Cloud Envisioning Workshop

An essential first step in defining or refining your cloud strategy

Our Cloud Envisioning Workshop is a fully customized four- to eight-hour collaborative working session to discover needs and create a vision for your organization's successful journey in leveraging a cloud platform.

The session equips your organization with knowledge of what the cloud journey looks like and why it is important to start off with appropriate governance and operations measures related to the people and processes that drive effective use of the cloud. It also challenges you to consider the "art of the possible" on the cloud platform.

What is possible with the cloud?

Successfully adopting a cloud platform provides a wide range of benefits.

Fail fast/succeed soon
- Take risk through experimentation
  - No upfront CapEx
- Embrace DevOps processes

Process re-engineering
- Take advantage of self-provisioning
  - Remove the gatekeeper bottleneck
  - Define the size of the field

Achieve global scale
- Bring services closer to your customer
- Increase your presence on the web
- Mitigate regional outages

Create a unified vision for key stakeholders

Led by one or more members of our team of experienced architects, consultants, and solution experts, the Cloud Envisioning Workshop will deliver the most benefit to your organization's IT and business leaders, specifically:

+ IT directors and above
+ Key system architects
+ DevOps teams
+ Business owners
+ Stakeholders for business workloads
+ Developers

The ideal session size is 10 or fewer participants.

Develop a cloud adoption plan and deploy a proof-of-concept

The goal of this session is to position your organization to make a well-orchestrated, efficient, and cost-effective move to the cloud platform. To do that, we help you understand:

+ Your current situation, including roadblocks and enablers for your journey, as well as what the cloud is and is not

+ Operational and governance models that provide cost tracking, distributed administration, and service deployment controls

+ The competitive landscape

+ What is possible with the platform

+ The importance of application rationalization

+ How to define your environment requirements and cloud strategy roadmap

+ Our capabilities for assisting you on your journey

Then, we work with you to deploy a working proof-of-concept workload in a development environment. This is a sample geo-scaled application in both IaaS and PaaS. In the process, we talk through governance and operations, deployment options, performance, and cost-control strategies.

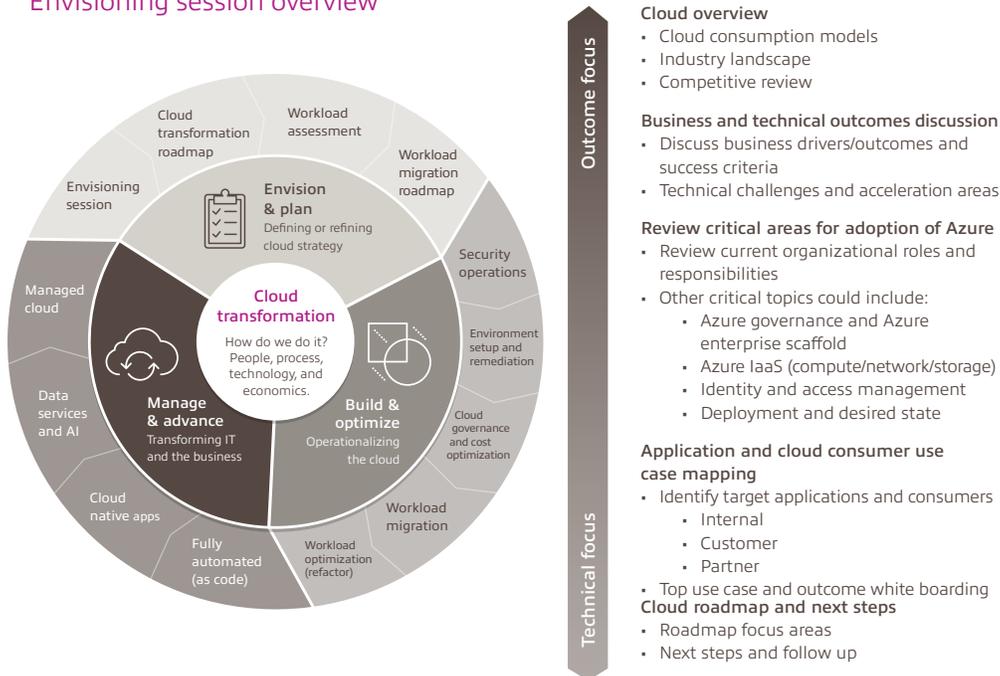**Note**: Deployment requires access to a working Azure tenant.

A strategic sequence of workshops

The envision & plan phase of cloud adoption includes four important collaborative sessions:

- Cloud Envisioning Workshop
- Cloud Transformation Roadmap Workshop
- Workload Assessment Workshop
- Workload Migration Roadmap Workshop

After participating in these sessions, your organization is fully prepared to move into the build & optimize phase.

Envisioning session overview

Cloud overview
- Cloud consumption models
- Industry landscape
- Competitive review

Business and technical outcomes discussion
- Discuss business drivers/outcomes and success criteria
- Technical challenges and acceleration areas

Review critical areas for adoption of Azure
- Review current organizational roles and responsibilities
- Other critical topics could include:
  - Azure governance and Azure enterprise scaffold
  - Azure IaaS (compute/network/storage)
  - Identity and access management
  - Deployment and desired state

Application and cloud consumer use case mapping
- Identify target applications and consumers
  - Internal
  - Customer
  - Partner
- Top use case and outcome white boarding

Cloud roadmap and next steps
- Roadmap focus areas
- Next steps and follow up

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