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1. Technical Requirements

Performance and Scalability

● Global network coverage and data center locations
● Auto-scaling capabilities for microservices
● Performance metrics and SLAs
● Load balancing and traffic management capabilities
● Container orchestration services

Integration Capabilities

● API management services
● Integration with existing on-premises systems
● Support for hybrid cloud architectures
● Available middleware and integration tools

● Compatibility with current technology stack

Security and Compliance

● Data encryption (at rest and in transit)
● Identity and access management (IAM)
● Compliance certifications (ISO 27001, SOC 2, GDPR, etc.)
● Security features and tools
● Data residency options

2. Operational Considerations

Service Reliability

● Historical uptime statistics
● Disaster recovery capabilities
● Backup and restoration services
● Geographic redundancy options
● Incident response procedures

Support and Documentation

● Technical support levels and response times
● Documentation quality and completeness
● Training resources availability
● Community support and ecosystem
● Implementation partner network

Cost Structure

● Pricing models (pay-as-you-go vs. reserved instances)
● Data transfer costs
● Storage costs
● Support costs
● Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) calculator availability

3. Platform Services (PaaS)

Development Environment

● Available development tools and services
● CI/CD pipeline integration
● Monitoring and logging capabilities
● Testing environments
● DevOps tools integration

Microservices Support

● Container services
● Serverless computing options
● Service mesh capabilities

- API gateway services
- Microservices monitoring tools

Database Services
- Managed database options
- Database migration tools
- NoSQL and SQL support
- Caching services
- Data warehouse solutions

4. Strategic Factors

Vendor Lock-in Considerations
- Data portability
- Standard vs. proprietary services
- Exit strategy feasibility
- Multi-cloud support
- Open-source compatibility

Future Roadmap
- Provider's investment in new technologies
- Innovation track record
- Market position and stability
- Feature development pipeline
- Technology partnerships

Business Alignment
- Geographic presence matching business needs
- Industry-specific solutions
- Regulatory compliance matching requirements
- Support for business hours in relevant time zones
- Cost alignment with business model

5. Migration Support

Migration Tools
- Available migration services
- Data transfer solutions
- Application assessment tools
- Workload migration capabilities
- Testing and validation tools

Professional Services
- Migration consulting services
- Implementation support

- Training programs
- Change management assistance
- Post-migration support

Decision Matrix Considerations

1. Create a weighted scoring system based on your specific requirements
2. Evaluate each provider against these criteria
3. Consider proof of concept implementations for critical workloads
4. Assess total cost of ownership over 3-5 years
5. Evaluate vendor lock-in risks and mitigation strategies

Hope you find this document helpful!