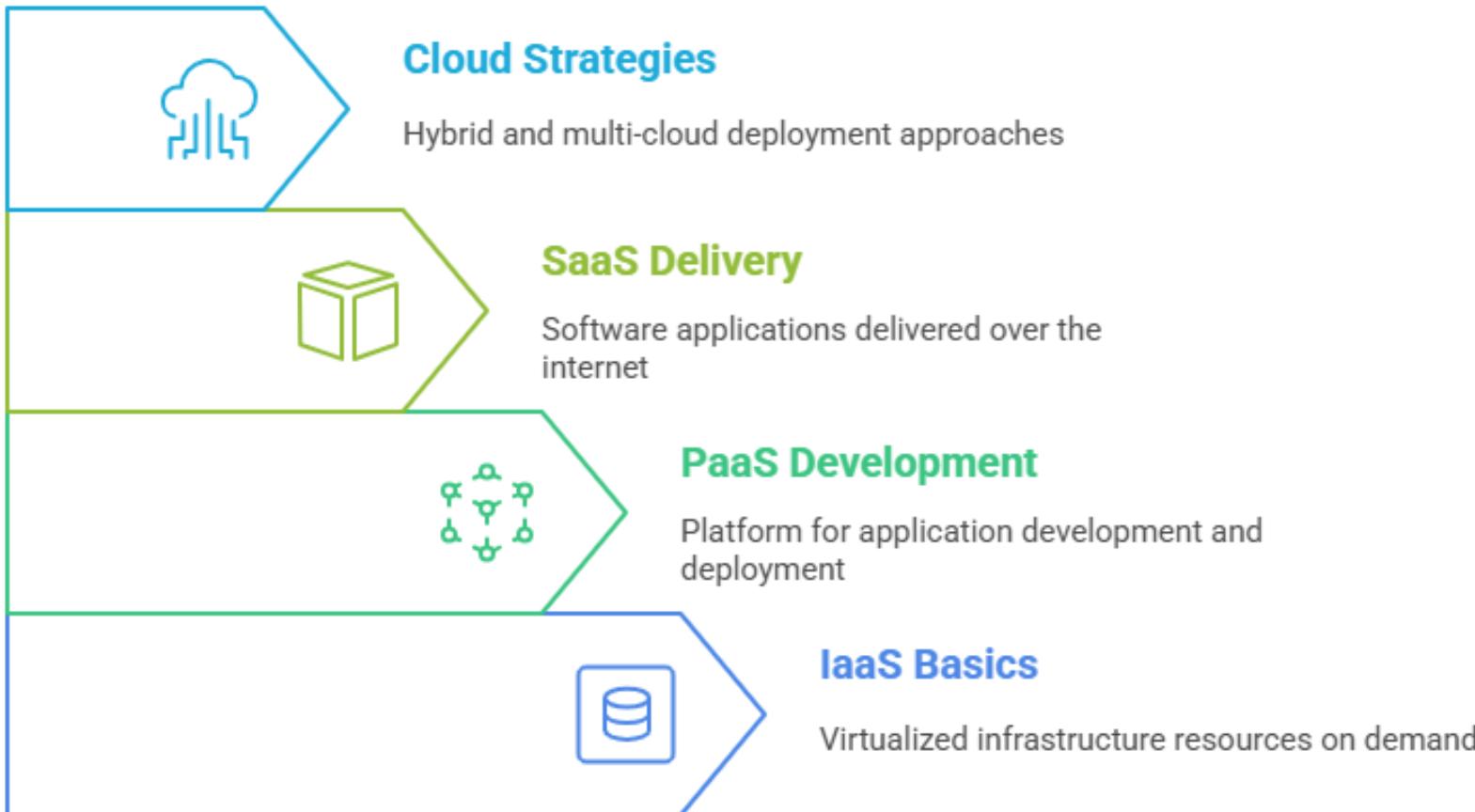
Cloud computing is a way to access resources as you need them—scalable and flexible, much like how you use utilities such as electricity.

- On-demand delivery of IT resources over the Internet
- Scalable, flexible, and cost-effective solution
- Comparable to a utility service like electricity

HISTORICAL EVOLUTION



REMINDER: KEY DEFINITIONS



KEY CHARACTERISTICS

On-Demand Self-Service

Users can provision resources without human intervention—no ticketing queues.

Broad Network Access

Accessible from anywhere, on any device—streamlines remote work and global teams.

Resource Pooling

Multi-tenant environments maximize utilization; resources are dynamically assigned.

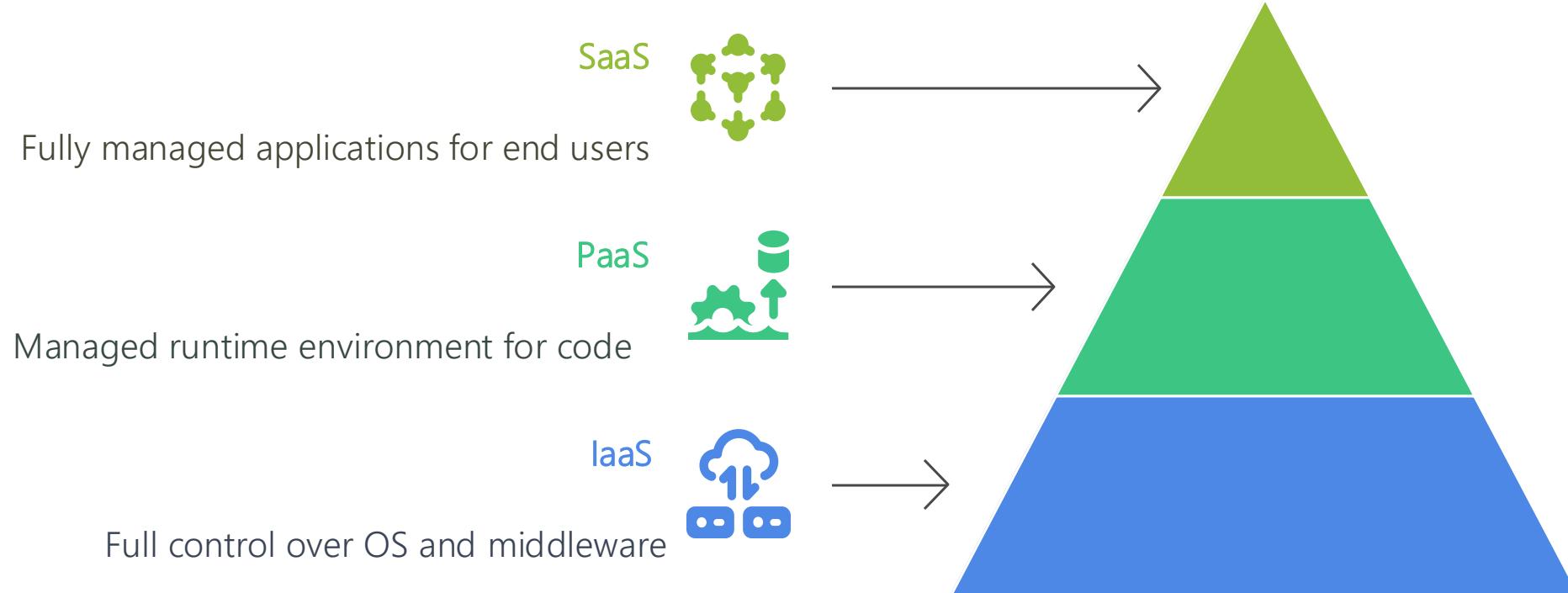
Rapid Elasticity

Automatically scale up or down to meet traffic spikes—ensuring performance at peak and minimal cost at troughs.

Measured Service

Detailed telemetry and metering allow precise cost allocation and usage tracking.

TYPES OF CLOUD SERVICES



CLOUD DEPLOYMENT MODELS

Public Cloud

Multi-tenant, hosted by a third party (e.g., Azure, AWS).

Private Cloud

Dedicated resources for one organization—could be on-premises or hosted.

Hybrid Cloud

Combination of public and private—data/workloads move between both environments.

Community Cloud

Shared infrastructure among organizations with common compliance or mission (e.g., government).

Decision-Making Matrix for Leaders

Evaluate control, cost, security, and compliance trade-offs.

CLOUD PROVIDERS OVERVIEW



DATA CENTER EVOLUTION

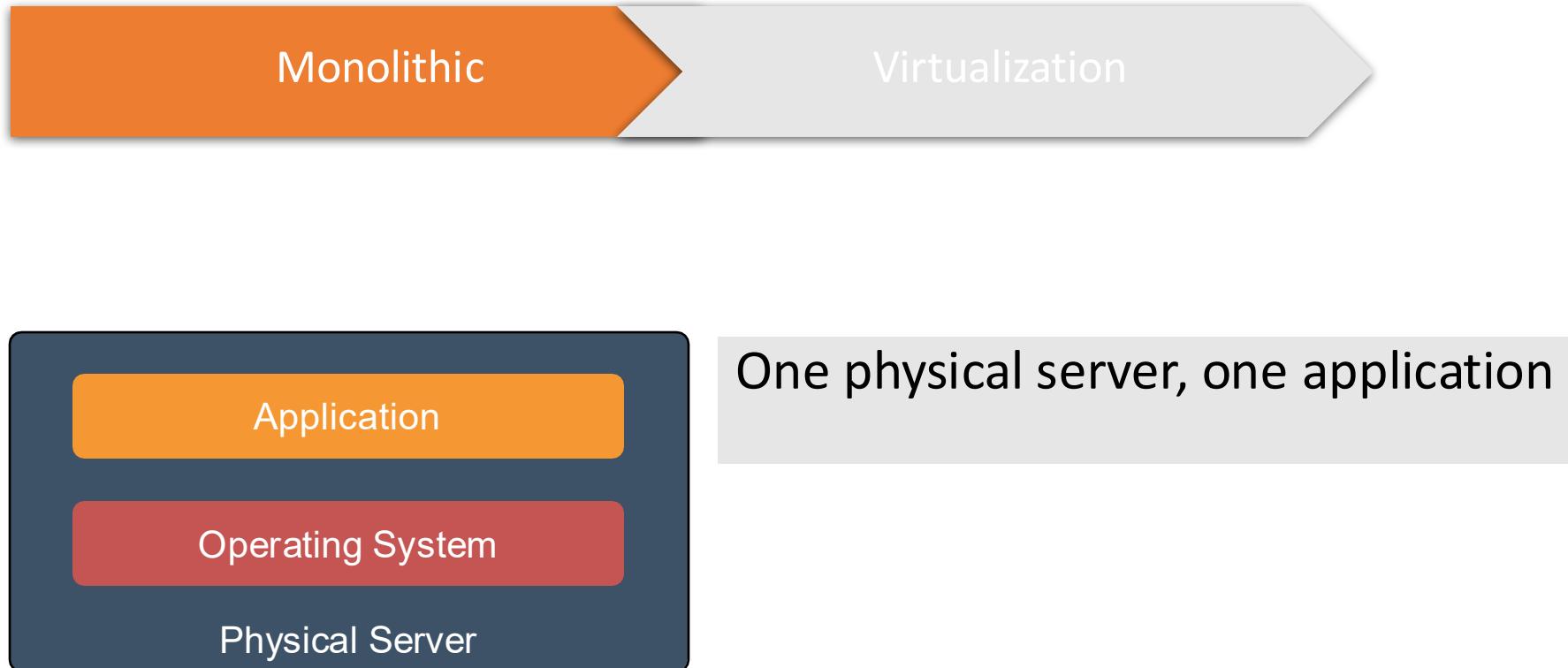


MONOLITHIC

Monolithic

Virtualization

MONOLITHIC SERVER ARCHITECTURE



MONOLITHIC SERVER ARCHITECTURE



One physical server, one application

Problems

- Slow deployment times
- Cost
- Wasted resources
- Difficult to scale
- Difficult to migrate

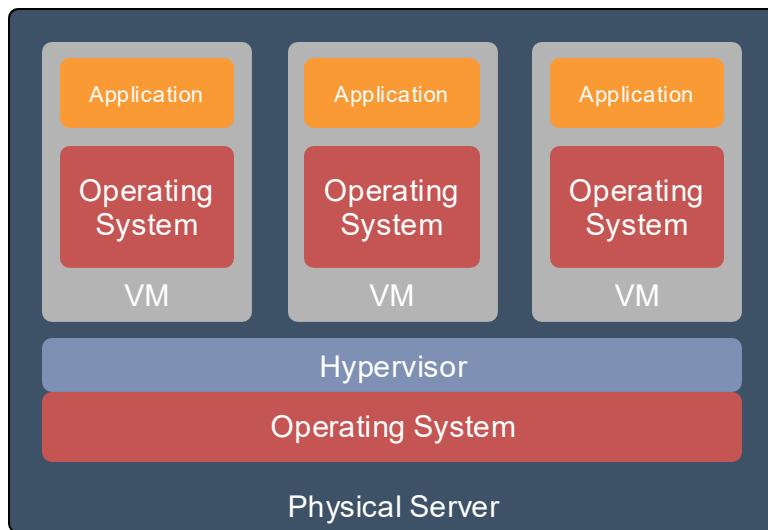
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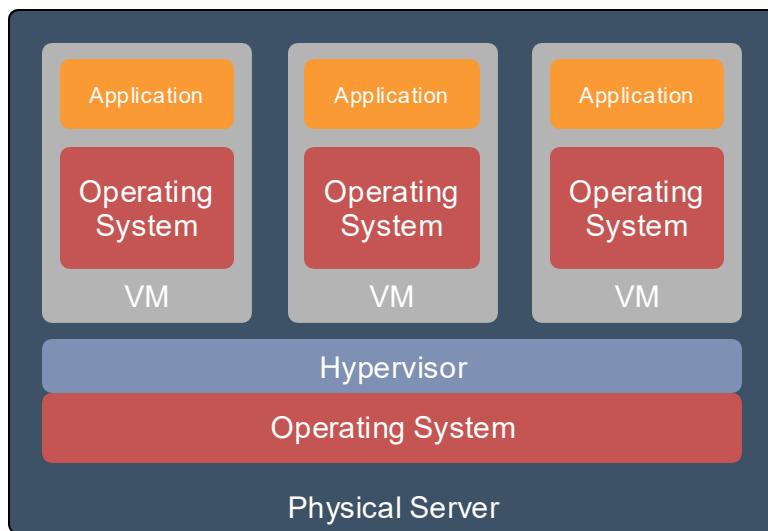
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POP QUIZ: DISCUSSION

What are some advantages of Virtual Machines?



VIRTUALIZED ARCHITECTURE



One physical server, multiple applications

Advantages

- Better resource pooling
- Easier to Scale
- **Enables Cloud/IaaS**
 - Rapid elasticity
 - Pay as you go model

Public Cloud

Straight Ahead



POP QUIZ: DISCUSSION

What is cloud computing?



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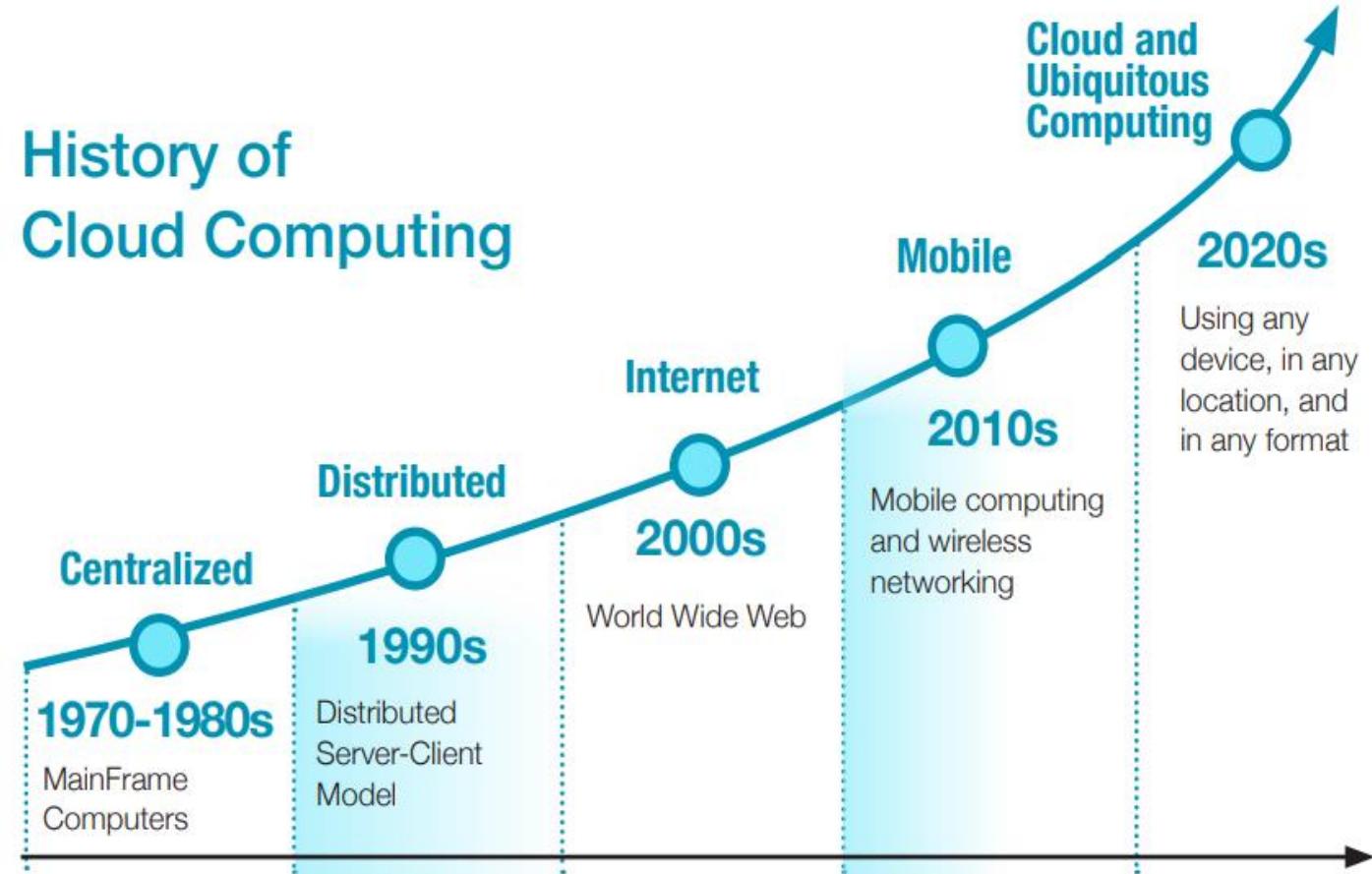
What is cloud computing?

Cloud computing is the on-demand delivery of IT resources over the internet, offering flexible and scalable solutions without significant up-front hardware investments. It has revolutionized how businesses operate, enabling them to access computing services as utilities—similar to electricity—paying only for what they use.



HISTORY OF CLOUD COMPUTING

The shift from centralized mainframes to globally distributed cloud services has redefined resource availability, cost efficiency, and scalability. Once reliant on costly, on-premises infrastructure, businesses now access on-demand computing power, reducing expenses and increasing flexibility. This evolution has streamlined IT operations and enabled real-time data processing and innovation on a global scale.



PUBLIC CLOUD

While numerous cloud vendors exist, the three dominant players—Amazon Web Services (AWS), Microsoft Azure, and Google Cloud Platform (GCP)—offer a comprehensive suite of services, global data center coverage, and robust security features. They're often the top choices for large-scale enterprise solutions.

- AWS: First to market, broadest range of services
- Azure: Deep integration with Microsoft products, strong hybrid capabilities
- GCP: Advanced in data analytics and AI/ML



PUBLIC CLOUD - AWS



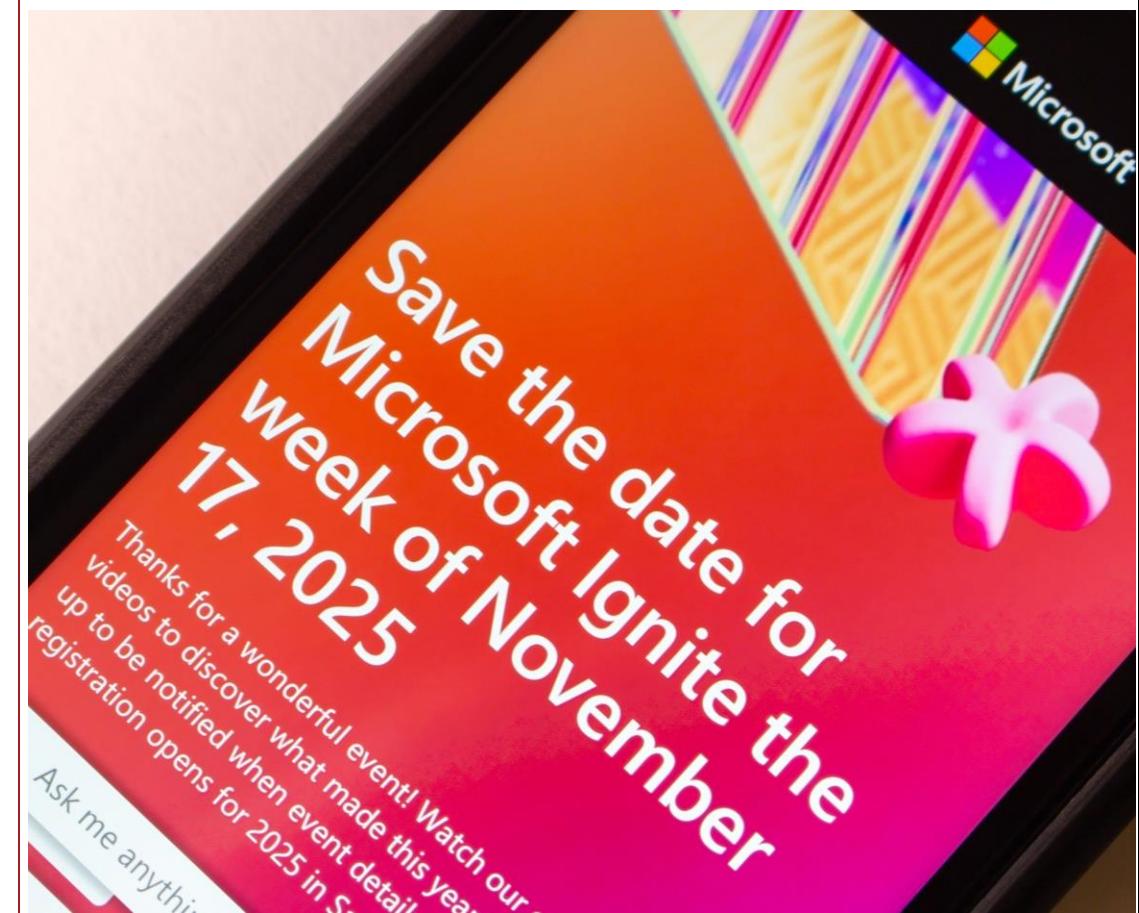
Amazon Web Services pioneered modern cloud computing and continues to lead in market share. It has a massive range of services, from compute and storage to machine learning and analytics.

- Strengths: Market maturity, extensive ecosystem, wide service range
- Challenges: Complex pricing, steep learning curve for advanced services
- Case Study: Netflix leverages AWS for global streaming, scaling resources based on demand peaks

PUBLIC CLOUD - AZURE

Azure is Microsoft's cloud platform, offering seamless integration with Windows Server, Active Directory, and Office 365. It excels in hybrid cloud scenarios due to Microsoft's enterprise presence.

- Strengths: Familiarity for Windows-centric shops, integrated developer tools (Visual Studio, GitHub)
- Challenges: Licensing complexities, reliance on Microsoft ecosystem
- Case Study: Fortune 500 companies use Azure to integrate on-prem data centers with the cloud



PUBLIC CLOUD - GCP



Google Cloud Platform leverages Google's expertise in analytics and AI, offering services like BigQuery for data warehousing and TensorFlow for machine learning. Although it has a smaller market share, it is steadily growing.

- Strengths: Advanced ML/AI tools, fast networking, strong Kubernetes support
- Challenges: Less enterprise legacy integration vs. AWS/Azure
- Case Study: Spotify uses GCP's data analytics to deliver real-time recommendations

WHY BUSINESSES CARE

From a leadership standpoint, cloud adoption can significantly impact competitive advantage.

Faster time-to-market, pay-as-you-go pricing, and global accessibility enable organizations to focus on strategic growth.

It's not just a technical shift—it's a business transformation.

Key drivers:

- Business agility and faster innovation
- Reduced capital expenditure (CapEx)
- Ability to pivot quickly in volatile markets



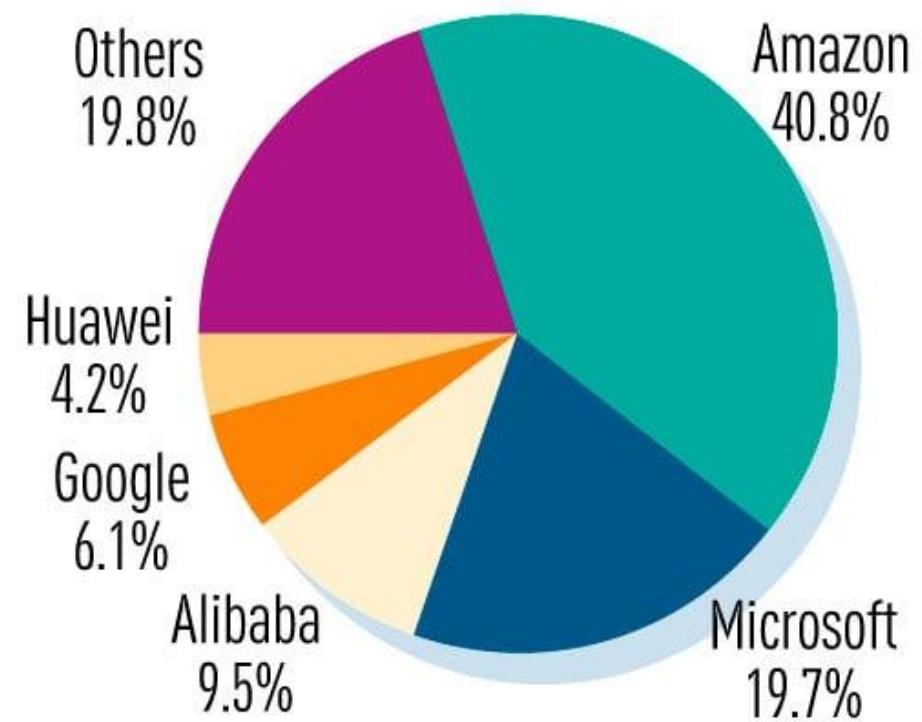
CLOUD MARKET SHARE (2020)

In 2020, Amazon dominated the global cloud market with a 40.8% share, significantly ahead of its competitors. Microsoft followed at 19.7%, with Google trailing behind at 6.1%. The remaining 19.8% was shared among other providers.

Amazon's leadership in the cloud space reflected its early market entry, broad service offerings, and extensive global infrastructure, positioning it as the preferred choice for enterprises seeking scalable and reliable cloud solutions.

Who's In The Cloud

Worldwide IaaS cloud market share



Source: Gartner

CLOUD MARKET SHARE (2025)

Cloud adoption is accelerating across all sectors.

While AWS remains the leader with an estimated 33–35% market share, Azure is closing the gap, and GCP invests heavily in AI/ML to differentiate itself.

- AWS: ~33–35%
- Azure: ~20–25%
- GCP: ~10% (growing)
- Others: IBM, Oracle, Alibaba, etc. capture the remainder

Amazon Maintains Dominant Lead in the Cloud Market

Worldwide market share of leading cloud infrastructure service providers in Q3 2024*



* Includes platform as a service (PaaS) and infrastructure as a service (IaaS) as well as hosted private cloud services

Source: Synergy Research Group



POP QUIZ: DISCUSSION

What are some characteristics of Infrastructure as a Service?



POP QUIZ: DISCUSSION

What are some characteristics of Infrastructure as a Service?

- **On-demand computing**
- **Highly customizable**
- **More security responsibility**



IAAS

- Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS)
 - Standard Offering
 - Automated
 - Self Provision
 - API



POP QUIZ: DISCUSSION

What are some characteristics of Platform as a Service?



POP QUIZ: DISCUSSION

What are some characteristics of Platform as a Service?

- **Pre-configured Development Environment**
- **Moderately customizable**
- **Reduced responsibility for security and scalability**



PAAS

- Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS)
 - Deployment environment
 - SDKs
 - Quick
 - API



POP QUIZ: DISCUSSION

What are some characteristics of Software as a Service?



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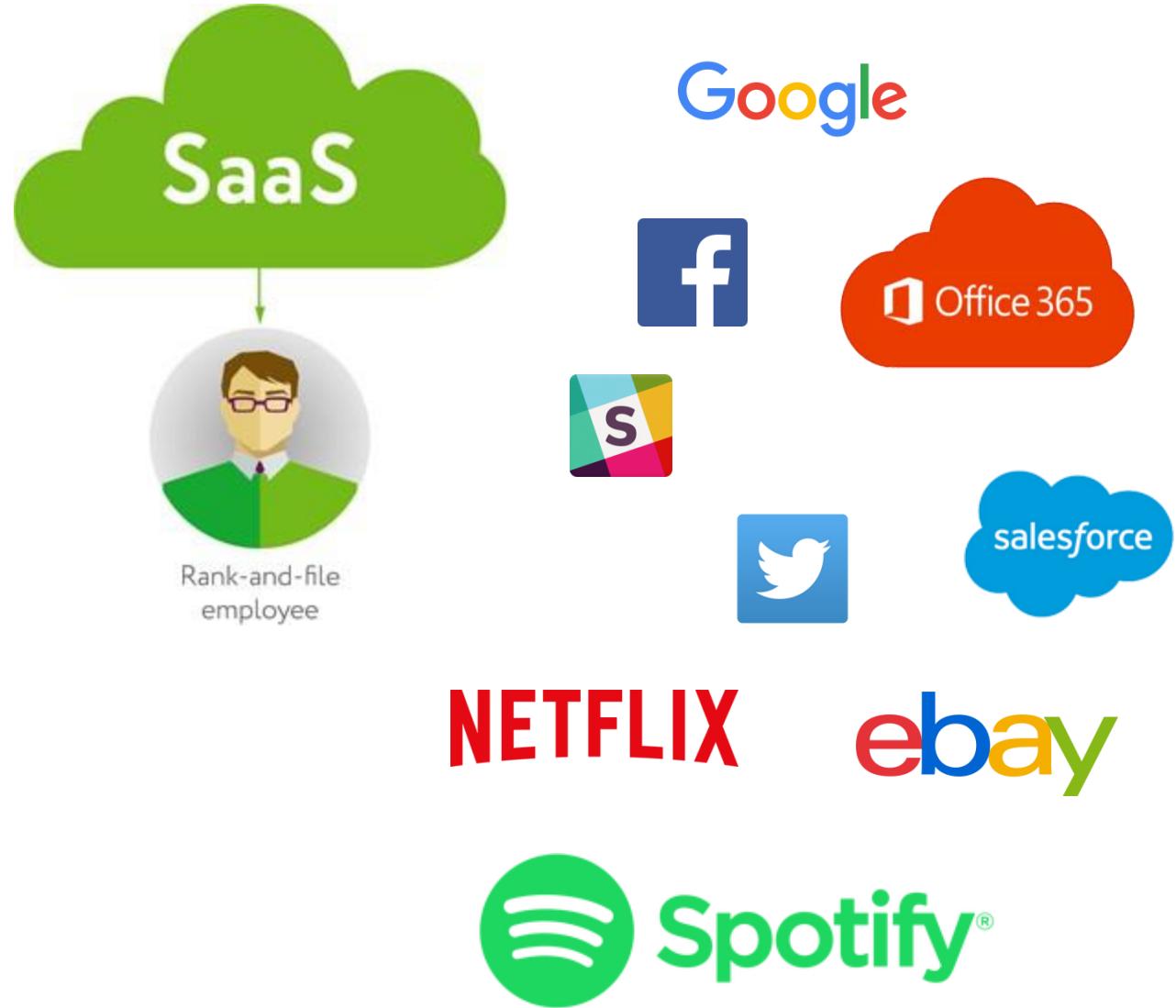
What are some characteristics of Software as a Service?

- **Fully managed software solution**
- **Minimal customization options**
- **Least responsibility for security and maintenance**

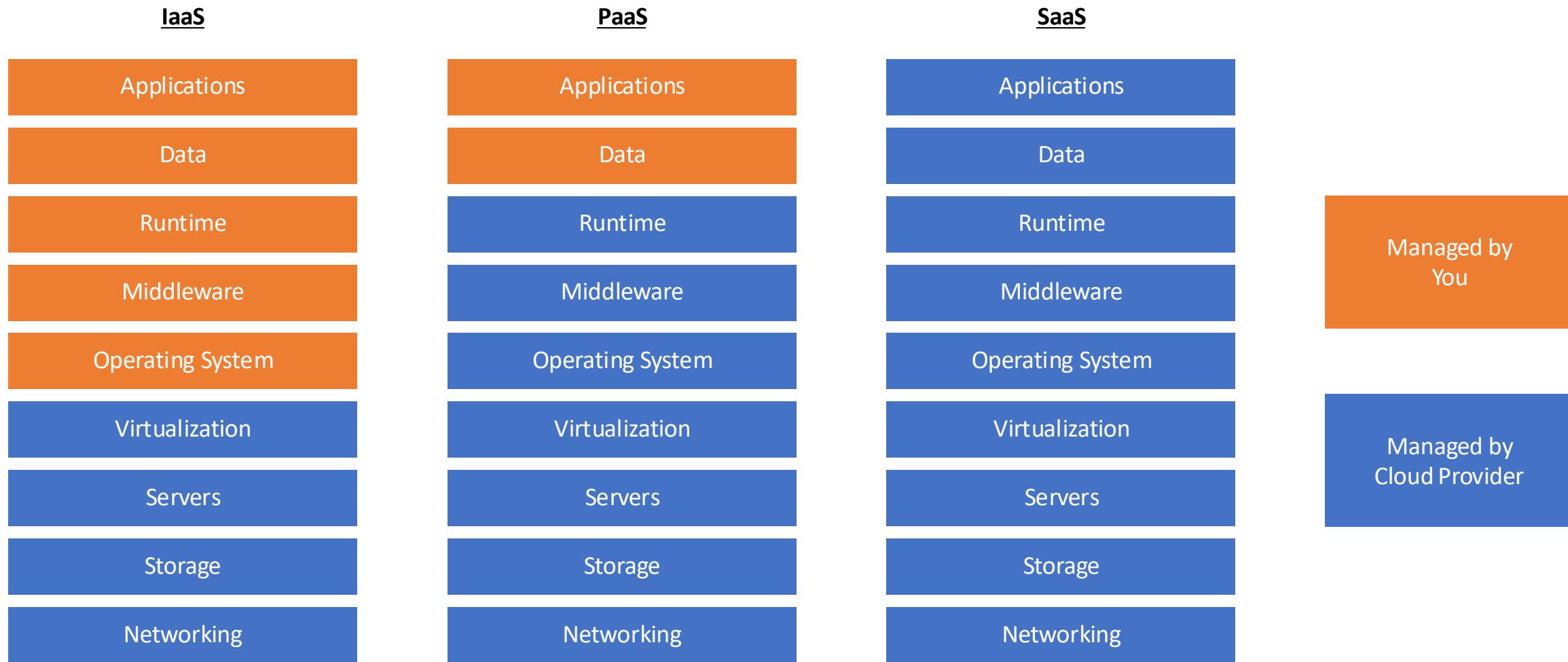


SAAS

- Software-as-a-Service (SaaS)
 - Cloud application services
 - Dropbox
 - Salesforce
 - Spotify
 - Evernote



IAAS, PAAS, SAAS VISUALIZED



THE CLOUD REVOLUTION

Defining Cloud Computing

- Cloud computing provides access to computing resources over the internet, enabling businesses to scale without physical infrastructure.

Benefits of cloud technology

- Scalability, flexibility, cost savings, and access to a vast array of services.

Key components

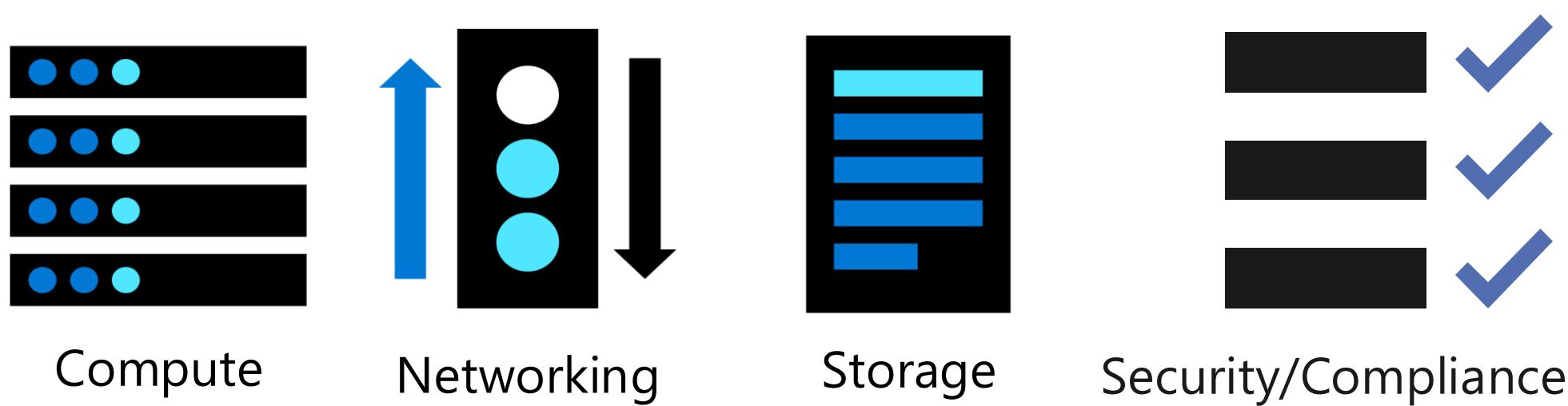
- Compute, storage, networking.

Business continuity and disaster recovery

- Ensures data resilience and high availability, which are critical in maintaining operational integrity.

KEY CLOUD COMPONENTS

Cloud Computing: The delivery of computing services over the internet, enabling faster innovation, flexible resources, and economies of scale.



TYPES OF CLOUD DEPLOYMENTS

Public Cloud

- Shared infrastructure accessible over the internet, owned by a cloud provider.

Private Cloud

- Dedicated infrastructure for a single organization, providing greater control over resources.

Hybrid Cloud

- Combines both public and private cloud elements, allowing businesses to run workloads on-premises and in the cloud.

Multi-Cloud Strategy

- Integration across multiple providers for resilience and choice.



PRIVATE CLOUD

•Dedicated Infrastructure

- Exclusive resources for a single organization.

•Enhanced Security

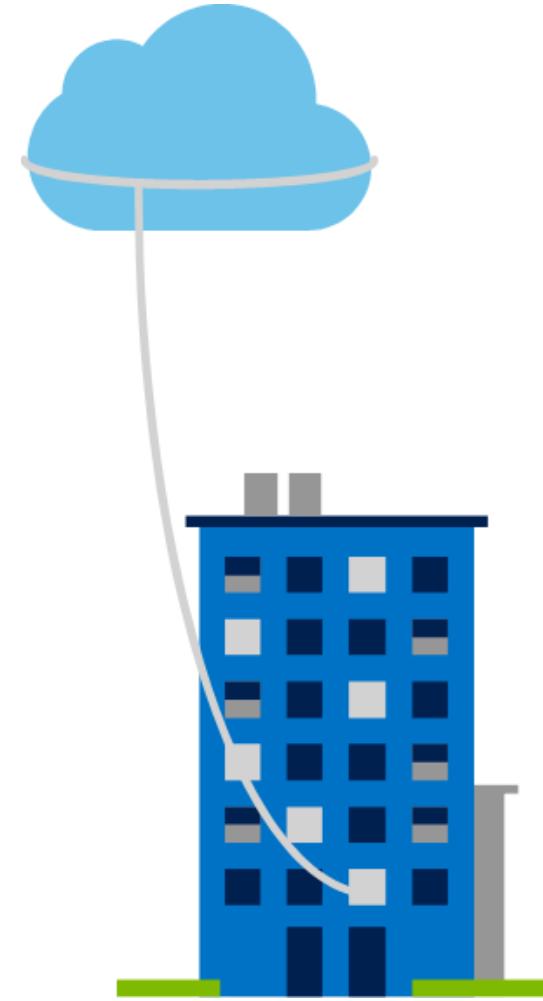
- Tight access controls and data protection.

•Compliance and Control

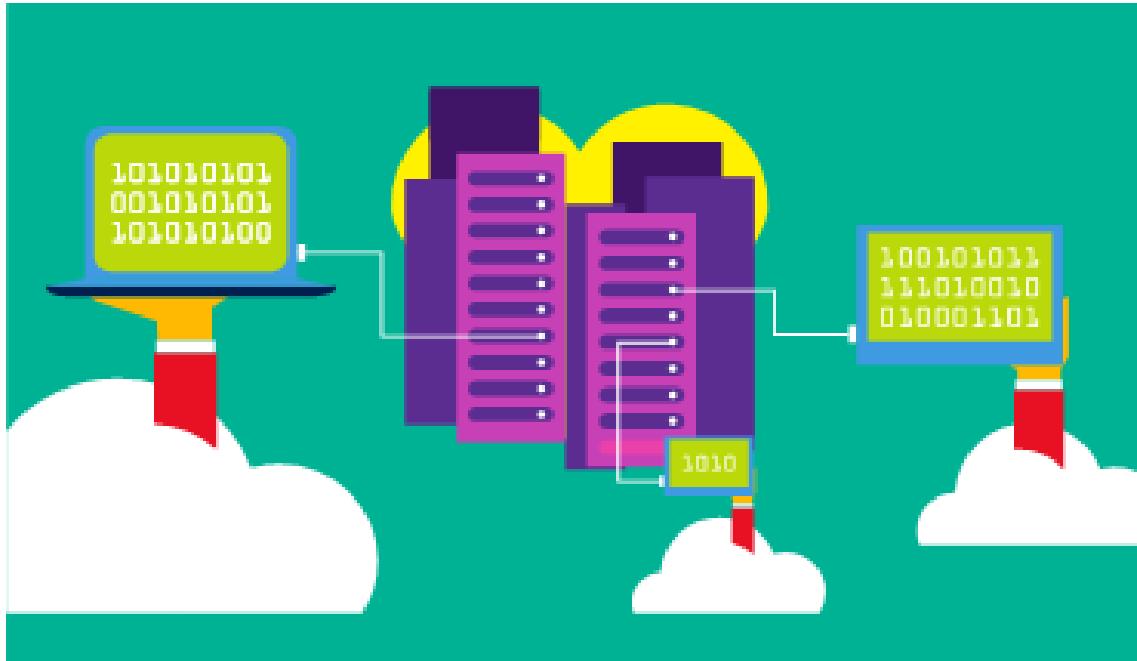
- Customizable to meet regulatory standards.

•On-Premises or Hosted

- Flexible deployment options based on organizational needs.



PUBLIC CLOUD



- **Shared Infrastructure**

- Resources hosted and maintained by cloud providers.

- **Cost Efficiency**

- Lower costs with pay-as-you-go pricing.

- **High Scalability**

- Rapidly expand or reduce resources based on demand.

- **Managed Services**

- Comprehensive support and maintenance by providers.

HYBRID CLOUD

- **Mixed Deployment**

- Combines on-premises, private, and public cloud resources.

- **Flexibility and Control**

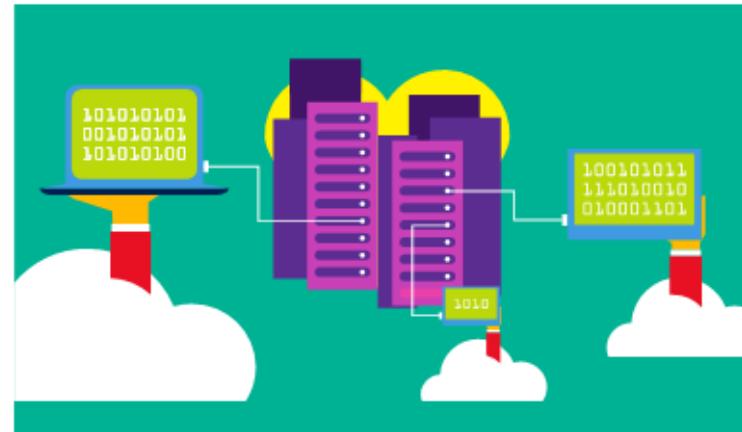
- Allows data and workloads to reside in optimal environments.

- **Enhanced Security Options**

- Secure, compliant solutions by integrating private data centers.

- **Seamless Data Flow**

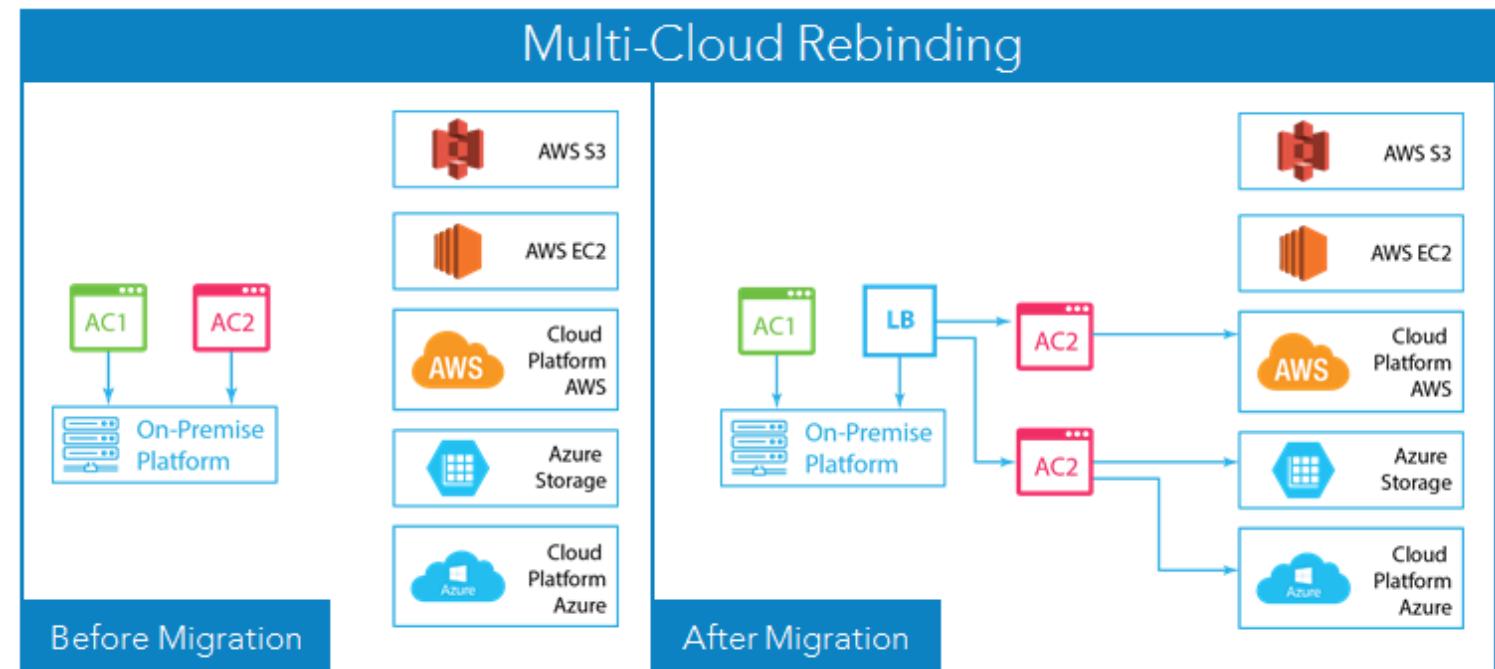
- Ensures data consistency and smooth operations across environments.



MULTI - CLOUD

Many enterprises adopt multi-cloud strategies to avoid vendor lock-in and optimize costs.

- Ensures flexibility but adds management complexity
- Best Practices: Common governance framework, consistent security policies across clouds



COMMON CLOUD MISCONCEPTIONS



Despite widespread adoption, myths persist about cloud computing. Executives must address these head-on to shape realistic expectations and gain organizational buy-in.

- “Cloud is always cheaper”: Costs can rise if resources aren’t managed
- “We’ll lose all control”: Proper governance ensures control and security
- “Migration is quick and easy”: Requires careful planning, refactoring, and training

CLOUD ECONOMICS

Cloud providers charge for compute, storage, and data transfer based on usage. While this can lead to savings, costs can escalate if resources aren't carefully managed.

Governance strategies—like setting budgets and analyzing usage patterns—are crucial.

Key Elements:

- Compute Costs: Instance hours, container usage, serverless calls
- Storage Costs: Data retention, snapshots, backups
- Data Transfer: Ingress is often free, egress can be costly



POP QUIZ: DISCUSSION

Divide into small groups. Each group lists three ways your organization could cut costs by migrating a core app to the cloud. Share one key cost-saving idea with the class after your discussion.

Focus Questions:

- Which app components are best suited for immediate migration?
- How can we leverage auto-scaling or reserved instances effectively?
- What governance policies should we implement?



10 MINUTES

CLOUD ADOPTION: A LEADERSHIP PERSPECTIVE

Developing a cloud adoption strategy

- Leadership should prioritize initial workloads, balancing cost-effectiveness with operational needs and aligning them with business goals.

Aligning cloud initiatives with business goals

- Cloud adoption should support objectives such as cost optimization, customer experience improvement, and innovation.

Overcoming challenges

- Leaders must address concerns like security risks and internal resistance by fostering open communication, offering training, and setting clear objectives.

Ensuring a phased approach

- A phased implementation can help mitigate risks, allowing for testing, adjustments, and improvements in manageable stages.



DISCUSSION: CLOUD FUNDAMENTALS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION

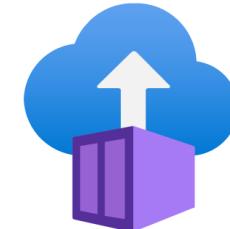


EMERGING CLOUD TECHNOLOGIES

- **Serverless Computing:** Run code without managing servers
- **Containerization & Microservices:** Accelerate development cycles and improve scalability
- **Edge Computing & IoT:** Bringing computing power closer to the data source
- **Strategic Impact:** Driving innovation, agility, and faster time-to-market

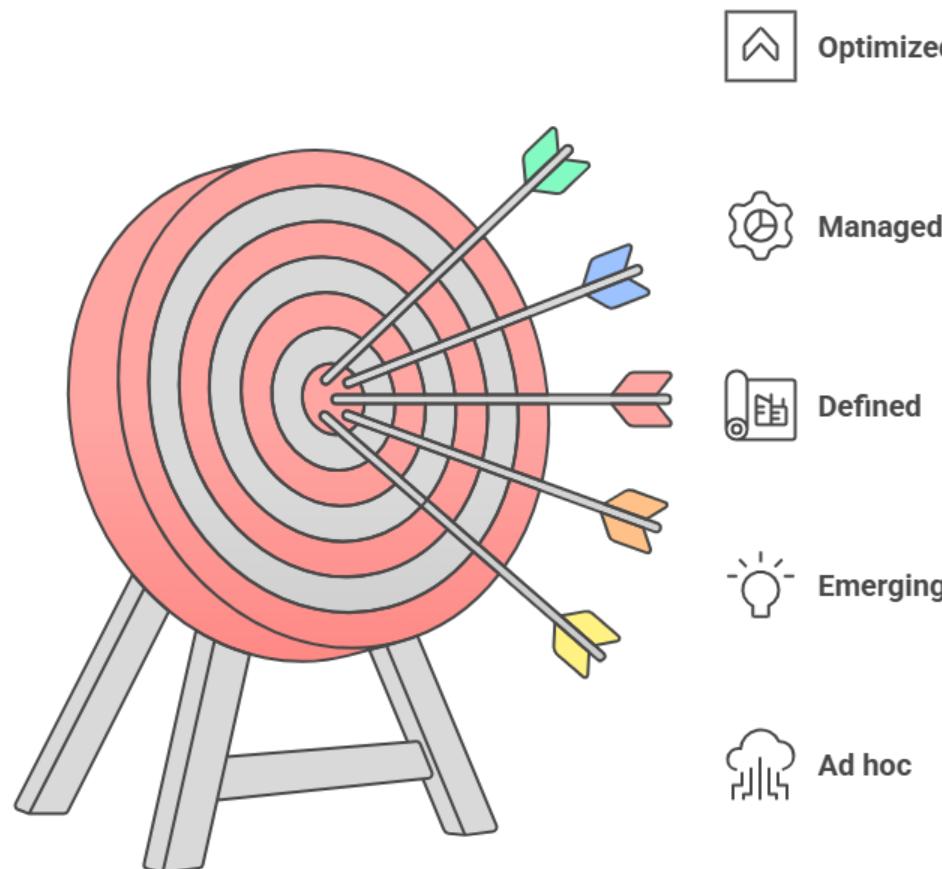


Azure
Functions



Azure IoT Hub

CLOUD MATURITY MODELS & ROAD MAPPING



- **Understanding Maturity Models:** Assessing your organization's current cloud capabilities
- **Key Stages:** From initial adoption and experimentation to full-scale optimization
- **Road mapping:** Aligning cloud initiatives with strategic business objectives
- **Metrics for Success:** Setting milestones, measuring ROI, and continuous improvement

INTERACTIVE QUESTION

Which cloud service model aligns best with your current business challenges and why?



INTRODUCTION TO CLOUD PRICING MODELS

- **Different pricing models:** Pay-as-you-go vs. reserved instances
- On-demand pricing and its flexibility
- The importance of monitoring usage to control costs

Pay as you go

Pay for compute capacity by the second, with no long-term commitments or upfront payments. Increase or decrease consumption on demand.

[Learn more >](#)

Azure savings plan for compute

Save money across select compute services globally by committing to spend a fixed hourly amount for 1 or 3 years, unlocking lower prices until you reach your hourly commitment. Suited for dynamic workloads while accommodating for planned or unplanned changes.

[Learn more >](#)

Reserved Instances

Azure Reserved Virtual Machine Instances provide significant cost reduction, compared to pay-as-you-go rates, when you commit to one-year or three-year terms. Suited for stable, predictable workloads with no planned changes.

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Spot

Buy unused Azure compute capacity at deep discounts to run interruptible workloads.

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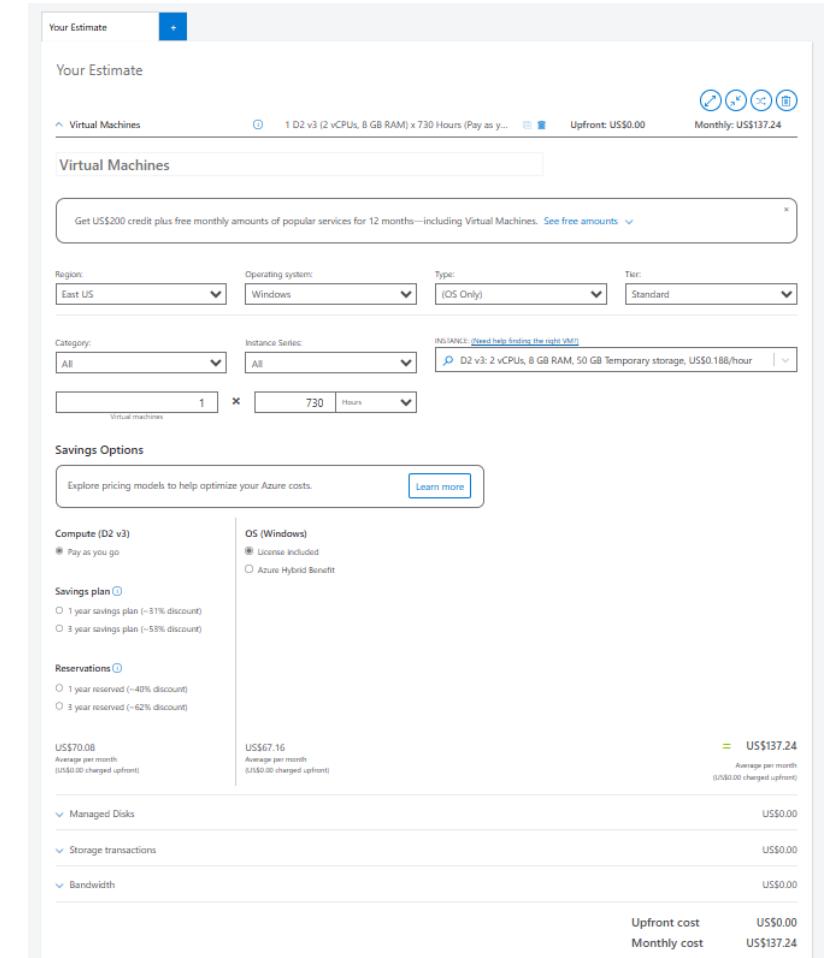
KEY COST DRIVERS

- **Compute Costs:** Expenses related to virtual machines, containers, and serverless functions.
- **Storage Costs:** Costs for data retention, backups, and archival storage.
- **Data Transfer:** Fees for moving data in and out of the cloud environment.
- **Licensing & Software:** Consider any additional licensing costs for software deployed in the cloud.
- **Resource Allocation:** Efficient management of resources can significantly reduce overall costs.



STRATEGIES FOR COST OPTIMIZATION

- **Auto-Scaling:**
Automatically adjust resources based on demand to avoid over-provisioning.
- **Right-Sizing:**
Ensure that instances match workload requirements for optimal performance.
- **Utilize Reserved Instances:**
Commit to longer terms for predictable workloads to lower costs.
- **Cost Management Tools:**
Leverage tools like Azure Cost Management for monitoring and analysis.
- **Regular Audits:**
Perform periodic reviews of usage patterns and costs to identify savings opportunities.



STRATEGIES FOR COST OPTIMIZATION

Leveraging Azure Hybrid Benefit:

Use existing Windows Server licenses (with Software Assurance) to significantly lower licensing costs on Azure VMs.

Utilizing Azure Spot VMs:

Deploy non-critical, interruptible workloads on Spot VMs to capture steep discounts when capacity is available.

Tagging and Chargeback Models:

Implement a robust tagging strategy to allocate costs by department or project, enabling accurate chargebacks and enhanced accountability.

Architectural Optimization:

Reevaluate and consolidate workloads to optimize resource usage, potentially redesigning applications for greater efficiency on Azure.

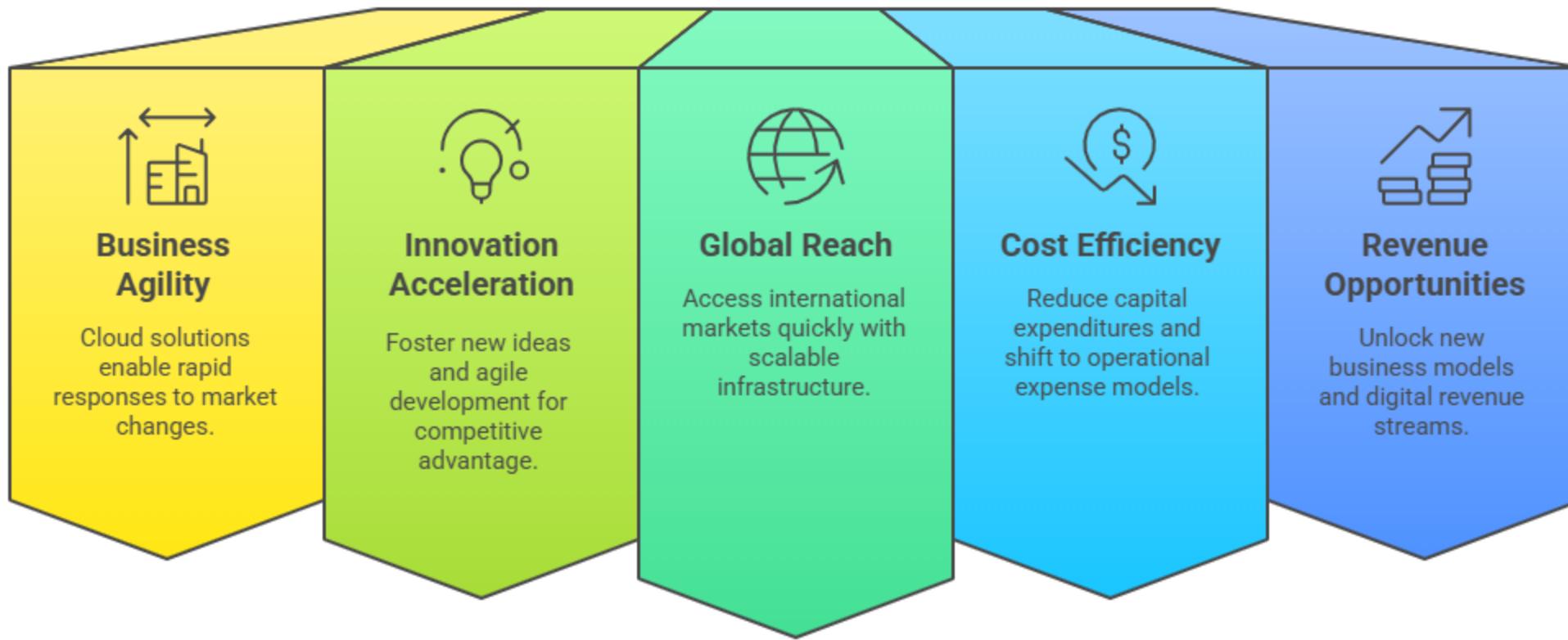
Automation with AI-Driven Tools:

Adopt automation platforms that use machine learning to analyze usage patterns and recommend proactive cost-saving adjustments in real time.

GROUP DISCUSSION: IDENTIFY COST SAVING OPPORTUNITIES



BENEFITS OF CLOUD ADOPTION BEYOND TECHNOLOGY



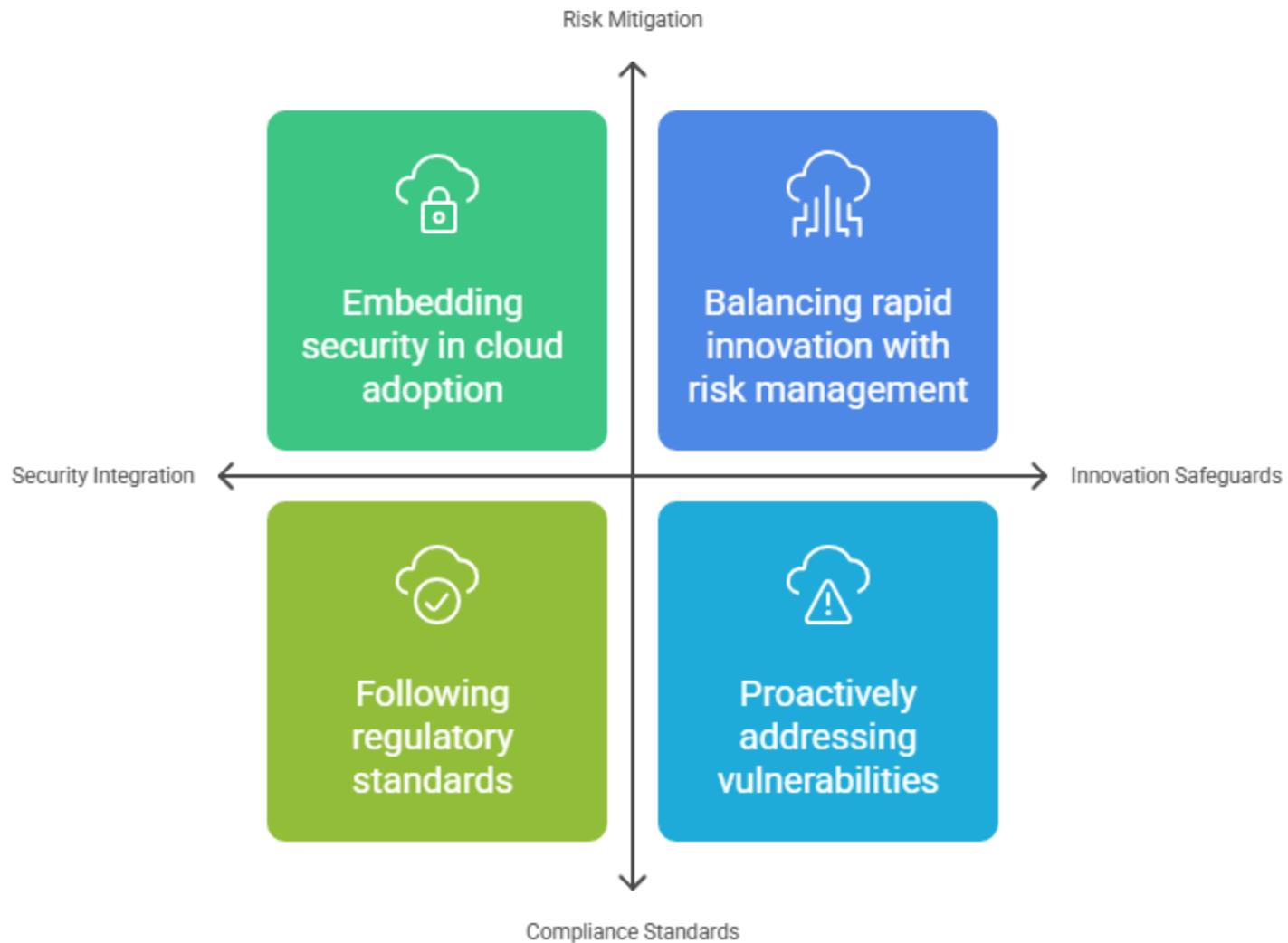
Cloud solutions empower organizations with unmatched business agility, enabling them to access international markets quickly through scalable infrastructure while reducing capital expenditures by shifting to an operational expense model.

ENABLING SCALABILITY & GLOBAL REACH

- **Rapid Resource Scaling:**
Adjust computing power quickly to meet demand fluctuations.
- **Global Data Centers:**
Leverage a worldwide network for improved latency and performance.
- **Improved Customer Experience:**
Ensure high availability and fast service delivery globally.
- **Market Expansion:**
Enter new markets without significant upfront investments.
- **Competitive Edge:**
Achieve operational excellence that differentiates your business.



BALANCING INNOVATION WITH RISK MANAGEMENT



KEY CLOUD SERVICES FOR BUSINESS STRATEGY

Core Offerings:

Compute, Storage, and Networking services as the foundation.



Advanced Capabilities:

Leverage AI, Machine Learning, and Analytics for data-driven insights.



Azure Security

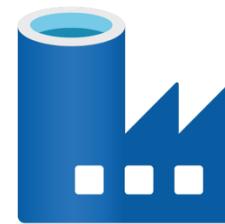
Security Tools:

Utilize Azure Security Center for threat detection and compliance.



Cost Management:

Employ Cost Management to monitor and optimize spending.



HYBRID CAPABILITIES & INTEGRATION

- **Seamless Connectivity:**
Integrate on-premises infrastructure with Azure via Azure Arc.
- **Flexible Deployment:**
Adopt hybrid models that balance legacy systems with cloud innovation.
- **Latency Reduction:**
Improve performance by placing resources closer to users.
- **Security Enhancements:**
Maintain consistent security across on-prem and cloud environments.
- **Operational Efficiency:**
Streamline management with centralized tools and dashboards.



Seamless
Connectivity



Flexible
Deployment



Latency
Reduction



Security
Enhancements



Operational
Efficiency

POP QUIZ: DISCUSSION

FinSolve's online loan application experiences a 500% traffic spike each month when interest rates are announced. The leadership team wants to ensure the application scales automatically to maintain performance during spikes and avoid paying for idle capacity the rest of the month. Which combination of cloud characteristics best satisfies these requirements?

- A) Broad Network Access + On-Demand Self-Service
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- C) Rapid Elasticity + Measured Service
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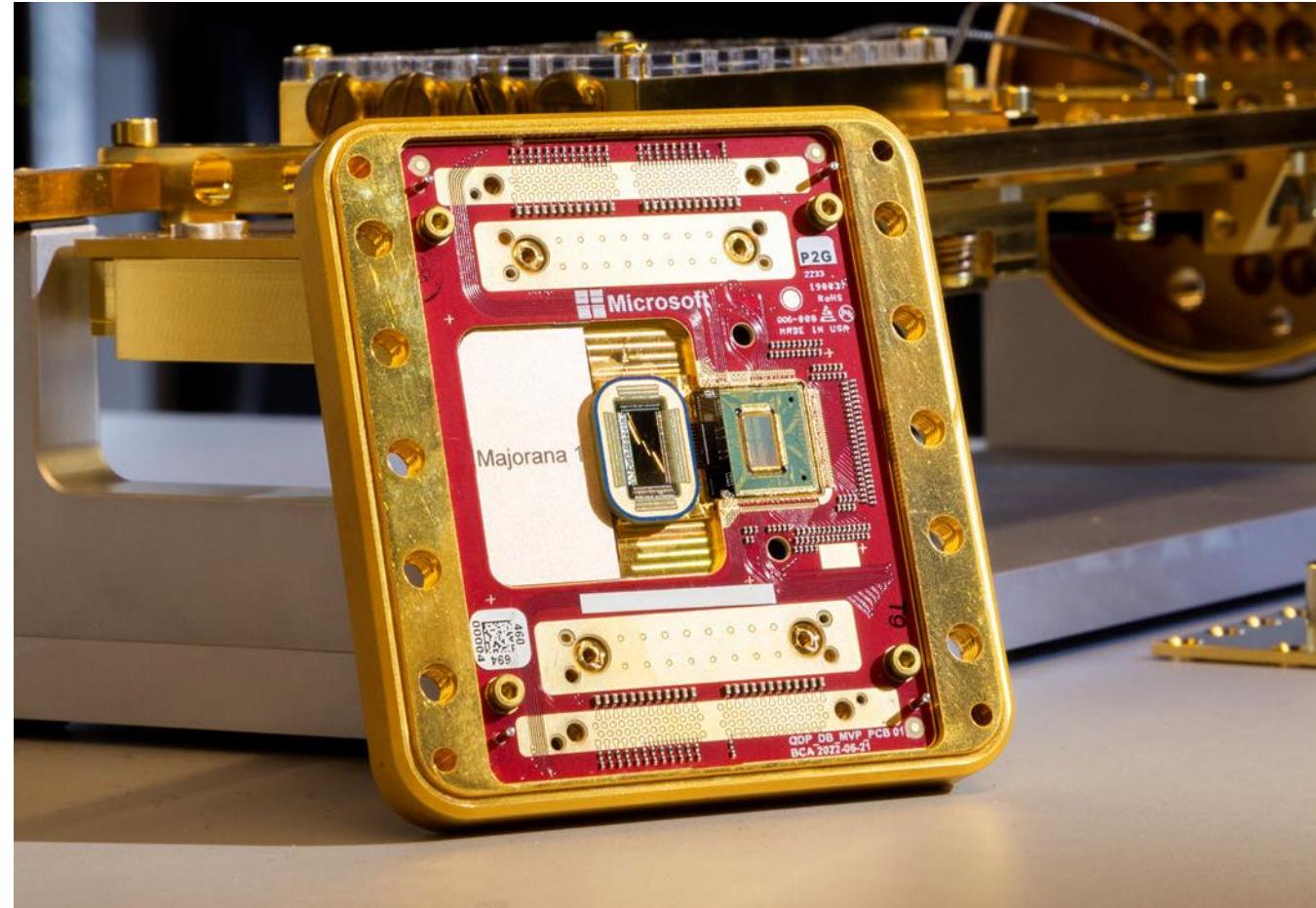


EMERGING TRENDS

Quantum
Computing

Strategic
Innovation

Blockchain
integration



[Microsoft's Majorana 1 chip carves new path for quantum computing - Source](#)

IMPORTANCE OF CLOUD ARCHITECTURE

Foundation for Operations:

A well-designed architecture is the backbone that supports reliability and scalability.

Business Alignment:

Ensures IT infrastructure directly supports business objectives and growth.

Cost Efficiency:

Optimizes resource usage, minimizing waste and controlling operational expenses.

Enhanced Security:

Incorporates layered security measures to protect sensitive data and comply with regulations.

Performance Optimization:

Design choices directly impact system performance, affecting latency and throughput.

ROLE OF LEADERSHIP IN CLOUD ARCHITECTURE

Vision and Strategic Alignment:

Leaders set the overall vision, ensuring that cloud architecture aligns with long-term business goals and innovation initiatives.

Risk Management and Governance:

Strong leadership establishes governance frameworks and risk mitigation strategies, ensuring robust security and regulatory compliance.

Resource Allocation:

Effective leaders secure the necessary budget, tools, and skilled personnel required for successful cloud architecture implementation.

Change Management:

Leaders drive cultural shifts and manage organizational change, helping teams adapt to new technologies and processes.

Continuous Improvement:

Leadership fosters an environment of ongoing learning and innovation, ensuring that cloud architecture evolves to meet emerging challenges and opportunities.

KEY ARCHITECTURAL PRINCIPLES

SCALABILITY

RESILIENCY

SECURITY

PERFORMANCE

MAINTAILABILITY

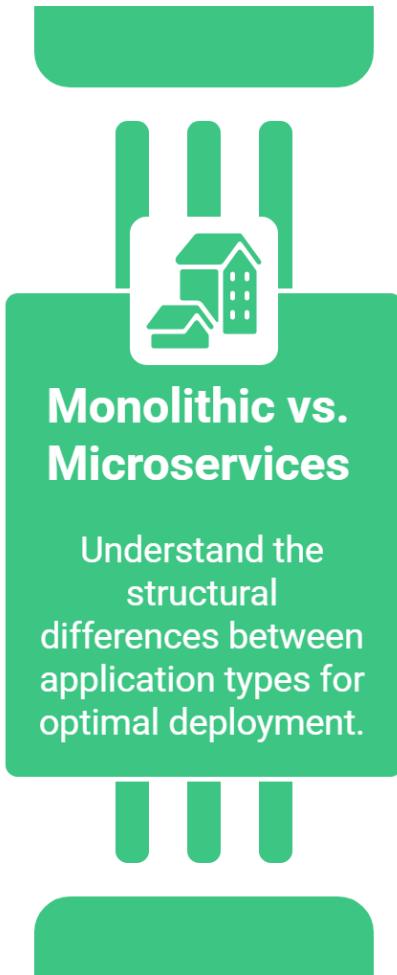


DESIGN FOR FAILURE

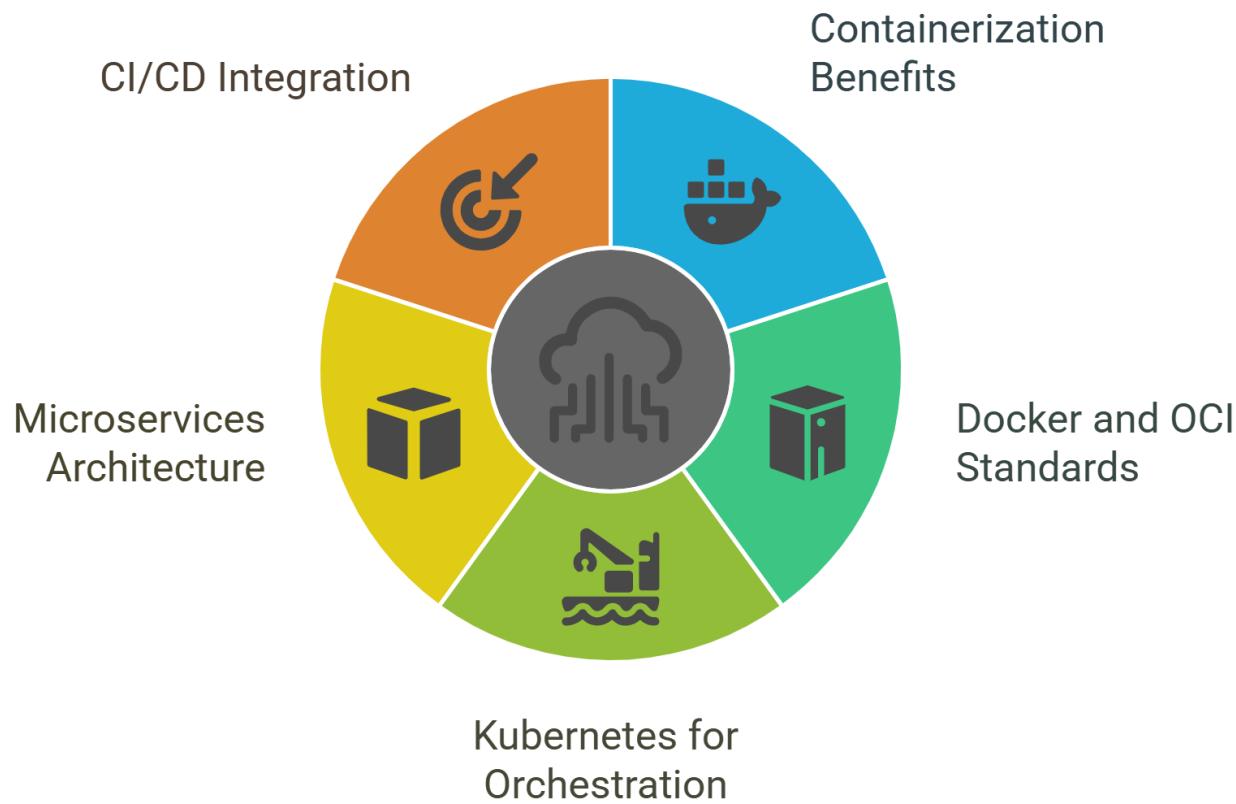


- **Assume Failure:**
Plan for inevitable component failures rather than expecting perfect uptime.
- **Implement Redundancy:**
Deploy multiple instances across different zones to ensure continuous service.
- **Automated Failover:**
Utilize failover mechanisms that automatically redirect traffic during outages.
- **Disaster Recovery Plans:**
Develop and regularly test comprehensive disaster recovery strategies.
- **Learn and Adapt:**
Use post-incident reviews to continuously improve system resilience.

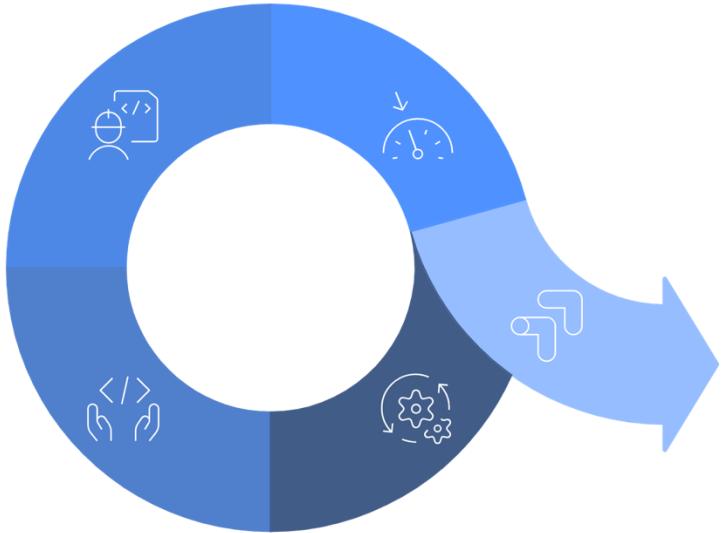
ARCHITECTURAL PATTERNS



CONTAINERIZATION & ORCHESTRATION



BENEFITS OF AZURE KUBERNETES SERVICE



1

Improve Operational Agility

Enhance flexibility and responsiveness in operations.

2

Enhance DevOps Capabilities

Strength development and operations collaboration.

3

Integrate CI/CD Pipelines

Streamline continuous integration and delivery processes.

4

Achieve Faster Deployments

Reduce time taken for application deployments.

5

Streamline Development Lifecycle

Optimize the overall process of software development.

Major companies such as Spotify and Airbnb use Kubernetes to handle high volumes of traffic with remarkable efficiency, showcasing the scalability and resilience of this approach.

PERFORMANCE OPTIMIZATION AND COST EFFICIENCY

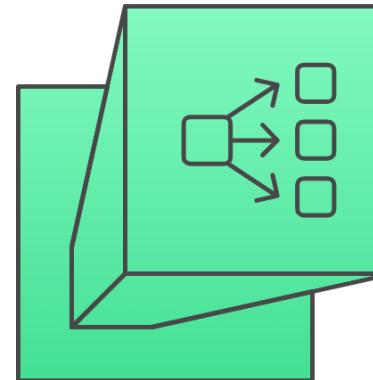
Content Delivery Networks

CDNs enhance global content delivery with complex setup.



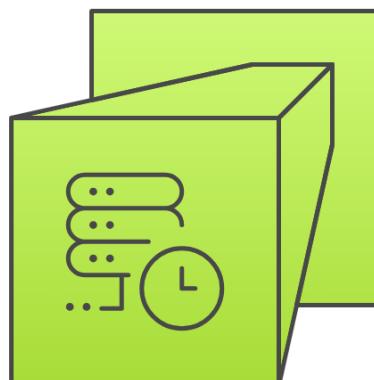
Load Balancing

Load balancing ensures optimal performance with minimal complexity.



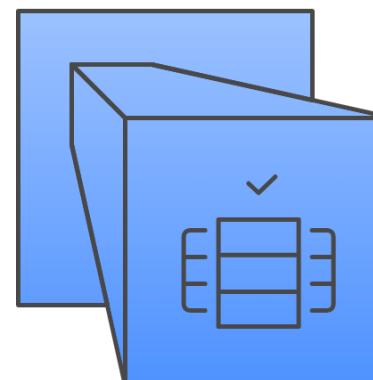
Caching Strategies

Caching strategies reduce latency with simple implementation.



Auto-Scaling Policies

Auto-scaling policies dynamically optimize resource use for peak performance.



CLOUD RESOURCE SCHEDULING & COST PREDICTION

Dynamic Resource Scheduling: Implement tools that automatically schedule resources based on workload demand, ensuring optimal performance and cost efficiency.

Cost Forecasting Models: Utilize predictive analytics to estimate future cloud expenditures and adjust resource allocation proactively.

Azure Cost Management Integration: Leverage Azure Cost Management and Billing to monitor usage trends and forecast costs accurately.

Usage Pattern Analysis: Analyze historical data to identify peak usage periods and potential cost-saving opportunities.

Automated Adjustments: Set up policies that trigger auto-scaling or downscaling based on real-time cost and performance metrics.

FUTURE TRENDS IN CLOUD ARCHITECTURE

Edge Computing Expansion:

Leverage edge computing to process data closer to the source, reducing latency and bandwidth usage.

AI-Driven Optimization:

Utilize artificial intelligence and machine learning to automate and enhance resource management and performance tuning.

Serverless Evolution:

Expect further advancements in serverless architectures, driving greater operational efficiency and cost savings.

Blockchain Integration:

Explore the potential of blockchain for secure, decentralized data management and improved transparency.

Sustainable Cloud Practices:

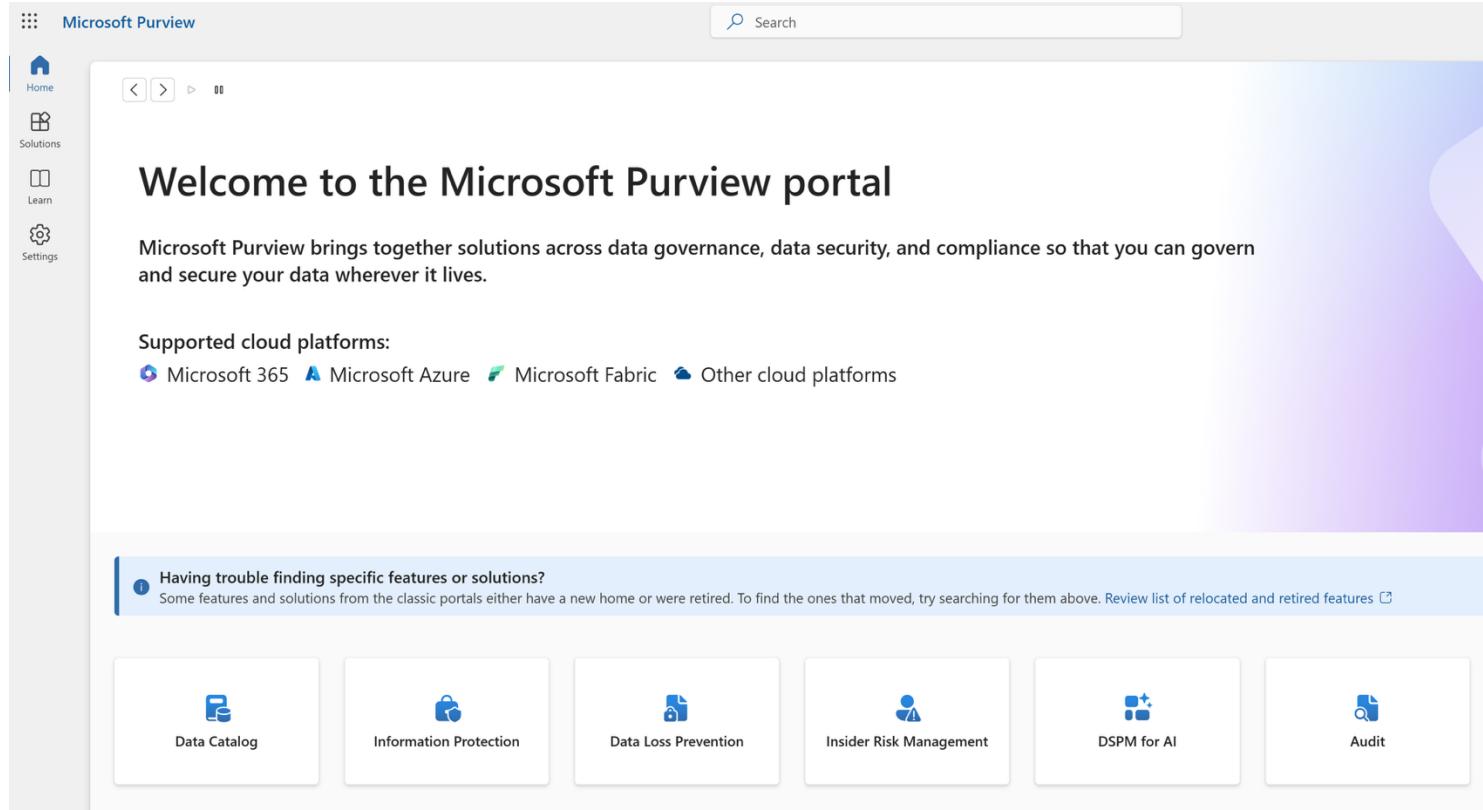
Adopt green computing strategies and energy-efficient architectures to meet environmental and regulatory standards.

INTEGRATION & INTEROPERABILITY WITH LEGACY SYSTEMS

- **Legacy System Assessment:** Evaluate existing on-premises systems and their compatibility with cloud services.
- **Middleware Solutions:** Utilize middleware and integration platforms (e.g., Azure Logic Apps) to bridge gaps between legacy and cloud systems.
- **Data Migration Strategies:** Plan phased migrations to gradually transition legacy data to cloud-based storage or databases.
- **API Management:** Develop APIs to facilitate communication between new cloud applications and legacy systems.
- **Interoperability Testing:** Conduct thorough testing to ensure seamless integration and minimal disruption to operations.



GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Purview portal homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with icons for Home, Solutions, Learn, and Settings, and a search bar. Below the navigation is a main header with the text "Welcome to the Microsoft Purview portal". A sub-header below it states: "Microsoft Purview brings together solutions across data governance, data security, and compliance so that you can govern and secure your data wherever it lives." A section titled "Supported cloud platforms:" lists "Microsoft 365", "Microsoft Azure", "Microsoft Fabric", and "Other cloud platforms". At the bottom of the page, there's a note about relocated features and a row of six tiles representing different services: Data Catalog, Information Protection, Data Loss Prevention, Insider Risk Management, DSPM for AI, and Audit.

- Develop clear policies for resource management, security, and compliance across the cloud environment.
- Implement RBAC to restrict access based on user roles and responsibilities.
- Use Azure Policy to automate compliance checks and enforce organizational standards.
- Set up regular audits and generate compliance reports to monitor adherence to policies.
- Ensure that your cloud architecture meets regional data residency requirements and industry regulations (e.g., GDPR, HIPAA).

ARCHITECTURAL DECISION-MAKING FRAMEWORK

Requirements Analysis

Collect detailed requirements from stakeholders to understand needs



Trade-Off Assessment

Evaluate trade-offs between cost, performance, security, and scalability



Prioritization of Business Needs

Rank initiatives based on their impact on business objectives and feasibility



Technology Evaluation

Review available cloud services and tools to determine the best fit



Documentation and Rationale

Record decision-making processes and justifications for future guidance



POP QUIZ:

Which of the following is NOT a recommended practice for designing high availability and disaster recovery in cloud architecture?

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- C. Relying on manual intervention during outages
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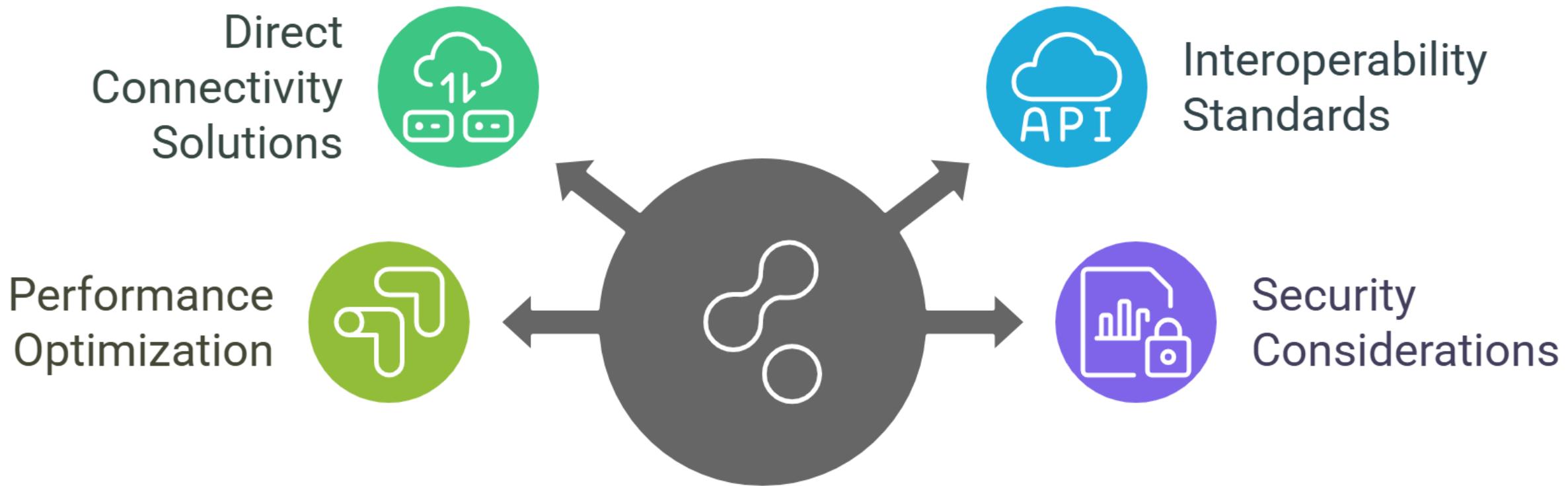
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HYBRID CONNECTIVITY STRATEGIES FOR LEGACY INTEGRATION



AI & AUTOMATION IN CLOUD ARCHITECTURE

Predictive Maintenance:

Use AI to predict hardware and software issues before they cause disruptions.

Resource Optimization:

Leverage machine learning to analyze usage patterns and optimize resource allocation dynamically.

Anomaly Detection:

Deploy AI-powered tools to detect and alert on abnormal system behavior in real time.

Automation of Routine Tasks:

Automate repetitive operational tasks to free up human resources for strategic initiatives.

Integration with DevOps:

Embed AI and automation in your CI/CD pipelines to improve deployment accuracy and efficiency.

FUTURE FOCUSED CLOUD ARCHITECTURE ROADMAP



Strategic Roadmap Creation:

Develop a clear, phased plan for evolving your cloud architecture over time.

Incorporate Emerging Technologies:

Plan to integrate future innovations such as quantum computing, AI enhancements, and advanced analytics.

Scenario Planning:

Develop multiple scenarios to prepare for varying future demand and technological advancements.

Stakeholder Involvement:

Engage leadership and key stakeholders in the roadmap planning process to ensure alignment with business goals.

CLOUD RISK IDENTIFICATION

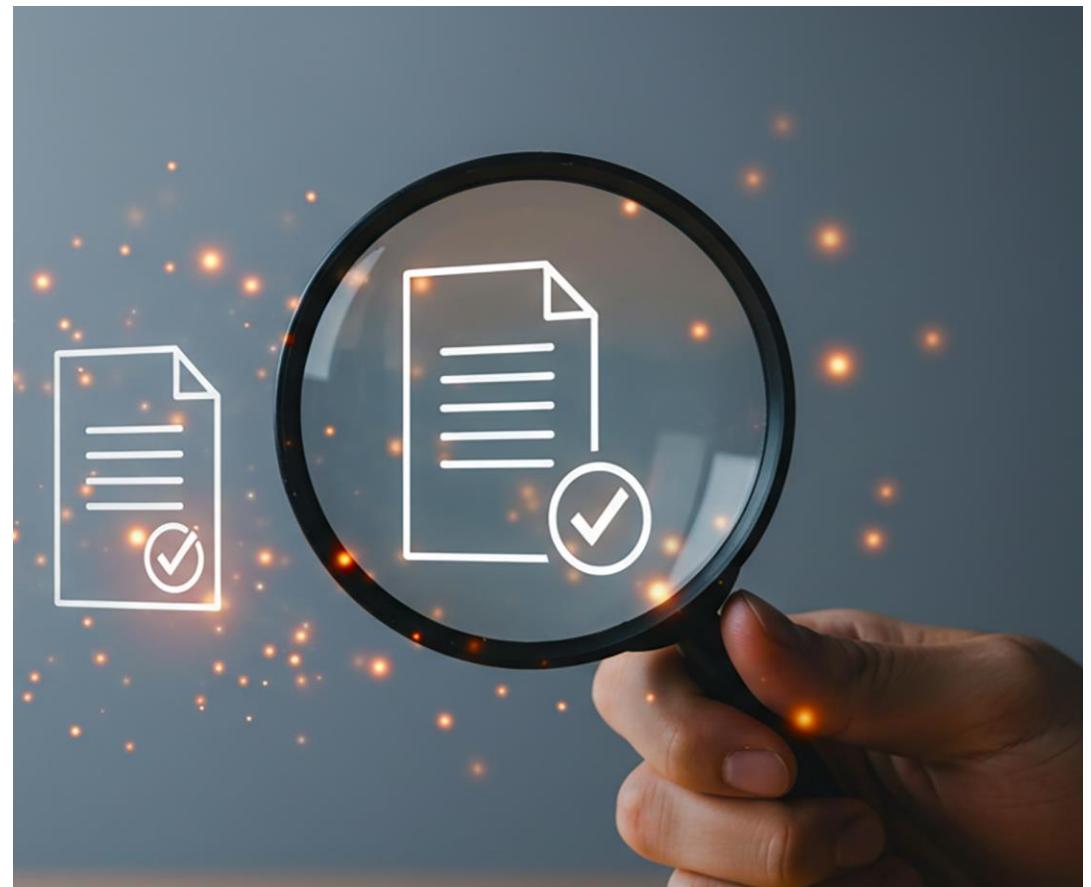
Definition: Identifying potential vulnerabilities in cloud environments

Importance: Proactive risk management to prevent breaches and ensure compliance

Overview: Process involves assessing threats, vulnerabilities, and impacts

Key stakeholders: IT, security teams, executive leadership

Tools and frameworks: Essential for systematic identification e.g. NIST Cybersecurity Framework



CASE STUDY



The 2019 Capital One breach, where a misconfigured AWS firewall exposed data of over 100 million customers, underscores the need for robust risk identification.

Regular audits could have prevented this incident (CSO Online).

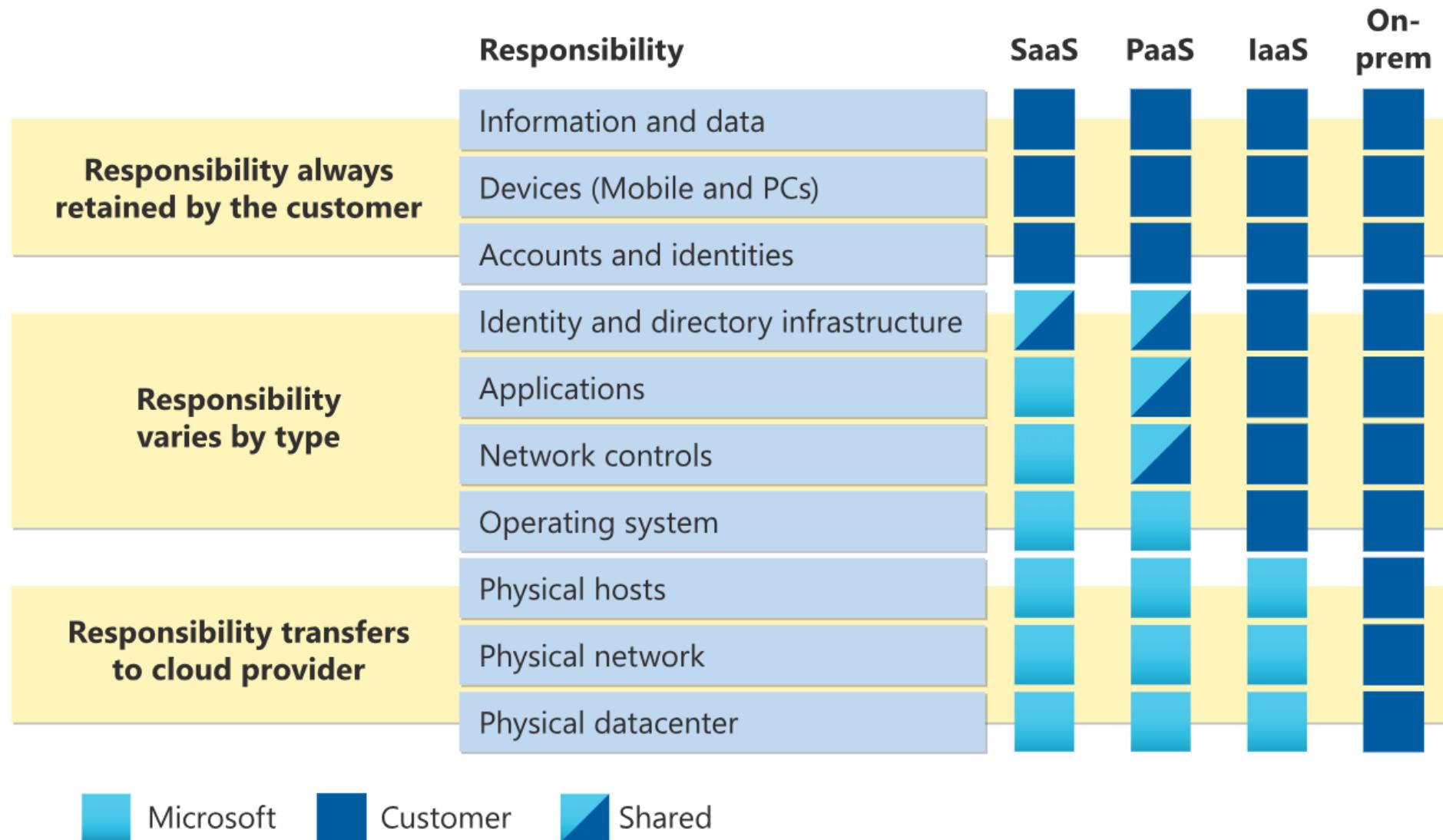
TYPES OF CLOUD RISKS



RISK IDENTIFICATION METHODS

- Threat modeling: Mapping potential attack vectors
- Vulnerability scanning: Automated detection of weaknesses
- Penetration testing: Simulating real-world attacks
- Compliance audits: Ensuring regulatory adherence
- Regular security assessments: Ongoing risk evaluation

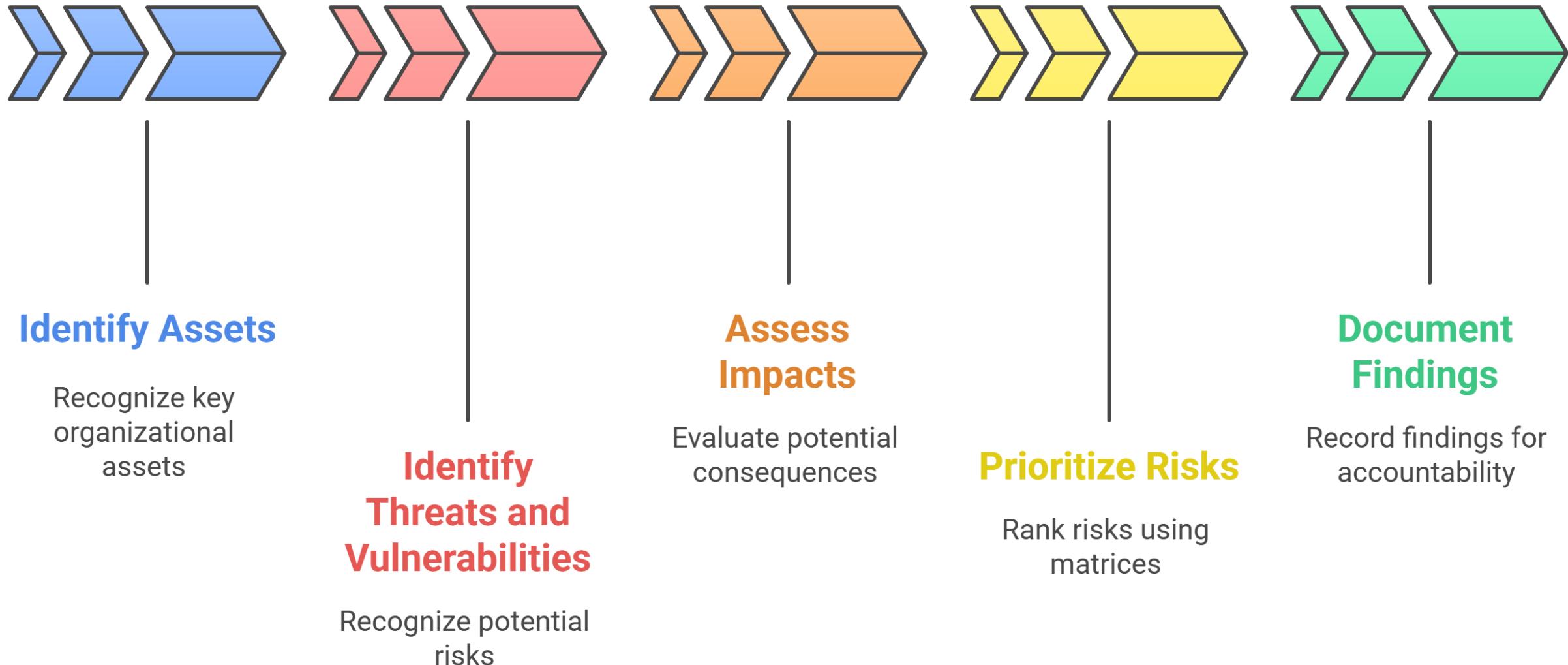
SHARED RESPONSIBILITY MODEL



RISK ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORKS

- NIST Cybersecurity Framework: Structured risk management
- ISO/IEC 27001: Information security standard
- CSA Cloud Controls Matrix: Cloud-specific controls
- CIS Controls: Prioritized security recommendations
- Selection based on industry, compliance needs

CONDUCTING A RISK ASSESSMENT



TOOLS FOR RISK IDENTIFICATION

- CSPM tools: Lacework, Prisma Cloud
- Vulnerability management: Qualys, Tenable
- Threat intelligence platforms
- Compliance management tools
- SIEM integration for visibility

GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE



Policy Development: Create clear governance policies

Regulatory Alignment: Comply with industry standards

Risk Assessments: Conduct regular audits

Role Definition: Clearly assign responsibilities

Azure Tools: Utilize Azure Policy and Blueprints

STRATEGIES FOR GOVERNANCE

Develop Frameworks: Establish organizational governance models

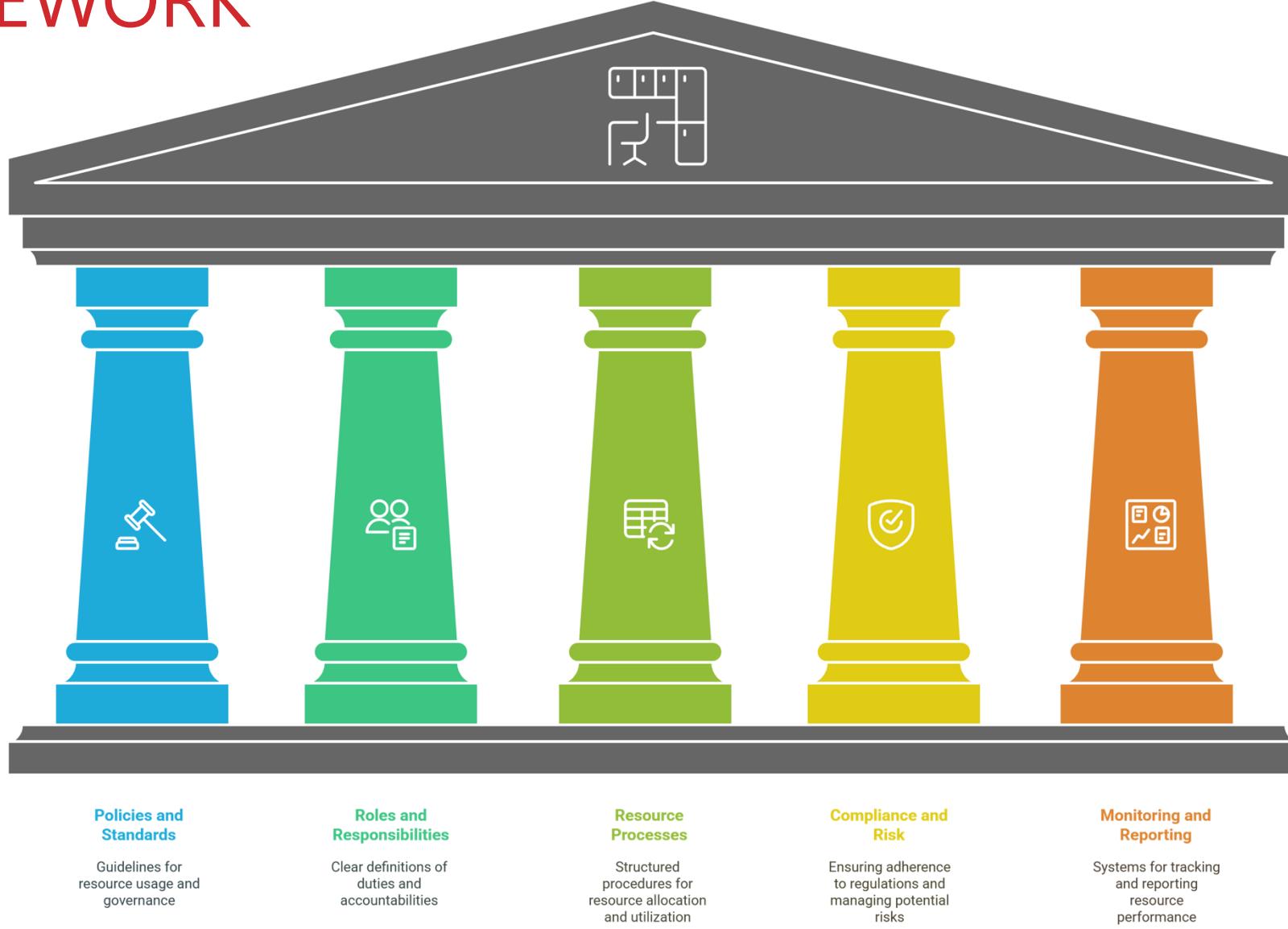
Regular Audits: Schedule periodic compliance checks

Automate Monitoring: Leverage tools for continuous oversight

Training Programs: Educate teams on governance protocols

Documentation: Keep detailed records of policies and changes

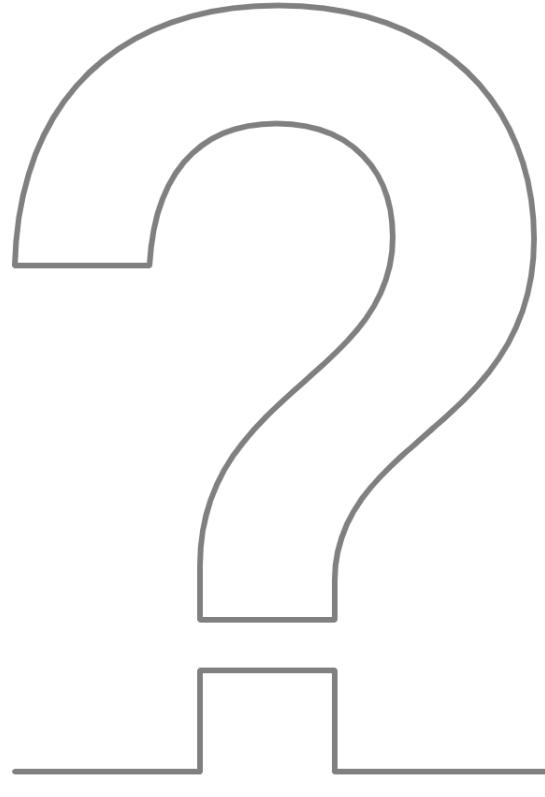
KEY COMPONENTS OF A CLOUD GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK



BEST PRACTICES FOR CLOUD GOVERNANCE

- Align with IT policies
- Use COBIT, ITIL frameworks
- Segregate duties
- Regular training
- Continuous improvement

CHOOSING THE RIGHT GOVERNANCE MODEL



Centralized Model

Offers strong control and consistency but may lack agility.

Decentralized Model

Enhances agility and innovation but may risk inconsistency.

Federated Model

Balances control and agility by integrating elements of both models.

DISCUSSION

Which governance model is best suited for a startup vs. an enterprise scenario?



IMPLEMENTING CLOUD GOVERNANCE

- Define objectives, select framework
- Use tools like Microsoft Purview
- Secure stakeholder buy-in
- Train staff, manage change
- Measure success via KPIs

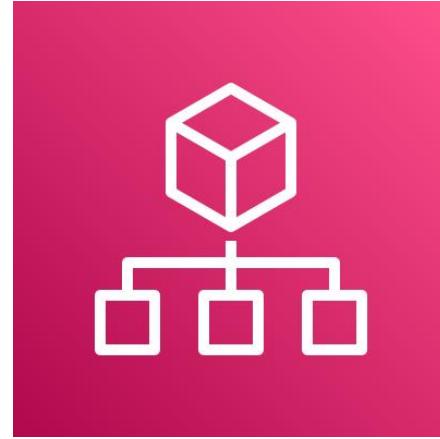
TOOLS FOR CLOUD GOVERNANCE



Microsoft Purview



Azure Policy



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EXAMPLE

Company: Global manufacturer

Challenge: Multi-cloud management

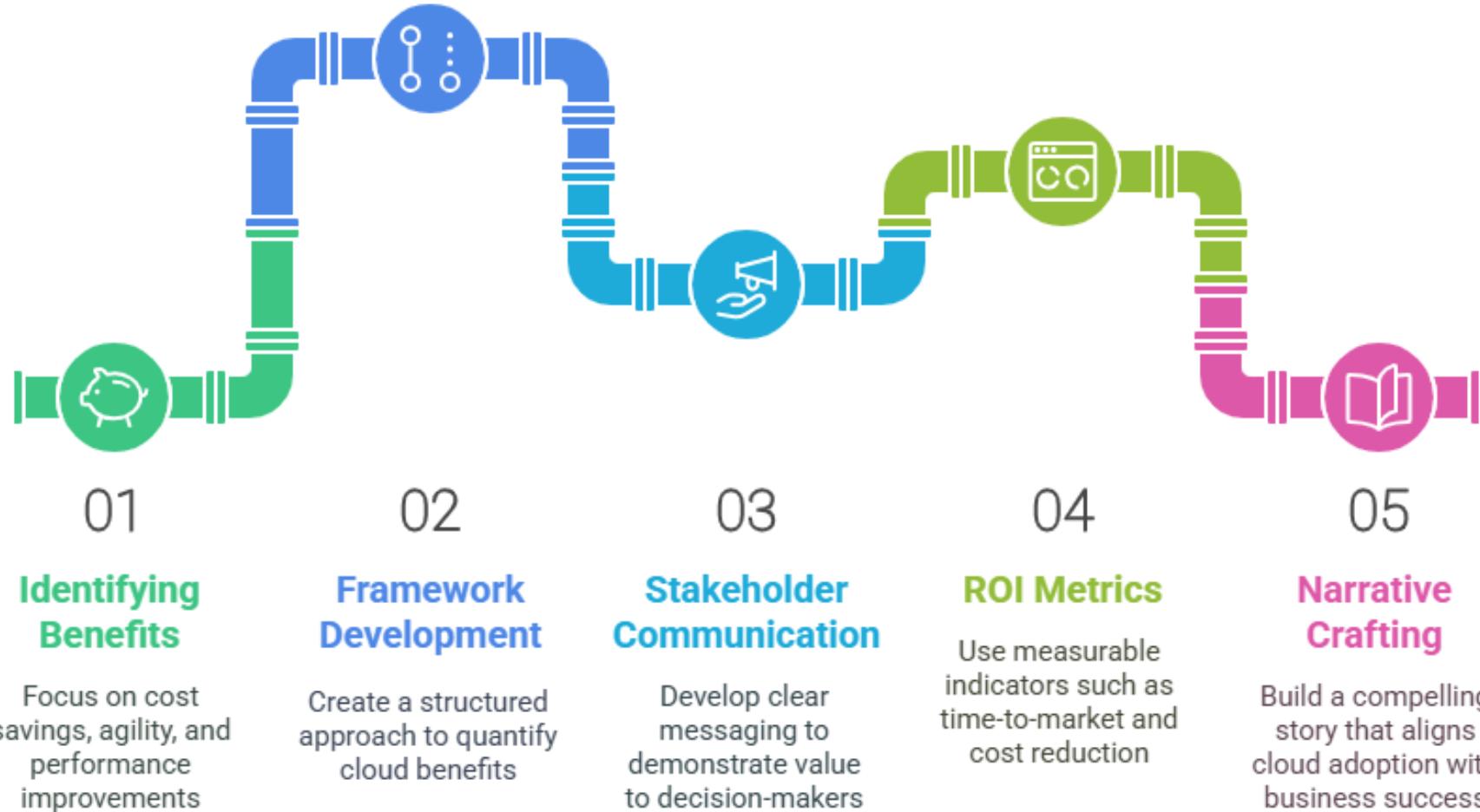
Solution: COBIT framework

Results: Compliance, cost savings

Lesson: Stakeholder engagement

SESSION 3: PROJECT LEADERSHIP

BUILDING A CLOUD VALUE PROPOSITION



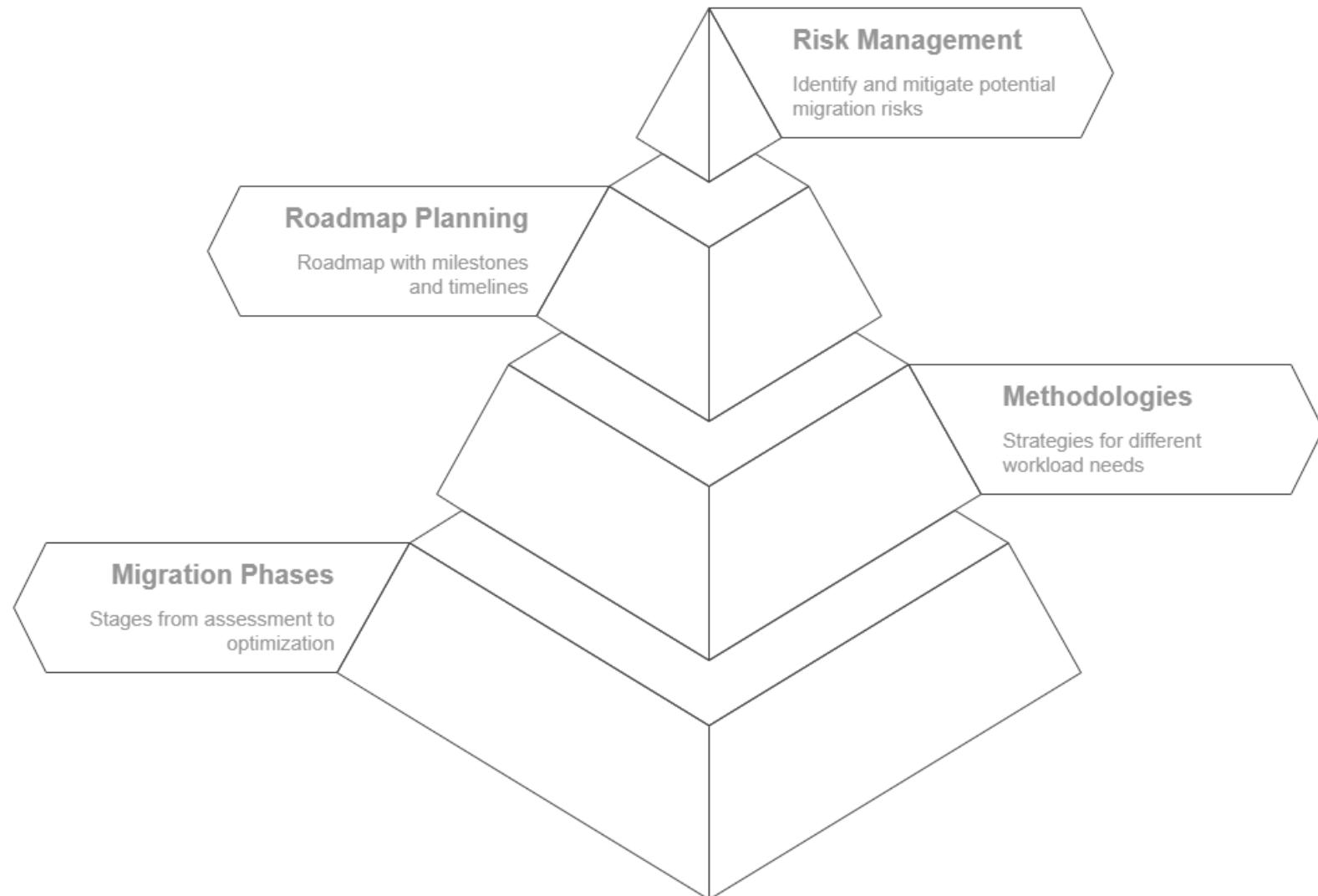
SIMPLIFIED CLOUD VALUE PROPOSITION FRAMEWORK

- 1. Define Business Objectives:**
Articulate why your organization is moving to the cloud (e.g., cost savings, agility, scalability, innovation).
- 2. Identify Key Value Drivers:**
Highlight specific benefits such as reduced TCO, improved operational efficiency, enhanced customer experience, and faster time-to-market.
- 3. Quantify Savings & ROI:**
Include metrics and benchmarks (e.g., percentage cost reductions, payback periods, ROI projections) to validate the financial impact.
- 4. Assess Risks & Mitigation Strategies:**
Identify potential risks (e.g., security, compliance, integration challenges) and outline clear mitigation plans to address them.
- 5. Develop a Strategic Roadmap:**
Lay out a timeline with critical milestones, showing how and when each benefit will be realized, and the steps to achieve transformation.
- 6. Tailor the Proposition for Stakeholders:**
Customize your narrative to address the priorities of different groups (IT, finance, executive leadership), ensuring the message resonates across the organization.

INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY: CRAFT YOUR CLOUD NARRATIVE

- **Group Task:**
Collaborate in small groups to draft a cloud value proposition.
- **Focus Elements:**
Include cost savings, agility, and risk mitigation in your narrative.
- **Framework Guidance:**
Use the simplified Cloud Value Proposition framework as a reference for your draft. For a more comprehensive framework, visit [Microsoft Cloud Adoption Framework for Azure - Cloud Adoption Framework | Microsoft Learn](#)
- **Presentation:**
Each group presents their narrative for peer review.
- **Feedback Session:**
Receive constructive feedback and refine your proposition accordingly.

CLOUD MIGRATION FRAMEWORKS



LEADERSHIP'S ROLE IN CLOUD TRANSFORMATION

Strategic Alignment:

Ensure that IT initiatives align with broader business goals.

Cultural Change:

Promote a culture of innovation and continuous improvement within the organization.

Visionary Guidance:

Leaders must champion cloud adoption and drive strategic change.

Continuous Learning:

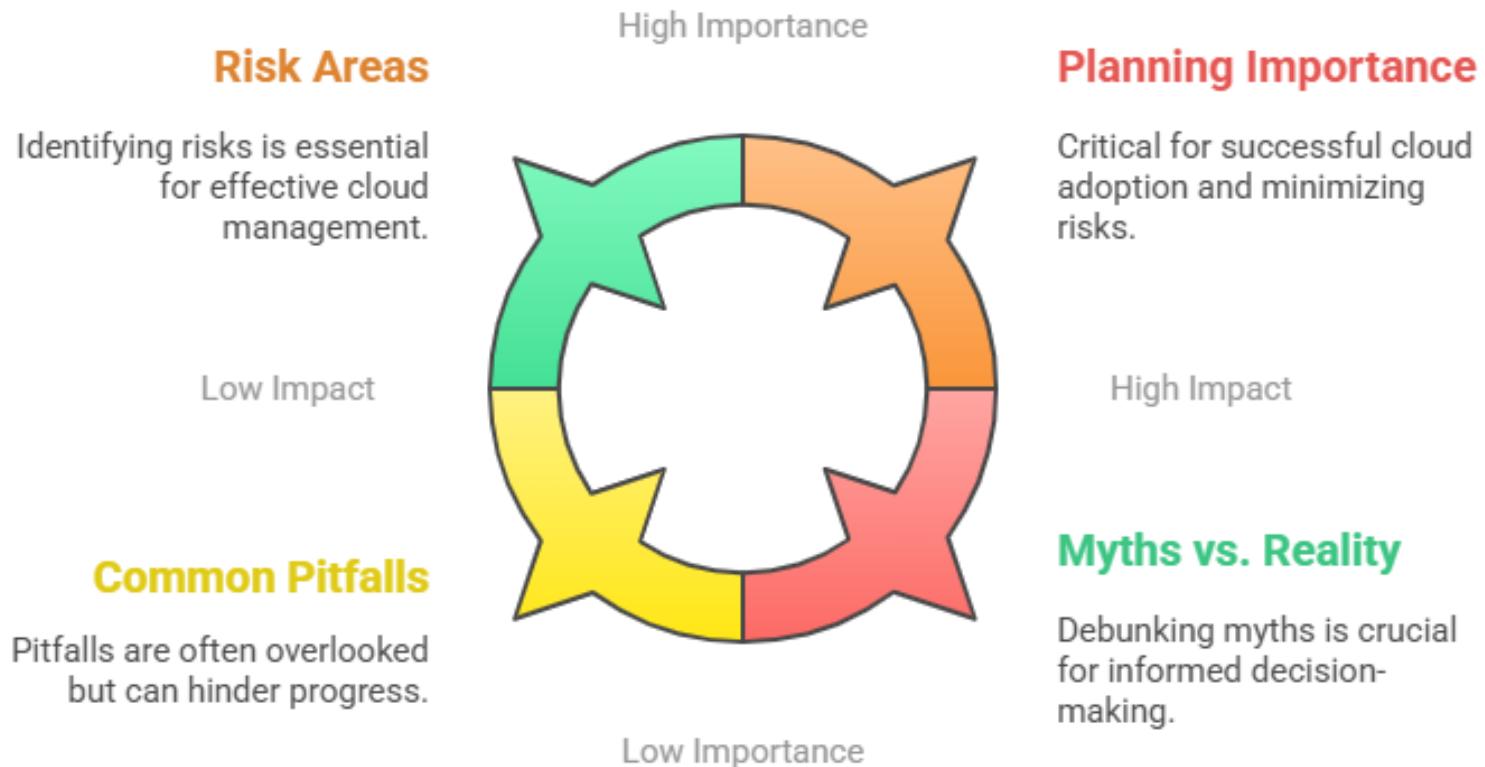
Encourage ongoing training and upskilling in new cloud technologies.

Impact Assessment:

Measure the influence of leadership on the success of cloud initiatives.



CLOUD ADOPTION CHALLENGES: RECAP



MITIGATING VENDOR LOCK-IN



CLOUD VENDOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Strategic Alliances:

How partnerships between vendors and integrators enhance service offerings and innovation.

Integration Benefits:

Leveraging the strengths of multiple vendors to create a best-fit solution for business needs.

Negotiation & Contracts:

Tips for securing favorable SLAs, pricing, and support from vendors.

Ecosystem Opportunities:

Utilize partner networks and marketplaces to extend functionality and receive expert support.

SECURITY, COMPLIANCE & BEST PRACTICES

- **Encryption:** Implement data encryption both in transit and at rest for added security.
- **Identity Management:** Use strong authentication and access controls to secure resources.
- **Regular Audits:** Schedule periodic security and compliance audits to identify vulnerabilities.
- **Governance Frameworks:** Establish clear policies and procedures to maintain compliance.



PERFORMANCE OPTIMIZATION & MONITORING

- **Monitoring Tools:**

Use of tools like Azure Monitor, and the Kusto Query Language for real-time insights.

- **Key Performance Metrics:**

Track critical KPIs such as latency, throughput, and error rates to assess system health.

- **Auto-Scaling & Load Balancing:**

Utilize techniques that adjust resources automatically to meet demand and maintain performance.

- **Continuous Improvement:**

Implement iterative performance tuning based on monitoring data and user feedback.

- **Alerts & Reporting:**

Set up automated alerts and dashboards to proactively address performance issues.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure Monitor Overview page. The left sidebar includes links for Overview, Activity log, Alerts, Metrics, Logs, Change Analysis, Service health, Workbooks, and Investigator (preview). The main content area is divided into sections: 'Insights' (Application insights, Container Insights, VM Insights), 'Detection, triage, and diagnosis' (Metrics, Alerts, Logs), and 'Logs' (Logs). Each section contains a brief description and 'View' and 'More' buttons.

CLOUD REGULATORY COMPLIANCE



Q&A – CHALLENGES & STRATEGIES



DISASTER RECOVERY & BUSINESS CONTINUITY

- **DR Strategies:**
Overview of backup, replication, and failover techniques to ensure minimal downtime.
- **Business Continuity:**
Ensure operational resilience by planning for unexpected disruptions.
- **Cost-Benefit Analysis:**
Evaluate the financial implications of implementing robust disaster recovery measures.
- **Testing & Drills:**
Regularly conduct simulations and drills to validate and refine your DR plan.
- **Compliance Requirements:**
Align DR and business continuity plans with regulatory standards and best practices.

BUILDING A CLOUD FIRST CULTURE

Change Management

Training & Development

Leadership Engagement

Innovation Encouragement

Effective Communication



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CLOUD TRAINING & UPSKILLING



Certification Programs:

Explore cloud certifications such as those offered by Azure & AWS: [Professional and Technical Credentials and Certifications | Microsoft Learn.](#)

Community & Forums:

Join cloud communities, user groups, and discussion forums for peer support and networking.

In-House Training:

Develop internal training sessions to keep your teams updated on new cloud trends.

Continuous Learning:

Emphasize the importance of staying current with evolving technologies through ongoing education.

CLOUD GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE

Cloud governance and compliance are essential to maintain control over your cloud environment.



TOOLS FOR READINESS ASSESSMENT

Microsoft CAF Readiness Tools:

Utilize built-in tools provided in the Microsoft Cloud Adoption Framework to gauge readiness.

Migrate:

Assess your on-premises environment and determine compatibility with cloud services.

Third-Party Assessment Tools:

Leverage external solutions for a comprehensive evaluation of cloud readiness.

Data Collection and Analysis:

Gather usage, performance, and cost data to inform migration planning.

Benchmarking Readiness:

Compare current capabilities against industry benchmarks to identify gaps.



CASE STUDY: PCL CONSTRUCTION

PCL Construction's Cloud Transformation: Adopted Azure IoT and Azure Maps to enhance project monitoring and safety.

Key Success Factors: Integrated IoT devices for real-time data collection on construction sites.

Lessons Learned: Improved decision-making through data-driven insights.

Industry-Specific Insights: Demonstrated the impact of cloud technology in the construction sector.

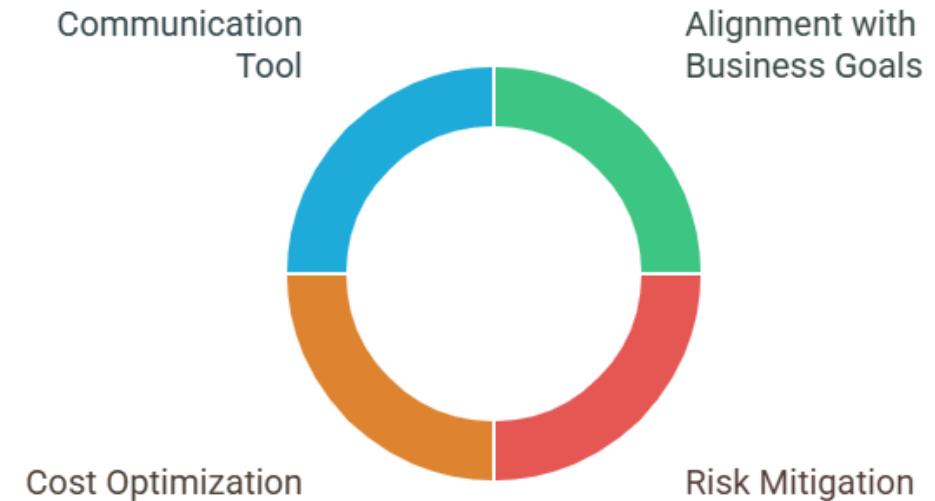
Application of Learnings: Showcased how cloud adoption can lead to increased efficiency and safety.



SESSION 4: CLOUD STRATEGY

IMPORTANCE OF A CLOUD STRATEGY

A comprehensive plan to leverage cloud technology in achieving business goals.



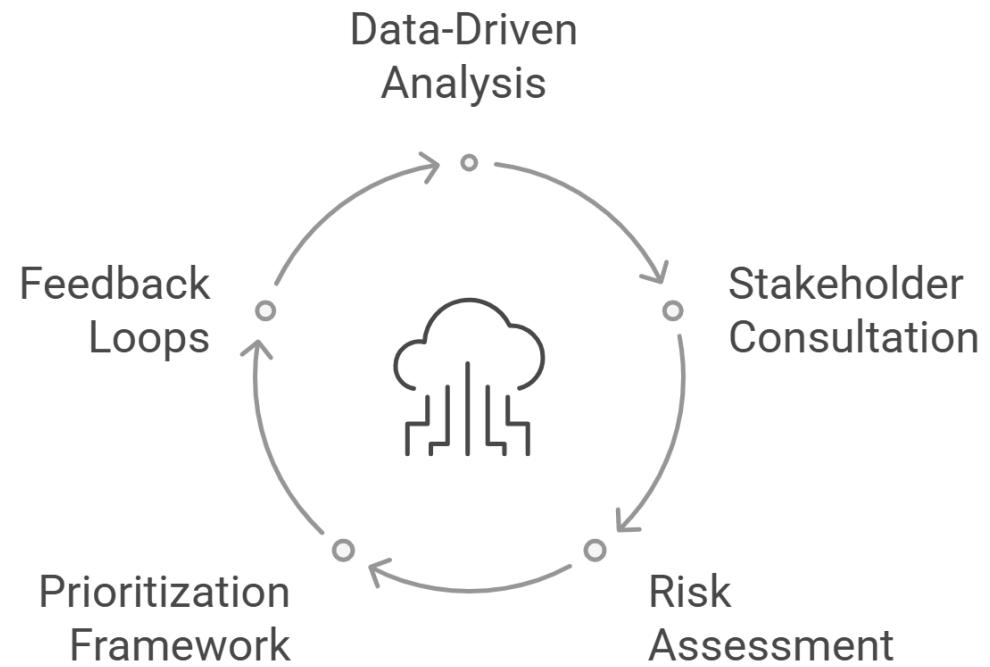
ROLE OF LEADERSHIP IN CLOUD STRATEGY

Leadership plays a pivotal role in the successful adoption of cloud technologies.



STRATEGIC DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

In developing an effective cloud strategy, a well-structured decision-making process is essential. Begin with a robust data-driven analysis where metrics provide an objective basis for decision-making.

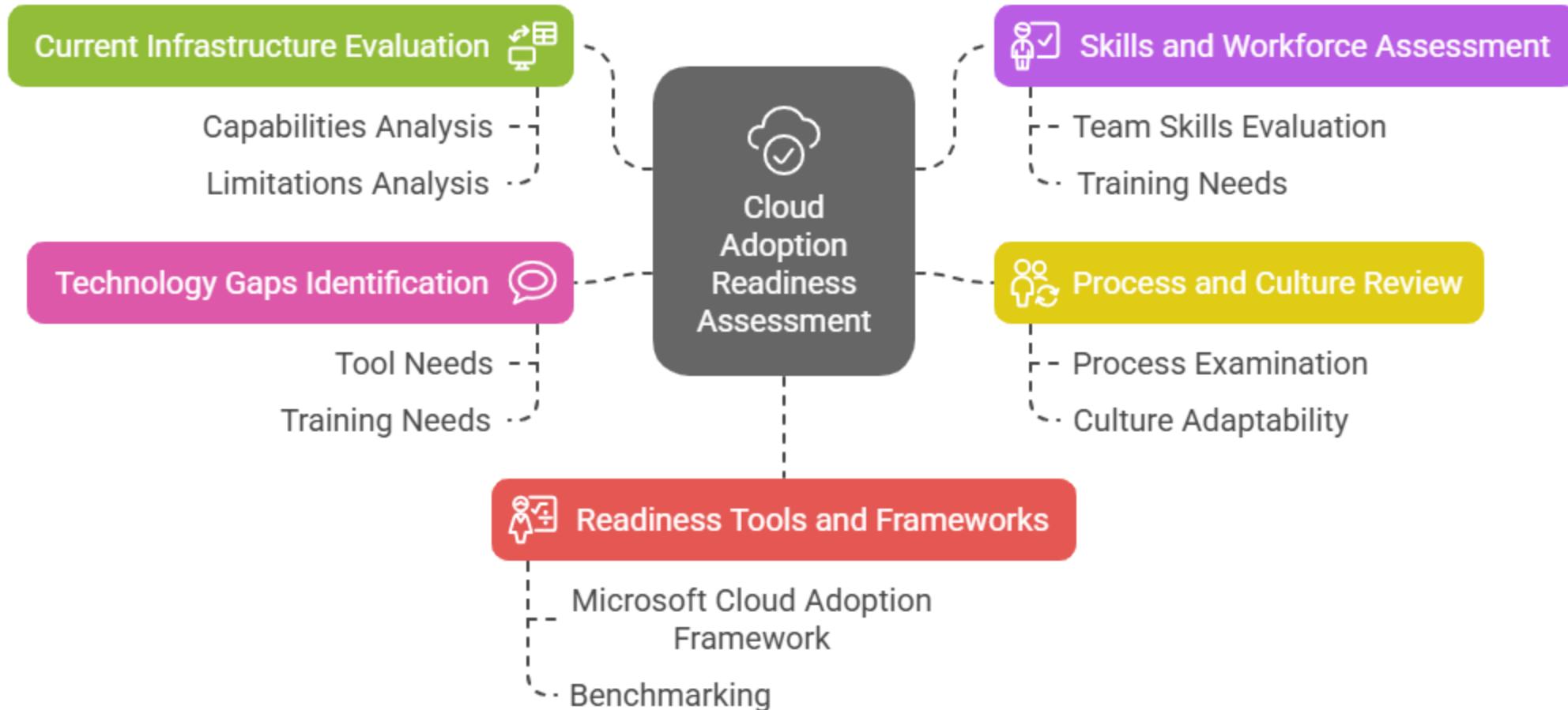


ALIGNING CLOUD STRATEGY WITH BUSINESS OBJECTIVES

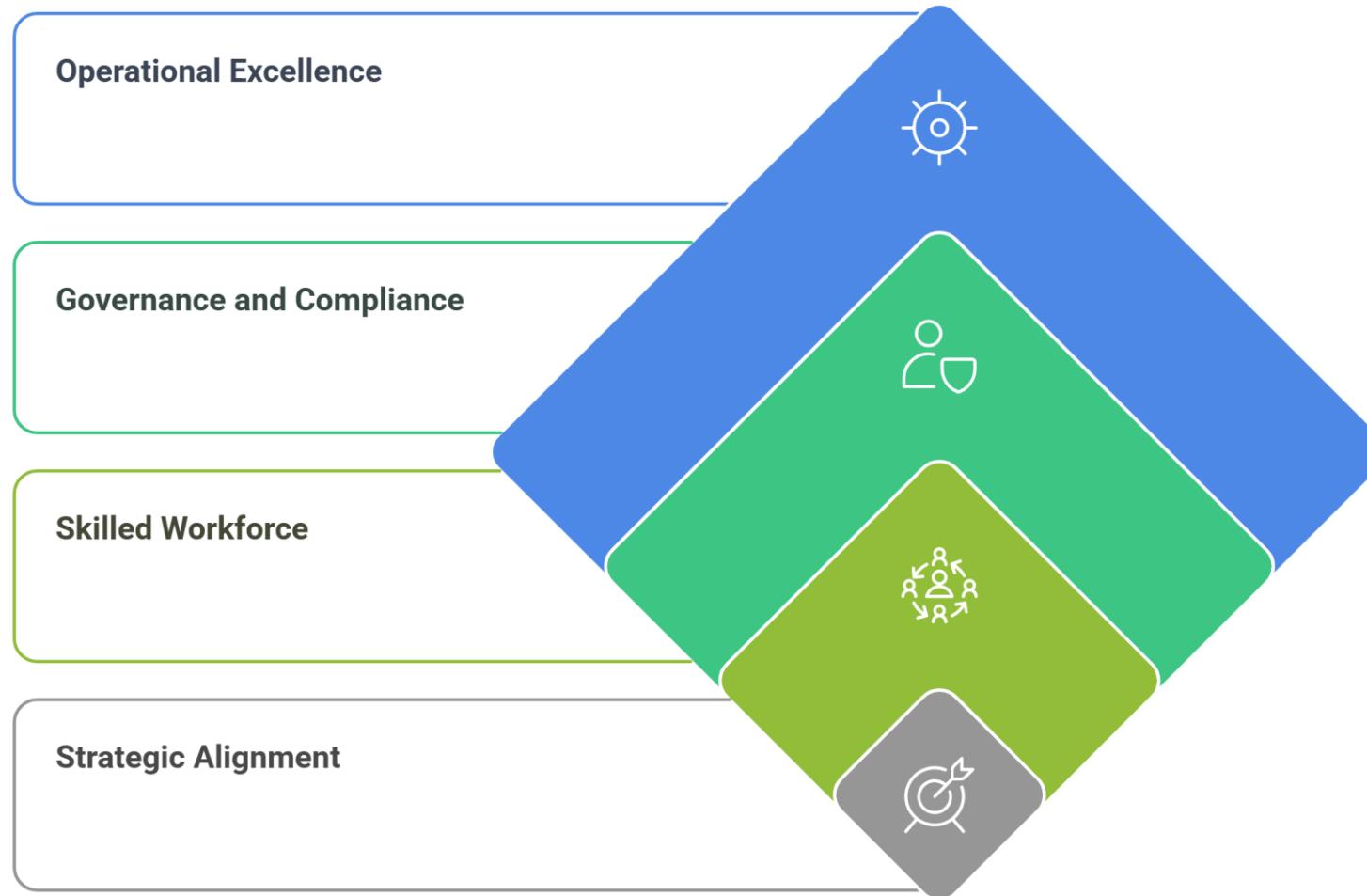


Aligning your cloud strategy with business objectives is essential for ensuring that your technical investments translate directly into business value.

ASSESSING ORGANIZATIONAL READINESS



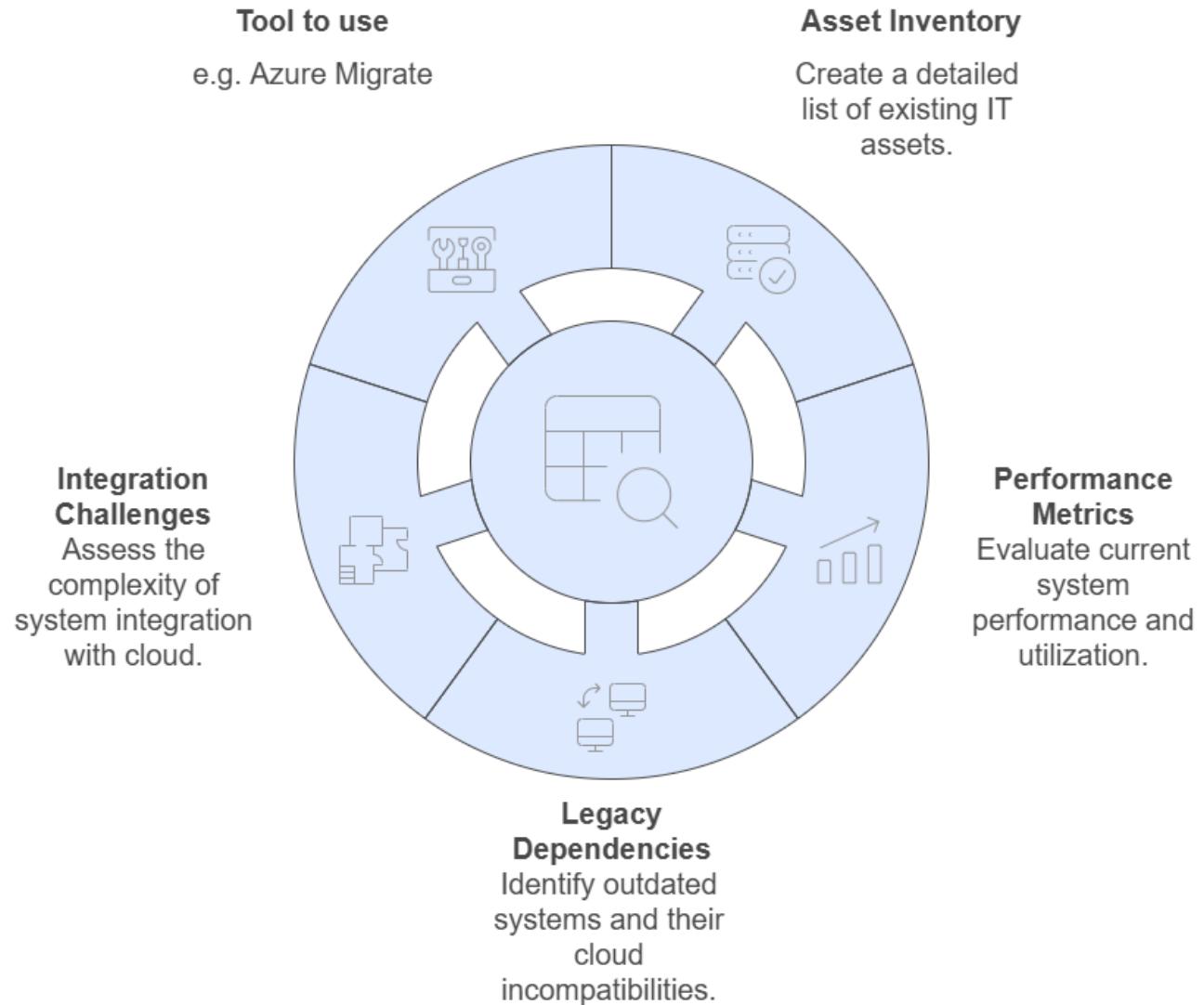
BEST PRACTICES FROM MICROSOFT CLOUD ADOPTION FRAMEWORK



CUSTOMIZING THE FRAMEWORK TO YOUR ORGANIZATION

- **Tailoring CAF Recommendations:**
Adapt the Microsoft Cloud Adoption Framework guidelines to reflect your organization's unique needs and challenges.
- **Business-Specific KPIs:**
Define metrics and success indicators that align with your industry and business model.
- **Process Adaptation:**
Modify standard cloud processes to integrate seamlessly with existing workflows and systems.
- **Scalability and Flexibility:**
Adjust framework components based on anticipated growth and evolving business requirements.
- **Leadership and Culture Alignment:**
Ensure that the customized framework supports your organizational culture and leadership vision.

EVALUATING CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE



<https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/products/azure-migrate>

IDENTIFYING CORE BUSINESS DRIVERS

- **Cost Reduction:**
Focus on reducing capital expenditure and operational costs through cloud efficiencies.
- **Operational Agility:**
Improve responsiveness and scalability to meet changing business demands.
- **Innovation Enablement:**
Foster new business models and accelerate time-to-market for new products and services.
- **Customer Experience Improvement:**
Enhance service delivery and customer satisfaction by leveraging cloud capabilities.
- **Competitive Advantage:**
Position the organization ahead of competitors by adopting cutting-edge cloud technologies.

LONG TERM VS SHORT TERM GOALS



MAP IT CAPABILITIES TO BUSINESS OUTCOMES



This process involves ensuring that every technical initiative has a measurable impact on key performance indicators such as revenue, customer satisfaction, and operational efficiency. By aligning IT with business objectives, you ensure that investments are not made in isolation but contribute directly to the company's strategic goals.

MAP IT CAPABILITIES TO BUSINESS OUTCOMES

Collaborative Planning:

Engage both IT and business leaders in joint planning sessions to ensure shared vision.

Shared Goals:

Define unified objectives that bridge technical initiatives with business outcomes.

Performance Metrics:

Establish KPIs that measure IT contributions in terms of revenue, efficiency, and customer satisfaction.

Regular Communication:

Maintain ongoing dialogue between IT and business units through structured meetings and updates.

Adaptability:

Implement flexible strategies that can be adjusted as market conditions and business needs evolve.

DEFINE SUCCESS METRICS AND KPIS



- **Return on Investment (ROI):**
Measure the financial returns from cloud investments compared to the cost incurred.
- **Total Cost of Ownership (TCO):**
Analyze the long-term cost savings achieved through cloud adoption.
- **Time-to-Market:**
Assess how cloud solutions accelerate deployment and innovation.
- **Performance Improvements:**
Track metrics such as system uptime, latency, and throughput.
- **User and Customer Satisfaction:**
Use surveys and feedback mechanisms to gauge impact on end-users.

SET CLEAR KPIS FOR CLOUD ADOPTION

Financial KPIs:

Measure cost savings, ROI, and TCO to track financial performance.

Operational KPIs:

Monitor system uptime, incident response times, and scalability metrics.

Customer Experience KPIs:

Use customer satisfaction scores and NPS to evaluate service improvements.

Adoption KPIs:

Track migration progress, resource utilization, and user adoption rates.

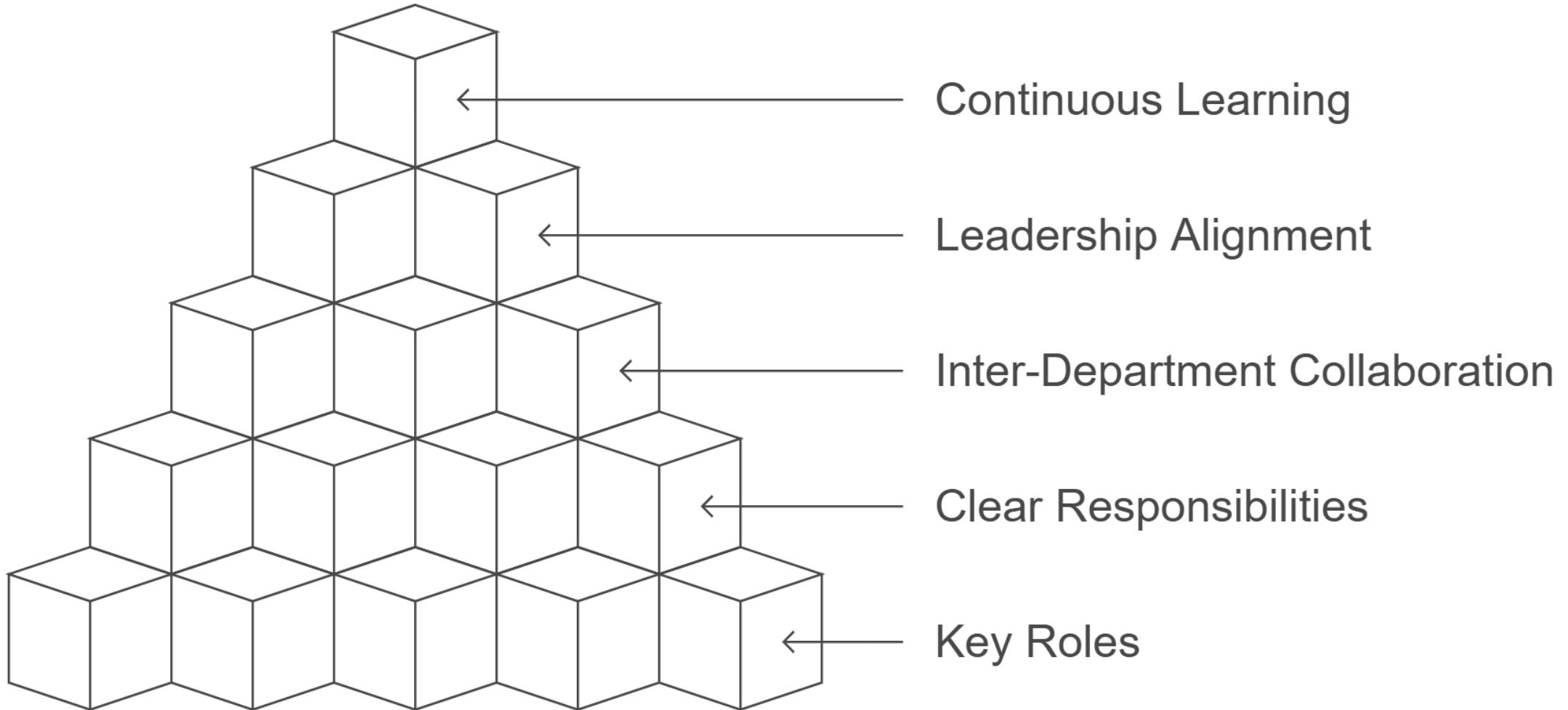
Innovation KPIs:

Assess the impact of new cloud capabilities on product development and market expansion.

MEASURING ROI IN CLOUD ADOPTION



BUILD A CROSS FUNCTIONAL CLOUD TEAM



ENGAGE KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Engaging key stakeholders is essential for ensuring that a cloud strategy meets the needs of the entire organization.



COMMUNICATION STRATEGY FOR CLOUD ADOPTION



An effective communication strategy is the backbone of any successful cloud adoption initiative.

RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Identify Potential Risks:

List key risks such as security vulnerabilities, compliance issues, and integration challenges.

Develop Mitigation Plans:

Establish clear procedures to mitigate identified risks.

Prioritize Risks:

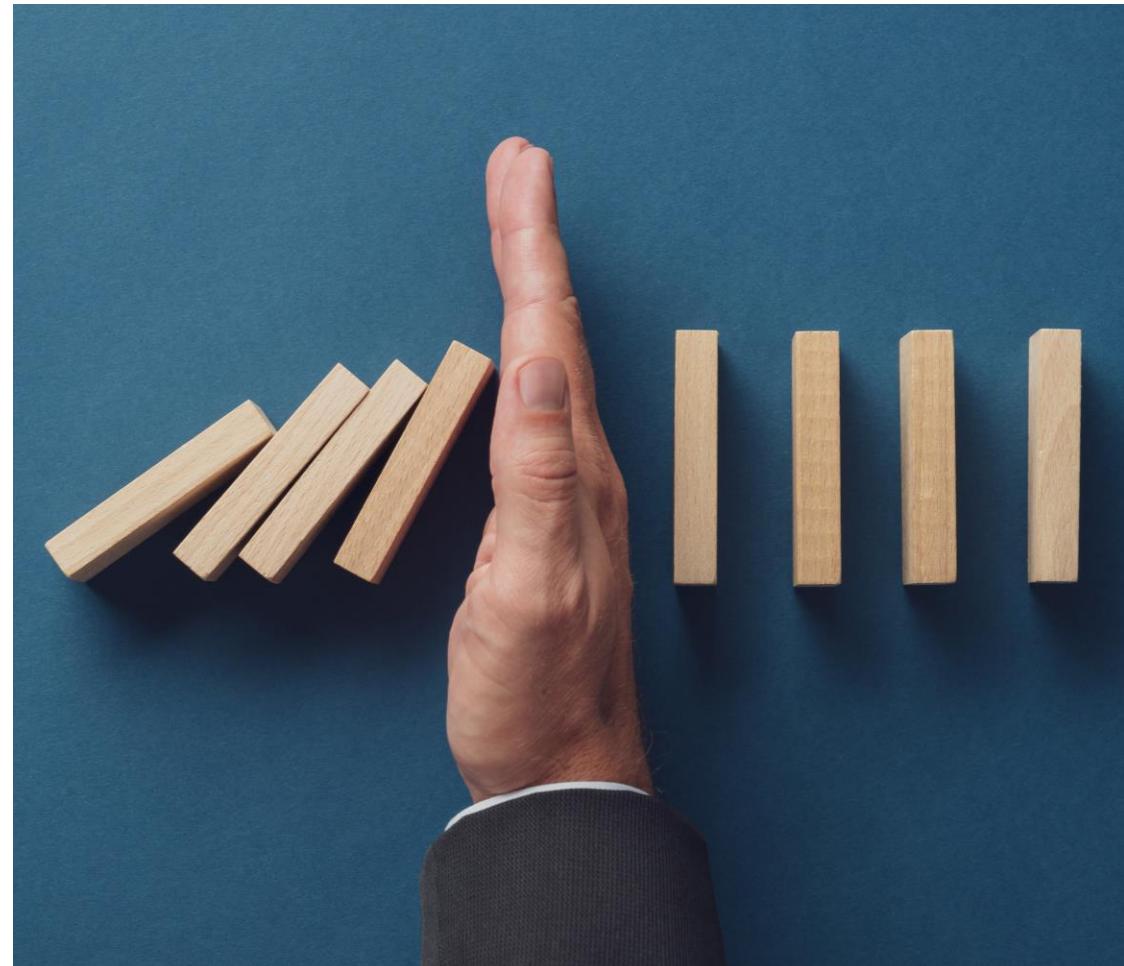
Rank risks by impact and likelihood to focus on the most critical areas.

Implement Monitoring Tools:

Use Azure Security Center, Log Analytics, and other tools to continuously monitor risk areas.

Conduct Regular Reviews:

Schedule periodic risk assessments and update mitigation strategies accordingly.



DEVELOPING A CLOUD ROADMAP



Developing a detailed cloud roadmap is essential for translating your cloud strategy into actionable steps. The roadmap should clearly define the phases of migration—from the initial assessment and pilot projects to full-scale migration and ongoing optimization.

POP QUIZ:

Which strategy is most effective when engaging key stakeholders in the cloud adoption process?

- A. Limiting communication to IT executives only
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BUDGETING AND COST FORECASTING

Historical Spend Analysis:

Review past IT spending to inform future cloud cost projections.

Forecast Future Costs:

Use tools like Azure Cost Management & pricing calculator to project future expenses.

Identify Savings Opportunities:

Evaluate cost-saving options such as Reserved Instances and Savings Plans.

Set a Realistic Budget:

Establish a budget that balances cost savings with necessary investments for scalability.

Monitor and Adjust:

Implement a process for ongoing budget reviews and adjustments based on actual usage.

The screenshot shows the Azure Pricing calculator interface. At the top, it says "Pricing calculator" and "Calculate your estimated hourly or monthly costs for using Azure." Below that is a "Get started with Azure" button and a "Log in" link. The main area has tabs for "Products", "Example scenarios", "Saved estimates", and "FAQs". A search bar says "Select a product to include it in your estimate." On the left is a sidebar titled "Popular" with a list of services: Compute, Networking, Storage, Web, Mobile, Containers, Databases, Analytics, AI + machine learning, Internet of Things, Integration, Identity, Security, Developer tools, DevOps, Management and governance, Media, Migration, Mixed reality, and Hybrid + multicloud. To the right are several service cards: Virtual Machines (Provision Windows and Linux VMs in seconds), Storage Accounts (Durable, highly available, and massively scalable cloud storage), Azure SQL Database (Build apps that scale with managed and intelligent SQL database in the cloud), App Service (Quickly create powerful cloud apps for web and mobile), Azure Cosmos DB (Build or modernize scalable, high-performance apps), Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS) (Deploy and scale containers on managed Kubernetes), Azure Functions (Execute event-driven serverless code functions with an end-to-end development experience), Azure AI services (Add cognitive capabilities to apps with APIs and AI services), and Microsoft Cost Management (Monitor, allocate, and optimize cloud costs with transparency, accuracy, and efficiency). At the bottom, there's a section for "Your Estimate" with a table for Virtual Machines showing 1 D2 v3 (2 vCPUs, 8 GB RAM) x 730 Hours (Pay as you go), Upfront: US\$0.00, and Monthly: US\$137.24. There are also dropdown menus for Region (East US), Operating system (Windows), Type (OS Only), and Tier (Standard).

AUTOMATION FOR COST OPTIMIZATION

Automation Tools:

Deploy advanced cost management platforms to automate analysis of usage, expenses, and forecasted needs.

Machine Learning Insights:

Use AI-driven algorithms to identify inefficiencies and recommend adjustments in resource allocation.

Continuous Monitoring:

Set up real-time dashboards and alerts to track cloud spending and performance anomalies.

Dynamic Resource Scheduling:

Implement auto-scaling policies based on predictive analytics to optimize workload performance and cost.

Integration with ITSM:

Integrate automated tools with IT Service Management systems to streamline incident response and maintenance processes.



Report on and analyze trends

Break down and analyze costs to identify anomalies and drive a deeper understanding of cost and usage patterns.

[Learn more](#)

[Analyze costs](#)

Schedule automated exports

[Learn about APIs](#)



Control and optimize costs

Implement cost governance to drive accountability, reduce waste, and optimize costs, enabling you to do more with less.

[Learn more](#)

[View recommendations](#)

Manage budgets

[View pricing calculator](#)

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE MANAGEMENT

Developing a structured change management plan is essential.

This plan should outline clear processes for managing transitions, from initial awareness to full adoption.



OVERCOMING RESISTANCE TO CHANGE

Identify Sources of Resistance:

Pinpoint specific concerns from employees, such as fear of job loss, unfamiliarity with new technologies, or disruption of established processes.

Effective Communication Strategies:

Develop clear, consistent messaging to explain the benefits and necessity of cloud adoption.

Comprehensive Training Programs:

Invest in training and upskilling to empower staff with the knowledge to manage and utilize cloud technologies.

Leadership Engagement:

Ensure that executive leadership actively supports and champions the transition to drive organizational buy-in.

Cultural Transformation Initiatives:

Implement programs that promote a culture of innovation and adaptability, emphasizing continuous learning and improvement.

POP QUIZ:

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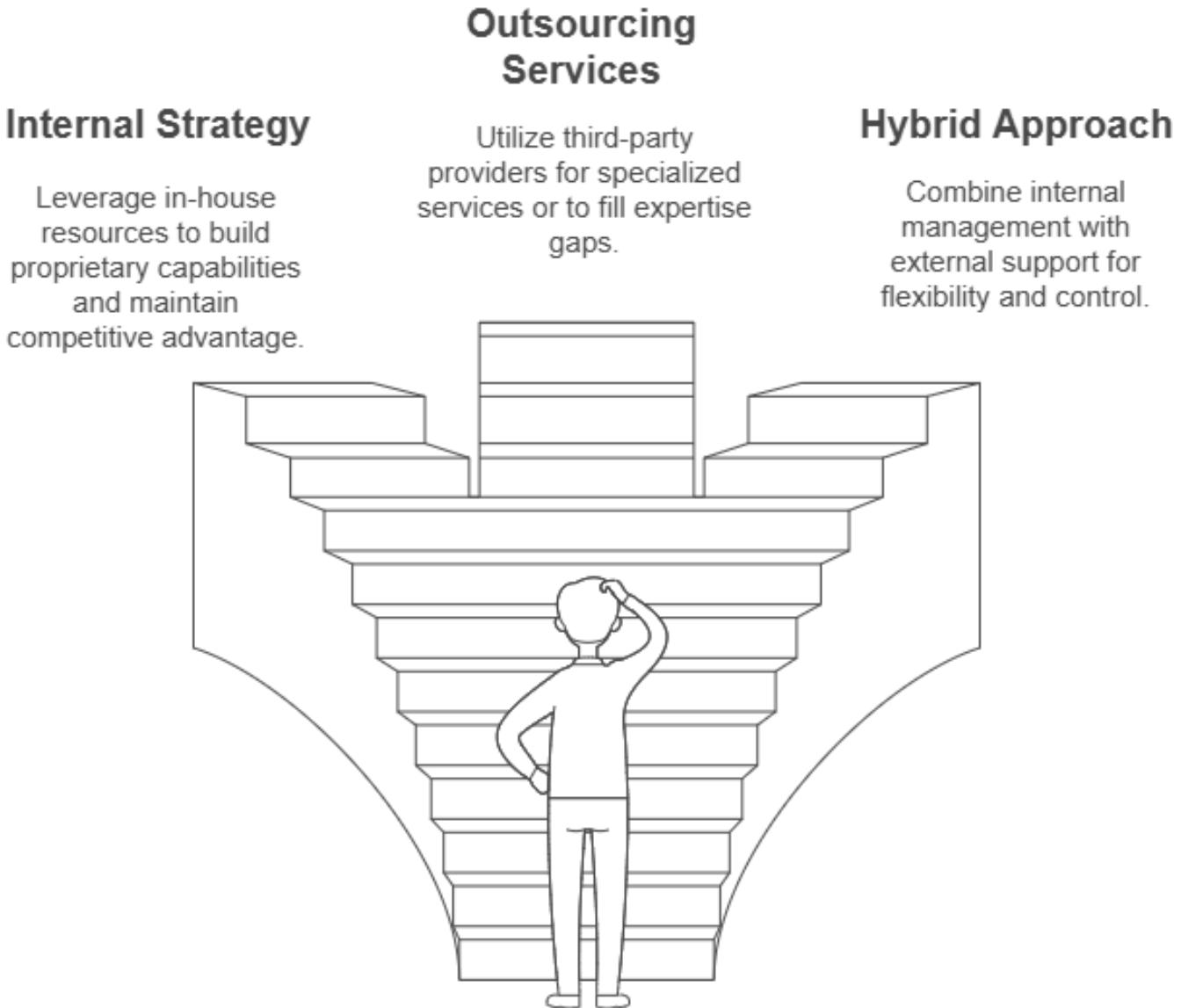
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CHOICE OF CLOUD STRATEGY



CLOUD STRATEGY IN A MULTI-CLOUD ENVIRONMENT

Avoiding Vendor Lock-In:

Implement strategies to diversify cloud usage and maintain flexibility across different providers.

Integration Challenges:

Address interoperability issues by standardizing APIs and ensuring seamless connectivity between clouds.

Cost and Performance Trade-Offs:

Evaluate the differences in pricing, performance, and service availability among providers.

Centralized Governance:

Establish a unified management framework to oversee resources across multiple clouds.

INTEGRATING INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

Leveraging Emerging Technologies:

Adopt cutting-edge solutions (AI, IoT, ML) to drive operational efficiency and competitive advantage.

Fostering a Culture of Innovation:

Encourage experimentation and pilot projects to continuously improve processes.

Cross-Functional Collaboration:

Integrate insights from different departments to spark innovative cloud solutions.

Rapid Prototyping and Testing:

Implement agile methodologies to develop and refine new cloud-based applications quickly.

Measuring Impact on Business Outcomes:

Utilize performance metrics and customer feedback to assess innovation success.



BENEFITS OF A WELL-DEFINED CLOUD STRATEGY

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CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN CLOUD STRATEGY



- 01 Establish Periodic Review Cycles
- 02 Monitor Key Performance Indicators
- 03 Leverage Lessons Learned
- 04 Ongoing Training and Upskilling
- 05 Iterative Refinement

SCENARIO PLANNING



Guide your cloud journey across people, process, and technology with the [Cloud Adoption Framework](#)

Build skills across your team with [Microsoft Learn](#)

Accelerate deployment with [Reference Architectures](#)

Optimize workloads with [Azure Well-Architected](#)

Apply best practices to rapidly onboard

Review technical documentation on featured products

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INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY: DEVELOPING A CLOUD STRATEGY

Objective:

Your team has been hired as cloud strategy consultants for **GlobalTech Solutions**, an e-commerce company looking to migrate to the cloud. Your task is to **develop a structured cloud adoption strategy** that aligns with their business needs while addressing security, cost, and operational challenges.

INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY: STEP 1

Understand the Scenario (10 mins)

GlobalTech Solutions is a mid-sized e-commerce company facing challenges with its on-premises IT infrastructure:

- High operational costs and outdated hardware
- Limited scalability to handle peak shopping seasons
- Security and compliance concerns due to handling customer payment data
- Lack of cloud expertise among staff

Your Goal: Develop a **step-by-step cloud strategy** to help GlobalTech transition to the cloud smoothly and cost-effectively.

INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY: STEP 2

Form Your Cloud Strategy Team (5 mins)

Each team member should take on one of the following roles:

- **Cloud Architect** – Designs the migration approach and infrastructure.
- **Security Lead** – Ensures compliance and data protection.
- **Finance Analyst** – Manages budgeting and cost optimization.
- **Operations Manager** – Handles employee training and transition planning.
- **Risk Manager** – Identifies potential risks and mitigation strategies.

Tip: Work together and ensure every decision supports GlobalTech's business objectives.

INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY: STEP 3

Develop Your Cloud Strategy (30 mins)

Use the following framework to build your strategy:

Phase 1: Define Business Goals & Readiness Assessment

- What are GlobalTech's key business drivers for moving to the cloud? (e.g., cost savings, scalability, security)
- Assess their IT readiness – What challenges need to be addressed?
- How can cloud technology help GlobalTech **increase sales** and keep customers happy?
- How will it make operations **more efficient**?

Phase 2: Choose the Cloud Model & Migration Approach

- Will you recommend Public, Private, Hybrid, or Multi-Cloud? Why?

Phase 3: Security, Compliance & Risk Management

- Identify **security risks** and propose solutions (e.g., encryption, access controls).
- Ensure compliance with regulations (e.g., GDPR, HIPAA).

Phase 4: Cost Optimization Strategy

- Use **Azure Pricing Calculator** to estimate costs.
- How will you **reduce expenses**? (e.g., reserved instances, auto-scaling, monitoring tools).

Phase 5: Governance & Change Management Plan

- What policies and tools will you put in place to **govern** the cloud environment?
- How will you **train employees** and ensure a smooth transition?

INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY: STEP 4

Present Your Cloud Strategy

- Prepare a **5-minute presentation** explaining your cloud strategy.
- Be ready to answer **questions from other teams** about your decisions.

INDIVIDUAL KEY TAKEAWAYS



Write down three key insights from today's session.

Highlight how these take aways influence your work.

Q&A AND OPEN DISCUSSION



